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The Allied Orders

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

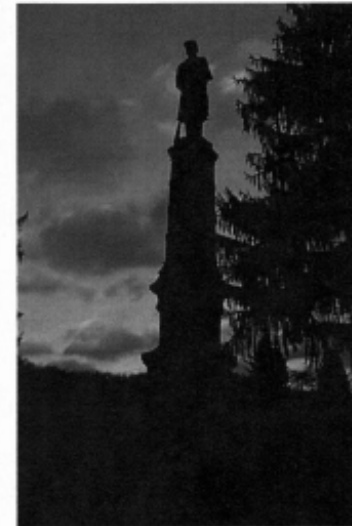
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War

Services Conducted
at
Crowne Plaza Hotel

Program Designed by
Mary Fritz
National Chaplain
ASUVCW

GAR Allied Orders

Joint Memorial Service



“Their Souls Go Marching On”

National Encampment
Nashua, New Hampshire
Friday August 5, 2005

Program

Prelude	DNP Jennie Vertrees, LGJTR Musician
Processional	Funeral March by Chopin
Draping of the Charters	DNP Cecile Speaks National Chaplain, LGJTR William B. Merflee Retiring National Chaplain, SUDVCW Mary Fritz National Chaplain, TISUDVCW
Lighting of the Candles	Lynne Bury National President, LGJTR Stephen A. Michaels Commander in Chief, SUDVCW Michelle Langley National President, TISUDVCW
Invocation	William B. Merflee Retiring National Chaplain, SUDVCW
Hymn	Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Sung at the funeral of A. Lincoln)
Scriptural Reading	Mary Fritz National Chaplain, TISUDVCW
Memorial to Grand Army of the Republic	Donald E. Darby Senior Vice Commander in Chief SUDVCW

Eulogies

Richard C. Schlenker Past Commander in Chief SUDVCW	Andrew Johnson Past Commander in Chief, SUDVCW
Dorothy Hilgard Past National President TISUDVCW	Janis Harding, President Dept. Maryland/Delaware

Tributes of Memory

Past National Presidents, LGJTR	Lynne Bury National President, LGJTR
Past Commander in Chiefs	Ken L. Armstrong Past Commander in Chief, SUDVCW
Past National Presidents, TISUDVCW	DNP Beatrice Greenwalt National Historian, TISUDVCW
Deceased Officers and Members, TISUDVCW	DNP Mary Jo Long, TISUDVCW
Benediction	DNP Cecile Speaks National Chaplain, LGJTR
Taps	Bugler
Extinguishing of Candles	National Heads
Closing Hymn	Amazing Grace
Recessional	Battle Hymn of the Republic



National Encampment
Allied Orders
of the
Grand Army of the Republic

CAMPFIRE
Friday August 5, 2005

7:30 P.M.
Concert 12th New Hampshire Regiment Serenade Band

8:00 P.M.
Processional

Advancing of the Colors 12th New Hampshire Regiment SVR

Pledge of Allegiance Assembly - Led by Bruce B. Budgereit, PDC
SUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

National Anthem 12th New Hampshire Regiment Serenade Band

Invocation Mary Fritz
ASUVCW National Chaplain

Greetings:
Department of New Hampshire Daniel Murray, PDC
SUVCW Department of New Hampshire Commander

Introduction of Distinguished Guests:

Lynne Bury, National President
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Stephen A. Michaels, Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Michelle Langley, National President
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

Retiring of the Colors 12th New Hampshire Regiment SVR

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
ALLIED ORDERS
OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



Crowne Plaza Hotel
Nashua, New Hampshire

Banquet
Saturday August 6, 2005

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Frederick Murphy, PDC
SUVCW National Aide

Presentation of the Colors Co. A 12th NH Infantry SVR

Pledge of Allegiance Assembly Led by May Frost
ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

Invocation William McAfee, PCC
SUVCW Past National Chaplain

Greetings Jacquelyn Johnston, PNP
ASUVCW Dept. of NH President

DINNER

Tribute to Fathers Opal Nelson, PNP
LGAR National Senior Vice President

Tribute to Mothers Janice Corfman, PNP
LGAR National Treasurer

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Lynne Bury, PNP
LGAR National President

Stephen Michaels, PDC
SUVCW Commander-in-Chief

Michelle Langley, PDP
ASUVCW National President

Address "Overland Campaign" Howard Coffin

Benediction Mary Fritz
ASUVCW National Chaplain

Retiring of the Colors Co. A 12th NH Infantry SVR

MENU

Appetizer

Cold Strawberry Soup

Salad

Tomato and Mozzarella with Fresh Basil

Entrees

Roast Prime Rib of Beef au Jus

Chicken Marsala

New England Baked Scrod

Children's Plate - Chicken Fingers

Accompanied By

Fresh Vegetables,

Potato or Rice, Warm Rolls, Butter,

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,

Tea, Milk.

Dessert

Baked Alaska



Dinner Music

Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki

IN MEMORIAM



Richard C. Schlenker
Commander-in-Chief 1982 / 1983

Brother Schlenker has distinguished himself by service to the Order for more than 30 years. A proud son of a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, he joined the Order in 1974 to carry on the work so nobly begun by his ancestor, Daniel B Schlenker, Co G, 167th Pennsylvania Militia, who served in the defense of the constitution and the Union, 1861-1865. Comrade Schlenker's service in the European Theater of Operations in World War II culminated at the Battle of the Ardennes, the major battle for final victory on the western front.

of the Civil War at the 101st National Encampment held in Providence, Rhode Island, August 15 - 18, 1982. Afterwards, he served as the Order's Washington D.C. Liaison until 2002, when he was granted emeritus status. He also served as Public Information Officer and Commanding General of the SVR. In 1995, he completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each.

He was a veteran of World War II and active in the Wheaton, Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He joined the Order by descent from Private Daniel B. Schlenker, Company G, 167th Pennsylvania Regiment, and later member of Hermany Grand Army of the Republic Post #606, Pennsylvania Department, of Steinsville, Pennsylvania.

He was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Descendants of Colonial Tavernkeepers and Society of the War of 1812.

Brother Schlenker was a strong believer in service to God and country. He was active in many community projects including a number of years leadership in the Boy Scouts of America. He also was an ordained Presbyterian Elder.

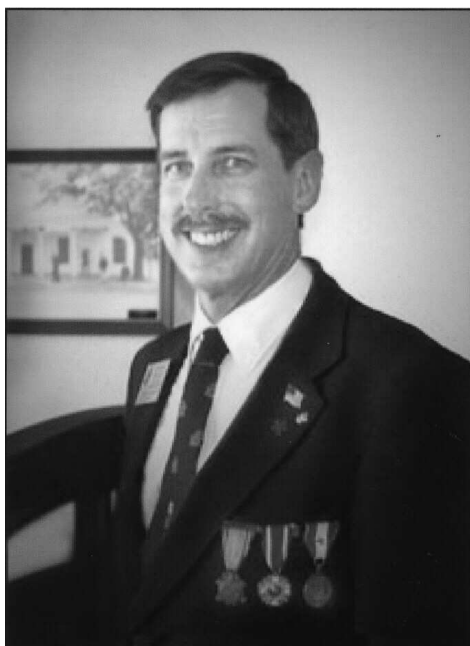
In 1946, he married Dorris R. Weidner and together they were proud parents of four daughters and two sons.

Dorris R. Schlenker was elected as the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the same National Encampment. This was the second time in the 101-year history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary that a husband-wife team would served in the top National Offices.

PCinC Schlenker passed away on August 20, 2004.

2005 National Encampment Schedule Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Each Day	Exhibits	Somerset C
<u>Thursday, August 4</u>		
11:00 am	Rehearsal Joint Memorial and Joint Opening	Somerset A, B, E
3:00 pm-6:00 pm	Registration	Essex Room
4:45 pm-8:15 pm	Cathedral of the Pines Bus Trip	Rindge, NH
7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Registration	Essex Room
8:00 pm	Council of Administration Meeting	Boardroom
<u>Friday, August 5</u>		
7:30 am-11:00 am	Registration	Essex Room
8:00 am	Joint Memorial Service	Somerset A, B, E
8:30 am	Joint Opening	Somerset A, B, E
9:30 am	Business Session	Somerset A, B, E
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Business Session	Somerset A, B, E
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	Registration	Essex Room
Following Business Session	Department Officers Seminar	Amphitheater
5:30 pm	Past Nat'l. Pres. & Past CinC Dinner	Hunt Club
7:30 pm	Campfire	Somerset A, B, E
Following Campfire	Courtesy Hour	Somerset A, B, E
<u>Saturday, August 6</u>		
7:00 am	Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast	The Hunt Club
7:30 am-12:00 noon	Registration	Essex Room
8:30 am	Business Session	Somerset A, B, E
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Business Session	Somerset A, B, E
6:00 pm	Allied Orders Banquet	Somerset A, B, E
Following Banquet	CinC's Open House	Windsor Room
<u>Sunday, August 7</u>		
8:30 am	Council of Administration Meeting	Boardroom



Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief
2004-2005

Stephen Michaels of Franklin, Wisconsin, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 14, 2004, at the 123rd National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brother Michaels ascension represented the first Wisconsinite in the then 123 year history of the SUVCW to serve in the Order's highest office.

In addition to serving as Commander-in Chief, Br. Michaels has served the Order in several national capacities, including Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Fraternal Relations Committee chairman, National History Committee member, and National Headquarters Staffing Committee member. Within his native state of Wisconsin, he has served as Department Commander for three years, doubling his department's membership. Three new Camps were organized during his tenure. He served as Sr. Vice Commander for two years, starting the publication of a Department newsletter, and on the Dept. Council for three years. In 1995, he reorganized his local Camp, C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, tripling its membership. He served as Camp Commander for four years and as Camp Secretary/Treasurer since 1999. He has been a member of the Order since 1993. He was a Member-at-Large in the Ohio Department from 1993 to 1994.

Br. Michaels has been active in Civil War Memorial preservation, focusing attention and helping raise funds for "the Union," Racine, Wisconsin's smoothbore cannon monument and "The Victorious Charge," Milwaukee's Civil War monument. He has also actively supported the preservation of Milwaukee's Soldiers Home historical district on the grounds of the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

He organized the 1997 Central Region Conference, which enjoyed a record attendance. His instruction at subsequent Region Conferences prepared many for future roles. His topics included: Recruiting & Retention, Effective Planning, the Committed Volunteer and Marketing the Allied Orders.

Br. Michaels worked to build the Order by publishing several booklets for use at the Camp level:

"Introduction to the SUVCW"

"The Camp Companion"

"The Junior Handbook (Vol. 1)"

"The Recruiting Handbook"

"How to Organize an SUVCW Camp"

"Press Forward the Good Work, The History of the Wisconsin Department, 1882-1923"

Br. Michaels traces his SUVCW eligibility back to ten Ohio Civil War soldiers, including one great great grandfather (Pvt. William Howard Wilson, Company G, 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry), eight great great uncles and one cousin. The Ohio regiments represented by his ancestors include the 12th, 34th, 48th, 59th, 79th, 89th and 153rd.

Within the SUVCW's Sons of Veterans Reserve, Br. Michaels has served as the 4th Military District's Chief of Staff and Commander of the 4th MD Headquarters Company since 1997 and as District Public Information Officer from 1997 to 2002. He currently holds the rank of captain. He received a Commander's Commendation in 2000 for redesigning the SVR's forms and the Meritorious Service Award in 2001 for his work in recruiting. In addition to editing his District's semi-annual newsletter, "The Thin Blue Line," he devised recruiting literature and a recruiting display, responsible for attracting new members into his district. He organized the 4th MD Artillery Safety School in 2002 and 2004.

Br. Michaels belongs to several historical, patriotic and civic organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, the Milwaukee County Historical Society and the Soldier Home Foundation. He's also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Br. Michaels has served for over 30 years in the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and receiving the Exceptional Service Award for his work with its Cadet Program. He also held positions in Logistics, Search & Rescue, Professional Development, Inspection, and as Wisconsin Wing's Chief of Staff, supervising a volunteer staff responsible for 1400 members across the state. He now occasionally serves as an Assistant Inspector and guest lecturer.

He has over 35 years experience in editing and publishing house organs and recruiting literature.

Br. Michaels was born in Milwaukee, the eldest of three children and the only son of Virginia Cordes Michaels and the late John Michaels. He is a 1973 graduate of Milwaukee's Casimir Pulaski High School. He graduated from University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee in 1977 with a bachelor of arts degree in Mass Communication. He worked for 22 years in retail sales for Target Stores. He's also worked as an announcer at radio stations WKLH, WZTR, and WMIL. Br. Michaels is now an anchor and commercial copy coordinator for Metro Networks, an international news and traffic service, and is heard daily on WTMJ. He is married to the former Danielle M. Schreiber of Muskego. She served as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 2003-2004. They have four children: Andrea is a student at UW-Green Bay; Allison has completed a year at UW-Stevens Point; Andrew and Anne are students at Whitnall High School. Allison and Anne are members of the ASUVCW.

Br. Michaels enjoys collecting Milwaukee Soldiers Home memorabilia, Wisconsin GAR and Sons badges and historical artifacts. He also has a pre-war Lionel train and a large collection of accessories.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Officers for 2004-2005**

Commander-in-Chief	Stephen A. Michaels
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Donald E. Darby
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief	Hon. James B. Pahl, Esq.
National Secretary	Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Treasurer	Max Newman (2007)
	Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC
	(2007)
National Quartermaster	Kent L. Armstrong, PCinC
	(2005)
Council of Administration	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC(2005)
Council of Administration	David P Stephen, PDC (2006)
Council of Administration	Charles Kuhn, PDC (2006)
Council of Administration	Leo F. Kennedy, PDC (2007)
Council of Administration	D. Brad Schall, PDC (2007)
National Counselor	Hon. James B. Pahl, Esq.
Washington DC Representative	Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC
National Aide-de-Camp	Fredrick F. Murphy, PDC
National Camp and Department Organizer	Alan Russ, PDC
National Chaplain	Jerome Kowalski
National Chief of Staff	Donald D. Palmer, PDC
National Civil War Memorials Officer	Todd A. Shillington, PDC
National Color Bearer	Thomas J. Brown
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator	Robert M. Petrovic, PDC
National GAR Highway Officer	Gary Parrott
National Graves Registration Officer	Bob Lowe, PDC
National Guard	Jack G. Grothe
National Guide	Robert H. Knight, PDC
National Historian	Robert J. Wolz, PDC
National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines	Richard L. Woodbury, PDC
National Liaison to MOLLUS	Robert J. Bateman, PDC
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator	Nick Kaup, PDC
National Patriotic Instructor	Bruce Butgereit, PDC
National Signals Officer	Nathan L. Orr
Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings	Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
Assistant National Treasurer	Richard D. Orr, PCinC
National Webmaster	Kent A. Peterson
Assistant National Webmaster for Web Ring	Frederick W. Cole
Assistant National Webmaster for Family Tree Maker	Robert C. Shaffer
Executive Director	Lee F. Walters, PCC

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National Committees for 2004-2005**

Americanization and Education

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, chair
Bruce R. Kolb
Timothy Downey, PDC
Richard Keith Young
Jerry R. Sayre

Civil War Memorials

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Michael R. Horgan, Jr., PDC
Douglas E. McGovern
David P. Stephen, PDC
Bradley A. Tilton, PCC

National Aides

Clyde J. Getman, PDC
Kirby R. Morgan
D. Brad Schall, PCC

Communications and Technology

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Bob Lowe, PDC
Kent A. Peterson, PCC
Richard D. Orr, PCinC

Constitution and Regulations

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, chair (2006)
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC (2006)
Kent L. Armstrong, PCinC (2005)
Richard D. Orr, PCinC (2005)
George L. Powell, PCinC (2005)

Encampment Site Committee

Charles W. Corfman, PCinC, chair
James H. Houston, Jr., PDC
Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

Fraternal Relations

D. Brad Schall, PCC, chair
Keith D. Ashley, PDC
Ellsworth W. Brown, PDC
Thomas Schowler

Graves Registration

Bob Lowe, PDC, chair
Franklin N. Haley (2005)
Eric Dan Richhart (2005)
Merle A. Rudebusch, PDC (2006)
Mahlon G. Erickson, PCC (2004)

History

Robert J. Wolz, PDC, Chair
Craig J. Barto (2005)
George G. Kane (2005)
Gordon R. Bury, PCinC (2006)
J. Alan Teller, PDC (2006)

**Grand Army of the Republic Post
Records**

David E. Wells, chair
Ryan King, PCC
A. Dean Sargent, PCC

Legislation

Daniel R. Earl, Chair
Neal F. Breaugh
Paul Ellis-Graham

Lincoln Tomb Observance

Robert M. Graham, PCC, Co-Chair
Thomas L.W. Johnson, PDC, Co-Chair
Ronald E. Clark, PDC
Jon N. Austin
Alan R. Loomis, PCinC

Membership

James B. Pahl, JVCinC, chair
Plus All Department Junior Vice
Commanders

Military Affairs

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chair (2005)
David R. Medert, PCinC (2005)
Richard D. Orr, PCinC (2005)
Jack G. Grothe, PCC (2006)

Program and Policy

Donald E. Darby, SVCinC, chair
Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC (2005)
Keith D. Ashley, PDC, (2006)
Alan L. Russ, PDC (2007)
Robert C. Bromley, PDC (2008)

Remembrance Day

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Co-Chair
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC, Co-Chair
Charles W. Corfman, PCinC
David W. Sosnowski
Eric J. Schmincke

Civil War Flag Conservation

Jeffrey L. Stephen, Chair

Civil War Heritage Defense Fund

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC, Co-Chair
Russell W. Kirchner, Jr., PDC

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund (Three Elected CoA Members)

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC (2005)
David P. Stephen, PDC, (2006)

eBay Surveillance

Kurt Vouk, Chair
Reynaldo Rodriguez
Daniel Meehan

Encampment Credentials Committee

Leslie E. Weber, MD, chair
Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC
Kenneth R. Spurgeon
527 W. Renee Drive

Real Sons and Daughters

Dean E. Letzring, chair
Jerome L. Orton, PDC

Rituals and Ceremonials

George Powell, PCinC, chair
Kenneth D. Hershberger, PDC
Ronald B. Gill, PDC

Scholarships

Frederick F. Murphy, PDC, chair
Thomas Crawford, PDC
John M. McNulty, PCC

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
124th National Encampment
First Session Friday August 5, 2005

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Officers and members of the 124th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. Guide, you will determine if all present and entitled to remain. Color Bearer you will assist on the right. Let's wrap up the sales at the Quartermaster table please.

National guide Robert Knight

Sir, we find everybody accounted for.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. The National Secretary will call the roll of officers of the Encampment.

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

Commander- in- Chief, Stephen Michaels	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby	Present
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl	Present
National Secretary Michael S. Bennett.	Present
National Treasurer Max L. Newman	Present
National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler	Present
Council Administration Member Robert M. Petrovic	Present
Council of Administration member, David P. Stephen	Present
Council Administration Member Leo Kennedy	Present
Council Administration Member Charles Kuhn	Present
Council of Administration member D. Brad Schall	Present
National Aide de Camp Fredrick F. Murphy	Present
National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer Alan Russ	Present
National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski	Absent
National Chief of Staff Donald Palmer	Present
National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd A. Shillington	Present
National Color Bearer Thomas A. Brown	Present
National Counselor James B. Pahl	Present
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic	Present
National GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrot	Present
National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe	Present
National Guard Jack E. Grothe	Present
National Guide Robert Knight	Present
National Historian Robert J. Wolz	Absent
National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines Richard L. Woodbury	Absent
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Robert J. Bateman	Absent
National Member-at-Large Coordinator, Nick Kaup	Absent
National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit	Present
National Signals Officer Nathan L. Orr	Absent
Washington D.C. Representative Andrew M. Johnson	Present
National Webmaster Kent A. Peterson	Absent

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

Sir, the roll is called.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brothers, upon what principles is our founded and for what duties are we responsible?

Encampment

FRATERNITY, CHARITY AND LOYALTY.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brothers we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves. Color Bearer you will please assist the National Chaplain in draping the Vacant Chair. And now the Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Acting National Chaplain William McAfee

Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe who does from Thy throne look down upon the governments of man, most humbly do we beseech Thee with Your favor to bless our native land and to preserve in purity and integrity it's free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist and that it may continue to be an instrument in Thy hands of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to properly carry out its objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who have sacrificed so much, that the life of the Nation might be preserved and deal with them and all things with Thy special mercy. Give us Thy aide in conducting the business of this encampment for which we are here assembled. And show it through us that charity and justice and peace and harmony shall remain and abide with us. Amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the colors.

Encampment

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS. ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 124th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers and persons qualified to enter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I was going to call for a report from the Encampment Committee on Credentials while we await that I would like to call once again the Mayor of the city of Nashua Bernard Streeter forward for a presentation. Mr. Mayor, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I present to you a copy of Abraham Lincoln's, Gettysburg Address to be presented to the city of Nashua, New Hampshire by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for hanging in the City Hall as you desire.

Mayor Bernard Streeter

This will have a place of honor in the Nashua City Hall. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And we thank you for coming.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Do we have someone from the Credentials Committee, Doctor Webber? If someone could summon him for preliminary report and while we are waiting for the preliminary report I would like to call Doctor Robert Carroon, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of America, also Past Department Commander of the Department of Connecticut.

Doctor Robert Carroon

Commander-in-Chief Michaels and Brothers, it is a pleasure to bring greetings to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and our Commander-in-Chief Douglas Reed Niemeyer. The common purposes of the Sons and the Loyal Legion makes us one in our dedication for those who sacrificed so much that this Nation might live as one united country. Let us continue together to strive to keep the memory of that sacrifice before the citizens of our Nation. With this it is a pleasure to bring greetings to the National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the CSS Tallahassee Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. Commander-in-Chief Michaels and Brothers it is a pleasure to welcome you to New England on the occasion of the 124th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The CSS Tallahassee Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars descendants of officers of the Confederate Army and Navy in the Civil War because there is no longer an active Sons of Confederate Veterans Organization in New England as Commander of the CSS Tallahassee Chapter named for the famous Naval Vessel, which was active on these shores during the late unpleasantness. It is a pleasure to welcome you on this grand occasion and hope you have a very pleasant stay at our part thankfully of the United States. And I am pleased to present to you a little gift on behalf of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you very much.

Doctor Robert Carroon

Thank you Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

It is with great pleasure that I now introduce the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Commander-in-Chief, Denny A. Sweeney.

Commander-in-Chief Denny A. Sweeney, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Thank you Commander Michaels. Ladies and Gentlemen it is really an honor for me to be here. I've never been to a SUV encampment before and I appreciate the honor of being here. Commander Michaels came to our convention two weeks ago and he walked into the tail end of a little bit of political intrigue and I'm glad to see that he survived unscathed.

I am happy to report that everything is smooth running at the SCV. I'm here to bring greetings on behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We now have thirty-three thousand members. As most of you probably know we are pretty active all over the country. We just got done forming a chapter up in Anchorage Alaska as we have every place except New England. We will try to fix that.

As I'm sure you know the descendants of Confederate soldiers are all over the country and all over the world. We have a camp in Americana Brazil and we have one in Europe and we are trying to start one in Mexico and I think that's going to come about pretty soon. I have a very aggressive Director of International Development and he has also convinced me I'm not sure how that he has got one started in Moscow. I'll believe that one when I see it.

We have, I think an interesting situation with our two organizations and I just want to relay this story to you that happened to me a couple of years ago. I was working with the State Fair in Dallas and we were trying to put together a heritage day celebration with a lot of other local groups, Italians, Norwegians, all kinds of heritage and ethnic groups. And one of the ladies that I was talking to got a little politically correct when we started talking about flying a Confederate battle flag and she said "Well, we are kind of favorably disposed to have you all participate." But she said, "We really would like some Union participation too." So one of my members had just started the local SUV chapter or camp and so he looked around and all over the people in the room were in both organizations and so he said, "Ma'am we would be glad to come but it is the same people."

So, I think that we share a long heritage in history even though our ancestors fought on opposite sides. We have a unique responsibility in this day and age and that is to preserve the history and the heritage of America's defining event. If we don't do it no body is going to do it and nobody knows it

more than we do because we are kind of catching it on both fronts. Probably everybody understands by now that if the memory of Robert E. Lee gets wiped out of memory then Ulysses S. Grant will soon follow. We have a great, cherished history and I think we have a bright future for both of our organizations and I look forward to participating with you in events in the future. On behalf of the Sons of Confederate Veterans I hope you have a great encampment and Commander Michaels I appreciate the opportunity to be here.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Now I'll introduce Brother Dan Murray from the Department of New Hampshire who is chair of the host committee for some welcoming remarks. Dan.

Department of New Hampshire Commander Dan Murray

Hi, I would like to welcome you all to the state of New Hampshire and I hope you enjoy your stay here. If there is anything I can do to make your stay more enjoyable or to correct any problems you have, please let me know. Thank you for coming. Before I go I would like to introduce the members of my committee. I don't know if there is any in here. Stephen Scarcello, I think he is out at the registration table still. Vic Falcetti, Past Department Commander. Past National President, Jackie Johnson, she is with the Auxiliary. Past National President Eleanor Lowe, she is with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And, David Proper who is also a Past Department Commander. Thank you and enjoy your stay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Before we get under way with the business session we would like to just call to mind a couple of announcements. The Department Commander Seminar. Don, would you like to announce what you'd like about the Department Commander Seminar.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

First we would just like to meet for about a half an hour or forty-five minutes to go over some of the things that will be the emphasis for the year. Also, Brother Pahl would also like to go over how he would like things done. It is not a big change from what's been done before but just some emphasis on some things that may come up. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. Regarding the SVR breakfast tomorrow, Brother Henry Shaw, are you present, would you like to say something.

SVR Adjutant General Henry Shaw

We stand now at eighty-nine paid souls. The price goes to fifteen dollars a head tomorrow so if you are members wishing to attend, see me and I will gladly collect your ten dollars. I think that's the largest that we have experienced so far.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And the time and place Sir.

Colonel Henry Shaw, Adjutant General SVR

Tomorrow morning, the Hunt Club Room at Seven a.m.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. Brother Charlie.

Charlie Kuhn Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Richard Schlenker had a Masonic luncheon at these events and it's something that we have talked about for several years now. We are going to do it this year, so are there any Brothers that have an interest in attending a Masonic luncheon today at noon. Members of the Order, please raise your hand I would like to get a count. So let me get a count hold your hands up. Okay, I got eighteen. I'm going to make reservations down here and everybody will pay their own tab then that way. Even though I'm running for office it doesn't mean I buy you dinner.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Charlie. Guard, can you see if Brother Webber is ready for his report? Is he outside? While we are waiting, found in your program are the Rules for the Encampment and we would like to review those at this time.

Number one, the Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, as revised.

Number two, the National Counselor will serve as Parliamentarian and National Counselor is also our Junior Vice Commander, Brother Pahl, sitting on my right.

Number three, verbal reports should be a summary of the officers' written report, which you should all have in your hands now. Extra copies are available on the back table.

Number four, reports are not to exceed five minutes in length.

Number five, when speaking on an issue at this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice on any issue, each time not to exceed 5 minutes (exceptions being granted by 2/3 vote of this Encampment.)

Number six, cell phones are to be turned off or set to vibrate to alert for incoming calls. All cell phone conversations should be conducted outside of the Encampment meeting room.

Seven, Roberts Rules does not provide for seconding of nominations, once a nomination is made it stands on its own.

Number eight, anyone outside the room at the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of officers, will not be allowed to enter until that session is completed.

And number nine, all discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

A few informal rules, if you will. There are two mics for the benefit of the proceedings secretary. It would be advisable to state your name and your department before addressing the Encampment so this can be properly recorded for the proceedings. The proceedings if you attended last years Encampment and you have not yet received your proceedings those are available on the back table and Brother Ron Gill and his two assistants will be happy to set you up with a copy of the proceedings, which you are automatically entitled to. Nineteen ninety-eight and two thousand three are also available if you happened to attend those Encampments you may see Brother Gill in the back and he will take care of you.

I would like to at this time introduce again our Past Commanders-in-Chief who are present. Starting with Brother Richard Greenwalt 1978-1979 from the Department of Ohio sitting in the back. Thank you. Brother Charles Corfman 1989-1990 from the Department of Ohio. Brother Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, 1992-1993 from the Department of Pennsylvania, back at the Quartermaster table. Thank you Bud. Brother Keith G. Harrison, 1994-1995 from the Department of Michigan. Brother Richard Orr, 1997-1998 from the Department of Pennsylvania. Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, 1998-1999 from the Department of Maryland. Brother Danny L. Wheeler, 1999-2000 from the Department of New York, at the back table. Brother Edward J. Krieser, 2000-2001 from the Department of Indiana. Brother George Powell from the Department of Pennsylvania 2001-2002. Brother Robert E. Grim, 2002-2003 from the Department of Ohio. And Brother Kent L. Armstrong 2003-2004 from the Department of Michigan. Thank you Brothers.

And now we will have the Memorials from our acting National Chaplain Brother McAfee.

National Chaplain William McAfee

Reported from the National Chaplain, the following are the members who have been deceased since the last Encampment or we have been notified of their death since the last Encampment. **Department of California and Pacific**, Robert M. Hunsaker, Frances Appleton, Octavius Demoll, Bruce Montgomery, Ruben Law, Arden Brame Jr.. **Colorado/Wyoming**, Kenneth Ware, William Wiseman. **Florida**, Fredrick Everett, Julius Gordon, Robert Somner, William L. Fry. **Illinois**, Hiram Shouse Jr. **Indiana**, Harold Vail, David Reed, Richard Martindale, Bob Stephen, Paul Diehm, Albert Morris. **Iowa**, James Fisher, A.O. Gilbert. **Kansas**, Clyde Reiter. **Maine**, George

Clark, Perley Delano Sr. Maryland, Donald Perkins, Richard Schlenker, Brian Pohanka. Michigan, Charles Brandell, John Walker, Thomas LeFurge, Robert Metcalf, Herbert Everett, Floyd Wallace. Missouri, Robert Amsler Sr. New Hampshire, John Dingle. New Jersey, Thomas Stone, Donald Austin. New York, Charles Shaw, Philip McGlocken, Norman Cheseboro, Thomas Robinson, Jerome Erit, Lewis Dewey, Kim Donald Kromer, Carlton Cavell. Ohio, James Hadsell, Gregory Brown, Howard Sautter, Karl Kroninger, Thomas McMaster. Oklahoma, Donald A. Wise. Pennsylvania, Alfred Conforti, Carl Hulshart, Daniel Hurley, George Shepley Jr., Charles Fraunfelter, Daniel Berdick, Robert Long. Tennessee, Billy Darnell, Robert Newman, James Johnson, John Brooks, William Taylor. Wisconsin, Thomas Johnson. At Large, Lewis Crownover, Milton Vought, John Coon.

There are names on this list Brothers that mean something to many of the people in the room. Each in his own way served and was known and loved by all who knew him. We have already had a special tribute to Brother Schlenker. Many people recognized Brian Pohanka as an outstanding Historian and Civil War supporter. There are many others here I'm sure each in his own way contributed to the Order. Let us be in an attitude of prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You today and thank You for these men who lived and served. While we mourn their deaths we also celebrate their life and their contributions. They all have been a credit to the organization and are held high by their fellow members and loved ones. In the name of our Lord we pray. Amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I will now announce the appointment of the remaining Encampment Committees.

Encampment Committee on Credentials: Doctor Leslie E. Webber serves as Chairman from the Department of Iowa. Charles Ingle, PDC Department of Tennessee. Brother Stephen Scarcello from the Department of New Hampshire. And Brother Dick Stevens from the Department of New Hampshire.

Constitution and Regulations: Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim serves as Chairman. Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr as member. Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew M. Johnson, member. Past Commander-in-Chief, Keith G. Harrison as member and Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell as a member of that committee.

The Committee on Resolutions: Past Department Commander and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby serves as Chairman. PDC, James Hanby, member. PDC, Bob Lowe, member. PDC Bill Ryerson, member. And PDC James Pahl member.

Committee on Officers Reports: PDC Leo F. Kennedy serves as Chairman. PDC Tad Campbell as member. PDC Dave Stephen as member. PDC John Bates as member. PCC John M. McNaulty as member of that committee.

Fraternal Relations extending greetings to the Auxiliary: Chairman, Brad Schall. Member PDC Ellsworth Brown. And PDC John Irons, member.

Extending greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Chairman Brad Schall. PDC Merle Rudebush as member. And PDC Buzz Smithcors as member.

For our response to the Auxiliary: I have selected PDC Fred Murphy.

For the response to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman.

Rituals and Ceremonials: will be chaired by Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell and the members will be appointed as needed.

We will now start with the reports of officers beginning with the Commander-in-Chief. I will ask the Color Bearer and Guide to hand out this report as it does not appear in your packet of reports.

State of the Order

National Officers, delegates and Brothers attending the 124th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This past year I have been privileged to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. It has been both a time of challenge and growth. A Past Commander-in-Chief, two Real Sons and a Perennial National Committee Chairman answered their last roll call. A trusted National Officer and friend left the Order. And five of the twelve elected officers of the Council of Administration were new to their responsibilities one year ago. Although we learned and quickly responded to the needs of our Order all were exemplary in the conduct of business and provided valued guidance and inspiration this last year. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby, in addition to editing and publishing four issues of the Banner led the Program and Policy Committee to propose new policies shaping our Order's future. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, in addition to processing hundreds of on-line membership applications, served as National Counselor providing guidance on legal issues and parliamentary procedure. Our Order has made significant progress in furthering several of our Orders initiatives. Among the several officers I mentioned, a few whose contributions are especially worthy of note. Under National Patriotic Instructor, Bruce Butgereit's leadership, valuable resources have been made available to educate our membership. After a delay of almost a decade National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe and Signals Officer Nathan Orr have been successful in placing the National database on line. Civil War Memorials Officer, Todd Shillington has been persuasive in convincing Law Enforcement and Department of Defense Officials to become interested in recovering stolen cannons. Seven of these cannons are now in the process of being returned. Past Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson, has assisted by seeking American Legion support of our preservation efforts. Past Commander-in-Chief, Bob Grim, has gained United States Air Force approval for our ROTC medal. Past Commander-in-Chief, Ed Krieser, is quickly completing a backlog of unpublished National Proceedings. Chief of Staff, Don Palmer has compiled information for briefing and orienting those folks that are new to our National Service. National Encampment Site Committee member, Bob Petrovic, has compiled information needed to conduct a successful convention. I was truly blessed to have worked with so many gifted Brothers.

Whenever membership dues are raised as ours were two years ago, the weaknesses in our recruiting and retention strategies become much more apparent to us. Camps that do not actively seek new members and do not provide a service to their memberships or their communities are those that suffer the greatest. Only about a third of our Departments are showing positive signs of recovery and growth. Overall, our Order's membership continues to hover just above the six thousand mark. Only a decade ago, the Commander-in-Chief described the Sons as emulating the declining rather than the productive years of the GAR. Despite our present membership limitations I am pleased that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is now a vibrant, innovative and effective organization. Throughout my travels this past year I've seen many gifted, bright men taking a visible, energetic and enthusiastic leadership in the affairs of their camps and departments. This past year our relationship with the Allied Orders has grown stronger and I personally enjoyed the friendship and counsel of National Presidents Margaret Lowe of the Women's Relief Corps. Ozzy Thompson, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And Michele Langley, Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Both the Ladies of the GAR's and the Women's Relief Corps enthusiastic efforts working with the Sons to preserve GAR Halls, honor Union Veterans and serve current Veterans are commendable. Last Memorial Day weekend the demonstrated teamwork between the Sons and the Daughters only enhanced the honors paid during the very public last Civil War Veteran Burial Ceremony in Memphis Missouri. This bodes very well for future endeavors. Our Auxiliary support of our efforts in Civil War Memorial Preservation, its care of the only GAR Church, coupon drives for current soldiers as well as its increase financial support of this Encampment are deserving of our deepest gratitude. While working with our own Allied Orders family is important we certainly cannot and should not overlook the contributions and beneficial work of other like-minded organizations. Most are

unaware that twenty percent of America's Civil War Battle Fields have already been destroyed. Of that, of the eighty percent that remain only fifteen percent are protected by the Federal Government. With growing property values and urban sprawl that spread to this hollow ground becomes greater each year. The nearly ninety important Civil War Battle Fields where our American ancestors fought and died needs to be preserved for future generations. This year I began a dialog with the Civil War Preservation Trust President O. James Lighthizer and was graciously received by him and his staff. It is my favorite home that the mutually supportive relationship between our two organizations will grow stronger each year. This past year additional National funds were made available for officers to represent the Commander-in-Chief at Department Encampments and other functions. And for the first time all but two Department Encampments were visited by a National Officer. Much of our Orders membership benefited as Brothers Darby, Pahl, Bennett, Kennedy, Kuhn, Kowalski, Murphy, Palmer, Petrovic and Stephen represented the Commander-in-Chief. Meanwhile I was proud to represent the National Organization in sixteen Departments, traveling four thousand three hundred and forty-seven miles by car and twenty-three thousand one hundred and fifty-six miles by plane. We live in a society, which expects instant gratification, quick solutions and immediate conflict resolution. Unfortunately our volunteer work is an avocation rather than a vocation for most. And there are issues, which require more than Fraternal, Charity and Loyalty; they require patience, tact and cooperation. The annual reporting system and the Graves Registration On-line Database are two initiatives, which took years of discussion, planning and preparation. We should all be mindful that they are both works in progress requiring continual review and refining in order to remain viable tools. Beginning this year the Commander-in-Chief's documentation has been placed on file to be referenced by successive Commanders-in-Chief. A pass down law that often saves time, answers questions and provides background on reoccurring issues. Continuing the tradition begun last year in the vacant chair draped in black before you, pays tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic and all who have honored the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and those who have joined their spirits. This years Encampment Bible before you has been provided to us courtesy of C.K. Pier, Badger Camp Number 1, Department of Wisconsin. It is the original Bible used by the largest GAR Post in Wisconsin the E.B. Walcott Post Number 1 of Milwaukee. Again thank you for your dedicated service, your friendship and the confidence placed in me as the 118th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Steven A. Michaels Commander-in-Chief, 2004-2005.

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Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brothers.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Brothers, a motion has been made and seconded to accept the Commander-in-Chief's reports and all those of the officers and their reports be forwarded to Officers Committee. All in favor say aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Any opposed? Motion passes. Commander-in-Chief, you have the COM.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. You have before you the booklet of Officers Reports. As we go through the Officers Reports if the officers both elected and appointed have something to add or would like to summarize you are welcome to do so and we will continue with the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I have nothing to add to my report except my thanks to Brother John Hart for his hard work in helping me put the Banner together. Thank you Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother James B. Pahl.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jams B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, just to supplement the written report, since I've submitted that just a few weeks ago. I've processed some additional sixteen applications and forwarded them to the following departments California/Pacific-3, Pennsylvania-2, to the Member at Large-2 and one each to Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio and the Department of Southwest. The two Members-at-Large, one was from Washington, one was from New Mexico. I mailed out ten additional packets resulting from inquires through magazines that we advertise with. I received an e-mail contact from a soldier stationed in Iraq, he is interested in membership for both him and his son who is also stationed in Iraq but had no way to reasonably conduct the research necessary to document his ancestor who fought in an Indiana Infantry Regiment. So I forwarded that request to the Department of Indiana to see if they could provide any assistance in helping this potential applicant and they have responded with gusto. And hopefully we will have the documentation necessary so we can process this man's application also. Thank you Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Very good. National Secretary, Michael S. Bennett.

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

Nothing-additional Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. National Treasurer, Max L. Newman.

National Treasurer Max L. Newman

I think thirty-four pages are probably enough for me.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

All right. National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief.

National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

I have nothing to add.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. National Aide-de-Camp, Fredrick F. Murphy, PDC.

National Aide to Camp Fredrick F. Murphy

Sir, nothing I need to add.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. National Chief of Staff, PDC Donald Palmer

National Chief of Staff Donald Palmer

I don't have anything.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. National Civil War Memorial Officer, Todd A. Shillington.

National Civil War Memorial Officer Todd A. Shillington

Commander-in-Chief, as you gentlemen know we were on a little bit of a roll this year and we are going to need all of your help to keep it going. As the Commander-in-Chief noted, cannons are being returned from those that were taken from the memorials of our ancestors. We are up to ten now. We need you folks to make noise. Contact your National Representatives and make some noise to them. We are starting to get an interest in this and we will likely see changes at a level which will handle this once and for all. Look in your newspaper because another wire story is eminent. When you see that it will be the time to strike. Send copies to your National Representatives and say we need to stop this. Those stories are real tear-jerkers so you make the most of it. I want to thank the Commander-in-Chief for allowing me to do this work. I would also like to thank Brother Darby and Brother Armstrong for

getting this off the ground and getting it rolling. I appreciate being in a position to be able to make a difference.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The chair recognizes Brother Jack Grothe.

National Guard Jack Grothe

Commander-in-Chief, the Host Committee would like to have the representative present the floral arrangement for the Encampment at this time.

Department Commander Dan Murray, Department of New Hampshire

Commander Michaels the 2005 Host Committee has the honor of presenting you with a bouquet of flowers for your room.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you very much. Continuing on the National Counselor, James B. Pahl.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, there is one small correction to my written report. There was a formal written opinion in effect - that you cannot charge for a transfer card. If a member in good standing requests a transfer card you must give it and there is no fee that can be charged for that. The second part of the amendment to my report is something that has very recently developed and I didn't have time to submit anything to get into the book. I think the Brothers would like to hear this one in person. We're in Court again. Detroit Camp Number 101, was sued by the city of Detroit a quite title action to remove the Sons of Veterans interest from the G.A.R. Building in Detroit. If you are not familiar with this building it's about a five-story building, three sided in downtown Detroit and several Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic met there. It's a beautiful building; it looks like a little castle sitting right in downtown Detroit; it's been boarded up and closed for years. There is a statute in Michigan called the Michigan Monumental Buildings Act, and basically what that provides for is that when such buildings exist they shall remain property of the Municipal Corporation, forever dedicated as a Memorial Building. The law also requires the city to establish a permanent fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial in the amount equal to the original G.A.R. contribution, which we believe to be about five thousand dollars in 1898 dollars. And to provide proper supervision by public authorities of all relics, documents and library belonging to the G.A.R. Post to keep the building open and free to the public at all reasonable times and to allow the G.A.R. and any surviving organizations of the descendents of such Union Soldiers to use and maintain as far as possible the same relations with a Municipal Corporation of said buildings as the Post and Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. The city Detroit in filing this action in the Detroit Court was seeking to have this statute annulled and to terminate the rights of the Sons and the Daughters and the other organizations in this building. We have retained counsel, who is in the process of writing a grant through National Trust of Historic Preservation to pay the legal fees. So this may not cost the Order anything and right now the Camp is not asking the Order for anything because if this falls through this attorney has donated so much of his time already to this. We removed the case from the city of Detroit to the United States Federal District Court. Our counter complaint is beautiful.

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

It seeks request to mandate the city to carry out their functions in regard to the city, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, accounting, claim and delivery, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, aiding and abetting the breach of fiduciary duty, conversion, misappropriation and aiding and abetting embezzlement.

Encampment

Laughter and clapping.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

It gets better. And conversion. The relics have been removed from the building they were taken to historic Fort Wayne in Detroit. We hope that several of the items are still there, we are not sure. We are going to get in and see them. The G.A.R. provided a fund for perpetual maintenance; we are asking for an accounting. What happened to that money, five thousand dollars in 1898 dollars is a large sum of money today. The city thought they had something real easy in the city courts and now it is in federal courts and we have an attorney who is a bulldog.

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

So Gentlemen I hope to report next year a successful solution to this but this may be the one that we are looking for and we got a good state law behind us. We're going to war.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Pahl. Now I believe we do have the Chairman from the Credentials Committee for our preliminary report. Doctor Weber.

National Credentials Committee Chairman, Doctor Lester Weber

Commander-in-Chief, registration is going along well we have a total of a hundred and eighty registrants this far, thirty of those have not yet appeared so it looks like we have some where around a hundred and fifty-five people on site. And I think that one of our problems has always been that credentialing thing but obviously everybody who is in here has a card. And I always like to have the Department of Secretaries give those cards out to their members early. So I guess I'm not talking about this year I'm talking about next year. So Department Secretaries please pay attention. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC.

National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic

I have nothing to add to my written report, Sir.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, that is not a Credentials Report. A Credentials Report gives counts.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, someone wants to summon Brother Weber back with the needed information please. In the interim National GAR Highway Officer, Brother Gary Parrott, PCC.

National GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott

I have nothing additional to add to my report. But I do invite everyone to visit the GAR Highway Display over in the Exhibition Hall as they are leaving.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. National Graves Registration Officer, Brother Bob Lowe.

National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe

Commander-in-Chief, I have nothing further for my report but I know there is a lot of confusion with the on-line database. I will be here all week through Sunday so you can ask your questions and I'll explain what is going on as best I can. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. Several of our officers have reports on file and are not present. We'll continue with the National Patriotic Instructor, PDC Bruce Butgereit.

National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit

Just one change or addition. In my summary I had received two more Departments reporting, which gave us an increase of reporting forty-two percent. Since this wasn't done previously for some time, that is an increase of forty-two, which I think, is a great step forward. And of those that did report 57% of their Camps reported and I think we are heading in the right direction with that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. Washington D.C. Representative, Past Commander-in-Chief, Andrew Johnson.

Washington D.C. Representative Andrew Johnson

Commander-in-Chief, I have nothing to add.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. That concludes the Officer's Reports. The National Secretary will now review the communications that we received.

National Secretary Michael Bennett

I have a letter from Brother Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan. "Commander-in-Chief Michaels it is a great disappointment that I will not be able to attend the National Encampment in Nashua, as this is the first one I have missed in eighteen years. Please express my regrets to the Brothers assembled and my best wishes for a successful Encampment. Fraternaly yours, Gary L. Gibson, PDC Michigan, Past Member of Counsel of Administration."

From the Department of Indiana. "Dear Brother Bennett, On behalf of Department Commander, Gib Young, and the more than two hundred members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Indiana, I am writing to extend our offer to host the 2009 National Encampment in Indiana. The Lincoln Bicentennial Year of 2009 will be a significant period for the National SUVCW. The Department of Indiana and the state in which Lincoln spent his boyhood. We are confident that the Hoosier State and our members can provide an appealing and memorable experience for those attending the 2009 National Encampment. There are many fine locations around the state that can provide attractive venues for the National Encampment. We would consider it a privilege to investigate these options further on behalf of the SUVCW. The idea of offering Indiana as the site for the 2009 National Encampment was discussed and voted on at our recent Department Encampment and generated much enthusiasm and unanimous support. Please make our offer known to the appropriate officers and committees and advise us of their reactions, comments and questions. Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Mark A. Stover, Secretary/Treasurer Department of Indiana."

We have several letters either in letter or resolution form supporting Brothers for elective office.

From the Department of California and Pacific a resolution in support of Brothers Darby and Pahl for Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, respectively.

This is very small print from the Department of New Hampshire a resolution to the 2005 National Encampment supporting the nomination and election of Brother Daniel W. Murray to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

From the Department of Ohio a resolution supporting the nominations and election of Brother Donald E. Darby to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

From the Department of Pennsylvania a resolution to the 2005 National Encampment supporting Brother Charles Kuhn to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Lots of mail from the Department of Pennsylvania on that. And those were the letters of support.

And several resolutions. From the Maryland Department to the SUVCW National Secretary Michael Bennett; "I am enclosing the original of a Captain John White Spencer Camp# 9 Resolution that was forwarded to our Encampment on April 29, 2005 for discussion and approval. This resolution and the encampment unanimously voted to recommend approval to the National Organization it is forwarded to you for inclusion of the 2005 National Encampment. And it is where as Keith D. Ashley a member of Captain John W. White Camp# 9 in the Department of Maryland holds the rank of Past Department Commander in the Ohio for the completion of his service in that capacity in the 1997-1998 year and whereas Keith D. Ashley is a member in good standing of Captain John W. White Camp # 9 of Maryland therefore be it resolved that Captain John White Spencer Camp# 9 respectfully request the recognition of rank of PDC, Keith D. Ashley 1997-1998 Commander of Ohio as a past Commander through the Department of Maryland. Signed Terrance Cummings, Commander, William White, Secretary, Captain John S. White Spencer Camp# 9."

From the Pennsylvania Department. "Dear Brother Bennett, The attached resolution was adopted by unanimous vote at the recently held Pennsylvania Department Encampment. This resolution with its attached listing of recent cannon sales from public monuments is a reference submitted to the National Organization for consideration at the upcoming National Encampment. The Pennsylvania Department would ask that this resolution also be adopted by the National Organization and that the appropriate follow up communication be made to the various appropriate government legislative members. In FC&L, Ivan E. France, PDC, Assistant Department Secretary." The resolution concerning the sale of Civil War cannon barrels that are part of memorials and monuments. "Whereas a large number of memorials to the service of U.S. Veterans contain donated U.S. Government pieces and property and whereas recent experience has shown an increase in the sale, removal and desecration of all or portions of monuments to United States Veterans by those who would profit by selling the irreplaceable memorial items to private collectors and whereas the sale or removal of these monuments has occurred throughout or through acts of admission and commission often through ignorance about ownership and lack of respect for United States Veterans and whereas brokers have cajoled municipalities, cemeteries and Veterans Organizations into selling all or parts of original monuments sometimes with promises of replacing the original reproductions and whereas most, if not all, of the donated U.S. Government Property made a part of Veterans Monuments remains the rightful property of the United States Government on loan for exclusive use as part of Veterans Memorials and whereas it is a punishable offense to transport these artifacts across state borders or to knowingly sale, remove, desecrate or otherwise perform any alteration of these artifacts without the consent of the U.S. Government. Therefore, be it resolved at the 125th Annual Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assembled in Scranton Pennsylvania, this 24th day of June, 2005 do request the congress of the United States and the legislatures of the several states to adopt and or revise existing laws to protect these monuments, erected to honor those who offered their lives in defense of this nation by vigorously prosecuting those, who would sell, transfer or seek any other change in ownership or custodianship of any part of a Veterans Memorial or Monument that has been donated by the United States Government or any of the several state governments for that use." And it is accompanied by a listing of cannon in Pennsylvania for memorials featuring ordinance.

A resolution from the Brooks Grant Camp# 7, Department of Ohio. "Whereas a Civil War Battlefield Caucus has been formed by several members of the U.S. House of Representatives for the purpose of saving Civil War Battlefields and whereas preservation of Civil War Battlefields is a major desire of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to keep alive the memory of Union Veterans. Whereas other Civil War sites such as prisons and training camps should also be preserved and therefore included in the purpose of the Civil War Battlefield Caucus. Therefore be it resolved that the Brooks Grant Camp# 7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asks that the Ohio Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Commander to send letters to all members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation asking that they join the Civil War Battlefield Caucus do to the Buffington Island Battlefield in Ohio and be it further resolved that Brooks Grant Camp# ,7 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asks that the Ohio Department Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War support a resolution to ask the National Organization to send letters its self or through its department to all members of Congressional Delegations in those states with Camps of the Order and ask that they join the Civil War Battlefield Caucus and be it further resolved that Brooks Grant Camp# 7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ask that the Ohio Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to support a resolution asking that the Civil War Battlefield Caucus be asked to include Civil War Prison Sites and Training Camps in their area of preservation and recommend the same to the National Organization. Signed Greg Michael Commander, Keith B. Ashley Secretary, Brooks Grant Camp# 7."

From the Ohio Department Postimous Restoration of Milton Holland Battlefield Commission. "Whereas Milton Holland, a shoemaker from Albany Ohio, Sergeant in Company C of the 5th United States Colored Infantry served honorably in the Army of the United States of America in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865; Whereas Sergeant Holland gallantly led the 5th U.S.C.T. at Chappins Farm, New

Market Heights, Virginia, September 29, 1864, after all the officers had been killed or wounded; Whereas Major General Benjamin Butler, United States Army, ordered a battlefield promotion of Sergeant Holland to Captain; Whereas the War Department rescinded his commission solely on the basis of Sergeant Holland's race; Whereas after the War, Mr. Holland distinguished himself as one of the first graduates of Howard University Law School and is the founder of the Alpha Insurance Company; Whereas Holland's life stands as a beacon for those who value liberty and freedom; and Whereas Sergeant Holland's life as a tradesman, soldier, lawyer and businessman provides a worthy legacy for African-Americans of all generations and a role model for all Americans. Therefore, be it resolved that John S. Townsend Camp Number 108 of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to posthumously restore the battlefield commission of Milton Holland. Camp Commander and Camp Secretary signed by John S. Townsend Camp# 108."

And lastly, from the Department of New York. "whereas such crimes as bank fraud, credit fraud and identity theft have become a commonplace in today's world; Whereas the use of computers, the internet and technologies have made such crimes simple matters to successfully complete; and Whereas the results of such crimes can result in significant damage to the finance and credit of both individuals and entities alike. And whereas such a result may be the result of no wrong doing on the part of Brothers in our Order, but may simply result by the transmission and duplication of certain bank account information and whereas the National Organization and it's subordinate Departments, where applicable, have a right and obligation to know the whereabouts of the funds of our Order held by subordinate groups and to seek and secure those funds in the event of disbandment of those groups or inappropriate actions by them and can accomplish this with information including name and address of financial institution, but without specific account numbers. Be it resolved that the Department of New York assembled in Glenfalls, New York, this 4th day of June, 2005 in Annual Encampment hereby commissions the 2005 National Encampment assembled in Nashua, New Hampshire to remove the request for account numbers on all Camp and Department forms requiring at most the name and address of financial institutions and the entity name used on accounts. Signed Dale Theetge, Department Commander, Michael Bennett, Department Secretary, Department of New York. Those are our communications.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I would ask that those resolutions aside from the nomination resolutions be referred to the Committee on recommendations and resolutions. We will move on to the reports of the National Standing Committees. National Committee on Americanization and Education, chaired by PDC Bruce Butgereit, National Patriotic Instructor.

National Committee on Americanization and Education Chairman Bruce Butgereit

I have nothing to add Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Todd A. Shillington Chair.

National Committee on Civil War Memorials Chairman Todd A. Shillington

Nothing to add Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E. Grim Past Commander-in-Chief, Chair.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

Commander-in-Chief, in your booklet you will find we do have some recommendations on changing the Regulations. Basically it deals with arranging appointed officers in alphabetical order at the Department level and arranging the names of the Committees at Camp, Department and National level in alphabetical order so they are easier for people to locate when they start looking through those sections of the Regulations and have those Committees and Officers.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay we are starting on page 37. We are first addressing the Chapter 1, Article 4, regarding officers.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

And all we are doing here is arranging the officers in alphabetical order. I would move that the Encampment accept our recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Ken.

Ken Hershberger, Department of Maryland

If you look at the purposed version you forgot the Secretary, Treasurer office.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Hershberger, will you offer that as a friendly amendment to the change? Thank you.

Ken Hershberger, Department of Maryland

My friendly amendment would be to add the offices of Secretary, Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer to the proposed list of officers of the camp. They are not specifically identified as officers in the camp in the proposed version.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Grim has made a motion is there a second?

Bob Petrovic, Department of Missouri

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That's a second in the back of the room from Bob Petrovic. I saw his hand raised first. Any further discussion on this section? Brother Charlie Funk.

Charley Funk, Department of Missouri

Well, I'm Department Commander of Missouri. I am understanding by this that this does not change any of our sequence of reporting forms where in the Camp reports who the officers are to Department and the Department reports to National. This is strictly only for the credentials and this will not change the report form because we do have a difference between elected officers and appointed officers that are not reflected in this change.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

Now, what we are trying to do here is simply arrange the appointed officers in alphabetical order, so when you look at this particular section of the regulations and you are looking for a particular officer it is easier to find that person when you are looking for them in a sequence. It doesn't change the elected offices. It doesn't have anything to do with how it appears on the forms.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any further discussion. All those in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

All opposed. Motion carries. Next on Page 38 Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 6.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

This does the same thing with the camp officers.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And are you placing that in a form of a motion Sir?

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

I do, that we accept this proposal, yes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Second by Brother Darby. All those in favor. Pardon me.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

In this section the proposed version has deleted the office of Guide and I would move to amend the proposed version to add in the Guide in appropriate alphabetical placement.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

As a friendly amendment Sir?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Yes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. And Brother Darby will you?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Yes I will.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Second that amendment as well. Thank you. Any further discussions. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries. Next down on the page Chapter 2, Article 4 Officers. Brother Grim.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

It is the same thing as the Department level arranges the appointed officers in alphabetical order.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

And have we left anybody off there?

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

I would move that we accept the report as presented.

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries. Page 39 at the top Section, Chapter 3, Article 4 Officers.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

Okay this does the same thing with the National Officers. It arranges them in alphabetical order with the appointed ones. And I would move that we accept the report as presented.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Discussion?

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

I would ask in that list of Officers at the National level that we include the Legislative Chair, in that list of titles because of the significance of that office I think it has and will have for the future of the Sons.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, what the Brother is proposing is basically creation of a new National Office so we need a job description, etc., etc. To promote a Committee Chairman to a National Officer status in effect that is what the proposal is. So that would require some work for a job description from the Program and Policy Committee...and tomorrow I may object to that.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

So maybe we could do that in later business.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That would have to be addressed at a future time once the position has been established.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

So as it stands now we would have to leave that position out.

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department of New York

I see.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. And the motion carries. Article 3, Section 7 on Committees, Brother Grim.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

This simply arranges the National Committees in alphabetical order. I would move that we accept the reports presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Seconded

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell. Discussion?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I would also add that the last line of that new proposed thing, it says organization as approved "B" it should be "by the National Encampment" to add that if we are going to make a change.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

To correct the typo?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Right.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any further discussion? Brother Pahl.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Can I have another minute cause I think I found a few that are not in the proposed.... History Committee. Is that there?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I do not see it Sir.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Graves Registration Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

No I do not see that either.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I would move to add those two as a friendly amendment, if that is accepted.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Brother Grim do you accept that?

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman, Robert E. Grim

Yes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright any further discussion? Yes Brother.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

May I make a suggestion that C&R Committee take a look and report back later in this Encampment and double check with the C&R to make certain that we got all of the Committees listed. There are several Committees not listed that we talked about just a second ago.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

Can we hold off on this particular one until later?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes we may.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Can I offer an amendment that would solve that problem?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, in going through these if it is discovered after the fact that a committee or office has been left out of the proposed list that is in the present version that it be ruled a grammatical error and authorize the committee or the National Counselor to publish in the new Regulations the correct officers and committees to reflect the present into the new current version.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

In light of what Brother Pahl's proposed would you withdraw your.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

I'll second that amendment.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And Brother Grim would you accept that treatment?

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

Yes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright then, that's referred over to C&R Committee. And I believe that completes your recommendation list.

National Committee on Constitution and Regulations Chairman Robert E. Grim

That concludes our report yes.

National Guard Jack Grothe

Commander-in-Chief, Credentials is back with a much more detailed report.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any further discussion? All in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

You voted on the amendment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. All those in favor of the amended motion say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Thank you. Motion Passed. Now we have back by popular demand report of the Credentials Committee in a more detailed form, Doctor Weber.

Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

Thank you Commander-in-Chief. To confirm our numbers we have 159 registrants. California Pacific 9, Colorado/Wyoming 1, Connecticut 7, Florida 1, Illinois 3, Indiana 5, Iowa 9, Kansas 5, Kentucky 5, Maine 6, Maryland 7, Massachusetts 12, Michigan 8, Missouri 7, Nebraska 1, New Hampshire 13, New Jersey 4, New York 8, Ohio 13, Oklahoma 2, Pennsylvania 15, Rhode Island 4, Tennessee 4, Texas 1 registrant has not appeared 0, Vermont 4, Wisconsin 6 and that concludes the report that I have as of the moment.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Pardon me Brother Weber, in your assessment those numbers that have just been read would it be correct to surmise that no Department has succeeded its allocated delegation number? Or has that not been checked yet.

Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

As total number we have on the allocations there may be a couple Departments that have more than their allocation. I think it is possible that perhaps New Hampshire may have more than its allocation and Massachusetts potentially could have more, but that is pretty much a guess.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright then, we will wait for your updated report.

Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island has six delegates here right now not 4.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Then I advise you to see Brother Weber at the lunch hour and see if you can get that corrected.

Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island

Thank you Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

National Encampment Site Committee PDC James Houston, chair.

National Encampment Site Committee Chairman James Houston

Just to paraphrase you have the first submitted report in your packet. I just want to advise you about the upcoming some upcoming Encampments. Next year Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that's 2006 hosted by the Department of Pennsylvania. In most of the packets that you got was also a flyer about the details of next year's event in Harrisburg. 2007 in St. Louis Missouri hosted by the Department of Missouri. I just want to also say that we are looking at Site potentials for 2008, 2009 and 2010. We have at least a half a dozen Departments who have already contacted the Committee and we are interviewing those Departments during this Encampment as to their potential for hosting the Encampment and our requirements. For those Departments that we know of that have had interest just might reiterate who they are. We have already talked to one Department of New York, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Michigan, California, Maryland. There may be more.

Stuart Stefany, Department of Illinois

Illinois for 2009.

National Encampment Site Committee Chairman James Houston

Well, you should contact me after we adjourn the meeting and we will arrange an interview with you. If there are any others and I was going to say that before the gentlemen from Illinois made a comment. If there are any others that are interested in hosting future Encampments please contact me and we will be glad to talk to you about the requirements of hosting future Encampments. Thank you Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brother Brad Schall.

National Fraternal Relations Committee Chairman Brad Schall

I have nothing to add Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

As the hour is close we will adjourn for lunch. I'll ask your attention while the Chaplain closes the Bible.

Lunch

124th National Encampment (Second Session Afternoon August 5, 2005)

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Reports of the National Standing Committees as we left off with the National Committee on Graves and Registration Brother Bob Lowe. Anything additional to report?

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

Commander, only one recommendation from the Graves Registration Committee this year. This Encampment or the Council of Administration grant approval to conduct an investigation/cost analysis toward the ultimate goal of contracting with a computer programmer for additional enhancements and functions to the National Graves Registration Database.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Glenn B. Knight, Department of Pennsylvania

I move that the recommendations of this committee and all future committees be taken up at the time they are presented and that without objection they be approved at the sound of the gavel.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There has been a motion made and do we have a second?

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Department of Pennsylvania seconds.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

A few

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion carries. The recommendation Brother Lowe, if you would restate that for us one more time.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

That the National Encampment or Council of Administration grant approval to conduct an investigation/cost analysis towards an ultimate goal of contracting with a computer programmer for additional enhancements and functions to the National Graves Registration Database.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Is there a motion to accept the recommendation?

National Counselor, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, I don't necessarily rise to object but I do rise to ask for a point of information as to what he is thinking and why?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Brother Lowe.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

Currently the National Graves Registration Database on-line was an ongoing project dating back a few years ago. It has come with inherited problems to it. Some that we have been able to correct

through our National Signals Officer and other ones are needed. There are suggestions in my report on page 19. There is also a major consensus here within certain Departments that the database itself was based on a cobalt system, which was archaic, fifteen or twenty years ago. That data cannot be uploaded in a modern manner to the database and also cannot be disseminated in many ways. With these considerations in mind, we need to either improve the additional database, which I know you are going to hear some objection to that, or maintain this database and also simultaneously start an investigation to have a new database created, which is going to cost some funds. Hence investigation/cost analysis conducted by myself or someone else the Commander-in-Chief appoints to do that, that maybe has more knowledge in computer programming than I. There has been a good reception, by and large, through to the National Database countywide, in some cases worldwide. But there are some inherit problems. It is taking the Graves Registration Committee, the four or five people on that, it is taking a great deal of time and effort, many, many, many hours. The workload for that committee has grown exponentially. And I can see the present way that the database is being handled, that it is going to get to a point where it is not going to be a feasible for a small committee to do this and maintain the security of the database. I don't know if that is proper or not if somebody would like to hit me over the head or something that's fine. Pardon me. Right here is fine.

Encampment

Laughter...

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

I would like to make one more comment. That the original Access-based database, unknowingly, was flawed. I did not realize that until we did some serious investigation after the last Encampment. I also, at the same time as the last Encampment received direction from the Counsel of Administration to proceed in a timely manner, thirty days, to proceed with the current database as it was created. I then played with the cards that I was dealt and did the best and the Committee did the best they could and I would like to see improvements. If not a new database, improvements on this one. I do not believe that we should go backwards and take the database off-line. It has been a great value to this Order.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Pahl.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I am going to object to the recommendation as stated and ask that, instead, the motion read as the current recommendation reads, but add the additional language that they be allowed to explore other software and with a view in mind of possibly changing the Graves Registration Database to an entirely different system and give the committee the authorization to look at that, in addition to enhancements and functions of the current base and I so move you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Knight seconded it. Alright, Brother Lowe would you accept that as a...

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

I would Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Any other requests for information or comments? Brother Twining.

Steve Twining, Department of Massachusetts

What I would like to know about the database, was that I was informed that it was on Microsoft Access and what my problem has been with it is just that I don't think that we have somebody that knowledgeable in Access to make the database as good as it could be. For example, and I'm not blaming anybody for this, I'm just making observations of some of the problems that may not be that expensive to change, and one of them is when you put in the data, you have a key, so every import gets a unique number. Because when somebody puts in John Smith is buried in Springfield Cemetery and you come back six months later and a John Smith in Springfield Cemetery belonged to the forty-ninth

Massachusetts and he enlisted on this date. How do you know who it is? You don't have a unique name and Bob has expressed that has been a problem.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

In my suggestions again on page twenty some of the things that we will be looking into are that the database could be searched for a.k.a. numbers, would be searchable. So you wouldn't have to put into a separate, individual entry for each a.k.a., also known as, surname. But to respond to Brother Twining's request, I have also put down there, if a Department, a Camp or an individual submitter was given an I.D., number there would be a coded number, so you are not giving out personal information. If that I.D. number could be put on each record as it is inputted and the National Graves Registration Officer would be the only one that would have the key to that, to know that submitter, if that was acceptable, this is something we could look at is an I.D. number rather than personal information and it would track back to the submitter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

If I understand some of these items being brought up are really specific and are covered by the umbrella of recommendations that you have made on page twenty for the benefit of the Brothers here. Alright. Brother Knight.

Glenn Knight, Department of Pennsylvania

I just wanted to comment that what we are doing here is giving the Committee the authority to do their job and I think we should do that, but in the process we should also be giving thought that as the Orders original Webmaster, as I recommended at that time to make sure that the databases that we are using are compatible one, with the other and that we have a standard, by which we operate the entire program of electronic communications. We need to keep on that continuously. If we correct this one problem why don't we correct them all if we have other problems and I think that it should be a little more comprehensive than just this one committee. But I think this needs to be approved.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Are there any objections to the recommendations?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

As amended.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Pardon me. As amended. Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, not an objection, not a change, just a point of information. The current database is not written in Access. It is a custom written database and a combination of Visual C Plus, some minor parts of Cobalt and other parts of it in Machine Language. It took three years to write it. It is not something off the shelf that you are going to be able to use. And that is why it is difficult to change it. Because when you change one thing you are affected several things.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

I understand what you are saying. We are having difficulty and there are many recommendations out there. Another one is that you would gain a list, say it was a cemetery, of every Civil War Veteran in that Cemetery. You now have to click on each individual one to bring up the actual data on them. But there is nowhere that you can view this in spreadsheet format. Say you were doing a Cemetery and you wanted to go up and double check, there is no way that you could just print out a sheet and take it with you to check the data that is there. That is something that would be desirable.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. We will hear one more comment from the brother in the back.

Kirby Bauman, Department of Ohio

I just wanted to make one point. The copy of the database that I was given is Microsoft Access and it was an obsolete form of Microsoft Access when it was given to me. And every time you go to duplicate the disk, it becomes up with an icon that says you are using an obsolete form, do you want to

convert to the new form and if you convert to the new form, then it can not be used on the old database. So, I'm no computer expert but that's what I get. Thank you.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

Sir, this is where the confusion lies. We are no longer using what was called Netgrade Access Database, that was started before we had any knowledge that we would be going on-line or a time frame for that. Now, if you are a Camp Graves Registration Officer or a Department Graves Registration Officer, you go into the database, you apply for a submitters account. Once it is approved, you now submit via your own computer for an authorized member of your camp or whoever has that submitters account. That information does not go into the database. It goes into a holding tank, awaiting approval of the National Graves Registration Committee. We check using census records from three databases to prove that they were indeed a Civil War Soldier before it is approved and entered into the database. I was just given today five thousand seventy-one records. I am going to have to key these in by hand at the rate of about one every three minutes because we cannot convert and upload. We can, but I've been told it is most difficult to do.

And certainly if we look into this recommendation if it is approved, I certainly would like to have some help. I am not wanting to take on this responsibility, because I am not a computer programmer. I am not that knowledgeable. I am a user. I can learn what I need to learn, but I am not the one that should make a decision as to what I can tell people what I think we ought to have on the database, but I don't know if it is feasible and I have talked to Nathan a little bit and he is not sure whether or not how far, if at all, he wants to go further with this.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

So let's restate the recommendation for the benefit of the body. That the Encampment delegation or Council of Administration grant approval to conduct an investigation cost analysis toward an ultimate goal of contracting a computer programmer for additional enhancements and functions to the National Graves Registration Database and that it is essentially allowing the Committee, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to pursue it with the amendment, that they can explore other software options. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

National Committee on Graves Registration Chairman Bob Lowe

Commander, thank you.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sir. Alright. National Committee on Legislation. Brother Dan Earl and that I believe is on page forty-two.

National Committee on Legislation Chairman Dan Earl

At last years Encampment, Brother Al Peterson PDC introduced a resolution providing for the restoration of Memorial Day to the traditional day of May 30, by way of signing petitions. That was referred to the legislation committee, which made a few punctuation changes and corrected the reference to Senate Bill 80. That is on page forty-four of the handout and with that I recommend that the resolution be adopted as amended by the committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

If there is no objection it is adopted. Thank you Brother Earl. National Committee on Membership, James B. Pahl Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl

Nothing additional, Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Military Affairs Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson.

National Committee on Military Affairs Chairman Elmer (Bud) Atkinson

Commander, I would like to hold off making my report until tomorrow. As you know the Military Affairs Committee only meets twice a year and we haven't had a chance to meet here and I do have a meeting called for right after our programs closes here today, with your permission I would like to hold my report off until tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That may be difficult because the Encampment Committee on recommendations will have to address that in time to make a report tomorrow, as well. Go ahead and you have an exception.

National Committee on Military Affairs, Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson

Okay, thank you Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Program and Policy Committee, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby.

Program and Policy Committee Chairman Donald Darby

I have no changes to the Committee's report, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. National Committee on Remembrance Day Past Commander-in-Chief Bud Atkinson, Co-Chair.

National Committee on Remembrance Day Co-Chairman Elmer (Bud) Atkinson

I would like to yield the floor to my Co-Chairman Brother Kuhn.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay because of an incident that occurred last year. How many, let me see a show of hands of who was all at Remembrance Day last year in Gettysburg. We had a bit of incident that occurred there last year. We had a regular, Pennsylvania National Guard Unit, that had approached us about three weeks before Remembrance Day and asked to participate in the parade. After discussion with the Remembrance Day Committee and the Officers of the General Staff of the SVR we had decided that we would like to keep the parade in a format representing the Union Soldiers and Sailors in period attire. So we respectfully sent an e-mail back to them saying thank you very much we appreciate the service you are doing your country, but we would like to keep this in a period format, where people are wearing blue and gray uniforms. Low and behold, in the middle of the parade, a unit stopped and they entered in the middle of the parade and this created a serious problem, because we had asked Brothers of this organization, who were serving in the current military at the time to not participate and they did not. And they were standing along the street when this other unit marched by. That really got to be an ugly situation. The Internet, as it may be, is a great tool for disseminating information but it is also a double edged sword. There all of a sudden became an Internet Website dedicated to bashing the SUVCW, because we were blank, blank, blank, blank for making a statement about this National Guard Unit entering the parade. So, we realized that there was never a set of rules for participation in the Remembrance Day Parade. So, through some of the things on this list here and you all can take a look at it. At the Council of Administration Meeting, that ended up in a long discussion last night, we decided to table this and bring it before the body for approval. There are some things that cannot be changed. They are pertinent to the location, which we form. For instance, like number 8; animals are not permitted on the school ground property. We have animals or horses riding up on the grass of the school we will lose the formation area. So, those types of rules cannot be changed but the number one listing here has probably created the most discussion last night and I would move that this body approve for the list of rules and regulations for Remembrance Day.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

First I would second it and ask Charlie if he would accept a friendly amendment changing it from rules to Policy.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

What would that do, as far as participation of the parade? We would still have control and say you have to comply with this policy. Okay I have no problem with that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there any objections?

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Objection.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Powell.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Brothers, I draw your attention to number one. The last two sentences imply the attire of the mid eighteen eighties is acceptable. Only the following will be allowed to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in a modern business suit or dress attire: that is, the Commander-in-Chief and the National Presidents of the Allied Orders. That means that any man in this room, that doesn't show up in a military uniform, cannot march in the Remembrance Day Parade. That is what this says and that is wrong. This is our event. Any Brother that shows up in a business suit, should be able to participate in that parade. I mean we are not asking for anything new, I've marched in business attire the last five years. Other units come from and they represent their Department, you'll have your Department colors and you'll have five, ten maybe fifteen guys from that Department marching together, all of the Sons march in business attire march behind the SVR. I don't see anything wrong with that. I mean, it's our unit, it's our parade, we should be able to do that and I think this has to be changed to allow it.

Joe Saliga, Department of New Jersey

I agree with Brother Powell. The purpose of the parade is to honor the memory of the veterans of the GAR. It is not to demonstrate a membership in either the SVR or some other reenactment unit. I have marched in the parade myself. I do not have military dress or period dress, but I do enjoy the participation in being able to show my appreciation for the work of the veterans and I think that is the purpose of the parade is to honor those veterans. And I think that any member of the Sons of Union Veterans who is in appropriate business attire should be allowed to participate in a parade and I think that is the proper way to go. I agree with Brother Powell.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

It was my great honor to be part of a Color Guard from Ithica, New York Camp# 41 to march as requested by then Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler in the Remembrance Day Parade. If you go with this, that would not have been possible. Our Color Guard is white shirts, black pants, black shoes, black ties and khakis. And that certainly doesn't say that is OK in here, so I would not be in favor of us being excluded to that extent.

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

I am not in favor of this motion as it stands. We have been working with a Camp for many years now, getting it back on its feet in Pennsylvania. We have gotten them to the point, where they have formed a Camp Guard. This camp was almost dead three years ago and under Brother Kuhn's administration as our Department Commander, we started to revive them. These men do not have the financial means, nor do they desire to dress in full military attire and yet they do want to come down to Gettysburg and march in the parade. If this passes, they won't be able to and it just makes keeping this Camp harder to do. So, I am strongly against this motion.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

This is an information thing, I think. Does one assume that business attire also means the uniform of retired military, active duty, National Guard and Reserve people who are presently serving or who have served?

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

That's the problem right there.

Charles Funk, Department Missouri

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri. May I suggest, that number ten be added and that basically would be in reference to that, since the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by being members are not required to wear a period uniform that they may fall in at the rear of the uniform gentlemen and still be able to participate? It has been noted that this is an affair not just of reserve or of re-enactors but it is an affair where the procession includes all men of the Civil War Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War. I propose that a ten paragraph in there that would open up the policy that these people could also join in and that possibly another number eleven, in that anybody else, for instance, we've got a gentlemen that just came back from Iraq, he will be here Saturday at the banquet. That these people also may be able to join in after we have done this with Sherman Day where those people who are in civilian clothes of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War also join a procession but after the uniform people. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will hear one more objection. If there is one.

David Proper, Department of New Hampshire

I support Brother Powell's motion that this should not be adopted in the form that it is. That people should be permitted to march in that parade in appropriate attire but not necessarily historic uniforms.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

May I rebut this?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes you may.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay I mean I'm not being a villain here. I would like to see all the members of the organization in uniform but being Provost Marshall for the parade creates a real nightmare. I had Boy Scouts show up last year. I had other civilian groups show up. I saw a guy in a Confederate uniform totally in red dressed like Santa Claus with bells on his feet walking around. Okay, and that is the truth, the gospel truth. Eric stood out at the angle and he said, "Look at that going there." Where does this end, if we don't set a line here? Where does it end? We say that we are allowing modern business attire for the Commander-in-Chief and the heads of the Allied Orders. Now the women will want to be in the parade too. Are we going to allow them in the parade and maybe next, we are going to allow patriotic individuals or organizations to participate, like the JROTC. The Boy Scouts were there and they were told that they could march with a re-enactment unit that was there. Okay, somebody told them they could march with them and in reality this is a unique parade. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world. We have the distinction of having that parade and I'll tell you what, folks, if you stand at the bottom of Baltimore Hill and watch the Union Units come over the top with the flags flying, you will think you see a division of the Army of the Potomac coming down the street. I mean it is just so unbelievable and like I say, I don't object to the fact that people wish to have members of the organization. I feel strongly that at some point, we have to say enough is enough, because if we allow them, what about in six months from now or six years from now? Somebody comes from the K.K.K. and they want to be in or from the Neo-Nazis and they want to be in. I had a guy that wanted to pull a hearse last year. You know you have to set a line and you got to stand firm. I hate to say that, but this is the only way we are going to get around it so it's got to be period.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr Department of Pennsylvania

I think we are losing sight the fact that Remembrance Day is four distinct events. The Parade is an SVR activity. Who marches in it, is up to the SVR, That is not a National Organization activity. The ceremony involving the monument is the National Organization program and activity. And there is the Past Commander's and Past President's of South Central Pennsylvania banquet. And the Military Ball,

run by the Ball Committee. So we got four different activities in one day and this really is under the purview of the SVR. It is up to them who they allow in that parade.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. By coincidence, we have the Commanding General of the SVR.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

Commander-in-Chief, to you and through you to the Brothers here assembled, I am probably the one that made the biggest decision last year, not to allow that 109th to march in the parade and believe me I'm retired Navy, I'm a flag waiving, apple pie eating individual. This unit just came back from Iraq and believe me, it is a hard decision to have to make. Do you allow a unit that's over here, trying to defend democracy, trying to establish freedom and then you don't allow them to march in a parade? Well, we had to sit back and take a look. What is the design of this parade? What's it for? You will sit there and ask this question? There are about a hundred and fifty people in here. You will have a hundred and fifty different answers. Okay, some say it's to remember Woolson. Albert Woolson was never there. If Remembrance Day is for Woolson, the Confederates should never be there. If it is to honor the Union men that died there, the Confederates should not be there. So, we need to establish first what's the purpose of Remembrance Day. Now, when this Unit – we were very polite going to them and saying we appreciate your service, however, there are other avenues for you to represent. There is Veterans Day Parades, there is Memorial Day Parades, there is the Fourth of July Parade and we are trying to stay period. And the Commander-in-Chief and I very much worked together with Charlie Kuhn on the Urinary Olympics that ensued after that parade was over.

Encampment

Laughter.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

So you have to really sit back, we do have to draw a line. I think that the Remembrance Day Parade now is to remember the individuals that fought and died there, irregardless of what side they fought on. Okay, if we do allow all the civilian attire, as I am hearing all of the discussion here, and believe me I do appreciate that, I do. If there is a separate division that could be made, just for civilian attire and so forth. But if we don't do something, we are going to have every organization, especially in November, following elections. You are going to have the politicians marching, you are going to have the fire trucks in there some time, you are going to open it up. That's why we sat down and said this should be uniform, except for the current presiding National Officers. That way, it is going to eliminate any of the what if's that appear on assembly day. So, that is the reason why a lot of this came up and I think you all needed to know that background. For many years, we had an active duty Colonel marching with us at the head of the General Staff and then standing at the parade field. He came this year to march and two weeks later he was deployed to Iraq. I had to make that unpleasant decision to tell him, you cannot march this year in this parade because of the decision we had to make. And then he stood on the sideline and saw that unit break in and then march. So, there was a lot of stuff that happened. So, I do support what the Committee has come up with and I hope you can all understand. I understand your situations, where we are members of the Sons, we want to be represented and so forth but when you are looking at six thousand participants you're not going to make six thousand happy. Thank you very much, Commander-in-Chief.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

This is my second time up and this will be my last time. Did we advise them what was approved last night? After what occurred last November Remembrance Day, the Remembrance Day Committee was asked to come up with an intent and purpose for Remembrance Day and this is what we came up with. "Remembrance Day is a time to honor those who have gone before us through the blood and suffering of the American Civil War, Our Forefathers. Regardless of their sacrifices, whether on the field of Gettysburg or some other Civil War Battlefield. It is also a time to remember President Lincoln's immortal Address." That is the purpose of Remembrance Day that was approved by the Council of Administration.

Brother Orr pointed out very clear. There are four different functions on that day run by different groups and if you look at the overall there are a lot of different functions that the re-enactor units do separate from what we do. But for us, importance is what the Grand Army did, that is our Forefathers and that is the day we remember them.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Kuhn. Brother Orr has suggested that this really is part of the SVR to set the policy for participation and I think we need to get a sense if what are the wishes of the body here.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I believe one if not, well now two, if not three, C of A meetings ago the SUVCW took charge of the entire Remembrance Day. From Zero-Eight Hundred until Midnight that night and so, it is not a SVR decision; it is now a SUVCW decision based on the vote of the Council of Administration two to three meetings ago.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you are there any other requests for information regarding these roles?

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

Point of information that Brother Darby gave to the Encampment. The Remembrance Day banquet is still run by the Past Commander's, Past President's Association of Pennsylvania, it is not run by the National Organization.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I stand corrected on that Commander-in-Chief. The banquet is on it's own but the parade and the other things are the Sons.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

Commander-in-Chief, for the last time to you and the Brothers, who are assembled, again, I'm not for this or against. You've heard me state the reason why we came up with the decision. When you vote on this particular legislation, consider the ramifications what way it can affect all the way across because there were some real problems.... If you had the opportunities to view the Websites, and believe me, Commander Michaels and I were called everything, every colored metaphor you could think of someone ever knew of. Really sit back and think about what kind of ramifications it's going to have. Keep the theme of why we have Remembrance Day and what we are trying to do, both North and South. Whether you like the South or not, what we are really trying to do in preserving history and that is the only thing that I am asking you to consider when you are casting your ballot on this. Thank you Commander-in-Chief.

Glenn Knight, Department of Pennsylvania

I'm concerned that the Council of Administration is able to make such a sweeping decision and not have it challenged by the body. This is the authority, this Encampment is the authority for running the Organization, not the Council of Administration in a quite room some place. How many people, six or seven people, get together and decide what's going to happen for the Organization? I think if this happened, it should be brought up on the floor at this point and a decision should be made whether or not that was the right decision to make for the Organization. I don't think the Council of Administration actually has the authority to do that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I'm unclear to what decision.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you to send this back to the Committee to take into consideration the comments that we have made here relevant to item one. And, that the Remembrance Day Committee be empowered to adopt whatever rules they feel necessary for this year.

Several

Second

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion has been moved and seconded. Any discussion?

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I think we need to resolve this here and now. We will look like a bunch of wishy-washy people here, coming back in one year. We have this set of rules this year and next year we got another set of rules. Let's face it, people don't read the rules anyhow. When they go, we got an extra sheet this time, oh, here is a new set of rules, and they will comply with them. Next year they will get the another sheet, even though there are changes, they won't even look at them. I think we need to resolve this issue now, once and for all. It's over and done with, we move ahead. Like I say, I'm torn between this though. We need to come with up some decision. We need to have a set of rules for participation in the parade.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

The reason that we are talking about this is that a National Guard man, I guess it was, was told not to march and we want some regulations to determine who is going to go. I just hate to see a blanket thing that says that if I, as a Sons of Union Veteran Member, which supports everything that the organizations SVR and SUVCW is all about, can't march in a parade because I am not a special officer. I think it excludes things like Sidney Camp's Color Guard, if they should happen to want to come along and march. You know these are Sons, they should be able to participate. I'm adamantly for excluding all the things that need to be excluded, I just don't want to see us exclude Sons of Union Veterans and SVR members, that are not dressed in some type of special uniform or are special people. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother.

Colonel Henry Shaw, Adjutant General SVR

With knowledge of some certain amount of what is being done in the SVR. It is my understanding that the acrimony, such as it is, has to do with the last sentence of the first paragraph. Indeed the paragraph numbered one. It crossed my mind and I think I sent a note out to Charlie and to Bud, that a sentence perhaps could defuse a lot of things, if it is worded in this fashion. "Through a tradition established forty-nine years ago only the following...." and so on. And then that would perhaps address the folks that are in civvies. I'll just pass that along for what I passed along to Charlie and to Bud. Perhaps that would defuse it, okay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Sure. I'll hear one more comment from Brother Proper.

David Proper, Department of New Hampshire

I'll just make a quick comment. I've gone down for Remembrance Day for a number of years. I would be privileged to march in the parade, but I can't because I don't have a uniform. My Great Grandfather fought at Gettysburg with the 14th Vermont and a Great Grand Uncle was killed at Gettysburg with the 5th New Hampshire. But I can't participate in the parade up to this point, unless I have a military uniform and I'm not a military person.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

A point of information this raises. You said about established forty-nine years ago. Over the years, we have allowed Brothers to be in, that were in regular business suit attire and we allowed members of our organization, who are serving in the armed forces currently, to wear their class A uniforms. So, it's really not a tradition. I could show you photographs in the file there, when that thing was dedicated, there at Zigler's Grove and there were people of all different types of clothing you know. So it really isn't a tradition. Okay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There is a motion and a second on the floor.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

Point of information.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes Brother.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York.

Does that mean based on what's been said that members, that are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War could march in the parade in business attire. I'm not sure....

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania, what we are going to vote on is whether it goes back to committee and then comes back next year to the floor here or whether we are going to decide it.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That's the amendment.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

That's what we are deciding right now is that correct.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

You are correct Sir.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Grothe

Jack Grothe, Department of Missouri

We are famous for the Missouri Compromise.

Encampment

Laughter.

Jack Grothe, Department of Missouri

Gentlemen. The problem involves the definition of business suit. Personally, I wouldn't mind seeing some-what those camp followers would look like in a parade. You know, business - that is putting it to an extreme and a little levity. What I am trying to say is, look at the group here. We can have various ideas. I think the gentlemen with the blue blazers, the emblem of the Sons, blue, khaki, whatever. If the Sons would decide on what the broad definition of business suit would be or attire, and it comes to the point where, yes they can. I'm not expressing my opinion on yeah or neigh, but that might help some of the situation.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. I think we have heard enough comments and I think if it was sent back to committee that would be one opportunity that they would have to refine the language. There is a motion and a second on the floor to accept this—these rules for this year and to send it back to committee for refinements for future Remembrance Day Events, if I have restated that motion correctly. Close, alright. All those in favor say aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay then we will take a hand vote. All those in favor raise your hand. National Secretary, if you would and Brother Chaplain, will you do a count as well.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright put your arms down. Those against please raise your hands.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The nays have it. Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Commander, I would amend my motion into two parts since two through nine are no brainers I would move you that we accept number two through nine and then we will discuss one.

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Second

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay discussion. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. That passes. Thank you.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York. I would suggest then an amendment to number one, that where it says, "Only the following will be allowed to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire." Remove the titles of the National Presidents, Commander-in-Chief and put "Members of the Sons of Union Veterans, Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Members of Women's Relief Corp, Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons." As a Son of a Union Veteran because I don't have a uniform and whether I do or don't, doesn't make a difference, but we cannot disallow anybody who falls within the purview of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who is responsible for this parade. Every member in good standing has a right to participate in that parade, provided they are properly dressed. If we do that, we would be allowed to participate, based on if you look around the meetings of the women as well as us, we would all be appropriately dressed today. I think most people would agree with and I think that we have a responsibility we cannot deny members of an organization, whose ancestors have fought and died to deny them the right to participate in this very important parade. Thank you.

Encampment

Many seconds.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I have a question on that. Are we going to include the members of the SCV too?

Paul Ellis, Graham, Department of New York

Of course.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

They're not listed on here so we are going to tell other people who had ancestors who fought and died in Gettysburg whether they wore the gray or not.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

Well I think then I would include them also. I think if that group has already participated in the parade I wouldn't....

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Well they have been participating in, but by this set of rules, you are going to require them to wear a Confederate uniform. Whereas, you have Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, who may come attired as we do in a coat and tie and march. I'm just saying, if you are going to do that then we need to include them.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

Well, I guess then I'm asking for information on that point. Are you saying that you would support that then, is that correct?

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'm not telling what I'm supporting one way or the other. I'm just saying I need a decision made here so that I can go back to Remembrance Day this year and enforce that decision at the parade. So, if we want all the members of all the Allied Orders to participate in modern dress clothes, and it should say Class A Uniform of the United States Military also, to specify if you are going to say that's dress attire. Is that correct? That absolutely is dress attire so a modern military person can wear their modern military outfit.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brothers, there has been a motion and a second made and we'll hear two more points of discussion starting with Brother Medert.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

Commander-in-Chief, to you and the Brothers assembled. Along with the amendment that he is proposing, if we are going to go ahead and permit this to happen and I support well a lot of people are saying, I understand what they are saying. I would like to suggest, since we are voting on whether to permit them to wear civilian clothes or not, that if we do, that the members of the Allied Orders and the Sons that are going to be in civilian attire, if you are a Son, you are in a blue sport coat, white shirt and tie and they march ahead of the uniform branches. They are going to lead the parade. The Sons of Union Veterans and all those will lead the parade and then following that point on is going to be your uniformed people. Because I've got to stand up and address the entire assembly of people up there on the Parade Commander's Meeting and say this is what's going to be permitted. And I already know there is going to be some of what I like to use, Urinary Olympics that's going to arise. So I think if you are going to go ahead and allow people in civilian clothes to dress, which I do understand why we want to do that. They lead the parade and then you got the SVR Color Guard and the SVR General Staff and then the uniformed people after that following in as Brother Kuhn goes ahead and puts them in. That would be my suggestion.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. One more point of discussion.

Stuart Stefany, Department of Illinois

I really don't see what the issue was with having the National Guard shut out. I think everybody that served in the Civil War served from different states and militias. Illinois, Wisconsin, they're all National Guard people. I don't see why modern National Guard be closed out. Why don't we have a parade where everyone is in period uniform and people in modern uniform, who are serving our country, in the back?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Stewart. Do you have a point of information Brother McNulty?

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

I have a point to make.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright.

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

I propose a friendly amendment to the point of allowing the five Allied Orders to parade in civilian attire. I would add to that that they must wear their Membership Badge.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And Brother that introduced the motion do you accept that? Thank you. There is a motion and a second.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

Can I possibly talk one more time? Seriously, it is a valid point that this should also include the Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of the Confederacy. You cannot avoid that they march in uniform if somebody from those organizations comes and wants to march in a proper business attire they should be allowed.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That would have to be addressed separately as the motion only refers to these Allied Orders that are listed in front of you, at this time.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I'll make it a friendly amendment.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll second that friendly amendment. Commander-in-Chief, Would you like me to read this?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Please do.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Now this is the last sentence. The first part of the paragraph is going to remain the same. Only the following will be allowed to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Women's Relief Corps, Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Members of the United Daughters of Confederacy and Members of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars and also the Confederate Rose.

National Counselor, James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of Order.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Pahl.

National Counselor, James B. Pahl

James Pahl, Michigan and also designated as parliamentarian of this Organization. We have determined at the beginning of this meeting to run this meeting by Robert's Rules of Order and I have the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. It is entitled Friendly Amendments. Regardless of whether or not the maker of the main motion accepts the amendment it must be open to debate and voted on formally. So, we can't informally amend a motion by friendly amendment and getting the person that made the amendment to agree and second it I think is controversial. I think we need to vote on each of these amendments separately, because it opens a couple of different doors, that many of us may not want to walk through, that may have supported the original motion unamended. So I would ask you formally, vote on each of these "friendly amendments," before the main motion as amended then maybe or maybe not comes before this body, given the scope and tenor of what we are doing.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, working backwards then. We have a friendly amendment I believe from Brother Theetge adding the Confederate Organizations.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Right, that was for all the Confederate Organizations that I read through.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Right, alright. Those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Very well, a hand count. All those in favor of accepting the Confederate Organizations in paragraph one raise your hand.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright those are a clear majority of 109 for. The next friendly amendment.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay, you are saying, require everybody in modern clothing to wear the Badge of their Order whether it be SCV or SUV or whatever you are allowed to march but you must wear the Badge?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Correct. We had a motion in a sense with the amendment but I don't recall that anybody seconded that at that time. Do we have a second? Alright Brother Hart will second it. Alright. All those in favor say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Okay, carried. And I believe we are at the main motion. We didn't miss any friendly amendments. Brother Jerry Carroon.

Jerry Carroon, Department of Connecticut

I think we ought to add the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. I move that as an amendment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Brother Carroon has made a friendly amendment if I understand correctly to include the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, is there a second.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, Department of Michigan

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Keith Harrison second. Alright, all those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. Thank you. That passed. Main motion as amended. Brother, would you care to restate the motion.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

Okay, that we take the second paragraph and replacing all of the titled officers with members of the groups that have been identified already, Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Women's Relief Corp, Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army and Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons. In addition you have added in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Confederate groups. So members of those organizations in proper business attire and Membership Badge of their organization as we stated.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

So he has made the motion, is there a second. Second by Brother Dan Hans from Florida.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, is this the original amendment to the recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes it is. Yes it is. Moved and seconded. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion carries. You need to adopt the whole paragraph as amended. Okay.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I will move you that we adopt paragraph one, as amended, and I will read it to the best of my ability. All those participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will be attired in American Civil War era attire or Grand Army Republic Uniform, Military Uniforms worn will either be United States or Confederate States Military originals or reproductions or Grand Army Republic originals or reproductions. Civilian attire of the mid eighteenth hundreds is acceptable. Only the following will be allowed to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire with their Badges affixed, Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Women's Relief Corp., Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Members of the Order of Stars and Bars, Members of the Order of Confederate Rose.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Alright. We have a motion and a second all those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Several

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion carries.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

Commander-in-Chief if I may one more time. Those who all voted here and in discussing this I encourage you to come down to Remembrance Day this year and participate, please. Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright anything else from the Remembrance Day Committee?

Encampment

Laughter...

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Gentlemen from my clock it is twenty minutes of three. We will take a ten-minute break to be back here by two fifty. Gentlemen, the Chaplain will close the Bible.

Break

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Once we broke here we have not included everybody in that list. We did not include Associates and Juniors. They are not all members. An associate is not a member there is a distinguishing between the two of them. There are Honorary Members. So we have to include them. I would recommend that we change Members to Brothers of our Order and Sisters of all the other Allied Orders and add Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. That is my motion.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby

I will second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. It has been seconded. All those in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. Passed. Thank you. Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I rise to object to the Remembrance Day Report as it is filed and printed. It used the term profit. We do not make a profit on anything. It is an invalid term in anything that we do.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Looking on what page forty....

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Page forty-eight second paragraph, second line, one, two, three, four, fifth word. It should either be net proceeds or excess income, it is never a profit.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And Brother Atkinson as chair of that committee would you accept that change?

National Remembrance Day Committee Chairman, Elmer (Bud) Atkinson

We will change it to excess income.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

National Treasurer Max Newman

I'll second that motion.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Seconded by National Treasurer. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carries. Moving right along. I would like to recognize some deserving Brothers of the Order for their distinguished service over the last year. Among them PDC Alan L. Russ and PDC Kenneth R. Spergeron from the Department of Kansas. PDC Alan L. Russ for recruiting four new members into our Order during the last year and PDC Kenneth R. Spergeron recruiting five members into our Order during last year. These Brothers have been appointed National Aides.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

From the Department of Michigan, a Meritorious Service Award has been presented to both Past Camp Commander Neal F. Breugh and Past Camp Commander Bill Skillman both of Robert Finch Camp# 14, Department of Michigan in recognition of their efforts in raising eighty thousand dollars toward the restoration of the Grand Traverse County Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Traverse City, Michigan. Thus, preserving the memory of the soldiers and sailors, who honorably served and sacrificed to save the Union from 1861 to 1865.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

A Meritorious Service Award is hereby presented to Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard L. Greenwalt, in recognition of his twenty-nine years of service as the Department of Ohio's Secretary/Treasurer and his thirty years of service as that Department's Encampment Organizer and Host, thus preserving the continuity and professionalism of our Order, as well as the memory of the soldiers and sailors, that honorably served and sacrificed and saved the Union during 1861 to 1865. Brother Greenwalt.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Marshall Hope Award recognizes outstanding Camp and Department Newsletters and these were first recognized by Past Commander-in-Chief Lowell Hammer, starting in 1992. The Camp with the most outstanding newsletter this year awarded the Marshall Hope Award is Lieutenant Commander Edward Lea, U.S. Navy Camp# 2, Department of the Southwest, for its newsletter, Harriett Lane, edited by Brother Michael J. Lance. The Department with the most outstanding newsletter is this year awarded to Massachusetts for its newsletter, Clarion Call, edited by Brother Ray Rodriguez.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Benjamin Franklin Stephenson Award was established in 1996 and recognizes the Brother who is the top recruiter during the past year. This year's recipient is Brother John Hart, who has recruited twenty-six new members into our Order.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

His goal is to recruit the entire city of Scranton by the 2007 Encampment.

Encampment

Laughter and clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award is presented to the most successful new Camp and this award was first presented in 2003 in memory of our late Past Commander-in-Chief, Joseph S. Rippey. Each year, we charter several new Camps. Many times, they are left to struggle on their own and seldom are they recognized for their successes. In an effort to encourage new Camps, we give an award to the Camp that has accomplished the most during its first year of existence. This year's recipient is the Department of Maryland's Colonel James Brady Camp# 63, headquartered in Petersburg Virginia. During its first year, the camp has worked on G.A.R. Post research and submitted information to the G.A.R. records project on local G.A.R. Posts and are continuing to research other Posts; Taking an active roll in the new draft management plan for Petersburg Battlefield, assisted in the founding of the Friends of the Petersburg Battlefield non-profit, whose main task is to date to resurrect the Defense and Plank Roads as viable Civil War sites. Cleared overgrowth and has sought to install as many as eight new interpretative markers for the next couple of years, as funds become available. A gentlemen who started the camp newsletter even before he was initiated into the Order, was active in publishing the newsletter, the Harp, on a regular basis and in addition, plans to carry out their services for Memorial Day. So it is with great pleasure that I award this to the Department of Maryland's Colonel James Brady Camp# 63.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

As now Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, one of the members of my Program and Policy Committee suggested that we give the new Camp something that they can actually use, rather than something to hang on the wall. So it is with great pleasure that I award you this gavel.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We have the August P. Davis, and Conrad Linder Award begun as the Honorable Award back in 1969 was replaced by the Howland Award in 1981. The Davis-Linder Award is presented to the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership during the fiscal year. In 2003, it went to the Department of New York. In 2004 to the Department of Ohio, and in this year it gives me great pleasure to present this award to the Department of Pennsylvania.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The U.S. Grant Cup was begun in 1939 and named for Ulysses S. Grant. This award is the longest continuously awarded recognition in its original form. It is presented to the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership. Four years ago this Department had approximately sixty members and now it is well over one hundred members and still growing, adding two new Camps, so far this year. Last year, the Department received the U.S. Grant Cup and the Department Commander was

very optimistic that the award would be theirs for the next year or two. Gentlemen, the challenge has been given. It is my pleasure to present the U.S. Grant Cup to the Department of Kansas.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award was created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Alan Moore and has been issued each year since by the Commander-in-Chief for the most outstanding Camp during his term in office. This years recipient is the Department of Ohio's Colonel Henry Banning Camp# 207, Headquartered in Mount Vernon, Ohio, a city under fifteen thousand people. The Camp's reports, and this is important, the Camps reports and per capita are always submitted on time.

Encampment

Laughter...

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Camp, aside from that, took a leadership role at their community David Emmet Music and Arts Festival, conducting a flag raising ceremony, marching in the parade, conducting a gravesite ceremony and a Civil War living history, which demonstrated drill and camp life. The Camp participated in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony by Governor Robert Taft, inducting their Camp's namesake. The Camp hosted a Civil War Ball at the Memorial Building, which was well attended by the Allied Orders, and the public, with proceeds donated to Civil War Preservation Projects. During Mt. Vernon's bi-centennial on June 18, the Camp represented the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons in a two-hour parade and celebration program. On Memorial Day, the Camp members decorated all Veterans Graves with flowers per General Logan's General Order. For nearly a decade, the Brothers of this Camp raised funds for the restoration of the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry Monument. This monument is at Gettysburg, a six-hour drive away from them. The restoration was completed this year and the Camp organized a public rededication ceremony on the battleground on June 11th. These accomplishments are especially remarkable when one learns that this is a Camp of only twelve members. Interestingly, forty-nine years ago tomorrow, this Camp's Fife and Drum Corp played at the funeral of Albert Woolson in Duluth, Minnesota. It is with great pleasure that I give the Henry Banning Camp# 207 this year's Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award was also created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Alan W. Moore and has been issued each year since to a Commander-in-Chief's choice for the most outstanding Brother during his term in office. It has been my very great pleasure to meet dozens of Brothers this past year that are doing splendid things to honor those who helped save the Union. Thus, selecting one Brother for our highest praise has been a real challenge for me. This Brother's selection was based on his tireless work, which makes him an ideal recipient. He serves as the Department Graves Registration Officer, as well as a member of several committees. He never misses a meeting or an event in his Camp. He attends forty-two events a year, some of them as far away as four hundred miles and attends as many as thirty Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and still finds time to serve as Vice President of a local Civil War Roundtable and preside over the Veterans Day Committee. As Camp Project Officer he has organized the fundraising to replace the G.A.R. Cemetery Flag Pole, which was lost in a recent storm and a Last Soldiers Plaque, to be placed nearby. He has spent endless hours inputting Graves Registration data and names of tens of thousand of Union Soldiers who were only recently found in dozens of dusty boxes in Los Angeles. Brother Bob Lowe was appointed National Graves Registration Officer last year. His diplomatic and constructive prodding was instrumental in putting our Order's nine years of information gathering into an on-line database. He has persevered since the database went on-line on February 22, addressing discrepancies, answering questions and setting policy. Other

organizations have taken note of our superior Graves Registration Resource. His dedication to our Order and his belief in the BOYS IN BLUE are readily apparent. For those reasons and more he is awarded this year's Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And finally, we have the Founders Award. This recognition was established by Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr in 1998 and is presented a maximum of once per year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. The Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Council of Administration, presents this recognition. A permanent plaque with the names of the recipients is maintained at the National Headquarters of the SUVCW. No member of the SUVCW or any organization, which is part of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., is eligible for this award. The recipient for the calendar year 2005 is Miss Margaret Morrison of Redfield, Iowa. The Redfield G.A.R. Building was built in 1866 and served as the both the meeting place of the G.A.R. as well as the Women's Relief Corps, but in recent years the building has fallen into a state of disrepair. Allocating community funding for the restoration of the building was extremely controversial, but over the last eight or nine years Margaret Morrison developed an awareness in funding sources in order to preserve the building. The first floor was reopened to the public as a museum this past June 4th. So I would ask someone from the Department of Iowa to come forward to pass our congratulations and our gratitude on to Miss Margaret Morrison.

Encampment

Clapping.

National Guard Jack Grothe

Commander excuse me.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes Sir.

National Guard Jack Grothe

The National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army Republic Greetings Committee are waiting outside for your pleasure.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. May we have a team of escorts for the ladies and would you please admit them?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

While we are waiting, Henry Shaw, could you stand and identify yourself. There were some Brothers looking to get into the SVR Breakfast tomorrow and had some difficulty doing so.

Colonel Henry Shaw, Adjutant General SVR

I am sorry, but we are at a hundred and two and that's all we can accommodate. We are not accepting any more reservations. Sorry about that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, thank you Sir. Do we have any announcements in the interim? Yes Brother.

John Mills, Department of Kentucky

I wanted to relate to you some information that might be helpful both to the SVR and other Camps. I'm in the Color Guard for the American Legion and they get stipends from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the funeral honors that they render amounting to sixty dollars per funeral. Well I checked into it to see whether or not the Sons of Union Veterans were qualified for that, because the things we do down there for unmarked graves, ordering stones and putting them in cemeteries, where you run into expenses. So I found out that we were qualified for that as well. So, I suggest that you check with your Department of Veterans Affairs in the various states and see if your camp can, which we have a hard time raising money for that purpose, if they can tap into some of these funds for this function and it will continue to enable you to continue more good work. That is all. If you need to talk to me about it in more depth you can get a hold of me over here. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Guard, are we ready to admit the ladies? Thank you. National President would you like to address the Brothers.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

With your permission I would like to have our Senior, Past National President Betty Cook.

Past National President Elizabeth Bloch, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

National Commander-in-Chief, I am proud to bring the greetings of the Ladies in the Grand Army of the Republic. We are here as all Past National Presidents and I just happen to be the oldest one.

Encampment

Laughter.

Past National President Elizabeth Bloch, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

I bring you our greetings and we are so happy to be here. I was very much attached to the Commander-in-Chief at one time, Elton Cook and we are just happy to be a part of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army Republic and we are happy to be here to see what a great delegation you have. I have one remark I would like to make when I look around how great your delegation is and how small we have gotten. Now I just have one request you all have wives, daughters, granddaughters, whatever, girlfriends, anything.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander- in- Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sister.

Encampment

Clapping.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Commander Steve, first of all it has been a great, great pleasure co-mingling with you this year.

Encampment

Laughter.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

His wife was frequently not along, I should tell you, but anyway.

Encampment

Laughter.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

First of all let me give you a little token of my esteem.

Commander- in- Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Secondly, and this is a shameless plug. I will give you one of these; the Ohio Department of the Ladies are selling these. They are beautiful. They are calling them sun catchers, but you could do a lot of other things with the badge and they are very nicely done. So, that also is for each of you.

Commander- in- Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

National President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

And if I may make a couple of comments to you gentlemen. As always, I need to thank you. Whenever I have contacted any of you in any way for information or help or advice or what have you, you have always been more than generous with offering and extending anything that was needed. I would like to thank you. You are probably not aware of this, but Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison had offered last year, space from your Website, if we should happen to desire to return to it, and the Ladies voted to do so. So with your permission, if you are not aware, we would like to return to your Website for awhile. And I will be working with your Webmaster and with Keith himself, if necessary,

to make this happen. We need to beef things up. We've had a problem with our current site. So, we know you guys can help us, and we will be working with you in that capacity. I wanted to mention, I know Commander Michaels had sent me a letter some months ago respectfully requesting that we increase the amount that we pay as an organization to the Encampment Committee for the running of the National Encampment. We will be putting in the five hundred and fifty this year rather than the four hundred.

I thank you all for your help and your good wishes this year and we look forward to working with you in the future and we hope you are having as good and productive Encampment as we are. And again Steve thank you, I've enjoyed it and Danielle knows, ha-ha-ha...

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sister Lynn. I've asked Brother Chuck Corfman to give the formal response from the Sons. Brother Corfman.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman, Department of Ohio

Thank you. It is always a pleasure to have the Ladies of the Grand Army visit us and particularly the entire Past Presidents and Betty, I hesitate to comment, but this morning in our Grand Opening I ended up being introduced as the Second Senior Past Commander-in-Chief, so it begins, that time is being a little rough on us. But, it always brightens our day to have you come in here, and particularly, as people that I've worked with for many years and appreciate very much and we thank you very much for coming in. Thank you, Betty.

Encampment

Clapping as the Ladies exit.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Harrison.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

Thank you. Just a point of information. For those who don't know, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were never taken off the Web. They were basically just redirected and they have permission to use our server for free, as do all the other Allied Orders, when it was originally set up.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Before we move into the reports of the National Special Committees, I believe we missed a National Officer Report. Alan Russ, PDC, Membership-at-Large Coordinator. Brother Russ did you have anything.

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Alan Russ

Nothing further to add to the report but in the tradition of the National Membership-at-Large, we donate our excess funds to the National Organization. I would like to present our Treasurer with a check for twelve hundred dollars.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund Brother Kuhn.

National Committee on Heritage Defense Fund Chairman Charlie Kuhn

Nothing to add.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, which is made up of three, elected Council of Administration members, the three Senior members on the Council and this year chaired by PDC, Robert Petrovic.

Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri

Nothing to add to the report.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. The National Committee on Rituals and Ceremonials, Past Commander-in-Chief, George Powell chair.

National Committee on Ritual and Ceremony Chairman George Powell

I direct your attention to the appendix, appendix F. We were given a packet of information with items of suggested changes. They will be found on pages F8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. These were ones that we didn't get to. We did get to one, which starts, on page F2, 2005 changes. Speaking about the Ritual we have sections titled Ceremonies for Camps, Ceremonies for Department Encampments and Ceremonies for National Encampments. Then, in each section we find Opening Ceremonies and Closing Ceremonies. Note that even though there is only one actual ceremony, that is being performed, we have the word, "ceremonies," with the "s" on the end. It appears in a plural form. It should be in the singular form if at all. It has already been stated in the section title, these are ceremonies, so adding the word "Ceremony" after the word "Ceremony" is redundant and therefore unnecessary. So that's what these changes are about. If you would please look at pages F6 and F7, you can see them side-by-side. What we have done, is go through and standardize on the names under Ceremonies for Camps on the F6 the left side you see what is current under it says "Opening Ceremony." We are suggesting on F7, under Ceremonies for Camps, it's just called the Opening. We don't need to call it a ceremony because we already called it ceremony at the top of the section. The same thing for the Initiation Ceremony, Closing Ceremony and as we go down through the pages that is what we did. And on pages F3 through 5 are the individual title pages and the changes we will see. So there are A through K as changes. They are basically changing first the table of contents and second the page of the actual entry. So I am recommending and making a motion that the Encampment accepts these changes to the Ritual.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I would think we would want to approve these individually. We will hear from our Counselor first.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, it is up to you whether you do it as a package or one at a time. But it has to be by an affirmative motion and vote.

National Committee on Ritual and Ceremony George Powell

I move to adopt as a package.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Well I didn't hear the second. Okay. If I didn't hear it, it didn't happen.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

It is a quote of Past Commander-in-Chief. Alright. So it was seconded by Brother Darby to accept all, as package. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

National Committee on Ritual and Ceremony George Powell

One last thing, Commander-in-Chief. The last few pages, this is what we are going to be looking at for whoever is unfortunate enough to get this Committee next year. These are some of the things that we will be looking at and you should also take a look at them and if you have any comments please, let the Chairman of the Committee know. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. Brother Guard can you ask Brother Webber if he had a more detailed report on Credentials that he could provide us with. And in the meantime the National Committee on Scholarships Fredrick F. Murphy PDC chair.

National Committee on Scholarship Chairman Frederick F. Murphy

I should have changed that to a suggestion. I think the Scholarship Committee involves a great deal of work and when I took the committee, I read the report from last year and I said boy, what a lot of work to this. I don't want to impose something on them. I would like to let them know what lies ahead of them. I put those down so that the committee could see what the points of contention were, what needs to be addressed and those people who are selected for next year, to look at them seriously before the scholarship applications arrive. I hope that clarifies it Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. So that should not and will not be considered here. Thank you. I'll call on the National Secretary to make a report of the Council of Administration.

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

The Council of Administration met four times this year beginning with the Post Encampment Meeting last August and the fourth meeting being yesterday August 4th. The minutes from the first three meetings have been posted, printed in the Banner and posted on the Sons Website. Minutes of yesterdays meeting will be complete and available to be presented tomorrow morning at your pleasure, Commander. I can present the results of the electronic boardroom votes at this time.

August 22, 2004 - Upon the passing of PCinC Schlenker a motion was made and subsequently amended based on information from PCinC Atkinson regarding PCinC Schlenker's wishes that both the one hundred dollar floral wreath be provided and a donation of one hundred dollars be made in Brother Schlenker's name to the G.A.R. Civil War Museum, of which Brother Schlenker was a long time member and supporter. Original motion was made by PCinC Kent Armstrong, seconded by JVNC James Powell. Votes in favor ten votes against zero, no vote from National Secretary Bennett.

On September 19, 2004 - A motion was made to offer for sale to the Order and to then to the general public excess National Encampment Medals and the Widows Medal. Original motion made by SVCinC Don Darby, seconded by JVCinC James Pahl. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero. I should note, there are eleven voting members of the Council of Administration plus the Commander-in-Chief as a twelfth, who may vote but usually only votes in the event of a tie. The other voting members are the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief and five elected Council Members. All the dates provided for the electronic boardroom votes represent the date the first vote was cast, the actual motion may have been made a day or two before and the subsequent votes were cast usually within a few days after.

On October 7, 2004 - A motion was made to accept the National Form 7, the ROTC Award Application and Form 22 Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers Revised by the Program and Policy Committee. Original motion made by SVCinC Don Darby, seconded by Council Member Charles Kuhn. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, no vote from JVCinC James Pahl.

October 19, 2004 - A motion was made to set the price for excess National Encampment Medals at \$15.00 to SUVCW Brothers and the price of excess encampment proceedings at \$5.00 plus shipping and handling. Price of the Widows Badge is to be tabled until the November Council Meeting. Original motion made by SVCinC Don Darby, seconded by National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, no vote from Council Member Leo Kennedy.

November 1, 2004 – A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the Council Administration Post Encampment meeting on August 15, 2004 which was prepared and presented by National Secretary, Michael Bennett. Original motion made by SVCinC Don Darby, seconded by Council Member Brad Shall. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, abstention by National Secretary Bennett.

November 16, 2004 – A motion made to bestow the title of National Quartermaster Emeritus for his many years of service in that office upon PCinC Elmer “Bud” Atkinson. Original motion made by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, seconded by Council Member Brad Shall. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

December 12, 2004 – A motion was made that all Brothers currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and receiving combat pay e.g. tax free pay are exempt from paying the National per capita for the year 2005. Original motion made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, seconded by Council Member Charlie Kuhn. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

January 10, 2005 - The minutes of the November 21, 2004 Council of Administration Meeting in Gettysburg were prepared and presented by National Secretary Michael Bennett to the Council for approval. Votes in favor nine, votes against zero, abstention one, National Secretary Bennett and no vote from Council Member David Stephen.

January 18, 2005 - Revisions to Camp Report Form 27 and Department Report Form 35 were presented to the Council by the Programs and Policy Committee for approval. Votes in favor ten, votes against one, National Secretary Michael Bennett.

January 28, 2005 - A motion was made that an extension be granted to the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Department of Michigan so that they could hold Installation of Camp Officers on February 12, 2005 outside the period of time prescribed by the SUVCW Constitution of Regulations due to inclement weather which cancelled their January 22 meeting. Original motion by Council Member Brad Shall, seconded by Council Member David Stephen. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

February 8, 2005 - A motion was made that an extension be granted to the Lockwood Camp 139 of Alkena, Michigan, Department of Michigan so that they could hold Installation of Camp Officers on February 27, 2005, also outside the period of time prescribed by the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations as inclement weather had forced the cancellation of their January meeting. Original motion by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, no vote from National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.

February 21, 2005 - A motion was made that Alan Russ PDC be appointed to serve as National Member at Large Coordinator for an unexpired term of Lynn Hoadley. Original motion by Council Member Leo Kennedy, seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby and Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

April 28, 2005 - A motion was made that Todd A. Shillington PDC be awarded the Order’s Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star for his tireless work in the area of Civil War Memorials Protection and Preservation. Most recently demonstrated in his efforts to recover a cannon removed and sold from Kendall, New York. Original motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, seconded by Council Member Brad Shall. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

May 19, 2005 - A motion was made that the Private Taylor Camp 53 of Huntsville, Alabama Department of Tennessee be granted a license to produce and sell a reproduction Tuck note card, featuring the Sons name and badge, provided it is noted on the card that it is a reproduction. Original motion by Council Member Brad Shall, seconded by Council Member Leo Kennedy. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, no vote from National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.

June 2, 2005 - A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes of the Council of Administrations meeting in Springfield, Illinois on April 16, 2005 as prepared and presented by National Secretary Michael Bennett. Original motion by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby seconded

by Council Member Robert Petrovic. Votes in favor nine, votes against zero, no votes from National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, and Council Member, Danny Stephen.

June 15, 2005 A motion was made to accept the recommendation of National Graves Registration Officer, Bob Lowe and to decline 2 recent proposals: one from the Chairman of the Records of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and one from the President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to combine our separate databases into a single War Between the States Graves Registration database presumably with shared ownership and control. Original motion by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, seconded by Council Member Charles Kuhn. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

July 7, 2005 - A motion was made by the National Organization for the National Civil War Memorials Officer to explore an agreement with TACOM, regarding custodianship of Civil War cannon and the pending approval of any proposed contract with TACOM by the Council of Administration, that the Council appoint a National TACOM Liaison Officer to assist with this project. Original motion was made and amended by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl; amended motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong. Votes in favor ten, votes against zero, no vote from National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.

July 18, 2005 - A motion was made that the SUVCW Founders Award this award this year be presented to Margaret Morrison for her tireless efforts over the past six to eight years to restore and establish the museum at the G.A.R. Hall in Redfield, Iowa. Original motion by Council Member David Stephen, seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. Votes in favor eleven, votes against zero.

July 28, 2005 - A motion was made to accept the Policy on the execution of contacts created by the Program and Policy Committee and submitted to the Council for approval. Original motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, seconded by Council Member Brad Shall. Votes in favor nine, votes against zero, as of yesterday August 4 no vote by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler and an abstention by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. And that is my report.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Bennett. We do have one or two items from the Council of Administration meeting last night and I believe Brother Pahl, you are going to address the matter of proceedings being placed in some other format rather than printed format.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, During the discussion last night, at the Council of Administration meeting, I was directed by the Council to make the presentation to the Encampment today. The concept and idea of not printing the proceedings but publish them by electronic means and make them available to the membership through both the Website and in CD format. And I so move you at their direction.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Edward Krieser, Department of Indiana

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The motion has been made and seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Question. Is the registration fee paid at the Encampments going to be reduced or eliminated if the proceedings are no longer put into print?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The question is, are we going to reduce the registration fee because we would no longer print the proceedings and no such discussion was held. There are no such plans.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that if the proceedings are no longer put into print that the registration fee for future National Encampments be abolished.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Richard Orr is making a motion to amend, for the record, that the National Encampment registration fee be abolished.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

As far as the costs of the proceedings, does that really cover the cost?

National Treasurer Max Newman

At these Encampment we have less than two hundred people. Speaking as National Treasurer, at no time have we ever-exceeded fifteen hundred dollars. The proceedings cost in excess of that. Since I've been National Treasurer, at least two times the cost.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The justification from the Councils point of view for the initial motion was the cost of printing these proceedings could be saved and the savings utilize to help further the goals of the Order in other areas. Was there justification for this given the expense of doing that? The other item is, are we required to print proceedings by our Constitution and Regulations and the answer is no. The only requirement that we have is that we file a report with the Federal Government each year and that we may, as one of the options, file the minutes or proceedings of our Encampment as that Annual Report. The Federal Government will accept that report in electronic format. So there is no other requirement that we print proceedings other than to make them available to our members which can still be made available through other means at much less expense and again have that money available for other purposes.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

Question, if I recall right, several years back, we had put on the electronic, the proceedings which had not fully been approved, am I correct Keith? And that it was stated only the official proceedings are recognized and there was some objections something like five or ten years ago. But as far as the cost and that as a historian of our Camp, I make sure that we have all the proceedings and if my recollection is correct, in the last Banner we had a two dollar reduction on proceedings that are available and they are available through the Quartermaster at the price of about seven dollars and fifty cents. Now granted those who attend have the right to receive the proceedings from the Encampments they attend, but should we not have those available also. It seems to me that when we talk about electronic, we got to make sure that that goes and it is stated these are the official proceedings, because some times things get out onto the Website, or what have you, unless it specifically stated this is the official proceedings. And I will second the fact that our proceedings in order to keep our Federal Charter must be in the Library of Congress.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler Department of New York

Yes, to you and to the body, my feelings are Quartermaster, I have a lot of old copies but, the reason we have those is because we had big over runs. That's been taken care of. So what's copied now, there are very few copies left over. The body that has come to the National Convention has received their copies. As you know, you sent me five or six over run on my year, which I think is being as thrifty as we can be. But at the same time, I think we have a problem in going electronic with it and that is even when the Banner goes out and you got a Quartermaster thing in there. Okay, the orders for a month come out of the Banner, not off the Internet. That's because we have a lot of members who don't use the Internet or they don't have a computer or maybe they don't know how to take something off. I can tell you now, I couldn't burn a CD if I had to, only light it with a match.

So gentlemen I think we ought to think this out and find out how many members here really really really need a book. Thank you.

Willard Hinkley, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

I would move that we retain at the bare minimum one hard copy signed by the Secretary in the permanent files of the Organization, so that we can also retrieve it, if we have to. Otherwise general dissemination, I wouldn't mind the Internet, except I do acknowledge the previous speaker, that not everybody uses the Internet yet. So, and then maybe they wouldn't care about those proceedings anyway. But I would recommend that we maintain, at the minimum, one hard copy signed by the Secretary in the permanent files of the Organization.

Ken Hershberger, Department of Maryland

It seems to me that the discussion recently doesn't have anything to do with the amendment or the motion, which I believe was, if we go by all electronic version of the proceedings we do away with the registration fee. I think that is what the motion on the floor. How we disseminate the proceedings is a separate issue but we should be addressing the motion that should we do away with the registration fee and my argument would be if the registration fee was established primarily or exclusively to cover part of the costs of the proceedings. If it's not going to cost each member, what it would cost now we should probably do away with the registration fee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison Department of Michigan

No, there are a couple of issues here: one, will there still be a cost of production of these proceedings? Is it totally, a free process or are you going to have to pay out some money? It may be less than our proceedings are. Secondly, there was an issue brought up regarding what is an official copy and I think, at some point and time, this Encampment decided what was an official copy. And the only thing I have to remind you now is that probably about two years ago we couldn't change the PDF, we can now change the PDF. So that means a PDF could be copied off the Internet and changed in terms of what it's actually saying different from what the original actually said. So the technology has moved ahead. All I am saying right now is, just be careful of what you decide.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman, Department of Ohio

Just a comment as one who is a road kill on the information super highway, I hope that we will continue with printed-paper proceedings.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

So we will vote on the amendment as stated by Brother Orr. All in favor of accepting the amendment say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, Brother Secretary, a hand count of those in favor. Alright, hands up those in favor.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I need your hands up gentlemen. Sixty-five, for. And those against please raise your hand.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And seventy-one against. So the amendment fails and for to the original motion Brother Pahl would you care to restate that for everyone.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Ahh, I don't feel like it. I have a feeling I should have brought my bulletproof vest. The motion is to cease publishing the Encampment proceedings in paper format and publish them instead in electronic format basically.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. And do we have a second on that motion.

Ron Aronis, Department of Wisconsin

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Seconded by Ron Aronis, any discussion.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I actually want to take a poll in here how many people in here are not Internet active raise your hand? Well, it's a minority, but the point is, most people do not have a computer. Are we going to have a way for someone to get it printed off and sent to them? I think you have a good idea, but you are probably about five years ahead of the curve. I mean I just don't see it happening just yet.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Anyone.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

A possible suggestion might be to make it in electronic form, but also make it available at a minimal fee for those who need copies. At least that way those who are not comfortable with the electronic format can get one.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you any other comments? Brother Grothe.

Jack Grothe, Department of Missouri

I just recently toured the Federal Military Archives in St. Louis. For those of you who have had a problem in the past they are working on that. But the Federal Government, with all its money, technical advantages and everything else, has come to the conclusion that the only way, officially, anything that would be kept in perpetuity, is to have it on paper. Then after they have it on paper, the only way to have it, where you can dispense it, so everybody can use it, and it will not become locked up in a device and can't be open down the line is good old Microfilm. So if the Federal Government with all their stuff has come to that conclusion, what is our problem?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Stephen.

David Stephen, Department of Iowa

Brothers lets not assume that the Federal Government knows best.

Encampment

Laughter.

David Stephen, Department of Iowa

Also, what we are talking about is if you want a paper copy it is easy to make it a paper copy. What we are talking about is publishing costs and that is what we are trying to do. We are trying to save this organization a bundle of money every year. If there are a few people who cannot visit the Internet and print a copy, call me, I'll do it for you. What we are trying to do is save us a bunch of money every year. Thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Department of New York

I think we are missing something here and let's look back a hundred years ago. The Grand Army of the Republic kept a lot of records, I'll bet you a lot of them have been reading them, I bet ya a lot of them have been looking at them, and I'll bet you a lot of them collected them. And guess what guys, a hundred years from now who knows, it may not be a computer, it may not be disk. If it is on paper, somebody may see our records. Let us think about that. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will hear one more comment from Brother Powell.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

As Keith said, a few years ago, you couldn't change a PDF file, so once it was put into that format, no body could change it. Now, they can download that file into a PDF package and actually make changes. So now they have a document that came from our Website, somebody makes changes to it, prints it out on their printer and they say look, well this is what your Website says.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

You can do the same on paper. That's why they have counterfeiters, George.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Right, counterfeiters are a lot different than you and me with a PDF package on your computer. Something to think about.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, the motion has been made and seconded. We will call for a vote all those in favor?

Audience

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion fails. Do we have any other unfinished business for the Order that needs to be covered at this time? Any unfinished business? Alright, Brothers then our morning session starts promptly at eight thirty, tomorrow morning, in this very same room. Following this business session the Department Officers Seminar will be held. At five thirty p.m. the Past National President's/Past Commanders-in-Chief Dinner will be held in the Hunt Club. At seven thirty the campfire here in this room, followed by the courtesy hour after the campfire. Yes, Brother Darby.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, just an announcement. Following the Department Commander's meeting there will be a meeting of the Resolutions Committee, so we can get that taken care of and we can deal with it first thing in the morning. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Orr. Gentlemen if we could listen.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Darby and I have a proposal.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, Richard Orr and I ask for amendments for the Regulations to be Chapter 3, Article 6, Finances, and in this change you are going to find out how much that paper copy you just voted to keep is costing. Section 7, that there be established an annual proceedings fund thereafter APF, to be used to pay for the expenses of preparing and printing those annual proceedings, which have not been previously published except for the current year. This APF should initially be funded with the transfer of fifteen thousand dollars, transfer from the General Fund Reserve. Additional funds may be added from time to time by the action of the National Encampment, when all the unpublished proceedings have been published this fund should terminate and all monies therefore, be transferred to the General Reserve Fund. This would require renumbering the current section seven to section eight and this needs to be referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. So ordered. Bob Grim is the chairman of the C&R Committee. Thank you. Brother Gill you had something.

Ron Gill, Department of Indiana

We have had just a wonderful discussion on proceedings. Those that attended the 2003, 2004 National Encampment and the 1998 National Encampment, cross-reference, Brother Orr was Commander-in-Chief for '98 and Kent Armstrong '04 and '03 was Bob Grim so if you don't have your proceedings, I got them here and then I have to drag them home and find something to do with them. So please pick them up. And we ask you to sign for them, please.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Gill. I would like to call on Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser to make a report on the foundation. Brother Ed.

Edward Krieser, Chairman of the Board, SUVCW Charitable Foundation

For the past year I have seen some changes in the Charitable Foundation, a newly elected board of directors, our Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim and Past Department Commander Ronald B. Gill have been added. They have already become a valuable asset to the Foundation. Past Department Commander Robert Petrovic has sold almost seven thousand dollars in merchandise to benefit the Charitable Foundation around the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, which is mostly being turned around, and acquiring additional inventory of items to sell. New items on the list this year are umbrellas, portfolios and wristwatches. Please see Bob at this Encampment, he will be glad to show you these new items as well as the ones we had last year. The Foundation finalized its bylaws, adopted a logo and a letterhead. We are looking for contributions from individuals, Camps, Departments, foundations, companies, etcetera, so we can be truly helpful to monument restoration projects. In cases of donations from companies or matching funds, the Charitable Foundation can now supply your company with a letter from the Foundation on its own letterhead which is usually required. And it is all tax deductible because the Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 Corporation. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. I would like to call on the Department Commander of Maryland Jim Hanby for a presentation.

Jim Hanby, Department of Maryland

Over the last year as Department Commander, I challenged the Maryland Department, either through Brothers or through Camps, to support the opportunities of the Foundation and to help them get the seed money that they need to start. And with that I would like to present to Ed a check from the Department, which will be matched by another check, as we discussed earlier for a total of seven hundred and fifty dollars, a check from myself matching the Department contributions, as I challenged them for seven hundred and fifty dollars and my company will match my contribution of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brothers. Yes Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Just a reminder folks, information on the 2006 National Encampment is back here on the table, please pick a flier up before you go out. There is some information on the back of that. We are producing a one hundred and twenty-fifth commemorative badge in fine silver for the Sons. You can order it on the back of that. You can get the pre-strike price of twenty-five bucks. Once they are struck, they are thirty bucks, so pick one of them up.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there any other announcements to be made at this time? Brother Chaplain.

We are adjourned until eight thirty tomorrow morning. The Chaplain will now close the Bible.

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Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

While we are standing, I would like to have the Department of Pennsylvania come forward with a very special announcement.

Joe Long, Department of Pennsylvania

We have sad news that John Hart, the publisher of the Banner, his wife had a massive heart attack yesterday and she is not expected to live.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Chaplain.

National Chaplain William McAfee

Let's be an attitude of prayer. Gracious and merciful father, we come before you with a prayer for the family of Brother Hart. We ask for your strength and comfort for the family and if thy will be done, Lord, we ask that you place your healing hands on Sister Hart. Be with those, who have faced trials and tribulations, Lord, strengthen them and be with them throughout their activity. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Guard will you see if the Credentials Committee is ready to give their report? Thank you. While we wait for the Credentials Committee, let's start off with the Constitution and Regulations Committee. Brother Bob Grim.

Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee Chairman Bob Grim

We have three items to consider: Chapter 3 Article 6 Section 7, would create a special fund for the proceedings, since there is going to be established an annual proceedings fund to be used for any of the expenses preparing and printing those annual proceedings, which have not been previously published except the current year. This APF shall be initially funded with a transfer of fifteen thousand dollars from the General Fund Reserve. Additional funds may be added from time to time by action of a National Encampment. When all of the unpublished past proceedings have been published the funds shall terminate. Any monies therein transferred to the General Fund Reserve. And if we pass this section, we would renumber the current section 7 to number 8. I move that we accept this proposal.

Edward Krieser, Department of Indiana

Second.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee Chairman Bob Grim

Second proposal is Chapter 3 Article 5 Section 5b. Presently it takes five members of the Council to approve an appropriation, that is in excess of what is budgeted and that number was put in when we had ten members on the Council. Now there are twelve members on the Council and we propose changing that number from five to nine. And I move that we accept the Committees proposal.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee Chairman Bob Grim

And the third proposal is Chapter 5 Article 6 Section 7. This is a disciplinary section listing the people that cannot be or the units that can't be disciplined: Camps, Departments and the terminology says Commandery-in-Chief and it really should say Commander-in-Chief. So we would want to make that correction. I move that we approve the Committees proposal.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion? Is that still a current term that is acceptable Counselor?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The phrase Commandery-in-Chief is archaic. I think we can cure that with a simple motion at the conclusion of this motion. So given that, there is no objection but the term is archaic and we will have to change it.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There was a motion and a second is there any further discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

Encampment Constitution and Regulations Committee Chairman Bob Grim

That concludes the report of the Constitution and Regulation Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Grim. And Brother Pahl.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I move that we, in all places in the National Regulations where the words Commandery-in-Chief appear that we amend that to read National Organization.

several

Second

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Now it means we have to buy a new flag. It says Commandery-in-Chief. You are saying the term is archaic and the design of the flag is specified in the Regulations including the words.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will move on to the Resolutions Committee. Brother Darby, Chairman.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Good morning Commander-in-Chief. We will start with the easy one. Do you wish for me to reread all, or just the portion where they are asking for the action, Sir?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

If you could summarize.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Okay. The posthumous restoration of Milton Holland's Battlefield Commission. This was an Ohio Veteran served with the 5th U.S. Color Troops. He had a battlefield promotion to Captain which was later rescinded based on Sergeant Holland's race. The Townsend Camp is requesting that we ask Congress to reinstate that battlefield commission of Milton Holland and the Committee approves that resolution.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there an objection? Alright. Carried. Approved.

Encampment

Clapping.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Department of Pennsylvania's resolution concerning the sale of Civil War cannons and barrels. In a nut shell, the hundred and twenty-fifth Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania requests the Congress of the United States and Legislators of the several states to adopt and revise the existing laws to protect monuments erected in the honor of those who offered their lives in defense of this nation. To vigorously prosecute those who sell, transfer, seek or otherwise change ownership. We approve this with the understanding that the laws are really hard to change when it comes to changing ownership but we do feel that this is a worth while effort.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any objection? Approved.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

The next is from the Department of New York. Their request is the deletion of the account numbers from the Camp and Department reports, to take that bank account number out of there. We had approved that, with the provision that the name of the institution, the signatures on the account card and the amount in the account be provided. According to one of the members, who is a banker, that is the easier way to get your money and to prevent any identity theft. So we do approve that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there an objection?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I rise to object to this, because of the reason it was originally adopted. We had Camps with large sums of money folding and not turning that money over to the National Order. The only recourse we had was to require all account numbers from every institution, be that a bank, a stock broker, or anyone else who is holding money that belongs to the Order. Camps do not own that money, they hold everything in trust for the National Order and therefore the accounts are really the National Orders accounts and we have a right to the numbers of our own accounts.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

If he read actually what the whole resolution said it quoted some things up front that made us want to have that number eliminated. And that is because of the fact that when you pass banking numbers to one place to another you take the chance of that number be accessible by people. Realistically if a Camp or a Department has a problem and the National Organization needs to have access to that money, that was in that treasury, the name of the organization that the money is being held by...the officers that are involved and having that account, that information will be accessed in probably about five minutes later than having the number itself. Because of that, from our opinion, it is a case of where there is too much risk for very little gain by having that number there. So that's our reason for putting the resolution forward. We certainly have no problem with giving banking information, as long as it is not being held somewhere.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I was a member of the Encampment Committee and we also had on the Encampment Committee a banker and he advised the committee, that the account number is not useful information for the purpose we want it for. What is useful information is where the account is, the name of the institution, and who the signatories are. Without that information, it is a very difficult process to access those funds, whether you have the account number or not. They can figure out what the account number is real quick, but they need that information so that we can potentially obtain a signature from one of the signatories and those funds can then be easily released. The account number, for our purposes, is not necessary information, but the location of the institution and who the signatories are is very essential information, should we have to go after funds from a folded camp and that was the reason for our recommendation.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

We are talking about the account, but I think there is something that is a definite improvement on the record and that there is another area, where we have signatures, identification of the person, who has

the signatures on that account. Correct me if I'm mistaken Ron, several years back, the Treasurer of the Department of Illinois passed away, didn't he? And if I remember right, Charles Williams was with him, who had taken over that position, had difficulty in securing the funds and accessing the funds because that gentleman's name was the only one on the signature card or that signature card people was not available. Having known it doesn't have to be signed, but having a known item, that you have one, but you have two maybe three people names on those signature cards, something comes up, you have access to those funds as Mr. Pahl has said. The account number is not that important, but the signature and the name of the signatories are important.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I withdraw my objection.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Carried.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

The next resolution covers the Civil War Battlefield Caucus. The Civil War Battlefield Caucus was formed for the purpose of saving Civil War Battlefields. The Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ask the National Encampment to support a resolution asking that the Civil War Battlefield Caucus be asked to include Civil War prison sites and training camps in their areas of preservation. They also request that the National Organization and all of the subordinate Departments and Camps send letters of support to all Congressional delegates and order them to ask their congressional delegates to join the Battlefield, Civil War Battlefield Caucus. The Committee approves that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any objection?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I have a question for the Department of Ohio. To what extent are you going to include training camps, because if that's the case, I can tell you that about twenty percent of the city of Pittsburgh will have to revert to the Civil War site?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I will pass that question to the Ohio Department Commander.

Bradley Tilton, Department of Ohio

As I understand it the intent was to ask your legislatures or congressman to join this caucus. It doesn't matter how many sites are in his district as long as he joins the caucus. I am understanding this was started by a congressman from Tennessee in order to try to help save Franklin. So it really doesn't matter how many sites are in an area just that the congressman in that area is going to the caucus. That is all there is to it. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any other questions or objections? Approved.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

The last one Commander-in-Chief, is restoration of rank in referring to Keith D. Ashley, a Member of the John S. White Camp Number 9, Department of Maryland. He holds the rank of Past Department Commander in the Department of Ohio for the completion of his service in that capacity 97 to 98. Whereas Keith Ashley is a member in good standing in John W. White Camp Number 9, Department of Maryland, the Department of Maryland respectfully requests the restoration of rank to PDC Keith Ashley 97-98 Department Commander Department of Ohio as a Past Department Commander of Maryland. The Committee approves this with the stipulation that no person can hold the PDC rank for voting privileges in two different Departments, so with the approval, it is under the provision that the PDC honors are dropped from the Department of Ohio, so that Brother Ashley is just counted for the Department of Maryland.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any objections?

Ray Nagel, Department of Ohio

Commander, the majority of the officers in the Ohio Department object. We were in Encampment six weeks ago and this was never mentioned to us at all until we got here and we don't know how this is going to affect our Department. Thank you.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

There was a question from the floor whether Brother Ashley had transferred from the Department of Ohio, I mean physically moved into the Department of Maryland. He has not. He is a dual member of the Department of Ohio and the Department of Maryland. He can't hold the PDC in both because of voting and everything else. The effect on the Department is that you lose a PDC vote, when you come to the National Encampment that is one of the things. The Committee approves it. The C&R other than saying that you can't be in two places at once, does not address this situation so this also may be if you approve today you may need to have the C&R Committee address that at a future Encampment.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander, in effect, not only that you lose a delegate from Ohio, he would not be a PDC in Ohio. So he does not have automatic credentials for a Department Encampment either if this is approved. So if you are objecting I think we need a motion to replace what the Committee proposed.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Department of Ohio is there a further objection?

Brad Tilton, Department of Ohio

I'm having a hard time understanding. When the purpose normally, in the past, a Commander gets transferred because of a job from one state to another he gets a transfer card and he moves to the new state and then requests for his past honors to be carried forward. In this case the man has not changed residence; he wants to be a dual member in two different Departments. It is just unfair to me why this is a big issue. He is a Past Department Commander in Ohio; he is a Past Department Commander. He comes to the Encampment, he can vote, he can come to the Ohio Department Encampment he can vote, he can go to the Maryland Department Encampment and vote. I'm just unclear what is behind this. I would urge members to vote against this resolution until some of these things are cleared up and maybe we can reconsider it again next year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Alright, I guess this will work. Any dual member is required to declare their primary camp. It would then fall that any honors go with the primary camp. You can not have two primary camps and therefore you can not hold Past honors either as a Camp Commander or a Department Commander in two different camps or two different departments. This has been addressed several times in the Digest not specifically with dual membership because dual membership is a relatively recent thing that we have permitted, but anyone who is a dual member, is required to designate a primary camp. If Brother Ashley is now saying that the camp in West Virginia is his primary camp, then in order to be a Past Department Commander in Maryland, he must surrender his honors in Ohio including Past Camp Commander of the camp that he belonged to there.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

It seems to me it sounds like a good idea at the time, but if you look at it, I'm not sure if the individual even knows if he were sitting here right now would he say yes I want to have this happen where I lose something in the state I live in to get into another state. So I think it has to be delayed.

James Hanby, Department Commander of Maryland

It is my understanding that once the Committee had voted on it we couldn't withdraw it but, if that's not the case we would be happy to withdraw it.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright, thank you. Any other resolutions to consider? Okay, thank you. Alright. Officers reports, Leo F. Kennedy Chairman.

Encampment on Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

Good morning. We were tasked with several items of the Officer Reports that had not been handled by the Encampment so far. The first one was from the E-bay Surveillance Committee. Their recommendation was to have individual camps set up positions that would be a major step forward in our on going project. E-bay surveillance focal points as they call them. He would propose such a position in each camp together with coordinating efforts across the country. We do concur with this but it would require an imposition and I believe that would go to another committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes, the C&R Committee.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

So our Committee concurred with this.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there objections? Okay. Approved.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The Executive Director had several points. First of all, the Department Annual Report form 35 is due at National Headquarters on or before the thirty-first of May. Of the twenty-six departments, fifteen were delinquent. Of the eight Camps-at-Large, two were delinquent. Some mechanism needs to be devised to encourage compliance with the reporting deadline. His recommendations, one, that the CinC declare any Department or Camp at Large to be quote “not in good standings” end quote, as of June 1st if they have not submitted the required reports and publish a General Order to that affect. Part two of that is Departments and Camps-at-Large which do file their reports in a timely manner be noted by a General Order or in the Banner. We agreed with the concept but we did not agree with the recommendation rather because it would mandate a General Order.

Commander- in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Objections? Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

This body is the ultimate authority of this Organization and there is nothing to prevent it from mandating that the Commander in Chief issue a General Order about a specific subject at a specific time. I would move adoption. The General Order should only be to state that those Departments that have not complied are not in good standing. I have a hard time patting somebody on the back for doing the job that they volunteered to do.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Any further objections. Brother Stephen.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

We don't agree, we don't believe in forcing the Commander-in-Chief's hand. The Commander-in-Chief needs to have a little bit of discretion in this area. We believe it's up to him.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

If I recall correctly it's the option of the Commander-in-Chief to suspend the Charter of that Department for not filing forms. Okay. So the Commander-in-Chief has full authority to do that if he so desires to do that. This just seems like another burden some piece of legislation we are forcing on somebody to do. If he chooses to do that he can suspend them, they cannot be seated at this Encampment until they make it right.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Okay any other objections. Would you please restate that?

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The recommendation in the report was that the Commander-in-Chief declare any Department or Camp-at-Large to be quote “not in good standing” end quote as of the first of June if they have not submitted the required reports and publish a General Order to that affect. Part two was the Departments and Camps-at-Large that do file their reports in a timely manner to be noted in a General Order or in the Banner and we disagree.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright then, all those in favor? Part one, as Brother Leo has stated regarding the Annual Report due on or before the thirty-first of May and some mechanism needs to be devised to encourage or enforce compliance with the reporting deadline. And this first suggestion was that the Commander-in-Chief declare the Camp at Large or Department to be not in good standing as of 1 June if they have not submitted the required reports and publish a General Order to that effect. And the motion was to approve that. And seconded by George Powell.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, having consulted with our National Counselor. I would change my motion to refer this to the Committee on Constitution and Regulation because it does in fact require change of the regulation?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

In effect, this motion, if passed, because of where we are at, in the agenda of the Encampment, would be to refer this to the Permanent Committee and to report back next year. There is not time anymore today in this Encampment to handle this. So what we would be doing is referring to the Permanent Committee, so everyone is clear on that we would not be getting back a report on this issue until next year in Harrisburg if you pass the motion to refer to Committee, which is prior to the motion on the floor.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

The point may be moot if the resolution does not pass on the recommendation. There is no sense sending it to the Committee, if the recommendation does not pass. If the recommendation passes, then let’s talk about sending it.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, again, if it passes, it passes and it becomes the rule of the land. What we are suggesting is, let’s defer it to the Committee, who can draft the appropriate language, so we can see exactly what impact it has on our regulations before we pass it. So if it passes, it becomes useless to refer it to Committee to study it because it passed. That’s why the motion to refer to Committee is appropriate at this point, to give us a while to study the issue and to draft appropriate language, so we can see specifically how it impacts our regulations.

Alan Teller, Department of Indiana

Several years ago, when I was Department Secretary, I submitted a report for the Department two weeks early and was then told that National had never received it. We later learned that the National Secretary at the time was not living with his wife and the papers had arrived and she had never given them to him. We would have lost our Charter in that case if this rule was back then.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

For your information the National Order now has a post office box so we don’t have to worry about that any more.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. There is a motion and a second on the floor to send this to the Permanent C&R Committee for further review. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The next item, also a recommendation from the executive director, is that a standardized form for Department Rosters be developed and mandated for use by all Departments, which would contain all information required in the database and required to be submitted with the Department Annual Report form 35. We agreed.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Any objections?

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I do object. I think that should be referred to the Committee on Program and Policy.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion is seconded, any discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries to refer to the Program and Policy Committee.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The third part is to provide space for future use on form 30 to write the member's National identification number, and we agreed.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Objection? Carried.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

Four, approval request to purchase archival storage folders for the thirteen original Charters, plus two extra for future Charters at a cost not to exceed a total of two hundred and twenty five dollars, and we agreed.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay, objection? Carried.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The last item. There have been several instances where Life Members having been dropped by Camps for non-payment of dues. Some Life Members are apparently not aware that they need to pay Camp or Department dues if they want to remain in the Camps or Departments. And he suggested an explanation of this be published in a Banner for clarification, and we agreed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, there are some Camp and Departments, that do not require dues of their Life Members. And by proceeding this way, it is going to imply to those Departments, that in fact, they have to, and that is not the case. That's my objection.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

Commander, if I may clarify this a little bit. The way this is written and the way we believe it to be, the explanation is going to be published. Within that explanation it is going to be explained that if you wish to remain in a Camp or Department, you need to pay your dues there if the dues are not waived. Then that would be the Camp or Department making that decision.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I'm not sure that addresses what Brother Harrison's concern was.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Who would write the article?

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I would suggest, as part of this, the person that made the recommendation also be required to submit the article to the editor of the Banner for publication.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, Department of Ohio

Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. I sit before you as being the second oldest in seniority Life Member. I'm number thirty-one. When those started out, that was in Nineteen Seventy-Two. When those started out, maybe the people in charge maybe made a mistake. They said when you buy a Life Membership this insures you of membership in the Department, in the Camp and in the National. Now this was changed. Somebody give me the difference on the new, I'm going to call it pay back. The members that, well, I'll paint this on myself. I get four dollars back; I'm still Camp Secretary. I get four dollars back on my Life Membership from the National Organization. Our Department dues are four dollars. So it costs the Camp nothing for me. But looking at the other way, we have basically a paper Camp. We could get into that, and I am glad to answer questions, but what I am saying in a nice way, be careful of how this goes, with the knowledge that goes in line with the new regulations. That Lifetime Membership should have been put in Life Membership at the National level only, but it wasn't that way and it wasn't clarified until a few years ago.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

It seems to me that this is just a matter of communication here. When a life member gets his card, maybe a letter should go out with that card saying this means you are a life member at the National level. You may be responsible for dues at the Department or Camp level. That way the Life Member is aware that he may have to pay it. Some Departments require it, some Departments don't. If you just send a letter along with the card saying you may be required to pay at that level you know and make sure it is highlighted and in bold letters or something. You know you need to check, then they would know.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is Brother Lee Walters in the room? Perhaps he could speak to this.

Executive Director Lee Walters

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, at the present time, I administer the Life Membership Program and I do send a letter with each new Life Membership, advising the new Life Member to contact his Camp and Department immediately and apprise them of his new status, as it will affect the amount of his annual per capita. So if the person does that then his Camp will certainly advise him. Some Camps don't charge Life Members anything. One of the Camps that I belong to charges the Life Member the difference between the eighteen dollars per capita or the Camp dues and the eighteen dollars per capita. In other words, the Camp dues are twenty-five dollars and a Life Member in that Camp pays seven because he doesn't have to pay the National per capita. Other Camps do it differently and that is fine. But I do send a letter, advising each new Life Member to contact his Camp Secretary and Department Secretary immediately and let them know of his new status as a Life Member.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And your contention here is some people is still not getting the message.

Executive Director Lee Walters

No, it is a fact that I receive Camp Status Reports where the Life Members have been dropped from memberships in Camps for non-payment of dues. But if I drop them off of database then they are dropped and you can't do that. So then I have to get back in touch with the Department Secretary and find out what they want to do with the person. Sometimes they put them in their Department MAL if they have one. It is up to them, but you can't drop a Life Member, as far as I know you can't.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

It's my second time. My issue is more in terms of how and what is conveyed because we do have a differentiation in terms of how Life Members are handled from Department to Department and it is not very clear in terms of what is published. You are going to confuse the issue more and that is the basis of my objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, Department of Ohio

The point I'm trying to make, Brothers, is I don't think a Camp Secretary or that any person should drop one of you, say the old timers, that were on before this new regulation came in. It's good now, it's terrific, it's the way it should be, it's specified. Life Membership, when it first started, should have been that way. Life Membership is from the National level. You are responsible for your Camp and your Department dues. But, what I am saying is, if we let Camps get away, and let's be honest, you don't dare stiff your Camp. Imagine you are the Camp Commander for example, and you got three guys from your Camp that go back to the beginning. Under this, let's imagine that the Camp has to pay their Life Member per-capita and so forth to the Department. The Camp should not get stuck. I can't sit here and I won't sit here and think of the guys who more or less sold a bill of goods back there that we have to cover because it wasn't specified at the time.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Pahl, Counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

As a point of information Article 7, Section 1B of the Constitution, which was adopted when the Life Member program was first adopted, I am informed back in the 60's. Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization are Life Members. Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax. And otherwise enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership. So if a Camp requires a Life Member to pay Camp dues or the Department requires a Life Member to pay Department dues and they do not they are not in good standing. And so they can be considered suspended or dropped by that Camp. It doesn't impact their status as a Brother of the Order, but they can be dropped by their Camp for non-payment of dues and that is in the Constitution and was adopted in my understanding, when the Life Member program was first adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, Department of Ohio

Our membership to the Banner is based on what is sent in from the Camp Secretary to the Department Secretary, Department Secretary on up. If a gentleman is moved out of his Camp or out of his Department that means that he no longer gets the National publication.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Charlie you are the last one to speak on this.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I think what Lee is getting at is what is he supposed to do with these Life Members that have been dropped by the Camps and Departments. Is that correct? Do they get transferred to the National MAL, is that what happens to them?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

They are not in good standing, period.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Well how can they not be in good standing with the National Order, when they have paid Life Membership? So basically this Order has sold Brothers a bill of goods, so essentially you are...of course we did. So essentially if you don't pay your Camp and Department dues you are not a member. So why couldn't you be moved to the National MAL.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

If you reside in the area of an existing Department, by the Constitution also you cannot be transferred to the National Membership-at-Large. That is for only Brothers of the Order who live in an area not within an organized Department. So you cannot, by definition, if you are a member of a Department, unless you happen to live in Alaska and join a Camp in Pennsylvania. If that circumstance exists, yes you can transfer them to National Membership-at-Large. But if it is a resident of Pennsylvania in the Pennsylvania Department and they don't pay their Camp dues they are considered not in good standing in their membership, but you can't remove them from membership without disciplinary action because they are a Life Member.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Pahl. Brother Leo will you restate for everyone's benefit.

Encampment Officers Reports Committee Chairman Leo F. Kennedy

The recommendation: There have been several instances where Life Members having been dropped by Camps for non-payment of dues. Some Life Members are apparently not aware that they need to pay Camp or Department dues if they want to remain in the Camps or Departments. I suggest that an explanation of this be published in the Banner for clarification.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, just a point of information. This has been published in the Banner a number of times. Whenever I was writing the column on inquires and responses, there was at least two occasions I know, that I had spoke to that because of questions that were raised. If it is the desire of the Encampment I will resurrect one of those and forward it to the publisher of the Banner next year for inclusion in one of the issues.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor? Do we have any other objections to this before we proceed? Keith, will that satisfy you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

I am even more confused. And it does not solve the problem of what to do with these Life Members.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I think that would be made clear in Brother Orr's article. Alright. Thank you. Any other objections? Fine.

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department Commander asked me to tell everyone who is going to the Pennsylvania luncheon, all the Pennsylvania Brothers be at the back of the Speakers Room Restaurant I believe it is called the Chicago Steak room at twelve o'clock. Any candidates for National Offices who wish to address Pennsylvania, and so we can get to know you, please come to that area at twelve thirty. Thank you Brothers.

National Military Affairs Committee Chairman Elmer Atkinson

At the meeting last night the SVR has brought up a resolution and this has been approved by the Military Affairs Committee. At this time I would like the Adjutant General to come up and read the resolution.

Colonel Henry Shaw, Adjutant General SVR

Okay this addresses Article 10, Awards, Decorations, Devices and Insignias. Section 1, the SVR wants to add the following 2 sentences. Article 10 Section 1; A Miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve membership badge is hereby authorized to be worn. However, only on civilian attire and in conjunction with a Miniature Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War membership badge. The Miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve membership badge may not be worn with any full size badge.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I just have a question. I believe there is a conflict with Chapter 5 Article 3 Section 2C, which states that only the miniature of the SUVCW membership badge is authorized to be worn. So we once again have a conflict with one part contradicting the other. I would just like some clarification by the counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

If this section does pass, it will conflict with another section of the National Regulations, which states Brothers wearing the miniatures of the Order, may wear only one such miniature badge. I therefore move this Encampment that this issue be referred to the Permanent Committee on Constitution Regulations so that they can address the appropriate changes in the regulations and present this to us next year.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, while Brother Pahl is correct that Section 2C the last sentence does state that. Section 3 paragraph N states Sons of Veterans Reserve badges are authorized and wearing of badges, medals and devices of Brothers and Sons of Veterans Reserve are controlled by the SVR standard operation procedure. SVR decorations are authorized to be specified at the time in the SVR operating procedure. By reading that, the SVR medals are no way related to the regulation in Section 2C. But the SVR is authorized to specify the wearing of those badges; just as any other organization is authorized to specify the wearing of their own miniature badges in conjunction with ours.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

There is no argument that the SVR has the authority to create the badge but it would place us in conflict. One section authorizing and another section saying you can't wear it with another badge. So, that is why I am asking it be referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee, so we can look at resolving that conflict and having language that would allow this to take place.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I don't know why we can't pass this and let them go ahead and make the badge legal. We just won't be able to wear it until they get this problem resolved with the Constitution. It's stopping the train to worry about a stop that is ten miles down the road. So if we approve this they can go ahead and start creating the badge and then we can notify. Pardon me. Okay, it's already done. So all we need is the Constitution and Regulation people to rewrite that section and approve it.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright and that has been moved and seconded already. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried. Anything else from the Military Affairs Committee, Sir?

National Guard Jack Grothe

Commander-in-Chief, the Auxiliary to the Sons wish to bring in their greetings at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you; please ask them to come in. Thank you. Ladies, would you like to address the Brothers?

Past National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Good morning, gentlemen, please be seated. No, I want you to be comfortable. Brother Michaels, on behalf of our National President, she would like to present this as a token of the Auxiliary's love. Here, hubby.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Audience

Laughter.

Past National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to the SUVCW

The message, gentlemen, is we by name, are your Auxiliary. we are your gem, sometimes, like a marriage, it's seventy/thirty, sometimes it's fifty/fifty, sometimes it's ten/ninety.

Encampment

Laughter.

Past National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to the SUVCW

But we want you to understand that we should be and are by being a Brother and Sister of the G.A.R., should be in your lives. We want you to understand that if you are in need, be it monetary, be it doing the works that you have in the principles that you are pledged to, it's okay to turn around and say, I need help and ask a Sister. You should ask us. We are not waiting for you to beg us, we are waiting for you to ask us and help you in your many many jobs that are out there. Through the years, as it gets further away from the time when the Civil War happened, there are many things that come into our lives. Other wars, other events of the world, it is very hard to keep that memory true. Not being politically correct, I'm saying keep true and keep sparked and realize that we are here to help you. With that I hope you have a wonderful Encampment and that you continue doing great works and when you do get tired, feel free to call on us. Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sister Michaels and thank you Sisters. I've asked Brother Murphy to give our response.

Fred Murphy, Department of Wisconsin

Commander. Sisters puzzle me a puzzle. How is it that every year, not just once in awhile, but every year, my Brothers and I grow older and not necessarily wiser, while in the same time frame, you, our Sisters, grow more learned, distinguished and lovely?

Encampment

Here, here.

Fred Murphy, Department of Wisconsin

Ladies, you weave your magic so well. My present duty, at this time, is to make you ladies know how much we need, prize, want and value you. We are a team. We work together, not some ahead and some behind, but side by side and whatever lies ahead, we will face together. Sisters, Brothers, as did those whom we all so greatly admire and revere, we shall close on the flag, shoulder to shoulder, onto the breach one more time and on to victory together. Ladies, we love you and we thank you for being who you are.

Encampment

Here, here, *clapping.*

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Sisters.

Encampment

Clapping as the ladies Exit.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

At this time we will take a fifteen- minute recess. The Chaplain will close the Bible.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Before we get completely underway, Brother Dave Medert had something that he would like to share.

Brigadier General David V. Medert, Commanding General SVR

Commander-in-Chief to you, through you to the Brothers assembled I would like to take this time to thank the First Military District for the provost that they have provided for this Encampment. These guys stood back here like the Queen's Guards; we can't even get them to smile. So I do want to thank the First Military District for your reference here. Thank you very much.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We would like to revisit something from the C&R Committee. Brother George Powell.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I make a motion to reconsider the referral of the SVR Miniature Badge Resolution to the Permanent C&R Committee.

Several

Second

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright it has been moved and seconded. Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

The Committee has met and we have language we want to present right now. That is the reason for this.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. All in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. It carries any way. Did you wish to present that now?

Encampment Committee on Constitution & Regulations Chairman Robert Grim

We would like to add a line to the last sentence of Chapter 5, Article 3, Section 2C of the Regulations. The last sentence presently reads: "Brothers wearing the miniature of the Order may wear only one such miniature badge." We would like to add to that, "except that the SVR miniature badge may be worn in conjunction with the miniature membership badge." And I move that we accept that change.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion passed. I would like to call on the National Secretary. He was not able to report readily on the council meeting that took place prior to this Encampment, on Thursday evening and now he is able to do so, having completed the minutes and he also has two additional communications that have come in the last day or two.

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

Two communications. One is from the Headquarters, Department in Michigan. It is a letter of support for and encouraging the election of Brother James B. Pahl for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. And, of no less importance, is the notice that the Teacup Auction which is taking place if any of you are participating in that, that will take place at Noon. So encouraging the election of James Pahl and the Teacup Auction at noon.

Encampment

Laughter.

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett

Minutes of the Council Administration Meeting in New Hampshire August 4, 2005. The meeting was opened by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong. The opening prayer was then offered by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. Upon the roll call of officers the following was found to be present or would shortly be present. Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Counselor James B. Pahl, National Secretary

Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Robert M. Petrovic, David P. Stephen and Charles E. Kuhn, Leo F. Kennedy and D. Brad Schall. Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong, Past Commanders-in-Chief George L. Powell, Edward J. Krieser, Andrew M. Johnson, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson, Charles W. Corfman and Richard Greenwalt, Executive Director Lee Walters, Past Department Commander Ron Gill and Department of Maryland Commander James Hanby. Communications were read by National Secretary Bennett, including a recommendation from the Department of Kansas for two Brothers to be appointed National Aides for their recruiting efforts. A letter from PDC Gary Gibson, expressing a regret not being able to attend this years Encampment. A letter from Taylor Camp 53, regarding a license request, connected with certificates they would like to produce and make available for sale to the SUVCW membership. A letter from the Department of Indiana, expressing their desire to host the 2009 National Encampment and several letters of support for candidates being elected to National office. A previous resolution by the Tanner Camp 134 Department of New York seeking honorary membership for New York Assembly men was withdrawn. Counselor Pahl noted that seventeen thousand dollars had been paid to Executive Director, includes expenses and that no wording in the contract stipulates how that figure is to be broken down, leaving it to the Executive Director to decide how to allocate that sum. Council member Petrovic reported on the matter, in which he suggests Commanders-in-Chief receive their commemorative photograph and albums. The incoming CinC will receive his album shortly after installation so that he may fill them with photographs during his term of office. The albums are of a high archival quality. PCinC Krieser reported on the progress made with the publication of National Encampment proceedings 1998, 2003, 2004 and now notes that 1997 is reported to be completed as well. This would leave just a few years to be completed. CinC Michaels instructed National Secretary Bennett to notify the PCinC's from the years not yet completed that they need to wrap up their proceedings as soon as possible so they can be published and other arrangements with PCinC Krieser should be made to have those transcribed and published as soon as possible. PCinC Krieser also reported that he has learned that Congress will now accept an electronic copy of our annual proceedings in order to satisfy the requirement that we submit our Annual Proceedings to Congress. SVCinC Darby clarified that producing the proceedings electronically perhaps on CD would save considerable costs over publishing hard copies. Counselor Pahl began to search through our C&R to confirm our own requirements for publication of Encampment proceedings. A concern was discussed that documents appearing in PDF format can easily be altered. JVCinC Pahl and National Quartermaster Wheeler suggested that the matter be brought before the National Encampment for discussion and decision. Chief of Staff Donald Palmer noted that a complete compilation of officer and committee reports was being assembled by the National Secretary for distribution to the Encampment. And he presented a summary of the reports containing recommendations requiring the attention of the Council. Chief of Staff Palmer also noted that ninety-four percent of National Officers and Committees submitted reports. In an attempt to offer further assistance to present and future National Officers, Brother Palmer presented a document he developed entitled Guidelines for Effective Committee Organization and Operation. It was further reported that assistance would be needed with the Joint Opening Ceremony in the morning and that many of the Council Members would be asked to escort their Auxiliary counter parts and others into the ceremonies. Council member Petrovic added that we would need to perform a quick change over of the room between the Joint Memorial Service and the Joint Opening ceremony and that the Joint Opening Ceremony and the first business session. In conclusion Brother Palmer offered his appreciation for the opportunity to serve this year as National Chief of Staff. National Treasurer Newman presented his budget for the year 2005-2006, including a thirty-four page financial report. Brother Newman offered many explanations and clarifications on the entries in his report and further explained that payment to the Executive Director will be taking place a few weeks earlier then in the past, so that it takes place during the quarter covered by the check. Brother Newman also noted that there are a number of outstanding checks, written by National, that have not been cashed in more than a year and that he has received a number of thank you letters from entities within our Order that have

received checks particularly those who have received Memorial Grants. SVCinC Darby reported the tax forms have arrived late to the stenographer transcribing our proceedings and asked that they be provided sooner specifically within the period allocated by the IRS. National Treasurer Newman noted that he will be performing this function himself in the future, as our auditors have demonstrated for several years that they are not able to do this in a timely manner. Treasurer Newman further explained that he has been informed that the SUVCW is supposed to be operating in a manner, called Zero Based Budgeting, which prohibits carrying balances over from one year's budget to the next. Rather, excess funds can only be placed in reserved funds, from which they can possibly be drawn. One of the programs of the Order, to be affected by this change, is the Civil War Memorials Grant Program, which often permitted excess funds to be granted to projects by vote of the National Encampment. As there can now be no funds in excess by the time of the National Encampment, this can no longer be done. Further, it was agreed that the applications to the programs must be received, in order to be properly examined and approved. They should be moved back to give more time for these applications to be fully processed before the end of the fiscal year. JVCinC Pahl moved that the approved budget be approved as presented. This was seconded by Council member Charles Kuhn and was unanimously approved. It was noted that the Memorial Assessment Form 61, required to be submitted to the National Civil War Memorials Officer in order to qualify in part for Memorial Grants, has not in all cases been provided prior to grant checks being written. The National Civil War Memorials Officer has expressed his displeasure that the correct and clearly specified procedure is not always being followed and that a large part of the bases and spirit of this program to help grow our Orders collection of assessment information for Civil War Memorials is being lost. CinC Michaels brought up the proposed policy regarding entering into contracts on behalf of the National Organization. National Secretary noted that, as of the early morning hours of August 4, 2005, there were nine votes electronically cast in favor of this new policy. CinC Michaels noted therefore, that the motion to approve this policy has passed. SVinC Darby then addressed several questions or concerns, regarding the Last Soldier Projects submitted by Brother Todd Shillington. It was noted in the policy read by Brother Darby that the Last Soldier Project falls under the purview of the National Graves Registration Officer and that a Graves Registration Form must be on file before funds can be requested or allocated towards this project. The funds for Last Soldier Memorials do come out of the Civil War Memorials Fund. The National Organization does not have a prescribed plaque that must be used to identify the final resting places of the last soldiers in this project. However, a sample concept may be found on the National Website. It was moved that specific reference to the Last Soldier plaque available for sale from the Department of Illinois be removed from the official policy, noting that the Illinois Department plaque is not a mandated design, but merely one possibility of a design, which is currently being produced and offered for sale through the Banner. Reference to Last Soldier Project information and images depicted on the Ohio Department Website was also discussed and it was moved that this reference be retained in the policy. The motion to remove the reference to the Illinois plaque passed. The motion to retain the Ohio Department Website reference was defeated six votes to five. Both references are to be removed from the policy. Discussion then took place regarding the creation and wearing of miniature SVR medals, which would conflict with portions of the current C&R. After lengthy discussion the matter will be forwarded to the C&R Committee for their review and recommendation. The Charitable Foundation then displayed three new products available for sale: a black canvas portfolio, wristwatch and umbrella. All three of these items will be on sale during and after the Encampment. Council Member Petrovic then showed a large personal war sketch form, acquired from E-bay, altered and duplicated to be usable by Brothers in recording the history of their ancestor's service. It would be available for ten dollars. A SofV Certificate was also shown, that Brother Petrovic had reworked for potential sale, noting that National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler had a similar item produced which is currently ready to be sold. The Charitable Foundations version is not to be sold at this time. Upon approval of the Council, the National Quartermaster's Certificate will be available for three dollars and fifty cents. A motion was made by JVCinC Pahl to approve the National Quartermaster's Certificate for sale. This motion was seconded by Council

Member Kuhn and passed unanimously. SVCinC Darby noted a New Hampshire Camp appears to be offering an Encampment t-shirt for sale, that features the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. CinC Michaels instructed National Secretary Bennett to contact this Camp and inquire about licensing matters. A brief discussion then took place, regarding the structure of the 501C3 Charitable Foundation and its relationship, financial and otherwise, with the 501C4 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was noted that as soon as sufficient funding becomes available, the Charitable Foundation can begin to provide financial support for specific SUVCW projects. Council Member Kuhn then presented a draft definition and statement of the purpose, regarding Remembrance Day as solicited by the CoA at the previous Council of Administration Meeting. SVCinC Darby moved that the fourth sentence from the bottom of the third paragraph, referencing winter drought of reenactments be removed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Council Member Kennedy suggested that the word President should be inserted prior to Lincoln in several locations within the statement. JVCinC Pahl suggested that "for all intent and purposes" be removed from the bold face paragraph and CinC Michaels suggested that this paragraph be made the first paragraph of this statement, with the supporting paragraphs to follow. PCinC Armstrong suggested removal of specific wording that would restrict this statement to two thousand five. JVCinC Pahl moved that the Council adopt the fourth bold paragraph as the Official Policy Statement, as to our purpose for Remembrance Day and accept the other paragraphs as the Remembrance Day Committees report in support of their work, in creating this statement. This was seconded by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously. After considerable discussion, Council Member Kuhn moved that the Remembrance Day Parade Rules be presented on the floor at the National Encampment for their discussion and decision. This was seconded by SVCinC Darby and passed unanimously. Returning to the matter of National Encampment Proceedings. JVCinC Pahl moved that each person who is in attendance of the Encampment, receive one complimentary copy of the proceedings in the format in which they are produced, including the incoming and outgoing Commander-in-Chief. Additional copies may be purchased for an appropriate fee. This was seconded by Council Member Leo Kennedy. Council Member Kuhn offered an amendment, that the wording be changed to include all those registered for the Encampment, to include those who prepaid registration fee but may not have been able to attend. The amendment was accepted and the motion passed unanimously. National Quartermaster Wheeler expressed his desire to put photographs of items for sale on the National Website and or to create a catalog, featuring photographs, so the members can see an image of the items for sale. PCinC Wheeler suggested that a simple brochure could even be inserted into packages containing outgoing orders at little cost. CinC Michaels stated that creating such a catalog could be left up to the judgment of the National Quartermaster. Placing advertising on the National Website would require review of Policy as Camps and Departments are prohibited from engaging in sales via the National Website. Additionally, Brother Wheeler announced that the National Quartermaster will now be selling three by five American Flags for eight dollars, four by six for ten dollars. He also revealed that he expects to have a two by four SUVCW flag available for sale soon, it should retail for approximately thirty dollars. This flag would be designed for flying on a flagpole beneath an American flag much as a POW/MIA flag is often displayed. It would not be a substitute for a Camp flag. The National Webmasters recommendation that the Council explore the possibility of purchasing SUVCW domain suffix names .bus, .usa, .net etc...was then discussed. Council member Stephen moved that the Council follow the recommendations of the National Webmaster and purchase the top four names on the list of existing SUVCW domains at this time. The motion passed six votes to five. It was further suggested that the incoming National Webmaster make inquiry as to the status of the taken domain name SUVCW.com. A brief report was given by JVCinC Pahl regarding the current status of the talks with TACOM and the possibility of the SUVCW being given custodianship of certain cannon. At present, only two pieces are being included in these talks. Liability concerns were briefly discussed, as well as the responsibilities, which would be assumed, by the SUVCW, local municipalities and other entities. For the good of the Order PCinC Armstrong showed pictures of some of the rejected US Postal Service Designs for the GAR stamp of the year 1949

and provided copies to those assembled. In conclusion, CinC Michaels thanked the Council Members present for their service and for allowing him to be a part of their lives and for they to be a part of his during the past year. Following a closing prayer, offered by Council Member Kuhn, the meeting was ended.

Kirby Bauman, Department of Ohio

I think we should make it important that the flags we are going to be selling are made in the United States nothing discusses me more than a flag that says made in China on it. If we can't have American flags made in America let's not have them at all.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. New business then. I'll ask Max Newman, National Treasurer to just reiterate the policy because it has been the practice in the past to award Memorial Grants and that of course is not going to be done any more at a National Encampment.

National Treasurer Max Newman

One thing I want to point out and to congratulate the Committee that's on Memorials and Grants Committee is that they did spend the entire budget for this past fiscal year for Memorials granted to Departments and Camps and in fact they spent a hundred and twenty-one dollars more than what was allotted, but that's okay. That is what it was put there for. We are taking two dollars of your per capita toward that and we indeed, did spend that. Because of the zero based per capita or zero based budgeting system I cannot carry forward past this fiscal year any excess funds that would have been there prior to that. Excuse me, go ahead.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

They become part of the reserve for that specific line item. What you can't do is something that was allocated in previous year cannot be forwarded. It still remains part of that fund but it is the reserve for the fund.

National Treasurer Max Newman

Okay.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I have a question regarding that. I believe in the regulations it states that when we set up this fund, that the money would roll over and continue prior to this zero idea. Is that going to require a change to the regulations with how that money is handled?

National Treasurer Max Newman

I can't answer that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

All that zero based funding requires us to do is, for instance, if we allocated twenty thousand dollars for Memorials in the fiscal year 2004-2005, and we only spend fifteen thousand, that unspent five thousand dollars does not automatically roll over and be available in the budget in the following year. You need to reallocate. You can allocate from the reserve, so that money is still in the Memorials Fund, since we are using it as an example. If the budget that is adopted, authorizes using reserve funds that are within the Memorials Funds, then that can be done. But you cannot exceed what the Encampment authorizes, nor can you simply automatically carry over prior authorization.

National Treasurer Max Newman

With that let me indicate, the funds that would have been, if I had been following what I had previously been doing in previous budgets, there was about six thousand dollars that was being rolled over from year to year that had not been spent from years prior to last year. I don't know how far back I should go. But, everything that is there, is from previous years, or this past fiscal year. So in other words those funds were there from 2001,2002, 2003.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

The difference is whether or not you are spending this year's income or this year's income plus what we didn't spend in previous years. That's what you are looking at and when you spend reserve funds, you are actually spending or projecting to spend more money than your income each year so you are going in the hole, but not in reality.

National Treasurer Max Newman

Well, consequently due to the fact that I had learned that I was not doing my budget properly, I had deposited those extra funds into the Permanent Fund. Would it be permanent fund? I'm not sure which one I put it into right now. I had deposited all of those excess funds into a CD, in fact, I did in four different CDs, one for the General Fund, the National Headquarters Fund, the GAR Fund and the Permanent Fund. And so, for me to write a check against those funds right now, they are not available and won't be until thirteen months from now. I guess the only thing that I can conclude from that, is I cannot write a check against a CD. I don't have the funds in the checkbook or in the account right now. Because I zeroed them right down, took them right down to the minimum balance I had, and rolled that money into those CDs, of which I am earning 3.7% interest on, which was the highest I was able to find.

National Guard Jack Grothe

Commander-in-Chief, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee informs me that the number is one hundred and eighty-nine. He shall grace your presence within the next ten minutes for all necessary crunched figures.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will take a ten-minute recess while we wait for the Credentials Committee to come in with their report. The Chaplain will close the Bible.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Stefany.

Stuart Stefany, Department of Illinois

I just wanted everyone to know why the National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski is not here this weekend. He can't be here because he has become the caretaker of our Past Camp Commander Steve Stewart, who is suffering with cancer. Jerry has become the caregiver of this individual and because he is doing this most Christian duty of seeing to the needs of another Brother he can't be here with us today.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Please keep both of these Brothers in your prayers. I believe Brother Ellis Graham wanted to present a resolution at this time. Brother.

Paul Ellis Graham, Department of New York

I would like support for the following resolution. Resolved that the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War establish the position of Legislation officer at both the Department and National levels. It would be appointed by the National or Department Commander respectively. The officer in charge would be under consultation with the Department/National Commander to establish a formal or informal relationship with legislatures, historians and other public interest groups at the appropriate National, State or local level. The Legislative officer would also preside over the Legislation Committee in order to accomplish this task. His responsibility would be to examine laws, existing laws or purpose new legislation in order to protect and preserve historic sites, battlefields, prison camps, monuments and cemeteries, both public and private, which are under constant threat of destruction due to development and the lack of proper education about these places so essential to our ancestors memories, and serve as a living links to our Nations Civil War past. Justification for this resolution comes having served two years of heading of such a committee in the Department of New York. We have been working in trying to get the State legislature to improve increases in criminal

penalties for those who vandalize the graves of veterans and also to prevent the unauthorized sale of Civil War cannons, monuments and memorabilia located throughout the State that does not have sufficient protection under the current law in order to prevent those things from happening. I traveled across the United States this summer. I was not alone in thinking as I traveled these different places to look at the conditions of cemeteries. We are asking for legislation. It really seeks to speak for people who can no longer speak for themselves. I have noted it is very easy to convince people, and this is not a slight to them. Certainly World War II Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, people that are still living. But what will happen in a hundred years from now? When those people no longer are alive, will the same attitude that is impacting Civil War Veterans be alive in this country a hundred years from now, when there is no one except for groups like us, to remember them. So I think, based on the seriousness of the issues, that we are presented with, that we create a position in both the Department and National levels to deal with these problems.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Is there an objection?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Move to refer to the next National Constitution and Regulation Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. There has been a motion to refer that to the C&R Committee.

Bob Lowe, Department of California and Pacific

Second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Lowe.

Bob Lowe, Department of California and Pacific

Commander-in-chief, it has come to my attention, in speaking with the National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler that the available Graves Registration pamphlet is now sorely out of date, as far as being upgraded to include the on-line database. But something that is of more serious nature, the return address for the tear off portion is a Gettysburg address and these are being purchased by our Brothers here and handed out at reenactments or used by themselves and being sent to an address that is being returned to the sender. In talking to Quartermaster Wheeler, I find that we have a great number of these in stock and it is my suggestion, for cost purposes, that we create a label, an address label here to change it and paste over the top of those until we can get rid of that supply and then consider totally revamping if not abolishing, totally revamping that brochure to updated it, add additional information and correctness.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

You are suggesting that simply an updated address label would be sufficient to update it at this time?

Bob Lowe, Department of California and Pacific

At least that portion would come to the National Graves Registration Officer and not be returned to the sender, which upsets them, and then they have to try and find where to send it. I think it should be the address of the National Graves Registration Officer. I am more than happy to provide the labels and Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler said he would be more than happy to have a little beer stickem party at his house. For the effect of saving the money for things that are already being done. It was a fine brochure at the time it was made. Until we can at least, get the level down, I think this is the most cost affective way to go, if that is okay with this body.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. Is there a motion in favor of this?

Bob Lowe, Department of California & Pacific

So moved.

Joe Long, Department of Pennsylvania

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Question, you said that the data, not only the address, but the data on the pamphlet is out of date?

Bob Lowe, Department of California and Pacific

No I'm saying the information on there should be updated to include the National Graves Registration database on-line. How to get to it and for the sake of correctness of future Graves Registration, through this method add a section that has more information. They are just asking basically a name, cemetery and....

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Well, just because we have thirty-seven gazillion of these things in Danny's house, why don't we just get rid of them, then do a new pamphlet with all the correct information? And I would suggest that the address on there be the address of the National Headquarters, so that when we change the Graves Registration Officer the information still goes to the one point. So Commander-in-Chief, I would make a motion that the pamphlet be redesigned and brought back next year to this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Well, we have a motion....

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

A substitute motion then to redesign the pamphlet. I mean they could put their labels on the ones for now, just to use them, but it sounds like we need a replacement of that form.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Lowe is that acceptable?

Bob Lowe, Department of California and Pacific

It is more than acceptable. I was only doing that for cost saving measures his idea would be the optimum way to go. And for the interim we will place labels on and then bring to this body or the Council Administration a new pamphlet for approval.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I would recommend rather than it have to come back to this body for approval that the pamphlet be redesigned by the Programs and Policy Committee brought before the Council so that the Council of Administration so that they could approve it and we could get it on line instead of waiting around for a year.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. All in favor of the substitute motion say aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Motion carries.

National Guard Jack Grothe

Sir, good news. With my own eyes, I saw the printer printing out your information.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Any other new business to come before the Encampment or resolutions. Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, keeping in mind what the National Treasurer reported there should have been a letter from the Department of Pennsylvania requesting financial support for the restoration of four bronze plaques which are located in the Gettysburg room of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh. They were placed there following the 1939 National Encampment by the Sons, the G.A.R., the Ladies of the Grand Army Republic and the Auxiliary. There were photographs supposed to accompany the letter, I understand the letter never made it. The Department and the Camp of Pittsburgh are in the process of raising the funds to have these cleaned, restored, and conserved. The last thing to be done to completely refinish the Gettysburg room in Soldiers and Sailors. For those of you who are not familiar with it, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh is the largest monument to veterans anywhere in this country. The footprint of the building is a complete acre. The Campus to the building covers three city blocks. It was built by the Grand Army of the Republic, dedicated in 1910. Until 2000 it was under the care of the local county. In 2000 it was privatized with a nonprofit corporation who now runs the hall as a museum. It includes a twenty-six hundred-seat auditorium and a ballroom with a capacity of four hundred. The total cost of doing all the plaques, each plaque is approximately thirteen hundred dollars for the restoration of these, so we are asking that an allocation from the Special Project Fund Line Item in the General Fund be approved to support this restoration of these plaques. One of which we put there. The Department contributed five hundred so we would be asking for a similar amount from National.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. According to the National Treasurer, there is twenty-five hundred dollars in the Special Projects Fund for the information of the Brothers present. And, there was a motion and I believe there was a second from Todd Shillington. Any discussion? All those in favor say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried. Brother Kuhn.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania. I would like to make a motion for five hundred dollars from the Special Projects Fund to go towards the restoration of a monument in downtown York, Pennsylvania dedicated to the Pennsylvania Rifles or the York Rifles, which eventually became a Company in the 87th Pennsylvania I think, when Winchester got shot up pretty bad. The head of the monument was broken off it was cast with white metal. This is the second time it has been repaired. Fifty years ago they repaired it. It has broken off again this time restoration is going to be roughly nine thousand dollars. The town itself would like to set up a maintenance and care fund to perpetuate the maintenance of that statute over its life. So I am asking for five hundred dollars from that fund.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There is a second from Brother Dave Medert. Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, if I can clarify. In the general fund each year, we have an allocation, a line item that is called Special Projects. It was initiated a number of years ago that was there so that either this Encampment or the Council of Administration would have that money to cover things that came up during the year. This is where these requests are being, the requests are being asked to be funded out of that line item. This is not Memorial and Grant Fund, Memorial and Grants Fund require the completion and application for those funds and they have to go through the Memorials and Grants Officer and his Committee for approval before they can be funded. They are two different items.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

My question is how much money did we spend on the previous motion from that. We spent five on that right?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes.

National Treasurer Max Newman

If you approve this you are up to a thousand dollars.

Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck Corfman, Department of Ohio

I would make the comment that I feel that the Memorials Fund is memorials fund and Special Project Fund is special project fund and I really don't think it is a time to circumvent the rules by slipping a Memorial Project into the Special Project Fund that should be saved for things that the body or the Council. Primarily something that comes up unexpectedly, a new or unanticipated item. The Memorials Projects should be an ongoing thing, funded through the paperwork and proper procedures of the Memorials Fund.

Encampment

Here, here.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

While I agree with Brother Corfman, for those items that are unanticipated, the Council has a contingency fund of forty-five hundred dollars to cover such items. We already have established the precedence in at least the last two National Encampments, where this Special Project Fund has gone for items just like has been brought up. So the precedence (one) has been established, (two) we do have a contingency fund, that is available to the Council and to the Encampment, if it is one of those, oh my God things we need to pay for it. So there is something to take care of that. which does not take away from the Special Project Fund.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Now we had a motion from Charlie Kuhn regarding the York Rifles Monument and refresh my memory was there a second. A second from Brother Medert. And further discussion? All those in favor say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will take a hand count. All those in favor raise your hand? Brother Secretary, please do the counting.

There are eighty-two, for. Those against please raise your hand. Alright, fifty-five against, the motion passes.

Stuart Stefany, Department of Illinois

We have a battle flag from the 36th Illinois Infantry, which we are in the process of restoration. The cost is about twenty-two thousand dollars. They have so far eleven of that and I would like to request five hundred dollars towards the restoration of the 36th Illinois Regiment Infantry battle flag.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, at the risk of being thrown out of my own Department, I would like to make a motion to reconsider the last two votes and that we get all of the requests from the room for money before we decide on who gets what. The way this is going right now, the first five guys come in and ask for five hundred dollars is going to get it. Number six is not going to get anything. So I make a motion that we reconsider the last two votes.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright made and seconded. Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

One in Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion passes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. At this point, we are aware of, for everybody's review we have a request for five hundred from the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Hall, Pennsylvania York Rifles Monument and the 36th Illinois Infantry battle flag each in the amount of five hundred dollars for a total of fifteen hundred dollars. Brother Stephen.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

In Davis County, Iowa we are in the process of placing a monument to the famous Davis County Raid, which I am sure all around the country you have heard about many times. That monument has been designed and needs to be ordered. We have several other organizations including the Sons of Confederate Veterans working with us on the project. On behalf of the Department of Iowa I would request five hundred dollars for that monument.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

I have a point of Order. How do we know what a majority is without a report from Credentials Committee. We may have a number of ineligible voters. I would say, let's delay this until we know what a majority is. We can still accept the request but not vote on it and wait till, if ever we get a...

Encampment

Laughter.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

Credentials Committee that tells us how many eligible voters we have. We don't know what a majority is.

In other words is it sixty-four, eighty-four. We have voted here without knowing a majority. I respectfully suggest that vote be held in abidance until we know what our majority is.

National Guard, Jack Grothe

We can clear this up by having the Chairman of the Credentials Committee present waiting to give you his report.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Doctor Webber you are a popular man. Would you come forward and please give your Credentials Report. We will pause briefly with the Special Projects Fund, while we hear this report. I would ask the Brothers, if a number is read for your Department and it appears to be incorrect or is incorrect, don't start shouting out that it is wrong. Please see Doctor Webber during the lunch break so that can be corrected. Thank you.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

I appreciate being as popular as I seem to be or is that unpopular, which is which. I am going to give you the total voting power of your Departments and then I'll give you the total number of delegates that are allotted primarily because two or three Departments are over their delegate allotment. We will start at the top California/Pacific has a total of nine votes. They have six delegates and they are within

their allotment of seventeen, which makes them okay. Colorado/Wyoming has a voting power of one, there are no delegates. Connecticut has a voting power of six, it has delegates they are permitted three so they are okay. Florida has a voting power of one there are no delegates, not a problem. Illinois has a voting power of three there are no delegates here. Indiana, Indiana has a voting power of five they are permitted two delegates or they have two delegates they are permitted nine so they are well within their range. Iowa has a voting power of ten. Eight are delegates they are permitted seven so they are one over. Kansas has a voting power of five, one is a delegate they are permitted five. Kentucky has a voting power of six, four are delegates they are permitted six so they are within their allotment. Maine has a voting power of eight, delegates are five, they are permitted five. Maryland has a voting power of nine; five are delegates they are permitted fifteen, they are within their allotment. Massachusetts has a voting power of sixteen; thirteen are delegates, ten are permitted. They are three over. Michigan has a voting power of twelve, they have six delegates. Missouri has a total voting power of six, two are delegates, they are permitted seven. Nebraska has one voting member and none are delegates. New Hampshire has a total voting power of fourteen, they have eight delegates, they are permitted four so that means they are four over. New Jersey has a voting power of five, three are delegates, they are permitted eleven. New York has a total voting power of nine, five are delegates, they are permitted twenty-one. Ohio has a voting power of thirteen, five are delegates, they are permitted twenty-three. Oklahoma has two a voting power of two and one is a delegate they are permitted three. Pennsylvania has a voting power of nineteen, twelve are delegates they are permitted thirty-two. Rhode Island has a voting power of eight, four are delegates they are permitted five. Tennessee has a voting power of four, three are delegates they are permitted five. Southwest had a pre-registrant but did not appear and consequently has no attendees in their Department. Vermont has a voting power of five, two are delegates, they are permitted four. And Wisconsin has a total voting power of seven and five are delegates, they are permitted ten. And that should conclude the report. I counted a hundred and eighty-nine. I think that I over counted when I counted a Texas delegate that did not appear and consequently I think the total count is actually one eighty-eight.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Credentials Committee for your final Encampment Report please be prepared to give us a proper breakdown with the actual number of Commanders-in-Chief, Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders so that we can see exactly how many votes. I know what you have said but you need to know also a roll call vote so we know how many people are in the room. And be able to count by position what those votes are, that is what we need.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

I have it, I have that information.

Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

Commander-in-Chief, I just wanted to point out that if Departments are over, that there are Brothers in here who are not allowed to vote on any of the matters, is that not correct. Not just the elections.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That's correct.

Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

So we just need to make sure Brothers if you are not a delegate you cannot vote in any of the proceedings that are going on.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

I certainly wouldn't presume to tell you how to do this but I would presume also that your Department Caucus would select delegates and would also let those know who are not qualified to vote.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. I don't believe that any of the previous votes were that close of a call that the counts that we just heard affected them in anyway. Yes, Brother Hinkley

Willard Hinkley, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Commander-in-Chief, a question for information. Between Department Commanders and delegates is one a subset of the other. In other words apparently, I am not counted from Colorado/Wyoming although I am here and have my Badge. There appears to be some possible errors there.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

He didn't count you because you are a Department Commander so you are not a delegate you are a free vote essentially.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

There is inconsistencies in his report because he read off voting strength and delegates and they were not always one in the same and I'm not talking about ones that they have more delegates then allocated. Where the number of delegates are less voting strength. So he had to be including the Department Commander and Past Department Commanders in those numbers and therefore at least Illinois, Colorado and Wyoming are incorrect.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

To summarize we notice some discrepancies and I happen to know one in Illinois that they have, but one gentleman that is a Camp Commander who should be registered as a delegate in that report and is not so we are going to have to take care of this during the lunch break.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

Commander. Would you clarify your decision a moment ago that your feeling is that the votes weren't close enough to be altered by the correct count of delegates and if that is your decision I appeal it to the floor. Just because you're feeling that the vote is correct doesn't change the fact that there may have been illegal voters.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The question was, were there any votes that were closer than eight votes. And the National Secretary says no.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief if there were no votes closer than eight or had a bigger disparity between the eight it is kind of a moot point. What we are looking at is going to revote on everything you voted for yesterday that was a non-voice vote and today. Which means get ready to start all over again. Be careful what you wish for. If it is bigger than eight, don't mess with it.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

My understanding, we are operating on the Robert's Rules. Under Robert's Rules, a majority constitutes a quorum. The delegate votes that we have are for the election of officers, unless it's been called for that only, what is it called, a block, that the votes would then have to go to the Caucus. But my understanding we are working on Robert's Rules which maybe means that those people who are in attendance and are voting constitute the vote. Whether they are a delegate or an alternate or a Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you, I'll refer this to the Counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

James Pahl, National Counselor. I believe the issue is people who are not entitled to vote are voting. They are not a delegate they are not an alternate they are not entitled to automatic credentials because of past office held. They are here.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

Then what are they doing here in this room.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

They are Brothers of the Order. They are entitled to observe and attend the meeting but they have no vote. Anyone who is a Member of this Order or an Associate or a Junior can attend the meeting

and listen. There are Brothers in this room who are in that category, that they are not a delegate, they are not a past officer, they are not an alternate. Alternates can vote if they are replacing a delegate.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

Maybe they should be asked did you vote on any of these projects?

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The issue is people not entitled to vote are voting.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

My suggestion, some organizations have a card that they hold up, if they can vote and only those cards are the ones that are counted. That way it was clarified, who was a delegate and who is not a delegate. It would help the Secretary to know that too. So might I suggest from this point if we could maybe take a break or something and get something to where those who are eligible to vote can vote would have the card up and be able to do that.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I don't think that is going to be possible. It might be something we can consider next year. I mean the cards are issued when you register for the event. If you are a delegate you get a card if you are not a delegate then you don't get a card. Or if you are a Past Department Commander or if you are a Past Commander-in-Chief.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

All it is, is a color, chartreuse, green, purple it wouldn't matter what it is but again, if it is done next year fine whatever but something that would signify that they are actual voting members here.

Charles McGillicuddy, Department of Maine

For the purpose of voting on the elections, which I understand, would be in Caucus anyway, I would recommend the non-voting members be assigned to a specific seating area and not be part of those Caucus'. That is just a suggestion.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

We are still with my appeal, I understand.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Yes.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

And regardless of what this is, it is not going to alter the fact that we are doing illegal voting, if we are going to go by majority decision until we know what that majority is. How long do you feel that it will be before our Credentials Chair will have that figure?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Registration officially closed a little while ago. He gave a preliminary report, but officially in the program the registration was open until the morning session is over with. So those numbers could change slightly and they will be reported again before the before the elections later on.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

Well I submit, in view of that, we adjourn for lunch until we can get that number.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are you making a motion to adjourn? We already have a motion on the floor.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

No, I have an appeal to the floor. However if you make a motion to adjourn that is a primary motion by Robert's Rules of Order and has to be worked on immediately without debate.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

First of all we need a second. I have not heard a second before that motion can be considered. It is debatable unless it relates to rules of speaking to quorum and debate or priority of business and this does not relate to any one of those. So a motion to appeal is debatable in this circumstance. But I haven't heard a second yet either.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I hear no second to appeal and the votes stand as they are now. Now continuing on with the matter at Hand previous, the Special Projects Fund and I believe we are about to hear from Brother Sayre.

Jerry Sayre, Department of California and Pacific

My Camp has what I believe is a special project. Last January, the last bad rainstorm in southern California destroyed the flagpole at G.A.R. Hill Mt. Hope Cemetery in San Diego. The final resting place of over thirteen hundred Union Soldiers. We cannot determine absolutely that it is part of a monument, therefore, we could not appeal to the Monuments Fund. We are currently raising funds for what we believe will be over three thousand dollars to replace that flagpole. We have already raised eighteen hundred dollars at the Camp level. We are still proceeding with that fundraising effort and we are appealing for funds in the amount of five hundred dollars for that special project.

Greg Greene, Department of Michigan

I would ask that the Encampment here assembled consider a request for five hundred dollars for the emergency, repair, removal, refurbishment of two four and a half inch rifles in Fenton Michigan, which by necessity will have to be removed very shortly. They are on a sidewalk, which they are routinely covered with salty snow every year. It deteriorated to a point where it is an emergency to get this work done. Five hundred dollars from this organization would be a big help in getting this done. The estimated costs are about four thousand dollars and I believe locally they have raised between four and six hundred dollars at this point. So a request for five hundred dollars to you gentlemen. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Are there any other requests for funds from the Special Projects Fund? Brother Darby.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

As there are six requests that is three thousand dollars we have only twenty-five hundred. we can do this, we can make them four hundred dollar contributions and everybody gets some, or we can make five hundred dollar contributions expend the Special Projects Fund and take one five hundred dollar out of the Contingency Fund and then end it. I am throwing that out there for discussion as to what you would like to do.

Alan Russ, Department of Kansas

I would like to remind the Encampment that the National Membership-at-Large did donate a check for twelve hundred dollars for unspecified use by the National Organization. Possibly the Encampment would choose to direct part of this to the short fund.

Encampment

Clapping

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there a motion?

Several

Yes, so move. Second, second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

So moved and seconded. Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I would move you that all six projects get five hundred dollars with the balance be made up from the money they just released.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

John Irons from Oklahoma. I just have a question. Does that mean that when we go back to our individual Departments and we have a Special Project, is there funds still available or is that it? We have come here to ask for it to get that on Special Projects not Memorial but Special?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Special Project Fund is depleted at this time.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

But, does it mean it has to be done here to get it, when you get here?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

For this year.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

For this year?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Correct. There is still Memorial Grant money because that money has not yet been tapped and that has to go through the procedure. Thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Department of New York

Commander, I have two things real quick. Just to let you all know, the Quartermaster does have the SVR miniature badges for sale at this time.

Encampment

Laughter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Department of New York

Just to let you know, next year the Quartermaster will have those little cards you hold up.

Audience

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

That may have to be approved by the Programs and Policy Committee.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I would just like to remind the Department officers that were somewhere when we had the other meeting, at a quarter till one in this room we will meet. Okay. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. And Brother Gill was out of the room earlier but again if you have not picked up your proceedings from 2003 and 2004 and 1997 please stop by and see them in the back of the room. Brother Newman has one announcement before we recess.

National Treasurer Max Newman

Anyone that has just been awarded five hundred dollars for any of these Special Projects I would like you to come forward to me right now and give me your information. I will then process a check and send you letters. I'll need your name and address so I can officially do this for the auditors and I have a paper trail. Okay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Chaplain will close the Bible.

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Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Department of New York, you still wanted to make an announcement.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I have had several people that wanted to buy hats and we have a booth in the building next door the room next door and we have to be out of there at three. So if you want to do it, when we have a break here somewhere along the line you probably better go over because we are going to be out of there by three.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay, thank you. Any other announcements before we get under way. So I'll call on our Credentials Committee chair to come forward with the official count. Brothers, I ask your attention so that the numbers can be heard.

Les Weber, Chairman of Credentials Committee

We finalized some things here and I've made some corrections and I thank you very kindly for your coming by to get them unglued here in some instances. I'll tell you what I succeeded John Mann. I'm not sure that many of you remember John Mann. You know John Mann, he was the Credentials Chairman for several years, and I never realized what a great job John Mann did until I picked up on this thing.

Encampment

Laughter, clapping.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

California & Pacific has 6 Delegates and 3 PDC's for a total of 9 votes.

Colorado & Wyoming has 1 DC for a total of 1 vote.

Connecticut has 2 Delegates, 1 DC and 3 PDC's for a total of 6 votes.

Florida has 1 Delegate for a total of 1 vote.

Illinois has 1 Delegate, 1 DC and 1 PDC for a total of 3 votes.

Indiana has 2 Delegates, 2PDC and 1 PCinC for a total of 5 votes.

Iowa has 8 Delegates (1 over allotment,) 1DC, and 1 PDC for a total of 9 votes.

Kansas has 1 Delegate, 1DC and 2 PDC's for a total of 4 votes.

Kentucky has 4 Delegates and 2 PDC's for a total of 6 votes.

Maine has 5 Delegates, 1DC and 2 PDC's for a total of 8 votes.

Maryland has 5 Delegates, 1 DC, 2 PDC's and 1 PCinC for a total of 9 votes.

Massachusetts has 13 Delegates (three over allotment) 1 DC, and 3PDC's for a total of 14 votes.

Michigan has 6 Delegates, 1DC, 3 PDC's and 2 PCinC's for a total of 12 votes.

Missouri has 2 Delegates, and 4 PDC's for a total of 6 votes.

Nebraska has 1 PDC for a total of 1 vote.

New Hampshire has 7 Delegates (three over allotment,) 1DC, 6 PDC's for a total of 11 votes.

New Jersey has 2 Delegates, 1 DC and 1 PDC for a total of 4 Votes.

New York has 5 Delegates, 1DC, 2 PDC's and 1 PCinC for a total of 9 votes.

Ohio has 5 Delegates, 1 DC, 4 PDC's and 3 PCinC's for a total of 13 votes.

Oklahoma has 1 Delegate and 1 PDC for a total of 2 votes.

Pennsylvania has 13 Delegates, 1DC, 3 PDC's and 3 PCinC's for a total of 20 votes.

Rhode Island has 4 Delegates, 1 DC, and 3 PDC's for a total of 8 votes.

Tennessee has 3 Delegates and 1 PDC for a total of 4 votes.

Vermont has 2 Delegates, 1 DC and 2 PDC's for a total of 5 votes.

Wisconsin has 5 Delegates, 1PDC and 1 CinC for a total of 7 votes.

Total of 177 allowable votes.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there any other new business to become before the body? Okay, Brother Tucker.

Frank Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Good afternoon Brothers, my name is Frank Tucker, Charles Bond Camp 104, Department of Massachusetts. I am a veteran of WWII and I'm a recipient of the SUVCW War Medal and have been a Member of the SUVCW for thirty years and I'm a life member for twenty years. I've held every elective position on both the Camp and Department level. Also having been elected Department Commander more times than any other member of my Department. My stewardship in the SUVCW, however, was brought to an abrupt halt when Richard Orr relieved me of my command just two days before the convening of my Department Encampment, without any prior notification nor reason afforded me. I was later told by telephone by my successor to read Brother Orr's General Order number eleven, which I had not received, which he had composed in its entirety to carry out, what I believe, was a personal vendetta against me. I petitioned the Commander-in-Chief and this Encampment to put a stop to this nonsense. It has caused deep division in our esteemed organization because of the insistence of one individual to carry out a personal vendetta against me. In complete disregard of the reasons behind our founding model Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. He has used the high office of Commander-in-Chief to carry out this nefarious adventure. I stand before you today to answer every charge in Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr's allegations contained in his General Order number 11, dated April 2, 1998, seven years ago. In his eagerness to destroy my reputation and drive me from this brotherhood, he has taken the unusual task of going back to the administrations of other Commanders-in-Chief. Overruling their prerogatives without consulting with them in order to justify his personal attack. One might ask, why he was adamant in his virtual pursuits. During his stewardship as national Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, he attempted to have Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman removed from office as National Treasurer and he might have driven him out of the SUVCW. This might have been his right, but when he stood up on the floor of the National Convention to give his Officers Report, instead of reporting on carrying out the duties of his office he turned his report into an attack against General Corfman and attempted to avail prosecution against him. Seeing the injustice of his action I arose to a point of order putting a halt to his diatribe. It was then and there that he set out a determined mission, that if he couldn't destroy General Corfman then perhaps he would wait to become Commander-in-Chief and use the powers of his office to get even with Frank Tucker. Let me apprise you of the real Frank Tucker, not in the spirit or braggadocio but enlighten you as to my dedication to this Order. During my term of membership, I have been involved on behalf of the SUVCW in the following: I had a gubernatorial proclamation in Massachusetts setting aside April 15 of every year as Grand Army of the Republic Day in Massachusetts. I would hope that every Department of the SUVCW puts a similar action before this date. I have served on the Boston Committee to restore the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial to the Mass 54th Color Troops, which had been vandalized over the years. I've had passed in the State Legislature of Massachusetts, a Bill setting aside a section of the State Capital as Civil War Nurses Hall which today contains a bronze plaque giving sole credit to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. During this term of office the then Governor Michael Dukakis, who you might remember was also a candidate for the President of the United States attempted to balance the state budget by dropping the two Civil War Soldiers homes from the budget, one in Chelsea and one in Holy Oak. I led a protest march on the State House of thousand of veterans from every major veteran's organization in the state. This got the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House on our side. It influenced the Governor to pull in his horns. He did challenge our group to come up with an alternative plan to finance the Soldiers home. I personally took up this challenge by fighting legislature for the creation of a veterans motor vehicle license plate with fifty percent of the income derived from the sale there of, going exclusively to the Soldiers Homes. The Bill was passed unanimously in both branches and became law. Today some fifteen years later these homes are in full operation serving hundreds of veterans. Please feel free to boast of this as an accomplishment of the SUVCW. During my terms as Department Commander I was reelected more than any other Brother in the Department and I uncovered some astounding things that had taken place in Massachusetts. I uncovered a Past Department Commander of the Department that had been convicted of being a pedophile. I tracked the

Past Department Commander who had stolen the entire treasurer of the New England Regional Association, forced him into restitution of every penny and forced him to resign from the Order to avoid bringing disgrace on the SUVCW. I discovered another Past Department Commander who was fraudulently billing the city of Boston for the flagging of graves of Civil War Veterans that were indeed never flagged, pocketing the money and setting up a personal checking account there from. Both are mentioned as complaints incidentally on all lists of my so-called disruptive activities. This criminal felony could have given the SUV a terrible black eye in Massachusetts incidentally these two are now out of the SUVCW by the way, thanks to the efforts of Past Department Commander Bill Ryerson, our present Department Secretary. All these monies have been recovered and are part of the Department General Fund. Yes Brothers, Frank Tucker has certainly been a disruptive force in Massachusetts, but on the side of right. A disruptive force to those who would bring scandal upon our Order. Incidentally isn't it odd that those same complainants are on Brother Orr's vendetta team are no longer in the Department of Massachusetts. Even his so called Trial Commissioner he appointed, Gregory Mierka, I am told is no longer a member of the SUVCW having been involved in questionable activities in Rhode Island. Incidentally I have in my possession a letter from Mierka when he was in power stating that he informed Brother Orr that he could find no probable cause for the charges brought against Frank Tucker. It seems that Brother Orr conveniently misplaced the report. Camp 9, of which Leslie Covey, another complainant was Commander, has had its Charter lifted and Covey has been dropped from the Department roles for questionable operations of practices. Then there was Past Department Commander Ellsworth Brown who claimed I had forged papers while a Department Secretary whose Camp was later revoked for misfeasance and nonfeasance in complying with the mandate of the C&R. Brown was rejected from the Department of New Hampshire, then took up membership and affiliation in Rhode Island. This is the group that comprised the Richard Orr Anti-Tucker team. Having informed you of this libelous miscarriage of justice and being suspended from office longer than any member in our history, ten years, I stand ready to refute any and all of those charges that Brother Orr and his cohorts have made against me. It is interesting that Brother Orr had to personally travel all the way to Rhode Island from his home to induce people to appear on this Trial Commission. I might also point out when Brother Orr's General Order was read at the Department of Massachusetts Encampment the Convention stood up unanimously and gave me a standing vote of confidence. Even though under suspension, I went out during Past Commander-in-Chief Krieser's stewardship, and signed up eighteen new members, for which I received the National Aide Award. The decision to come before your august body in the interest of justice was mine and mine alone. I might interject at this point when I took over my first term as Department Commander we had assets of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars. With the input of Past Department Commander and Treasurer, Ed Parks and myself, we wisely invested the money and today the Department of Massachusetts has a value well over a half a million dollars. In closing may I point out under Article 6 of the C&R which was conveniently omitted when the last update of the C&R was made in August of 2002 is written and contained in previous C&R's, under Article 6, Section 2 it states charges may be preferred for violation of obligation or doing anything intending to injure a veteran, of which I am, or a Brother of this Order. Having served in WWII not one but two theaters of war with the U.S. Army and on the active patrol in Alaska during the Cold War. So I guess I qualify in both instances. Once again may I thank you all most profusely for allowing me to take up your valuable time to address this hateful vendetta. I just have one question you might ask yourself as you deliberate my petition. Is there any organization or judicial branch you can think of where the accuser is the self appointed judge, jury, finder of facts and the sentencing official without any trial being held. And when no paperwork containing there to exist today. May I quote from a letter written by my appointed successor, almost one year from the date of Orr's General Order Number 11, in a response to a inquiry by then Camp Commander John Bates, III. He said, "As I previously let you know no testimony as far as I know was presented to Trial Commissioner Greg Mierka by anyone to substantiate the allegations made against Brother Tucker. To date I have not received any documentation from National about the trial." These are his words, "May I further add that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to his credit in

carrying out the mandates of his office of the National Counselor at the time E-mailed me a response to my inquiries, which included his observation that it is certainly suspicious that Brother Greg's report has now disappeared out of this organization." But, he has observed Brother Mierka's report had been in Brother Orr's hands. And also that the proceedings of that National Encampment have never been published. May I take the opportunity to call to the opinion of Judge Advocate General Harrington opinion 2 of the 14th National Encampment on page 117 and he says "When the accused was not present at trial and the record contains no history of proof of notice not even served on him proceedings are irregular." Judge Advocate General Harrington also stated in opinion 8 14th National Encampment page 119 under the titled records of the Court. The record must contain proof of notice showing it to have been served on accused at his usual place of abode. I might add that an E-mail from the then Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong was in consultation with the then National who stated "Frank has never had the opportunity to present his case at any type of hearing." I am fortunate enough to have a communication from Orr's trial Commissioner, Past Department Commander Gregory Mierka, which I won't read because I've gone on for too long as it is now. I assume and hope that you will agree with me that nothing under Article 6 entitled Discipline is applicable to this case before you. May I also offer the following opinion of Judge Advocate General Oglesvie in an opinion for the 15th National Encampment page 105, and he says, "Where it does not appear of record how many members of the Court were present at trial or at adjournment to any other time was had but four days later without any notice of any kind to anybody a majority of the detailed staff and trial was had and he held proceedings illegal and the record defective." In closing my good Brothers, may I add a quotation from Abraham Lincoln, "If I were to try to read much less answer all the attacks made upon me this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I can only do the very best I can and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out alright then what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." Once again, I wish to offer my sincerest gratitude to this body for allowing me to appear before you and my quest to set the record straight. I might add that our primary purpose in this organization is to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead ancestors not to be set aside to carry out personal vendettas. Thank you Brothers.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Tucker. Can you make it clear to the Brothers present what you are requesting at this time?

Frank Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I am requesting a complete abolishing of all the stuff that has been performed against me including stripping me of all my honors for the past eight years seven years and also to eradicate this kangaroo trial from the records of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to restore me my full voting rights as a member of this organization. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Tucker. I'll hear three arguments for and three against. Is there a motion to restore Brother Tucker to his former status?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Point of order. This was already appealed to the National Encampment in Nineteen Ninety-Eight. The National Encampment found that all the charges were valid and they confirmed them and imposed the same disciplinary sentence that had been imposed by the Commander-in-Chief and according to our constitution and several opinions of Past Adjutant Generals and Past National Counselors, once an opinion has been made and has been voted on by the National Encampment it is no longer appealable to a subsequent National Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

James Pahl, National Counselor. First of all, I was present at the nineteen ninety-eight Encampment. I remember this well. For those who were there it was about a little after two in the

morning when this came on to the floor on the Encampment floor was an interesting night. The regulations were in effect at the time allowed the Commander-in-Chief to take some discipline. The Trial Commissioner would be appointed after the fact to take testimony and evidence and then a report would be issued, recommendations, then the Commander-in-Chief again would make rulings and act, which happened. The regulations in effect at the time called for the agreed party to file a written claim of appeal thirty days prior to the Encampment. If the ruling was within thirty days of the Encampment, which this one was then an appeal, could be had on the floor of the Encampment without prior written notice. The issue that we have here today is was that appeal proper. The motion to appeal was made by Brother Keith Ashley from the Department of Ohio; it was not made by Mr. Tucker. And if I remember correctly Frank was not present at the nineteen ninety-eight Encampment. I was asked by then Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong to make a ruling on this fact or opinion I should say as National Counselor. Was that proper and appropriate. My opinion at the time, and this was published in proceedings last year, was no, it was not. The United States Supreme Court has specifically addressed this type of issue in public law policy issues and said that the only person who can appeal is the aggrieved party, not any one else. So I therefore entered an opinion, and it was my opinion, that the appeal by Keith Ashley to the National Encampment was void and out of order. That is one issue for you to examine today. Do you consider this appeal now or not or do you uphold that decision. That is one issue. That is the way I see where we are at right now is the procedural issue of the appeal. The second issue I see is the amount of time that has passed since then is that an issue to be considered. Why seven years later, not the next year? I don't know. But those are all issues that you gentlemen need to consider in making this decision also. That I think brings us up to speed because we have to look at what the regulations were when this occurred in that proceedings is available on the back table, if you want proceedings from that Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman, Department of Ohio

As you heard I am much involved in this and I really feel that Frank was deliberately attacked because I couldn't be reached. And the following April at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony as we were riding the bus, Rich announced to the man next to him when he knew I was there and listening he said, "I have decided to sentence Frank Tucker to abolition of his rank and expelled from the Order for ten years." and he looked at me and smiled. I really feel that the entire thing was unnecessary and was uncalled for. I feel that at this time enough time has passed and the membership of this organization meeting in annual meeting can do as it pleases and I urge the membership to vote to restore Frank Tucker and eliminate this whole argument. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Corfman. Brother Counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Thank you, James Pahl. Two more items for information. There is in the National Regulations or the Constitution a provision that once an appeal is heard by a National Encampment it can never be brought up again. And I am speaking of the appeal of the decision of the Commander-in-Chief. So that is one item for you consideration and the second item and as I think it is appropriate here to read into the record at this Encampment for your consideration from the proceedings of the 117th Annual National Encampment beginning on page eighty and this will just take a moment. Commander-in-Chief Orr called for new business, a number of Brothers requested to speak on disciplinary action taken by the Commander-in-Chief regarding Brother Frank Tucker of Massachusetts. As this is going to be a lengthy discussion the hour is getting late the Commander-in-Chief recessed the Encampment until nine thirty p.m. following the banquet. Commander-in-Chief Orr opened the session in realistic form motion by Keith Ashley, PDC Ohio to appeal the action of Commander-in-Chief regarding disciplinary action of Frank Tucker of Massachusetts. Seconded by many. Commander-in-Chief Orr handed the gable over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Johnson. It was requested that the Commander-in-Chief state his reasons for taking the actions he did and that he answer subsequent questions. The Commander-in-Chief not in the chair complied. Three and one half hours of discussion followed. At the conclusion of

the discussion a substitute motion was made and seconded the Commander-in-Chief's action be sustained the motion passed on a standing count. Again for informational purposes.

John Bates, Department of Massachusetts

Commander-in-Chief, John Bates Department of Massachusetts Department Commander. I would respectfully ask that this issue be put forth to the Brothers on this floor to decide one way or the other and that is all I'm going to say because I think everything else has been said.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I have a question for Jim and it is a clarification. Brother Pahl, you say that according to the records here, that Keith Ashley made the request and you are saying the United States Supreme Court says that the request has to be made by one of the aggrieved parties, correct, and he was not one of the agreed parties involved in this.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

As much as we are bound or not bound by the precedent of the United States Supreme Court because we are not a public court those statements are correct. Keith Ashley was the one who made the motion and it was my opinion, based on that Supreme Court decision, Frank Tucker should be the only person allowed to make that motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

However, it was not specified in our Regulations.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

So basically what you are saying, the question here we have to answer is Brother Tucker's claim a legitimate appeal or is it not a legitimate appeal at this point. Well, if Keith Ashley was not a legitimate appeal then Frank Tucker's claim is a legitimate appeal.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I believe that, please correct me Jim if I am wrong. Before we go into hours of this I think one of the things that need to be settled first is the appeal by Keith Ashley a legal appeal? If you vote that it was a legal appeal it is moot. If you vote that it wasn't then we are going to have some discussion. But that's the, I mean, I understand what Brother Tucker is saying and Chuck Corfman, but I believe the first thing this organization has to decide is, was Ashley's appeal legal. So I would make a motion to the Commander-in-Chief that a vote be taken to decide whether Brother Keith Ashley's appeal was a legal appeal or not, based on the opinion that was provided. Yes, the regulations at that time then, was Brother Ashley's appeal legal. It is a simple yes or no question. If it's yes it was legal, the point is moot. If it was indeed illegal by this body, then we can continue on.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

And your motion again is?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Once again to put before the motion is to put before the body whether Keith Ashley's appeal was legal.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman, Department of Ohio

We have a catch twenty-two situation. Since Frank Tucker was not allowed in the room and Keith Ashley who was speaking for him was not allowed to make an appeal then how could there of been an appeal when the man that could make the appeal was not allowed to make the appeal and the man who did make the appeal was not legally entitled to make the appeal at three o'clock in the morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief Frank Tucker was not barred from the room he chose not to attend the sessions even though he was there. He was not permitted to be there as a delegate he was allowed in that room the same as any other Brother was.

Bill Ryerson, Department of Massachusetts

Frank Tucker didn't mention it but after this happened in 1997 I believe it was, he suffered a heart attack and he was under the doctor's order not to get involved in anything that may upset him. He could not attend that National Encampment and even if he could attend, he was under doctor's orders not to get involved in these discussions that might upset him further. So it was impossible for him to make the appeal at that time.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I thought I heard that the rule was that the appeal had to happen within thirty days. Was I correct in that?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The rule at the time, was if the decision was more than thirty days out, the appeal had to be made within thirty days. If the decision was made within thirty days of the Encampment then that thirty day rule did not apply. And in this particular case if memory serves me correctly was the final decision was not announced until the Encampment and that is the decision you appeal from. And so that was at the Encampment so the thirty day rule would not have applied at that time.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

Okay, I just wanted to be sure that we are not going to be in a catch twenty-two, where if the appeal was put in it was not a legal appeal and there is a thirty day limit that there is no way it can be appealed again.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Not from the thirty day point of view but, it is from the who made it point of view in my opinion.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I just feel that this appeal is valid.

Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island

Just one thing for the record, Brother Tucker's vision of Brother Mierka was wrong. Brother Mierka, Past Department Commander, has never faced any disciplinary action remaining in good standing in the SUVCW.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

Commander-in-Chief on the motion I have a question for the National Counselor as to procedure. We have heard the National Counselor's opinion that the initial appeal was not legal. And he and we have also heard and the motion is for the floor to decide was that appeal legal or was it not. We already heard the opinion of the Counselor that the appeal the original appeal was not legal and so I don't know if it's for us to decide or do we need a ruling from the Commander-in-Chief first and then maybe appeal that ruling or what is the correct procedure here. Is a vote on that appeal necessary at the moment?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

My opinion is just an opinion, which at previous Encampments, they sometimes followed it and sometimes not. So yes this Encampment is free to vote on the motion that is before us at this time.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

Do we need a ruling from the Commander-in-Chief first and then appeal that ruling or is put the membership.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

It is not necessary for the Commander-in-Chief to first rule.

Dave Stephen, Department of Ohio

Thank you.

Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio

Late of the Common Pleas bench of Delaware County Ohio. I don't wish to be the one that throws the dead cat into an Episcopalian Prayer Meeting but....

Encampment

Laughter.

Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio

Does the National Counselor know is it somewhere hidden away in the C&R is there a thing that could be filed called a motion to file a delayed appeal, does that animal exist?

National Counselor, James B. Pahl

No.

Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio

Well, I guess we will have to struggle with the dead cat.

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

My answer was no, but there is an opinion from a previous Commander-in-Chief in the Digest that says, appeals must be made in a timely fashion, that's the question. Well, the question Charlie Kuhn just asked is what is timely, and that is a decision you guys have to make also.

Jeffrey Stephen, Department of Iowa

Has the rules changed to reflect the problem that existed at the time of this Tucker debacle. Or has the rules changed as far as disciplinary action, because of this?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Yes. Many changes have occurred in the Constitution and Regulations including the entire rewriting of the disciplinary section. It is totally different today then it was in ninety-eight.

Jeffrey Stephen, Department of Iowa

Does this make a consideration to reflect the rules that are present today for these problems in the past?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I'm not sure I understand your question but this has to be decided under the rules that were in affect at the time.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Okay my motion is that the motion of Brother Keith Ashley was an illegal appeal in nineteen ninety-eight. Is that a yes or no. Okay since I've restated it I believe I'll probably have to have someone second that.

Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll second that again.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We have an open motion and a second and it has already been discussed. So we will call for a vote. All those in favor say Aye?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

The Aye's have it.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We have determined that was an illegal appeal.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The next step is to vote on the appeal.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Another point of order. It is not filed timely. It is not a timely appeal, pursuant to a determination filed by National Counselor Holmes, Opinion 144149, appeals must be taken within a reasonable time. There is no definite time stated in the Regulations. This was confirmed by Commander-in-Chief Corfman December 1, 4452. And I would suggest to you Commander-in-Chief and ask for a ruling from you that it was out of order because it was not timely. Seven years isn't timely. Many criminal and felony charges if they are not prosecuted within seven years, you get off free.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Theetge.

Dale Theetge, Department of New York

I would make a motion under the circumstances we will accept this appeal as being a timely appeal.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

You are setting a precedence that means any appeal can go seven years.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

One point of discussion. Seven years is a long time friends. What happened I bet three quarters of the people in this room don't even know what Frank Tucker was accused of doing. So how can we sit in judgment on something if we don't know what he did or we don't know what he is guilty of or we don't even know what his defense even is. We don't know what he is accused of. Seven years ago I remember that Encampment, and it was my very first National Encampment and this whole thing was a real picnic for me, let me tell ya. And you vote one way or another on this you are voting blind. I don't know what the answer is here. Maybe even I don't know if you can even investigate again that far out the evidence is gone. So I just want to a little point of information you need to think about.

Bill Ryerson, Department of Massachusetts

Commander-in-Chief, just a point of information to the body I've been heavily involved in this for seven years and as I stated earlier Frank Tucker was unable to make an appeal that first year do to doctor's orders. He was confined to his home basically to his bed so any appeal that was made and was already voted on to go ahead that appeal was not made with Frank Tucker's knowledge he wasn't involved in it. I did not attend the nineteen ninety-eight Encampment I was damn mad at the time and walked away from the issue for a year and I came back after that and became Department Secretary and then Department Commander for two years. And all of this fell on my shoulders and I can tell you what the people involved that were mentioned by Frank Tucker I can use the name I took them to Court and it is true what Frank says I recovered about thirteen thousand dollars that he was illegally holding that he illegally obtained from the city of Boston for decorating graves which he wasn't doing and we proved that in Court. This has been going on for seven years I'm tired of it myself and I hope it ends today. This is the first time Frank has ever had the opportunity to come into this body and make an appeal, which he has done. So it may be seven years but it is his first shot at it. We tried to bring this up in Michigan I got damn mad at Former Commander-in-Chief George Powell. I had some words with him. Since then we have forgiven ha-ha-ha, he has forgiven me and we have made friends but we had heated discussions. Of Jim Pahl, I think I feel the same. We looked at books this high on the table and said this and that and I think since then he has changed his opinion in the light of these matters. And since then

we have created what is known as the Tucker Rules. The disciplinary actions have changed completely. So Frank was prosecuted on the old rules which are not in affect today because this happened. And the fact that we changed the rules almost proved that the actions against Frank Tucker were really wrong or we wouldn't have changed them to prevent that happening again. Thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman, Department of Ohio

Just a comment to Charlie Kuhn's remark. Yes, a lot of us do remember what happened, and what was going on and therefore I urge you that we do correct this situation.

Victor Falcetti, Department of New Hampshire

I was on that committee with Brother Mierka and Brother Richard and the information that we received the Committee had decided that Frank had already suffered enough by that time and that all things be restored back to him all honors and everything and this was the basic recommendation of the Committee. And I believe Brother Mierka sent this to the Commander-in-Chief. We got to the Encampment and out of the blue came a piece of paper that said oh, we can't do that or whatever was on the paper. It was very derogatory of Brother Tucker. I never saw the piece of paper it was never brought to the Committee. The Committee was disbanded and that was the end of the Committee. But the Committee did recommend that all allegations be forgiven and dismissed. There was an incident with the Commander-in-Chief had to go to, I think it was Salem or something like that, some place like that to settle a problem with one of the Camps. The problem was solved I believe. Frank Tucker was Department Commander at the time that problem was solved we felt that was a moot problem. The other problem came into, I believe, it was Frank sent out letters under the Department Commander's name, he was Secretary. After the Board of Regions whatever you want to call it the same thing you got here, told him to do this so he did and he got shot down for this and this is one thing that was up against him, that he falsified documents.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The motion before the Encampment is whether or not the appeal is timely and I believe the discussion currently occurring does not address that issue and I would ask the discussion returned to the issue that we had before us.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Do you have anything to say on that point Brother?

Victor Falcetti, Department of New Hampshire

On that point, I feel that it is timely that we settle this thing with Frank and I highly recommend that this body restore all of Frank's past honors and allow him to come back into the organization.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Not the motion. One more comment on this Brother Dan.

Dan Bunnell, Department of California

I was at that Encampment and I have been to subsequent Encampments and whenever the subject has been brought up it has been ruled out of order so the seven years this is the first time that it has been brought up since that original time to this Encampment an it has been the first opportunity in fact in seven years he decided to do this it is the first time it was able to be done.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, point of information. That statement is not quite true. Because I have been at every Encampment since then and Frank Tucker has not come up to appeal this other people have appealed for him but Frank this is his first time here. We decided that with the first vote we had here.

Jerry Carroon, Department of Connecticut

Commander-in-Chief I move the previous question.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

It is a motion to terminate the debate on this, is there a second?

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? The debate is terminated. Read back the motion.

National Secretary Michael Bennett

The motion from the floor from Dale Theetge, Department of New York that this appeal be considered a timely appeal.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Those opposed?

Encampment

No.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion carried. Frank's appeal is allowed. And now being twenty minutes after two let's take a ten-minute break.

Gentlemen, the Chaplain will close the Bible.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We have a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps.

We may admit the ladies.

Brothers would you care to introduce the ladies?

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you sisters, would you like to come up and say a few words to the Brothers?

Cynthia Brown, Woman's Relief Corps

Brothers, as we stand here, we wear many hats we have all the same goals and purposes. I'm here as a lonely Woman's Relief Corps member in New Hampshire. I was obligated to be here of course with your Auxiliary. It gives me great pleasure to look around and see such a wonderful, wonderful turnout here in New Hampshire. It is also a lot closer for me to come, twenty minutes.

Encampment

Laughter.

Cynthia Brown, Woman's Relief Corps

However, I do bring you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and my own personal greetings. I hope that you have a harmonious and productive Encampment. Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you ladies and we wish the Woman's Relief Corps the very best. Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping while the ladies exit.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Jim Pahl.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, as to the motion currently on the floor I have a motion of procedure and the motion is as follows. First of all that Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr be allowed to make a presentation to not exceed thirty minutes. That Brother Tucker then be allowed to respond to that presentation a time frame not to exceed the amount of time used by Brother Orr and then that the matter be brought to immediate vote without debate and without discussion. And I so move you.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

It has been moved and seconded. Discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I object, Brother Tucker has already had fifteen minutes of presentation time.

Frank Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I concede to my good friends. Richard Orr is upset and I am not going to speak. I'm going to let him have the floor.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

A few

Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Carried. Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I don't think I'll take the whole thirty. Commander-in-Chief, first I have to set something aside that Brother Tucker said was a reason for these charges and summary disciplinary action that was taken by me. It had nothing to do with Brother Corfman. Brother Corfman's action the previous year was a result of him making statements, which were perceived by myself and others as unveiled threats against our National Accountant. At that time, we had a paid National Accountant who happened to be my sister. I took personal affront to it and yes, I did seek to have him removed as the National Treasurer. It was not any action taken on the floor. For this, Past Commander-in-Chief Partington, who had a lengthy discussion with me and convinced me not only to withdraw that and strike it from my report, which it was, but to settle the issue in a more Brotherly manner.

So it had nothing to do with Brother Corfman's comment as to hearing me say something on the bus at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. I would only note the date of issue of the General Orders pertaining to this matter are April 1st and April 2nd Nineteen Ninety-Eight so the General Orders had already been issued two weeks prior to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. So, you can take that for what it was worth. This was not an easy decision. It was not a decision I made by myself. These decisions were made with consultation with the Council of Administration. They were fully aware of what was going on. There was a lot of discussion by E-mail over the charges and what we were going to do with them.

They are not only contained in General Order number 11, but General Order number 10, as well. Brother Tucker was exceeding his authority on a regular basis as a Department Commander. He refused to comply with the Constitution and Regulations. In my obligation as the Commander-in-Chief, the same is the obligation of anyone who becomes an officer of this Order is to first assure compliance with the Constitution and Regulations. Because he did not comply and refused to do so, I was really left with no other choice, but to remove him from office, as I was empowered to do.

I would simply like to quote in part from those General Orders, so that everyone really knows what the charges were, that were brought against him and to state at that time, under the Regulations the Commander-in-Chief, whoever he was, had the authority to take summary disciplinary action, when there was no other recourse and there was a need for immediate action. The first General Order that is involved with this is Number 10, dated April 1, 1998. It came about as a request from two Brothers in the Massachusetts Department, challenging part of the Department Order Number 6, in which Camp 9 was suspended for failure to hold nomination, election and installation of the Camp as mandated by the C&R. The Department Commander neither then nor now has the authority to suspend a Camp for anything other than failure to file its per capita dues returns and the Annual Reports. There were additional questions raised by these two Brothers from Camp 9. I'm not going to sit here and read all of them.

Anyone who has a copy of the 1998 proceedings can read those and go over them. I do wish to read into the record all of General Order Number 11 dated April 6, 1998. Because I think this sets forward the situation, as it was at the time, and also in the opening portion of this Order gives the background that we were working under, not only myself, but other National Orders.

One: Since 1991 the National Officers of this Order have repeatedly found it necessary to intervene in disputes within the Department of Massachusetts, beginning with the reversal of a merger of two Camps in 1991. Past Commander-in-Chief George Long, then National Secretary James Lyons and then National Treasurer Richard Orr traveled to Boston, to audit the Camps book and arbitrate a plan for the division of the Camp property. The division of the Camp was the result of disputes between two groups of Brothers. One led by Brother Frank Tucker and the other by Brother James Marlie. This was followed by accusations against Brother Marlie by Brother Tucker. The accusations concerned topics, which had nothing to do with the SUVCW. Then came disputes between Brother Tucker and Brother Douglass Knight, which lasted several years. This was succeeded by Brother Tucker as Department Secretary, forging the signature of Brother Ellsworth Brown Department Commander, to a number of letters and documents. The forgery was accomplished through the use of a signature stamp. Frank Tucker sent letters to numerous Brothers over the quote "signature" close quote of the Department Commander and presented the content of the letters as official Department positions. When Commander Brown was asked about these letters and positions he had no knowledge of them.

Two: And now we have Frank Tucker and Les Covey, Camp 9, 1998 version of this behavior. It is a finding of this office that Frank Tucker

A: Has been and continues to be a disruptive force within the Department of Massachusetts.

B: He has repeatedly exceeded his authority to wit suspended Camp 9 without authority to do so, stripped Brother Les Covey of rank as a Past Camp and Past Department Commander without the authority to do so, issued Department position statements, when the Department Secretary, without authority to do so and without the Department Commander, Department Council or Department Encampment approving the position statements, caused the Department Commander's signature to be affixed to letters and documents without specific authorization to do so.

C: He has removed Les Covey from the office of Department Secretary for allegedly failing to perform his duties, without requiring the previous Department Secretary to provide the records necessary for Brother Covey to perform the duties of his office.

D: He has failed to take action against the current Department Secretary for the same failings as alleged against Brother Covey. Department of Massachusetts has failed to file its quarterly reports on time and is currently in arrears.

E: He has violated his oath of office by failing to rule with urbanity, by failing the rule with impartiality, by failing to insure compliance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, by failing to bring the Department of Massachusetts Department By-Laws into agreement with the National Constitution and Regulations, as required by Chapter 2 Article 8, of the Regulations and by failing to adhere to the Constitution and Regulations in his performance and duty as Department Commander.

Three: after consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers for all the forgoing governing and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 7 of the Regulations, Brother Frank Tucker is hereby removed from the office of Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

Four: After consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers for all the forgoing governing and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 6 of the Regulations, Brother Frank Tucker is stripped of rank as Past Department Commander, is stripped of rank as Past Camp Commander, is barred from holding any appointed or elected National Office, any appointed or elected Department Office and any appointed or elected Camp Office for a period of ten years. He is barred from serving on any National or Department committee and he is prohibited from representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in any capacity other than as a Member of his Camp.

Five: Is that he had to turn over all property in his possession.

Six: That the Senior Vice Commander and the Department Treasurer will notify any and all organizations, government agencies, etcetera, that he was no longer the Department Commander and that I appointed Brother Greg Mierka as the Trial Commissioner.

Regarding the report from Brother Mierka, as was stated, there was no gathering of information, there was rather he and the other members of the trial board filed an opinion with the Commander-in-Chief that they thought that Frank had been punished enough. That was the sum of their report. They gathered no information, so the Commission itself failed to do its duty and that is why the report was ignored. The report does exist, it was sent, I won't say it didn't exist. It was sent to storage with all of the other records of my administration. My understanding is those records were retrieved and are currently in the possession of Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, who is going through all of those records, that were in storage pulling all of those pertinent to the history of the Order.

As I had discussed with you earlier, prior to probably last Friday or Saturday, I was coming here prepared to offer a resolution that would have commuted Frank's sentence to time served for lack of another term. And allowed him then to request restoration of rank through the process provided for in the C&R and present that to next year's National Encampment.

As I stated and I have a copy of that resolution here and I had prepared to offer to commute the sentence to time served, because I was under the impression that Frank had been adhering to the General Order and the Disciplinary Procedure that had been taken against him. However, on July thirty-first, yourself and number of other National Officers and myself received the communication from some Past Department Commanders from Massachusetts, laying out in some detail that Brother Tucker, in fact had not been adhering to the tenants of the disciplinary procedure. And while there had been subsequent E-mails, at least one from Brother Ryerson, stating that even though his name appeared on here, that he had not signed this letter, but he did in his E-mail, say that everything that was contained in there, did in fact happen, and that Brother Tucker was representing the Order, contrary to the provisions of the disciplinary action that had been issued and up until a few minutes ago the action of the Nineteen Ninety-Eight National Encampment. When that came to light I then decided that I was not going to present that resolution because obviously, Brother Tucker had not been adhering to the provisions of the disciplinary procedure. That is what happened. That is the basis for the action. Most of the people involved are no longer members of the Order. They cannot appear to testify in any fashion. They cannot send in affidavits in some cases. We have the record, as it appears in the Nineteen Ninety-Eight Proceedings and we have Brother Tucker's statements. For this Encampment to decide whether or not seven years after the fact they are going to overturn an action that was taken with the full knowledge of the Council of Administration and other National Officers. This was not done in the dark. It was not something that was done lightly and it was not something done with any satisfaction. With that I conclude my remarks.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother. Do we have a motion on the floor then?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, point of order. I believe we already had a motion on the floor. Prior to Brother Orr's presentation there was a motion on the floor. That is still on the floor and that's the motion that we are currently addressing. I made the motion here as to how to proceed when the Encampment approves. So at this point it is time for the vote on that motion. A yes vote would restore Frank Tucker to past rank and erase the record and no vote would be to uphold the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief at the time.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you for the clarification. All those in favor say Aye.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

Nay, no.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion carries.

Encampment

Clapping.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I call for a roll call vote.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

We will take a roll call vote.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

The flip chart I have said that any member may call for a vote other than a voice vote and it does not require a second. It is my opinion Commander-in-Chief, that when a member requests that a voting be by roll call or other method of recording each individuals vote that should be allowed without second. Any member can call for that and the chair should so rule.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you, I will allow it then. We will take. We have already voted on this so for the record then we will go down by Departments. He has to go through the numerical....by delegates.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, that was roll call by delegate is what he asked for, which we read the name of every person and they give their vote.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Commander-in-Chief, another point of Order there are two maybe three delegations that have more delegates present then are entitled to vote and they need to make a decision.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Department of New York

Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Wheeler.

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Department of New York

Just to make a point I believe that doors should be bolted until this is over, Sir.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

I think everybody is in here but, just so nobody goes out. Alright. We have three Departments that are currently over that is Iowa, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, this is going to take too long, I'll withdraw my request.

Encampment

Clapping....

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll reserve the right to appeal the decision of this Encampment until next year.

(At this point Brother Frank Tucker walked over to where PCinC Richard Orr was seated and they shook hands.)

Encampment

Continued clapping.....

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there any other business to come before this Encampment?

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief I would like to make a motion that the National Body look into or rather the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Grievance Committee to hear any kind of appeal such as this to be presented to each Encampment as those appeals come forth.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Discussion? Counselor.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Point of order. This will involve an amendment to the Regulations and the current Regulations, as they exist, I believe are sufficient for the purposes that we have, but if you are going to do anything, you have to refer the matter to the C&R Committee, because this will be a significant issue, that has to be addressed in Regulations. So, anything we do is involving Regulation amendments. So, if we are going to do anything, please refer it to the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Would you accept that friendly amendment?

David V. Medert, Department of Ohio

Yes I will Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Further discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed. Motion carries. Any other business to come before the Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt, Department of Ohio

I have one, Sir. My conscience says I better bring this up and I'll try to keep it brief. I think you can hear me. I ask that the incoming, if there needs to be a motion I'll make a motion on it. That the incoming administration considers strongly the transaction with our business with the organization. What I mean by that, I got my last Banner a week before the Encampment. I find things that the Council of Administration and I'm not knocking anybody, I'm not looking around or looking for trouble of any sort. But the Council of Administration at Springfield Illinois transacted a couple items of business, according to the Banner that they should have brought to our meeting here. It wouldn't have taken too long and ask that these items of business be brought up for the membership that are paying their money and representing their camps, their departments and themselves to have a right to say yes or no or maybe. For example page five, the Executive Director travel allowance was increased. I'm not going to get into statistics I'll keep this brief. Page five, travel allowance for Council Members representing the Commander-in-Chief at Department Encampments increased. Page six, Commander-in-Chief's expense raised and there was some discussion, they comprised on that, but it was raised. Page seven, Encampment registration fee be raised. And all I am suggesting is that it would have been nice if the Council would have brought these proposals in and the body as such would have said yes we will go along or no we won't.

Charles Kuhn, Department Pennsylvania

Point of order, Sir. That is what we do when we discuss the budget here and approve it. That's what that is for, to enter that into the budget for approval of this body at Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you for the suggestion. It has been passed on to the next administration. I think we are due for a break here. When we come back we will address the budget and the nominations. We will recess for ten minutes please be back by twenty minutes after three. Give your attention while the Chaplain closes the Bible.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Darby.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I have a question for the National Counselor, based on the last vote concerning Brother Tucker. I believe there is a thing, that it be stricken from the record and that would mean....? I'm asking, does that mean a recall of all the proceedings that have that in there so it can be recalled and struck and reprinted.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Commander, I would move you that the records not be stricken of this so we can learn and people in future generations will learn what has happened. I think it is a necessary part of history and it was an official count of our proceedings and our records for that year. I think that needs to remain in the nineteen ninety-eight book.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

When you move to strike and remove from the record something that's already been adopted and printed the remaining copies in the possession of the Order and have a line stricken through the things being omitted. So that you can still read what it says but understand that the record has been removed. That appropriate notice made in the proceedings of the Encampment making that motion. The existing copies that are already handed out are gone and do not need to be recalled and there is no need for a new printing. But that is the procedure to follow when a previously approved and printed record has been struck from the record.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

That would also imply Jim. Jim over here.

Encampment

Laughter.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Stand up so I can I sit down in my chair.

Encampment

Laughter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

I presume that also means on the web that you also do a strike through.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

That is the appropriate procedure, yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

Okay.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

But what is being struck is the next question. So we have to make the determination.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief I will restate my motion maybe I'll get a second this time. I move that the information not be stricken.

Encampment

Strucken, *Laughter*.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Stricken, struck, stricken, strick. I can't help it I'm part German.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright the motion that the information not be stricken.

Several

Second

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There has been a second. Further discussion? All those in favor.

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

A few

Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Carried. The matter of the budget has been presented for you and you have had a chance to review it over the last day. Yes, Brother Orr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the budget be adopted, however, that the action of the Council of Administration raise in the National Encampment registration fee be rescinded.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. The motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, the reason that the Council had requested the 2006 Encampment fee be increased was to pay for the professional photographer to take pictures of the Encampment to provide a copy to the ingoing and outgoing Commander-in-Chief and also to provide copies for publication in the Banner. That was the reason for the increase.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Medert.

David Medert, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, with that statement then, I would take it that this is going to be a one time, one Encampment fee increase, then, from 2007 we go back to the original fees?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, the answer to that is no.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that Dave Medert pay twice.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

There is already a motion and a second on the floor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan

On the motion, if they want to have the increase, let's go with Brother Orr's motion and it has been seconded and then they can present that as something separate for the entire body then to vote on.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Let's restate the motion please.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

The motion is to adopt the budget but rescind the increase of the National Encampment registration. So, instead of whatever the increase is, it would remain at the seven dollars and ten dollars.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright it has been made and seconded. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

Nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Carried. Brother Darby.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I would like to make a motion to increase the Encampment fee, as previously discussed, which would increase it by three dollars, which would be ten dollars for the early registration, to pay for the professional photographer to take photos of the Encampment for the benefit of the Order and also for the members present.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Charlie Kuhn, I'll second that.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. It's been made and seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Once again Commander-in-Chief, I'll simply raise the question. It's not the matter of the three dollars, it is the matter of the principal. Why are those, who are coming to this Encampment, being asked to spend more of their money to do the Order's business? The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, in his motion, said this is for benefit of the Order. The costs should therefore, be absorbed by the Order, meaning all of the membership and be a general budget item.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. Brother Stephen you had something to add.

Dave Stephen, Department of Iowa

Commander-in-Chief, I object to the raising the fee for that for late registration. There are many, many Brothers who come to Encampments, sort of on the last minute, because of restrictions in their scheduling and I object to late registration fees. Thank you.

John Irons, Department of Oklahoma

I just had a question. Is the three dollars specific for the photography work and nothing else and if there is an excess what would we do with that excess money?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Commander-in-Chief, I believe in the minutes of the Council of Administration, it stated the amount of money paid to the photographer per roll of film, that they took, and the way we ran it out, it would have been that three dollar increase. The second portion of when Brother Stephen, got up and said about the increase for filing late. Every convention, that I've ever gone to there is an early bird fee and a late registration fee. We know a year in advance when the Encampment is going to be, plan accordingly. I really believe that the late registration fee needs to be in place.

Glenn Knight, Department of Pennsylvania

I agree with the fact that this body here, the folks that are gathered here to conduct the business of the Order shouldn't be saddled with the costs of things that should be in the budget. In fact I for years talked about doing away with or reducing the budget. I really hate when people go to their Departments and say as an example we do this but last year we approved eliminating the Encampment fee for sitting Department for sitting Camp Commanders and that actually increased the number of sitting Camp Commanders who came to our Encampment. That's what we should be encouraging more people showing up for just a couple of bucks lost.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Darby and Brother Stephen, the late registration fee is not a late registration fee. The registration fee is ten dollars, there is an early, you pay it early and you get a three dollar discount that is what it is. It's not a late registration fee. It's the registration fee. People go home and they say it's going to be there is a late registration fee, no there isn't, it's the registration fee, that's all.

David Stephen, Department of Iowa

Call it what you want to I don't care but it amounts to a fine and again we are a fraternal organization and I have a problem with a Brother fining Brother and I don't care how many organizations charge it we don't we deal with just this organization and I have a problem with a Brother fining Brother for whatever reason. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother.

C.R. Stephen, Department of Iowa

I think I have a solution here for this three dollar increase let's instead of tacking it on to the Brothers that attend here why don't we take it out of the increase that the Council of Administration has voted themselves for their travel expense and therefore we have plenty of money for photographs. Thank you.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I'll be glad to give up the money I never got this year for the traveling.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Scarcello you will be the last one to speak on this.

Steven Scarcello, Department of New Hampshire

I love you all, and regardless of whether or not you vote this up or down, I just wanted to say how much I love the people who paid before the deadline, more than I love the people who didn't.

Encampment

Laughter and Clapping.

Steven Scarcello, Department of New Hampshire

My point being that there is a difference as to when it is paid as to how difficult it makes our lives here. This being my fist Encampment and probably the last time I'm going to have anything to do with managing it, I hope just because I have a very weak heart. Not that I haven't enjoyed this but I'm glad it's only in New Hampshire once every thirty-five years.

Encampment

Laughter.

Steven Scarcello, Department of New Hampshire

Please take that in the humorous manner that it is intended. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you and the motion... Charlie will be the last speaker on this.

Charles Funk, Department of Missouri

I was just going to ask the question, what is our professional photography charges for the previous years?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

We haven't had one.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Alright will you please restate the motion and then we will vote. Brother Darby. Please restate the motion for us.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

I would move that the three-dollar entry for the registration be reinstated in order to pay for the photographer. Sir? Be instated. Whatever.

Encampment

Laughter.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Okay if he can say stricken I can say that.

Encampment

Laughter.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

We would like to have three dollars added to the Encampment fee in order to pay for the photographer for the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed?

Encampment

No, nay.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

It sounded to me that the motion failed. So be it. Any other issue on the budget that needs to come before the Encampment. We have a couple of housekeeping motions that Brother Pahl is going to handle for us.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

I have been handed this list of motions from someone else and I've been asked to do it again. First of all that the Encampment Committees be discharged and thanks to the Encampment. The Credentials Committee be allowed to submit a final report within forty-eight hours at the conclusion of the Encampment. This motion would not include the Credentials Committee at this point. And I so move.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Okay. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Second, that I move that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to the Hotel thanking them for an outstanding job.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried.

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Thirdly, I move you that when the proceedings of this Encampment when published become the official record of this Encampment and I so move.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

I have an amendment they have to be approved by the outgoing and ingoing Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Alright. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carries.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, he is missing one on the housekeeping list. I believe that the National Treasurer be empowered to transfer funds as necessary from the various accounts to the day-to-day accounts so that he can pay the bills of the Order.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried. So we will open the floor to nominations. We will accept nominations first for the office of Commander-in-Chief. Department roll call from the Secretary.

(The Roll Call of Departments is abbreviated so that only the nominations are being written into these Proceedings.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

The Department of Ohio would like to place a nomination for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The candidate that I am about to propose is a very distinguished Member of our Order. He has served as Department Commander in Ohio; he has served as our Junior Vice Commander and is now the Senior Vice Commander. You've had an opportunity to see his keen mind at work here today.

You have also had an opportunity to listen to some of his elegant speeches and he is a servant of the people he has spent a number of years in the United States Navy he retired from that force and presently works with the Ross County Ohio Juvenile Court Division of the Common Pleas Court. So he will be able to deal with problems that may occur in this Order.

So it gives me great pleasure, to place the nomination for Commander-in-Chief Donald Eugene Darby.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Darby, will you accept the nomination?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

Yes, I will Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

Encampment

Clapping.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby

This will probably put Old Dave Medert in a stroke.

Encampment

Laughter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief I would move that where there is no opposition the National Secretary be instructed to cast a single vote in favor of the nominee.

Several

Second.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor?

Encampment

Aye.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Opposed? Carried. Office of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Richard Greene, Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan has a profound honor to place a nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in the name of the Honorable James B. Pahl Esquire.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Pahl, if elected will you serve?

National Counselor James B. Pahl

Gladly.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Eric Schmincke, Department of Pennsylvania

I have the honor and privilege to bring to you the name for nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles Kuhn Jr. Charlie has been instrumental not only on the Camp level in Gettysburg but on the Department level, has served tremendously as Department Commander and recently as Secretary/Treasurer. He is a good friend and a confidante and someone that I would trust in the most. With that I bring to you Charles Kuhn.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Brother Kuhn, are you willing to serve if nominated.

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief, I will serve the best to my ability.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

Encampment

Clapping,

Charles Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania

I guess I've been stricken.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

On the Council of Administration we have a three-year term that has come due automatically this year. The chair held by PDC Bob Petrovic, and we have a one-year term, which is just vacated by PDC Charlie Kuhn. And we will take these one at a time thank you. First the vacancy by PDC Charlie Kuhn for the remaining year, ending in 2006.

Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson, Department of Maryland

I'm very pleased to present this name to you for the one-year term on the Council of Administration. James R. Hanby is in his second term as the Commander of the Maryland Department. He has served as our Junior Vice Commander, our Senior Vice Commander, all of the other important jobs. Four years Commander of Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 in Delaware, which I dare say, is perhaps the oldest continuous Camp in existence in this wonderful Order. During his tour in the Camp and in the Department and he is in his second year. His devotion to duty, his efficiency has rebounded to our benefit in new Camps, increased membership and timely reporting and that's what we are all looking for. He has that proven record, let me give you a little bit of his background. Member of the Sons of the American Revolution which many of us are of the Swedish Colonial Society, founder of Brandy Wine Society, Finance Chair of his Methodist Church, Member of the American Legion proud Veteran, member of numerous Masonic bodies and served in leadership roles, Blue Lodge, Chapter Counsel and in Masonic Commandrys. He is married, one son and a daughter. A man of proven experience, but a young man ready to move up and serve the National Order. I give you and ask you to vote for James R. Hanby.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Hanby if you are elected will you serve?

James R. Hanby, Department of Maryland

I will, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Now we have the three-year term on the Council of Administration vacated per schedule by PDC Bob Petrovic this year.

Bruce Hardy, Department of New Hampshire

I am here to nominate for Council of Administration our present Department Commander, Past Department Commander, past New England Association Commander, Past Camp Commander four times and you all have this on your chairs so I won't go through the whole thing but that is my nomination for Dan Murray.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Murray if elected will you serve?

Dan Murray, Department of New Hampshire

Yes I will.

Gary Scheel, Department of Missouri

The Department of Missouri would like to make a nomination that we re-elect Robert Petrovic to the Council of Administration for a three-year term. He has served our Department as Department Commander, he has served our Camp as Camp Secretary/Treasurer eight years and he was a Department Secretary/Treasurer for ten years. He has been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for twenty years; he has faithfully conducted his services. He has been a member of the Council of Administration for the past four years and he has never missed a meeting. I think his faithfulness speaks highly of his

devotion to our Order. He is actively involved in our Camp. Anytime we have anything going on like Grave Registration or Cemetery and Restoration. He is there he is able to be there. I think that speaks highly as him as a member of our Order. He is not only involved in the National he is also involved in our local Camp where he is a Council member for our Department and I would just like to ask that you all recruit him as the next Council member. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Petrovic if elected will you serve?

Robert Petrovic, Department of Missouri

Yes I will Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed. We have a contested office so we will take a ten minute recess and when we come back the doors will be locked so make sure you are prompt and back in your seats. It is now three minutes after four o'clock. The Chaplain will close the Bible.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Brother Weber will you give you final review of voters for Department.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

I have consulted with the three Departments who are over. Each has made selections and the members of their contingencies that will not vote were designated so I will not call their names.

Brothers present listed by Departments

Department of California and Pacific

Robert Lowe	Gary Parrott	Daniel Bunnell	Tad Campbell	Daniel Earl
Glenn Roosevelt	Jerry Sayre	Brad Shall	Dave Schleeter	

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Willard Hinkley

Department of Connecticut

Edgar Prince	David Agrawal	Robert Carroon	Raymond Jarvis	Brad Keune
Don Reid				

Department of Florida

Daniel Hans

Department of Illinois

Ronald Clark Stuart Stefany

Department of Indiana

Ronald Gill	Edward Krieser	Cody Shaw	Jack Shaw	Alan Teller
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Department of Iowa

Larry Brewer	William Callahan	Lee Fritz	James T. Hawk	Kevin Pearson
C.R. Stephen	Karl Nichols	Carl Falk	David Stephen	

Department of Kansas

James Knopke	Roy Lafferty	Alan Russ	Thomas Schmidt	
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Department of Maine

Wayne Bennett	Roger Beverage	Eric Boothroyd	Leonard Wyman	David Gowen
Charles McGillicuddy		James Brown		

Department of Maryland

James Hanby	Neil Hanlon	Ken Hershberger	Andrew Johnson	Ralph Miller
Eugene Mortorff	Richard Young			

Department of Massachusetts

Ed Norris	Kevin Tucker	John C. Abbott	Franklin Haley	John Bates
Robert Knight	George Maple	Perley Mellor	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Frank Tucker
Peter Rotando	William Ryerson	Stephen Twining		

Department of Michigan

Robert Grove	Bruce Butgereit	Richard Greene	Dean Lamphere	Keith Harrison
William McAfee	Max Newman	James Pahl Sr.	James Pahl Jr.	

Department of Missouri

Charles Funk	Jack Grothe	Robert Petrovic	Emmett Taylor	Gary Scheel
Donald Palmer				

Department of Nebraska

Merle Rudebusch

Department of New Hampshire

Bruce Hardy	Dick Stevens	Clayton Longver	Daniel Meehan	Daniel Murray
Peter Whelpton	Lance Robicheau	Stephen Scarcello	Clarence Richardson	David Proper
Robert Heald				

Department of New Jersey

William Moore	Joseph Seliga	Clarence Smithcors	Robert Wilhelm	
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Department of New York

Earl Allen	Michael Bennett	Robert Dauchy	Paul Ellis Graham	Jack Hillyer
Elijah Brent Monroe	Todd Shillington	Dale Theetge	Danny Wheeler	

Department of Ohio

Kirby Bauman	Charles Corfman	Don Darby	Howard Frost	Tim Graham
Richard Greenwalt	Robert Grim	James Houston	Gregory Kenney	David Medert
Ray Nagel	Henry Shaw	Bradley Tilton		

Department of Oklahoma

John Irons	Phillip Owens			
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Department of Pennsylvania

Elmer Atkinson	Robert Baker	Thomas Blesdale	Thomas Accord	Albert El
Charles Heagy	Glenn Knight	Charles Kuhn	John M. McNaulty	Harry Lamb
John T. McNaulty	Richard Orr	George Powell	Eric Schmincke	Lee Walters

Department of Rhode Island

Robert Bromley	Ellsworth Brown	David Duggan	Stephen Hackett	Bruce Frail
Joseph Hall	Leo Kennedy	William Vieira		

Department of Tennessee

Charles Engle	Douglas Fidler	Talbot Hackett	Geoffrey Hintze	
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Department of Vermont

Merlin Doyle	Thomas McKenna	James Proctor	Richard Reed	
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Department of Wisconsin

Ronald Aronis	Dale Brassler	Thomas Brown	Stephen Michaels	Bruce Laine
Fredrick Murphy				

Brothers Registered but not in attendance for the roll call

Steven Westlake	Ron Rittel	Jeff Stephen	James Kiger IV	James Kiger
Lindin Lairson	John Mills	John Witt	Lowell Hammer	Dana Cobb
Logan Hovis	Gary McGinnis	Nicholas Eastman	William Eldridge	Edward Coyne
Benjamin Duce	Jonathan Duce	A. Dean Sargent	Douglas Armstrong	Richard Danes
Kent Armstrong	Gary Gibson	Dick Stevens	Frederick McCarthy	Bill Bruce
Wayne Johnson	Frost Decker	John Hart III	John Hart Jr.	Joseph Long
Robert McCarthy	Andrew Xanthis	Harold Jones		

Lester Weber was present but not listed as a voting Delegate.

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

Commander-in-Chief, that concludes the roll call

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

Thank you Brother Weber.

Past Commander-in-Chief George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

Some of the Camps total counts are different now from what was announced earlier. Can we get just a total number of Votes per Department?

National Credentials Committee Chairman Lester Weber

Some did not respond so I have some that are absent. California Pacific has nine votes. Colorado/Wyoming has one vote. Connecticut has six. Florida has one. Illinois has two. Indiana five. Iowa has nine. Kansas four. Kentucky zero. Maine seven. Maryland seven. Massachusetts thirteen. Michigan nine. Missouri six. Nebraska one. New Hampshire eleven. New Jersey four. New York nine. Ohio thirteen. Oklahoma two. Pennsylvania fifteen. Rhode Island eight. Tennessee four. Vermont four. Wisconsin six. Total is one fifty-six.

(The vote was then taken by Roll Call of Departments, then counted)

Commander-in-Chief, Stephen Michaels

The results are sixty-nine votes for Bob Petrovic and eighty-seven for Dan Murray. Brother Guards you may unseal the doors. We will take a five-minute break and prepare for the installation of officers. Do not stray far gentlemen.

Break

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim will serve as the Installing Officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, in relieving you of the command of the National Organization, on behalf of the Officers, I can say to you thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors, which your fellow Members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Would your wife, Michelle come up to the podium? I believe she would like to pin on the Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge.

Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels

Thank you.

Encampment

Clapping.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief elect are you prepared to announce your staff appointments. Please have the Guide pass those to the Secretary. Secretary you will call the roll of the Officers elect and staff appointees. As their names are called you will rise.

National Secretary, Michael S. Bennett

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Charles Kuhn. Council Member Dan Murray. Council Member James Hanby. National Counselor Bob Grim. Washington D.C. Representative Andrew Johnson. Aide de Camp Howard T. Frost. Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer Nick Kaup. National Chief of Staff Henry Shaw. National Color Bearer Glenn F. Roosevelt. National Guard Howard T. Frost. National Liaison to MOLLUS Keith Harrison. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator Alan Russ. National Web Master Ken Freshley. National Chaplain Jerome Kowolski. National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd A. Shillington. National

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert Petrovic. National GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott. National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe. National History Robert Wolz. National Liaison to Cathedral to the Pines Richard Woodbury. National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit. National Signals Officers Nathan Orr. Assistant National Secretary Proceedings Ed Krieser. Assistant National Treasurer Richard Orr. Back up National Web Master Keith Harrison. Assistant National Web Master Frederick Cole. Assistant National Web Master Robert Schaffer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Brothers these are your regularly chosen officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed let him now speak or forever hold his peace.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Brother Robert Knight, you will act as guide and present these Brothers before the altar for installation. So, if all those Brothers who have already been standing will simply gather up at the altar. This will make it easier for the Guide. Okay, Officers you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and the material prosperity and interest of the National Organization. The Members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous of zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you will appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of your Commander-in-Chief. Are you now willing to solemnly pledge to the faithful performance of your several duties?

All Officers

I do.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

You will raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible and repeat after me using your name where I do mine. I Robert Grim

Having been regularly chosen,
As an officer,
Of the National Organization,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hereby renew,
The sacred obligation,
Given at the time of my initiation,
And in the presence of oh mighty God,
And the members of this Encampment,
Here assembled,
Do furthermore,
Solemnly and sincerely,
Promise and declare,
That I will,
To the best of my ability,
In word and deed,
And without fear for favor,
To faithfully, honestly, and impartially,
Perform all the duties of the office,
Upon which I am about to enter,
So help me God.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Guide, you will conduct the officers to their respective stations, acting officers will vacate. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment you've been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. But it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave care awaits you and to their faithful performance I now will solemnly direct you.

As no work of this nature can be a success without the Divine Provider the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

National Chaplain Bill McAfee

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee to send Thy blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant unto them the wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art watching over them. Keep them in good health so that they may not falter on the way. Endow them with Thy great mercies that they might be more competent to attend the manning problems that will confront them. Bless their every endeavor in Thy name through the mediation of Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert Grim, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, your officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the fraternal heritage it represents. Next I place in your care the ritual of our Order and copy of the Constitution and Regulation for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority.

One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing;

Two raps calls the officers to their feet;

Three raps calls up the entire Encampment.

And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I hereby declare the officers of the National Organization legally elected, and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August 2006, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now I am pleased to present you with badge of the office of Commander-in-Chief. Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching to your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful.

You are now the man.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby

Brothers I wish to thank you for selecting me as the next Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. An organization that I believe to be the best in the world. It is my privilege to lead this organization towards its hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary. We can say that we have done allot in the past and we still have much to do in the future. We need to insure that our history is documented and as we have documented the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. As you have noticed in the Banner, over the last several issues, Brother Wolz has been kind enough to provide a history of the organization, as did Brother Gibson and others in a book published approximately nine years ago. It will be one of my first General Orders to direct all Camps and Departments to begin writing their history. They will be the starting point and it will be forwarded on to the Department for their inclusion and then finally into National. I would also request that maybe our Allied Orders do the

same, so we can have a history of all the Allied Orders as they now stand. I think that this is important, because as we all know, a lot of the old guard has passed over the last years. We need to do this history to ensure and to use their memories and photos to keep our history alive for our descendants. Membership, we all need to be involved. An easy way is instead of buying that son or grandchild a video game or a compact disk for Christmas, which I'll tell you, is approximately a hundred and twenty days away.

Encampment

Laughter.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby

You may wish to consider a Membership for that individual. The public, we need to get the Sons and the other Allied Orders into the public's eye. Our Sisters in Wisconsin have done such. They sewed operating smocks for the troops in Iraq and sent them care packages. What better advertisement for the Order than to receive a care package in Iraq that says provided by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or the Allied Orders. Brother Bruce Butgereit, the National Patriotic Instructor, has developed a program to allow us to do this in the adopt a school/adopt a unit program. The project for adopt a school would provide an American Flag to an elementary class that wrote the best what the flag means to me essay. As a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army said and I quote "The children should look upon the American Flag with the same reverence as the children of Israel looked upon the arch of the covenant." Is there any better than this for what a project can do. Twenty-three years in the military taught me a lot of things. The foremost was that you never leave a buddy behind. You may notice the person that I chose as Chaplain is not here today. Brother Jerome Kawalski is sitting with a seriously ill member of our Order in Chicago. This Brother has a wife and a small child and do to the nature of his illness he has to be in isolation for one hundred days and had to have a twenty-four hour seven day a week caregiver. This Brothers' family could not assist in that because of the small child. Brother Kowalski stepped forward as the National Chaplain to assist them in their time of need. He is doing that hundred days in isolation twenty-four seven. Brother Kowalski did this not for honor and he will probably have a fit when he hears that I've said this but Brother Kowalski did this not for notoriety or fame but because of no greater love. This is something Chaplains have been doing for a long time and we should strive to do the same. In my mind Brother Kowalski is demonstrating the F, C and L that we all talk about. In closing, I will leave you with this. This little speech consisted of approximately seven hundred and forty-eight words of which the word I appeared five times. Imagine what we can accomplish if we don't worry about who gets the credit. Brothers, thank you very much.

Encampment

Clapping.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby

If someone will pass me a C&R I'll let us all go so I can get the last wording right.

Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl

Brother Commander-in-Chief, just one announcement at the conclusion of these proceedings can I have all the Past Commander-in-Chiefs join you at the altar for some photographs please.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby

There being no further business to come before this Encampment we shall proceed to close. You will give your attention as the National Chaplain asks the blessings of God upon our deliberations.

Bill McAfee, Acting National Chaplain

Our Father in heaven we pray that You deal with the events of this Encampment that may seem well and fitting in Thy sight. Answer the petitions and desires of each one of us in the most (indistinguishable) for us. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we our people set here and when mission on earth has ended during which (indistinguishable) duties to our God, our country and flag and our endeavors to (indistinguishable) in the Grand Army Republic take us to a better world. Amen.

Encampment

AMEN.

Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby

Brothers we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes let us regulate our conduct as so to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity and unswerving loyalty. I now declare the Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans duly closed.

Encampment

Clapping.

Appendix 1
Reports of
National Officers
And
National Committees

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (Don Darby)

This past year has passed very quickly. As Editor of THE BANNER, there have been few problems. I must at this time cite the very good work done by the publisher, Brother John Hart. His professionalism proved of great help in getting THE BANNER to the membership. Although faced with a major problem earlier on, our printer’s shop literally went “down the river” after the flood water of a hurricane hit the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Brother Hart was able to secure another printer and also gained the Order FOUR more color pages for no increase in price.

It should be noted that quite a few Camps and Departments need to reacquaint themselves with THE BANNER policies. Newspaper articles cannot be used unless accompanied by a release from the newspaper. Newspaper photos do not copy at the quality needed by THE BANNER for reproduction. Digital photos, while popular, must be taken at 600 dpi to reproduce for printing. Hard copy photos are best.

Regarding Camp/Department ads, we have approximately 4 pages of Camp and Department ads. We rotated them so that Camps with changes of address would get first bid on the cycle. We cannot print every Camp/Department ad each issue or wwe would not have room for the other news of the Order. (i.e., the National Quartermaster ad is now two pages, the Charitable Foundation is also two pages, if we printed them and all the Camp/Department ads each issue we would take up 8 pages of the 24 pages available. This does not include the Council of Administration minutes (averaging 5 pages), General Orders (averaging at least 1 page) and SVR General Orders (1 page) leaving 9 pages for Department news and other articles). I have heard that the members want the most Department news possible. So that is what we strived for during the past year.

I would like to thank all the Brothers for the opportunity given me to serve as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the greatest Brotherhood in the world. I also wish to thank all the Brothers that helped me through the last year and all who submitted articles for THE BANNER.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (Jim Pahl)

It was both honored and humbled at my election to the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the 123rd annual National Encampment of our Order. As such, I have been in charge of our National recruiting effort, working with our various Junior Vice Department Commanders. Without exception, our Departments have risen to the challenge and successfully processed each application forwarded to them. Without their help and hard work, this effort would have been fruitless.

207 membership applications were processed and accepted during this past year and forwarded to the following Departments to complete the application process:

California/Pacific:	19
Colorado/Wyoming:	8
Connecticut:	4
Florida:	4
Illinois:	8
Indiana:	6
Iowa:	3
Kansas:	0
Kentucky:	4
Maine:	3
Maryland:	20
Massachusetts:	5
Michigan:	6
Missouri:	8
Nebraska:	1
New Hampshire:	0

New Jersey:	6
New York:	12
Ohio:	12
Oklahoma:	5
Pennsylvania:	18
Rhode Island:	2
Southwest:	10
Tennessee:	10
Vermont:	0
Wisconsin:	5
Camp at Large in Arizona	1
Camp at Large in Georgia:	1
National Membership at Large:	26
Washington:	3
Arizona:	5
South Carolina:	2
North Carolina:	6
New Mexico:	1
APO addresses	2 (one of these was in Iraq - dues were waived!)
Oregon:	1
Mississippi:	1
Luxembourg:	1
United Kingdom:	1

Two applicants for full membership were rejected as not eligible. Both were referred to brothers in their area, to see if we could assist. One applicant was a collateral relative of a veteran, to far removed; the second - descendant of a real live Kentucky colonel, who was charged with organizing a regiment, however that regiment was never accepted into federal service.

One applicant was rejected to failing to properly document the claimed ancestor and the applicant declined to continue. Several of the applicants were deficient in either their documentation or in enclosing a check, but almost all of these have been resolved or they are actively working on obtaining the proper documentation.

We placed advertisements in several magazines published by the Premida Group, including America's Civil War, Civil War Times Illustrated and American History Illustrated. I lost count of the number of individuals who inquired about the Order through both the postal service and email. Each such person was mailed a detailed letter about the organization, my personal invitation to become a member or an associate and an application form.

We additionally had our organization listed in each of the magazines in the section where an interested party could request information through the magazine. 49 individuals requested information about the Order through this service and 48 applications were mailed out. The 49th individual listed an address that indicated he was residing as an involuntary guest of the Texas Department of Corrections.

I participated in a number of activities throughout the year, including representing our Commander in Chief at the Department Encampments of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. A list of these activities is attached to this report.

I have greatly enjoyed this past year as Junior Vice Commander in Chief and will almost miss the joy of looking through the documentation and photographs that have crossed my desk in the past year. I will pass the torch on to the next person and look forward to continuing to serve this Order in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty
(or as our brothers in California/Pacific say: All for the Boys in Blue)

Activities as Junior Vice Commander in Chief

Post Encampment CofA Meeting, August 15, 2004, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

- GAR Hall Tours, Samuel W. Grinnell Post 283 GAR Hall, August 21, 2004, Curtenius Guard Camp 17 with the Helen Edwins Tent 30, DUVCW, Sunfield, Michigan

SUVCW Information tent, Jackson/Cascades Civil War Muster, August 29, 2004, with the Austin Blair Camp #7, Jackson, Michigan.

- Visit DUVCW Information tent established by the Harriet Brubaker Tent #139 of Fostoria, Ohio, at the Jackson/Cascades Civil War Muster, August 29, 2004.

Camp Meeting - Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, September 29, 2004, Samuel W. Grinnell Post 283 GAR Hall, Sunfield, Michigan

- Opening of the Cornerstone of the Ingham County (Michigan) Courthouse, which included roster of the GAR Steele Bros Post and GAR Phil. McKernan Post 53 and WRC No 131, along with a GAR membership badge. October 26, 2004, Mason, Michigan

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES, November 20/21, 2004, Gettysburg, PA, including

- Michigan Memorial Program - Place Michigan flags on graves of Michigan veterans buried in the National Cemetery

- Parade & High Water Mark ceremonies, SVR

- Michigan Memorial Program - Wreath Placement - 7th Michigan Vol. Inf. monument, was featured speaker

- Tour GAR Hall & Pancake Breakfast, as hosted by Camp 112, Gettysburg GAR Hall

- Council of Administration Meeting

- Michigan Mid-Winter Encampment, February 19, 2005, Lansing, Michigan - participate in new Camp officer training program

Joint Washington-Lincoln Birthday Banquet, Michigan Department SUVCW with the Michigan Society - Sons of the Revolution, February 19, 2005, Lansing, Michigan.

- Camp Meeting - Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Department of Michigan, March 29, 2005, Samuel W. Grinnell Post 283 GAR Hall, Sunfield, Michigan

Headstone Dedication Ceremony - April 2, 2005, honoring Private Byron D. Hicks of the 8th Michigan Cavalry, held at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, Michigan. Conducted by the Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp #2, Department of Michigan, SUVCW.

- Rededication Ceremony - The Michigan Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Campus Martius Park, Detroit, Michigan, April 9, 2005, Conducted by Michigan Department, SUVCW and Michigan Commandary, MOLLUS. Represented CinC and one of the speakers

Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies - April 15, 2005 Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, National Organization, SUVCW, Springfield, Illinois

- Council of Administration Meeting, April 16, 2005, Springfield, Illinois

Stephenson Monument Ceremonies - April 16, 2005, commemorating the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, SUVCW, Lewisburg, Illinois.

- Michigan Department Encampment, April 23, 2005, Lansing, Michigan.

Camp Meeting - Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan, May 3, 2005, Kalamazoo, Michigan

- Lansing, MI Memorial Day Parade with the Camp Guard, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, SUVCW, May 28, 2005.

Memorial Day Services, GAR plot of the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Department of Michigan, SUVCW, May 28, 2005.

- Grand Traverse County Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Monument Rededication ceremonies, Traverse City, Michigan with Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Department of Michigan, May 30, 2005

Grave-side Memorial Day services, at the grave of Samuel W. Grinnell, Sunfield, Michigan, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Department of Michigan, SUVCW, May 30, 2005.

- Camp Meeting, Curtenius Guard Camp 17, Department of Michigan, Sunfield, Michigan, May 30, 2005.

Indiana Department, SUVCW, Annual Department Encampment, Kokomo, Indiana - representing the Commander in Chief, June 4, 2005

- Consult with attorney for Michigan Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Camp 101, SUVCW, Department of Michigan, concerning quiet title litigation with the Detroit GAR hall building, June 6-8, 2005.

Monument Dedication, SVR, Fort Hill Park, Frankfort, Kentucky, June 11, 2005.

- Kentucky Department, SUVCW, Annual Department Encampment, Frankfort, Kentucky - representing the Commander in Chief, June 11, 2005

Ohio Department, SUVCW, Annual Department Encampment, Alliance, Ohio - representing the Commander in Chief, June 17-19, 2005.

- Pre-Encampment CofA Meeting, August 4, 2005, Nashua, NH

E-mail exchanges and electronic communications, discussions with National Officers and Council of Administration members - daily.

Secretary (Michael Bennett)

In addition to responding to regular correspondence with questions on topics ranging from *Life Member* fees to dues waivers for combat duty personnel to questions about reporting procedures, the *National Secretary* has also handled correspondence from the *National Council of Administration* to our Departments, Committees and others outside the Order on numerous matters. The most notable of which have dealt with assisting our *National Graves Registration Officer* and *Database Coordinator* in getting the *Graves Registration Database* online, providing advice and guidance in the use of, and completion of, many of our National forms and reports, and working with Camps and Departments that expressed a desire to produce and sell items bearing the protected name or images of our Order in obtaining licenses to do so. A complete listing of all Camps and Departments holding current licenses with the National Organization has been created and maintained.

It was also my great pleasure to represent Commander-in-Chief Michaels at the *Annual Encampments* of the Department of Connecticut in May and the Department of Maine in June. I enjoyed meeting our Brothers from both Departments, and appreciate the many courtesies and the hospitality with which I was received.

In my many communications with Department Officers throughout our Order, it became apparent that there were aspects of many of our forms that were causing confusion and concern. Commander-in-Chief Michaels invited me to examine several of our commonly used reporting forms and both suggest revisions that might be helpful, as well as create instructions to assist Department Officers in correctly completing them. This has been done and my work has been provided to the *Program & Policy Committee* for their review.

The *National Secretary* also serves as the Secretary to the *Council of Administration* and it has been my pleasure to attend our *Council of Administration* meetings in Cedar Rapids, IA on Aug. 15, 2004, Gettysburg, PA on Nov. 21, Springfield, IL on April 16, 2005, and Nashua, NH on Aug. 4, 2005. Minutes of each meeting were prepared for circulation to the members of the *Council* and, upon their approval, were then available to be posted to the *National Website* and published in **The Banner**.

A listing and tabulation of all *Electronic-Boardroom* votes has been recorded and compiled in a single report to be presented to the *National Encampment*.

One of the most enjoyable and rewarding duties performed by the *National Secretary* is to work with newly forming Camps and offer assistance as they complete their *Charter Application* paperwork. Afterwards, it is my pleasure to arrange for the presentation of their *Charter*.

The following Camps have received Charters during the 2004-2005 year:

- Abraham Lincoln Camp 56 – Hodgenville, KY, Department of Kentucky
Lester Crosswhite, Camp Organizer
- Col. Edward Baker Camp 6 – Springfield, OR, Department-at-Large
Harold J. Slavik, Jr., Camp Organizer
- Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 – Petersburg, VA, Department of Maryland
William Rose, Camp Organizer
- Cpl. James Tanner Camp 134 – Cobleskill, NY, Department of New York
Floyd J. DeWitt, Camp Organizer
- Almeron J. Patchin Camp 26 – Los Molinos, CA, Dept. of California & Pacific
John Patchin, Camp Organizer
- Legion of the West Camp 6 – Grand Junction, CO, Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming
Garry W. Brewer, Camp Organizer
- US Grant Camp 101 – Detroit, MI, Dept. of Michigan (replacement Charter)

The following Camps have been granted permission from their Departments and our *Commander-in-Chief* to organize:

1. 39th Mtd. Infantry Camp 64 – Clintwood, VA, Department of Maryland
Andrew J. Rose, Camp Organizer
2. Maj. Josiah Steele Camp 60 – Elizabeth, WV, Department of Maryland
Fred H. Cornell, Camp Organizer
3. Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 – Lynchburg, VA, Department of Maryland
Clifton W. Potter, Jr., Camp Organizer
4. Cpl. John Starks Camp 105 – Machias, NY, Department of New York
Michael S. Bennett, Camp Organizer
5. Gen. Upton Camp 118 – Batavia, NY, Department of New York
Elijah-Brent Alan Monroe, Camp Organizer
6. Pvt. Silas Gore Camp 141 – Towanda, NY, Department of Pennsylvania
Steven R. Hall, Camp Organizer
7. Nathaniel Lyon Camp 5 – Sherman, TX, Department of the Southwest
Brian R. Glass, Camp Organizer
8. Gen. John W. McLane Camp 83 – Erie, PA, Department of Pennsylvania
Edward J. Podpora, Jr., Camp Organizer
9. Franklin Camp 5 – Olathe, KS, Department of Kansas
Craig A. Sundell, Camp Organizer
10. Mine Creek Camp 6 – Pleasanton, KS, Department of Kansas
Randal L. Durbin, Camp Organizer

While it has been my honor to serve our Order as *National Secretary* this first year of my three-year term, and I believe that I have performed well, I also acknowledge that in some cases I did not complete all tasks as quickly as I would have liked, or as might have benefited others depending upon me. This is something I will endeavor to improve upon during the coming year.

Treasurer (Max Newman)

Due to last minute preparations required by the National Treasurer, the report of the Treasurer's report will be provided separately.

Council of Administration (Kent Armstrong, Bob Petrovic, Leo Kennedy, Charles Kuhn, Brad Schall, Dave Stephen)

Members of the Council of Administration attended scheduled meetings in August 2004 (Cedar Rapids, IA), November 2004 (Gettysburg, PA) and April 2005 (Springfield, IL). Attendance was as follows:

August 2004: 6 of 6 members
November 2004: 4 of 6 members
April 2005: 4 of 6 members

All members of the Council of Administration participated in Electronic Boardroom votes throughout this past administrative year. Voting statistics are maintained by the National Secretary.

Members of the Council of Administration represented the Commander-in-Chief at the following functions:

April 2: New Jersey Department Encampment (Kuhn)
April 16: Iowa Department Encampment (Stephen)
April 23: Nebraska Department Encampment (Stephen)
April 23: Kansas Department Encampment (Petrovic)
May 21: Vermont Department Encampment (Kennedy)
June 18: Missouri Department Encampment (Petrovic)

Quartermaster (Danny Wheeler)

I want to take this time to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege of being your Quartermaster. I had stated that we would be set up and sending orders in a two-week period after the August convention. On Sept. 1st, we were up and running. The transaction went very well between Brother Atkinson and myself and Bud was a great help.

This report would not be complete this year if I didn't take time out to let everyone know that Brother Atkinson's years of service should go on record as one of the most dedicated and hard working as this order has ever seen. Thanks Bud.

I did change the way our Nat'l Treasurer received completed orders. Checks are sent out on the 15th and 30th of each month assuring checks are not held up on member's accounts.

We have added three new items this year: White gloves, note pads and Son's cards. We will have for the new year black ribbon and we are going to start carrying American flags. We are also working on a new certificate for members.

We had 508 orders for a total of \$23,985.50 for the year and stayed within budget for mailing and supplies. When I receive orders, I put them up that day then mail the next. Some are mailed within the same day. I trust everyone is happy with the way everything is going.

Aide de Camp (Fred Murphy)

During this year, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve my Commander-in-Chief whenever and wherever called upon. The tasks have not been major nor daunting, but the successful completion of each of them has made me feel "useful".

At the National Encampment, I shall complete my year of service. I look forward to ensuring the meeting and special speaking engagement preparations are complete; serving as the C-in-C's personal liaison with the other Allied Orders; recording gifts and materials given during Courtesy Night and the C-in-C's Open House; and finally, carrying out all orders from the C-in-C at the National Encampment.

Camp at Large/Department Organizer (Office Vacant)

Prior to the November Council of Administration meeting, Linn Hoadley, then the Camp at Large/Department Organizer, reported that a new Camp at Large was in the process of forming in Oregon and it was possible that it would receive its charter by the end of 2004. He also reported that he was working on establishing a Department in North Carolina and a Department of the Northwest, covering Oregon and Washington.

Due to personal reasons, Brother Hoadley resigned the office in January 2005 and to date, no replacement has been appointed.

Chaplain (Jerry Kowalski)

Major Projects – National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski (August 2004 to Present)

36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Battle Flag Preservation

Served on the committee that has raised half of the funds necessary to restore the Fox Valley Regiment's flag.

Civil War History Month at DuPage County Museum

Gave presentations, served on steering committee during month long showcase of the Civil War. Activities helped raise funds for the 36th IL flag project.

Veterans Day Service at Rose Hill Cemetery

Co-organized, wrote the script and gave the Invocation and Benediction at Memorial Service covering American Military from Revolutionary War to present. Re-enactors from each period read the script.

Jewel Grove Cemetery

Working on a committee to take an abandoned Civil War era cemetery from its condition of neglect, and be placed under the jurisdiction of the Milton Township Cemetery Commission. Proper identification of graves, memorial services, and decades of misuse will be remedied. Disposition now in the courts.

Eagle Scout Letters of Commendation

Responsible for sending letters to Eagle Scouts in the Department of Illinois.

Memorial Day Observance

Assisted in the procurement, placement and dedication of nine new headstones at the Root Street Cemetery in Aurora, IL on Saturday. Conducted a GAR Memorial service at the Aurora East Cemetery on Sunday. Conducted GAR and SVR services at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL. Helped raise the balance of funds necessary to restore Chicago Light Artillery Monument.

Chaplain's Corner

Composed and delivered short homilies for insertion into newsletters of groups for whom I am chaplain. These include: Dept. of Illinois SUVCW, Kelly's Battery SVR, 64th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Chicago Light Artillery, George A. Custer Camp #1 and Phil A. Sheridan Camp 2 SUVCW.

School Programs

Spoke to elementary and secondary school students about the causes and effect of the American Civil War. Full day programs at Marrengo, Minooka, Elmwood Park, Chicago Historical Society, Midway Village in Rockford, and Glenview, IL. Spoke to over 10,000 children and adults about the causes and effects of the war, and about the GAR and SUV.

Ministry

Conducted six wakes and funerals for SUV members, families and friends. Renewed wedding vows for four couples. Conducted 15 Sunday morning Church Services at re-enactments. Offered Invocations and Benedictions at innumerable meetings, banquets and events; including Lincoln Death Day Services, Benjamin Stephenson GAR Memorial and School of the Peace, Boscobel, WI. Visited Brothers and their families who were hospitalized. Prayed for all with whom I would come in contact.

Stand In

Represented CinC Michaels at the Women's Relief Corps Convention at Rock Island, IL. Told them we were sorry and asked their forgiveness for unkind things that may have been said in the past. Asked

them to join the other Allied Orders at the National Encampment in 2006. Represented CinC Michaels at the Department of the Southwest Encampment in Round Rock, TX.

The necrology report compiled by the National Chaplin is presented in Appendix A. May the souls of our departed Brothers rest in peace.

Chief of Staff (Don Palmer)

As Chief of Staff, I have maintained frequent communication with National Officers, members of National Committees and Department Commanders over the past administrative year. I also maintained the events calendar for the National organization, soliciting dates for Department Encampments and events requiring participation by the National organization.

Also, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I distributed 16 General Orders over the 2004-2005 administrative year to National officers, committees and Department Commanders. This included a revision to General Order #5.

To support the Council of Administration meetings and the 124th National Encampment, I solicited reports from all National officers and Committee chairmen. For the November 2004 Council meeting, I received responses from 67% of the officers and committee chairmen. With additional prodding, this jumped to 86% for the April Council meeting. As of this date, 94% of the officers and committee chairman have submitted reports for the National Encampment.

The National staff underwent some changes during the past year. Linn Hoadley, who served as both National Member-at-Large Coordinator and Camp-at-Large/Department Organizer, resigned his positions in January 2005. Since that time, PDC Alan Russ of Kansas has been appointed National Member-at-Large Coordinator. The office of Camp-at-Large/Department Organizer remains unfilled. Also, upon the death of PDC Thomas Johnson, PC-in-C Al Loomis was appointed as Co-Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Alan Hembel of Wisconsin was also appointed to the committee upon the promotion of PC-in-C Loomis.

I had the honor of representing the Commander-in-Chief and the SUVCW National organization at the funeral of John P. Byrne in Memphis, MO. Cpl. Byrne served in the 21st Missouri Infantry and his remains were never buried after his death in 1920. This was an event to remember. I also co-represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Missouri Department Encampment along with Council member Bob Petrovic.

In an effort to assist in the formation of National committees, the Commander-in-Chief tasked me with establishing guidelines and processes for committee chairman relative to committee operations. The draft was completed and was reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief. It will be available for review at the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting.

On the humorous side, in an effort to promote team building and “entertain” the staff, I authored and distributed a variation of the famous Christmastime poem “Night Before Christmas” incorporating SUVCW personalities. Hopefully, this added to everybody’s holiday enjoyment.

Finally, I would like to thank Commander-in-Chief Michaels for appointing me to this office and allowing me to serve the National organization in this capacity. It helped me gain a much better understanding of the operations at the National level, and maybe more important, got to know many more of the Brothers in our Order.

Civil War Memorial Officer (Todd Shillington)

Please allow me to congratulate Commander-in-Chief Michaels for a fine term as C-in-C, and to thank him for the opportunity to serve the Order.

The most significant development this year is the continuing success in the return of memorial cannon to their rightful place. Following last year’s success in the return of the memorial cannon removed from Summit Hill, Pennsylvania, we have been successful in securing the return of a memorial cannon

removed from a cemetery in Kendall, New York. The publicity received in the Kendall case, which caused an Associated Press story to be run in USA Today, has brought a great deal of attention to the situation of collectors buying memorial cannon from cemeteries and municipalities who have dubious claims to ownership. This publicity has received Congressional attention, whose outrage with the situation, along with research data I provided, has given Federal Government agencies the necessary authorization and information required to reclaim ten memorial cannon currently in the possession of collectors. The Army and Navy have made claims of ownership on three of these memorial cannon at this time, and plan to claim the rest in the near future. The Federal Government is making claim to these cannon because the Congressional Language that enabled their donation contained wording that made them subject to the order of the Secretary of War. I have been asked to not divulge the origin of these memorial cannon until the appropriate Federal Agencies have actually made the claims, so as not to jeopardize their return.

The Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003, which makes certain types of memorial desecration a Federal Crime, was instrumental in the return of the Kendall, New York memorial cannon, as provisions of this law were violated. With the assistance of Brothers around the United States, we have uncovered evidence of several violations of this law, each of which carries a maximum prison term of ten years. We are vigorously pushing for prosecution.

Efforts to lobby Congress for law that would close loopholes in the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003 have begun. This would hopefully protect all memorials, regardless whether they are situated on public or private land, and would remove the interstate commerce clauses currently in effect. Every Brother should contact his Federal representatives to demand better protection for memorials to veterans.

Memorial restorations are being performed around the entire country. These range from small, rural cemetery memorials to large urban projects. Dedicated Brothers continue to raise funds that enable these monuments to the *Boys in Blue* to be restored to their original glory. This is truly the Work of the Order, and these Brothers are to be commended for their efforts.

The Civil War Memorial and Monument Grant Program continues to assist in funding restoration projects. Problems persist with the administration of this program, which I pledge to address with the assistance of the appropriate Brothers and committees. This program is essential in encouraging Brothers by providing seed money to get projects underway.

The Memorial Assessment program submissions are still coming in, with a slight increase, which may be attributed to summer weather. Submissions have been received from Members-at-Large to the Commander-in-Chief, making this program an activity for every Member of the Order. Several Departments continue to administer their own database, with a few more considering that possibility.

It has been my honor to serve the Order in its work to keep fresh the memory of our ancestors.

Color Bearer (Thomas Brown)

The responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the National Color Bearer are limited to the National Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

Counselor (Jim Pahl)

The National Counselor reports that no official opinions were rendered this past administrative year. This constitutes the annual report.

Eagle Scout Coordinator (Bob Petrovic)

As of July 23, 2005 I have received requests for 1379 Eagle Scout certificates. Last year, I handed out 905 certificates, which gives us an increase of 474. As National coordinator I handed out 118 or 9% of the certificates while the Departments handed out 1261 or 91% of the certificates. Brother Bud Atkinson and Executive Director Lee Walters still receive requests for certificates that they forwarded to me.

A National e-mail address has been established for the coordinator. This way, when the coordinator is changed, the e-mail contact information will remain the same. A web page has been put on the Sons web site under Special Projects with fill-in forms and the names, addresses and e-mail addresses of the Department Eagle Scout coordinators.

Here is breakdown by Departments of certificates that were sent out.

<u>National Coordinator - 118</u>	<u>California & Pacific - 143</u>
<u>Colorado & Wyoming - 28</u>	<u>Connecticut - 22</u>
<u>Florida - 68</u>	<u>Illinois - 67</u>
<u>Indiana - 15</u>	<u>Iowa - 2</u>
<u>Kansas - 24</u>	<u>Kentucky - 17</u>
<u>Maine - 6</u>	<u>Maryland - 73</u>
<u>Massachusetts - 22</u>	<u>Michigan - 59</u>
<u>Missouri - 80</u>	<u>Nebraska - 8</u>
<u>New Hampshire - 18</u>	<u>New Jersey - 111</u>
<u>New York - 76</u>	<u>Ohio - 61</u>
<u>Oklahoma - 11</u>	<u>Pennsylvania - 104</u>
<u>Rhode Island - 4</u>	<u>Southwest - 111</u>
<u>Tennessee - 57</u>	<u>Vermont - 5</u>
<u>Wisconsin - 38</u>	<u>Arizona - 31</u>

GAR Highway Officer (Gary Parrott)

The following is a brief report of the activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – National Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer during the past 12 months (2004-2005 annual reporting period):

1) INFORMATION COLLECTION:

I am in the process of collecting information about the GAR Highway in each of the 14 states along the route (ie – status of signage, monuments, highway markers, photographs of each state’s “type/style” of sign, etc.), and,

- I am also in the process of assembling a current list of all of the Department’s GAR Highway Officers and when once completed, I will correspond with each.

2) CORRESPONDENCE:

I have written a letter to each secretary of transportation in each of the 14 states along the route of the GAR Highway (the purpose of which was to - open a dialog with each state’s DOT official, provide them with information about our organization & a contact person information and most importantly – let them know that someone does care about the status of the GAR Highway).

3) TRAVEL:

I plan to travel along all or as much as possible the entire route of the GAR Highway from coast-to-coast and record as to its status (ie – signage, condition, etc.).

- To date, I have traveled all of US-6 in the states of – California and Nevada, the majority of US-6 in Utah, and along sections of US-6 in the states of – Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

4) FUTURE PLANS:

Creation of a National GAR Highway Booklet (similar to the Dept. of California & Pacific GAR Highway Booklet), and,

- To establish proper signage in the state(s) where little or none exist (ie – the state of Utah).

Graves Registration Officer (Bob Lowe)

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the National Graves Registration Chair and work on this important project.

The National Graves Registration Database has been on line (www.suvcwdb.org) since 22 February 2005. It has received enthusiastic approval by both our members and the general public. Not only can one search the database by any number of search criteria, but those with approved “submitter accounts” may enter registrations for approval via their home computer. The public area of the database website has averaged over 2000 visits per month since inception.

The transition from the Microsoft Access-based graves registration program to the on-line database was necessarily a time of confusion and frustration for many. My gratitude is extended to Department Graves Registration Officers and others for their patience and cooperation during the start-up period. Without the past ability to “bulk” input registrations into the new national database, it has been difficult for those involved to convert to entering their Department data on-line – one registration at a time. To assist during this time of conversion, the National GR Committee has assisted in inputting the various Departments’ backlog of data. In the future, it is asked that Departments establish a method of inputting registrations into database via “Submitter Accounts”. There are always exceptions, so Department GRO’s are asked to please contact the National GRO for guidance and assistance.

As of the date of this report, there are 348,849 records in the national database with a continuing average increase of 100 approved registrations per day. This number is an increase of 73,570 registrations since July 2004. A tabulation of registrations by State/Country currently contained in the national database is included in Appendix B.

When available, headstone photos have been scanned and saved to a separate file by the National GRO and reference to these photos made in the “Misc. Info.” Field of the registration. If requested, a photo can be transmitted to an interested party via e-mail attachment.

One database problem is that we cannot view the requested search results in a spreadsheet format. They have to be searched separately from a search results listing. Other suggestions for improvement of the database have included:

Ability for AKA surnames to be searched without a separate entry being created.

Field established to indicate that a grave photo is available through the NGRO.

Searchable field established to determine veterans lost or buried at sea.

Search criteria created to determine burials in New South Wales.

Search criteria created to determine Medal of Honor recipients.

Ability to identify submitter by Camp, Department or individual ID number.

As recommended by previous NGRO Leo Kennedy and approved by the 123rd National Encampment, a recognition program for exceptional contribution to the graves registration project has been established in the form of a Certificate of Appreciation. On 04 July 2005, fourteen certificates were prepared and mailed along with a letter of thanks to the following recipients:

Woody Cook (OH)

Gary Parrott (CA & PAC)

Mahlon Erickson (OK)

Reynaldo Rodriguez (MA)

James Davenport (CO & WY)

Merle Rudebusch (NE)

Franklin Haley (MA)
Peter Lindemann (NY)
Ray Nagel (OH)
Nathan Orr (PA)

Harold Slavik (OR)
Don Stube (WI)
Robert Markunas (non-member)
Rodney Sawyer (non-member)

Recommendations for future recipients of recognition certificates should be sent to the National Graves Registration Officer.

The 123rd National Encampment directed that National Cemeteries shall be included in the National Graves Registration database. Work to include the National Cemeteries, which was already in progress, has continued and accelerated this year.

Brothers Mahlon Erickson and Frank Haley are hard working members of this committee and deserve the thanks of all of us. Brother James Davenport has successfully completed many time-consuming duties for this committee and was instrumental in the GR project's success this year. It would be difficult to list all of the Brothers that have contributed to this project and continue to do so, but my thanks go out to them as well.

Recommendations:

1. That the Encampment delegation or Council of Administration grant approval to conduct an investigation/cost analysis toward an ultimate goal of contracting with a computer programmer for additional enhancements and functions to the national graves registration database.

Guard (Jack Grothe)

The official responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the National Guard are limited to the National Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

Guide (Robert Knight)

The official responsibilities as prescribed by the Job Descriptions of the Order for the National Guide are limited to the National Encampment. As a result, there has been no activity to date to report.

Historian (Robert Wolz)

It is hard to imagine yet another year has been added to the history of our Order. The History Committee and myself as National Historian have been kept very busy by numerous requests coming to our Department Commanders, National Officers, our webmaster and of course, our Executive Director. I have fielded a number of questions dealing with organizational issues, requests for individual and post records, and history of our badges and insignia.

Sadly, most requests for post and individual records go unfulfilled as no central depository of records exist from pre-computer days of our Order or that of the GAR. Families know their relatives were members of the GAR and/or the Sons and are turning to us to prove their eligibility and we can't do it. May I be so bold (now that computers are widely used) to recommend the following resolution:

That a national database be created of all current and future members. This database would record the members' eligibility back to his Union veteran ancestor.

To achieve this, either the Camp Secretary or a designated computer literate person or persons, enter this information into a database acceptable to the Sons National Technology Committee. This would then be electronically transferred to the Department Secretary or other Department designee who would upload it to the National Headquarters. When quarterly/semi-annual reports are filed, the uploading of new members to this database would be part of the filing requirements.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Sons of the American Revolution and other like heritage groups have manually recorded this information forever. There is no reason for us to continue to delay this database. We need to do it for the future.

Fortunately, we usually have an individual or two in our Departments that have sought out the local library, county veterans records, etc., and helped some of these individuals, but we are continuing to fail in our duty to establish this records base.

The history of the Sons continues to be published in the BANNER and has brought very positive input from our members. They desire to know more about our Order. We should have a database on our website of all of our Camps, past and present, just like we have the GAR Posts. There are a number of reasons for this: To tell us where the Camps existed, to supply the name of a previous Camp so that it could be re-established with the same name and number and to provide a link to our own past.

There are always unusual inquiries that come into our National organization. Since I have been active since 1963, I have already seen or heard most of them. This year, I was surprised myself as an inquiry came in from General Frederick Starring's great nephew. General Starring was the 1869 GAR inspector General who designed the familiar star pendant GAR badge. The nephew wanted to know about numbered GAR badges. Not the side letter and number that indicates which administration the badge was issued, but on the lower point of the reverse of the star. This was new to me. His great uncle had been presented with badge #1.

We are never too young or too old to learn more about our Order.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and your entire History Committee is honored and pleased to have served this past year.

Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines (Richard Woodbury)

Again this year, it was my honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief and our Order at the Memorial Day services held at Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH, May 30, 2005.

Due to some of the worst spring weather in memory, attendance was down this year. The immediate threat of thunderstorms in the area caused the organizers to move the services inside, which is always a great disappointment for those attending.

The original keynote speaker was not able to attend and the replacement speaker was not impressive. This service was not up to the high standards set by the Cathedral of the Pines in past years.

Please find the last communication I received from National Chaplain Kowalski in Appendix C regarding his requirements for the memorial service at the Cathedral of the Pines scheduled for August 4, 2005, my reply and updates to items 1 and 4.

National Liaison to MOLLUS (Robert Bateman)

No reports received during the 2004-2005 administrative year.

Member at Large Coordinator (Alan Russ)

At the end of March 2005, I was appointed to the position of National Membership at Large Coordinator. My predecessor, Brother Linn Hoadley, Department of California & Pacific, agreed for the sake of continuity and ease of transfer to conduct the full transfer of functions immediately following the completion of the annual report for the National Membership at Large. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Hoadley, the transition went smoothly and successfully.

As of March 31, 2005, the NMAL contained 100 brothers in good standing. Brother Hoadley had been successful in transferring out 40 members during the reporting year. Since March 31, 2005, membership has increased to 109, with members located in all states not containing a Department. Additionally, members are located in Canada, United Kingdom and Germany.

I will be publishing a newsletter at least semi-annually to the membership, with the first issue scheduled to be published in August 2005. This will continue an item started by Brother Hoadley of providing a means of feedback for the membership.

All new members are furnished an appropriate membership certificate and membership card within one week of receipt of their application. Applications and related documents have been forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed deadlines.

I am anticipating expenses for the year to be at or below \$200.00. In the tradition of my predecessor, I am electing to donate these expenses in the memory of my relatives who served to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

It is also the tradition of the office of NMAL Coordinator to give its excess funds to the National Organization. As such, \$1200 has been determined to be excess to the needs to operate. A check in that amount will be presented to the National Treasurer at the National Encampment.

It is my hope to conduct further reviews of the NMAL membership and try to encourage members in close proximity to each other to consider forming Camps-at-Large.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Michaels and the Council of Administration. It is my intention to perform my duties in a manner worthy of this trust. If there are any questions or concerns, I am at your service to discuss them.

Patriotic Instructor (Bruce Butgereit)

Patriotic Greetings:

When asked to serve as the National Patriotic Instructor for the 2004-2005 term, I agreed to do so based upon what I understood in reading the Job Description; I truly had no immediate idea as to how I would pursue those responsibilities. Today, nearly one year later, I am pleased to submit my report of the work done in fulfilling the following obligations:

1) Serve as Chair for the Committee on Americanization and Education –

As Chair of the Committee on Americanization and Education, I will submit a report of the workings of that committee under separate cover.

2) Prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of national patriotic holidays;

3) Assist the National Chaplain in preparing and issuing letters of instructions to Departments and Camps on the observance of Memorial Day; *and*

4) Provide Departments and Camps with patriotic topics that should be stressed at Department and Camp meetings –

In serving as an officer in different positions at both the Camp and Department level, I soon realized that I had many questions about, not only the position, but what I was supposed to do as that officer. I always thought how great it would be to have a “how to” manual or instructional guide that I could reference; not a book with every answer but one that would give me some idea(s). To that end, and in fulfilling items number 2, 3, and 4, I decided to create a publication titled, *A Handbook of Instruction, Thoughts, and Ideas for Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructors*.

The 57-page handbook, which will be made available for print or download from the SUVCW documents page on our National website, includes the following chapters:

1) The Camp Patriotic Instructor; 2) The Department Patriotic Instructor; 3) The National Patriotic Instructor; 4) The Flag of the United States; 5) Holiday’s and other special days; 6) Ceremonies, Rituals and other miscellaneous items; 7) The ROTC/JROTC Program; *and* 8) Surveys/Forms

Because I feel that the Patriotic Instructor’s role is to not only remind us and help connect us to the past, but to also work closely with the Chaplain, Memorials Officer and other officers on any level of the Order, I have included topics that will facilitate the relationship between those officers and Brothers as well.

5) Prepare and submit articles on patriotic topics and our nation's flag to The BANNER – I submitted four (4) articles for the BANNER.

6) Be present at a National Encampment's Camp Fire Program and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag –

At the time of this report, Lord willing, I will be in attendance at the National Encampment

7) Apprise the Commander-in-Chief on the activities of the National Patriotic Instructor –

Not only did I keep Commander-in-Chief Michaels apprised of my activities, I also communicated regularly with SVC Darby and JVC Pahl. To facilitate the communication between myself and the Departments, I created a database of all Department Commanders and Patriotic Instructors and communicated several times with them on the subject of the handbook, memorial services, other publications, annual reporting and other publications. In total, I sent and received close to 400 emails and sent out several regular mailings with letters of instruction and publications.

8) Perform all other duties delegated to the office by the Order's Constitution and Regulations ("C&R"), Ritual and Ceremonials, National Encampment and/or Commander-in-Chief –

During this term I received several requests from our Commander-in-Chief and SVC to work on putting together several projects. The first was an effort to reestablish the relationship the GAR had with local schools through creating a program or format which would allow the SUVCW to do as our ancestors had done; the program is titled *Adopt-a-School*. More on this is shared in the report on the Committee on Americanization and Education.

I was also encouraged to create a ceremony to be used by the SUVCW in the proper disposal of unserviceable flags. The Dignified Flag Disposal Ceremony can be found on page 30 of the handbook for Patriotic Instructors. Although this ceremony is performed by many American Legion and VFW Posts, as well as the Boy Scouts, this offers opportunity for Camps to conduct them as well.

Another publication that is available on the SUVCW documents page on the National website is the revised Flag Facts Fliers. This publication was created to serve as a handout at any event where we may be and includes historical information on the flag of the United States as well as proper flag etiquette and other interesting facts. While designed for use by schools and our youth, adults have found it to be of great use as well.

During the installation of the Camp Patriotic Instructor, it states that the Department Patriotic Instructor will supply *blanks* upon which the Camp PI can report on the events and such of the Camp over the past year. To identify those blanks, I have created the CPI Annual Report to be used by Camps to report to the Department PI and the DPI Annual Report for Department Patriotic Instructors to compile the information from the Camps and to report to the National PI. Both publications are in the handbook and on the SUVCW document page on the website. For this reporting, I have recommended each Camp PI submit his report to the Department Patriotic Instructor no later than 1 month prior to their Department Encampment. These reports can then be compiled and submitted by the DPI to the National Patriotic Instructor for his report at the National Encampment.

I have provided a compilation of the reports I've received from Departments, which is shown in Appendix D. For the first year of reporting in this manner in years, I would say that the rate of return was good. The percentages provided in the attached report are provided simply as a tool for judging where room for improvement might lie and should not be considered as pointing a finger.

I am also pleased to report that the ROTC Program included the distribution of 51 medals; inventory on hand is at 34. Because there was a misprint on the certificates, I corrected the mistake and donated the materials necessary to print the certificates; this amended certificate has been sent to the National Quartermaster for publication. Also in Appendix D, I have included a breakdown by Department of where the medals were sent and to which deserving cadet.

With the Sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 2009, Commander-in-Chief Michaels also asked that I work with PC-in-C Alan Loomis on creating an informational flyer that will share with the public the work the SUVCW does in honoring our 16th President Abraham Lincoln. At the time of

this report, a preliminary draft of the publication has been created with more work yet to be done. I recommend that the next NPI continue to work with Brother Loomis on this worthy project.

During my service as NPI, I had the honor and privilege of attending the Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL on April 16, 2005.

9) Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment on the activities of the National Patriotic Instructor –

This report is submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, the delegates of the National Encampment and fellow Brothers. I have enjoyed serving as your National Patriotic Instructor and trust that my efforts will prove to be an asset to Camps and Departments. It is clearly understood we are an organization made up of volunteers and as such, our efforts must reflect that we each have jobs, other obligations and other interests that must be balanced in our lives. My hope is that the publications and programs created will serve as an inspiration or encouragement in doing the work of the Order.

Signals Officer (Nathan Orr)

The only significant development worth reporting in the last six months is the official launch of the Graves Registration web site. This happened in February 2005. Since then, many thousands of new grave records have been added to the database to join the several hundred thousand imported from the old database. Operationally, things have gone about as well as could be hoped with only a few small issues popping up. Those have all been addressed. We hope to continue to enjoy such a high level of successful operation.

Washington DC Representative (Andrew Johnson)

It is an honor to serve as your representative in the Nation's Capital. Your Washington, D.C. Representative reports the following actions/events since the previous National Encampment.

Contracted for wreath and provided room, board and transportation to the CinC for the annual Lincoln Birthday events in Washington, D.C. This year, the CinC also met with the President of the CWPT for pleasant and useful discussion about our mutual interests.

(a) Welcomed the CinC for traditional Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery on 30 May with placement of Order wreaths at the National Tomb of the Unknowns, the CW Tomb of the Unknowns and at the GAR memorial in the heart of the city. PDC Ralph Miller, Jr. was of great assistance at this event.

(b) Welcomed the CinC to our Maryland Department encampment, 23-24 April, in Wilmington, DE.

We continue the effort to resolve the ownership of the Civil War cemeteries at St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital and find means to transfer them to the Department of the Interior. The local Camp has nearly completed research on the Civil War burials in the two St. Elizabeth cemeteries and will publish a monograph in 2005 for the 150th anniversary of the opening of the National Hospital. That monograph will be furnished to the Graves Registration Committee. A number of local SUVCW members also attended the 150th commemoration of the opening of St. Elizabeth's National Hospital for the Insane in Washington, D.C.

Files and mementos have been made available to the SUVCW by the Richard C. Schlenker family. R. Keith Young, JVC of the Maryland Department, has been deputized by the CinC to review and accumulate all items and papers which may be of interest to the National Order. He is also representing the Maryland Department. All files and items of National interest will be transferred to the custody of the CinC at the National Encampment.

We continue to pursue the matter of private burials in foreign lands to include temporary/rented graves in Europe. We have made contact with an Australian researcher who has contributed a CD containing U.S. Civil War burials in that nation. Also searching for a usable copy or

microfiche of GPO publication, "Names and Addresses of Pensioners of the U.S. Living in Foreign Countries Other Than Canada", 1899, and a companion volume on those receiving pensions in Canada. Brother Edward S. Milligan has been most useful to the Order in this matter. We have also contacted DVA regarding shipment of veterans gravestones overseas and advised the GR Committee.

We will open research into National Archives/U.S. Army Quartermaster/Office of the Chief of Ordnance General records of donation of obsolete ordnance for memorial purposes. We have also researched the location of local and county historical societies in key loyal states and recommended that a letter contact be sent to each as a proactive means of alerting those bodies to merchant depredations.

We have been in contact with the DoD Office for KIA/MIA Identification re: remains found on USS Monitor. The DoD needs our cooperation to find descendants of crew members for DNA tests. A call for descendants of persons thought to have perished on that vessel has been listed on the National web site.

With the cooperation of *resolutionmeister* Richard Orr, we have introduced a resolution for protection of veterans memorials into the American Legion process. It will be considered at their convention in Hawaii. A copy of this resolution is shown in Appendix A.

We are cooperating with our Antietam Camp #3 to assemble a color guard for the reburial of Pvt. Noble Dean, late of the Independent Loudoun Rangers (US) whose remains have been recently exhumed near Point of Rocks, MD

Webmaster (Kent Peterson)

The following major revisions were made on the National Web site during the past year:

Graves Registration Database Online – while I was not involved with getting this project up and running, it is certainly the most significant addition to the SUVCW Web presence in quite a while and I would be remiss to not thank all who were involved in the project for their diligence and efforts.

New Eagle Scout Page - Thanks to the writing skills of National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit, we have a new Web page for the Eagle Scout Recognition Program. It's listed under "special projects" in the Web site index and may be found at <http://suvchw.org/eagle/> .

Online Forms Converted to "Fill-in" – All SUVCW online forms may be filled out online and then printed. This capability greatly improves the legibility and appearance of these documents. Forms can still be downloaded, printed and filled out by hand as in the past. The *Documents and Forms* page has been revised to list all forms just once, instead of twice, as many were.

National Headquarters Page – check out <http://suvchw.org/headquarters.html> for a new Web page with photos and a narrative relating the story of how the National HQ came to be located at the National Civil War Museum.

Revisions to Education Section – once again National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit has been very helpful with providing new materials and revisions. The changes are currently underway and will be completed by the National Encampment.

Announcements & Events page – this page was reorganized into three sections: Upcoming Events, Announcements and Research Inquiries. The page was previously organized by date of posting, and with many requests for listings being received, it was becoming difficult to use.

Backup National Wemaster PCinC Keith Harrison continues to help maintain the Web site. Over the past year he has added 42 entries to the SUVCW's "Photos from the Past"

Web pages, for a total of 476 pages. He has also followed up with a total of 69 research inquiries about Civil War ancestors and was able to locate the military records of 63. With the researched material, all inquires also were referred to the SUVCW membership page.

Web Site Usage – During the past quarter (April 1 – June 30) there have been 151,672 visits to the National Web site. This represents 69,667 unique individuals (some making more than one visit). On average this represents 1,665 visitors per day to the site.

SUVCW E-Mailboxes - The start-up of the new e-mail accounts for National Officers is complete and it appears that any difficulties experienced seem to have been ironed out. The e-mailboxes currently assigned are:

Keith Harrison (master account)	usr4128@suvcw.org
Commander-in-Chief	cinc@suvcw.org
Sr. Vice Commander	svc@suvcw.org
Jr. Vice Commander	jvc@suvcw.org
Secretary	secretary@suvcw.org
Treasurer	treasurer@suvcw.org
Council 1	CofA1@suvcw.org
Council 2	CofA2@suvcw.org
Council 3	CofA3@suvcw.org
Council 4	CofA4@suvcw.org
Council 5	CofA5@suvcw.org
Council 6	CofA6@suvcw.org
Quartermaster	qm@suvcw.org
Eagle Scout Coordinator	eaglescouts@suvcw.org
Executive Director	execdir@suvcw.org
Webmaster	webmaster@suvcw.org

Sale/Rent/Lease of E-Mailboxes - The currently unused e-mailboxes could be assigned or sold to others, as the Council of Administration may deem appropriate. However, I recommend that all e-mailboxes sold to others be restricted to use as an “alias” address, that is, all incoming mail will be automatically directed to the owner’s personal e-mail account. This way, we reserve the limited server storage space for official use.

Recommendation to Acquire Related Web Domain Names - There are World Wide Web domain names available which relate to our organization’s name, for example, **suvcw.info** and **suvcw.com**. Many organizations make a practice of purchasing, but not necessarily using, such related domain names, in order to protect their trademark, brand name or identity from others who may wish to infringe upon it. I recommend considering this option. The annual cost per domain name varies (see below). All domains we purchase should be set to forward all traffic to our **suvcw.org** Web site.

Here are recent price quotes from a discount domain registrar. I recommend acquiring the first four:

- suvcw.net** is available at \$9.99 / year
- suvcw.biz** is available at \$9.99 / year
- suvcw.us** is available at \$9.99 / year
- suvcw.info** is available - **ON SALE!** at \$2.99 / year
- suvcw.bz** is available at \$29.99 / year
- suvcw.cc** is available at \$25.99 / year
- suvcw.ws** is available at \$26.99 / year

Note that **suvcw.com** has already been taken, probably by a domain “squatter.” Right now a generic Web directory is being hosted there.

As always, Web and e-mail questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@suvcw.org.

Executive Director (Lee Walters)

I have the honor to report the activities of the Office of the Executive Director as follows:

Telephone Inquiries: I receive inquiries at the National Office from interested individuals, many of whom do not have computers. I respond to these by phone or with a letter thanking them for their interest and enclose a copy of our information brochure, 2 copies of the membership application and a printout of the Department officers and Camps in their geographical area. I also respond to inquiries about the organization, The BANNER, the Civil War, flag etiquette, re-enacting, events schedules, genealogy, etc., and questions from Camp/Department officers. I make and receive a great many telephone calls from my home after office hours and on weekends because many Brothers are not available or cannot be reached during normal business hours due to their employment and/or differences in time zones.

E-Mail: I receive and respond to approximately 12-15 e-mails daily.

Information Brochures: I continue to distribute our information brochures through the customer service area at the National Civil War Museum. Since last August, 800 have been taken by visitors.

National Office Filing: This is a continuing process which will never end. We continue to receive volunteer help with member application filing from a Brother of Hartranft Camp #15 and his wife, Gilbert and Audrey Kyle.

Charters: There are 118 copies of Camp/Department Charters at the National office. Many are copies of varying degrees of quality. Thirteen are originals. I believe the original charters should be placed individually in archival storage folders. I have researched archival folders and find that an appropriate "newspaper and map" folder is available at a unit price of \$13.02 plus shipping (see recommendation #4 below).

Life Member Program: Since the 2004 national Encampment, I have received and processed 24 new Life Memberships. I enclose a congratulatory letter, along with the Life Member card and certificate produced by Brother Krieser, to each new Life Member. My letter reminds the Brother to make certain his Camp/Department Secretary is aware of his Life Member status.

The BANNER: I provide the BANNER mailing list to the printer and request an extra amount for mailing to overseas members and to replace copies for those who have received damaged or incomplete copies or no copy at all. Any remaining copies are placed in the National office for future need. I also have quite a number of BANNERS from previous years on file. The matter of late reporting by Departments results in unnecessary work and expense in that BANNERS are being sent to people who have been dropped and are not entitled to receive them. Conversely, new members who have not been reported are not receiving their BANNERS. When I send BANNERS to Brothers who were entitled to receive them but did not due to late reporting, they are sent first class, which requires a much higher postage rate plus an envelope, mailing label and time.

Database: All changes to member information and data received from all sources is processed and added to the National database on a daily basis.

Annual Reporting System: The annual reporting system is functioning smoothly for the most part (aside from late filing). I again sent out an instruction letter at the beginning of the year to assist the Department Secretaries. I believe the informal meeting with Department Secretaries at the Encampment has been helpful also. I have a list of topics/problems for this year's meeting.

Recommendations:

1. The Department Annual Report Form 35 is due at National Headquarters on or before 31 May. Of the 26 Departments, 15 were delinquent. Of the 8 Camps at Large, 2 were delinquent. Some mechanism needs to be devised to encourage or enforce compliance with the reporting deadline.

Suggestions:

That the CinC declare any Department/CAL to be "not in good standing" as of 01 June if they have not submitted the required reports and publish a General Order to that effect.

That Departments/CALs which do file their reports in a timely manner by General Order or in the BANNER.

2. That a standardized form for Department rosters be developed and mandated for use by all Departments, which contain all the information required for the database and required to be submitted with Department Annual Report Form 35.
3. That a space be provided on future editions of Form 30 to write the members National identification number.
4. That funds be approved to purchase archival storage folders for the 13 original charters plus 2 extra for future charters received, at a cost not to exceed \$225.00.
5. There have been several instances of Life Members having been dropped by Camps for non-payment of dues. Some Life Members are apparently unaware that they remain liable for Camp and/or Department dues. I suggest that an explanation of this be published in the BANNER for clarification.

Reports of National Committees – Standing

Americanization/Education (Bruce Butgereit)

Patriotic Greetings:

On behalf of the Committee, I respectfully submit this report –

In the 1950s and 60s, the focus of this Committee was to educate others about the evils of communism. Today, as the face of America is ever-changing, the focus of this Committee must turn to educating others about things many of us take for granted as common knowledge – the history of our Nation, the Civil War and proper respect for our flag. In a sense, we in this Committee and in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are faced with the task of teaching the basics, especially to our youth.

There was a time when immigrants, while holding on to the values of their heritage and ancestry, looked to America as their new home and were proud to simply be called Americans. Today, many immigrants seem to look at their new home as simply a place they are visiting; we have become a nation of hyphenated citizenry. With that thinking has come the belief, especially in our schools, that students must be taught about other countries, going so far as to ignore the events and people who made the United States what it is today. One of the goals and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War *must* be insure that our Nation's history is not forgotten.

While many Brothers in our Order already visit schools, to help provide some direction and possibly new ideas in accomplishing this goal, we have created a program titled, *Adopt-a-School*.

There will be two publications on the SUVCW document page on the National website that can be printed or downloaded to help Camps put this project into motion. The first is SUVCW Adopt-a-School which explains the program and offers suggestions as to how to implement the voluntary program (if your Camp is unable to work with local schools then you wouldn't participate). The second is the Teacher Adopt-a-School which explains the program to teachers and how a Camp can assist them in teaching their students about our nation, the Civil War and the United States flag.

When visiting a school, the Committee encourages distribution of the revised *Flag Facts Flier*; a great tool for sharing important information on the flag of the United States.

Another effort by the Committee was the update of information and change of format to the Education Page on our National website. Through the assistance of National Webmaster Brother Kent Peterson and in conjunction with the recommendations of last year's NPI, Brother Tim Downey, the website has a new look and includes more links to assist educators in teaching about the Civil War and history. Included on this page is a section for Camps and Departments to access helpful material and the *Adopt-a-School* program.

In a work that remains unfinished, and one that I will recommend be continued by the next NPI, is that of researching which States mandate teaching about the United States flag and its proper use. Each committee member was assigned to find out what was being taught in order that we might thank and praise those states or educational associations which have adopted such teachings or that we might encourage those who have not to do so.

A sampling of the returns thus far indicates the following:

- 1) Idaho Code 33-1602. US Constitution - National flag and colors -National anthem - Citizenship (2) Instruction in the proper use, display and history of and respect for the American flag and the national colors shall be given in all elementary and secondary schools. Such instruction shall include the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the words and music of the national anthem, and "America".
- 2) Colorado is a local control state relative to curriculum development. The Colorado Statutes require district to teaching of history, culture, and civil government. Another Statute encourage the teachers in high school in the state of Colorado to teach pupils the proper respect of the flag of the United States, to honor and properly salute the flag when passing in parade, and to properly use the flag in decorating and displaying. Each school district shall provide an opportunity each school day for willing students to recite the pledge of allegiance in public elementary and secondary schools.
- 3) The Quality Core Curriculum of Georgia includes instruction about the American flag in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Under the new Georgia Performance Standards instruction about the American flag will be included in Kindergarten.
- 4) The Alaska Dept. of Education does not have a state curriculum guide that school districts follow. Each district produces their own curriculum, & generally American flag information is taught somewhere between third & eighth grades; (sometimes more than once from grades 3-8) & then again in high school in U.S. History classes.

Additionally, many communities have an American Legion post & the larger city's a Veterans of Foreign Wars post...both of these organizations are instrumental in disseminating information about the American flag to children of their respective communities.

Keep up your good work!

- 5) Regarding your question about which states include flag instruction, Alabama, in its Code of Alabama, Section 16-6B-2(h), mandates the development of character education programs by each system/school, whose "plan of instruction shall include the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag."
- 6) Commissioner of Education John Winn has asked our office to respond to your inquiry regarding instruction related to the American Flag. On behalf of Commissioner Winn, we would like to thank you for your interest and concerns regarding education excellence.

Legislation was enacted by the Florida Legislature in the spring of 2004 that requires approved procedures for the proper display of the flag. This law is section 1003.42(2)(d) Florida Statute, commonly referred to as the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act. Educational provisions relating to the flag and associated programs of a patriotic nature, such as the Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem, are included. The 67 school districts in Florida are responsible for adopting and implementing flag education curriculum.

- 7) Kansas Public Schools are required to have a "program of patriotic exercises" that includes instructions relating to flag etiquette, use and display, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and observance of legal holidays. (K.S.A. 72-5308, as amended.)

The Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) has prepared a booklet as a resource for schools to develop appropriate programs of patriotic exercises. Included are the federal Flag Code, instructional suggestions, and selected resources that schools may choose to use in the development of a program that meets the statutory requirements and also aligns with the local curriculum.

- 8) The booklet, *Guidelines for Teaching Flag Etiquette in Missouri Public Schools* was developed as a result of legislation (House Bill 630) enacted by the Missouri General Assembly in 1997. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Bill Boucher of Kansas City and Rep. Bill Ransdall of Waynesville. The law is now found in state statutes as Section 161.104, RSMo.

The intent of this law and the State Board of Education's accompanying regulation is to encourage local schools to provide appropriate instruction for young people about the United States flag and flag etiquette. Local schools have discretion, however, in deciding how and when such instruction will be provided.

Communication between the Committee members included both regular and electronic. As Chair, I want to extend my thanks to each member for their support and participation.

Civil War Memorials (Todd Shillington)

The report of the Civil War Memorials Committee is included in the report of the Civil War Memorials Officer. Please refer to the report of the National Civil War Memorials Officer on Page 15.

Communications & Technology (Nathan Orr)

The report of the Communications & Technology Committee is included in the report of the Signals Officer. Please refer to the report of the National Signals Officer on Page 27.

Constitution & Regulations (Robert Grim)

The standing National Committee on Constitution and Regulations proposes the following amendments to the National Regulations to the 124th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CHAPTER I ARTICLE IV Officers

The change in this Section will arrange the camp appointed officers in alphabetical order. The italicized wording reflects the change to this section.

Present Version:

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Historian, Guide, Color Bear and Guard and a Memorials Officer. The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.

Proposed Version:

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, ***Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor.*** The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.

CHAPTER I ARTICLE VI Section 6

The change in this Section will arrange the camp appointed officers in alphabetical order. The italicized wording reflects the change to this section.

Present Version

Section 6. The Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Color Bearer and Guard shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander.

Proposed Version

Section 6. The *Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard and Patriotic Instructor* shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander.

CHAPTER II

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The change in this Section will arrange the department appointed officers in alphabetical order. The italicized wording reflects the change to this section.

Present Version

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer and at the option of the Department a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

Proposed Version

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), *Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor* and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

CHAPTER III

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The change in this Section will arrange the national appointed officers in alphabetical order. The italicized wording reflects the change to this section.

Present Version:

Section 1. The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), National Counselor, National Graves Registration Officer, a Washington, DC Representative, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Historian, National Chief-of-Staff, *Banner* Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Civil War Memorials Officer and a GAR Records Officer. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

Proposed Version:

Section 1. The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), *Banner Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief-of-Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor and a Washington DC Representative.* The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

CHAPTER III
ARTICLE VII
Committees

The change in this Section will arrange the national committees in alphabetical order. The italicized wording reflects the change to this section.

Present Version:

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Constitution and Regulations, Legislation, Military Affairs, Membership, Americanization and Education, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Remembrance Day, Fraternal Relations, Encampment Site, History, Life Membership Investment, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials & Monuments, Communication and Technology and GAR Post Records Committee. A standing committee on Program and Policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Proposed Version

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: *Americanization and Education, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Legislation, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, and Remembrance Day.* A standing committee on Program and Policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief; the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the purpose of this committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

Fraternal Relations (Brad Schall)

Purpose of Committee

The National Committee on Fraternal Relations purpose is clearly defined.

- To promote the highest level of cooperation between the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To work cooperatively with all Civil War hereditary organizations.

- To encourage support from other national veteran organization's of our Order's goals and objectives.

To encourage participation with Civil War reenactment groups and Friends of Civil War Battlefield.

Committee:

Brad Schall, PDC, chairman, Department of California and Pacific

Keith Ashley, PDC, Department of Ohio

Ellsworth Brown, PDC, Department of Rhode Island

Clarence "Buzz" Smithcors, PDC, Department of New Jersey

Thomas Showler, Department of Pennsylvania

The chairman wishes to acknowledge to the National Encampment the effort put forth by this committee. On behalf of the Commander in Chief, the Order, they attended Allied Order meetings, conferences, Department and Camp functions and participated in Civil War events throughout the year.

The committee strategy was to assist the CIC wherever possible, accomplish the goals and objectives of the committee, spread the word about our Order and demonstrate a congenial approach to relationship through the Allied Orders. For the most part we were successful.

During the year our committee did the following:

- Brought greeting from the CIC to various Allied Orders' functions.

Provided the CIC with a calendar of events and updated the calendar

- Made contact with and distributed information on our Order to the Allied Orders, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Military Order of Stars and Bars, American Legion, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Order of the Confederate Rose, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam War Veterans, Veterans Councils, reenactment groups, Civil War Round Tables, National Parks Service and several Friends of Battlefield Organizations.

Committee chairman represented the committee at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

We believe that the climate has improved between the SUVCW and the Allied Orders. Many Camps, Department and future National Encampment have made an aggressive approach to bring together again the Allied Orders. Throughout the year, combined meetings were held in many Departments, joint recruiting efforts in several Departments and in the Department of Ohio the Allied Orders met for the first time since 1949.

Our order continues to be challenged with our relationship in the Civil War community but if 2005 is a benchmark then we will continue to make positive strides.

Graves Registration (Bob Lowe)

The report of the Graves Registration Committee is included in the report of the Graves Registration Officer. Please refer to the National Graves Registration Officer on Page 19.

History (Robert Wolz)

The report of the Committee on History is included in the report of the National Historian. Please refer to the National Historian's report on Page 21.

GAR Post Records (Dave Wells)

I have fielded about a dozen inquiries about G.A.R. Post records. Most don't realize what they might contain and think there is a lot more info than there is. I have directed them to get regimental histories and then compare that to their ancestors service record to see what actions he may have been in, while we look for the Post records. Also, I received an e-mail detailing where some records were being kept. We are not making much progress with private collectors who have G.A.R. records. They are reluctant to give a list of items they have in fear that, at some date, the SUVCW may claim ownership of them. I'm sure this comes as a reaction to our claims concerning monuments and cannons. I have not made any progress concerning recruiting new researchers among our members. I thought I would have more time this year to work on it, but this has been a tough year. I will try to find more time for this project this summer. This is a project I truly care about, so please bear with me while I work some things out. Lest We Forget.

Legislation (Dan Earl)

This report concludes the research and analysis conducted by the National Committee on Legislation during the 2004-2005 administrative year.

As reported in the Committee's April report, the U.S. Senate and House of representatives embarked on the first session of the 109th Congress in January this year. Members of Congress have introduced several pieces of legislation that might be considered of interest to our Order. That legislation is listed in Appendix E. This report includes legislation pending before Congress which has

been introduced since the start of the 109th Congress, current through 25 August 2005. It also includes relevant public laws signed by the President during the same time.

At the 2004 National Encampment, a resolution calling for the return of Memorial Day to the traditional day of observance was introduced to the Delegates by Brother Al Peterson, PDC, of Nevada. It was then referred to this Committee for analysis and action. In this resolution, there was a call for support of “S 189”. Upon analysis by the Committee, it was discovered that this reference does not exist as a proposed piece of legislation in Congress (there was, at the time this Resolution was introduced, corresponding legislation introduced by Sen. Inouye pending in the U.S. Senate). Since this Committee’s last report, Sen. Inouye of Hawaii, as expected, introduced S 80, calling for the restoration of the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day, and for other purposes. The text of the Bill is as follows:

A BILL

To restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RESTORATION OF TRADITIONAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

- (a) DESIGNATION OF LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Section 6103(a) of title 5 United States Code, is amended by striking ‘Memorial Day, the last Monday In May.’ And inserting the following:
‘Memorial Day, May 30’
- (b) OBSERVANCES AND CEREMONIES – Section 116 of title 36, United States Code, is amended –
in subsection (a), by striking ‘The last Monday in May’ and inserting
‘May 30’ and
in subsection (b)—
 - (A) by striking ‘and’ at the end of paragraph (3):
 - (B) by re-designating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and
 - (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph (4):
‘(4) calling on the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day as a day of ceremonies for showing respect for American veterans of wars and other military conflicts; and’
- (c) DISPLAY OF FLAG – Section 6(d) of title 4, United States Code, is amended by
Striking ‘the last Monday in May;’ and inserting ‘May 30;’

This Bill was introduced on January 24th, just days after the 109th Congress convened. It was promptly referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where it remains today. There are no co-sponsors for the Bill and no action has been taken or is scheduled by the Committee. Sen. Inouye has introduced similar, if not identical, legislation in Congress over the past several sessions. Each time there have been no co-sponsors and no committee action taken. This is indicative of a “private request” Bill.

Generally, this indicates that the sponsor of the legislation has no particular interest in supporting it himself; however, has introduced it at the request of constituents who DO support it. If this is the case, as it appears it is, since there are no co-sponsors and no action pending, the Bill will likely die at the close of the first session in December, as it has in the past.

Regardless of the probable future of this legislation, it is the recommendation of the National Committee on Legislation that the Resolution introduced by Brother Al Peterson, PDC, be adopted as amended herein:

A
Resolution
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
_____August 2005

A Resolution providing for the Restoration of Memorial Day to the traditional date of May 30th, by way of signing petitions.

Whereas, in observance with General Order #11 issued by General John Logan in 1868, the 30th day of May was designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country; and,

Whereas, all Americans are encouraged to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude – the widows and orphans of the soldiers and sailors who fought to save the Union; and,

Whereas, the purpose of Memorial Day is to honor Union veterans, and is set aside originally by the Grand Army of the Republic as the 30th day of May; and,

Whereas, we as Americans should pay homage not only to those who served during the Civil War, but all wars and conflicts combined; therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall take the initiative to persuade and encourage all Americans young and old alike to lead the nation in obtaining as many signatures as possible in the form of petitioning their elected representatives; and be it,

Further Resolved, THE TIME IS NOW to move ahead to persuade those in the United States Congress and the President to pass and sign into law legislation pending in the U.S. Senate (S. 80), restoring Memorial Day to the traditional day of May 30th; and be it,

Finally Resolved, that these petitions shall be presented to the Congress of the United States for consideration and action.

Adopted this _____ day of August in the year of our Lord, two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth, in the City of Nashua, County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Delegates to the 124th Annual National Encampment.

The Committee also reviewed other applicable legislation having an impact on the Order, i.e., issues inclusive of a general association with patriotism and pro-American activities. Furthermore, it has been customary for the Committee to analyze and report on matters dealing with U.S. Veterans. However, due to the overwhelming amount of data available on this specific issue, this category of legislation has intentionally been omitted from the current report so that it may focus more on matters directly impacting the Order.

As with any similar report compiled and submitted by this Committee, there are likely to be oversights and unintentional omissions. Again, this final report is focused on national legislation relative to Memorial Day observances as referred to it by last year's National Encampment, and other "patriotic" and "pro-American" issues. The Committee asks that items overlooked in this report or those for which further analysis is requested, be referred to the next appointed National Committee on Legislation.

Lincoln Tomb Observance (Robert Graham/Ron Clark/Al Loomis)

The 49th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremnoy, commemorating the 140th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln, was conducted at Lincoln's Tomb at 11:00 am on April 15, 2005. The 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, reactivated, assisted by Sons of Veterans Reserve units posted the colors. Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, gave the invocation. PC-in-C Alan R. Loomis was the Master of Ceremonies.

PC-in-C Loomis presented a memorial, followed by a moment of silence for Thomas L.W. Johnson, who passed away on January 1, 2005. Brother Johnson had been the Master of Ceremonies for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony since 1983 and was the heart and soul of the Death Day Committee who organizes the Ceremony. It was only through good teamwork the Committee was able to put on a successful ceremony in the absence of Brother Johnson.

Addresses were given by Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Douglas R. Niermeyer, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the co-sponsoring organizations of the Lincoln Tomb Memorial.

Musical interludes were to be presented by the Springfield Municipal Band, but they failed to show. The ceremony was saved through old-fashioned Sons ingenuity when Chaplain Jerome Kowalski retrieved song sheets from his vehicle and handed them to the audience. Led by Doug Niermeyer and Jerry Kowalski, the musical interludes were sung instead.

In excess of 50 patriotic organizations presented wreaths. Groups from the Revolutionary War period through the Korean War were represented. Wreaths were presented by five SUVCW Departments (Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and California & Pacific) and three MOLLUS Commanderies (Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio). Roy L. Dolgos, Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, presented a wreath on behalf of Governor Rod Blagojevich.

The weather was beautiful and in spite of some major glitches, this was possibly the best ceremony we have held, primarily thanks to everyone's cooperation. The banquet was moved to the Crowne Plaza and held at 1:00 pm. Again, PC-in-C Alan Loomis acted as Master of Ceremonies and National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski did the Invocation and Benediction. Daniel R. Weinberg, proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Bookstore in Chicago, IL, delivered a talk on the assassination of President Lincoln, with a slide presentation. Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy State Archivist of the State of Illinois, introduced Mr. Weinberg.

Attending both events was Orabell Thompson, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; Lynne Bury, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Margaret H. Lauth, National President Woman's Relief Corps; and Danielle Michaels, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, representing National President Michelle F. Langley. Representing the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States was National President Rosemary Schaeffer. PC-in-Cs Danny Wheeler, Ed Krieser, Gordon Bury and Alan Loomis attended. Also present was David Joens, Director of the Illinois State Archives.

Thanks go to all members of the Death Day Association, Inc.: Robert M. Graham, President; Ronald E. Clark, Vice President; John Austin, Secretary-Treasurer and Directors Alan R. Loomis, Alan Hembel, David L. Preston, Jacqueline D. Wright and Harold Wright. Special thanks go to Nan Wynn, Site Superintendent of the Lincoln Tomb and Dr. Wayne C. Temple.

Membership (Jim Pahl)

The report of the Membership Committee is included in the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Please refer to the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief on Page 6.

Military Affairs (Bud Atkinson)

For the bulk of this administrative year, there has been nothing to report. The Military Affairs Committee will be meeting at the National Encampment, the results of which will be presented verbally during the business session.

Yours in F, C & L,

Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PcinC

National Encampment Site (Jim Houston)

I would first like to thank PCinC Charles Corfman for his help and guidance on the Committee. As you may know, Chuck served for many years as Chairman and his advice continues to be invaluable. I also want to thank Bob Petrovic for his work assisting the Department of Iowa with last year's Cedar Rapids encampment.

As was decided previously, National Encampment sites for the next two years have been determined as follows:

2006, Harrisburg, PA. Hosted by the Dept. of Pennsylvania; and

2007, St. Louis, MO. Hosted by the Dept. of Missouri.

Planning for the 2006 Harrisburg Encampment is well underway. The Committee has negotiated a contract with the Harrisburg Hilton for the dates of Thursday, August 10 through Sunday, August 14. The Department of Pennsylvania is organizing events at the Gettysburg Battlefield and at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. Please mark your calendars and reserve those dates for the 2006 Encampment.

Work has also been initiated by the Department of Missouri on the 2007 Encampment. They hope to have the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War join us in the Encampment for the first time in many years.

Over the past year inquiries by various Departments have been made to the Committee about hosting future National Encampments. Because circumstances change over time, those Departments were contacted during the last month to determine their continuing interest and years they had in mind for hosting. The following Departments have indicated continued interest for hosting in the years indicated:

- Department of New York – possibly 2008
- Department of Indiana – 2009
- Department of Kentucky – 2009
- Department of Kansas – 2009 or 2010
- Department of Michigan – 2010
- Department of California – Specific year not requested

In addition, it is our understanding that the Department of Maryland may also be interested in hosting an Encampment. In all cases, we have indicated to these Departments that we appreciate their interest and will be maintaining contact with them. We encourage other Departments to consider applying for the honor of hosting an Encampment – it is a rewarding undertaking and a great service to the Order. We have indicated to the interested Departments that there are a number of factors the Committee uses in recommending a site to the Council of Administration. In that regard, the Committee will be discussing plans, capabilities, and requirements with several of the host candidates during this Encampment.

Program & Policy (Don Darby)

First, my thanks to all the members of the Committee who provided input on the work assigned us during the past year. Brothers Alan Russ, Bob Bromley and PcinC Danny Wheeler made the work a lot easier. The Committee was very busy this year. Changes were made to: Form 7 ROTC Award Application Form; Form 22, Certification of Elections and Installation of Camp Officers; Form 27, Camp Annual Report; and Form 35, Department Annual Report as directed by the 123rd National Encampment. The Council of Administration directed the Committee to author a policy concerning the Execution of Contracts by Standing Committees, and the National Memorials Officer asked that a policy clarifying the Last Soldier Project be promulgated. At the writing of the report, the last two items are to be considered "work in progress".

Remembrance Day (Bud Atkinson)

The 2004 National Civil War Ball was held again at the Eisenhower Conference Center in Gettysburg with the 28th Regimental Brass Band providing the music and Philip Troll acting as the Dancemaster. The 454 ticket holders, both Union and Confederate re-enactors, enjoyed an evening of Civil War dancing with the majority of attendants wearing Civil War attire. Door prizes, many donated by shop owners in Gettysburg, were won by lucky ticket holders.

A full financial accounting was filed with the National Treasurer in January 2005 and a check for the \$3700 profit was sent for deposit. This check will be presented to the Gettysburg National Military Park at the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 19, 2005. The money is designated for monument preservation within the park, the Park Service choosing the most needy project.

My appreciation is expressed to the Committee composed of members of the Sons, Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R., all of whom work very well together.

Reports of National Committees – Special

Credentials (Les Weber)

The Credentials Committee is near completion of preparations for the 124th National encampment in Nashua. New Hampshire Department Commander Daniel Murray, chairman of the Encampment Committee, has been contacted and apprised of the needs of the Credentials Committee and consultations are occurring on a regular basis. (The guidelines are attached). Brother Murray reports that the registration area in the Crowne Plaza Hotel is conveniently located just across the lobby from hotel registration and will serve the purposes of the Committee quite well.

Member Kenneth Spurgeon from Kansas has reported that he will be unable to attend the Encampment because of other commitments. Chairmn Les Weber has requested of Brother Murray two New Hampshire brothers be selected to fill the complement of the committee. Brothers Stephen Carciello and Dick Stevens have agreed to serve and have been contacted. Member Ray Nagle will continue to serve.as a member of the Credentials Committee.

Registration is progressing quite well and about 150+ Brothers have registered at this time.as the deadline for pre-registration nears.

E-bay Surveillance (Kurt Vouk)

The battle continues on this vital and ongoing project. Adding tremendous assistance to the cause has been Dan Meehan, Commander, Camp #5, NH. A milestone has been reached at the beginning of this year: We had our 1000th U.S. Veteran grave marker auction either ended by eBay or ended by seller after kind “education”.

Educating the public continues to be our #1 priority. While we could have all grave marker auctions ended, unless we educate the public, the problem will continue. Brother Dan has made great strides in his area and throughout New England. This type of local activity and educational awareness is needed in all areas of the country. A stretch goal would be to have all Camps appoint or create a “grave marker” education program in their respective areas following Dan’s lead. Having individual Camp positions would be a major step toward our ongoing project. I would like to propose such a position in each Camp. Together we can coordinate our efforts across the country. I’m sure all would agree that this is a worthwhile effort which we should take on.

We have just scratched the surface on this topic. For the most part, we have eBay under control. We now need to increase our efforts. Most states are now processing laws against such activity. By using these laws, education and awareness, we can make a great contribution to the remembrance of all Veterans.

Please take this proposal to our leadership for consideration. Dan, I, and the many other Brothers who have assisted us over the years would certainly appreciate the backing of our leadership to increase our efforts to the next level.

Flag Conservation (Jeff Stephen)

No reports received during the 2004-2005 administrative year.

Heritage Defense (Charles Kuhn)

With the recent incidents that have occurred in Kendall, KY, the need for just such an instrument as the Heritage Defense Fund becomes evident. It is very fortunate in this case that State and Federal authorities are acting on this atrocity, but in many cases they will not. The response to this fund has been minimal in support and there needs to be a way to raise funds for such a cause. In future cases, we may not be so lucky as to have the Local, State or Federal authorities on our side to reclaim these valuable pieces of our history.

I would suggest that a complete membership mailing would aid in raising funds necessary to fight these fights. A properly prepared letter requesting financial support may provide a shot in the arm for this fund. The Pennsylvania Department has just completed such a project and found it to be a successful tool in the acquisition of funds. The Pennsylvania Department netted more than three times the initial investment. This profit would have been greater if we had the bulk mailing status that the National Order has. We must look to the Brothers of our organization for the success or failure of this fund. I would suggest that a mailing of this nature be undertaken over the course of the next year. Respectfully requested in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Memorial Grant Fund (Bob Petrovic)

The Memorial & Monuments Committee processed a total of 22 applications amounting to \$11,900.00 to maintain and refurbish Civil War Monuments. Also included are some applications for new monuments. The committee denied one application because this was the second request for funds for the same Camp for the same monument. The Committee returned four applications because they were received after the closing date of June 15th.

I have one recommendation that should be added to the guideline sheet. Rule #10: The closing date to approve applications for funds is June 15th. Any applications received after this date will be returned.

Real Sons & Daughters (Dean Letzring)

The following is a 2005 report of the Committee For Real Sons & Real Daughters. Members of the Committee are Brothers:

Dean E. Letzring, Texas, Chair

Jim Houston, Ohio

Jerry Orton, New York

Tim Pletkovich, Illinois

The Committee seeks out information and maintains files from Camps in their areas and we depend on information received by SUV, DUV camps and Tents, publications and other sources.

Reported Real Daughters passing this past year.

Mrs Virginia Christenbury, age 93, died June 29, 2005. Her father was Pvt James M. Gowin, 33rd Indiana Volunteers.

Tempe Boone Reynolds, age unknown, died in 2004. Her father was Cpl John W. Boone, 153rd Indiana Infantry. (Cpl. Boone's rank and unit were previously in error.) Mrs. Reynolds and her two surviving sisters were honored in May, 2003 at a ceremony in Junction, Texas by the Dept of the Southwest, SUVCW.

Ruth Kies, age unknown, died May 15, 2005. Her father was Salem H. Town, Co C, 75th Illinois Volunteers.

Florence Schaublin, age unknown, died December 12, 2003. She was a member of DUVCW. Her father was Samuel M. Fletcher, Co A, 136th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Verona Johnston, age 114, died December 1, 2004. Prior to her death she was considered the oldest living American. Her father was Joseph Calhoun, service unknown.

Ruth J Grubenhoff, age 99, died Fountain Hills, AZ on March 13, 2001. She was a member of the DUVCW. Her father was Daniel Diefenderfer, Co. E. Ohio Volunteers.

Fanny Formhals, age 92, died Bloomington, Illinois on July 17, 2001. She was a member of the DUVCW. Her father was William Hawkins, Co. A, 34th Ohio Mounted Infantry.

Reported Real Sons passing this past year.

George Weldon Thomson Clark, age 90, died April 6, 2005 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. His father was Edwin T.S. Clark, ordinary seaman aboard the USS Maria A. Wood.

(This death reported in General Orders NO. 15, Series 2004-2005.

Hiram Shouse, age 88, of Humboldt, Iowa, died January 1, 2005. A member of the John C. Bryner Camp 67 in Peoria, His father was Dr. Hiram Craig Shouse, Sr., 11th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Reported new Real Sons Found.

Norman Julian Collins, 130 Gerow Avenue, Spartanburg , SC 29302. Ancestor was Pvt. James A. Collins, Co B, 10th Tennessee Cavalry.

Claremont Deem, age 93, a member of the Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing, Camp #2. His father was Cpl. John Deem, Co E. 11th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

Reported new Real Daughters Found.

Valerie K. Illingworth, age unknown, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515. Her ancestor was Cpl. George V. Kern, Co. A, Loudoun Virginia Rangers.

Bennie Marie Greathouse Hendall, age unknown. Ohio resident. Father was William Greenhouse; enlisted in the Union army at age 14.

Mary Higginbotham, age unknown, 108 Dogwod Lane, Linden, Texas. Just received. No further information available at this time.

It is recommended that the Committee be continued and that the National Website Listings be maintained and so amended to reflect the information submitted above. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of this Committee for their diligent efforts in serving our task.

Rituals & Ceremonials (George Powell)

The Committee was given a list of several items from the previous Committee.

A list of items that were modified and a list of items for consideration for changes by the next committee are included in Appendix F. The original (2004) version of the Ritual in an 8 ½ by 11 inch format and the modified Ritual in an 8 ½ by 11 inch format may be obtained by contacting PC-in-C George Powell or National Chief of Staff Don Palmer. They are not included here in an effort to keep the size of this document manageable.

The members of the Committee feel the current version of the Ritual can be printed in its current format but because of the number of Rituals already in the Quartermaster's current stock we feel the

additional items listed should be picked up by the next Committee for review and possible changes to further strengthen the document.

Scholarships (Fred Murphy)

Rose Elizabeth Ericson of Moreno Valley, CA and Dane Aaron DiFebo of Bangor, PA were the two outstanding candidates selected by this committee to receive the 2005 SUVCW Scholarships. The Committee members were: Thomas Crawford, PDC, John McNulty, PCC and Frederick Murphy, PDC. The selections were made from 139 completed applications.

The selection task was absolutely daunting. The Committee Members were unprepared for the amount of energy and work required to complete this assignment. Because of the foregoing and in the hopes that we can recommend some changes that, if implemented, will make the whole process more manageable, we submit the following. Please be aware that each Brother submitted his own set of recommendations, all of which were combined and appear below.

Recommendations:

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT IN AT ONE TIME IN ONE CONTAINER. The application form, transcript(s) and three letters of recommendation were often sent piecemeal and sometimes as much as a month apart. This resulted in a tremendous number of e-mail reminders to complete the application.

ONLY ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER SHOULD BE REPLACED EACH YEAR. This would provide for the complete lack of experience that is the case under present conditions. It would also give some degree of continuity which is also presently lacking.

ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF "GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION". This is in support of a recommendation made by the 2004 committee. The present "check everything" policy is truly no help whatsoever. Perhaps an experienced Committee (see #2 above) could begin to work on this.

SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MEMBERS OR THE CHILDREN OF FATHERS OR GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SUVCW. With a membership approaching 7000, there would be a significant number of qualified applicants. Also, we would have candidates more likely to be interested in our goals. Lastly, we would be more assured that all applicants were fully qualified.

Appendix 2
Council of Administration
Meeting Minutes

Council of Administration Meeting
August 15, 2004
Cedar Rapids, IA

The *National Council of Administration* meeting was held at the Collins Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA on August 15, 2004. Council Members present were: C-in-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, PC-in-C Kent L. Armstrong, Council Of Administration Members PDC Robert B. Petrovic, PDC David P. Stephen, PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC Leo F. Kennedy, PDC D. Brad Schall, PC-in-C George L. Powell, PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC Todd A. Shillington, PDC Gary Gibson, PDC Les Weber, Camp Commander R. Keith Young, and SUVCW Executive Director Lee F. Walters.

Following an inspirational opening prayer by Brother Kuhn, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* led by C-in-C Michaels, the new voting members of the *Council of Administration* were introduced and welcomed. C-in-C Michaels thanked the *Commanders-in-Chief* for their service and guidance, and specifically cited PC-in-C Krieser for his hard work as *National Secretary* during the past three years. PC-in-C Kent L. Armstrong was then welcomed and invited to address the *Council* regarding use of the website *Boardroom*. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that *National Officers* would continue to use the **aol** e-mail addresses currently in place, until National Webmaster Kent Peterson has **suvcw.org** addresses up and running. National Treasurer Newman will provide **aol** e-mail information to the newly elected *Officers*. PC-in-C Armstrong then presented Treasurer Newman with a *love token* from the National Auxiliary in the sum of \$250.

CinC Michaels then brought up the subject of the *Encampment Site Committee* and the resultant concern over PC-in-C Charles Corfman's health. He announced that PDC James Houston would be chairing the committee with PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman and PDC Robert Petrovic serving as members of the committee. C-in-C Michaels noted that both the Auxiliary and the LGAR made a specific request to have input into the planning of the *National Encampment*.

The *Council* then addressed the subject of the Office of *National Member-at-Large Coordinator*. It was moved by Brother Petrovic and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby that DC Linn Hoadley be selected to continue serving in this Office. The vote was unanimous. It was noted that it would be desirable to clone Brother Hoadley, whose performance during the past year has been exemplary. Due, in part, to Brother Hoadley's good work and success in having applicants quickly placed into Camps, and to the logical connection between the two positions, C-in-C Michaels suggested that Brother Hoadley would be an ideal candidate to serve as *National Camp-at-Large* and *Department Organizer*. It was so moved by SVC-in-C Darby and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. The vote was unanimous. It was further moved by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, that NMAL dues be maintained at \$30. The motion passed unanimously. SVC-in-C Darby then moved, and PC-in-C Armstrong seconded, that the on-line application fee of \$41 (\$31 per capita + \$10 application fee) be maintained. The motion passed unanimously.

The matter of the Hearing Council charged with hearing the matter of charges filed against Brother Douglass Knight of the Department of Massachusetts by PC-in-C Armstrong (during his term as C-in-C) was then discussed. The six-member *Council*, a seventh member having been recused, deliberated over the evidence presented, and their findings were submitted to then-SVC-in-C Michaels prior to the *National Encampment* and to Brother Knight by priority mail. The findings will be included in a forthcoming *General Order*, after Brother Knight has had the opportunity to appeal.

Brother Petrovic then addressed the *Council* on behalf of the *SUVCW Foundation*. Having presented the *Council* with a list, last year, containing all of the items the *Foundation* wishes to receive license approval for, with regard to use of the SUVCW name and logo, Brother Petrovic moved that the list be accepted again and the licenses renewed for two years. JVC-in-C Pahl offered a friendly amendment to indicate in the list of merchandise that the *lapel pin* is not to be substituted for the

membership badge or *miniature badge*. Following discussion, the amendment was accepted, the amended motion seconded, and the new motion passed unanimously.

On the subject of advertising in The Banner, SVC-in-C Darby suggested that *Foundation* advertising be provided on the paper wrapper which covers The Banner. National Quartermaster Wheeler moved that one page of *Foundation* advertising be included in The Banner each issue, either on the wrapper or an inside page. SVC-in-C Darby clarified that his suggestion had intended for the advertising to be on the wrapper, rather than the more costly interior pages. JVC-in-C Pahl offered the friendly amendment that the provided advertising be at no cost to the *Foundation*. SVC-in-C Darby noted that this was his expectation. National Quartermaster Wheeler accepted the amendment as that was his assumption as well. The motion passed unanimously. Extensive discussion ensued concerning the possible location for such advertising and costs.

Brother Petrovic suggested that a list should be created and maintained detailing all SUVCW licensed merchandise. National Secretary Bennett was charged with exploring this concept. He noted that, as all licenses were scheduled to terminate at this *123rd National Encampment*, it should be a simple matter to start such a listing at this time, adding items as their licenses are approved. Presentations were then made to the *Council of Administration* from Departments and Camps wishing to receive licenses to use the SUVCW name and/or logo on merchandise:

Twombly Camp 2, Department of Iowa, PDC Dr. Les Weber:

Embroidered SUVCW Camp hats with text not to obstruct SUVCW name or logo

Approval moved by SVC-in-C Darby and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. Vote unanimous.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Department of Maryland, Camp Commander R. Keith Young:

Shirts/Hats w/embroidered Camp name & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Only to be sold within the Camp

Approval moved by JVC-in-C Pahl and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Vote unanimous.

Gen. Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, Patriotic Instructor Gary Gibson, PDC:

Sweatshirt w/logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Also to be used on golf shirt with Camp name and number *only within Camp*

Approval moved and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of New York, PDC Todd A. Shillington:

PDC's Badge Suspension/Name Bar with *Department Symbol*

No use of SUVCW logo or name. Device authorized in *Constitution and Regulations*.

Approval not required by *Council of Administration*. Suggested that documentation be provided by those purchasing such device to ensure it is sold to *PDCs* or for *PDCs*.

Department of Ohio, SVC-in-C Don Darby:

Get Well/Sympathy Cards featuring logo & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by PC-in-C Armstrong and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of Wisconsin:

Multi-purpose road sign featuring logo & **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

Approval moved and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of Pennsylvania, PDC Charles Kuhn, Jr.:

Items for Gifts and Post-Encampment Sale related to 125th Anniversary Encampment

Motion by Brother Kuhn that PA, being the local *Site Committee* for the *2006 National Encampment* of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, be allowed to use the words 125th Anniversary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the logo (unobstructed) on merchandise related to *Encampment* and for pre and post-*Encampment* sale to offset the cost of the *Encampment*. Seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler. Vote unanimous.

Sydney Camp 41, Department of New York, PC-in-C Danny Wheeler:

Silk-screened logo caps (mesh and solid) and logo on medallions & paperweights

Approval moved by PC-in-C Wheeler and seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, PCC Lee F. Walters:

Brass Belt Buckle with SUVCW logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by PDC Kuhn and seconded by National QM Wheeler. Vote unanimous.

Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, PCC Lee F. Walters:

License Plate Frame with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and logo

License Plate with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, SUVCW and logo

License Plate Frame on *Foundation* merchandise list, therefore license not available.

Plate approval moved by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Ross Camp 1, Department of Pennsylvania, PC-in-C George L. Powell:

Mat featuring SUVCW logo, Camp name and number, and Sons of Union Veterans

Approval moved and subsequently seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Given Camp 51, Department of Ohio:

Camp & Department Flags

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by PDC Stephen. Vote unanimous.

Department of Michigan:

Gold Bullion SUVCW Pocket Patch with logo or coat of arms

SUV Wreath Kepi/hat pin

SUVCW Mouse Pad featuring logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by PDC Stephen. Vote unanimous.

US Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri:

Embroidered logo Satin Jacket

Embroidered logo Polo Shirt

Embroidered logo Denim Shirt

Embroidered logo Sweatshirt

Porcelain Coffee Mugs

Plastic Name Placards

Station Banners

Camp/Department Banners

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by JVC-in-C Pahl. Vote unanimous.

It was noted that approval was given to the Department of Massachusetts for use of the image of the membership badge and the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on a Bumper Sticker.

A token/coin, produced by the Mitchell Camp 4, Department of Florida, for use only within their Camp and featuring neither the SUVCW logo nor the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War did not require a license from the Council of Administration. The National Secretary was instructed to notify the Camp of this decision.

SVC-in-C Darby moved, but without second *urged* that any Camps or Departments known to have merchandise requiring licenses, who have not obtained or renewed them as required at this meeting, be contacted by the *National Secretary* so that they may formally make such request of the Council.

C-in-C Michaels noted that the *123rd Encampment* voted that the *Programs and Policy Committee* should review and revise the *Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers Form 22* and the *Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers Form 49* to include

space for full mailing and e-mail addresses, as well as the *Annual Camp* and *Department Report Forms 27 and 35* to include an adequate way to recording *Life, Honorary, Junior Members*.

From the *Resolutions Committee*, it was noted that the *National Secretary* needs to look into a National Parks Department letter regarding funding. National Secretary Bennett was instructed to check with PC-in-C Grim regarding past action on this matter.

C-in-C Michaels informed the *Council* that PC-in-C Powell will chair the *Rituals and Ceremonies Committee*, and will be working on formalizing SUVCW funeral services for use by our membership.

Sample posters promoting *Remembrance Day* in Gettysburg were then shown to the *Council*. A favorite was chosen for use. Additional information will be added including indication of SUVCW and SVR sponsorship, our website address, and instructions to visit the website for event details. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the cost for the posters come from the *Special Projects Fund*. SVC-in-C Darby offered a friendly amendment to direct that the funds come from the *Contingency Fund*. The amendment was accepted by JVC-in-C Pahl and the amended motion was seconded by National QM Wheeler. The vote was unanimous. PDC Stephen moved that the *Constitution and Regulations Committee* explore a possible change to the *C & R*, Article 7 Section 6, to add a *National Officer* to oversee and provide continuity within the *Encampment Site Committee*. SVC-in-C Darby offered the friendly amendment that the *Committee* report on their investigation at the November *Council of Administration* Meeting in Gettysburg. C-in-C Michaels noted that he can, and will, direct the *Committee* to do so. The motion was withdrawn.

National Treasurer Newman confirmed the policy regarding travel reimbursement policy for *National Officers* representing the C-in-C in attending *Department Encampments*. The sum of \$300 is available to *National Officers* representing the C-in-C, with his authority, to assist with travel and accommodations.

Treasurer Newman then brought up the matter of our Order's inability to retain an accountant as no CPA can be found who will provide the services required for the budgeted amount of \$2400. It was moved by National Quartermaster Wheeler and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby that Treasurer Newman be reimbursed the budgeted amount of \$2400 for the accounting services he provides. The motion passed with Treasurer Newman's abstention. Brother Kuhn was not present for the vote.

After a brief discussion, C-in-C Michaels stated that he will authorize *Council Member* Stephen to further investigate, on behalf of the *Council of Administration*, the matter of an Iowa property potentially offered for SUVCW/SVR/Re-enactment use.

PC-in-C Krieser asked about the forthcoming use of suvcw.org e-mail addresses, and when they will replace the existing aol addresses. It was estimated that at least three or four weeks will be required, possibly more, and it was suggested that the aol addresses continue to be used throughout this transition, and that the new address be provided in the next issue of *The Banner*.

National Quartermaster Wheeler stated that there should be no interruption in *Quartermaster* service during the transition from PC-in-C Atkinson. PC-in-C Wheeler expects to be taking and filling orders within 2 weeks.

PDC Kennedy stated that there has been poor performance with the online *Graves Registration* database and that the current database is simply not functioning correctly. The previous seven month period has been an ongoing "test." SVC-in-C Darby recommended that the *Graves Registration Committee Chair* examine the situation for 30 days and then make a decision as to whether progress is likely to be made, or if other avenues should be explored. C-in-C Michaels gave PC-in-C Armstrong authorization to speak with the SCV regarding their experiences and current progress with a similar project. As there is some uncertainty as to how much should have been paid thus far for the services provided in this project, it was suggested that the *National Treasurer* and *Secretary* check the 2001 financial records and meeting minutes from the 2001 mid-winter COA meeting to confirm how much was allocated for this project, and how it was to be disbursed.

JVC-in-C Pahl provided copies of the revised *Executive Director Contract/Retainer Agreement* for the review of the *Council*, which contains changes to the contract including an increase to \$15,000 per year, and acknowledgement of the many additional duties the *Executive Director* is performing beyond those originally outlined. JVC-in-C Pahl moved the revised agreement be approved. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby and approved unanimously by vote of the *Council*.

Amendments to the *SUVCW Regulations*, as approved by the *123rd National Encampment*, were provided to the *Council* and will be incorporated into the *Regulations* and then forwarded to the *Constitution and Regulations Committee* for their approval. If/when approved, the revisions will be published on the *SUVCW* website.

JVC-in-C Pahl also noted that it would be helpful if as many *SUVCW* members as possible knew each others' e-bay user names so that we might have the opportunity to elect *not* to bid against our Brothers.

PDC Gary Gibson was asked if he could provide a list of *Department symbols* to the *Council* to be shared with the Departments.

The *Council* will maintain contact with the Department of Missouri, and the other entities involved, regarding the upcoming burial of a Civil War soldier in May of 2005.

It was then noted that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 will be holding their *2007 Encampment* in St. Louis as will the Sons. The Daughters have elected to cancel their own banquet in order to attend ours. Investigations are underway to see if the Daughters might hold their *Encampment* in the same hotel as the Sons and Auxiliary as well.

PC-in-C Atkinson brought to the Council's attention that, according to revised *Regulations*, past elected *National Officers* are entitled to wear the membership badge with a yellow ribbon. This ribbon is not currently available through our *National Quartermaster*. Discussion ensued concerning how the ribbon should be made available, either separately or already affixed to the *SUVCW* membership badge. *National Quartermaster* Wheeler will investigate this and the *National Quartermaster's Order Form* will be revised to include the new item(s), as well as the possible requirement of certification by the *National Secretary*.

Following a motion and second, and a brief benediction, the *Council of Administration* meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Council of Administration Meeting
November 21, 2004
Gettysburg, PA

The *National Council of Administration* meeting was held at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA on November 21, 2004. Voting Council Members present were: C-in-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Of Administration Members PDC Robert B. Petrovic, PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC Leo F. Kennedy, PDC D. Brad Schall. Past Commanders-in-Chief present were PC-in-C George L. Powell, PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, PC-in-C Andrew Johnson, PC-in-C Chuck Corfman, PC-in-C Robert Grim, and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Executive Director Lee F. Walters, and Brothers Ron Gill and John Hart.

Following reminders regarding the importance of wearing the badge of our Order to *Council* meetings and of checking the *Electronic Boardroom* regularly to ensure that votes are not missed, and to

inform the *Council* if members will be away for extended periods of time, C-in-C Michaels opened the meeting with a moment of silence for PC-in-C Richard Schlenker who passed away in August. An inspirational opening prayer was then given by Brother Charlie Kuhn, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by C-in-C Michaels. Secretary Bennett then called the roll of *Council Members*, and noted the Past Commanders-in-Chief and guests who were present.

The large collection of *Officer and Committee Reports* assembled by Chief of Staff Palmer was then noted and Brother Palmer was asked to summarize or comment on any of the reports he felt required special attention. Brother Palmer identified the reports of the *Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief*, the *Department Organizer*, the *Graves Registration Officer*, the *Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines*, the *National Webmaster*, the *Committee on Americanization and Education*, the *Constitution and Regulations Committee*, the *Committee on Legislation*, the *Program and Policy Committee*, and the *Memorial Grant Fund Committee* as possibly containing issues which need to be addressed at this time. A schedule was also provided noting the dates of *Department Encampments*, noting those which the Commander-in-Chief plans to attend.

When asked for communications and/or bills, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, PC-in-C presented a bill for a new *Commander-in-Chief's* badge to be kept in the event that the primary badge is ever lost or needs to be replaced. This expense had been approved previously.

Treasurer Newman then reviewed the *Financial Report* which he prepared and distributed to those present. He specifically pointed out and explained the balance sheet. Difficulties with the auditors' understanding of our dues structure were also discussed.

Treasurer Newman then announced that, with much regret, he will be resigning from the office of *Treasurer* at the conclusion of this fiscal year due to health-related reasons. The *Council* briefly discussed ways to proceed with regard to both the auditors and recruiting a new *National Treasurer*. This subject will be discussed further under *New Business*.

C-in-C Michaels noted that last year the SUVCW waived dues for members serving in the military. Discussion took place as to whether the original motion included an expiration, and if this policy might be extended through this year or in perpetuity. C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that, while the *Council* will most certainly approve future motions to waive dues for our members serving in combat zones, it is a good practice to have such matters come before the *Council* for regular review and affirmation. Therefore, he suggested that the *Council* approve this waiver for the year 2005. A motion was made by Brother Kuhn and seconded by Brother Petrovic. The motion passed unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then informed the *Council* that a request has been made to reissue the scholarship for Whitney Ashley, who was involved in an automobile accident which delayed her entry into college. Ms. Ashley is now in college, however the scholarship funds were returned to the SUVCW when she, initially, was unable to enroll. Brother Kuhn moved that the funds be forwarded back to Ms. Ashley's present school. This was seconded by Brother Kennedy. C-in-C Michaels suggested that we also request a letter from the school she is attending as affirmation that she is now enrolled. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bennett was then asked to report on the letter received from the Department of Illinois requesting authorization to create and distribute their own ROTC/JROTC medal. Discussion between *Council officers* on this matter has already taken place via e-mail. Before reading the response he drafted, C-in-C Michaels asked Brother Bennett to read the original letter making this request, which was done. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the request be denied, which was seconded by Brother Kuhn. Discussion took place which included SVC-in-C Darby's report that not all branches of the military will permit the Illinois medal to be presented to its members if the same award is not available to all of its members nationwide, which clearly the Illinois medal would not be. The Air Force, for example, will not permit a *regional* award. Additional discussion noted the problems that would occur, and did occur with our forefathers in the GAR, if Departments and Camps were permitted to create their own versions of National medals, certificates, and badges. The vote to deny this request was unanimous, and Secretary

Bennett was directed to forward a letter to the Department of Illinois noting the *Council of Administration's* concerns, and the reasons why the request is being denied.

National Quartermaster Wheeler, PC-in-C then passed around a sample of the *Civil War Widows Badge* which our Order still has a small supply of. Brother Wheeler also noted that there is a supply of the original program from the *Meeting of the Widows* event which can be paired with each remaining medal. Approximately 25 medals remain. PC-in-C Atkinson noted that when this subject last came before the *Council*, it was decided to hold onto these medals as their value has continued to increase. Following discussion, a motion was made by Brother Wheeler for our Order to keep the *Widows Badges* at this time. Brother Kuhn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion confirmed that, according to the *123rd National Encampment*, *SUVCW Form 7*, the *ROTC/JROTC Award Application*, is to be revised to reflect the change in wording from "graduating senior" to "any ROTC or JROTC student."

With the *Lincoln Birthday Bicentennial* approaching in 2009, C-in-C Michaels noted that some organizations already have plans well underway. PC-in-C Al Loomis, as the representative from the SUVCW, has been working to ensure that the SUVCW will be a part of programs and activities which take place during this celebration. Brother Gill added that PC-in-C Loomis is also a member of the *Indiana Taskforce* on this project. It was noted that Brother Loomis is C-in-C Michaels' appointed representative and each C-in-C from this year forward will need to appoint his own representative.

As a point of information, C-in-C Michaels informed the *Council* that he has made personal contact with the heads of the other Allied Orders regarding contributions towards the *2005 Encampment*, and that written communication would soon follow reminding them that a response to the SUVCW's request for additional financial support from the other Allied Orders was to have come this year.

Brother Petrovic then gave a report on the *Charitable Foundation's* fund-raising/sales efforts during the *Remembrance Day Weekend*, both at the *Blue & Gray Ball* and the *SVR Breakfast*, and additional merchandise they plan to have produced and offer for sale by the *2005 Encampment*. Discussion then ensued regarding expanding the line of *National Quartermaster* items as well, to include other areas not currently licensed to the *Foundation*, Departments or Camps. Of particular interest were SVR-related items including buttons and officer's belt-buckles. Brother Schall expressed concern that the *Foundation* and *Quartermaster* should not duplicate their efforts leading to an inefficient system. It was clarified that one of the main differences is in the purpose of each. The *Quartermaster's* office exists to provide items necessary to the operation of Camps and Departments, and of use to individual Brothers in their capacity as members of the Order, at as low a price as practical so that these items will be available to as many members as possible. The *Charitable Foundation's* purpose is to raise funds for use by the Order, by developing and offering for sale items of a luxury/souvenir nature, as well as to provide the matching funds often necessary in order to obtain additional grants from outside entities. National Quartermaster Wheeler made the *Council* aware of notice from some vendors regarding impending price increases, and some corrections which need to be made to our policies regarding shipping and insurance.

Brother John Hart, *Banner Publisher*, was then given an opportunity to address the *Council* and answer any questions. He spoke on the special *National Officer/Committee* insert included in the most recent issue, which was well-received, and addressed the absence of the *Special Committees*. Brother Hart also noted that we will be changing printers due to hurricane damage suffered by our previous printer, and have also changed mailing houses due to waste factors and other costs associated with the former vendor. The subjects of submission deadlines, circulation schedules, and delivery methods were then discussed. The *Council* gave Brother Hart a round of applause for a great job, and for a great looking product.

C-in-C Michaels then called upon Brother Kennedy to address the subject of the *National Graves Registration Database*. Brother Kennedy announced that the database is still not functioning on our *National Website*, and communication with Brother Nathan Orr, whose company was hired by our Order to create and maintain this online database, has been minimal due to Brother Orr's many other family

and business obligations. SVC-in-C Darby moved that a deadline of December 31st be given to Brother Orr and the company with which the SUVCW has contracted, to get the database completely active online. Should this not be done, all property belonging to the Order, including any source-code developed, should be returned, the existing contract will be terminated, and National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe will be authorized to locate and retain another contractor to take over this project. This motion was seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, and passed unanimously. Secretary Bennett was directed to communicate the *Council's* decision to Brother Orr. It was also ordered that the minutes from Mid-Winter COA meeting in Harrisburg in 2001 be checked to see how much has been paid to Brother Orr and his company prior to any more recent payment(s) by Treasurer Newman. It is hoped that the 3000 grave entries being used to test the workings of the system would not be lost.

Following PC-in-C Atkinson's report that the hotel could not extend check-out time for the members of the *Council* as a large group was coming in that afternoon, C-in-C Michaels called for a 15 minute recess during which such matters could be attended to.

Under the heading of *New Business*, C-in-C Michaels asked PC-in-C Ed Krieser to address the *Council* regarding the printed *Proceedings* of our *National Encampments*. Brother Krieser showed a sample of the *Proceedings* as they have been published in recent years, bound or stapled at the spine and approximately 6" x 9". He also showed another version that would be 8 ½ " by 11" and spiral bound. The spiral binding would permit the Order to more easily self-publish, as well as print only as many copies as we require, and then easily print more if needed. Of course *Proceedings* could also be made available on CD-Rom as well. Furthermore, for those who frequently refer to these books, the spiral binding permits the book to be opened and laid flat for easier use. Following discussion, SVC-in-C Darby moved that future *Proceedings* be produced which are 8 ½" x 11" and use a plastic spiral binding. This was seconded by Brother Petrovic. Brother Kuhn offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to provide the *Proceedings* digitally on CD-Rom, for a nominal fee, as well. There were nine votes in favor. JVC-in-C Pahl objected out of habit.

The subject was then raised by PC-in-C Wheeler of past years' *Proceedings* which still have not been completed and published. SVC-in-C Darby repeated his offer to provide a court reporter who would transcribe the recordings from *Encampments* at a rate of \$3 per page. Brother Kuhn cautioned that if we were to take advantage of such a service, we should make sure to create copies of all materials as a safeguard before they leave our possession. C-in-C Michaels asked the Past Commanders-in-Chief present to express their feelings. After some discussion, a motion was made by National Quartermaster Wheeler to accept SVC-in-C Darby's offer to hire a transcriptionist to be working on the old *Proceedings* waiting to be done. This was seconded simultaneously by Brothers Kennedy and Schall. Brother Kuhn offered a friendly amendment that only copies be given to the transcriptionist and that original recordings and documents be maintained at our National Headquarters. That amendment was accepted and the motion was approved unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then brought up a difference of opinion within the Department of New Jersey regarding the cataloguing of Civil War Memorials in New Jersey. It is the opinion of some that this information should be made available, via their *Department Website*, to anyone who can benefit from it. Others feel that the Department and/or our National Order has a proprietary interest in this information and that it should only be made available through the National Organization, and possibly for a fee. Discussion included clarification that while information gathered and recorded on SUVCW forms may be disseminated to the public, the forms themselves may not be copied for that purpose. Also, JVC-in-C Pahl stated that, in his opinion, the material could and should be made available and spread as widely as possible so long as fees are not charged, citing the purpose of our organization: to keep green the memory of the sacrifices made by the *Boys in Blue* and their Grand Army of the Republic. SVC-in-C Darby noted that there could be expenses incurred in producing copies of this information and JVC-in-C Pahl agreed that the costs of publishing or duplication could be recovered. Following some discussion, Brother Pahl moved that any Department in our Order should be permitted to freely publish grave

registration and/or memorial information gathered on behalf of the SUVCW so long as they make it available free of charge, or that it be sold for no greater than their out-of-pocket expenses. The motion was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Brother Kuhn added the friendly amendment that while data contained on SUVCW forms may be included, the forms themselves could not be. Brother Kennedy further clarified that information made public should not include names or contact information for individual Brothers who may have collected this data without the specific permission of those Brothers. This addition was included in the amendment, which was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

The subject of retaining a professional photographer to record images from our *National Encampments* was then raised by C-in-C Michaels. Brother Kuhn suggested that all photographs taken should become the property of the SUVCW, and it was agreed that both 35mm film negatives and digital files should be produced. Brother Petrovic suggested that the host Department of each *Encampment* could be given the responsibility of retaining a suitable photographer, and further suggested that a local community college could be approached as a photography student might be available to use this event as a class project. Brother Kuhn noted that the Department of Pennsylvania once had a photograph taken of the entire membership at an *Encampment*, which might be an item desired by Brothers attending a *National Encampment*. Brother Wheeler reported that he has assembled a large collection of photographs taken by PC-in-C Joe Rippey going back many years and intends to show them at the 2005 *Encampment* and seek the assistance of those in attendance in identifying some of the people in the photos. C-in-C Michaels asked Brother Petrovic to look into the retaining a photographer for the 2005 *Encampment* with the *Host Committee* from the New Hampshire Department and report back to the *Council* at the spring meeting.

JVC-in-C Pahl then discussed the procedures he is now following with regard to the acceptance of membership applications by mail, which includes providing contact information directly to Executive Director Walters so that new members will get on the Banner circulation list as soon as possible, even before they are reported to National by the Camp and Department they are recruited into. Brother Pahl also noted that he has helped to process 75 applications that have come to him since the 2004 *National Encampment* with still other applications currently being worked on.

C-in-C Michaels then directed everyone's attention to a chart he created listing each Department and when, in the last several years, its *Department Encampment* was visited by the C-in-C or another *National Officer*. He also presented a listing of most Departments' *Encampment* dates for 2005. It was pointed out which *Department Encampments* he is already planning to attend, and which others might really benefit from a visit from a *National Officer*, also noting the \$300 travel reimbursement which can be made available to a *National Officer* traveling to represent the *Commander-in-Chief*. Officers willing and interested in representing the *Commander-in-Chief* at any of the *Encampments* he is unable to attend were asked to make C-in-C Michaels aware of this.

An issue regarding the routing and approval of the *Memorial Grant Fund Request Form 62* was brought to the attention of the *Council* through a communication from National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington, PDC. As grant applications are forwarded to National, he feels there is insufficient communication between the *Grant Fund Committee* and the *National Memorials Officer* to ensure that a *Memorial Assessment Form 61* is already on file, or that a completed form is submitted with the grant application. Further, if a *Form 61* accompanies the grant application then copies of it need to be forwarded to the *Memorials Officer* as well. C-in-C Michaels will refer this matter to the *Program & Policy Committee*. Brother Shillington also suggested that the "*Last Soldier*" project needs to be revisited as many questions have arisen. SVC-in-C Darby will speak with Brother Shillington about these issues. Brother Shillington also expressed concerns regarding the format for the new *National Memorials Database*. C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that this will fall into place and can be better addressed after issues with the *National Graves Registration Database* are handled.

Treasurer Newman then circulated an official letter announcing his resignation from the office of *Treasurer*, to take effect at the end of this fiscal year. With much regret, Brother Newman's health concerns and the instructions of his physician make this decision necessary. SVC-in-C Darby

summarized the feeling of many present by saying that we would rather have Brother Newman as a live Brother than a deceased Treasurer, and suggested that the Order might begin to search for a successor sooner than the next *Encampment*. C-in-C Michaels suggested that we might utilize the Banner to spread the word that a *Treasurer* or *Assistant Treasurer* is needed to begin taking over some of Brother Newman's responsibilities as soon as possible.

Brother Kuhn made a motion that members of the *Council* attending a *Council* meeting without wearing their membership badge be fined \$1. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Following discussion of the importance of National *Officers* wearing their badges as an example for our membership, the motion passed unanimously.

Brother Kuhn then asked if a sample of each *National Encampment* badge has been kept so that a display could be created at our National Headquarters. It was noted that badges were not always produced, but ribbons or other devices were made. Several Brothers present offered to provide some of these items that they had in their own collections. C-in-C Michaels asked who would be given the responsibility for creating and maintaining such a display. Brother Kuhn agreed to take charge of collecting and cataloging. PC-in-C Johnson offered the caution that the SUVVCW should not undertake the start of museum or library work. It was agreed that this project will only be for a display at our headquarters.

SVC-in-C Darby asked National Quartermaster Wheeler to provide an updated list of which past years' *National Encampment Proceedings* he still has a surplus of so that they may be offered for sale to our membership through the Banner. It was decided that they would be offered for \$5 plus postage. Brother Petrovic then brought up the subject of having signs created to identify the rooms of our Allied Orders heads at *National Encampments*. Following discussion, and with concerns for loss, damage or theft, it was decided to take no action at this time.

SVC-in-C Darby requested the *Commander-in-Chief* to consult with his *Counselor* and issue a ruling regarding a Camp requiring a fee in order to transfer out of that Camp. It was Counselor Pahl's belief that this is prohibited by our *Constitution and Regulations*.

Secretary Bennett asked about the status of old membership records and applications in the possession of our Order at our *National Headquarters*. As inquiries often come in as to an ancestor's membership, or the need for other information which may be included on an application, it would be helpful to know what information we have, and may be able to provide. Executive Director Walters acknowledged that there are some 7000 records on file at our Headquarters, which is by no means a complete record of our organization, and that they are currently in the process of being alphabetized. While there is no guarantee that a specific record may exist, it is possible that it does, and further possible that it can be located.

Treasurer Newman noted that the old *aol* e-mail addresses will continue to function until December 31st, after which the *suvvcw.org* addresses will remain as the official contact e-mail addresses for members of the *Council of Administration*.

JVC-in-C then directed everyone's attention to a hand-out he provided showing images used by our Sons of Veterans Departments as their adopted *Department Symbols*. He also reported that preliminary conversations with IRS officials regarding a change from 501(c)(4) status to 501(c)(3) status have revealed potential difficulties that may prevent this action from being taken without an act of Congress. Rulings from the IRS have been requested before any further action is taken.

PC-in-C Johnson reported that the Schlenker family will let the Order know, through Brother Johnson, if any personal property of PC-in-C Schlenker is not going to be kept by the family, or if any items are to be sold or auctioned. He also noted that the package of materials forwarded to Brother Douglass Knight with the results of the *Hearing Council's* investigation were returned with delivery refused, and have been turned over to the *National Secretary*.

Chief of Staff Palmer noted that he would forward copies of the *Officer and Committee Reports* to PC-in-C Kent Armstrong and Council Member David Stephen.

PC-in-C Powell asked if there were a limited number of *suvcw.org* e-mail addresses available or if, for a fee, members could obtain one. C-in-C Michaels noted that there are only a very small number provided to us, but that he would ask National Webmaster Kent Peterson to look into it and report back. Brother Kennedy expressed his understanding and appreciation to Brother Newman for his dedication and performance as our *Treasurer*. This sentiment was repeated by Brothers Kuhn and Schall, and a round of applause was given by all in attendance. Brother Newman stated that he only tried to do the best he could at the job he was given. C-in-C Michaels noted that due to Brother Newman's efficiency and level of professionalism, the organization has been able to focus on the work of our Order without having our attention drawn away by concerns for our financial stability or day-to-day operations.

With no further business to come before the *Council*, the *C-in-C* directed Brother Kuhn to offer a closing prayer and, noting that the next *Council of Administration* meeting would take place on April 16 in Springfield, IL, closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Council of Administration Meeting
April 16, 2005
Springfield, Illinois

The *National Council of Administration* meeting was held at the Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL on April 16, 2005. Voting *Council Members* present were: C-in-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Of Administration Members Robert B. Petrovic, Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., D. Brad Schall, and PC-in-C Kent Armstrong. Council Members David Stephen and Leo Kennedy were excused. Past Commanders-in-Chief present were PC-in-C Al Loomis and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Executive Director Lee F. Walters, National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, and National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit.

As he called the meeting to order, C-in-C Michaels asked for a moment of silence to pause and ask for God to extend His blessings on Brothers in distress, including PC-in-C Keith Harrison, whose mother passed away about a week ago, and for Brother Frank Tucker of Massachusetts who recently lost his wife. National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski then offered a moving and thought provoking invocation. Those assembled then recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*, led by C-in-C Michaels. National Quartermaster Wheeler, noted that all *Council Members* not wearing their membership badge were required to pay a penalty of one dollar, as per the decision of the previous Council Meeting. Secretary Bennett dutifully paid his dollar and then called the roll of *Council of Administration Members*, and noted the Past Commanders-in-Chief and guests who were present.

Chief of Staff Palmer distributed the *National Officer* and *Committee* reports, and offered his appreciation for the dramatic improvement in the number of reports received for this meeting over the last meeting. He expressed his belief that with more reports received, the Council will have a better view and understanding of the state of our Order. Brother Palmer noted several staff changes, and commented on the reports he felt required special attention, identifying the reports of the *Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief*, the *Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee*, the *National Civil War Memorials Officer*, the *National Graves Registration Officer*, the *Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines*, *National Webmaster*, the *Committee on Legislation*, the *Remembrance Day Committee*, and the *Ebay Committee* as possibly containing issues which need to be addressed at this time.

Officers present who wished to give a verbal report were then given an opportunity to do so. This was done by the *National Secretary*, the *Patriotic Instructor* and *Chairman of the Committee on Americanization and Education*, the *National Quartermaster*, the *Chairman of the Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance*, and the *Co-Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund*.

C-in-C Michaels then asked for a report on Communications. National Secretary Bennett reported on, and turned over to the *National Treasurer*, a check from the US Grant Camp 101 in Detroit, MI for a replacement *Charter*, an *Application for Permission to Form a Camp of the SUVCW* from the Pvt. Silas Gore Camp 141 of Towanda, PA, Department of Pennsylvania, Brother Steven Hall, *Camp Organizer*, and a request for permission to waive National per capita for a Brother from the William B. Keith Camp 12, Department of California & Pacific, currently serving in a combat zone. C-in-C Michaels reported on a communication he received via our *Executive Director* from the Citizens Flag Alliance, who provided us with a *SuperTracker* report of our Congressional Representatives and their positions on a *Flag Amendment*, or other legislation to protect the flag from desecration. PC-in-C Krieser noted that a *National Encampment* has already voted to support a flag protection amendment.

The *Council* was then directed to a listing of all *Department Encampments* and other events which might require or invite a visitation from our *Commander-in-Chief* or other *National Officer*. C-in-C Michaels noted that there were four events still not covered, and asked for volunteers from the *Council*. Treasurer Newman noted that *Council Members* representing the *Commander-in-Chief* at any of these events must submit an expense report, with their receipts, to the C-in-C for his approval, prior to reimbursement. Secretary Bennett volunteered to attend the Department of Connecticut *Encampment* on May 21, 2005. Brother Kuhn reported he will check his schedule to see if he can attend one of the other uncovered events.

C-in-C Michaels then asked the *Council* to determine what the further duties of Nathan Orr will be with regard to the *Graves Registration database*, now that the database is up and running online. Discussion followed, concluding with a decision to locate and review the original contract and see how and if the subject of future maintenance is addressed, and if a payment is currently owed to Brother Nathan for his work. The possibility of the *Graves Registration Database* software being adapted for use with the *Civil War Memorials Database* was briefly discussed, noting that the *National Civil War Memorials Officer* would indicate when he was ready to move in that direction. Secretary Bennett expressed his concern that experiments in using the database have, on some occasions, found information that was so incorrect that it made one question whether the data was input correctly, or whether fields may have shifted resulting in soldier data aligning with different individuals. Other *Council Members* expressed concern over outside individuals, or even multiple individuals within our own organization, being given authority to enter data and make changes. C-in-C Michaels agreed to bring these concerns to the attention of National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe. The *Council's* conclusion was that all of these problems or concerns would be addressed, now that the database is finally online.

Treasurer Newman noted one correction to his *Treasurer's Report*. He then answered questions or offered clarification where requested regarding the remainder of his report. Treasurer Newman then announced that he would provide the *Council* with copies of the budget with blank lines next to each item so that *Council Members* could indicate if there are any expenses or line items which need to be adjusted. National Quartermaster Wheeler then commented on the manner in which he will change the way shipping and other supplies for the *Quartermaster* will be purchased and accounted for. Senior Vice C-in-C Darby noted, and confirmed with Treasurer Newman, that we would be approximately \$400 over budget on publication of The Banner. SVC-in-C Darby then asked if a motion was needed in order to increase the budget to cover this expense. National Counselor James Pahl indicated that this could be handled at the *Pre-Encampment Council Meeting* as necessary. Treasurer Newman then announced that he will not be resigning his position as *National Treasurer*, after resolving his health issues. He received a round of applause, and much support from those assembled.

National Patriotic Instructor Butgereit then asked what the procedure was for ordering a new supply of ROTC medals. It was noted that this is the duty of the *National Quartermaster*, and National Quartermaster Wheeler informed the *Council* that he would place the order the following day. The possibility of "drop shipping" these medals directly to Brother Butgereit was then discussed and Brother Wheeler agreed to explore that possibility.

Treasurer Newman then asked the *Council* to let him know if there was any additional information that they needed in understanding the finances of our Order, and also offered to print additional reports, or different reports, if they would be helpful. He also noted how the auditors equate each member paying dues, whether for a full year, half year, or quarter of the year, with a full year's dues of \$18, thereby creating a disparity between our records, and the auditors' calculations. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Pahl noted that regardless of the auditors' inability to understand the workings of our Order, Treasurer Newman is doing a far superior job to our previous *National Treasurer* (Brother Pahl).

SVC-in-C Darby asked about the *Certificates of Deposit* owned by the Sons, including some in Pennsylvania that are earning very low rates of interest. It was also noted that several of our smaller accounts or investments might be combined to create larger sums earning higher rates. A motion was made by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, to authorize Treasurer Newman to re-invest funds that are coming due in June and August at a higher rate. Council Member Kuhn asked for the adoption of a friendly amendment to consolidate other funds, even CDs not yet due and even if small penalties are incurred, in order to gain higher interest rates. The amendment was adopted and the motion was approved unanimously.

C-in-C Michaels then brought up the subject of travel allowances, and the possibility of increasing these allowances in light of rising costs of fuel and transportation. Specifically, C-in-C Michaels noted that Executive Director Walters easily spends far more than his allotted amount of \$1000 per year in attending the annual *National Encampment* and *Council Meetings*. Brother Walters confirmed that he regularly spends more in travel expenses than he is reimbursed for. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the *Executive Director's* travel allowance be increased by \$1000. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Newman. SVC-in-C Darby offered a friendly amendment to increase the allowance by \$2000. This amendment was accepted by Brothers Pahl and Newman. The motion passed unanimously and Counselor Pahl will draft an amended contract for the *Executive Director* that reflects this increase. The subject of the *C-in-C* and his designees, and their travel allowances, was then discussed. PC-in-C Armstrong moved that the current amount of up to \$300 per travel available to *Council Members* representing the *Commander-in-Chief* specifically at *Department Encampments* be increased to \$500, with his authorization and approval of submitted receipts. This was seconded by Brother Wheeler and passed unanimously. Brother Wheeler cautioned the *Council* to remember that we do the things we do, including travel, for the *Boys in Blue*, and that sometimes these expenses must come out of our own pockets. All were in agreement. Brother Wheeler then suggested that, in line with the motion just passed, the *Commander-in-Chief's* budget for travel should also be increased to help cover the many expenses incurred by *Commanders-in-Chief*. PC-in-C Armstrong moved that the C-in-C's budget be increased from \$5000 to \$6000. Council Member Schall suggested that this might not be enough, and offered a friendly amendment to increase this amount to \$7500. Treasurer Newman offered the amendment that the increase be 60%, raising the amount to \$8000. Following discussion, including opposition to that large an increase by some members, PC-in-C Wheeler moved that there be an increase of \$1000. This was seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. Council Member Schall offered a formal amendment that this increase be raised to \$2500, which was seconded by Brother Kuhn. The vote on the amendment passed unanimously, and the amended motion passed unanimously as well, with Brothers Darby and Pahl abstaining. Brother Wheeler then moved that the \$2500 increase just approved be extended to include the current *Commander-in-Chief*. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby, and approved unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief Michaels then reported that the *Presidents* of the Allied Orders, specifically the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the G.A.R., had been contacted in writing regarding the need for an increase in the contribution made each year towards our *National Encampment*. C-in-C Michaels specified a need for an additional \$150. The Auxiliary has indicated that they will agree and are prepared to offer payment. The Ladies of the G.A.R. have not yet responded. Some discussion then ensued as to where and to whom the Auxiliary should send their payment, and it was agreed that the payment should be sent to the Host Department, and will be reflected on their report to the COA. A lengthy discussion ensued, regarding Allied Orders, contributions, exactly what is included with an attendee's registration fee, and what might be covered by additional fees. It was agreed that no further action will be taken with regard to the Sons' request for an increased contribution from the Auxiliary and LGAR towards *Encampment* expenses. Should the contributions be made, they will be accepted with appreciation. And if not, then that decision will be accepted as well. Furthermore, in the interest of increasing the fraternity and harmony within our Allied Orders, it was agreed that all attendees will continue to be treated equally and will be provided with the same materials, including badges, as the Sons.

The *Commander-in-Chief* then called a short recess.

Upon continuation of the meeting, Secretary Bennett asked for clarification on certain information that was requested on the recently revised *Annual Report Forms 27/27a* and *35/35a* as well as the monthly *Camp Status Report Form 30*, and the procedures for filing each of these reports. After much discussion, the *Council* came to agreement on exactly which information was required on the different forms, and exactly when the different forms are to be used. Secretary Bennett will create instructions for each of these forms. It was noted that the revised *Camp Annual Report Form* does not ask for the date of death of deceased members being reported for the first time with that report, as do the *Department Annual Report* and the *Camp Status Reports*. Also, where the reports ask for changes in membership numbers or information since last report, it is unclear if that refers to last *Annual Report* or last *Status Report*. In some instances it is one, and in other places it is the other. C-in-C Michaels asked SVC-in-C Darby and the *Program & Policy Committee* to look into and clarify this on the forms. It was further confirmed that following the possible submission of a *Camp Status Report* noting December changes to a **Camp's** membership, no *Camp Status Reports* are to be submitted in January, February or March. Following the *Camp Annual Report* which reflects the status of the **Camp** on March 31st, and may show changes that have occurred during the first quarter, changes are once again reported using *Camp Status Reports* in May though December.

National Quartermaster Wheeler remarked that some Camps were concerned by the requirement that they provide bank account information on the *Camp Annual Report forms* and the possibility of identity theft.

Council Member Petrovic then reported on the status of work on the *2005 National Encampment*, including the purchase of ribbons, and proposals for photographic services. Specific requirements for photography were discussed, including the use of 35 mm film instead of digital, the use of archival albums, and specific numbering protocols for proofs. Brother Petrovic suggested that two sets of prints be produced, with one set for National and the second set as a gift to the outgoing *C-in-C*. Products and packages, a list of specific pictures to be taken, and prices were discussed, resulting in a motion by JVC-in-C Pahl, seconded by SVC-in-C Darby to adopt to following photography package:

- \$50 per roll of film + developing (4 or 5 rolls provided by Encampment)
- Double Prints and a CD-Rom disk to be produced
 - 1 set to National in an archival album
 - CD-Rom with index for National to use in creating duplicate prints
 - 1 set to the outgoing C-in-C in an archival album
- The *Encampment Host Committee* selects and retains the photographer

The motion passed with only Brother Pahl in opposition, out of old habit.

In part to cover increasing costs of the *National Encampment*, including the aforementioned photography package, and also to attempt to enable those responsible for the *Encampment* to have better information on the expected number of attendees, it was proposed that the *Encampment* registration fee be raised to \$10 for advance registrations, and \$15 at the door. This was moved by SVC-in-C Darby, and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. The motion passed unanimously.

PC-in-C Krieser reported that the *2004 Encampment Proceedings* are completed and in print. Copies will be mailed to members of the *Council* who have not received them, and they will also be available at the *Encampment* in New Hampshire. Brother Krieser also noted that PC-in-C Richard Orr has reported that Brother Glenn Knight is finished with his, which will make three sets of *Proceedings* to be mailed out this year. Brother Krieser and Brother Darby both spoke of the high quality product that we are now producing with the assistance of the new stenographer. It was noted that, as a Congressionally Chartered organization, copies of our *Proceedings* are provided, and must be provided, to the Library of Congress.

C-in-C Michaels then called upon PC-in-C Al Loomis to report on the *Lincoln Bicentennial*. Brother Loomis passed around a packet of information that included a proposed letter to the *Federal Lincoln Bicentennial Commission* asking for permission to produce a *Lincoln Bicentennial* medallion - much as the Grand Army of the Republic produced for the Centennial celebration. Brother Loomis went through and explained the *Federal Commission's* application, and then showed a sketch of the potential medallion design. The *Council* discussed the designs, and whether the item should be a medallion or a coin. Brother Kuhn moved that the *Council* approve the presented medallion design, and that it be produced as a bronze medallion. Other metals and appearances were briefly discussed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. PC-in-C Loomis requested approval of the *Council* to send his letter and application to the *Federal Commission*. This was moved, seconded and unanimously passed as well. Brother Loomis noted that there are *State Commissions* created in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and that he has been given a position on the *Indiana Taskforce*.

Brother Krieser reported that the *Charitable Foundation* is actively working on By-Laws, and should have a draft ready for review in a couple of months. Also, new products will be made available for sale by the *National Encampment* in New Hampshire. Discussion was then held regarding the availability of advertising space in *The Banner* for the *Foundation*. While some members of the *Council* expressed their belief that it had previously been decided that 2 issues per year of *The Banner* would feature free space to the *Foundation*, PC-in-C Krieser noted that the minutes from the *Post-Encampment COA Meeting* report that space would be provided in every issue. Secretary Bennett agreed to review the audio recordings from that meeting to ensure the accuracy of the minutes. Brother Darby noted that the *Quartermaster* and the *Foundation* will be utilizing four pages out of each issue. National Quartermaster Wheeler suggested that neither entity requires two pages per issue, as a page of photographs is not needed in each and every issue. Brother Petrovic noted that it is difficult for Brothers to identify items either from the written description or from photographs alone. Brother Darby added that our new printer provided four extra color pages at no additional cost, without which, some of our color pages, perhaps the photo pages under discussion, would have been in black and white. On behalf of the *Foundation*, Brother Petrovic asked if a website page could be provided for providing information about the purpose of the *Foundation*, as well as for photographs of merchandise available for sale and an order form. JVC-in-C Pahl noted that Departments are asked to pay \$60 per year for hosting a site within the National website, and suggested that the *Foundation* should be required to do the same. Secretary Bennett reported his belief that advertising is prohibited within the National website, at least on Camp and Department sites within the National site. Brother Petrovic then asked if the *Foundation* could produce copies of *The Banner* for sale on CD-Rom. A motion was made by PC-in-C Armstrong, and seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler to proceed with the sale of *The Banner* on CD. A friendly amendment was made by Brother Pahl to follow the suggestion of PC-in-C Richard Orr to authorize the *Foundation* to act as an agent of the SUVCW in manufacturing these CDs, and then license them as an exclusive distributor. The motion passed with the abstentions of Brothers Schall and Pahl.

C-in-C Michaels reported on the inquiry from PC-in-C Powell regarding the availability of *suvcw.org* vanity e-mail addresses. Brother Darby suggested that, if addresses were to be made available for a price, a full year's payment should be required up front, rather than paying month to month. The subject was tabled until more detailed availability and pricing information can be obtained. It was further discussed that domain names similar to *suvcw.org* are available, such as *suvcw.com*, *suvcw.info*, *suvcw.net*, etc. and that other entities could obtain them. These domains could be acquired by those with animosity towards our Order, with opposing views to our own, or even simply by other organizations or individuals we might not want to be associated with, and might cause confusion or negative public opinion about the SUVCW. National Quartermaster Wheeler moved that we purchase all "*suvcw*" sites available. Brother Pahl suggested that we find out how many sites we are talking about before taking that action. The subject was tabled until investigation could take place into how much money this would cost annually, based on the number of domain names to be registered.

Patriotic Instructor Butgereit was then given the floor to present some of the projects and publications he has been working on this year: a flyer on U.S. Flag facts, a flyer with information on an *adopt-a-school* program for use within the SUVCW, a mourning or death certificate, and a *Patriotic Instructor's Handbook*. All of these were created with the intention that they be placed on the National website, free to all of our members and also available to the general public. All were very well received by the members of the *Council*. C-in-C Michaels directed that the certificate be forwarded to the *Program & Policy Committee* for their review, and that the approved form be made available through the *National Quartermaster*. Brother Pahl indicated his work towards creating a new SUVCW "*Redbook*" that would be on CD-Rom and would feature all SUVCW forms and publications. He estimated that it should be completed by the *2006 National Encampment*, and that Brother Butgereit's publications should be included. Brother Darby moved that until such a "*Redbook*" is created, all of these pamphlets should be placed on the National website. The motion was supported by Brother Pahl and seconded by Brother Wheeler. C-in-C Michaels offered the friendly amendment that even after a "*Redbook*" is created, these items should remain on the website. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Kuhn then reported on *Remembrance Day*, beginning a discussion on the location to be used for the SUVCW ceremony. Brother Kuhn reported that since the ceremony was moved to *The Angle* several years ago, attendance at the ceremony has decreased. He added that some Confederate re-enactors have viewed the SUVCW's move to that site as an intrusion on their own ceremony. Many Union units and SUVCW Brothers also agree that the move was a mistake which detracts from our original purpose. On behalf of the *Remembrance Day Committee*, Brother Kuhn expressed their belief that it would be desirable to move the ceremony from *The Angle* back to the *GAR Monument* and made a motion to that effect. This was seconded by Brother Wheeler. Brother Darby noted that the move to *The Angle* first took place in response to both the Confederate and Union re-enactors bypassing the ceremonies at the *GAR Monument*. Brother Darby asked for a definition of what *Remembrance Day*, and our event, is about. Brother Kuhn offered that the day likely means something different to everyone. He further noted that the 19th of November is the day of the dedication of the *National Cemetery* and Lincoln's address, and that this was the reason the parade was first started. C-in-C Michaels expressed his belief that all arguments had now been heard. Brother Pahl moved the previous question. Further discussion ensued, and Brother Darby repeated his belief that the Sons need to define what the purpose of the event is, and the rest will become evident. The motion to return the SUVCW ceremony to the *GAR Monument* passed unanimously. Brother Darby moved that the Order define the reason for the ceremony and put it in writing. Brother Pahl moved that this matter be referred to the *Remembrance Day Committee*. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Brother Kuhn then moved that the parade be held at 1:30 PM instead of 1:00 PM this year, and this year only, to accommodate the *Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania's* event this year. This motion was seconded by Brother Wheeler and passed unanimously. Brother Kuhn continued to note that information has to be disseminated quickly through press releases in publications such as the *Civil War News* to spread the word about the change of time, the newly defined reason for the event, and that there are rules for the event including attire and conduct.

C-in-C Michaels then asked Secretary Bennett to report on a recent update from National Civil War Memorials Officer Todd Shillington regarding the theft of cannon from Kendall, NY. Brother Bennett reported that the cannon illegally sold by the Town and Town Supervisor of Kendall, NY to Kenneth Watterson are being returned. While admitting no wrong-doing, Mr. Watterson has stated that, noting the trouble the Kendall Town Supervisor seems to have gotten himself into, the matter is not worth a man losing his job. Despite our apparent victory in this matter, progress continues in other New York cannon theft investigations, and it is hoped that prosecutions will take place. Meanwhile, in Trinidad, CO, the TACOM office and Department of Defense are going after cannon removed from *Kit Carson Park*. C-in-C Michaels then asked for the Council to vote on the Resolution drafted by PC-in-C Johnson, asking for the support of the American Legion in our "saving cannon strategy." Brother Armstrong moved, and Brother Darby seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

National Quartermaster Wheeler brought up a request he has received to provide samples of SUVCW medals, specifically the *War* and *Military Service* medal, for display in a museum. JVC-in-C Pahl reported that he has had a similar request from another institution. After discussion, it was agreed that the medals are only to be made available for purchase by individual Brothers for their own use.

C-in-C Steve Michaels then reported on a request from the Department of Kansas Camp located in Beloit, KS, which has recently undergone a re-organization and would like permission from the *Council* to conduct *Camp Officer* elections no later than the end of May, 2005. Brother Darby moved and Brother Pahl seconded that permission be given to the Camp for this extension.

Brother Kuhn reports that the National Organization has been asked to provide and present a wreath at a ceremony held at Pt. Lookout, Maryland in October. C-in-C Michaels noted that he will be attending the Department of Maryland *Encampment* next week and will make inquiries there about this event. Brother Kuhn then asked if the name "Sons of Union Veterans" can be used on a medal to be struck for use at an event to be held by the Department of Pennsylvania at the site of *Andersonville Prison*. When informed that permission of the Council would be required, Brother Kuhn made that request. A motion was made by Brother Armstrong, and duly seconded by Brother Wheeler, that permission be granted. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Director Walters then showed a sample of the SUVCW license plate being offered for sale by the Hartranft Camp, under license from the Sons of Union Veterans.

SVC-in-C Darby mentioned that PCin-C Johnson and others would like to see the *War Medal*, *Military Service Medal* and *Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Medal* created in miniature. Counselor Pahl indicated that the *Constitution* provides for a *palm* to be worn on the miniature *Membership Medal* to signify the *War Medal*. To create a new miniature medal would require amending the *Constitution and Regulations*.

Secretary Bennett discussed updates and changes he believes are needed to *Form 50, Instructions for Forming a Camp*. C-in-C Michaels directed that Secretary Bennett work with the *Program and Policy Committee* with regard to this.

Treasurer Newman mentioned that he needs to be informed of the *Employer Identification Numbers* of new Camps. As *Form 54* contains, or should contain, that information, Secretary Bennett will forward copies of this form to Treasurer Newman as they are filed and approved.

JVC-in-C Pahl noted that there is no link on the National Civil War Museum website leading to the SUVCW National site. It was suggested that the museum be contacted and that a request be made. Brother Pahl also reported on an inquiry received from a gentleman in Australia who is interested in obtaining and placing US Government headstones for unmarked Union veterans graves in Australia. The Department of Veterans Affairs reported that they will ship headstones outside of the US. Assistance is needed in assembling the information required in order to apply for stones. Secretary Bennett volunteer to contact and work with this man on this project.

Patriotic Instructor Butgereit requested that ROTC certificates be printed professionally, as was previously done. National Quartermaster Wheeler asked that the certificate file be forwarded to him so

that he could attend to this. Brother Butgereit also noted that, according to our *Ritual*, a blank form is to be provided by the *Department Patriotic Instructor*. No standard form exists. C-in-C Michaels referred this matter to the *Program & Policy Committee* for its review.

National Chaplain Kowalski reported that he has been contacted by Auxiliary Chaplain Mary Fritz, regarding the *Joint Memorial Service* to be held at the *National Encampment*, and further stated that he will be coordinating much of this. *Council Members* present shared their recollections of how this observance has been held. C-in-C Michaels suggested that Past National Chaplain McAfee would be a good person to contact for information on last year's *Memorial Service*.

With no further business to come before the *Council*, the *C-in-C* asked Chaplain Kowalski to offer a closing prayer and, following that, closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Michael S. Bennett, PDC

National Secretary

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August 22, 2004

Upon the passing of PC-in-C Schlenker, a motion was made and subsequently amended based on information from PC-in-C Atkinson regarding PC-in-C Schlenker's wishes, that both a \$100 floral wreath be provided and a donation of \$100 be made in Brother Schlenker's name to the G.A.R. Civil War Museum, 4278 Griscom St, Philadelphia, PA., of which Brother Schlenker was a long-time member and supporter.

Original Motion made by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Seconded by JVC-in-C James Pahl

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No vote: National Secretary Bennett

September 19, 2004

A motion was made to offer for sale within the Order, and then to the general public, excess National Encampment medals and the Widow's Medal.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by JVC-in-C James Pahl

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

October 7, 2004

A motion was made to accept the National Form 7, the R.O.T.C. Award Application, and Form 22, Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers, revised by the Program & Policy Committee.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by Council Member Charles Kuhn

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No vote: JVC-in-C James Pahl

October 19, 2004

A motion was made to set the price for excess National Encampment medals at \$15 to SUVCW Brothers, and the price of excess Encampment Proceedings at \$5 (plus s/h). Pricing for the Widow's Badge is to be tabled until the November Council meeting.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No vote: Council Member Leo Kennedy

November 1, 2004

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes of the Council of Administration's Post Encampment meeting on August 15, 2004, as prepared and presented by National Secretary Michael Bennett.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by Council Member Brad Schall

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

Abstention: National Secretary Michael Bennett

November 16, 2004

A motion was made to bestow the title of National Quartermaster Emeritus, for his many years of service in that office, upon PC-in-C Elmer (Bud) Atkinson.

Original Motion made by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Seconded by Council Member Brad Schall

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

December 12, 2004

A motion was made that all brothers currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and receiving combat pay (e.g. Tax free pay) are exempt from paying the National Per Capita for the year 2005.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by Council Member Charles Kuhn

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

January 10, 2005

The Minutes of the November 21, 2004 Council of Administration's meeting in Gettysburg were prepared and presented by National Secretary Michael Bennett to the Council for approval.

Votes in favor: 9

Votes against: 0

Abstention: 1: National Secretary Michael Bennett

No Vote: Council Member David Stephen

January 18, 2005

Revisions to Camp Annual Report Form 27 and Department Annual Report Form 35 were presented to the Council by the Programs & Policy Committee for approval.

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 1: National Secretary Michael Bennett

January 28, 2005

A motion was made that an extension be granted to the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 of Kalamazoo, MI, Department of Michigan, so that they could hold Installation of Camp Officers on February 12, 2005, outside the period of time prescribed by the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, due to inclement weather which cancelled their January 22, 2005 meeting.

Original Motion made by Council Member Brad Schall

Seconded by Council Member David Stephen

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

February 8, 2005

A motion was made that an extension be granted to the Lockwood Camp 139 of Alpena, MI, Department of Michigan, so that they could hold Installation of Camp Officers on February 27, 2005, outside the period of time prescribed by the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, as inclement weather had forced the cancellation of their January meeting.

Original Motion made by JVC-in-C James Pahl

Seconded by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No Vote: National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

February 21, 2005

A motion was made that Alan Russ, PDC be appointed to serve as National Member-at-Large Coordinator, filling the unexpired term of Linn Hoadley.

Original Motion made by Council Member Leo Kennedy

Seconded by SVC-in-C Don Darby & PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

April 28, 2005

A motion was made that Todd A. Shillington, PDC be awarded the Order's Meritorious Service Award - with Gold Star for his tireless work in the area of Civil War Memorials protection and preservation, most recently demonstrated in his efforts to recover cannon removed and sold from Kendall, NY.

Original Motion made by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Seconded by Council Member Brad Schall

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

May 19, 2005

A motion was made that the Pvt. Taylor Camp 53 of Huntsville, AL, Department of TN, be granted a license to produce and sell a reproduction Tuck note card featuring the Sons' name and badge, provided it is noted on the card that it is a reproduction.

Original Motion made by Council Member Brad Schall

Seconded by Council Member Leo Kennedy

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No Vote: National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

June 2, 2005

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes of the Council of Administration's meeting in Springfield, IL on April 16, 2005, as prepared and presented by National Secretary Michael Bennett.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by Council Member Robert Petrovic

Votes in favor: 9

Votes against: 0

No Votes: National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler and Council Member David Stephen

June 15, 2005

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of National Graves Registration Officer Bob Lowe, and decline two recent proposals - one from the Chairman of the Records of Interment of Confederate Veterans, and one from the President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy - to combine our separate databases into a single War Between the States Graves Registration Database, presumably with shared ownership and control.

Original Motion made by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Seconded by Council Member Charles Kuhn

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

July 7, 2005

A motion was made that the National Organization, SUVCW, through the National Civil War Memorials Officer, explore an agreement with TACOM regarding custodianship of Civil War Cannon, and that pending approval of any proposed contract with TACOM by the Council of Administration, the Council appoint a National TACOM liaison Officer to assist with this project.

Original Motion made and amended by JVC-in-C James Pahl

Amended Motion Seconded by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Votes in favor: 10

Votes against: 0

No Vote: National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

July 18, 2005

A motion was made that the SUVCW Founders Award for this year be presented to Margaret Morrison for her tireless efforts over the past 6 to 8 years to restore and establish a museum at the GAR Hall in Redfield, Iowa.

Original Motion made by Council Member David Stephen

Seconded by SVC-in-C Don Darby

Votes in favor: 11

Votes against: 0

July 28, 2005

A motion was made to accept the Policy on the Execution of Contracts created by the Programs & Policy Committee and submitted to the Council for approval.

Original Motion made by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong

Seconded by Council Member Brad Schall

Votes in favor: 9

Votes against: 0

No Vote as of 08/04/05: National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler

Abstention: SVC-in-C Don Darby

Submitted in F, C, and L,

Michael S. Bennett, PDC

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Note: There are 11 voting members of the Council of Administration, plus the Commander-in-Chief who may vote, but usually only votes in the event of a tie. The other voting members are the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, and five elected Council Members.

Note: All dates provided for Electronic Boardroom votes represent the date the first vote was cast. The actual motion may have been a day or two before, and the remaining votes were likely cast in the days that followed.

Appendix 3
General Orders
Of the
Commander-in-Chief

General Orders No. 1
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1. It's both a privilege and an honor to be elected your Commander-in-Chief. My sincerest appreciation to the delegates at the 123rd National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for their vote of support. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ... there is much to be done. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.
2. I wish to thank the Department of Iowa for its hospitality, during our convention. The Credentials Committee is to be complemented too for its difficult work.
3. On behalf of the Order, I extend congratulations to the new Presidents of the Allied Orders:
 - President Michelle Langley, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
 - President Margaret Lauth, Woman's Relief Corps
 - President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
 - President Orabella "Ozzie" Thompson, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
4. All business correspondence should be directed to the National Executive Director, Lee F. Walters, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865 (SUVEXDIR@aol.com)
5. All supply requisitions with payment are to be sent to our National Quartermaster -- PCinC Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.
6. All billing, requests for payment, and tax deductible donations to various funds of our National Organization are to be sent to the National Treasurer -- PCC Max Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Rd., Owosso, MI 48867-9616.
7. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Quartermaster -- PCinC Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.
8. All purchase requests for the SUVCW ROTC award are to be sent with payment to our National Patriotic Instructor -- PDC Bruce B. Butgereit, 1691 Summerfield Street, Kentwood, MI 49508-6499.
9. All Civil War Memorial grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration -- PDC Robert Petrovic (address listed above).
10. The deaths of Brothers are to be reported to our National Chaplain, Jerry W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (PapTom@msn.com). Please include deceased's name, death date, Camp and Department name.
11. A roster of all elected and appointed national officers and committee members for the 2004-2005 administrative year can be found on the [National website](#).
12. Timely reporting continues to be an issue. Please consult the instructions on each reporting form. Late reporting often translates to a loss of benefits to our membership.
13. My itinerary for 2004-2005 is filling quickly. I will visit as many Department Encampments and other events as are possible. Please send details of same as soon as they are available.
14. This year's Remembrance Day event will take place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 20th. All members of the Council of Administration (CofA) are reminded that we will meet at 8am on Sunday, November 21st, in the Eisenhower Inn.
15. The public observance of Memorial Day 2005 will occur on May 30th. In anticipation, I encourage all brothers to contact their Congress, regarding the permanent return of this holiday to May 30th.

16. We, as an Order, are limited only by our imagination and our size. Membership growth should be a goal that every Camp and Department sets annually. Those brothers who accept the challenge and distinguish themselves by recruiting new members will be recognized appropriately.
17. Our volunteer members are our most valuable asset. Productive, regular meetings and relevant, well-planned activities are the key to recruiting and retention in any volunteer organization. Our Camps and Departments are only able to serve the GAR's memory after first serving our membership.
18. We are each charged with an important responsibility ... honoring the memory of those, who sacrificed so much. I implore all to answer the call. Together, let us continue to build a living memorial to the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865.

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I regret to inform the membership of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker on Friday, August 20, 2004.

PCinC Schlenker served this Order with distinction as its Commander-in-Chief, from 1982 to 1983, from the Department of Maryland. Afterwards, he served as the Order's Washington D.C. Liaison until 2002, when he was granted emeritus status. He also served as Public Information Officer and Commanding General of the SVR. In 1995, he completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each. Many will miss his learned counsel and his thoughtful words.

I hereby charge all Department Commanders to drape Department Charters in his honor and to require that all Camps do likewise for a period of 30 days from this date. The National Webmaster will drape the National website.

Pursuant to per C&R, Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 9, all Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Br. Schlenker's family.

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1. Following Commander-in Chief Kent Armstrong's suspension of Douglass R. Knight from any and all duties as an officer of the William Tabor Camp 162, Dept. of Massachusetts, a hearing council was appointed, pursuant to the C&R, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 17B.
2. The Council was composed of six brothers, one each from the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont. A seventh, from New Hampshire, recused himself.
3. On August 4, 2004, the hearing council completed its deliberations. The council found that Br. Knight was guilty of the charges, described in the Commander-in-Chief's General Order 16. It was the sentence of the council that Douglass R. Knight be removed from all current elective and/or appointed offices of the Order. They further ordered a lifetime ban on holding any elected and/or appointed office of the Order.
4. A copy of the council's decision was sent to Br. Knight by certified mail on August 9th, 2004. Receipt by Br. Knight was refused. On September 12th, the requisite 30-day appeal period expired.
5. The members of the hearing council were subsequently discharged with the thanks of the Order.

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It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order:
Corporal James Tanner Camp 134, Department of New York, located at Cobleskill, NY, with date of rank from 15 October 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Floyd J. DeWitt, Camp Organizer.

Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6, Department-at-Large, located at Eugene, Oregon, with rank from 20 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Harold J. Slavik, Jr., Camp Organizer.

Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63, Department of Maryland, located at Petersburg, Virginia, with rank from 21 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Bill Rose, Camp Organizer.

Almeron J. Patchin Camp 26, Department of California & Pacific, located at Los Molinos, California, with rank from 21 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. John P. Patchin, Camp Organizer.

Ordered this 21st day of November 2004.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

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Sincere thanks go to all Brothers, who actively observed Veterans Day this year. We owe so much to the more than 48 million Americans, who have served in our Armed Forces over the last 228 years. As we enjoy the holiday season, let us be mindful of the sacrifices being made by our Nation's military in harm's way.

I am pleased to announce that our Council of Administration has voted unanimously to again waive the national per capita for any Brother serving in an active combat zone as of January 1, 2005. All Departments and Camps are encouraged to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2005.

Amendment to General Orders No. 5
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1. All brothers currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America AND receiving combat pay (e.g. tax free pay) are exempt from paying the National per capita for the year 2005.

Ordered this 22nd day of December 2004.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC
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The observance of "Union Defenders Day" was established by the Sons in 1890. All Brothers are encouraged to observe President Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 2005

The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will again be held at 11 a.m., April 15th at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The GAR Founder's Day Ceremony, honoring the Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, will be held Saturday, April 16th, at 2 p.m., at Rosehill Cemetery in nearby Petersburg, Illinois. All brothers are encouraged to attend these events.

The National Council of Administration will conduct its Spring meeting on Saturday, April 16th, at 8 a.m., in the basement of the Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield, Illinois. Our thanks to PDC Ronald Clark and Gen. John A. McClelland Camp 4 for their assistance with the arrangements for the Lincoln Tomb and GAR Founder Ceremonies, and Council meeting.

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial will be held in 2009. PCinC Alan R. Loomis is hereby appointed liaison and point of contact for this project. Many states, in particular Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, where Lincoln lived, have already formed task forces to begin preparations. Wherever practical, Camps and Departments should offer their assistance, coordinating their inquiries and other communications with PCinC Loomis by emailing him at ARLSUVCW@aol.com.

Ordered this 2nd day of December 2004.

By Order of:
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1. Many Camps are completing their dues collection and finalizing their annual membership report. All Department Commanders should urge and assist their Camps in retaining the Brothers on the rolls and in following up with potential non-renewals.
2. Much of what our Order is able to accomplish is directly attributable to the generosity of its membership. I invite you to consider supporting and including one or more of these worthy funds in your will:

Honor Roll — Donation to the Permanent Fund in the name of a Union soldier/sailor or departed Brother.

GAR Fund — supports scholarships and tributes made to several patriotic observances.

Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund — supports grants for preservation work on Civil War memorials.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund — supports membership recruitment advertising and promotion of our Order.

National Headquarters Fund — supports the operation of our office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

General Fund — support general operating expenses of our Order.

Permanent Fund — strengthens restricted sum, which generates investment interest, supporting operation of our Order.

Civil War Heritage Defense Fund — supports legal action, preventing theft and/or desecration of monuments and historical property.

Contributions are tax deductible and may be made payable to "National Organizations SUVCW," and sent to the National Treasurer.

3. Applications for the SUVCW's two annual \$1000 scholarships will be accepted through March 31, 2005. The application, as well as the standards of selection, can be found online.
4. Requests for reimbursements from pre-2001 Life Member programs should be submitted between January 1 and 31 March 2005. Camp Secretaries should request reimbursement in writing to the National Treasurer.
5. All Brothers should note that the 2005 National Encampment will be held 4-7 August at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire. This marks a departure from recent years, when this event was scheduled on the second weekend of the month.

Ordered this 5th day of December 2004.

By Order of:

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Those who are interested in serving as an Assistant Treasurer, helping Br. Max during his last seven months on the job, are invited to contact Chief of Staff PDC Donald Palmer at (636) 230-3656 or email: pondook@aol.com. A qualified brother will be elected Nat. Treasurer at the 2005 National Encampment to first serve the remaining two years of the unexpired three year term. Service as an Assist. Treasurer will be a distinct advantage.

Ordered this 6th day of December 2004.

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On July 10, 1947, Comrade John R. Grate, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published his General Order 4. In it, he reminded his Departments that the Allied Orders should be arranged in official programs in the following manner:

Woman's Relief Corps,
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In keeping with the Grand Army's traditions and wishes, we should be especially sensitive to this protocol when planning events involving other members of the Allied Orders.

Ordered this 6th day of December 2004.

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1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother Hiram Shouse, Jr., a **Real Son** of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, on January 1st. As a member of the Col. John C. Byrner Camp 67, Department on Illinois, Brother Shouse honored the memory of his father, Dr. Hiram Shouse, Sr., who served in the 11th Illinois Infantry.
2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National website are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Shouse's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

By Order of:

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. I'm saddened to report the passing of PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson, long-time co-chair of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, on January 1st. As a 50-year member of our Order, Br. Johnson honored the memory of his ancestors, Pvt. Albert Wemble, Co. K, 3rd Iowa Inf. and Pvt. Demas L. Coe, who served in four Ohio regiments. He was a member of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Dept. of Wisconsin for over 40 years.

Brother Johnson's many contributions to his Camp, Department and Region were often eclipsed by his dedicated, steadfast service to the National Order's annual observance in Springfield, Illinois. His vigilance was responsible for the event's consistency and continuity. His name was and is synonymous with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.

His association with the ceremony began in 1963. Soon he and PCinC George Cashman were appointed the event's co-chairs. After PCinC Cashman's death in 1983, PDC Johnson continued to co-chair the event with PDC Robert Graham, moderating both the ceremony and the luncheon. During the past 41 years, PDC Johnson missed the observance only once.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Johnson's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

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1. Effective this date and in accordance with the C&R, Chap. III, Art. VII, Sec 1&3, I have appointed PCinC Alan R. Loomis co-chair of the annual Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee, filling PDC Johnson's unexpired term. PCinC Loomis brings a wealth of experience to this assignment. In addition to two years' service on the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee, he has organized an annual event, commemorating Fr. Corby at Notre Dame University. He has chaired several Memorial Day Committees, and a Fund Raising Committee for restoring the GAR Opera House in Valpariaso, Indiana. He has served as a museum curator and is a retired teacher with two advanced degrees.
2. PCC Alan G. Hembel, of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Department of Wisconsin, is hereby appointed to fill the remaining vacancy on the Lincoln Tomb Committee.

Ordered this 5th Day of January 2005.

By Order of:

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1. It is my pleasure to appoint Brother Frank P. Fourre, Dept. of Wisconsin, as National Aide, in recognition for recruiting three new brothers into the Order. He's received a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear behind his membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue).
2. Any Brother, who has recruited at least three new members in the 2004-2005 administrative year, will be declared in General Orders as a National Aide and be issued a National ribbon, to be worn behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new members during this time, will additionally receive a Certificate of Merit. The National Organization's Major Stevenson Award will be presented to the Brother, who has recruited the greatest number of new Members, Associates and Juniors, nationally, at this year's National Encampment.
3. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported through the Department Secretaries.

Ordered this 1st Day of May 2005.

By Order of:

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Attest:

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It is with great pleasure and pride that I present, with the approval of the Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Todd A. Shillington, Department of New York, for his tireless efforts, maintaining contact and working with legislative, Department of Defense, law enforcement and news media personnel, ensuring that a Civil War cannon was returned to the Kendall, New York, cemetery.

It is apparent that his actions also resulted in several similar memorials, throughout the nation, being investigated for ownership and potential return to their original sites.

PDC Shillington's vigilance and perseverance serve as examples to all.

Ordered this 5th Day of May 2005.

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1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother George Weldon Thomson Clark, a **Real Son** of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a WWII veteran, on April 6th in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was 90 years old. As a member of Daniel Chaplin Camp 3, Bangor, Department of Maine, Br. Clark honored the memory of his father, Edwin T.S. Clark, who served as Ordinary Seaman aboard the *USS Maria A. Wood*.
2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National Website, are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.
3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.
4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Clark's family.

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2005.

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John M. Hart of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania, has recruited twenty-six (26) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

PDC Keith D. Ashley of Brooks - Brooks Grant Camp 7, Department of Ohio, has recruited eight (8) new Brothers.

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Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Larry Brewer of Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75, Department of Iowa, Gary W. Young of L.G. Armstrong Camp 49, Department of Wisconsin, and Christopher L. Greene, Esq. of James A. Garfield Camp 142, Department of Ohio.

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C.R. Stephen of J.Q. Wilds Camp 235, Department of Iowa, and PDC Kenneth Spurgeon of Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Department of Kansas, have each recruited five (5) new Brothers into the SUVCW. PDC Gary L Gibson of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, and PDC Alan L. Russ of Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas, have each recruited four (4) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

Ordered this 1st Day of August 2005.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 18
SERIES 2004-2005
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I have the honor to present the following recognitions:

- a. **Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award** (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation) - General Henry Banning Camp 207, Department of Ohio
- b. **Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award** (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation)-PDC Bob Lowe, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific.
- c. **Benjamin F. Stephenson Award** (for recruiting the most new Brothers into the Order)-John M. Hart, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania-26 recruits
- d. **Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award** (for the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership) - Department of Pennsylvania
- e. **U.S. Grant Cup** (for the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership) - Department of Kansas
- f. **Marshall Hope Award**
for the Best Camp newsletter-Lt. Com. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2, Department of the Southwest's "Harriet Lane," edited by Br. Michael J. Lance For the best Department newsletter-Department of Massachusetts' "Clarion Call," edited by Br. Reynaldo Rodriguez
- g. **Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award** (for the most successful new Camp in the Nation) - Col. James Brady Camp 63, Department of Maryland.
- h. **Founders Award** (presented to a non-member of the Allied Orders in accordance with the Council of Administration for outstanding service in the memory of the Union soldiers, sailors and marines)-Ms. Margaret Morrison for her efforts to preserve of the GAR Hall in Redfield, Iowa.

2. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 118th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 5th Day of August 2005.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Appendix 4
Speeches of the
Commander-in-Chief

Remembrance Day
November 20, 2004
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests...141 years have passed since this was a field of war, and the scene of an awful and disastrous 3-day battle.

Yet, we measure the great events of our time against this battle, as evidenced in speeches by Presidents Carter and Clinton, and New York Governor George Patakie. We memorialize the valor of the American soldier, past and present. We testify to the strength and glory of our country.

Gettysburg remains the most gruesome, yet the most popular Civil War battle. It's the symbolic high point of Southern bravery. It's also often seen as the point at which democracy was nearly lost. In determination and courage, neither side was at a disadvantage. Both were equal in persistence and prowess.

Amidst the many myths and misconceptions about this place, stands the universal principle of right for which men fought. The results won here were of value to our common country. So the Gettysburg battlefield is the heritage of our countrymen everywhere. It is a battleground of freedom.

We return here each year to remember the sacrifices, the sublime heroism and the supreme fidelity to home and country. May our patriotism and love of country be strengthened and encouraged.

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Union Civil War veterans and as heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for taking time to reflect with us.

"The pageant has passed...the day is over.

But we linger...

loathe to think we shall see them no more together...

These men, these horses, these colors of the field."

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

When the fighting ended at Gettysburg, few people in the nation perceived it as the great turning point of the Civil War.

In the history of the world the conflict has few parallels. The memorials placed here tell us of those who died here, that this government of the people shall not perish forever from the earth.

February 27, 2005
At Grave of W.T. Sherman, St. Louis, MO

I bring greetings from the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as well as the Department of Wisconsin.

Gen. Sherman was the beau ideal of the triumphant heroic soldier. He was also a proud member of the Grand Army here in St. Louis. During the last years of his life, the General received about 20 invitations a week from GAR posts around the country. He spoke at dinners and attended numerous veterans' reunions. One of these events was the 1889 National GAR Encampment in Milwaukee.

At the National Encampment in Milwaukee, Gen. William T. Sherman visited the Soldiers Home. Upon his arrival, more than 1,000 veterans marched in review past their former commander. Afterwards, Sherman addressed the crowd, which included about 1,000 visitors. He said:

"All we have to do is to do our parts in this short period of life... honorably and honestly....Bring up your children to love and venerate the old soldiers...and make them uncover their heads when they see that little banner that you followed in the days which tried us to the utmost."

And really...isn't that all we have to do as members of the Allied Orders and patriotic Americans? Be watchful and instructive to the generations, which come after us?

And like Gen. Sherman in 1889, we venerate the dedicated and selfless service of all of our veterans.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
April 15, 2005
Springfield, Illinois

In the space of just two months, we celebrate the birth and the death of Abraham Lincoln. Union Defender's Day and Lincoln's Death Day focus our attention on the life and accomplishments of the Great Emancipator.

Each year, it seems, we condense a life of 56 years into just two months. Then, it's on to other holidays, other themes. We need to remain mindful that the qualities long admired in the 16th President--courage, compassion, wisdom and others--are those we should strive to emulate the entire year.

Lincoln's Farewell Address was given at Springfield, on February 11, 1861.

After he boarded the train that would take him to Washington for his inauguration, Lincoln said a few impromptu words of farewell to the townsfolk and friends, who had gathered at the station to see him off. Lincoln was usually outwardly undemonstrative, but his emotions welled up on this occasion. Impressed by the power of his words, a reporter requested a transcript, and his little speech was widely printed throughout the North:

"My friends—No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here, I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being, who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

U.S. Grant Tomb Ceremony
April 24, 2005
Grant's Tomb, New York City

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the 183rd annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant

I've always been impressed with the heroic quality of General Grant's life. On the frontier, he learned self-reliance and common sense. Despite professional failures, his character never weakened. There was a will and power that admitted no obstacles. Lincoln thought that Grant's greatest strength was his "dogged pertinacity." Years later, while completing his memoirs, Grant wrote to his doctor, "A verb is anything that signifies to be; to do; or to suffer. I signify all three."

May we as brothers continue to demonstrate dogged pertinacity in perpetuating the Union soldier's and sailor's memory? May we, like Grant, always "signify a verb," enlisting like-minded patriotic volunteers in the work of our Order.

U.S. Grant was also one of the first great geniuses of modern management. He was ahead of his time in strategic planning and in getting superior performance from ordinary people. Throughout his life, Grant was honorable and principled.

On this special occasion, I salute and commend all brothers of Oliver Tilden Camp 26. May your honorable and principled work serve as a living monument to a great man and preserve his memory for future generations.

Memorial Day
May 30th, 2005
at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier
Arlington National Cemetery

On May 5th, 1868, Maj. Gen. John Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order 11, designating May 30th for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades, who died in defense of this country.

The Grand Army men treated Memorial Day with great reverence. First came a special sermon on the Sunday before Memorial Day. The GAR often attended church in uniform. On the day itself, the posts assembled and marched to the local cemetery to decorate the graves of the fallen. Finally, a simple and subdued graveyard service involving prayers, short patriotic speeches and music, perhaps a rife salute. This was a time to contemplate loss and commune with the fallen.

The GAR denounced as unpatriotic any citizen or society taking part in or placing before the public games of baseball or any other games that would entice the public and detract from the proper observance of the day. The GAR also condemned holding picnics, excursions or other public entertainment on Memorial Day. The Grand Army maintained that the memory of our dead should encourage and strengthen in us all a more loyal patriotism. Every soldier's grave was an altar of patriotism.

How often have we as a society lost our focus and forgotten our obligation to recognize and reflect on the sacrifices of our servicemen and women because we were distracted?

Mary Logan expressed sadness and trepidation when she said, "It is the saddest thought I know, that so many of the old soldiers are gone. In the very nature of things, the younger men who have come in their places will not have their enthusiasm for this ceremony, unless the press and the pulpit use their influence to keep it alive."

137 years later, we gather to remember and honor the valor and sacrifice of our fallen soldiers. We offer our deepest thanks to those, who protected our freedoms of speech and worship...appreciation to those, who shielded us from fear and aggression...and gratitude to those who shattered the bonds of human slavery and made possible the introduction of human dignity.

This year, Memorial Day is celebrated on May 30th, as it was for over 100 years, prior to 1971. Let us use this occasion to return Memorial Day to the stature afforded Independence Day and Veterans Day. Senator Daniel Inoyue of Hawaii has introduced Senate Bill 80, designating May 30th as Memorial Day. Please join us in supporting this effort by writing your Senators and Representatives.

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, thank you for taking time to pause, reflect, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation.

**Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion
July 28 2005 in Nashville, TN**

Commander-in-Chief Sweeney, gentlemen of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, honored guests: I bring you greetings and salutations from your BROTHER hereditary and historical organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In a few weeks from now, when I step down as Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, I'm told that my routine will change. My predecessors tell me the tag team phone calls will end; the number of emails will drop off and there'll be fewer requests for my time.

Most of us have gotten comfortable with our own routines...for many in both of our organizations, it's difficult to mesh their role as a descendant of a brave American soldier with their routine.

Many come to conventions expecting the routine won't differ from previous years. Heritage violations are briefed, but often the solution conflicts with the normal routine.

But brothers...for us, the descendants of Union and Confederate Americans, we must strive to break routines.

Until recently, it was unthinkable that anyone would do anything so heinous as to steal a veteran's memorial. In the wake of 9/11 and veterans returning from war, it seems especially incredulous.

But all over America, town fathers, cemetery boards and even veterans groups are being duped into selling pieces of their heritage...cannon memorials meant to honor our nation's veterans. The lure of a quick buck and a replica replacement are causing some to make deals with the unscrupulous...the sole purpose of which is to place the irreplaceable artifacts in private collections.

Civil War heritage is big business and the memorials to our ancestors are at risk like never before. Those cannon once in Georgia and Oklahoma, now in private collections, are among the 71 cannon, which have changed hands since 1998.

When one speaks of preserving Civil War Memorials, most of us routinely think of monuments, and buildings. The nearly 90 important Civil War battlefields, where our American ancestors fought and died, are often overlooked.

Almost 20% of American's Civil War battlefields have already been destroyed. Of the 80% that remain, only 15% are protected by the Federal Government.

With growing property values and urban sprawl, the hallowed ground near Fredericksburg and Richmond in Virginia and across middle Tennessee remains the most threatened.

Like memorials and battlefields, the final resting place of those brave men, who we honor, could benefit from increased attention. 3,000 of the one million Confederate soldiers' grave sites across our nation have been registered thus far. All graves, both Union and Confederate, should be recorded for posterity, research and remembrance.

There is still much to do to preserve and perpetuate the bravery, sacrifices and heroism of our ancestors and to pass on our pride to our children and children's children. I believe we can and should continue to work together towards this end. If we don't, who will?

Sons of Confederate Veterans, thank you for inviting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be part of your Reunion. It is my prayer that you leave here with a renewed dedication to perpetuate the pride. Thank you and God bless America!

Appendix 5
Past Commanders-in-Chief

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California

YEAR	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania

1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan

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

Appendix 6
National Encampments
Of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6 - 7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27 - 30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17 - 18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1 - 2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17 - 19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15 - 17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10 - 13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26 - 29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24 - 29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8 - 12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15 - 18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20 - 23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16 - 18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8 - 10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9 - 11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10 - 14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7 - 9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11 - 13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17 - 18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7 - 9	Washington, D.C.
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
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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
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
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

NUMBER	YEAR	DATES	LOCATION
119th	2000	August 17 - 20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10 - 12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9 - 11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8 - 10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 13 - 15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4 - 6	Nashua, New Hampshire

Appendix 7

National Treasurer's Spreadsheets



**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
FINANCIAL REPORT
2003-2004
PROPOSED BUDGET**



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**2003-2004
ACTUAL YTD
END OF YEAR**

**2004-2005
PROPOSED**

**2004-2005
ACTUAL YTD
30-Jun-2005**

GENERAL FUND

INCOME	5925	6525	5888.78
Members Paid (Prorated)	5925	6525	5888.78
Per Capita Dues (\$14.50)	\$94,800.00	\$104,400.00	\$94,220.50 *1
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$14.50) *2	\$24,620.47	\$1,328.00	\$0.00
Sale of Supplies	\$1,664.00	\$24,000.00	\$23,985.50
Shipping & Handling	414	\$500.00	\$1,645.00
Nat.Pat.Inst.Sales of ROTC Metals	\$852.00	\$850.00	\$1,748.85
Subscriptions Banner	\$1,464.00 *3	\$1,500.00	\$780.00
Advertising in the Banner	\$1,523.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,356.00
Reg Fee Nat. Encamp't	\$400.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,482.00
App. Fee New Camps	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$325.00
WebPage Service Revenue	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$360.00
Aux. Love Gift	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Donations	\$3,000.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
NMAL Donation	\$6,047.52	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Interest-CD's	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$5,125.95
Misc.	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$135,044.99	\$139,128.00	\$133,278.80
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$6,542.22	\$5,435.00	\$5,435.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$141,587.21	\$144,563.00	\$138,713.80
Transfer to GAR Fund	\$0.00	\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76
Transfer to Permanent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Senior Vice CinC Fund	\$0.00	\$3,578.35	\$0.00
Transfer to Nat HQ Fund	\$4,114.46	\$4,500.00	\$3,501.94
Transfer to CW Memorial Pres. Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to CW Heritage Def. Fund *14	\$0.00	\$0.00 *14	\$0.00
Total Transfers to Other 5 Funds	\$4,114.46	\$10,519.92	\$4,543.70
TOTAL INCOME - TRANSFERS =	\$137,472.75	\$134,043.08	\$134,170.10
EXPENSES			
Supplies	\$13,564.22	\$25,000.00	\$17,320.26
Dies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ship & Handling	\$938.50	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
C-in-C Allowance *4	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Nat. Sec. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Nat. Tres. Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Nat. QM Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Nat'l Elected Officers Requested to ...Represent C-in-C @ Dept. Encp's *5	\$13,000.00	\$4,200.00 *5	\$969.79
Executive Director *6	\$1,478.38	\$15,000.00	\$14,500.00
Ex Dir's Expenses	\$420.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,583.66
CofA Per Diem	\$1,000.00 *7	\$700.00	\$400.00
Nat. Encamp Host Comm.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00



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Past C-in-C Jewel	\$0.00	\$650.00	*8 \$394.21
Office Expense	\$4.59	\$3,500.00	\$677.22
Special Projects	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$116.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,182.36	\$5,900.00	\$5,687.42
Telephone	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$65.51
Postage	\$409.37	\$750.00	\$614.77
Web Page	\$417.05	\$500.00	\$325.35
Graves Reg. Comm.	\$830.00	\$900.00	\$75.00
Record Storage	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Awards	\$190.00	\$410.00	*9 \$136.65
Scholarships	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	*10 \$2,000.00
Software	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
AOL	\$122.08	\$250.00	\$0.00
Proceedings Transcribe	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$594.00
Print Proceedings	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,028.84
BANNER	\$33,277.92	\$35,000.00	\$34,259.57
National Encp Site Comm Exp	*11 \$0.00	\$500.00	\$101.39
National Encp Exp	*12 \$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$973.57
SCV CinC's Nat Encamp Exp	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Accounting-Audit	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	*13 \$0.00
Accounting Fee (Allowance)	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Officers Bond	\$96.00	\$753.08	\$693.00
Misc Committee Exp	\$34.51	\$500.00	\$0.00
Misc Expenses	\$215.52	\$300.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$91.60	\$130.00	\$0.00
Special Life Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bad Debt	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Depreciation-Computer - 5 Yrs	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Depreciation-Office - 5 Yrs	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$81,772.10	\$134,043.08	\$102,016.21
Gross Gain/Loss	\$55,700.65	\$0.00	\$32,153.89

GAR FUND

INCOME			
Nat.Pat.Inst.Appeal	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
Blue&Gray Ball	\$6,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,700.00
Donations	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
Escheated Funds	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$3,261.39	\$1,500.00	\$2,696.21
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$10,936.39	\$6,750.00	\$6,771.21
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$2,683.43	\$2,683.43
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$10,936.39	\$11,875.00	\$10,496.40



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EXPENSES			
Scholarships	\$0.00	\$2,000.00 *15	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Lincoln Memorial	\$83.95	\$100.00	\$83.95
Lincoln Tomb	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
GAR Remembrance Day Costs:	*16 \$180.00	\$700.00 *16	\$527.50
Cathedral of Pines	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tomb of Unknown	*17 \$158.95	\$200.00 *17	\$159.95
Congress of Pat. Org.	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Special Projects	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
GAR Campfire	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grant Tomb	*18 \$200.00	\$225.00	\$200.00
Blue & Gray Ball Donation	\$5,500.00	\$6,500.00 *19	\$6,500.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,122.90	\$11,875.00	\$10,496.40
Gross Gain/Loss	\$3,813.49	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76

PERMANENT FUND

INCOME		50	44
NMAL New Members (\$5.00)			
NMAL New Member Fees	*20 195	\$250.00	\$220.00
HonorRoll Cont.	*21 \$275.00	\$400.00	\$165.00
Interest	*22 \$4,058.52	\$1,950.00	\$2,855.08
Miscellaneous/Donations	*23 \$40.00	\$300.00	\$540.00
Life Member Fees	*24 \$7,750.00	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$12,318.52	\$7,900.00	\$11,780.08
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$12,318.52	\$7,900.00	\$11,780.08
EXPENSES			
L.M. Per Capita: 1996 & 2001 Programs (\$18.00 *25)		\$1,494.00	\$0.00
L.M. Reimbursement Pymts: Pre-2001 Programs (347)	\$980.00	\$2,200.00	\$640.00
Life Member Cards	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Postage to Mail L.M. Cards	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$980.00	\$3,724.00	\$640.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$11,338.52	\$4,176.00	\$11,140.08
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND

INCOME

	600	755
New Members (\$5.00)		
Reg.Fee,New Members	\$2,670.00	\$3,000.00
Donations	\$111.00	\$200.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$2,781.00	\$3,200.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$4,063.04	\$1,946.65
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$3,578.35
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$6,844.04	\$8,725.00

EXPENSES

Office	*26 134.75	\$250.00
Telephone	*27 \$61.88	\$300.00
Postage	*28 \$149.56	\$175.00
E-mail	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Ads	\$4,551.20	\$8,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,897.39	\$8,725.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$1,946.65	\$0.00

General Funds Used to Balance

\$0.00 \$3,578.35 \$0.00

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

INCOME

Donations	\$10.00	\$100.00
Long Term Invest.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest, CD's	\$287.65	\$250.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$297.65	\$350.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$4,114.46	\$4,500.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$4,412.11	\$4,850.00

EXPENSES

Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Telephone	\$749.80	\$950.00
Insurance	*29 \$500.00	*30 \$500.00
Furnishings	\$762.31	\$1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,412.11	\$4,850.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00

General Funds Used to Balance

\$4,114.46 \$4,500.00 \$3,501.94



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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

INCOME	2003-2004 ACTUAL YTD END OF YEAR	2004-2005 PROPOSED	2004-2005 ACTUAL YTD 30-Jun-2005
Members Paid (Prorated)	5925.25	6525	5890.50
Per Capita Dues (\$2.00)	\$11,850.50	\$13,050.00	\$11,781.00
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$2.00) *31	\$0.00	\$166.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$2,020.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$13,870.50	\$13,266.00	\$11,781.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$1,672.77	\$6,243.27	\$6,243.27
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$15,543.27	\$19,509.27	\$18,024.27
EXPENSES			
Grants	\$9,300.00	\$19,509.27	\$11,900.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,300.00	\$19,509.27	\$11,900.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$6,243.27	\$0.00	\$6,124.27
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

*32 CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

INCOME	2003-2004 ACTUAL YTD END OF YEAR	2004-2005 PROPOSED	2004-2005 ACTUAL YTD 30-Jun-2005
Donations	\$660.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00
Interest	\$0.66	\$0.00	\$1.34
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$660.66	\$1,000.00	\$51.34
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$660.66	\$660.66
Transferred from General Fund *33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$660.66	\$1,660.66	\$712.00
EXPENSES			
Grants	\$0.00	\$1,360.66	\$0.00
Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$1,360.66	\$0.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$660.66	\$300.00	\$712.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GROSS GAIN/LOSS	\$79,703.24	\$4,476.00	\$50,724.27



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GRAND TOTALS			
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$175,909.71	\$171,594.00	\$167,860.42
Reserve Funds from previous FY	\$12,278.03	\$16,969.01	\$16,969.01
Transferred from General Fund	(\$4,114.46)	(\$10,519.92)	(\$4,543.70)
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$184,073.28</u>	<u>\$178,043.09</u>	<u>\$180,285.73</u>
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$108,484.50	\$184,087.01	\$134,105.16
GROSS BALANCE	<u>\$75,588.78</u>	<u>(\$6,043.92)</u>	<u>\$46,180.57</u>
GENERAL FUND	Minus (-)	\$32,153.89	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
GAR FUND	Minus (-)	(\$1,041.76)	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
PERMANENT FUND	Minus (-)	\$11,140.08	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
SVC-IN-C FUND	Minus (-)	\$594.03	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
NATIONAL HQ'S FUND	Minus (-)	(\$3,501.94)	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
CW MEMORIAL PRES FUND	Minus (-)	\$6,124.27	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
CW HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND	Minus (-)	\$712.00	= Bal For'd for FY 2005-2006
		<u>\$46,180.57</u>	= Total Reserves 4 FY 2005-06
NET BALANCE		<u>\$38,250.65</u>	Total Amt Perm'tly Dep'd
		*34 <u>\$7,929.92</u>	= 1.) New General Fd CD & 2.) Exist'g Perm Fd Sav's Acct
Note:	Actual	Proposed	Actual
Total Interest - Actual to Date:	<u>\$13,655.74</u>	<u>\$3,716.00</u>	<u>\$10,986.57</u>

Footnotes:

- * 1. Overpayments of Per Capita due to errors in calculations on Report Forms. Send Refund Check per LFW!!! MLN
- * 2. Transfer from Permanent Fund per Asst. Nat'l Treasurer, Rich Orr's Suggestion. MLN
- * 3. New Line Item added per Auditors on 2-2-2003 to show as Income. MLN
- * 4. On 04-16-2005, at Springfield, IL, CofA Approved Increase of Travel Allowance for CinC. Increase to become Effective 04-16-2005. MLN
- * 5. Approved by CofA 4-17-2004 for Other National Elected Officers who are requested to represent CinC at Department Encampments. Maximum Expenses per trip not to exceed \$300. Line Item Budgeted Amount = 14 X \$300 = \$4200. MLN
On 04-16-2005, at Springfield, IL, CofA Approved Increase of Travel Allowance for National Elected Officers who are requested to represent CinC at Department Encampments. New Maximum is \$500.00, but CinC MUST Approve, Sign, and Date Expense Report for these Elected Officers. Increase to become Effective in 2006. New Line Item budgeted Amount for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 = 14 X \$500 = \$7000. MLN
- * 6. On 04-16-2005, at Springfield, IL, CofA Approved Increase of Travel Allowance for Exec. Dir from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Travel Allowance is Part of Ex. Dir.'s Fee. The \$2,000 Increase is to become Effective 01/01/2006. New Contract Fee is now \$14,000 + \$3,000 = \$17,000. New Quarterly Pymts = \$4,250. MLN
- * 7. Line item name changed from: Nat. Encamp Comm. to: Nat. Encamp Host Comm. Per COA on 11-17-2002. MLN
- * 8. Includes \$325 from FY 2003-04. MLN



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* 9. Includes \$110 from FY 2003-04.	MLN		
*10. Includes \$1000 from FY 2003-04.	MLN		
*11. National Encp Exp line item split: Site Committee Expenses to be listed separately, Per COA on 11-17-2002.	MLN		
*12. National Encp Exp line item split: Encampment Expenses to be listed separately, Per COA on 11-17-2002. SUV CinC's Room & Meals; Duplicating Copies of reports for Encp. Unforeseen Expenses, Etc.	MLN		
*13. Includes \$4000 from FY 2003-04.	MLN		
*14. Transfer Funds from General Account to maintain Minimum Balance of \$300.00 to avoid Monthly Bank Charges, if necessary.	MLN		
*15. Includes \$1000 from FY 2003-04.	MLN		
*16. Costs for:		Per 8-12-2004 CofA Minutes: For the Year 2005 and Onward, Increase Cost of GAR Remembrance Day Expenses by adding costs for insurance, streamers, mailing & postage.....	Estimate of these costs for these additional items per Henry Shaw, Adjutant General, SVR, as of 02-17-2005:
Woolson's Cemetery Wreath	----- \$ 30.00 to \$ 50.00/yr,		Insurance -
Amplification Equipment Rental and Printing Services Programs	----- \$175.00 to \$200.00/yr, ----- \$ 50.00/yr.		----- \$275.00/yr. Streamers -----
	Total = \$300.00/yr.		\$270.00/yr. Mailing -----
	Other Costs = \$400.00/yr.		\$150.00/yr. Postage -----
	Sub-Total = \$700.00/yr.		\$160.00/yr.
	MLN		----- Total = \$855.00/yr.
	MLN	= ----- Grand Total = \$1555.00/yr.
			MLN
*17. Per CofA discussion April 16, 2004: One Wreath for Lincoln Monument in Washington DC; & One Wreath for Tomb of Unknown			
*18. Check made payable to the Oliver Tilden Camp 26, NY City, NY Dept.	MLN		
*19. Check made payable to the Gettysburg National Military Park.	MLN		
*20. Deposited directly to Permanent Saving Account.	MLN		
*21. Deposited directly to Permanent Saving Account.	MLN		
*22. Note: Earnings must be sufficient to pay Life Member Payments. Balance must come from General Fund, per Rich Orr.	MLN		
*23. Deposited directly to Permanent Saving Account.	MLN		
*24. Deposited directly to Permanent Saving Account.	MLN		
*25. Transfer from Permanent Fund per Asst. Nat'l Treasurer, Rich Orr's Suggestion.	MLN		
*26. Includes SVCinC & JVCinC Expenses per James B. Pahl, Past Nat'l Treasurer.	MLN		
*26. Includes SVCinC & JVCinC Expenses per James B. Pahl, Past Nat'l Treasurer.	MLN		
*28. Includes SVCinC & JVCinC Expenses per James B. Pahl, Past Nat'l Treasurer.	MLN		
*29. Nat'l was able to obtain Liability Insurance for the National Headquarters' Office at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA.	MLN		
*30. Annual Premium for Insurance on Nat'l HQs Offices. Due Date is May 6, each year.	MLN		
*31. Transfer from Permanent Fund per Asst. Nat'l Treasurer, Rich Orr's Suggestion.	MLN		
*32. Approved on August 16, 2003 by 122nd National Encampment at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, to establish this new Civil War Heritage			
*33. Transfer Funds from General Account to maintain Minimum Balance of \$300.00 to avoid Monthly Bank Charges, if necessary.	MLN		
*34. Portion of Net Balance Invested in CD @ 3.70% for !! Months. Matures May 30, 2006.	MLN		

2004-2005 Balance Sheet

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Total Assets FY 2003-04 vs. FY 2004-05

<u>Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Jun. 30, 2004*</u>	<u>Transfer to C.D.'s July 15, 2004</u>	<u>Balances As of July 15, 2004</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Jun. 30, 2005**</u>	<u>Net Gain or (Loss)</u>
Checking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Checking 2	\$ 19,260.02	\$ -	\$ 19,260.02	\$ 3,464.65	\$ (155,986.00)	\$ 133,324.94	\$ 63.61	\$ (19,196.41)
Checking 2 Savings	\$ 20,501.08	\$ (28,078.48)	\$ (7,577.40)	\$ 31,630.34	\$ 212,403.88	\$ (226,456.82)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,577.40
*2003-04 4th Qtr Per Capita:	\$ 26,562.75	\$ (26,562.75)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2004-05 4th Qtr Per Capita***:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CW Heritage Defense Fd	\$ 660.66	\$ -	\$ 660.66	\$ 51.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 712.00	\$ 51.34
GAR Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GAR Account 2	\$ 6,144.04	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 4,144.04	\$ 277.42	\$ (933.55)	\$ (3,187.26)	\$ 300.65	\$ (3,843.39)
General Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Account 2	\$ 24,558.17	\$ (5,358.77)	\$ 19,199.40	\$ 307.07	\$ 11,278.57	\$ (20,737.94)	\$ 10,047.10	\$ (9,152.30)
Permanent Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Permanent Account 2	\$ 37,959.58	\$ (29,000.00)	\$ 8,959.58	\$ 8,935.31	\$ 20,062.32	\$ (37,653.26)	\$ 303.95	\$ (8,655.63)
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 135,646.30	\$ (91,000.00)	\$ 44,646.30	\$ 44,666.13	\$ 86,825.22	\$ (154,710.34)	\$ 21,427.31	\$ (23,218.99)
							\$ 21,427.31	\$ (23,218.99)
<u>Asset Accounts</u>		<u>July 15, 2004</u>				<u>June 30, 2005</u>		
GAR Account 2 - CD	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -
GAR Account 3 - CD ****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,430.63	\$ 46,430.63	\$ 46,430.63
GAR Fund CD 1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 188.26	\$ (47.94)	\$ (5,140.32)	\$ 0.00	\$ (5,000.00)
GAR Fund CD 2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 376.52	\$ (95.85)	\$ (10,280.67)	\$ 0.00	\$ (10,000.00)
GAR Fund CD 3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ (71.43)	\$ (9,928.57)	\$ 0.00	\$ (10,000.00)
GAR Fund CD 4	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
GAR Fund CD 5	\$ 4,850.00	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,850.00	\$ -
GAR Fund CD 6	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ (126.19)	\$ (19,873.81)	\$ 0.00	\$ (20,000.00)
General Fund 2 - CD	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -
General Fund 3 - CD ****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,518.63	\$ 73,518.63	\$ 73,518.63
General Fund CD	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ (126.19)	\$ (19,873.81)	\$ 0.00	\$ (20,000.00)
National HQ Fund 3 - CD ****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,074.97	\$ 31,074.97	\$ 31,074.97
National HQ CD 1	\$ 10,168.65	\$ -	\$ 10,168.65	\$ 4.87	\$ -	\$ (10,173.52)	\$ -	\$ (10,168.65)
National HQ CD 2	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2.40	\$ -	\$ (5,002.40)	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
National HQ CD 3	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ (100.95)	\$ (15,899.05)	\$ 0.00	\$ (16,000.00)
Permanent Fund 2 - CD	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -
Permanent Fund 3 - CD ****	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,822.59	\$ 13,822.59	\$ 13,822.59
Permanent Fund Bonds	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
Permanent Fund CD 1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (35.71)	\$ (4,964.29)	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
Permanent Fund CD 2	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$ 394,018.65	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 485,018.65	\$ 572.05	\$ (604.26)	\$ 63,710.38	\$ 548,696.82	\$ 63,678.17
**** Note: On June 30, 2005, Purchased (4) New CDs								\$ 63,678.17
<u>Investment Accounts</u>								
Permanent Fund Savings Bonds*****	\$ 24,108.00	\$ -	\$ 24,108.00	\$ 324.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,432.00	\$ 324.00
* 3 US Savings Bonds @ \$5000 each								
Nat HQ Long Term Invest*****	\$ 18,448.85	\$ -	\$ 18,448.85	\$ 1,411.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,860.00	\$ 1,411.15
***** As of 6-30-2004								
TOTAL Investment Accts	\$ 42,556.85	\$ -	\$ 42,556.85	\$ 1,735.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,292.00	\$ 1,735.15
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 572,221.80	\$ -	\$ 572,221.80	\$ 46,973.33	\$ 86,220.96	\$ (90,999.96)	\$ 614,416.13	\$ 42,194.33

June 30, 2004 TOTAL: \$ 572,221.80

NET OVERALL TOTAL: \$ 614,416.13

** Note: Does not include any 2005 Annual Per Capita

*** 2004-05 4th Qtr Per Capita yet to be Determined

Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Net Gain or (Loss) \$ 42,194.33

Honor Roll

Note: Funds are deposited into Permanent Fund Savings Acct.
Fiscal Year 2004-2005

In Honor of Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Company	Regiment	Donation From	Amount	Reported
Robertson	Charles	Gray	M.D.	---	8th Michigan Cavalry	Charles Gray Robertson, 17 Robertson Court, Clarkston, Michigan 48346	\$ 40.00	Yes
Nash	Edmond	---	Pvt.	D	8th Tennessee Mounted Infantry	William R. Nash, Israel B. Richardson Camp 2, 40822 Freedom Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313-4439	\$ 10.00	Yes
Peifer	Charles	E.	---	---	Lancaster, PA, Camp 19, PA Dept.; Deceased January 2004	Gen. George H Thomas Camp 19, PA Dept, John J. Heine, Treasurer.; in Honor of:	\$ 10.00	Yes
Hartzell	Donald	Scott	---	---	Downingtown, PA, Camp 19, PA Dept.; Deceased October 25, 2004	Gen. George H Thomas Camp 19, PA Dept, John J. Heine, Treasurer.; in Honor of:	\$ 10.00	Yes
Caulkins	Alvin	Ackley	---	A	7th Minnesota Inf.	Jack A. Searle, Alden Skinner Camp 45, CT Dept.	\$ 10.00	Yes
Tait	John	---	Sgt	G	24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry	Kent L. Armstrong, PCinC, George W Anderson Camp 58, MI Dept.	\$ 10.00	Yes
Johnson	Thomas	L. W.	---	---	PDC, WI Dept. and Co-Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony	National Headquarters, Auxiliary to SUVCW, by Mary L. Fritz, National Chaplain.	\$ 25.00	Yes
Metcalf	Robert	D.	---	---	Associate Member of Austin Blair Camp 7, MI Dept., of Jackson, MI; Deceased February 10, 2005	Austin Blair Camp 7, Michigan Department, Signed by Michael D. Maillard, Camp Treasurer; GAR Fund donation in Honor of:	\$ 88.00	Yes
Jarvis	Thomas	P.	Cpl	I	9th West Virginia Infantry	William R. White, Jr., 1437 Colt Ridge, Spencer, WV 25276, of Capt. John White Spencer Camp 9, MD Department	\$ 10.00	Yes
"	"	"	" and	G	1st Vet. Volunteer Infantry	" " " " "		
Wallace	Floyd	E.	---	---	Life Member of Gov. Henry H. Crapo Camp 145, Flint, MI; Passed Away Sunday Evening, May 5, 2005	Floyd Wallace Memorial, by his Son, David F. Wallace, PDC, MI Dept.; GAR Fund donation in Honor of:	\$ 100.00	Yes

Life Membership Program - Established in 1954 - Membership List & Information with L.M. Reimbursement Payments

								2005	Reimbursements
								AMT	For Year 2004
								PAID	\$640.00
#	FNAME	MI	LNAME	DEPARTMENT	CAMP	MEMBNUM	MEMDATE	OUT	Date Paid
1	MARVIN	W.	REED	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	23	6/17/1967	\$4	3/28/2005
2	RICHARD	L.	GREENWALT	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	31	1/1/1972	\$4	1/24/2005
3	RALPH	E.	SHADEL, JR.	OHIO	GEN WM McLAUGHLIN #12	48	7/1/1974	\$4	2/13/2005
4	CHARLES	Q.	CREAGER	OHIO	TRIEM #43	59	4/1/1975	\$4	3/28/2005
5	ROBERT	J.	WOLZ	OHIO	TRIEM #43	61	8/13/1975	\$4	3/28/2005
6	THOMAS L.	W.	JOHNSON	WISCONSIN	HARDEN #2	79	12/20/1975	\$4	4/7/2005
7	THOMAS	C.	ETTER, JR.	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	81	12/22/1975	\$4	2/25/2005
8	JERRY	L.	WOLFORD	OHIO	TRIEM #43	85	12/31/1975	\$4	3/28/2005
9	THOMAS	W.	GRAHAM	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	86	7/1/1976	\$4	1/24/2005
10	CARL	R.	LATHAM, III	OHIO	TRIEM #43	89	3/11/1977	\$4	3/28/2005
11	GEORGE	A.	MCKENNA	MAL	ELLIS #124	129	2/1/1982	\$4	1/13/2005
12	NORMAN	A.	BOWEN	OHIO	McPHERSON #66	145	8/31/1983	\$4	1/13/2005
13	KEITH	D.	ASHLEY	OHIO	BROOKS-GRANT #7	147	3/20/1984	\$4	1/24/2005
14	DONALD	J.	ROBERTS	NEW YORK	NY-MAL	150	4/23/1984	\$4	2/13/2005
15	ERNEST	L.	SNIDER	NY	NY-MAL	155	7/28/1984	\$4	2/13/2005
16	GORDON	R.	BURY, II	OHIO	ALVIN C. VORIS # 67	156	8/20/1984	\$4	1/13/2005
17	RICHARD	B.	ABELL	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	163	7/15/1985	\$4	2/25/2005
18	SCOTT	W.	STUCKEY	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	168	10/10/1985	\$4	2/25/2005
19	JOSEPH		LONG, JR.	PENNSYLVANIA	GRIFFIN #8	173	1/1/1986	\$4	3/19/2005
20	KEITH	G.	HARRISON	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	176	4/1/1986	\$4	4/2/2005
21	LOWELL	V.	HAMMER	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	179	5/30/1986	\$4	2/25/2005
22	JAMES	A.	TURNER, SR.	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	180	5/30/1986	\$4	3/28/2005
23	DAVID	C.	GUMMERE	MICHIGAN / MAL	ALGER #462	191	3/1/1987	\$4	4/2/2005
24	DONALD	E.	GRADELESS	WISCONSIN	C.K PIER BADGER #1	193	3/1/1987	\$4	1/13/2005
25	MICHAEL	D.	MITCHELL	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	195	3/1/1987	\$4	4/2/2005
26	NATHAN	Lewis	HARRISON	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	196	5/1/1987	\$4	4/2/2005
27	PHILIP	W.	BERNSTORF, DR.	KANSAS	COYNE #1	205	1/1/1988	\$4	2/13/2005
28	WILLIAM	R.	HAGER	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	210	2/15/1988	\$4	4/2/2005
29	DEAN	E.	PARKER	MICHIGAN	PRITCHARD #20	212	4/15/1988	\$4	1/13/2005
30	GARY	L.	GIBSON	MICHIGAN	PRITCHARD #20	214	4/15/1988	\$4	1/13/2005
31	KENNETH	R.	FUHRMANN	NEW YORK	NY-MAL	223	12/10/1988	\$4	2/13/2005
32	WALTER	G.	CARROLL	NEW YORK	NY-MAL	227	2/1/1989	\$4	2/13/2005
33	MELVIN	J.	BRADLEY	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	228	2/1/1989	\$4	2/25/2005
34	EARL	R.	SMITH	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	232	3/10/1989	\$4	2/25/2005
35	Howard	A.	Smith	CALIFORNIA/PACIFIC	KEITH #12	232	???	\$4	4/2/2005
36	STEPHEN	H.	SIEMSEN	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	237	7/1/1989	\$4	2/25/2005

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								2005	Reimbursements
								AMT	For Year 2004
								PAID	\$640.00
#	FNAME	MI	LNAME	DEPARTMENT	CAMP	MEMBNUM	MEMDATE	OUT	Date Paid
37	JAMES	B.	PAHL	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	238	7/1/1989	\$4	4/2/2005
38	NATHAN	E.	MOLL	IOWA	DODGE #75	239	8/23/1989	\$4	3/24/2005
39	ALLEN	W.	MOORE, PCC	INDIANA	SOMERS NO.1	240	9/22/1989	\$4	1/13/2005
40	JACK	Gordan	GROTHER	MISSOURI	BILLY YANK # 65	242	4/19/1990	\$4	1/13/2005
41	NEIL	L.	REED	INDIANA	SOMERS NO.1	243	4/19/1990	\$4	1/13/2005
42	STEPHEN	ANDREW	KAPPES	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	245	4/19/1990	\$4	3/28/2005
43	DALE		COLLIER, Jr.	OHIO	GEN WM McLAUGHLIN #12	246	4/19/1990	\$8	2/13/2005
44	EDWARD	S.	MILLIGAN	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	247	8/12/1990	\$4	2/25/2005
45	LEE	D.	STONE	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	249	8/12/1990	\$4	2/25/2005
46	CLYDE	H.	HAYNER, SR.	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	250	8/12/1990	\$4	2/25/2005
47	EUGENE		LONG	PENNSYLVANIA	GRIFFIN #8	252	8/12/1990	\$4	3/19/2005
48	JOHN	D.	JENKINS	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	257	9/20/1990	\$4	1/13/2005
49	ROGER	A.	WHEELER, SR.	IOWA	DODGE #75	259	9/20/1990	\$4	3/24/2005
50	LARRY	K.	SWOGGER	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	262	11/1/1990	\$4	1/24/2005
51	JOHN	H.	HARTFORD	KANSAS	COYNE #1	266	3/6/1991	\$4	2/13/2005
52	MERRILL	D.	ANTHONY	IOWA	DODGE #75	267	6/11/1991	\$4	3/24/2005
53	ANDREW	J.	LONG	PENNSYLVANIA	GRIFFIN #8	271	6/11/1991	\$4	3/19/2005
54	PAUL	D.	HODGES	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	274	6/11/1991	\$4	4/2/2005
55	JEFFREY		HILLIARD	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	277	6/11/1991	\$4	1/24/2005
56	GEORGE	V.	HOLLAND	MICHIGAN / MAL	ALGER #462	279	8/20/1991	\$4	4/2/2005
57	MICHAEL	E.	MILLIGAN	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	280	8/20/1991	\$4	2/25/2005
58	GARY	E.	DOLPH, PDC	INDIANA	SOMERS NO.1	284	12/30/1991	\$4	1/13/2005
59	WAYNE	E.	MCELFRESH	OHIO	DENNSION #125	285	1/4/1992	\$4	1/13/2005
60	JAMES	T.	LYONS	MICHIGAN	CURTENIUS GUARD #17	293	7/31/1992	\$4	4/2/2005
61	ALAN	E.	PETERSON		KEITH #12	303	2/28/1993	\$4	3/28/2005
62	HAROLD	E.	BLOW, Jr.	MASSACHUSETTS	COUCH #26	304	2/28/1993	\$4	1/24/2005
63	MERLIN	T.	DOYLE	VERMONT	H. E. K. HALL #28	307	4/30/1993	\$4	3/3/2005
64	GLENN	B.	KNIGHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	309	7/4/1993	\$4	1/13/2005
65	LESTER	D.	NADEAU, PDC	MAINE	GARFIELD #1	312	8/31/1993	\$4	1/16/2005
66	THOMAS	L.	PAGE	KANSAS	COYNE #1	314	8/31/1993	\$4	2/13/2005
67	GLENN	F.	KNIGHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	324	11/8/1993	\$4	1/13/2005
68	TOBIAS		HILTON	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	332	1/23/1994	\$4	1/24/2005
69	GEORGE	S.	MILLER	NEW YORK	ELLIS #124	337	2/12/1994	\$4	1/13/2005
70	MICHAEL	A.	PEARSON	INDIANA	SOMERS NO.1	342	3/19/1994	\$4	1/13/2005
71	STEPHEN	THOMAS	JACKSON	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	343	3/7/1994	\$4	3/28/2005
72	CLAIR	M.	FASNACHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	350	8/18/1994	\$4	1/13/2005

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								2005	Reimbursements
								AMT	For Year 2004
								PAID	\$640.00
#	FNAME	MI	LNAME	DEPARTMENT	CAMP	MEMBNUM	MEMDATE	OUT	Date Paid
73	MICHAEL	G.	PETERSON		KEITH #12	354	10/10/1994	\$4	3/28/2005
74	JAMES	G.	THOMPSON	MICHIGAN	GOV. CRAPO #145	355	10/16/1994	\$4	1/17/2005
75	SCOTT	M.	FASNACHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	362	12/10/1994	\$4	1/13/2005
76	JAMES	M.	SULLIVAN	WISCONSIN	HARDEN #2	373	1/29/1995	\$4	4/7/2005
77	WILLIAM	H.	UPHAM	WISCONSIN	C.K PIER BADGER #1	376	1/29/1995	\$4	1/13/2005
78	RUSSELL	P	JONES	PENNSYLVANIA	GRIFFIN #8	383	3/6/1995	\$4	3/19/2005
79	STEPHEN	BRUCE	BAUER	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	387	3/26/1995	\$4	3/28/2005
80	RICHARD		GREENE	MICHIGAN	GOV. CRAPO #145	391	8/5/1995	\$4	1/17/2005
81	ANDREW	M.	JOHNSON	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	393	8/19/1995	\$4	2/25/2005
82	DAVID	F.	WALLACE	MICHIGAN	GOV. CRAPO #145	394	10/22/1995	\$4	1/17/2005
83	MICHAEL	L.	TROWBRIDGE	OHIO	Cabot - Blessing #126	395	10/22/1995	\$4	1/13/2005
84	PHILIP	L.	HILTON	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	396	8/17/1995	\$4	1/24/2005
85	RICHARD	P.	REED	VERMONT	H. E. K. HALL #28	399	11/9/1995	\$4	3/3/2005
86	FLOYD	D.	ATKINS, JR	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	400	11/9/1995	\$4	1/13/2005
87	SAMUEL	L.	CRAWFORD	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	401	11/9/1995	\$4	1/24/2005
88	BORIS	N.	BULATKIN, II	KANSAS	COYNE #1	403	12/11/1995	\$4	2/13/2005
89	HOWARD		WOLFE	PENNSYLVANIA	GRIFFIN #8	404	12/11/1995	\$4	3/19/2005
90	ROGER	L.	ROTHROCK	CALIFORNIA/PACIFIC	PITTENGER #21	409	1/1/1996	\$4	1/24/2005
91	MICHAEL		MCCREEDY	MICHIGAN	GOV. CRAPO #145	414	1/8/1996	\$4	1/17/2005
92	Lt. Col. HAROLD	L.	GRIFFITH	Florida	MITCHELL #4	415	1/28/1996	\$4	1/18/2005
93	CHRISTOPHER	G.	KNIGHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	416	2/4/1996	\$4	1/13/2005
94	KENNETH	M.	DICKEY	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	417	2/4/1996	\$4	1/24/2005
95	DOUGLAS	C.	FRAKER	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	422	6/4/1996	\$4	3/28/2005
96	DALE	D.	STEWART	INDIANA	HARRISON #356	424	6/4/1996	\$4	3/28/2005
97	ROBERT	M.	MILLIGAN	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	425	6/19/1996	\$4	2/25/2005
98	KENNETH	D.	HERSHBERGER	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	427	7/4/1996	\$4	2/25/2005
99	MARRIOTT	B.	FASNACHT	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	435	8/30/1996	\$4	1/13/2005
100	FLOYD	E.	WALLACE	MICHIGAN	GOV. CRAPO #145	501	12/4/1996	\$12	1/17/2005
101	JAMES	A.	MCCAFFERTY	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	504	3/1/1997	\$12	2/25/2005
102	JAMES	G.	HILTON	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	509	5/30/1997	\$12	1/24/2005
103	HOWARD	TERRY	FROST	OHIO	JOHN S. TOWNSAND #108	511	7/15/1997	\$12	1/13/2005
104	LARRY	R.	SMITH	MAINE	T. W. HYDE #46	513	9/2/1997	\$12	3/3/2005
105	KENNETH	E.	MCCARTNEY	OHIO	McPHERSON #66	516	10/13/1997	\$12	1/13/2005
106	PHILIP		FAZZINI	OHIO	MCCLELLAN #91	517	11/11/1997	\$12	1/24/2005
107	GREGORY	E.	MICHAELS	OHIO	BROOKS-GRANT #7	519	2/2/1998	\$12	1/24/2005
108	JOHN	C.	POLLARD SR.	CALIFORNIA/PACIFIC	PITTENGER #21	520	11/11/1997	\$12	1/24/2005

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								2005	Reimbursements
								AMT	For Year 2004
								PAID	\$640.00
#	FNAME	MI	LNAME	DEPARTMENT	CAMP	MEMBNUM	MEMDATE	OUT	Date Paid
109	MAX	J.	RIEKSE	MICHIGAN	Henry E. Plant Camp #3	528	9/1/1998	\$12	3/16/2005
110	ALBERT	L	KEYSER III	PENNSYLVANIA	THOMAS #19	531	11/11/1998	\$12	1/13/2005
111	DOUGLAS	G	SMITH	KANSAS	COYNE #1	532	11/24/1998	\$12	2/13/2005
112	MICHAEL	S	BENNETT	NEW YORK	ELLIS #124	535	12/31/1998	\$12	1/13/2005
113	RALPH	B.	MILLER, JR.	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	538	2/28/1999	\$12	2/25/2005
114	LOUIS	D.	NEUBURGER, SR.	NEW YORK	ELLIS #124	541	2/28/1999	\$12	1/13/2005
115	VIRGIL	O	MATZ	WISCONSIN	HARNDEN #2	544	5/12/1999	\$12	4/7/2005
116	STEVE		VODDE	ILLINOIS	Col. Hecker Camp 443	555	12/1/1999	\$12	1/17/2005
117	JAY	H	PETERSON	MARYLAND	LINCOLN-CUSHING #2	561	2/10/2000	\$12	2/25/2005
118	Robert	C	Shaffer	Pennsylvania	GRIFFIN #8	563	3/1/2000	\$12	3/19/2005
119	WILTON	A.	RYDER	FLORIDA	MITCHELL #4	573	7/4/2000	\$12	1/18/2005

* Paid for Brother Collier for both 2004 & 2005 Reimbursements since I failed to honor The Camp's request in 2004. MLN

Membership Advertising Fund Log for Fiscal Years 2003-2004 & 2004-2005
Statement of Income, Expenses, and Fund Balances

Date	Vender Name and SVC-inC Fund Income/Donations	Deposit	Withdraw	Balance	Total Expenses per Fiscal Year	Total Receipts per Fiscal Year	End of Year Receipts (-) Expenses	End of Year
6/30/2003	Carryover 2002-2003	4063.04		4063.04			4063.04	
2/19/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	10.00		4073.04	Fiscal Year 2003/2004		Annual Bal	Bal For'd
5/29/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	225.00		4298.04	-5038.96	2,781.00	-2257.96	1805.08
6/3/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	100.00		4398.04				
6/13/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	460.00		4858.04				
6/17/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	145.00		5003.04				
7/14/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	100.00		5103.04				
7/31/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	325.00						
8/26/2003	SVC Office		-75.84	5352.20				
8/26/2003	SVC Telephone		-45.01	5307.19				
8/26/2003	SVC Postage		-106.86	5200.33				
10/13/2003	Donations	36.00		3319.57				
10/18/2003			-644.70	2899.07				
11/5/2003	Primedia, (3) 1/6 Pg B&W Ads - Invoice#'s: 11002890, 17100109, 25006352		-767.00	2899.07				
11/5/2003	SVC Postage		-40.51	3784.12				
12/4/2003	Primedia, (1) 1/6 Pg B&W Ad - Invoice# 17006252		-221.00	3563.12				
12/8/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	825.00		4388.12				
12/8/2003	Donations	50.00		4438.12				
12/22/2003	Primedia, (3) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #'s: 11002932,16007657, 25006401		-1086.00	3352.12				
12/22/2003	Registration Fee, New Members	45.00		3397.12				
12/22/2003	Donations	10.00		3407.12				
12/29/2003	Primedia, (1) 1/6 Pg B&W Ad - Invoice#: 17006315		-221.00	3186.12				
1/30/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	195.00		3381.12				
2/18/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	70.00		3451.12				
3/4/2004	JVC Postage		-101.06	3350.06				
3/13/2004	SVC Office		-52.79	3297.27				
3/13/2004	SVC Postage		-42.70	3254.57				
3/29/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	65.00		3319.57				
5/18/2004	Primedia, 1 - 1/6 Pg B&W Ad-Invoice#:17006443		-221.00	3098.57				
6/1/2004	United Directories Yellow Pages		-304.50	2794.07				
6/2/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	105.00		2899.07				
6/18/2004	Primedia, (3) 1/6 Pg B&W Ads - Invoice#'s: 11003051, 16007893, 25006563		-1086.00	1813.07				
6/28/2004	SVC Office		-6.12	1806.95				
6/28/2004	SVC Telephone		-16.87	1790.08				
6/30/2004	PA Department, by Charlie Kuhn, PDC, PA Dept. Sec/Treas.	15.00		1805.08				

Membership Advertising Fund Log for Fiscal Years 2003-2004 & 2004-2005
Statement of Income, Expenses, and Fund Balances

Date	Vender Name and SVC-inC Fund Income/Donations	Deposit	Withdraw	Balance	Total Expenses per Fiscal Year	Total Receipts per Fiscal Year	End of Year Receipts (-) Expenses	End of Year Bal For'd
7/15/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	1650.00		3455.08	Fiscal Year 2004/2005		Annual Bal	Bal For'd
7/31/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	485.00		3940.08	-5242.62	3,890.00	-1352.62	452.46
7/31/2004	Donations	50.00		3990.08				
08/02/04	JVC Postage		-5.15	3984.93				
08/02/04	JVC Office		-105.86	3879.07				
8/27/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	520.00		4399.07				
9/7/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	30.00		4429.07				
9/23/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	140.00		4569.07				
10/4/2004	SVC Office		-79.84	4489.23				
10/4/2004	SVC Postage		-92.85	4396.38				
10/5/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	5.00		4401.38				
10/22/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	110.00		4511.38				
11/5/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	80.00		4591.38				
11/16/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	45.00		4636.38				
11/29/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	215.00		4851.38				
11/28/2004	Arnold Printing Corporation: 2000 SUVCW Membership Brochures - w/ Nat'l HQ Address		-287.50	4563.88				
12/8/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	5.00		4568.88				
12/18/2004	Primedia, (2) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #'s: 16008116, 17006682		-845.00	3723.88				
12/21/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	35.00		3758.88				
12/29/2004	Primedia, Bal Due (my addition error 12-18-2004) - Invoice #'s: 16008116, 17006682		-20.00	3738.88				
12/30/2004	Registration Fee, New Members	40.00		3778.88				
1/13/2005	SVC Postage		-44.22	3734.66				
1/13/2005	Primedia, (2) - 1/6 Pg B&W Ad-Invoice#'s:11003172, 25006709		-442.00	3292.66				
1/24/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	95.00		3387.66				
2/7/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	210.00		3597.66				
2/24/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	40.00		3637.66				
2/24/2005	Primedia, (2) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #'s: 16008199, 25006750		-865.00	2772.66				
2/24/2005	JVC Office		-29.65	2743.01				
2/24/2005	JVC Postage		-67.70	2675.31				
3/4/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	40.00		2715.31				
4/12/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	25.00		2740.31				
4/25/2005	JVC Office		-29.67	2710.64				
4/25/2005	JVC Postage		-64.90	2645.74				
4/25/2005	Primedia, (4) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #'s: 11003206,17226739,17100154,1003248		-883.00	1762.74				
4/26/2005	Registration Fee, New Members	5.00		1767.74				
5/3/2005	Primedia, (1) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #: 16008272		-644.00	1123.74				
6/1/2005	Primedia, (3) 1/6 B&W Page Ad - Invoice #'s: H1249869,H1251441,H1251956		-662.00	461.74				
6/18/2005	JVC Office		-29.67	432.07				
6/18/2005	JVC Postage		-44.61	387.46				
6/30/2005	Donations: Depart of PA (\$15.00) & Department of OH (\$50.00)	65.00		452.46				

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Date	Item	Deposit	Grant Award	Balance	Total Grants per Fiscal Year	TTL Receipts per Fiscal Year	End of Year Receipts (-) Grants	End of Year
6/29/2002	per capita Dep #02-032	214.00		7747.19				
6/22/2002	The Soldier's Memorial Trust, % David Medert - Ck # 5316		-500.00	7247.19				
7/17/2002	per capita Dep #02-035	73.75		7320.94	Fiscal Year 2002/2003		Annual Bal	Bal For'd
8/1/2002	per capita Dep #02-037	343.75		7664.69	-10425.00	4850.58	-5574.42	1672.77
8/10/2002	Richard Engerlin Camp, D.R.Medert, Trustee - Ck # 5366		-500.00	7164.69				
8/10/2002	Jefferson Barricks Missouri CW Museum - Ck # 5367		-1200.00	5964.69				
8/10/2002	90th Pennsylvania Monument Assoc. - Ck # 5370		-500.00	5464.69				
8/30/2002	per capita Dep #02-038	1059.00		6523.69				
9/3/2002	Sage Monument, Cromwell, CT; Dept. of CT Aux. SUVCW - Ck #		-500.00	6023.69				
9/10/2002	per capita Dep #02-039	130.75		6154.44				
10/25/2002	per capita Dep #02-058, 4th Quarter, 2001-2002	30.50		6184.94				
10/25/2002	per capita Dep #02-058	23.00		6207.94				
10/25/2002	Donation by Kent Armstrong, SVC-in-C, Dep #02-058	10.00		6217.94				
10/31/2002	per capita Dep #02-059	426.00		6643.94				
11/12/2002	per capita Dep #02-060	507.50		7151.44				
12/8/2002	Granite State Camp 5, SUVCW - Ck # 5415		-500.00	6651.44				
12/8/2002	Champion Hill Camp 17, SUVCW - Ck # 5416		-500.00	6151.44				
12/8/2002	Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124, SUVCW - Ck # 5417		-500.00	5651.44				
12/8/2002	William B. Keith Camp 12, SUVCW - Ck # 5418		-400.00	5251.44				
12/9/2002	per capita Dep #02-061	213.00		5464.44				
12/19/2002	per capita Dep #02-062	79.75		5544.19				
1/16/2003	per capita Dep #03-063	147.00		5691.19				
2/6/2003	per capita Dep #03-064	140.75		5831.94				
2/19/2003	per capita Dep #03-065	1049.50		6881.44				
2/28/2003	per capita Dep #03-066	54.75		6936.19				
3/15/2003	Gen Nathaniel Lyon Camp 10, NJ Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5492		-500.00	6436.19				
3/18/2003	per capita Dep #03-067	60.00		6496.19				
3/31/2003	per capita Dep #03-068	62.25		6558.44				
4/10/2003	per capita Dep #03-069	110.50		6668.94				
4/29/2003	per capita Dep #03-070	108.50		6777.44				
5/19/2003	Donation by Andrew M. Johnson, Dep #03-071	33.33		6810.77				
5/29/2003	per capita Dep #03-072	65.25		6876.02				
6/13/2003	per capita Dep #03-074	36.25		6912.27				
6/24/2003	Champion Hill Camp 17, IN Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5549		-500.00	6412.27				
6/24/2003	Charles W. Canney Camp 5, NH Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5550		-500.00	5912.27				
6/24/2003	Gen Benjamin Dara Fearing Camp 2, OH Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5551		-500.00	5412.27				
6/24/2003	Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25, Cal/Pac Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5552		-1000.00	4412.27				
6/24/2003	Robert Byrd Camp 8, TN Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5553		-500.00	3912.27				
6/24/2003	Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22, MI Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5554		-225.00	3687.27				

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6/24/2003	NY Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5555		-500.00	3187.27				
6/24/2003	Brooks-Grant Camp 7, OH Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5556; for two (2) Last Soldier Project Memorials		-600.00	2587.27				
6/24/2003	KS Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5557		-500.00	2087.27				
6/24/2003	Phelps Camp 66, MO Dept, SUVCW - Ck # 5558		-500.00	1587.27				
7/14/2003	per capita Dep #03-078 for FYE 6-30-2003	85.50		1672.77				
02/19/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-001	20.00		1692.77				
03/18/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-002	2.00		1694.77				
04/29/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-003	64.00		1758.77				
05/29/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-004	2,928.00		4686.77				
06/03/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-005	1,041.00		5727.77				
06/13/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-006	3,434.00		9161.77				
06/17/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-007	754.00		9915.77				
07/14/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-008	457.50		10373.27				
07/31/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-009	2,426.50		12799.77				
08/22/03	SUVCW Memorial Fund, Grand Rapids, MI		-2000.00	10799.77				
10/13/03	NMAL Donation at 122nd Nat'l Encampment	2,000.00		12799.77				
12/08/03	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-011	596.50		13396.27				
12/22/2003	2003 annual per capita Dep #03-012	9.50		13405.77				
12/22/2003	Kent L. Armstrong, CinC, De Witt, MI 48820 - Ck # 4089	10.00		13415.77				
1/30/2004	2003 annual per capita Dep #04-013	29.50		13445.27				
2/6/2004	Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, KS Dept, SUVCW - Ck #5657		-500.00	12945.27				
2/6/2004	General Newton Martin Curtis Camp 142, NY Dept, SUVCW - Ck		-500.00	12445.27				
2/18/2004	2003 annual per capita Dep #04-014	18.50		12463.77				
3/30/2004	2003 annual per capita Dep #04-015	12.50		12476.27				
4/22/2004	Col. Roderick Matheson Camp 16, Cal/Pac Dept, SUVCW - Ck		-500.00	11976.27				
4/22/2004	Charles W. Canney Camp 5, NH Dept, CK #5737		-500.00	11476.27				
5/4/2004	Department of Ohio, CK #5741		-500.00	10976.27				
06/02/04	2003 annual per capita Dep #004-017	57.00		11033.27				
6/11/2004	Albert & James Lyon Camp 266, MI Dept., CK #5753		-500.00	10533.27				
6/11/2004	Joel Searfoss Camp 273, PA Dept., CK #5754		-500.00	10033.27				
6/11/2004	Gov Austin Blair Camp 7, MI Dept., CK #5755		-500.00	9533.27				
6/11/2004	Daniel Chapin Camp 3, Maine Dept., CK #5756		-500.00	9033.27				
6/11/2004	Henry Casey Camp 92, OH Dept., CK #5757		-500.00	8533.27				
6/15/2004	Gen. George L. Hartsuff Camp 50, MA Dept., CK #5760		-500.00	8033.27				
6/18/2004	Lone Star Camp 1, SW Dept., CK #5764		-500.00	7533.27				
6/18/2004	Sgt Elijah P Marrs Camp 5, KY Dept., CK #5767		-300.00	7233.27				
6/21/2004	Robert B. Reid, 4839 Hersholt Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808-1130	10.00		7243.27				
6/24/2004	Lockwood Camp 139, MI Dept, Ck #5769		-500.00	6743.27				
6/24/2004	Gov. Henry H. Crapo Camp 145, Ck #5770		-500.00	6243.27				
					Fiscal Year 2003/2004	Annual Bal	Bal For'd	
					-9300.00	13,870.50	4570.50	6243.27

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					Fiscal Year 2004/2005		Annual Bal	Bal For'd
7/15/2004	2004 annual per capita Dep #04-021	8801.50		15044.77				
7/31/2004	2004 annual per capita Dep #04-022	1747.50		16792.27	-11900.00	11,781.00	-119.00	6124.27
8/27/2004	2004 annual per capita Dep #04-023	1010.50		17802.77				
9/7/2004	2004 annual per capita Dep #04-024	6.50		17809.27				
9/23/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-025	35.00		17844.27				
10/5/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-026	3.00		17847.27				
10/22/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-027	27.50		17874.77				
11/5/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-028	23.00		17897.77				
11/16/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-029	16.50		17914.27				
11/28/2004	Schuyler F. Smith Camp 193, NY Dept., CK #5839		-500.00	17414.27				
11/28/2004	Cabot-Blessing Camp 126, OH Dept., CK #5840		-300.00	17114.27				
11/29/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-030	35.00		17149.27				
12/8/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-031	0.50		17149.77				
12/21/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-032	4.50		17154.27				
12/21/2004	The Delaney- Delacy Guard, SVR, PA Dept.; CK #5846		-500.00	16654.27				
12/21/2004	Robert Finch Camp 14, MI Dept.; CK #5847		-500.00	16154.27				
12/30/2004	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #04-033	5.00		16159.27				
1/24/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-034	23.50		16182.77				
2/7/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-035	28.50		16211.27				
2/24/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-036	4.00		16215.27				
2/24/2005	Loan Star Camp 1, SW Dept., CK #5901		-500.00	15715.27				
2/24/2005	L. G. Armstrong Camp 49, WI Dept., CK #5902		-1500.00	14215.27				
3/4/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-037	6.00		14221.27				
4/2/2005	Gen. George H Thomas Camp 19, PA Dept, CK #5932		-500.00	13721.27				
4/12/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-039	2.50		13723.77				
4/26/2005	2004 camp status report per capita Dep #05-040	0.50		13724.27				
5/5/2005	Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, KS Dept.; Ck # 5963		-500.00	13224.27				
5/5/2005	Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68, MO Dept.; Ck # 5964		-500.00	12724.27				
5/5/2005	Charles H. Huntley Camp 114, IA Dept.; Ck # 5965		-500.00	12224.27				
5/25/2005	Charles W. Canney Camp 5, NH Dept; Ck # 5970		-500.00	11724.27				
5/25/2005	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7, MI Dept.; Ck # 5971		-500.00	11224.27				
5/25/2005	George Armstrong Custer Camp 1, IL Dept; Ck #5972		-500.00	10724.27				
6/28/2005	Department of Ohio; Ck #5891		-500.00	10224.27				
6/28/2005	David D. Porter Camp 116, IN Dept; Ck #5892		-500.00	9724.27				
6/28/2005	Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7, NJ Dept; Ck #5893		-500.00	9224.27				
6/28/2005	Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, WA, Nat'l Dept-at-Large; Ck #5894		-500.00	8724.27				
6/30/2005	Gen James B. McPherson Camp 66, OH Dept.; CK #6000		-500.00	8224.27				
6/30/2005	Capt. David L. Payne Camp 2, OK Dept.; Ck #6001		-500.00	7724.27				
6/30/2005	Phelps Camp 66, MO Dept.; Ck #6002		-500.00	7224.27				
6/30/2005	Charles H. Bond Camp 104, MA Dept.; Ck #6003		-500.00	6724.27				

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Date	Item	Deposit	Grant Award	Balance	Total Grants per Fiscal Year	TTL Receipts per Fiscal Year	End of Year Receipts (-) Grants	End of Year
6/30/2005	Picacho Peak Camp 1, Arizona CAL, SW Dept.; Ck #6004		-600.00	6124.27				
				6124.27				
					Fiscal Year 2005/2006	Annual Bal	Bal For'd	
					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Quartermaster Supply Sales including Nat'l Pat. Inst. ROTC Metal Sales Fiscal Year 2004-2005

(Less Refunds)

		Q.M.'s Actual Shipping Cost	Q.M.'s Actual Insurance Cost	Q.M.'s Actual Payment Refund Due	See Row 870 for Refund of Overpayments						G. Total All Supply Sales Only
Check Date	Total S&H S'+ Other				QM Supply Sales			P.I. ROTC			
					Supplies + S&H	Supplies	S&H	Badge Sales	S&H	Badges + S&H	
Total YTD:	\$1,445.00	\$ 754.20	\$ 10.00	(\$36.00)	\$ 25,666.50	\$24,016.50	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$231.85	\$ 1,751.85	\$ 27,418.35
	\$ 680.80			Less Refunds=>	(\$36.00)	(\$31.00)	(\$5.00)	\$0.00	(\$3.00)	(\$3.00)	(\$39.00)
	= Excess S&H YTD			G. Total YTD=	\$ 25,630.50	\$23,985.50	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$228.85	\$ 1,748.85	\$ 27,379.35
				Less Refunds	\$ 27,379.35	G. Total YTD =					\$ 27,379.35

Check #	Order #	Total S&H S'+ Other	Q.M.'s Actual Shipping Cost	Q.M.'s Actual Insurance Cost	Row 870	Refunds			Refunds			G. Total Supply Sales
						QM Supply Sales			P.I. ROTC			
						Supplies&S&H	Supplies	S&H	Badge Sales	S&H	Badges + S&H	
						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
CK#5835	#084	\$ (2.00)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2.00)	\$ -	\$ (2.00)				
CK#5882	#201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (10.00)	\$ (10.00)	\$ -				
CK#5899	#230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (4.00)	\$ (4.00)	\$ -				
CK#5907	#265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (4.00)	\$ (4.00)	\$ -				
CK#5908	ROTC								\$ -	\$ (3.00)	(3.00)	
CK#5968	#403	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (10.00)	\$ (10.00)	\$ -				
CK#5969	#407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (3.00)	\$ (3.00)	\$ -				
CK#5996	#424	\$ (3.00)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (3.00)	\$ -	\$ (3.00)				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Sub-Totals :		\$ (5.00)	\$ -	\$ -	Sub-Total :	\$ (36.00)	\$ (31.00)	\$ (5.00)	\$ -	\$ (3.00)	\$ (3.00)	\$ (31.00)
												\$ (8.00)
Total YTD:		\$1,440.00	\$ 754.20	\$ 10.00	G. Totals:	\$ 25,630.50	\$23,985.50	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$228.85	\$ 1,748.85	\$ 27,379.35
		\$ 675.80										\$ 25,505.50
		= Excess S&H YTD			G. Total YTD=	\$ 25,630.50	\$23,985.50	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,520.00	\$228.85	\$ 1,748.85	\$ 1,873.85
				G. Total YTD =	\$ 27,379.35	G. Total YTD =					\$ 27,379.35	

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Civil War Heritage Defense Fund LOG**

Statement of Income, Expenses and Fund Balances, by fiscal year

Republic Bank Savings Account

Doner #	Doner's Check Dated, or Transaction Date	Doner or Description of Item Dispersed For	Deposit	Withdraw	Balance	Total	
						Deposits Fiscal Year	Withdrawals Fiscal Year
1	8/28/2003	Kent L. Armstrong, CinC; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 100.00		100.00	FY2003/2004	FY2003/2004
2	11/4/2003	Thomas P. McKenna; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		125.00	\$ 660.66	\$ -
3	11/6/2003	Richard A. Young; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		150.00		
4	11/8/2003	Neil Giffey; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		175.00		
5	11/8/2003	Warren C. McFarland; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		200.00		
6	11/14/2003	Robert E. Graves; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		225.00		
7	11/15/2003	Leroy H. Corbin; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		250.00		
8	11/16/2003	Neil Walter White; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 25.00		275.00		
9	12/1/2003	Robert E. Verney, Sr.; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 10.00		285.00		
10	12/13/2003	Waldo Jones; Nat'l CW H D Fd Donation	\$ 50.00		335.00		
11	11/7/2003	Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC	\$ 100.00		435.00		
12	12/21/2003	James G. Mathews	\$ 100.00		535.00		
13	12/31/2003	Interest Earned for 4th Qtr 2003	\$ 0.03		535.03		
14	2/1/2004	Bob Lowe	\$ 25.00		560.03		
15	1/30/2004	Gilluly-Kingsley Camp 120, MI Dept., Richard F. Lee, Treasurer	\$ 100.00		660.03		
16	3/31/2004	Interest Earned for 1st Qtr 2004	\$ 0.30		660.33		
17	6/30/2004	Interest Earned for 2nd Qtr 2004	\$ 0.33		660.66		
18	9/30/2004	Interest Earned for 3rd Qtr 2004	\$ 0.33		660.99	FY2004/2005	FY2004/2005
19	12/31/2004	Interest Earned for 4th Qtr 2004	\$ 0.33		661.32	51.34	0.00
20	3/31/2005	Interest Earned for 1st Qtr 2005	\$ 0.33		661.65		
21	4/26/2005	Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC	\$ 50.00		711.65		
22	6/30/2005	Interest Earned for 2nd Qtr 2005	\$ 0.35		712.00		
23						FY2005/2006	FY2005/2006
24						0.00	0.00
25							
26							
27							
28							
29							
30							



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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
FINANCIAL REPORT
2003-2004
PROPOSED BUDGET
2004-2005**



ITEM

2004-2005
PROPOSED2004-2005
ACTUAL YTD
30-Jun-20052005-2006
PER CAPITA &
BUDGET INCOME
ACTUAL TO DATE
Jul 1 - Jul 30, 20042005-2006
PROPOSED
BUDGET
July 31, 2005

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Members Paid	(Prorated)	6525	5888.78	5661	6425	X
Per Capita Dues (\$14.50)		\$104,400.00	\$94,220.50	\$90,576.00	\$93,162.50	X
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$14.50)		\$1,328.00	\$0.00		\$1,174.50	
Sale of Supplies		\$24,000.00	\$23,985.50	\$2,001.15	\$24,000.00	X
Shipping & Handling		\$1,600.00	\$1,645.00	\$141.65	\$1,600.00	X
Nat.Pat.Inst.Sales of ROTC Metals		\$500.00	\$1,748.85		\$1,000.00	
Subscriptions Banner		\$850.00	\$780.00		\$800.00	
Advertising in the Banner		\$1,500.00	\$1,356.00		\$1,500.00	
Reg Fee Nat. Encamp't		\$1,500.00	\$1,482.00	\$1,071.00	\$1,500.00	X
App. Fee New Camps		\$400.00	\$325.00	\$50.00	\$400.00	X
WebPage Service Revenue		\$50.00	\$360.00		\$360.00	
Aux. Love Gift		\$0.00	\$250.00		\$0.00	
Donations		\$50.00	\$0.00		\$50.00	
NMAL Donation		\$0.00	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	
Interest-CD's		\$2,900.00	\$5,125.95	\$279.45	\$8,800.00	X
Misc.		\$50.00	\$0.00	\$131.00	\$50.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$139,128.00	\$133,278.80	\$94,250.25	\$134,397.00	
Balance Forward from previous FY		\$5,435.00	\$5,435.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =		\$144,563.00	\$138,713.80	\$94,250.25	\$134,397.00	
Transfer to GAR Fund		\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer to Permanent Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer to Senior Vice CinC Fund		\$3,578.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer to Nat HQ Fund		\$4,500.00	\$3,501.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer to CW Heritage Def. Fund		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Transfers to Other 5 Funds		\$10,519.92	\$4,543.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME - TRANSFERS =		\$134,043.08	\$134,170.10	\$94,250.25	\$134,397.00	

EXPENSES

Supplies		\$25,000.00	\$17,320.26	\$1,854.96	\$18,000.00	X
Dies		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Ship & Handling		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		\$1,600.00	
C-in-C Allowance		\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00	
Nat. Sec. Allowance		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	X
Nat. Tres. Allowance		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	X
Nat. QM Allowance		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	X
Nat'l Elected Officers Requested to ...Represent C-in-C @ Dept. Encp's		\$4,200.00	\$969.79		\$7,000.00	
Executive Director		\$15,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$3,250.00	\$17,000.00	X
Ex Dir's Expenses		\$2,500.00	\$1,583.66		\$2,500.00	
CofA Per Diem		\$700.00	\$400.00		\$700.00	
Nat. Encamp Host Comm.		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
Past C-in-C Jewel		\$650.00	\$394.21		\$400.00	
Office Expense		\$3,500.00	\$677.22		\$1,700.00	??
Special Projects		\$2,500.00	\$116.00		\$2,500.00	
Contingency Fund		\$5,900.00	\$5,687.42		\$5,000.00	??
Telephone		\$500.00	\$65.51		\$500.00	
Postage		\$750.00	\$614.77		\$750.00	
Web Page		\$500.00	\$325.35		\$500.00	
Graves Reg. Comm.		\$900.00	\$75.00		\$500.00	
Record Storage		\$400.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Awards		\$410.00	\$136.65		\$350.00	



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Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,000.00
Software	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
AOL	\$250.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Proceedings Transcribe	\$500.00	\$594.00		\$600.00
Print Proceedings	\$3,000.00	\$2,028.84		\$10,000.00
BANNER	\$35,000.00	\$34,259.57		\$35,000.00
National Encp Site Comm Exp	\$500.00	\$101.39		\$500.00
National Encp Exp	\$1,000.00	\$973.57		\$1,000.00
Nat'l Encp Photographer plus Expenses				\$2,000.00
Nat'l Encp Photographer Supplies & Albums				\$250.00
SCV CinC's Nat Encamp Exp	\$450.00	\$0.00		\$450.00
Accounting-Audit	\$8,000.00	\$0.00		\$4,500.00
Accounting Fee (Allowance)	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$600.00	\$2,400.00 X
Officers Bond	\$753.08	\$693.00		Paid Up 'till Aug. 1, 2007
Misc Committee Exp	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00
Misc Expenses	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$131.00	\$317.00 X
Bank Charges	\$130.00	\$0.00		\$130.00
Special Life Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Bad Debt	\$50.00	\$0.00		\$50.00
Depreciation-Computer - 5 Yrs	\$400.00	\$0.00		\$400.00
Depreciation-Office - 5 Yrs	\$800.00	\$0.00		\$800.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$134,043.08	\$102,016.21	\$7,335.96	\$134,397.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$32,153.89	\$86,914.29	\$0.00
GAR FUND				
INCOME				
Nat.Pat.Inst.Appeal	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$100.00 X
Blue&Gray Ball	\$5,000.00	\$3,700.00		\$5,000.00
Donations	\$150.00	\$300.00		\$300.00
Escheated Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest	\$1,500.00	\$2,696.21	\$55.89	\$3,380.00 X
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$6,750.00	\$6,771.21	\$80.89	\$8,780.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$2,683.43	\$2,683.43	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$11,875.00	\$10,496.40	\$80.89	\$8,780.00
EXPENSES				
Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,000.00
Postage	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lincoln Memorial	\$100.00	\$83.95		\$100.00
Lincoln Tomb	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$400.00
GAR Remembrance Day Costs:	\$700.00	\$527.50		
Woolson's Monument Wreath				\$50.00
Amplification Equipment Rental				\$200.00
Memorial Services Program Printing				\$50.00
Other Mesc. Costs				\$400.00
SVR Costs: Liability Insurance				\$275.00
Streamers				\$270.00
Mailing				\$150.00
Postage				\$160.00
Cathedral of Pines	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00



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Tomb of Unknown	\$200.00	\$159.95		\$200.00
Congress of Pat. Org.	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00
Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00
GAR Campfire	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
Grant Tomb	\$225.00	\$200.00		\$200.00
Blue & Gray Ball Donation	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		\$3,700.00
Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,875.00	\$10,496.40	\$0.00	\$8,780.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.89	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$2,441.57	\$1,041.76	\$0.00	\$0.00

PERMANENT FUND

INCOME	50	44	12	50	
NMAL New Members (\$5.00)	50	44	12	50	
NMAL New Member Fees	\$250.00	\$220.00	\$60.00	\$250.00	X
HonorRoll Cont.	\$400.00	\$165.00		\$400.00	
Interest	\$1,950.00	\$2,855.08	\$172.60	\$4,350.00	X
Miscellaneous/Donations	\$300.00	\$540.00		\$300.00	
Life Member Fees	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$7,000.00	X
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$7,650.00	\$11,560.08	\$2,494.60	\$12,300.00	
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$7,650.00	\$11,560.08	\$2,494.60	\$12,300.00	
EXPENSES					
L.M. Per Capita: 1996 & 2001 Programs (\$18.00)	\$1,494.00	\$0.00		\$1,458.00	
L.M. Reimbursement Pymts: Pre-2001 Programs (3)	\$2,200.00	\$640.00		\$2,108.00	
Life Member Cards	\$20.00	\$0.00		\$20.00	
Postage to Mail L.M. Cards	\$10.00	\$0.00		\$10.00	
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,724.00	\$640.00	\$0.00	\$3,596.00	
Gross Gain/Loss	\$3,926.00	\$10,920.08	\$2,494.60	\$8,704.00	
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF FUND

INCOME					
Members Paid (Prorated)			5661	6425	
New Members (\$5.00)	600	755	406	750	X
Per Capita Dues (\$1.00)			\$5,661.00	\$6,425.00	
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$1.00)				\$81.00	
Reg.Fee,New Members	\$3,000.00	\$3,775.00	\$2,030.00	\$3,750.00	X
Donations	\$200.00	\$115.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	X
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$3,200.00	\$3,890.00	\$7,716.00	\$10,456.00	
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$1,946.65	\$1,946.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transferred from General Fund	\$3,578.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$8,725.00	\$5,836.65	\$7,716.00	\$10,456.00	



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EXPENSES				
Office	\$250.00	\$173.98		\$400.00
Telephone	\$300.00	\$0.00		\$381.00
Postage	\$175.00	\$420.14		\$575.00
E-mail	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Membership Ads	\$8,000.00	\$4,648.50		\$9,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,725.00	\$5,242.62	\$0.00	\$10,456.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$594.03	\$7,716.00	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$3,578.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

			5661	6425
INCOME				
Members Paid (Prorated)				
Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)			\$2,830.50	\$3,212.50
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$0.50)				\$40.50
Donations	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$100.00
Long Term Invest.	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest, CD's	\$250.00	\$307.99		\$1,050.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$350.00	\$307.99	\$2,830.50	\$4,403.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$4,500.00	\$3,501.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$4,850.00	\$3,809.93	\$2,830.50	\$4,403.00
EXPENSES				
Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00 X
Telephone	\$950.00	\$909.93	\$149.05	\$950.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
Furnishings	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$553.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,850.00	\$3,809.93	\$2,549.05	\$4,403.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281.45	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$4,500.00	\$3,501.94	\$0.00	\$0.00

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND

			5661	6425 X
INCOME				
Members Paid (Prorated)	6525	5890.50		
Per Capita Dues (\$2.00)	\$13,050.00	\$11,781.00	\$11,322.00	\$12,850.00
L.M. 1996 & 2001 Programs Per Capita (\$2.00)	\$166.00	\$0.00		\$162.00
Donations	\$50.00	\$0.00		\$50.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$13,266.00	\$11,781.00	\$11,322.00	\$13,062.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$6,243.27	\$6,243.27	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$19,509.27	\$18,024.27	\$11,322.00	\$13,062.00
EXPENSES				
Grants	\$19,509.27	\$11,900.00		\$13,062.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,509.27	\$11,900.00	\$0.00	\$13,062.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$0.00	\$6,124.27	\$11,322.00	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND

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INCOME				
Donations	\$1,000.00	\$50.00		\$1,000.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$1.34		\$2.00
SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$1,000.00	\$51.34	\$0.00	\$1,002.00
Balance Forward from previous FY	\$660.66	\$660.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME + BAL. FOR'D =	\$1,660.66	\$712.00	\$0.00	\$1,002.00
EXPENSES				
Grants	\$1,360.66	\$0.00		\$1,002.00
Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,360.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,002.00
Gross Gain/Loss	\$300.00	\$712.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Funds Used to Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GROSS GAIN/LOSS	\$4,226.00	\$50,504.27	\$108,809.23	\$0.00

GRAND TOTALS

SUB-TOTAL INCOME	\$171,344.00	\$167,640.42	\$118,694.24	\$171,098.00
Reserve Funds from previous FY	\$16,969.01	\$16,969.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred from General Fund	(\$10,519.92)	(\$4,543.70)	\$0.00	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	\$177,793.09	\$180,065.73	\$118,694.24	\$171,098.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$184,087.01	\$134,105.16	\$9,885.01	\$171,098.00
GROSS BALANCE	(\$6,293.92)	\$45,960.57	\$108,809.23	\$0.00
GENERAL FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
GAR FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
PERMANENT FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
SVC-IN-C FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
NATIONAL HQ'S FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
CW MEMORIAL PRES FUND	Minus (-)		= Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
CW HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND	Minus (-)		= Total Reserves for Fiscal Year 2005-2006	
NET BALANCE		\$0.00	= Total Amount Permanently Deposited into Savings Accounts	
			31 of 34 Depts. Paid to Date	
Note:	Proposed	Actual		Proposed
Total Interest - Actual to Date:	\$6,600.00	\$10,986.57		\$17,582.00