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THE SON TAKES COMMAND



Chaplains prepare for Memorial Service.



The SCV extends greetings.



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 2008



Brothers wait to speak on an issue during the business session.



PA DC John M. McNulty (above left) accepts a vintage SVR flag, rescued from eBay by PCC Tim Graham (OH).



CinC Kuhn dances 'round the campfire.



Installation of National Officers.



(L to R) Seated at Registration are DC Perley Mellor (MA), PCinC George Powell (PA), PDC Walt Busch (MO) and PCC R Dean Sargeant (MA).





Photo at left: "PCinC James B. Pahl responds, after being declared out of order numerous times by Commander in Chief at 2008 National Encampment". What is it Really? Turn to page 22.

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In 2008, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has 6,038 brothers in Good Standing. This total represents 5,088 Members; 16 Real Sons; 362 Life Members; 3 Honorary Members; 129 Juniors; and 465 Associates. The total reflects an decrease in membership of 7 from 2007 for a .05% loss. Membership is spread throughout 247 Camps in 28 Departments, four Camps-at-Large, and a National Membership-at-Large (NMAL). (The NMAL is composed of Brothers, who live in a state that is not currently administered by a Department.)

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

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| Winter |
| Deadline—October 15 |
| Spring |
| Deadline—January 15 |
| Summer |
| Deadline—April 15 |
| Autumn |
| Deadline—August 15 |

On the Cover: Br. David V. Medert becomes the third of his immediate family to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief. His father, PCinC David R. Medert, who installed him at the recent National Encampment, served from 1995-96. His brother-in-law, PCinC Donald E Darby served from 2005-06.

MEET CINC MEDERT

David V. Medert of Chillicothe, Ohio was elected Commander-In-Chief at the SUVCW's 127th National Encampment in Peabody, MA, on 9 August 2008. CinC Medert's membership is based upon the service of his great-great grandfather, Cpl. Jacob Medert, Co. D, 126th OVI.

Medert was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, the son of PCinC David R. Medert and Patricia Fife Medert. The son of a retired Ohio State Highway Patrol Officer, Br. David's lived in Jackson, Chillicothe, Mansfield, and Albany, Ohio, where he graduated from Alexander High School in May 1970.

Following high school, Br. David enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Cryptologist where he served until his retirement from active duty in 1993 as a Sr. Chief Petty Officer. During his 23-year career, he served onboard 3 submarines, an aircraft carrier, light cruiser, heavy cruiser, frigate, an airborne reconnaissance squadron, and numerous stateside and overseas duty assignments. His final assignment was at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, DC, where he served as a Technical Advisor of a 4,000 member intelligence community.

After retiring from the Navy, Br. Medert sold life insurance for a short time before becoming the Director of Human Resources for an Agency providing assistance for individuals with mental and physical disabilities and homemaker care for veterans. The last two years, he has been the Service Manager for Harley-Davidson of Chillicothe.

Br. David is very active in Ohio Freemasonry. He is a member of Scioto Lodge 6, F&AM of Ohio and was Worshipful Master of his Lodge for two years. He is also active in the York Rite where he was elected as Excellent High Priest of his Chapter, Illustrious Master of his Council, and Eminent Commander of his Commandery of Knights Templar, receiving his Knight York Cross of Honor in 2002. He was also the 7th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master for three years.

Br. David joined Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 125, Dept. of Ohio in May 1988 and subsequently served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. In 1996, he formed the Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73, where he served as Camp Commander. Medert has been active in the Dept. of Ohio and served as Dept. Commander in 2000. Under his leadership, the Dept. of Ohio chartered five new Camps. Following that post, David was elected Dept. Secretary/Treasurer.



Br. Medert has been active in Civil War reenacting since his father introduced him to it in the late 1950s at the tender age of seven. The Civil War wasn't 100 years old and Medert and his Father were actively involved in artillery, providing demonstrations at the Ohio State Fair and local community events. In 1993, he joined Battery I, 1st Ohio Lt. Artillery, where he served as Battery Commander for 7 years.

Nationally, Br. Medert was the Nat. Membership List Coordinator prior to those duties shifting to the Exec. Director, served on the Legislation Committee, as Adjutant General of the SVR, and in 1997, was appointed Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, holding that position until his retirement in 2007. He is the recipient of the SVR Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and the SUVCW's Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star.

He and his wife Dianna of 27 years have two sons and seven grandchildren.



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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
07 AUGUST 2008 – PEABODY, MA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Charles Kuhn at 8:05 pm. Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present: CinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVCinC David V. Medert, JVCinC Leo Kennedy, Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Daniel Murray, James Hanby, D. Brad Schall, and Robert Petrovic, Immediate PCinC James Pahl, Nat. Counselor Richard D. Orr, Wash., D.C. Rep. Andrew Johnson, Banner Editor Stephen A. Michaels and Exec. Dir. Lee Walters. Additional PCinCs present included Charles W. Corfman, Edward J. Krieser, Elmer F. Atkinson, George L. Powell, David R. Medert, and Donald E. Darby. Guests included Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski and Nat. Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff.

Council Member Eric Schmincke was excused for personal reasons.

Old Business

NY Camp Bad Checks. The Camp books were audited and everything was in order. The account in question, which had been accumulating service fees due to the account being left open with a minimal balance, has now been closed.

Prompt depositing of checks. Discussion initiated at the request of the Nat. QM. PCinC Orr suggested that Nat. QM and Exec. Dir. send checks directly to Citizens Bank for deposit only. The bank would then send copies of the deposit slips to the Nat. Treas. for his records. Motion made by Br. Schall, seconded by SVCinC Medert, to implement the process suggested by PCinC Orr as it relates to checks sent to the Nat. QM only. The Nat. Treas. expressed concern that a new process was not needed. PCinC Orr then suggested tabling this item until the November Council meeting in Gettysburg. JVCinC Kennedy moved, Br. Murray seconded, to table. **Motion passed.**

Br. Schmincke. CinC Kuhn provided details on his family situation and his difficulty in performing his Council duties and as SVR Adj. Gen. He resigned as Adj. Gen., but wishes to continue as a member of the Council. Nat. QM Wheeler moved, Br. Petrovic seconded, to allow him to complete his term on the Council. **Motion passed.**

Laptops. Delivery to the Nat. Sec., BANNER Editor and Credentials Comm. will be made after the Nat. Encampment. The Chief of Staff will prepare receipts for auditing purposes, to be signed by those receiving computers and subsequently filed by the Nat. Sec.

Protection of Insignias and emblems of the Order. Nat. Sec. Palmer reported that he had discussions with a patent attorney regarding patents and copyrights as they might apply to our needs. PCinC Orr noted that the Nat. charter has language that protects medals, insignias and logos in perpetuity. He stated that specific language associated with the items requiring protection is needed to supplement the charter.

Delinquent Nat. Encampment proceedings. Br. Hanby reported that, of the remaining proceedings that had been budgeted, only those from the 112th (1993) and 118th (1999) Nat. Encampments have yet to be completed. Br. Hanby recommended in his report to the Nat. Encampment that the remaining proceedings be printed in the 8 x 11 spiral bound format rather than the smaller book bound format in order to save funds.

Procedures for forming new Departments. SVCinC Medert reported providing recommendations for changes to Forms 54 and 55 to JVCinC Kennedy, who would become chairman of the Program & Policy Committee, if elected. The CinC inquired about giving Departments the authority to grant permission to form Camps (as opposed to the Nat. organization). With no action taken, he requested that this issue be passed on to the Program & Policy committee under the next administration for action.

Applications for Juniors/Junior Associates and War Medal application criteria. CinC Kuhn tabled the discussion on War Medal application criteria since this would be brought up on the floor of the Nat. Encampment. SVCinC Medert indicated that the proposed application for Juniors/Junior Associates was sent out for review and no feedback was provided. Br. Hanby moved, Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to approve the Juniors/Junior Associates application as presented by the Program & Policy Committee. **Motion passed.**

Visits to Departments. During CinC Kuhn's visit to the VT Dept. Encampment, they mentioned that it had been many years since a CinC had attended. In his report to the Nat. Encampment, CinC Kuhn recommended that a CinC be required to visit a Dept. at least once every five years.

The CinC called for a break at 9:20 pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Presentation on "snapshot reporting." Nat. Chief of Staff Mortorff reviewed a proposed Camp/Department reporting process. A lengthy discussion ensued focusing on both the positives and negatives of the proposed process. PCinC Pahl moved, Br. Hanby seconded to (1) end discussion because the Council cannot act on it and (2) correct the slides and make the presentation to the Nat. Encampment. The CinC subsequently tabled the motion.

Proposed budget for the 2008-2009. Nat. Treas. Newman distributed copies and a general discussion followed, hitting on topics ranging from reimbursable expenses when representing the CinC to requests for funding for various monument projects. PCinC Pahl moved, Br. Hanby seconded, to approve the budget as presented. **Motion passed.**

Educational program for Juniors/Junior Associates. CinC Kuhn commended Chairman Schall and the Americanization and Education Comm. for their work in developing the core of the proposed "Memorial University".

Nat. Counselor report. PCinC Orr provided clarification on wording of some recommendations. He also presented information on Ward 57, a relief organization for seriously wounded veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq, who the Government does not provide for. He requested

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NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED

PDC HANBY CHOSEN FOR HIGH POST

PDC James R. Hanby, Sr. (Dept. of MD) was elected Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief at this year's National Encampment.



He served four years as Wilmington's Appomattox Camp 2 Commander and as his Dept.'s Commander from 2004-06.

During his three previous years on the Council of Administration, Br. Hanby has been instrumental in compiling previous Encampment proceedings, readying them for publication. He

has served as chair of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee.

Br. Hanby is a director of the non-profit SUVCW Charitable Foundation, which supports the Order's educational and charitable causes through financial grants. In 2007, he was instrumental in establishing the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund, which supports the foundation's programs.

He serves as adjutant of Co. C, Col. Henry A. DuPont Guard, SVR, and the 2nd MD's PIO. Additionally, he has held leadership roles in the American Legion, the Masons, several historical societies and served on the Board of Directors of the Lombardy Foundation. He received Junior Achievement's second highest award for his long service to H.O.P.E.

Br. Hanby is a County magistrate for New Castle County, DE. He and wife Shelly have two children, J.R. and Hannah.



PDC MELLOR ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

PDC Perley E. Mellor (Dept. of MA) was elected to the three year term on the National Council of Administration, vacated by PDC Daniel Murray. Br. Mellor has been a member of the SUVCW for 46

years and has most recently served as Dept. Commander, commander of the New England Regional Association and as a member of the 2008 National Encampment Planning Committee. He serves on the Willie Grout Camp 25 Camp Council.

Br. Mellor retired from the USAF in 1984 after 20 years and is also retired from BAE Systems (aka Sanders, a Lockheed Company). He is a member of ASIS

International, the American Legion and a life member of the DAV.

Br. Mellor's right to membership is based upon his great grandfather, Sgt. Clark W. James, Co. K, 21st CT Inf., and comrade of George H Ward GAR Post 10 in Worcester; Pvt. Wm. H. Mellor, Co. H, 34th MA Inf.; and Pvt. Andrew Lucia, CO. D, 13th VT Inf.

Br. Mellor's father, Clark C. Mellor was SUVCW CinC in 1988-89 and his mother is a life member of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW and a sister in the WRC. His wife, Diane, and daughters are officers in the Auxiliary.

PCC SHAW FILLS VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

PCC Henry E. Shaw, Jr. (Dept. of OH) was elected to serve one year, completing the term on the National Council of Administration, left vacant by Br. Hanby. Br. Shaw joined Sgt. Enderlin Camp 73 in 1998 and is a Life Member of both the SUVCW and the SAR. He has served as Camp Commander, on the Camp Council and as Dept. Counselor.



Br. Shaw is a graduate of Ohio Northern University, a retired County Common Pleas Judge with almost 27 years service, and a member of both the Pennsylvania and Ohio Bars. He is a member of a number of societies and foundations, and serves as Counselor for the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. He is also

active in several Masonic organizations.

Br. Shaw is a member of Battery I, 1st OH Lt. Artillery, and has served on the National SVR Staff since 2001. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and now holds the position of Deputy Commander with the rank of colonel.

Br. Shaw is a collector of firearms and a member of the NRA. He also enjoys carpentry and home restoration.

He and wife Sharon, a retired Staff Nurse, have a married daughter, also an attorney, and two grandsons.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 19

Brothers,

1. It is my sad duty to accept the retirement of PDC Bob Lowe as GRO. Because of continued health problems Bob has come to this decision after a great deal of hard thought.

2. Bob has served this Order on the GR Comm. for many years and served as GRO under a number of consecutive administrations. His efforts have led the way in Graves Registration and the GR Data Base would not be what it is today without his efforts. Bob's love of this project has been quite extensive. We wish Br. Lowe the very best and pray for his recovery.

3. I also would like to recognize his wife Rosemary Lowe for her continued support and efforts at the time of Bob's illness in helping to maintain the data base. Brothers we have it today because of her efforts while Bob was down.

4. Bob will be replaced as GRO by Br. James Davenport of the Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming. Anything concerning Graves Registration should be directed to Br. Davenport rather than Br. Lowe. I am confident that Br. Davenport will be able to pick up and continue the work that Br. Lowe has thus far so nobly advanced.

So ordered this 2nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20

1. The following Depts. have not filed their annual report with the Nat. Order;

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|------------------------|---------------|
| California and Pacific | Massachusetts |
| Colorado and Wyoming | New Hampshire |
| Connecticut | New Jersey |
| Illinois | Oklahoma |
| Iowa | Texas |
| Kentucky | Wisconsin |
| Maine | |

2. These Depts. are in violation of Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 1 of the Nat. Regulations.

3. By the authority granted to me as the Commander-in-Chief of the Nat. Organization SUVCW, I hereby place these Depts. under suspension.

4. These Depts. may not meet or transact business of any type, or their Delegates to the Nat. Encampment may not be seated until such time that they bring themselves into good standing with the Nat. Order by filing their annual report with the Exec. Dir. and paying their per capita to the Nat. Order. They may also deposit these items with the official Nat. Officer that is designated to attend their Encampment

if they have not yet met in annual session.

So ordered this 2nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 21

1. The following Depts. have filed their annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;

California & Pacific – June 9th, 2008

Kentucky – June 7th, 2008

Maine – June 9th, 2008

New Hampshire – June 9th, 2008

New Jersey – June 7th, 2008

Wisconsin – June 7th, 2008

So ordered this 9th day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 22

1. The following Depts. have filed their annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and are hereby reinstated to good standing;

Colorado/Wyoming - June 13, 2008

Massachusetts – June 13, 2008

So ordered this 16th day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 23

1. The following Dept. has filed its annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and is hereby reinstated to good standing;

Texas – June 18, 2008

2. The Depts. of Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the Nat. Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 18th day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 24

1. Pursuant to Article IX of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, resolutions proposing amending the Constitution of the Order have been submitted in writing by the Pennsylvania Department on 22 June, 2008. The resolutions propose the following changes;

**POWER OF THE CINC TO DELAY AN ACTION
OF A NAT. ENCAMPMENT - ARTICLE V
Organization**

Section 2

(a) The supreme power and authority ...

(b) If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of a National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and or United States law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A majority vote of the Council

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I REMEMBER THE GAR

FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF PCIN C RICHARD O. PARTINGTON

THE 1938 GETTYSBURG REUNION



*“During the Reunion, I spent most of my time visiting the veterans in the ‘tented city,’ recording their experiences in the war.”
Br. Partington’s reminiscences of this time were first presented in 1995 by request of PCinC Bud Atkinson.*

In 1938, I attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue & Gray in Gettysburg. At that time, I kept a diary, which was published a few years ago in the Banner. A photograph was taken of an interesting Confederate veteran and myself in my Reserve uniform by a reporter for the Danville Gazette, Danville, IN.

During the Reunion, I spent most of my time visiting the veterans in the “tented city” recording their experiences in the war. Some of these notes I regret to say have been lost. One of the men I spent considerable time with was Frederick J. McWade. Frederick J. McWade had enlisted at the age of 16 in the 150th Ohio and engaged in several skirmishes in Va. In 1864, he was in Washington, serving in the forts that encircled the city when Confederate Gen. Jubal Early came swooping down upon the capitol.

Washington was surrounded by a chain of forts, which ranged along the opposite banks of both branches of the Potomac – a semi-circle of forts were to the north, the northern most being Fort Stevens. It was here that Early struck. He expected to take the fort by surprise, but Ft. Stevens and all other fortifications, to his surprise, were fully manned.

“Early’s heavy artillery was blasting away and we were answering,” said McWade. “That went on for three days and on the last day, Pres. Lincoln came out from the White House with Secretary of State Seward to view the forts. They joined Gen. Wright on the bombproof and Lincoln stood erect despite the protestations of his aids. I can still see him about seven feet tall with his hat. While Seward trotted along beside him, they urged him to get down, but he remained erect until a bullet dropped one of his staff, the surgeon. Then he bent down as if

bewildered, and they moved back cautiously.”

When I was CinC, I spoke at a Lincoln Luncheon in the Dept. of New Jersey on this episode. I used as a source for this talk the account of Comrade McWade along with the experience recorded by Justice Oliver Wendel Holmes in the book, Yankee from Olympus.

Mr. McWade never married and was attended at Gettysburg by his aid, Maurice Webb, who was employed as manager of the Appliance Dept. at Strawbridge & Clothier. Mr. Webb took copious notes of the reminiscences of both Union and Confederate veterans. I often wondered what happened to them, as they were more numerous and professional than mine.

Comrade McWade was employed for 40 years after the Civil War by the Pennsylvania Railroad as general baggage agent and was credited with organizing and perfecting the checking system of that railroad.

During the summer, Mr. McWade lived at his home in Holmesburg, but in the winter months, he moved to the Union League. He is buried in the churchyard of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Holmesburg, where he had served on the Vestry.

In Ken Burns’ Series on the Civil War, Episode 9, he speaks of the 50th Reunion of the Blue & Gray in Gettysburg in 1913. After speaking of Picket’s Charge and how the veterans now embrace one another in brotherly love and affection,” he shows a picture of a Union and Confederate veteran greeting one another in back of a wall. The Union veteran was Frederick J. McWade and the Confederate veteran was J.F. Howell. This picture was taken in 1938, not 1913.



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of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order(s) authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication.

1. Action shall be taken at the next Encampment of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War upon this resolution. Activation of said changes shall be subject to the ratification of the same by a simple majority of all Departments but not prior to the final Department Encampment of that year.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 25

1. While in attendance at the PA Dept. Encampment of the SUVCW, the Nat. Counselor informed me of various decisions that were rendered. They are as follows;

a. JAG Johnson in 1899 stating "A Member can not hold two elected offices at once." Op II, 18th, 23.

b. CinC Spink issued a decision stating "A Brother cannot hold two elective offices simultaneously." Dec IV, 22nd, 205.

2. These opinions and decisions may be interpreted in multiple ways:

a. A Brother may not hold multiple elected offices regardless of the level within the Order.

b. A Brother may not hold multiple elected offices at the Camp, Dept. or Nat. level.

3. It is the ruling of this office that:

a. A Brother may not hold more than one elected office at the Camp level other than that of Camp Sec. and Camp Treas., as provided for in the Nat. Regulations nor may he hold more than one elected office in more than one Camp.

A Brother may not hold more than one elected office at the Dept. level other than that of Dept. Sec. and Dept. Treas. as provided for in the Nat. Regulations nor may he hold more than one elected office in more than one Dept.

A Brother may not hold more than one elected Nat, Office simultaneously except that of the offices of the Nat. Sec. and Nat. Treas. as provided for in the Nat. Regulations. This excludes the Nat. Military Dept.

A Brother may only hold a maximum of three (3) elected offices simultaneously.

One (1) at the Camp level

One (1) at the Dept. level

One (1) at the Nat. level

4. I truly understand that a number of the Brothers of this Order may already have been elected to more than one position within Camp or Dept. and they may continue in that position providing that it is not in conflict with the Nat. Regulations of the Order until such time that their term expires at which time they must comply herewith. Any Brothers from this day forward being newly elected to more

than one office at the Camp, Dept. or Nat. level are in violation of this decision.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

REVISED - GENERAL ORDER NO. 25

1. Upon further examination of the Order's Regulations, it is apparent that this order affects other areas in the Regulations. In order to understand the ruling of CinC Spinks, one must understand the Organization's history and where the Order stood when the order was written.

2. When CinC Spinks wrote this decision, the SUVCW was at its zenith. The Order was flush with members and there was not a problem filling any of the vacated positions. In fact, there was a great deal of political contest even at the Camp level for the seats of the Council, Jr. and Sr. Vice Co.

3. At the time, this decision worked. Unfortunately, the Order's membership has greatly declined in the last 100 years and in some cases, there are not enough Brothers to even fill the elected seats without even filling the appointed positions.

4. There have even been cases where the elected Officers of one Camp joined and were elected the Officers of other Camps in order to revive a Camp that was on the verge of collapse. This has happened several times here in the PA Dept. with great success. These Camps where this happened now are some of the most active and vibrant in the Dept.

5. As a result, it is sometimes necessary for a man to hold more than one elected office in a particular Camp or in several Camps at the same time.

6. This even affects the required number of members to form a new Camp. The current requirement is a minimum of five (5) members to form a new Camp. Simple math will prove that someone must fill more than one seat in order to fill all of the seats of the Camp.

7. Therefore, I hereby repeal General Order 25 until such time that it can be brought to the floor of the Nat. Encampment and settled by the Brothers seated there in.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 26

1. It is my happy duty to announce the ratification of the Constitutional changes effecting Juniors and Junior Associates. All changes to the Nat. Constitution and Regulations adopted by the 1st Special Nat. Encampment held on 17 November, 2007 in Gettysburg are hereby in force.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 27

1. With no further action being taken on the part of Gen. John Sedgewick Camp 10 Camp-at-Large, located in the State of Oregon to bring themselves into good standing with the Nat. Order by filing the necessary reports and paying the required per-capita to the Nat. Order, and more than 12 months having passed since the due date of said reports were due, and more than 10 months having passed since the

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issuance of General Order 15 by then CinC James B. Pahl on August 11, 2007 suspending this Camp for failure to file said paperwork, I hereby revoke the Charter of Gen. John Sedgewick Camp 10 Camp-at-Large in the state of Oregon.

2. The Camp is hereby ordered to surrender their Charter, all records and all properties to the office of the Exec. Director to be received by him no latter than 1 August, 2008 or face further action.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 28

1. It is my sad duty to report to the Brothers of this Order the passing of a PNP of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Elizabeth Koch on Thursday June 19, 2008.

2. Sr. Betty was a member of the Allied Orders for more than 74 years and was married Elton O. Koch who served this Order as CinC from 1979 – 1980.

3. Sr. Betty joined the LGAR at a young age and served in nearly all offices of that Order over the years with service as Nat. Pres. of the LGAR in 1976 – 1977.

4. Her service and devotion to the Allied Orders will be greatly missed at our joint gatherings.

5. Services will be held on Tuesday, June 24th, at 10:30 AM at the White Luttrell Funeral Home, 311 Swarthmore, Ridley Park, PA. Burial will take place following the service at the Chester Rural Cemetery in Chester, PA. Floral arrangements can be arranged through Ridley Park Florists, (610) 521-3366. Those wishing to call can do so from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM the same day.

So ordered this 22nd day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 29

1. It is my sad duty to report to the Brothers of this Order the passing of Br. Bob Lowe, PDC from the Dept. of CA & Pac. Bob passed away peacefully on Monday evening, 23 June 2008, at 5:22 PM PDT.

2. Br. Bob was the Nat. GRO through many administrations. He was the recipient of the Cornelius Whitehouse award as outstanding Brother of the Year, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, and one of the driving forces in the Dept. of CA & Pac.

3. A Memorial Service will be held at the El Cajon Elks Lodge 1812, 1400 E. Washington Ave., El Cajon, CA, on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 1pm. In Lieu of flowers donations may be sent to San Diego Hospice.

4. Your cards and condolences can be sent to his loving wife:

Rosemary Lowe
780 Paulsen Avenue
El Cajon, CA 92020-7346

5. Bob's face will be missed at future Encampments. Brothers, we have lost a good man.

So ordered this 24th day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 30

1. The following Dept. has filed its annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and is hereby reinstated to good standing; Iowa – June 26, 2008

2. The Depts. of Connecticut, Illinois and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the Nat. Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 26th day of June, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 31

1. The following Dept. has filed its annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and is hereby reinstated to good standing; Illinois – July 16, 2008

2. The Depts. of Connecticut, and Oklahoma have yet to file their annual reports with the Nat. Order and still remain under suspension.

So ordered this 16th day of July, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 32

1. The following Dept. has filed its annual report with the Nat. Order as of the date indicated below and is hereby reinstated to good standing;

Oklahoma – July 22, 2008

2. The Dept. of Connecticut has yet to file their annual report with the Nat. Order and still remains under suspension.

So ordered this 22nd day of July, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 33

1. The following Department has filed its annual report with the National Order as of the date indicated below and is hereby reinstated to good standing;

Connecticut – July 24, 2008

2. All Departments are currently in good standing with the National Order and their delegates and Past Dept. Commanders are authorized to be seated at the 127th Nat. Encampment.

So ordered this 24th day of July, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 34

1. The 127th Annual Encampment of the SUVCW will be held August 7th through the 10th at the Boston Marriott Peabody located at 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA.

2. The Office of the Commander-in-Chief shall be headquartered at the Boston Marriott Peabody, commencing 5 August, 2008.

3. Delegates, Alternates, DCs and PDCs to the 127th Nat. Encampment must have a Credentials Card signed by their Dept. Sec. or they shall not be seated as a voting member of the Encampment. Seated elected Nat. Officers and PCinCs shall have a Credentials Card signed by either the Nat. Sec. or the Sec. from the Dept. from which he hails from.

Credentials Cards will not be issued by the Credentials Committee.

4. Vacancies in the Delegates from any particular Dept. may be filled by the DC or Chairman of that particular

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that the SUVCW website provide a link to this organization. PCinC Pahl cautioned that the IRS is clamping down on links to not-for-profit websites.

Anti-Virus Software. PCinC Powell noted that the laptops distributed to Nat. officers must have anti-virus software and that the Nat. organization must provide funds for this. CinC Kuhn deferred action on this item to the next administration.

Nat. Chief of Staff. Br. Mortorff thanked everyone for their support this past year. The Council, in turn, expressed their thanks for a job well done.

PCinC Pahl recommendation. That the incoming CinC task his Nat. Counselor with reviewing the IRS guidelines and rules regarding websites to ensure that the SUVCW is in compliance.

Reimbursement to Those Representing the CinC. Br. Murray moved, PCinC Pahl seconded, to reimburse JVCinC Kennedy for representing the CinC at the New England Reg. Assoc. meeting. **Motion passed.**

Additionally: SVCinC Medert noted that he has an early Sunday afternoon flight and that, if elected CinC, the Post-Encampment Council meeting will move fast.

Nat. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski reported that he will hold a church service at 7 am Sunday morning for those wishing to attend prior to the Council meeting or heading home.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in F, C and I,
PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
National Secretary

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Delegation, if the Dept. Co. is not present, from the credentialed Alternates of that delegation only.

5. It is the intent of the CinC to expedite the elections of Officers at the 127th Nat. Encampment by having the nominations for the various seats as the last piece of business on Friday, 8 Aug. 2008, and Elections for said seats on Saturday morning, first thing, 9 Aug. 2008.

6. When arriving at the meeting room on Saturday morning, 9 Aug., Brothers will pass by the credentials table and give their name and Dept. and check in. When all have entered, the doors will be locked and the elections will take place. During this time no one will be allowed to leave the room.

7. Plan on arriving at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of business on Saturday, the 9th of Aug., so that we can get all of the Brethren in and seated and get started with elections as soon as possible.

So ordered this 27th day of July, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 35

The following awards are hereby presented to the following Brothers, Camps and Departments;

1. Meritorious Service Awards have been presented to the following Brothers of the Order;

Larry Green, Dept. of NY
Phil Soring, Dept. of NY
Will Tisch, Dept. of Cal/Pac
Kevin Motter, Dept. of NC
Eric Peterson, Dept. of GA/SC
Gene Turner, Dept. of OK
Carl Fallen, Dept. of OK
John "Tucker" McHugh, Dept. of OK

2. Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Star have been presented to the following;

Ken Freshley, Dept. of OH
James Davenport, Dept. of CO/WY

3. The Abraham Lincoln Award goes to Col. E. D. Baker Camp 6, Oregon, for raising over \$20,000 for the construction of a replacement bronze statue that was stolen from a cemetery and the replacement of over 35 gravestones in the GAR plot where the monument stood.



*CinC Kuhn
congratulates National
Aides PCC George
Weimann (NY) and CC
Jeffrey French (MD).
Each has recruited five
or more brothers.*

4. The Marshall Hope Award goes to C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Dept. of WI – "Camp Orders" - for the nation's best newsletter.

5. The Joseph S. Rippey Award goes to the John A. Logan Camp 4, Dept. of NC for the best new Camp during the preceding Calendar year.

6. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award goes to the Dept. of NY with 54 new members.

7. The U. S. Grant Cup goes to the Dept. of NE for the greatest percentage gain in Membership. They had a gain of 14%.

8. The Founders Award this year goes to a man who I do not even need to tell you what he has done to aid in the remembrance of all veterans. With his landmark documentary series "The Civil War" and his new documentary "The War", the award goes to Mr. Ken Burns.

9. The following Brothers are hereby appointed as a National Aid for recruiting 5 new Members;

Jeffrey French, Dept. of MD
Raymond LeMay, Dept. of NY
Bruce Glaser, Dept. of NY
Joe Hervan, Dept. of NY
George Weinmann, Dept. of NY

10. The B.F. Stephenson Award goes to Br. Jeff French of the Dept. of MD for recruiting 10 new Members.

11. The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Outstanding Brother of

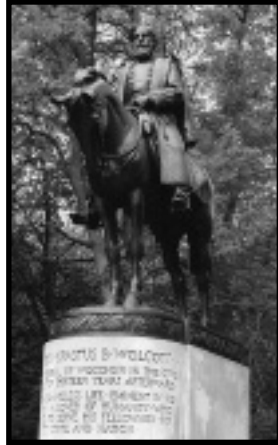
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NATIONAL GRANTS FUND MEMORIALS

This past year, several Camps and Departments have benefited from the Order's Memorial/Monument Grant Fund. Grants are awarded for preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials, as well as supporting the production of new monuments. For more information, visit <http://suvcw.org/ftp/memgrant-fi.pdf> or contact Grant Committee Chairman PDC D. Brad Schall at (916) 408-4482 or CofA6@suvcw.org

Milwaukee's Gen. Erastus B. Wolcott monument recently benefited from a grant. The statue, which looks out over Lake Michigan, depicts Wisconsin's Civil War Surgeon General and the namesake of the city's largest GAR post. Its members spoke at the original June 1920 dedication.

By 2004, pollution, vandalism and the elements had taken their toll. For three years, C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, in partnership with the Lake Park Friends, raised funds and awareness. Last year, a conservator used a laser to clean the monument's surface and this past Spring, a dedication ceremony was held, which included the Camp and Auxiliary.



(L to R): WI PDC Kent Peterson, PCinC Steve Michaels, Br. Robert Cuevas, Conservator Andre Anjnowski, Proj. Coord. Diane Buck, Br. John Thielmann, PNP Danielle Michaels, Sr. Kathy Anderson, Junior Ian Cuevas, and Sr. Marge Berres (WRC). Photo by Br. Tom Ludka.

This past Memorial Day, **Tulsa's** Indian Nation Camp 3 dedicated a **new GAR monument** at the city's Rose Hill Cemetery. Partly patterned after a number of turn of the 20th Century GAR pieces, the original 9 ½ foot obelisk is made of solid gray granite, and was placed in a pristine setting, including fencing, black lava rock surrounded by a walkway, benches, a dedication stone, and tasteful landscaping. \$1500 of the \$8000 cost was provided by grants from the SUVCW and the Charitable Foundation.

PDC Gene D. Turner, the monument's designer, served as program coordinator. Wreaths were placed by the Auxiliary and DUVCW and the names of Rose Hill's 34 veterans were presented. The ceremony closed with an 11-man honor guard of the 77th PA Vol. Inf. firing successive volleys.



Members of the 77th PA Vol. Inf., including Indian Nation brothers JVC Rex Griffin, Capt. (kneeling front left) and Br. Eric Sachau (2nd from left) flank the newly dedicated GAR monument in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Lancaster, PA, Cemetery GAR monument was recently upgraded. The GAR section's 1841 6-pound smooth bore cannon barrel monument faces a semi-circle of 106 Civil War soldier burial plots.



The old concrete base was deteriorated and collapsing around the upright and so Gen. Geo H. Thomas Camp 19 raised funds to upgrade the base. A grant from the SUVCW helped the Camp achieve its \$10,000 goal. Two years earlier, the Camp dedicated a new flag pole on the site.



Br. Mike Riley as MG John F. Reynolds speaks during the 2008 Memorial Day dedication service. Reynolds is buried in the cemetery with his brother, Rear Admiral Will Reynolds.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES

10 AUGUST 2008 – PEABODY, MA

The meeting was opened by CinC David V. Medert at 8 am. The opening prayer was offered by Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of Council of Administration was called, with the following recorded as present:

CinC David V. Medert, SVCinC Leo F. Kennedy, JVCinC James R. Hanby, Sr., Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Perley Mellor, Henry Shaw, D. Brad Schall, Robert Petrovic, Immediate PCinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Washington, D.C. Representative Andrew Johnson, Banner Editor PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, and Exec. Dir. Lee F. Walters. Additional PCinCs present included: Elmer F. Atkinson, Charles W. Corfman, Donald E. Darby, Edward J. Krieser, Richard D. Orr, and James B. Pahl. Guests included: Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, PDC Michael Beard (MD), PDC Gary Gibson (MI), and PDC Bill Vieira (RI).

Council Member Eric Schmincke was excused for personal reasons.

Executive Director Resignation. CinC Medert read a letter from Br. Lee Walters tendering his resignation effective 30 September 2008. Br. Walters recommended David Demmy from the Dept. of PA as his replacement. PCinC Kuhn moved, Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to authorize the CinC to advertise the job opportunity.

Motion passed.

New password. CinC Medert issued password to the Council for the Electronic Boardroom for the 2008-2009 administrative year.

150th Council. CinC Medert asked whether or not the SUVCW should consider joining...or if this Order can join another organization. PCinC Orr indicated that the SUVCW is a founding member of another organization, so there is a precedent.

Long range planning. CinC Medert posed the need to move faster than the two-year deadline recommended by Exec. Dir. Walters. PCinC Kuhn volunteered to serve on committee and subsequently tasked to chair the committee and appoint committee members. PCinC Pahl noted that the first order of business for the committee should be to identify needs and requirements for a new headquarters facility.

Reviewing web links for IRS compliance. Discussed at the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting, this was forwarded to the Comm. and Tech. Committee for action, rather than the Nat. Counselor.

Program and Policy Committee actions reviewed. These included: (1) updated policy regarding the BANNER to be submitted to the Constitution and Regulations Committee by the November Council of Admin. meeting; (2) development of a certificate for Associates for review at the November Council meeting; and (3) update Forms 22, 27, 35 and 49 to require copies be sent to the Exec. Dir. and the Nat. Treasurer. Nat. Treas. Newman noted that tax forms must be submitted to the IRS by 31 March. Given

this, the CinC tasked the Program and Policy Committee to submit recommendations on updated forms by 01 October.

Constitution and Regulations Committee. PCinC Robert Grim was appointed chairman and the committee was tasked by the CinC to develop a table of contents for the Constitution and Regulations. PCinCs Orr and Pahl volunteered to develop a list of keywords to support this activity.

Appeals process. Based on the recent attempt at the National Encampment to appeal disciplinary action, Commander-in-Chief Medert noted that there is a need to review the section in the Constitution and Regulations. PCinC Jim Pahl responded that he authored this section and left it somewhat vague intentionally and noted that, in his opinion, the process works. He also acknowledged that, having recently witnessed a case work through the process, the time might be right for a review.

Special Committees formed.

Education and Leadership – tasked with developing programs and/or material to assist those moving through Camp and Dept. leadership positions. Appointed to the committee: PCinC Grim (chair), PCinC Pahl, and PCinC Michaels.

Digest – follow up on Constitution and Regulations Committee recommendations at the Nat. Encampment to incorporate rulings into the Constitution and Regulations as applicable. Appointed to the committee: PCinC Pahl (chair), PCinC Orr, PCinC Darby and Br. Shaw. Appointed as Aides to the committee: PDC Gary Gibson (MI) and Nat. Historian Robert Wolz.

Dept. Encampments. The CinC urged the Departments to let Chief of Staff Schall know dates and locations as soon as possible so he can lay out his schedule for next year.

Internet application fees. PCinC Kuhn moved, JVCinC Hanby seconded, to keep the internet application fee at \$41. **Motion passed.** PCinC Kuhn moved, JVCinC Hanby seconded, that dues for those members serving in harms way be waived. **Motion passed.**

Membership-at-Large dues. Nat. QM Wheeler moved, PCinC Kuhn seconded, to keep the dues at \$31 per year. **Motion passed.**

Life Member reimbursement. JVCinC Hanby moved, PCinC Kuhn seconded, to keep the pre-1996 Life Member reimbursement at \$6. **Motion passed.**

Merchandise licenses review. Nat. Sec. Palmer noted that he received requests for renewal from most Camps and Departments having had licenses over the past two years. He also received feedback from those organizations not wishing to renew their licenses. PCinC Kuhn moved, JVCinC Hanby seconded, to approve the requests from those having had licenses for merchandise over the past two years that wish to renew. **Motion passed.**

Merchandise license. PCinC Kuhn announced that the Dept. of PA wishes to obtain a license to produce a banner. An example was presented. Br. Petrovic noted that this request conflicts with a banner produced by McCormick Camp 215 (MO), approved at the 2007 post-Encampment

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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC



PCC Tim Reese and Br. Tom Brown (as Maj. Gen. George Thomas) pause in the assembly area before marching in the annual "4th of July 2008 Independence Day Parade" in Monterey, CA. They are members of Abe Lincoln Camp 10 and Co. C, 8th CA Inf. The SUVCW also marched in parades in Redwood City and Los Angeles.

Eagle Scout candidate Chris Jones recently helped Col. Roderick Mattheson Camp 16 clean a section of Oakmond Cemetery in Healdsburg. He led a team of 20 people cutting weeds and removing dead tree limbs. The project resulted in finding the lost grave of Chaplain James Millsaps, 35th IL Inf.



CC James Spencer and Scout Chris Jones pose near the Chaplain's headstone.

COLORADO & WYOMING

PDC Charles Sharrock (pictured) helped obtain and set a new government headstone for Asst. Engineer James L. Smith, USN. Smith's grave in Denver's Riverside Cemetery was previously unmarked. Mr. Allan P. Bristow, who authored a book on Smith and National GRO PDC James Davenport assisted with research and the application.



ILLINOIS

THE SENTINEL'S RETURN

By SVC Joe Hutchinson
- Col. Bryner Camp 67

Peoria's Memorial Day services reflected on the eloquent words of the Rev. Dr. Kingsbury, spoken on behalf of his departed friends and comrades, who said, "...may the monument, this day dedicated to your memory, watch over your sleep and tell to the passing generations that patriot soldiers rest here."



In 1977, the weathered soldier was found in ruins around the base of the monument. All that remained were the crumbling boots of a once proud sentinel.

Thirty years later, Linda Aylward, wife of Camp 67's SVC Joe Hutchinson, began a drive to replace the statue. After many months of fundraising, the new statue was provided and during the services, hundreds of Peoria residents welcomed the sentinel home. PDC Stuart Stefany performed the invocation and placed a wreath on the marker for the Unknown Soldier. The original 1870 dedicatory speech was recreated. Patriotic songs were performed and the 77th IL Vol. Inf. performed the rifle salute. The public was given flowers to place on the veterans' graves and there were few dry eyes as Taps and Amazing Grace were played.

INDIANA

PLAQUE DEDICATION

By Br. Tim Beckman - Ben Harrison Camp 356

Recently, Ben Harrison Camp 356 along with Co D, 27th IN, SVR, the 11th IN Reenactors, and the John Brighton Post 7850 VFW, dedicated a new plaque, recording the final resting place of eight 59th IN soldiers, who died while at Camp Hughes, Gosport. Camp Hughes was a training camp for the 59th IN and existed from September 1861 to February 13, 1862 when the 59th left for New Albany, IN, and active duty.

It is unclear today why the graves were marked "UNKNOWN 59th IND INF" since the microfilmed 59th IN Correspondence File at the IN State Archives revealed that the regiment certainly knew who these men were. The eight were reported to have been "buried by their regiment in the Gosport Cemetery." Camp 356 had a plaque struck with the names of all 12 who died at Camp Hughes and affixed it to a large granite marker, placed over the graves in October 1923.

Kokomo's Orlando A. Somers Camp 1 recently dedicated a new home for the city's 1862 12-pound bronze howitzer. The cannon, which had been donated to Thos J. Harrison

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GAR Post 130 in 1882, was moved several times and sat in storage for many years until 2003. PDCs Tom Crawford and J. Alan Teller served as co-chairs of the restoration project, which transcended three mayors, three park superintendents and long periods of seemingly no progress. After five years, Camp 1 had successfully raised the funds needed for a new gun carriage and restoration. With the financial support of the Community Foundation of Howard County and others, the "Kokomo Cannon" is now on permanent display in a new enclosed shelter in Highland Park.

MAINE

Recently, members of Haskell Marston Camp 56 manned a booth at the Bradbury Mountain State Park living history in Pownal. Left to right are Brs. Paul Dionne, Dave Gowen and CC Larry Williams.



MARYLAND

MOH RECIPIENT HONORED

Antietam Camp 3, Frederick, recently held a ceremony, honoring the memory of Sgt. John Buffington in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and cemetery, Taneytown. Presentation of the colors was completed by the Gettysburg Blues, SVR.



Left to right: Br. Tyler Martin, CC Kevin Martin, PCC Donald Cumberland, Jr., Brs. Frederick Bird, Richard L. Martin, Roger W. Johnson, PCC Charles Odell, SVC Karl D. Woodstock and JVC Gary McGinnis.

Sgt. Buffington, Co. C, 6th MD Vol. Inf., was the first man to break through the Confederate lines at Petersburg, on April 2, 1865.

The pastor, mayor, CinC Kuhn and CofS Mortorff made appropriate remarks. PCC Donald Cumberland led the Pledge of Allegiance and PCC Charles Odell led the graveside tribute. Br. James R. Fisher, III, provided Buffington's story. A new GAR marker was placed at the grave as well as memorial wreaths by CinC Kuhn, the MD Dept., Camp 3, Camp 112, Aux., the Pipe Creek CWRT and the SCV. The Camp 112 honor guard and VFW fired rifle salutes.

MICHIGAN

Rochester's historic Harris Fountain was rededicated on August 17th, in a ceremony that included Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2. The Camp provided the color guard, chaplain and historical perspective. The ceremony included local officials, the Rochester Hist. Commission and 16 descendants of Samuel Harris, the original donor of the fountain.



Lt. Samuel Harris served in Co. A, 5th MI Cav., a unit in the brigade commanded by Gen. Custer. He participated in the Gettysburg Campaign and became a prisoner of war during the Dahlgren Raid. After the war, Harris returned to Michigan and became a successful businessman and community leader, donating the Greek revival fountain to the city in 1917. As the city grew, the fountain was moved several times. Now refurbished, it has been relocated to a prominent new home in the city's municipal complex.

NEBRASKA

Recently, the Department successfully participated in West Point's 150th celebration. A headstone was dedicated to Cpl. Joseph Krienert and over 150 of his descendants and guests gathered at Monterey St. Boniface Cemetery. Later, a new headstone was dedicated for Cuming County Last Soldier Pvt. Ferdinand Scheibe in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Seven of his descendants and about 30 guests attended. In a newspaper interview he related a story of his company's encounter with President Lincoln and the building of earth works in Arkansas. The County VSO presented the Dept. with an autographed photo of the veteran.

Ten uniformed SVR brothers then marched in the parade, firing salute volleys along the route. Applause and words of thanks came from a very large and enthusiastic crowd. Afterwards, a Civil War Living History Camp was

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set up in the Fairgrounds Park. Musket demonstrations, drill and camp life were featured. Civil War artifacts were displayed and recruiting information was available to the public. Members also served as uniformed guards and guides for the Railroad Depot Museum.

Recently, members gathered in Tilden to dedicate graves for three Civil War veterans; Henry A. Denny, Co. A 56th OVI; Ayers Nisonger, Co. G, 121st OVI; and L.D. Loudermilk, Co. C, 173rd OVI. About 60 guests; including relatives, Scouts, VFW and Legion Color Guard members, observed the ceremony.



Assisting were (left to right) Leigh Ann Glaubius, Sr. Maggie Dean (Aux.), Cpl. Mark Glaubius, SVR, Flag Bearer Trent Bosler, Guard Gage Stermenksy, Brs. Bill Dean and Zac Galubius, Color Bearer Alex Glaubius, Adj. Steve Bauermeister, Chap. Glenn Kietzmann, OD Marc Witkovski, Loretta and John Tejkl, DC Norm Weber.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Left to right: PDC Daniel Murry, Jim Sutherland and Mason David Cullen.

PDC Daniel Murray and Brs. Jim Sutherland pause with Mason David Cullen after speaking to the Lawrence (MA) United Lodge about "Masons in the Civil War." Most recently, they spoke to the Hancock Lodge in Methuen, MA, and have had requests to repeat their talk at other Lodges.

NEW JERSEY

About eight years ago, Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 noticed that the veterans' names on the 1867 Gloucester Cty. Civil War monument were eroding. After a general cleaning, the County Board of Freeholders could see very little could be done without spending money that was not budgeted.

The Camp then researched the names, design and ordered a plaque, working closely with the Gloucester County VA.



The dedication ceremony on the Old Courthouse lawn in Woodbury included the Clarksboro Men's Chorus singing "Rally 'Round the Flag" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Appropriate remarks were given by two local Freeholders. CC Andrew Burnett ran the service, modeled after the GAR Ritual of Monument Dedication. PDC Dave Hann served as OG, while Chaplain Gary Englestad prayed eloquently. Several Brothers fired a salute to our Civil War heroes. "Taps" was played by Bob McErlane.

The Camp was presented with two Certificates of Appreciation from Gloucester County.

NEW YORK

Recently, Col. John Weber Camp 44 held a formal ceremony at their meeting hall in Lackawanna to dispose of U. S. Flags that were "no longer a fitting emblem for display." About 1,000 flags were burned during the 3-hour ceremony. The flags were collected as the result of a press release published in the local newspaper. The flags were collected in less than a week and over 100 passer-bys and walk-ups witnessed the ceremony.



Administering the ceremony were CC Bill Tojek, SVC Mark Hageman, Jr., JVC Paul Szatkowski, Color Guard Mike Erb, OG Mark Hageman, Sr., and acting Chaplain Jake Streit.

Left: OG Mark Hageman Sr. burns one of the estimated 1,000 flags under the watch of Color Bearer Mike Erb.

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TENNESSEE

Fort Donelson Camp 62 held a Dedication Ceremony at Rest Haven Cemetery, Franklin, to place GAR flag holders and flags on the graves of BG James P. Brownlow and Lt. Col. George Grummond.

Col. Brownlow commanded the 1st TN. Cav. in a Sept. 1864 skirmish against a division of Wheeler's cavalry. Col. Brownlow was "shot through the body," but recovered. He was breveted BG, served as State Adj Gen., and lived near Franklin, where he was held in high esteem. Leading Franklin citizens, all ex-Confederates, served as his pallbearers.



CC Sam C. Gant, speaking, flanked by color guards Brs. Roger Tenney and Jim Hurst

Lt. Col. Grummond served as Provost Marshal during Franklin's Union occupation and commanded the 14th MI in the Campaign of the Carolinas. Following his discharge, he was commissioned in the 18th U.S. Inf. and assigned to Fort Phil Kearny, WY. In 1866, Grummond led a cavalry attack against Red Cloud's warriors. The entire detachment was killed and his widow had him shipped back home.

CAMP-AT-LARGE

PHOENIX GAR MARKER CEREMONY

By David A. Swanson PCC

Picacho Peak Camp 1 recently honored three Union vets at the Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery & Military Park.

John W. Owen was the captain of Co. F, 7th CA Inf. In 1866, he returned to Arizona, engaged in farming and was eventually elected to the territorial legislature. He was later appointed Deputy Collector of Customs and Cty. Treasurer. He died in 1877 while still in office. Phoenix's John W. Owen GAR Post 83 was formed in 1885.

Charles H. Knapp, the first GAR post commander, had enlisted in Co. I, 11th IN Vol. Inf. and after three years, was discharged as a corporal. He returned to Phoenix and was appointed deputy clerk of the District Court.

Maj. Ed Schwartz was also prominent in the Owen Post, the city of Phoenix, and the Arizona Territory. In 1891, he was elected as the second GAR Arizona DC and in 1893, was appointed the Territory's Adj. Gen. (AZ Nat. Guard). He also ran a Phoenix "curiosity shop" and was the city recorder.



Left to right: Br. Al Harrica, GRO Jan Huber, Camp Sec. Jerry Bloom, CC Bob Hannan and PCC David A. Swanson.

CC Bob Hannan officiated at the ceremony and PCC David A. Swanson obtained the markers and historical information. Camp brothers and the public visited each grave, GAR markers were placed, and a volley was fired at each by an honor guard comprised of Co. B, 1st NM Vol. Inf. and Co. D, 1st U.S. Inf.

NEW ENGLAND - Region Assoc. Meets

The annual meeting of the NERA was held July 19th at the Weirs, Laconia, in the New Hampshire Veterans Assoc. Building (ca. 1885). The Weirs was formerly the Summer Campground of many GAR Associations.

The Sons and Auxiliary met separately and then joined for lunch and an afternoon session. When a proposal to model the Association after the Central Region Association was brought to a vote, both Sons and Auxiliary voted for the status quo. The Sons voted new officers for the coming year: Cmdr.—Wm. Vieira (RI); Vice Cmdr.—Dan Murray (NH); Sec.—Peter Whelpton (NH) and Treas./PRO—Bill Ryerson (MA). The Auxiliary elected Theresa Doyle (VT) as President. The meeting concluded with a lecture on collecting Civil War tokens, installation and cannon salute to departed GAR, SUVCW and Auxiliary members. The Fall Meeting will be held at Pawtucket, RI, on October 17-18.



Getting ready to fire the 1840 Brass Cannon are; PDC Victor Falcetti (NH), NP Judy Trepanier (CT), Bill Vierira Cmdr. (RI) & newly elected NERA Cmdr. Bill Ryerson photo

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SR. HARDING ELECTED PRESIDENT

MD/DE PDP Jan Harding was elected Nat. President at the 122th National Encampment in Peabody, MA. Sr. Harding was born on Pres. Lincoln's birthday, grew up in Baltimore, graduated from Eastern High School and attended the MD Institute of Art. She competed in archery, taking National honors and serving as an officer in the MD Archery Assoc. and the Prof. Archers Assoc. She was also an active with a Catholic Charismatic Prayer community, a time of great joy in her life.



Jan Harding - Auxiliary National President

Her second husband, Jack, was a paralyzed U.S. Navy veteran, who passed away January 5th, 2002. Together they worked at opening doors for the disabled. The handicapped seating in ML Stadiums is a result of protests, by those denied entrance to Oriole stadium during the 1979 World Series, including Sr. Harding and her husband.

She and Jack were active with the BSA Explorer Division. She holds all of the training awards, and was a recruiter for her district.

Sr. Harding was a dog trainer and several of her dogs held the title of Champions with field titles. She has also been an amateur radio operator since 1989. During Andrew, she provided emergency communications for ten days.

In the early 1990s, she researched her family history and found Cpt. Robert B. Meads, 4th MD Vol. Inf., and 11 other Union ancestors. After answering a newspaper ad, she joined James A. Garfield Aux. 1 and since then, has held all Auxiliary and Dept. offices. Her National involvement began with helping form the Ladies Color Guard for the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. Her daughter, Andrea, is a professional woman and is also a member of the Auxiliary.

Sr. Harding is also an avid Ravens football fan.

TEXAS AUX. HONORS GIRL SCOUT

Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary 1 recently held a Gold Award Tea for Kimberly Bloomberg, a Gold Award recipient for the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council. Her project was to establish a database of all the Veterans, starting with the Civil War, who had been interred in the Angleton Cemetery. She identified 165 graves, listing their plot, rank, branch, the war during which they served, and which type of marker they had.

The tea for Kimberly's family and guests, included the Mayor of Angleton, who proclaimed the day "Kimberly Bloomberg Day." Girl Scout Troop 4343, Sunshine Service Unit, presented and retired the Colors. The Auxiliary presented Kimberly with the Sarah Emma Seelye Merit Award and a National ASUVCW Gold Award Citation.



PROUD TO SERVE

Sister Angela E. Peters, Ammi Hawks Auxiliary 5, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps at Madison, Wisconsin on August 16th. Angela is the daughter of Wisconsin PDC Brian G. Peters and Sister Lucy M. Peters.

NEW CALIFORNIA AUXILIARY CHARTERED

DP Rachelle Campbell presented Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Aux. 2, Los Angeles, with its new charter at Huntington Beach on August 30th. During the ceremony, several new sisters were initiated and officers were installed. Aux. 2 will assist the Camp of the same name and number. A previous Auxiliary of the same name was chartered in the early 1900s, but disbanded sometime in the latter half of the century. The original charter, banner and other artifacts of the old Auxiliary have been preserved. With the addition of this new Auxiliary, the Department is ably represented in Southern California and has another new Auxiliary pending in Northern California.



Charter members of the Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Aux. 2 pose with their new charter, as well as the banner and charters of the original Aux. 2 L-R: Susan Sweet, Cynthia Day-Elliott, Melissa Benedict, Trisha Bures, Department President Rachelle Campbell, Auxiliary President Melanie Caines, Laurie Angle, Joann Knowles, Shirley Ord, and Yolanda Scheib.



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Council meeting. Nat. Sec. Palmer noted that a renewal request was not received from the Camp. Br. Petrovic offered that the Camp is relatively new and may not have understood the process. PCinC Kuhn, in a demonstration of fraternity, deferred to the McCormick Camp, should they decide to continue with the license. Br. Petrovic volunteered to meet with the Camp to find out if they intend to renew and report back to the Council.

Virginia's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. PDC Beard presented information and a request for the SUVWCW to join the commission at a cost of \$150/year...or app. \$1000, if the organization maintains membership through the sesquicentennial. The discussion included inquiries about interest in other state sesquicentennial commissions and the existence (or lack thereof) of a Nat. sesquicentennial commission. PCinC Kuhn noted that even if other states follow suit, Virginia's would likely be the largest due to their role in the Civil War. PCinC Pahl recommended that the Order take a closer look as there was no urgency to act. JVCinC Hanby moved, Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to commit \$150 and join the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission for at least one year. **Motion passed.** Nat. Treas. Newman noted that the fee would come out of the Contingency Fund.

Administrative. PCinC Kuhn forwarded a DUVCW letter to the Nat. Sec. for filing. PCinC Kuhn also inquired about sending a copy of the Nat. Officer and Committee report package from the Nat. Encampment to SCV's Lt. CinC R. Michael Givens. Lt. CinC Givens was impressed with the compilation and wanted to share it with his leadership. Since the reports are a matter of public record, the Council voiced no objections.

North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. JVCinC Hanby received an e-mail from a member, desiring a Union monument on the Bentonville battlefield. There are currently five Confederate monuments located there. The inquiry was passed on to the new Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee chairman and to the Dept. of NC for action.

Nat. Counselor records. PCinC Orr has passed his records on to the Exec. Dir. to take back to the Nat. Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Medert asked Nat. Chaplain Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

National Secretary

Chaplain's Corner

What does it take to make you happy? For me, it was the birth of my first child, the fortieth wedding anniversary that my wife and I celebrated last year, being asked to serve as chaplain for this organization. There are times when we are incredibly happy, when everything is coming up roses...and other times when we are so low that we need to be scraped up from the sidewalk. It is the nature of our existence.

Death, earthquakes, and floods are going to happen. They are the element that the Creator put into the Universe to remind us that we were not made for here - but rather to be happy with Him in this life and the next.

We get glimpses of what that next life will be like...when events that bring us great joy happen to us. When the smile goes from ear to ear, and our hearts are filled to overflowing with happiness. They are gifts from God.

Chaplain Jerry

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PDC Robert Graham
Gen. John A. McClernand Camp 4 (IL)
September 18, 2008



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HONOR TO THE BRAVE

For the second consecutive year, Co. B, 71st PVI, SVR, provided the finale for the Memorial Day service held at Eugene, Oregon's Pioneer Cemetery. The ceremony began when the unit marched to the GAR plot while the Shasta Middle School band played a patriotic air.



The men then stood at silent attention during the ceremony which included Lt. David Burkett reading Gen. Logan's General Order 11. Lt. Harold Slavik gave the command for three musket volleys and Br. Steve Betschart concluded the solemn occasion with Taps. The ceremony, which is organized by the VFW and American Legion, has taken place every year since 1930. More than one hundred people attended this year's event.

4TH MD ARTILLERY SCHOOL PLANNED

A School of the Piece, a muzzle loading artillery qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 27-28, 2009, at Jefferson Barracks County Park in south St. Louis County, MO. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the SVR's 4th Military District. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all periods, Civil War and earlier, and serving under all flags, are welcome to attend. Period camping will be permitted on site. Water, straw, firewood, and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. A variety of motels and restaurants are located nearby.

Interested individuals and units should contact Maj. Jack Grothe, SVR, at (314) 631-7492, email jackgrothe@att.net; or 2Lt. Randy Baehr, SVR, at (314) 962-4690, email robaehr@earthlink.net for registration materials. Checks for the \$15 registration fee should be made payable to "HQ 4th Military District SVR" and submitted with registration forms.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are commissioned and appointed as indicated:

6th Military District

1Lt. Steven G. Betschart, Commander of Co. B, 71st PA Vol. Inf.

7th Military District

Maj. Kenneth Early, Commander of the 7th Military District

Cpt. Eric B. Peterson, 7th MD Chief of Staff

1Lt. Phillip Hinman, 7th MD Adjutant

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the Year Award goes to a man who has worked for the past two years researching a burial list of some 75 souls exhumed during construction of a roadway and preparing, planning and organizing a proper military burial of one, who was a Civil War veteran. He continues to research many more that are still buried under the roadway where Private Michael McElroy was unearthed. The possibility that 52 more Civil War veterans remains. Br. Bruce Frail of the Dept. of RI.



*Outstanding Brother of the Year
CC Bruce Frail of Rhode Island*

12. The following Brother and Sister were selected to receive our two annual educational scholarships:

James Michael Rasch, James A. Garfield Camp 142, Dept. of OH

Rachael Diane Johnson, Lincoln Cushing Aux. 3, Dept. of MD

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER 36

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Real Son, Norman Collins on March 21, 2008. Brother Collins was proud to be a Member of this Order.
2. Brother Collins has answered the final roll call and has gone to the great Camp beyond and there will share the fellowship of our forefathers. We shall meet again.
3. All Department and Camp Charters shall be draped, the National website shall be draped and all Membership

Badges shall be draped for a period of 30 days from the date of this Order.

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER 37

1. A disciplinary Hearing Committee being convened within the Dept. of MO and having found Br. Charles Funk guilty on all counts of a complaint filed by Br. Robert Petrovic and having appealed this finding to the Commander-in-Chief and an Appeals Committee being formed and finding the same and Br. Charles Funk having requested to leave the 127th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW.

2. Br. Charles Funk having fully exhausted his legal recourse granted him in the Regulations of the SUVCW, the following action is hereby taken.

3. Consistent with the decision of the 127th Nat. Encampment of the SUVCW not to hear the appeal of Br. Charles Funk and discipline reverting to the Appeals Committee decision, the following action is hereby taken:

a. Br. Charles Funk of the Dept. of MO is hereby removed from that Dept. permanently.

b. Br. Charles Funk may not apply to or be accepted into any Camp of the SUVCW under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of MO for the remainder of his natural life.

c. The Rank of Past Dept. Commander of the Dept. of MO is hereby revoked permanently from Br. Charles Funk.

d. The Dept. of MO is hereby ordered to immediately provide to Br. Charles Funk a valid Transfer Card that he may deposit with a Camp within the jurisdiction of another Dept. operating under the authority of a valid Charter granted by the Nat. Organization of the SUVCW.

So ordered this 9th day of August, 2008;

Attest: Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. PDC Donald Palmer
Commander in Chief National Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

PDC Stephen T. Jackson, Ben Harrison Camp 356 (IN), has been appointed to a three-year term as Madison County Historian. His extensive knowledge of local history was a decided advantage. He serves as his Dept.'s Historian and has 187 ancestors, who fought on both sides in the Civil War.

PCC Raymond W. LeMay III, Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154 (NY), was elected National President of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans. He is a life member of both the SSAWV and the SUVCW and was most recently recognized for his recruiting efforts by the National and NY Dept. His memberships include those in MOLLUS, SAR, DMWV and Soc. of War of 1812.

CC Bill Tojek, Col. J.B. Weber Camp 44 (NY), was named Fireman of the Year in the City of Lackawanna.

Br. Brian Swartz, Col. David Ireland Camp 137 (NY) P.I., recently represented the Civil War era during a military history timeline event at Fort Drum, Watertown. He portrayed a private in a company from the Watertown regiment in the "Parade of Soldiers" as part of the Fort Drum Centennial celebration.

WHAT IS IT REALLY? (FROM PAGE 3)

PCinC Pahl mans a 20mm anti-aircraft gun onboard the USS Cassin Young, a WWII destroyer on permanent display in Boston Harbor. Photo courtesy CC Dave Arnold.

COLLECTING THE SONS

LAPEL PINS (PART II)

by Nat. Historian PDC Robert J. Wolz



Badge pendant in gold & enamel



SV Initials with Gold Bar



Past Division



Rosette, Type I



SV Initials sold by Sears

Past Division Commander's Lapel Button –A miniature of Sons of Veterans Silver Cross pendant about 1/2 inch in diameter was worn as a lapel button. Davison or Robbins was the probable manufacturer.

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SV initials with gold bar at the top

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SV badge pendant in gold and enamel

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So the next time you see a lapel pin offered at an antique dealer or online auction, take a closer look, it just might be one of these odd varieties issued over the last 125 plus years.

i Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Constitution & Regulations for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Edition of 1992



SV Shield



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The Brothers' Primer

Know Your Allied Orders

During Grand Army of the Republic's (GAR's) life, it was assisted by five organizations, which are referred to as the Allied Orders of the GAR. The work of the Allied Orders continues and includes local school and community programs, monument and battlefield preservation, fundraising for memorial and dedication ceremonies, patriotic holiday observances and parades. Many members serve at hospitals, nursing homes and VA facilities.

In addition to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, there are four ladies' Allied Orders:



*WRC NP Marcia K.
Butgereit*

The **Woman's Relief Corps**, the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, is a patriotic organization whose express purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the GAR. The WRC was organized at the GAR's request on July 25 and 26, 1883 in Denver, CO, based upon corps formed earlier in Massachusetts. Loyal women of good moral character, irrespective of relationship to the soldier were admitted to membership. The WRC was incorporated by Public Act of the 87th Congress on September 7, 1962. Its National Headquarters and Museum is at Springfield, IL. For more info go to <http://suvcw.org/WRC/index.htm>

(PHOTO Top Left) Sr. Marcia K. Butgereit of Michigan was re-elected WRC Nat. President this August in Oberlin, Ohio.



*LGAR NP Barbara
Knopke*

The **Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic**, was organized at Trenton, NJ, November 30, 1881. On December 15th, a charter was adopted, officers elected and work begun as the "Loyal Ladies' League, Auxiliary to the GAR, Dept. of New Jersey."

At the 1883 GAR National Encampment in Denver, the "Loyal Ladies League" wished to be recognized as the Auxiliary to the GAR and wanted to limit membership to blood relatives. The Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts contended that all loyal women should be able to join. A small majority decided that the "Woman's Relief Corps" be recognized as the GAR's Auxiliary. In November 1886, the "Loyal Ladies league" changed its name to "Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic." In 1959, the LGAR was chartered by U.S. Congress under Public Law 86-47. For more info go to <http://suvcw.org/LGAR/index.htm>

(PHOTO Middle Left) Sr. Barbara Knopke of Kansas was elected LGAR Nat. President in Peabody, MA, on August 9th.



*DUVCW NP Judy
Frohm*

The **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**, was organized on May 30, 1885, held the first meeting on June 3rd, and incorporated on December 12, at Massillon, OH. The National Alliance Daughters of Veterans was endorsed by the GAR at its Nat. Encampment held in Chicago, IL, in 1900.

The Order's Name was changed to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 35th Nat. Convention held in Grand Rapids, MI, in 1925, and again, to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 at the 54th Nat. Convention held in Des Moines, IA, in 1944. The DUVCW's National Headquarters in Springfield, IL was dedicated April 13, 1969. A Federal Charter was granted by Public Law 99-172 on December 9, 1985. For more info go to <http://www.duvcw.org>

(PHOTO Bottom Left) Sr. Judy Frohm of Nebraska was elected DUVCW Nat. President in Indianapolis on August 9th.

The **Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War** was organized through the efforts of Major A.P. Davis. The first "Ladies Aid Society" was organized at Philadelphia, PA, in 1883 and in the following year was officially recognized as the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. Ladies Aid Societies were formed in several States in rapid succession and in 1886, plans for a Nat. Organization were formed, with the first Nat. Encampment being held in Akron, OH, September 1887. At the Nat. Encampment at Boston, MA in 1894, the name was changed to the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary. When the Sons changed its name in 1925, this Order became known as the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For more info, go to <http://asuvcw.org>

On July 10, 1947, GAR CinC John R. Grate published his General Order 4, reminding 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, and 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.

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