

MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2022
Grand Rapids, Michigan

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM (EDT) by CinC Michael A. Paquette.
2. Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation, followed by PDC Kevin Tucker leading the CofA in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Voting Members Present:**
 - CinC Michael A. Paquette, PDC
 - SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC
 - JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC
 - National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC
 - National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC
 - CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC
 - CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
 - CofA Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC
 - CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC
 - CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson, PCinC
 - CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC (*arrived at 7:38 PM*)
 - National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC (*arrived at 7:42 PM*)
4. **Voting Members Absent Excused:**
 - None
5. **Non-Voting Members Present:**
 - Executive Director David W. Demmy Sr., PCC
 - National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
 - Tim McCoy, National Signal Officer
 - Tad Campbell, PCinC
 - Mark Day, PCinC
 - Don Darby, PCinC
 - Don Shaw, PCinC
 - Ed Kreiser, PCinC
 - Ed Norris, PCinC
 - Perley Mellor, PCinC
 - Don Palmer, PCinC
 - Steve Michaels, PCinC
 - Jim Pahl, PCinC
 - Bob Grim, PCinC
6. **Guests Present:**
 - Dave Demmy, Jr., Dept of Pennsylvania
 - William Fischer, Jr., PCC, Dept of Pennsylvania
 - Tony Howell, Dept of Alabama
 - Dan Murray, Dept of Massachusetts
 - Dane DiFebo, DC, Dept of Pennsylvania
 - Rob Payne, Dept of Michigan
 - Robert Wolz, Dept of Ohio
 - Dale Crandel, Dept of Missouri

7. FROM SPRINGFIELD MEETING, April 16, 2022

a. *“Recommendation by Brother Bobby Welch to approve changes to the Form 5. The document handed out contains the same information that was presented at the Gettysburg CofA meeting, just better organized. PCinC Don Darby has an issue with the “Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal” “*

ACTION: P&P Committee has reviewed for the changes to the Form 5 and agree with the recommendation. Discussion followed. Brother Pierson moved the CofA accept the recommendation, Brother Tucker accepted. Vote: 9 for; 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

b. *“Medals received prior to these changes are grandfathered. Qualified people are also eligible to receive them now if requested.”*

ACTION: P&P Committee has reviewed for the changes to the Form 5 and agree with the recommendation. Discussion followed. Brother Pierson moved the CofA accept the recommendation, Brother Tucker accepted. Vote: 9 for; 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

c. *NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS: “10. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. [ACTION: CinC, to be reviewed by Gettysburg] Need recommendation from the Social Media Committee, P&P has action.”*

ACTION: Brother McCoy read the proposal for the Albert J. Myer Award. Discussion followed.
REFERRED BY CINC TO INCOMING P&P

8. FROM 2022 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS:

a. *Department of Pennsylvania, John Gipson, DC: RECOMMENDATION 1: That the SUVCW update the Form 7 to read “ROTC/JROTC/NSCC” wherever it currently reads “ROTC/JROTC,” and provide an explanation of the NDCC program in the text on the ROTC/JROTC Award page on the SUVCW.org website. Doing so shall ensure that there is no ambiguity regarding NDCC cadets/midshipmen being eligible for receiving the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC Award. [See attached Army Form 3126_1 (contract) demonstrating that NSCC must meet the same rigorous standards as JROTC] [ACTION: Assigned to P&P]*

The 2015 National Encampment discussed this on the floor; however, CinC Tad Campbell elected to refer it to the P&P Committee (2015 Proceedings, page 76)

CinC ruled this to be out of order based on it previously being addressed by a National Encampment. He planned to revisit it at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.

ACTION: William Fischer, Dept. of Pennsylvania, provided discussion. **REFERRED BY CINC TO INCOMING P&P**

9. FROM REMOTE MEETING, July 31, 2022:

a. **NATIONAL QM WEBSITE.** Brother Beard raised the question about QM website and have the changes been made? Brother McCoy has worked on some items, but cannot change some

items. Brother Freshley is no longer under contract to make changes to QM page. SUVCW needs to address these issues and start looking into some form of longer support for websites. It was recommended to reach out to Ken Freshley to see if he is willing to contract for the next year. Brother Beard will contact Brother Freshley about status and such.

Per CinC, it looks like we will need 2 or 3 candidates to bid on it.

Brother Day suggested that Brother Frail and Brother McCoy look at options and bring to them to the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting. Also, he recommended that we take the QM online store down about one week before the encampment and state it is under revision.

Mike Beard recommends we go with new QM form and prices at the National Encampment. Brother Lyon will use new form.

CinC Paquette is deferring price increase discussion until the post-encampment CofA meeting on August 14, 2022.

ACTION: Brother Beard will approach PCinC Ken Freshley to update, put flag prices on inventory sheet, only; put current price sheet online. Brother McCoy will get price from vendor for incorporating QM onto new form. Price increases will be as needed.

b. **GRANT CUP DISCUSSION.** Brother Pierson opened discussion concerning the Grant Cup and whether the award should be changed to a plaque.

ACTION: Brother Pierson will get the engraving for the cup updated. Brother Pierson will give recommendation at Gettysburg on cups and plaques.

10. **MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2022, CofA MEETING:**

a. Brother Russ brought up a question about the minutes from the June 21, 2022, meeting.

Brother Beard moved to redact from those minutes for those who were nominated and received the award, seconded by Brother Russ. Vote: 11 for, 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

b. CinC Paquette discussed should there be a National Policy on what personal information is available to public? PCinC Darby provided comments about finding out who to contact. Brother Tucker recommended the incoming CinC appoint a committee to review all forms and information for what should be available to public.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Brother Bruce Frail discussed the possibility of purchasing a paypal card reader for QM to allow for credit card payment versus check or cash. It was moved by Brother Frail to purchase one, seconded by Brother Tucker. **Motion withdrawn. QM to handle.**

b. PCinC Darby stated the transcriptionist is still being paid \$4 per page after 12 years. He asked if it could be raised to \$5.

Motion by Brother Beard, seconded by Brother Pierson, to raise payment to \$5 per page. Vote: For 10, 0 against, 1 abstain. **Motion carried.**

c. PCinC Mark Day stated he had received a request from a Department about sponsoring a Boy Scout troop. Day advised he would recommend NO, but he would take it to the CofA.

Brother Pierson recommended we investigate it. Brother Tucker moved to not sponsor scout troops, seconded by Brother Reinke. Vote: For 11, 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

PCinC Palmer: Presented survey that will be sent out to membership. Asked CofA to review the survey and provide feedback to committee.

Operating in the form of a 501(c)(3) – Addressing grants as revenue. Discussion of developing a virtual museum based upon the GAR and Allied Orders to give a broader visibility.

PCinC Darby: Perceived problem with not posting votes on electronic board room. Also concerned that the CofA needed to do a better job of posting CofA minutes on the National Website. Noticed in the minutes to have 24/7 IT support. Have not had dues increase since 2010. Consideration to increase dues by \$5. *Banner* could be sent out electronically to departments for further distribution.

Brother Russ: Moved to extend current licenses until Gettysburg CofA Meeting. Seconded by Pierson. Vote: For 11, opposed 0. **Motion carried.**

Brother Tucker stated he will be candidate for JVCinC at Nashua.

CofA was informed that Mark Hale, GA&SC will be candidate for CofA in 2023.

Brother McCoy would like the new Social Media distributed as soon as possible.

CinC Paquette. Kit Carson monument will be addressed to encampment.

13. Chaplain Kowalski gave the closing prayer.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM (EDT).