## Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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18 August 2009

- 1. To all of the Brothers that attended the 128 th National Encampment in Louisville, KY I extend my sincerest thanks for your support and faith in me. I am honored and will work diligently to serve the Order.
- 2. I wish to thank all of the hard working Brothers from the Department of Kentucky for an outstanding encampment. Your hard work showed in a very well run program. You should be proud.
- 3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive year and look forward to working with them in perpetuating the memory of our noble ancestors.
- 4. A challenge that is before us is to work diligently to try and get closer to the ending to two of our very important projects. The graves registration project and the memorials project both have finite endings and we need to strive, carefully, to the completions. These projects honor our ancestors and fulfill our mission. All Brothers should try to assist the Camp and Department GRO to gather the data on our ancestors and provide that data into our databases. Together, we can move these important projects along.
- 5. A more directed focus will be made to the position of Patriotic Instructor. Over the years this important position has seemed to have been either misunderstood or not enacted as it should be. We, together, will be focusing to have the Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructors work to provide short lessons, speeches and guidance for all of us to follow. Our Patriotic Instructor will be Don Martin, PCC, 6025 St. Route 722, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601; (740) 779-6833; d76lm@yahoo.com
- 6. As directed at the National Encampment, a new position of Assistant National Counselor Digest has been created. This position will review the Digest and place the opinions of Past Commander in Chiefs into references in the C&R. I am honored to appoint James Pahl, PCinC into this position.

- 7. The efforts of Alan Peterson, PDC, to return Memorial Day to its original date, should be supported by all Camps and Departments. As the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War approaches we need to make our elected officials aware of the history of Memorial Day.
- 8. All National Special Committees in place from 2009 will remain in place to serve the Order with the exception of the Digest Committee, which is discharged with thanks for their service.
- 9. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief is transferred from Louisville KY to 43 Beverly Circle, Greenville, RI, 02828 and all correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Electronic communications are available at <a href="mailto:CinC@suvcw.org">CinC@suvcw.org</a> and phone (401) 949-1780.
- 10. The National Headquarters is located at Post Office Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 232-7000.
- 11. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order can be directed to Richard Orr, PCinC, National Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; <a href="mailto:treasurer@suvcw.org">treasurer@suvcw.org</a>
- 12. All other correspondences to the Order may be directed to the National Secretary, Donald Palmer, Jr, PDC, 147 Lucerne Place Dr, Ballwin, MO 63011-3218; (636) 230-3656; <a href="mailto:secretary@suvcw.org">secretary@suvcw.org</a>
- 13. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567; CofA5@suvcw.org
- 14. All Departments please contact the National Chief of Staff, William C Vieira, PDC, 142 Foster St, Harrisville, RI 02830-1337; <a href="mailto:ChiefofStaff@suvcw.org">ChiefofStaff@suvcw.org</a>; (401) 523-8281 (cell) (401) 710-7753 (home), with Department Encampment dates and locations so planning can be made for attendance to as many as possible.

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2009.

Leo F. Kennedy Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

| Donald Palmer<br>Secretary, |                                   |  |
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