

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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1. I am truly humbled, honored and appreciative to all the Brothers that attended the 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles, California for electing me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. The faith you have placed in my abilities is remarkable and I will do my level best to discharge the duties of this high office during my 2012-2013 term.
2. I wish to thank the Department of California & Pacific for hosting an excellent 131st National Encampment in Los Angeles. The Brothers that attended this Encampment were treated to some special events that will generate memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.
3. Congratulations go out to the newly elected Presidents of the Allied Orders. Our primary objective is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those that fought to preserve this great Union. To the Presidents of the Women's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW): we are all in this together. You have my complete support; please feel free to call on me any time.
4. The Vision and Planning Committee and the Committee on Promotion & Marketing were not made a Standing Committee at the National Encampment. I am reappointing both of these committees for another year with the chairmen and membership to be defined in the National Committee listing to be posted soon.
5. To support the Vision 2020 Plan I am forming a new special committee. The National Committee on Fund Raising will examine the fund raising proposal submitted by Brother Glenn Knight and other possible fund raising actions and report back to the encampment next year with a plan for implementation.
6. Also, the Civil War Sesquicentennial is upon us. We must take full advantage of the Sesquicentennial as we work towards our vision; we will not have an opportunity like this again for the foreseeable future. We need to use this period of time to recruit as many new Brothers as possible and to reach out to the Brothers that have let their dues lapse. We should be able to increase our membership by 400 by August 2013.

7. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief will be located at 16 Norma Dr., Nashua, NH, 03062-1340 and all correspondence to me may be mailed to this address. Correspondence may also be made by e-mail at cinc@suvcw.org. To speak with me please phone (603) 880-4699.
8. Correspondence concerning new members, membership reporting, finances dealing with annual reports or historical information with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Headquarters should be directed to David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director, at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat. Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000; execdir@suvcw.org.
9. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be sent to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburg, PA 15214-1251, (412) 931-1173; treasurer@suvcw.org.
10. All communications, resolutions, requests for merchandise licenses and general correspondence should be directed to National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316, (717) 476-9573; secretary@suvcw.org.
11. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule. Departments should contact the Chief of Staff with Department Encampments dates before the November Council of Administration meeting, if possible. Planning for Department Encampments attendance must be done as soon as possible in order to make sure every Department Encampment is attended by either the Commander-in-Chief or his representative. Department Encampment dates and locations should be sent to National Chief of Staff Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523-1959, (978) 365-7628; norris.ed@comcast.net.
12. Application for Civil War Memorial Grants and requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 9519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567, rpetro7776@aol.com.
13. All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850; (607) 272-7314, QM@suvcw.org.
14. All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), banner@suvcw.org.
15. The death of a Brother should be reported to National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, paptom@msn.com. Please include the deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, name of Camp and Department and the rank and unit of his Union ancestor.
16. All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters **on time**. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters **on time**. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations.
17. Please make every effort to keep Camp and Department websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Departments, the only means of communication. It is imperative that schedules of meetings, Events and other activities are maintained. These websites are also resources for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are an active organization.

18. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 132nd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.
19. It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to continue the program of recognizing Brother's for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2012-2013 administrative year will be declared a National Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new Brothers or Associates in that time will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the National Secretary through Department Secretaries by July 1, 2013.
20. I am looking forward to meeting as many Brothers as possible and addressing the challenges that we will face over the next year. Hope to see everyone in August 2013 at the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Ordered this 21st Day of August, 2012.

Perley E. Mellor.
Commander-In-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Eugene Mortorff
Secretary,
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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