

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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1. The Grand Army of the Republic has sounded its final tattoo and that long line of blue has marched off into the sunset leaving behind a rich history and a legacy that will endure as long as we make it. We are all that is left of their dreams, hopes and desires. Their blood courses through our veins. They have passed the torch of freedom and democratic government to us and we must not fail in the sacred charge to pass it along to future generations.

2. We too as an organization have a rich history. Just as our forefathers defended this great Nation, we have done the same. The blood of Sons have been spilt on every battlefield since it's conception and our banners have flown over San Juan Hill and in the muddy trenches of France. Even today Sons serve all over the world and some still die for the cause of freedom and liberty. We owe it to every Brother of our Order who has ever put on a uniform of the United States Armed Forces to keep the history of this Order intact in a permanent way so that our deeds will be known by future generations.

3. It is for this reason that I have proposed several committees be formed and with their implementation we will be placed on good footing for the future. The great history of this organization must be preserved for future generations to study and understand in a permanent location. The problem of archival and artifact storage has plagued this organization for many years. Records, files and documents have disappeared that were almost invaluable. Important historic documents have been saved from public auction by concerned Brothers of this Order when these items should never have left our possession to begin with. Camp and Department artifacts have disappeared and have surfaced at antique dealers about the Nation because of not having a permanent location to store them. This must stop. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Long Range Planning Committee has been established and charged with examining the problem, finding solutions and reporting back to the 127th National Encampment in Boston with their recommendations for a solution to the problem.

4. As we move into the next decade the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War will be upon us. We as the living breathing descendants of the "Boys who wore the Blue" have a moral obligation to lead this Nation in this observance. Many functions will take place throughout the Nation and the Order will benefit from endorsing some of them, by setting up memorable ceremonies that will fall under the public eye and producing memorabilia that will serve to remind ours and future generations of the sacrifices of our forefathers. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Civil War

Sesqui-Centennial Committee has been charged with just that and to prepare the Order for this venerable time in this Nations History.

5. Also My Brothers, we are quickly approaching the Sesqui – Centennial of the forming of the Grand Army of the Republic. As per action taken at the 126th National Encampment on a recommendation made by Past Commander in Chief Richard Orr, I have appointed the GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee to serve through 2016 National Encampment in order to lead the Nation during this monumental celebration.

- The Headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

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The administrative Headquarters of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

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All Bills of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must be filed with the National Treasurer at the following address:

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Owosso , MI 48867-9616
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treasurer@suvcw.org

All correspondence concerning the Order shall be directed to the National Secretary at the following address:

Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC
147 Lucerne Place Dr.
Ballwin, MO 63011-3218
(636) 230-3656
secretary@suvcw.org

7. As per the report of the National Treasurer at the 126th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all Camps and Departments are required by the Internal Revenue Service to have

an Employee Identification Number (EIN). Those Departments and Camps that do not have an EIN will now be required to report separately to the Internal Revenue Service and will not be included under the blanket report of the National Order. Check with the National Treasurer to see if your Camp or Department has an EIN on file with the National Order.

8. All applications for Civil War Memorials Grant funds should be sent to following address:

D. Brad Schall, PDC, Chair
2754 Woodacre Court
Lincoln , CA 95648
Phone: (916) 408-4482 Fax: (916) 408-4482
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9. All Camps and Departments should make every effort to keep their web site updated and fresh. This information is vital to a growing organization. Sites that are out of date only cause frustration to those who may wish to contact us or for those wishing to join our Order. Our Order can not afford to discourage a single applicant from joining by ineffective and out-dated information posted to a public forum. Please update your site if it has not been done recently and continue to update it regularly. This will alleviate many problems down the road. This same information should also be transmitted to Lee Walters our Executive Director if it varies from the posted information.

10. I would like to extend my congratulations to the newly elected National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 (DUVCW), The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). I wish you a productive year and extend the Brotherly love of our Order to each of your Orders.

11. This administration will continue the practice established some time ago of recognizing Brothers for their recruitment efforts. Brothers that recruit 5 new Members or Associates into the Order will be considered as a National Aid and Brothers that recruit 3 new Members or Associates into the Order will be entitled to wear a piece of National ribbon behind their Membership or Associates Badge. I look forward to seeing our Order grow and wish to recognize all those Brothers that accomplish exceptional recruiting goals.

12. We have a busy year ahead of us. With you my Brothers we will advance the Order on the road to the future. I do not know what that road may hold ahead for us but with you I make this solemn trust, that I will try my hardest to grow and help the Order as a whole.

13. In closing I would like to thank every Brother of the Order for their support and their vote of confidence by placing me to the Office of Commander in Chief. I am honored that the Brothers of this Order have chosen me to lead them over the next 12 months. I am sure that it will be an exciting time for both the Order and myself. May God bless the United States of America , this Order and you, my Brothers.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.
Commander in Chief
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Donald Palmer
Secretary,
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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