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KUDOS IN ORDER

PCinC Gordon Bury returned from the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg where he was honored and presented a special medallion and a citation from The Pennsylvania State Senate. Br. Bury was among 30 re-enactors who participated in both anniversary reenactments. This is a significant achievement for honoring our veterans and our American heritage and for educating the American Public.



The 2013 Cornelius F. Whitehouse (Brother of the Year) Award was presented to PDC Ronald F. Rittel from the Dept. of Iowa. Br. Rittel was cited for his outstanding work over more than five years on the "Last Union Soldier Project for All Iowa Counties." CinC Mellor said, "Br. Ron has done this magnificent work to find, record, and publish the last posts of all 100 of Iowa's last surviving soldiers on his own dime and often working alone.."

On the Cover: Sr. Becca Freshley pins the Commander-in-Chief badge on her father, Ken. L. Freshley, during the installation ceremony at the conclusion of the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, Wis. *Photo by Sr. Cher Petrovic*



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2013-2014**

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

1. To all of the Brothers that attended the 132nd Nat. Encampment in Brookfield, WI, I extend my sincerest thanks for your support and faith in me. I am honored and will work diligently and efficiently to serve the Order.

2. I wish to thank all of the hard working Brothers from the Dept. of Wisconsin for an outstanding and wonderful encampment.

3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected Nat. Presidents of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive year and look forward to working with them in perpetuating the memory of our noble ancestors.

4. All Nat. Special Committees in place from 2012-13 will remain in place to serve the Order.

5. The Commander-in-Chief's Headquarters is transferred from Brookfield, WI, to 4287 Windsor Ave., Willoughby, OH, 44094 and all correspondence to him may be posted to that address. Electronic communications are available at CinC@suvcw.org and phone (440) 942-2559.

6. The Nat. Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

7. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order can be directed to Richard Orr, PCinC, Nat. Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; treasurer@suvcw.org.

8. All other correspondences to the Order may be directed to the Nat. Secretary, Alan L. Russ, PDC, P.O. Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673; (785) 332-2118; secretary@suvcw.org

9. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be directed to Don Martin, PDC, 6025 St. Route 722, Chillicothe OH 45601; (740) 663-4961; CofA2@suvcw.org

10. The Nat. Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule. All Departments please contact the Nat. Chief of Staff, Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC, 43 Beverly Circle, RI 02828; ChiefofStaff@suvcw.org ; (401) 949-1780 with Dept.

Encampment dates and locations so planning can be made for attendance to as many as possible.

11. All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to Nat. Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Ln., Ithaca, NY 14850; (607) 272-7314, QM@suvcw.org.

12. All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Rd., Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), banner@suvcw.org.

13. The death of a Brother should be reported to Nat. 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 Dept., and the name, rank and unit of his Union ancestor.

14. All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Dept. HQ on time. All Depts. are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to Nat. Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Depts. must be firm in their obligations.

15. Please make every effort to keep Camp and Dept. websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Depts., 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.

16. All Nat. 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 meeting and a final report for the 133rd Nat. Encampment. All Dept. Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.

17. It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to continue the program of recognizing Brothers for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2013-14 administrative year will be declared a Nat. Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the Nat. 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 Nat. Secretary

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OHIOAN ELEVATED TO HIGH POST

Br. Ken L. Freshley was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 132nd Nat. Encampment in Brookfield, WI. He's been active in our Order and a member of Cleveland's James A. Garfield Camp 142 for over 15 years. He was always interested in Civil War history and his son Mathew, who is a Civil War re-enactor, got him involved in reenactments. It was there that he met SUVCW members. His wife, Sue, and daughter, Rebecca, are active in the Auxiliary. His son, Mathew, is also a Camp 142 member.

CinC Freshley is the great, great, great grandson of Pvt. James H. Maloney, Co. K, 82nd Penn. Vol. Inf.

Br. Freshley has served in various positions, including: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Council of Administration, National Webmaster for 8 years, Dept. of Ohio Commander, Dept. Council, Camp 142 Commander; 2 terms in office, Camp 142 Council, and in numerous other offices at the Camp and Dept. levels.

He was the first graduate of Memorial University graduate and has received the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

He is the Adjutant of the Ohio Naval Brigade. SVR, and serves as one of the Directors and Webmaster for the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. He is a Silver Lincoln Fellow.

CinC Freshley served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force for six years, was awarded two Navy Achievement medals, and was honorably discharged in 1990 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. He now works as a professional IT consultant engineer. He's active in the American Legion, VFW, Cuyahoga County Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument and is a Kentucky Colonel.

MELLOR ELECTED AUXILIARY NAT. PRESIDENT



Sr. Diane Mellor was elected Nat. President of the ASUVCW at its 127th Nat. Encampment in Brookfield on August 10th.

She joined the Auxiliary in 2007, but has been around the Order for over 45 years. Her husband, in-laws, and their families have been active members and she's attended many events throughout her married life.

Sr. Diane is a Massachusetts Dept. member and helped organize and institute two new Auxiliaries and recently initiated three new Juniors. She served four years as President of Worcester's Willie Grout Aux. 25 and is Dept. Sec/Treas. In the New England Regional Assoc., she served two years as President, as well as in other positions.

She served two years on the Nat. Council, helping audit the books. As Nat. Chief of Staff, she raised one of the highest amounts for the Order and acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Campfire and Joint Opening at National. She was on the 2008 Nat. Encampment Committee. She was Nat. Personal Aide and as Nat. Chaplain, took part in the 2011 Nat. Encampment Memorial Service. As Nat. Vice Pres., she helped institute five new auxiliaries and planned another two.

Sr. Diane is the wife of PCinC Perley Mellor, and the daughter-in-law of now deceased PCinC Clark Mellor. She has three daughters in the Auxiliary, two son-in-laws (one is an Associate) and three granddaughters, who are Juniors, and a grandson. She worked as a bookkeeper, ran her own business as a certified consultant, and still works part-time.

ALLIED ORDERS' HEADS RE-ELECTED



The Woman's Relief Corps re-elected Shirley Grant from Hillsboro, WI, as its Nat. President.



Judy Rock of New Baltimore, MI was re-elected Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Nat. President.



The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865) re-elected Carole Morton of Granada Hills, CA its Nat. President



NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S FORMAL OPINIONS

By PCinC Leo Kennedy

OPINION 1 – on what is needed to be included in Dept. bylaws.

If items, such as Dept. policies were to be included, they need to be reviewed and approved by the CinC each time they were added. If policies were to be added as an addendum, this could be done by Dept. vote and without CinC approval.

OPINION 2 – on insurance for each Signature Event.

Nat. application forms indicate that insurance is required for CofA approval. Applicants must not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. The only way to not expose the SUVCW is to have insurance covering the Order for the event.

OPINION 3 – on voting by a Department-at-Large delegate.

The C&R allows this, reporting the results to the CinC or to the CinC-appointed secretary. This is not proxy voting, which is defined as someone voting for someone else; a person authorized to act for another. Thus, voting by Dept.-at-Large delegates is allowed.

OPINION 4 – if Dept. Encampment membership included all Camp officers.

This is reflected in the C&R, “Sec. 1(a): The membership of the Dept. Encampment shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Dept. Commanders and Past Camp Commanders in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, the sitting Dept. Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; and its own elective officers (except Aides). Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Dept. Encampments.”

The line “and its own elective officers (except Aides),” refers to Dept. officers, not all Camp officers attending the encampment.

Department of Michigan

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ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble
Period dress encouraged, but not required
Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk
Cash Bar

Time: 8PM, 23 November 2013

Place: Wyndham Hotel -Gettysburg
Rt. 15 & Rt. 30

Price: \$20 per person in advance
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Make check out to “SVR Remembrance Day Ball”
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Questions, contact: hshaw@columbus.rr.com

Ticket orders received after 18 November will be distributed at the Ball

BALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE GETTYSBURG
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GEN. THOMAS EWING'S ORDER 11 COMMEMORATION

Westport Camp 64 commemorated the 150th anniversary of Union Gen. Thomas Ewing issuing Order 11 for western Missouri at the Restoration Heritage Plaza in Independence, Mo.



Re-enactment of evacuation of family under Order 11.

In the summer of 1863, the Missouri-Kansas Border War had reached a breaking point. With the collapse of the women's prison house and massacre at Lawrence, Kan., just days earlier, Gen. Ewing was pressured to restore order in his District of the Border. Order 11 on August 25, 1863, forced the evacuation of all rural residents, regardless of their loyalty, from Bates, Cass, Jackson, and part of Vernon Counties—an estimated 20,000 people. Those who could prove loyalty to the Union were permitted to stay in the region, but had to leave their farms and move to communities near military outposts. Those who could not prove Union loyalty had to abandon their farms and leave the district.

Designated a Civil War Sesquicentennial Signature Event, the commemoration included a re-enactment by the SVR's 1st Missouri State Militia and Kansas City's Elliot Scouts of enforcement of the order on two civilian homesteads. The re-enactment was followed by a panel discussion with Civil War historians: PDC Walter Busch, author of *Merits & Mistakes: The Life of Gen. Thomas Ewing*; Hibberd Van Buren Kline, author of *Conflicting Loyalties* part of the Civil War's naval history series; and James Beckner, local Civil War historian and preservationist.



Re-enactment of capture of southern sympathetic bushwhacker under Order 11.

AT THE LAWNSDALE ENCAMPMENT

James A. Garfield Camp 142 and the Ohio Naval Brigade, SVR, sponsored and supported the 3rd Annual Lawnfield Sesquicentennial Civil War Encampment at the Lawnfield Presidential Home (James A. Garfield) in Mentor. The event was held on the weekend of July 20 and 21st. The Encampment included marching, drilling and firing demonstrations, as well as displays by the JAG/ SVR Naval Brigade of various US Naval Civil War items.



Sr. Mary Louise Daley, CC Tim Daley, Chaplain Rev. Jerome Lukachinsky, Brs. Warren Doyle, and Robert Howe



Firing Demonstration by the 7th & 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Camp Chase Fifes and Drums



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 132ND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

By PCinC Richard D. Orr

Job descriptions for the following officers and committees were established or revised and approved: Civil War Memorials Officer, Civil War Memorials Committee, Communications & Technology Committee, GAR Records Committee, and Encampment Credentials Committee.

A Special Committee on Government Headstone Applications was formed to assist Brothers with obtaining military headstones for Civil War veterans. The committee will expire at the close of the 2016 Nat. Encampment, unless continued or made a standing committee.

The Promotion & Marketing Committee and the Vision & Planning Committee were made standing committees.

The authority of the Commander-in-Chief to remove any appointed officer or committee member as he deems necessary was re-affirmed.

An expenditure of \$500.00 from the General Fund was authorized for the Order's participation in the Nat. Genealogical Society Conference in Richmond, Va. in 2014.

A policy on GAR Records was approved, as well as a mission statement for the Fund Development Committee.

The following new awards were approved: Corby-Moody Chaplain's Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

The substantial monetary bequest to the SUVCW Scholarship Program by the late PDC Clifford Henke, Dept. of New York, was approved for acknowledgement in a future issue of The Banner.

A requirement was passed that approval or rejection of applications for Sesquicentennial Signature Events must be made at least thirty days before the event.

A proposal to authorize the addition of a symbol of a member's department to the membership badge failed.

A policy was adopted that when a Dept. fails to file its annual report on time for five consecutive years, the Dept. shall lose its right to representation at the Nat. Encampment for that year.

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED



Br. Tad Campbell was elected SVCinC at the Nat. Encampment. He joined the San Jose's Phil Sheridan Camp 4 in 1997 and became a Life Member in 2005. His leadership experience includes three terms as Dept. Commander.

Br. Campbell has served on the Nat. History Comm, as chair of the Fraternal Relations Comm., and three years on the Council of Administration. Last year, he was elected JVCinC.

He is also a member of MOLLUS, the Morgan's Men Assoc., and SCV.

He is a color sergeant in Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf. (SVR), a cannoneer in Batt. A, 3rd US Art., and a private in Co. A, 5th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Br. Tad is a 9-1-1 dispatcher with the San Jose Police Dept. He's studied at both Gavilan Community College and San Jose State University with a major in history. He and his wife, PDP Rachele, are parents to 5-year old Emilie.



Br. Gene Mortorff was elected JVCinC at the Nat. Encampment. He joined the Sons in June 1997. Since then, he's held leadership positions in three Dept. of Chesapeake Camps (Garfield Camp 1 and Meade Camp 5) and one Pennsylvania Camp (Gettysburg Camp 112). Additionally, he's active in Antietam Camp 2. He served as Dept. Sec/Treas. for four years and Signals Officer for three. He is a Memorial University graduate.

Br. Mortorff was appointed Nat. Chief of Staff (2007-08) and was host committee chair for the 2011 Nat. Encampment. He was elected Nat. Sec. (2010-13).

He is the SVR's 3rd Military District Adjutant and is member of two subordinate units.

From 1974 to 1995, he was a member of the US. Coast Guard. He holds BA and BS degrees, as well as a teacher's certification. He is active in Scouting, SPEBSQSA and the F&AM. JVCinC Mortorff can be contacted at: 70 Curtis Dr., East Berlin, PA 17316; (717) 619-7053 or jvcinc@suvchw.org



ELECTED NATIONAL SECRETARY



PDC Alan Russ of St. Francis, Kansas, was elected to a 3-year term as Nat. Secretary at the 132nd Nat. Encampment. Br. Russ joined Old Abe Camp 16 in 1998, and served as Camp Co. in 2001. In 2002, he was elected Dept. Co. He also served as Dept. Sec/Treas. and in several Camp and Dept. positions. Br. Russ has served on the Program & Policy Comm. and as the NMAL Coordinator. From 2005-10, he served on the 2010 Nat. Encampment. Host Comm. In 2010, he was elected to a 1-year term on the Council of Administration and was appointed Nat. Chief of Staff.

That same year, he retired as a USCG civilian IT Specialist. He retired from the Army Reserve in 2009 as a CWO2. Br. Russ has been married to wife Joyce for almost 40 years.

ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

PDC Walt Busch was elected to a 3-year term on the Council of Administration. He's served as Dept. of Missouri Co. (2007-08) and as Dept. Sec/Treas (2008-12) while at the same time fulfilling several appointed and elected positions in his Camp. He's served on the Nat. Credentials Comm. since 2008 and chair since 2009. He served as Chair of the Nat. Civil War Memorials Comm. since 2012. That year, he received the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award.

He is a corporal in Co. A, 2nd Mo. Vol. Inf. (SVR) and a private in the 1st MO. Engineers. In 2007, he received the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is a Past President of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table and Past Commander of the Central Region Assoc. He holds a Master's degree in History and a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice Management. He still teaches at Mineral Area College.

DC Ed Norris was also elected to a 3-year term on the Council. He most recently served as Nat. Chief of Staff and chairman of the Battle Flag Preservation Comm. He is the Massachusetts Dept. Co. Previously, he served as Dept. Treasurer, Camp Commander, and Nat. Guide. He's also served as Treasurer for the New England Regional Assoc. and on the Nat. Restore Memorial Day Comm. He's a Memorial University graduate and a member of the Civil War Round Table of Central Massachusetts.

Br. Ed has a BS degree in Accounting from Bentley University and two IT certificates from Northeastern University. He is a Distinguished Fellow in the Information Systems Security Assoc. and holds four U.S. patents for cyber security inventions.



OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

PCinC Richard D. Orr was re-elected Nat. Treasurer. He joined the SUVCW in 1981 as a member of Pennsylvania's Davis * Camp. He served as Commander-in-Chief in 1997-98 and continues to serve as his Camp's Sec/Treas. He has served as Nat. Treasurer twice, most recently since 2010. He is a Life Member of the Order. For additional information, go to <http://www.suvcw.org/pcinc/orr.htm>

PCinC Danny Wheeler was re-elected Nat. Quartermaster. He joined the SUVCW in 1984 and organized New York's Sydney Camp 41 in 1988. He served as Commander-in-Chief in 1999-2000 and continues to serve as his Dept.'s Counselor. He's been a member of Co. E, 148th NY Inf. (SVR). He's served as Nat. QM since 2004. He is a Life Member of the Order. For additional information, go to <http://www.suvcw.org/pcinc/dwheeler.htm>

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through Dept. Secretaries by July 1, 2014.

18. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of investigating and improving the membership process, including an online process, this new committee will be called Committee on Membership Process Development. Committee chairman and members to be listed in the Nat. Officers and Committee lists as published.

19. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of revising the current Memorial University program and to

look at adding more testing modules for leadership training. This will be called Committee on Memorial University Redesign. Committee Chairman and Members to be listed in the Nat. Officers and Committee lists as published.

For subsequent General Orders go to <http://suvcw.org/go/go.htm>

Ordered this 27th Day of August, 2013.

By order of:
Ken L. Freshley
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
PDC Alan Russ
National Secretary



**National Council of Administration
Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2013
Brookfield, WI**

The meeting was opened by CinC Mellor at 9:15 PM. Acting Chaplain Charlie Kuhn provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Mellor thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments.

The Nat. Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and Guests as present or (ABSENT):

CinC Perley Mellor, SVCinC Kenneth Freshley, JVCinC Tad D. Campbell, Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Steve Hammond, Donald Shaw, Donald Martin, and Immediate PCinC Donald Palmer. PCinCs included: Stephen Michaels (Banner Editor), Elmer Atkinson, Ed Krieser, Andy Johnson, Donald Darby, Jim Pahl, Charlie Kuhn, and Leo Kennedy. Guests included: Exec Director David Demmy Sr., Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, PDC Ed Norris (Nat. Chief of Staff), PDC John Bates (Nat. PI), PDC Bruce D. Frail (NGRO), PDC Michael Beard (Nat SES Chair), DC Mark R. Day (Marketing Chair) and PDC Alan Russ (Dept of KS). Absent: Council Member Wm. Vieira.

CinC Mellor expressed his sincere appreciation for the help that he's been given, resulting in his successful administration.

OLD BUSINESS

SUVCW Forms. Br. Freshley discussed changes to ROTC Form, Form 22, Form 61 (Returned to the Comm. for more work), Scholarship Application Form (Returned to the Comm. - recommended that a statement be included, stating that the check will not be given to the student, but mailed directly to the college due to tax reasons.)

SES Forms. Br. Freshley discussed problems with the SES Event Applications, especially those requiring insurance and other confusing information. Br. Beard will present a proposal, addressing these problems during the Nat. Encampment. He commented that if the National Park Service (NPS) hosts an event, then the event is covered by NPS insurance. PCinC Kuhn said some state parks are the same way. Br. Beard fears that if we don't make some changes, the program may falter.

Recording Equipment. Br. Kreiser stated that we have a dual cassette recorder, used to record Encampment Proceedings. It is being replaced and will no longer be used. It is fully depreciated and has no value to the organization. Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Wheeler seconded and Br. Pahl amended, allowing Br. Freshley to decide how to dispose of it. Motion Unanimously passed.

JVCinC. Br. Campbell reported that to date he has processed 213 internet membership applications.

Nat. Treas. Br. Orr reported that our 501c3 application is still in process at the IRS. The IRS controversy on our 501c4 status may have been an issue. Our lawyer is

talking with their lawyers. All state forms have been submitted. Responses have been received from about one-half of them. Three states are requesting a copy of our original Article of Incorporation. The rest are completed.

Copies of our Original Charter will be made in Color. Financial Reports (Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss) were reviewed. Our bills are paid and we are in good financial condition.

Br. Orr discussed the requirement for Depts. to report the status of theirs, and their Camps EIN reporting status. He prefers the report be made on an Excel Spreadsheet.

We have started placing funds in the investment tools we decided on earlier in the year. It is a combination of mutual funds (income producing) and Growth Funds. Life Membership is primarily income producing. GAR Fund: 50/50; Others: 70/30.

Nat. Proceedings. PCinC Pahl has a person researching the digitization process and conducting a cost analysis.

SUVCW Scholarships. PCinC reported on their status. One recipient has provided the name of their school (Checks are mailed to the school, not the individual) and a very nice thank you letter has been received. The other scholarship winner has not responded to our request for school address and other matters. The CinC decided to issue only one scholarship this year.

Nat. Quartermaster: Issues with Simon Bros. providing inventory (medals). He has met with ESCO, Inc. in Milwaukee and they are very interested in our business. We already get our military badges from them, and they are very responsive to our needs. He recommends going to Seiman Bros., getting our molds, and then going to ESCO, Inc. ESCO will try to match Simons' price. Discussion followed on ownership of dies, costs, time frames, etc. Br. Wheeler has authority under the QM job description to make this decision. He will report on his decision at the November CofA meeting.

Peace Light Medals. Br. Kuhn mentioned there are some available from the rededication – asked if the QM would like to buy and sell them? The Penn. Dept. was selling them for \$20. The QM said yes; he will take them and sell them.

New Ritual. The need to include all the Encampment's recent changes was discussed. No specific action taken.

Electronic Boardroom. Sec. Mortorff pointed out additional votes and the results of the Change to the Preamble to the Constitution. These did not make the deadline for the printed Officer Reports.

Scholarship Funds. CinC Mellor discussed the recent monetary gift. We had (online) discussed possible distribution of these funds. The committee recommended two \$2500 scholarships. This will be brought up on the floor of the Encampment.

MSM w/Gold Star Criteria. PCinC Palmer discussed discrepancies on how we make this award. Subjectivity leads to inconsistency. CinC referred this to the incoming

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NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE 2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



*DC Jonathan Davis
Dept. of Ohio
Davis/Linder Award*

Lifetime Achievement Award

Joseph "Joe" Long, Jr. – Dept. of Pennsylvania

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Brother of the Year

Ronald F. Rittel – Dept. of Iowa

Abraham Lincoln Award – Camp of the Year

Gen. Frederick K. Lander Camp 5, Lynn, MA – Dept. of Massachusetts

Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award

(Dept. with most new members)

Dept. of Ohio (78)

U.S. Grant Cup Award

(Dept. with highest percentage gain of new members)

Dept. of Georgia-South Carolina (27%)

Joseph S. Rippey Award – Most Outstanding New Camps

Geo. J. Stannard Camp 2, North Western, VT

Under Forty Award

(Dept. with most new members under age 40)

Dept. of Wisconsin (7)

Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Newsletter

Department - "The Missouri Unionist" – Department of Missouri

Camp - "They Will Not Be Forgotten" – Col. Hecker Camp 443 (IL)

Albert Woolson Award

(Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event)

Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication

Dept. of North Carolina

Scholarship Awards

Britta A. Musser – Mt. Union Church Aux. 502 (PA)

Horace Greeley Award – Most Outstanding Website

Department – Dept. of California & Pacific

Camp – Lincoln – Cushing Camp 2, Dept. of the Chesapeake

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:

PDC Lee Stone – Dept. of the Chesapeake

PCinC Charles (Charlie) E. Kuhn, Jr. – Dept. of Pennsylvania

PDC James H. Houston – Dept. of Ohio



*DC Mark A. Hale
Dept. of Georgia/S. Carolina
U.S. Grant Cup*



*DC Kim Heltemes
Dept. of Wisconsin
Under 40 Award*



*PDC Walt Busch
Editor, "The Missouri Unionist"
Marshall Hope Award (Dept.)*



*DC Jody Switzer
Dept. of Illinois
Marshall Hope Award (Camp)*



*SVCinC Tad Campbell
Dept. of Cal. & Pac. webmaster
Horace Greeley Award (Dept.)*



*PCinC Charlie Kuhn, Jr.
MSA w/Gold Star*



*PDC James Houston
MSA w/Gold Star*

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National Aides

PCC Gary Scheel – Dept. of Missouri – 13 new members
PDC David K. LaBrot – Dept. of Texas – 10 new members
James Ludlam – Dept. of New Jersey -10 new members
DC Fredrick C. Lynch – Dept. of Ohio – 8 new members
PDC Dr. Douglas Fidler – Dept. of Tennessee – 7 new members
Robert Grandchamp – Dept. of Vermont – 6 new members
John R. France – Dept. of North Carolina -5 new members
C. Jeffrey Heagy – Dept. of New Jersey – 5 new members
Timothy Murphy – Dept. of New Jersey – 4 new members
PDC David Hann – Dept. of New Jersey – 3 new members
William Kale – Dept. of New Jersey – 3 new members

Meritorious Service Award

William C. Stark – Dept. of Ohio
PCC George J. Weinmann – Dept. of New York
Chris Czopek – Dept. of Michigan
PCC David M. Lamb – Dept. of Iowa
Thomas Gaard – Dept. of Iowa
Steven Bogle – Dept. of Iowa
PDC Allan W. Howey – Dept. of Ohio

Dr. Mary Walker Award – Ladies Appreciation, National Award

PNP Jane Graham – ASUVCW
PDP Rachelle M. Campbell – ASUVCW
NSVP Ellen Higgin – DUVCW
NP Judy Rock – LGAR

B.F. Stephenson Award – Brother who recruits most new members

David Rish – Dept. of Ohio (17 new members)

John R. Clem Award – Most Outstanding Junior(s)

Payton Seats – Gov. Wm. Denison Camp 1 (OH)

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TWO SHARE 2013 FOUNDERS AWARD



When PDC Doug Fidler, Dept. of Tennessee, visited his “British family” during Christmas 2011, it led to the discovery of a forgotten Civil War veteran. The vet was buried in the town cemetery at Bexleyheath, Kent, England

A year later, thanks to two local British men, the grave was fully restored to its original appearance. Their dedication to the memory of Pvt. Wm. Blazey, Co. G, 1st Conn. Hvy. Art., earned them the 2013 Founders Award.

Her Majesty the Queen has recognized both Allan E. Nicholls and Terry Hopgood by bestowing upon them the Member of the British Empire. They recognized the importance of one Boy in Blue to their own local heritage and another opportunity to serve.

Mr. Nicholls, PDC Fidler’s brother-in-law, served as a local contact and Mr. Hopgood, who is the graveyard’s maintenance superintendent, brought the right people together to complete the restoration without cost to the Order. The two identified, restored, and beautified the grave, which had been obscured beneath a large holly bush for many years in a quiet area of the large cemetery.

Returning to England when his service ended in late 1865, Pvt. Blazey married and raised his family. He also became a noted speaker in the London area about the causes and consequences of the Civil War and his service in it. As a prominent member of the U.S. Civil War Veterans, London Branch, he took a leading role in the promotion of veterans benefits, patriotic instruction, and the care of elderly veterans until his own death in 1921.

Historical coincidences abound in the story. PDC Fidler’s wife Susan grew up in a house with a back wall shared with the cemetery, less than 100 yds. from the grave. For over 30 years, the Fidler and

Nicholls families cut through the cemetery, passing within 50 ft. without ever realizing its significance. Mr. Nicholls’ daughter Fiona even worked in the candy store that Pvt. Blazey once owned.

The story ran in the local press during Christmas 2012 found its way to the veteran’s great grandson, William Simons of Southampton, England, who contacted Mr. Nicholls. Mr. Simons was so impressed by the Order’s dedication to preserving his ancestor’s memory, that he joined the SUVCW after PDC Fidler’s suggestion.

Mr. Hopgood has made the upkeep of the grave his personal project. Mr. Nicholls is the grave’s “color bearer,” replacing small Stars and Stripes with new ones as the elements deteriorate the old ones.



Pvt. William Blazey (ca. 1865).



Pvt. William Blazey’s grave site before restoration.



Pvt. William Blazey (ca. 1917).



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Programs and Policies committee for action.

Nat. Webmaster Replacement. SVCinC Freshley discussed finding his replacement. He has interviewed two candidates and is reviewing their qualifications. There is a possibility both will share the responsibilities. He will make the appointment when and if he becomes CinC.

New computer for Nat. Officers. Br. Orr led discussion. Br. Palmer moved, Br. Martin seconded to have our treasurer investigate the cost of, then purchase new computers for Nat. officers. Passed with some abstentions.

Website Payments. Br. Orr moved, Br. Freshley seconded, that no organizations are exempt from paying a fee for their website that is being hosted on our website. Passed unanimously.

Aux. Request. Br. Orr will advise and assist them in their goal to convert to 501c3 tax status.

Child protection legislation. The Penn State University/Jerry Sandusky situation has caused 49 states (not PA) to adopt new legislation. A Webinar will explain the 30 policies that we may have to adopt and comply with, including detailed training of our Board of Directors (CofA), volunteers, and any member who works with our Juniors. When the requirements of the new legislation are known, the CofA will form a policy to ensure we comply. Br. Wheeler moved, Br. Petrovic seconded that the SUVCW pay the \$89 fee for Br. Orr to take the webinar. Motion passed unanimously.

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USLI insurance. Br. Kowalski reported on this in the State of Ill. Functions, members and participants are covered for very low cost.

Adverse Action. PCinC Kennedy reported that Connecticut and CAL Simcoe are still suspended for not completing paperwork.

Br. Orr reported that the Dept. of Florida is \$25 short on per capita and technically cannot be seated at the Encampment. The per capita was paid by a member in the room and the Dept. of Florida will now be seated at the Encampment.

Nat. Advertising & Promotion Comm. DC Mark Day (Chesapeake) spoke on the committee's progress. A full report will be made at the Encampment.

VA Policy. Br. Frail requested Encampment time to address the policy of allowing only family member's to order gravestones.

Closing. The Chaplain provided appropriate remarks. Adjourned at 10:45 PM

Respectfully submitted in F, C, and L,
PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

National Council of Administration Meeting Minutes – August ??, 2013 Brookfield, WI

The meeting was opened by CinC Ken Freshley at 8:03 AM. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chaplain Kowalski providing a moment of prayer. CinC Freshley gave general opening comments.

The Nat. Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council and Guests as present:

CinC Ken Freshley, SVCinC Tad Campbell, JVCinC Eugene Mortorff, Nat. Secretary Alan Russ, Nat. Treasurer Richard Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, Council Members Donald Martin, Donald Shaw, Steve Hammond, Walter Busch, Ed Norris, and Immediate PCinC Perley Mellor.

PCinCs included: Stephen Michaels (Banner Editor), Andrew Johnson, Edward Kreiser, James Pahl, Leo Kennedy, and Donald Palmer.

Guests included: Exec. Director David Demmy Sr., Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, PDC Robert M. Petrovic (SUVCW Foundation) PDC Ron Clark (Dept. of IL), DJVC Kevin L. Martin (Dept. of the Chesapeake), and Eric D. Graff (Dept. of WI.)

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Stephenson Memorial Plaza. Committee chairman PDC Ron Clark (IL) requested approval to use the SUVCW logo on the larger sized bricks (12" x 12") and on benches. Br. Orr requested clarification as to what would be allowed on the brick, and it was clarified that it would only be names, Camp names, Dept. names, etc. Br. Orr moved, Br. Wheeler seconded, to approve the request to use the SUVCW logo on the large bricks, provided no statements are included on the brick.

Motion Passed.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded, to place a one-time free advertisement for the Stephenson Memorial Plaza memorial bricks in an upcoming issue of the *Banner*. **Motion Passed.**

SUVCW Foundation. Br. Petrovic showed a sample presentation folder with the SUVCW logo on the cover. It was discussed that the Nat. Quartermaster was selling a presentation folder. Br. Orr moved, Br. Martin seconded to reject the proposal. **Motion passed.**

National Membership-at-Large and Website application dues. Br. Orr moved, Br. Shaw seconded, that dues for the Nat. Membership-at-Large and for website applications remain the same as they are currently. **Motion Passed.**

Budget. Br. Orr moved, Br. Hammond seconded, to approve the budget, as presented to the Encampment, with the adjustments required by actions of the Encampment. **Motion Passed.**

Br. Orr requested that Br. Pahl check to see when the

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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On July 20th, ten new Eagle Scouts at the Resurrection Catholic Church in, Aptos, Cal., received the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award. The commendations were presented by Lincoln Camp 10's CSVK Kevin R. Coyne, CPI Randall Hawkinson and DC Tim P. Reese. JVCinC Tad D. Campbell addressed the family and friends of BSA Troop 609, describing the SUVCW and the GAR and their relationship to the BSA.



IOWA

On June 8th, at Des Moines' historic Woodland Cemetery, Brs. Louie Zenti, Ron Rittel, David Lamb, Jim Braden and Mike Rowley joined the Mayor, city Council members and other dignitaries in dedicating a new, \$80,000 entry arch. The cemetery is the final resting place for many veterans from the War of 1812 to the Vietnam Conflict. *Photo by Marilyn Rittel.*



Dual members of the Dept. joined with other lineage society members of the DAR, CAR, SAR, SUVCW, GSW 1812 and others in one of Iowa's the largest 4th of July Parades.



Brs. Mike Rowley, Patrick Greenfield, Michael Greenfield, Jerry Greenfield, MD, David Thompson, David Rowley, Danny Krock, Stuart Walker, Richard W. Hickman and Tammy Krock.

INDIANA

On June 8th, Valparaiso's David D. Porter Camp 116 dedicated a new headstone in La Porte's Patton Cemetery. Camp 116 was contacted in Spring 2012 by a g-g-g granddaughter. Walter P. Johnston was a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient who had never received the correct headstone or the proper recognition.



PCinC Ed Kreiser presents the Flag to Colleen Malinkowski, G.G.G. granddaughter of Walter P. Johnston.

The ceremony began at La Porte's 1st Christian Church, where Walter and his family attended. Family members were presented with four citations and proclamations from various state and local government representatives. Speakers included a Viet Nam Medal of Honor recipient and the Naval Science Professor at Notre Dame University.

The cemetery ceremony included the SVR and the 20th Indiana (re-enactors), presenting the colors to "Minstrel Boy" on bag pipes. The original citation was read and a flag flown over the Capitol was presented to the family. The firing squad fired three volleys, Taps was sounded by Camp 116's Br. Steve Mockler, and "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes.

MICHIGAN



J. Grieve, S. Bryant, D. Hulbert, R. Quinn, D. Hinckley, N. Breagh, A. Bonecutter, J. Ribby, J. Sawyer, W. Hanusik, D. Aurand, Mrs. J. Jenkins, CC G. Goodrich, D. Smith, Mrs. L. Smith, J. Lantzer, T. Jenkins. Photo by Mrs. Lorraine Aurand

When the Benzie Area Hist. Society established a GAR Day to be celebrated at the Benzonia Township Cemetery, they turned to Traverse City's Robert Finch Camp 14 for

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help. The cemetery contains the graves of many Civil War vets, as well as noted Civil War author Bruce Catton. The cemetery's center feature is a unique memorial, erected by E. P. Case GAR Post 372, known as the "mushroom monument".

On May 25th, Camp 14 provided a rededication service, modified by Camp Sec. Tom Jenkins to address all the vets' graves. The service was attended by over 100 and included the local custom of placing lilacs at the monument. The Historical Soc. provided a tour of the cemetery. Fifteen brothers and Sr. Judy Jenkins of Aux. 9 participated. DSVC Dale Aurand debuted as the Officer of the Day.

On July 20th, Kalamazoo's Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20, along with Jackson's Camp 7 and Marshall's Camp 22, dedicated a new monument to Scotts' Walter Orr GAR Post 312. Brothers helped a local committee plan the placement of a large boulder with a bronze plaque on it. The monument sits on the site of "Union Hall", Post 312's meeting place, torn down in 1972. A refurbished flagpole with a US flag is a part of this new memorial.



Taking part in the dedication: Camp 20 Chap. PDC Bill Brennan (invocation), PDC Gary L. Gibson (GAR history), PCC Mike Culp (the Post's namesake), Camp 7 CC Bob Griggs (Honor Guard), and Camp 22 Chap. PCC Louie Cuyler (benediction). Camp 20 PCC Mike Culp, 13th Mich. Mem. Assoc. Exec. Director, secured a large donation from the association. Walter Orr was a member of the 13th Mich. Inf. About 80 people attended the dedication.

MISSOURI



Brs. Jim Millikin, Jeff Patrick, Kirk Singleton, Johnny Clanton, Bob Clanton, Harry Clanton, and Kip Lindberg.

On May 18th, Phelps Camp 66 participated in ceremonies, marking the 150th anniversary of the

skirmish at the Rader Farm ('Sherwood Massacre') near Joplin. The new Jasper County Civil War Park was formally dedicated during the ceremony. Camp 66's Steve Weldon is a member of the Civil War Park Assoc. and was instrumental in helping preserve the Rader Farm site and the 1863 battlefield.

NEBRASKA



On May 26th, Harrison Camp 532 dedicated a gravestone for Civil War veteran Wm. Tolman Howsman who served in Co. C, 96th O.V.I. and was a prisoner of war. The family replaced a deteriorated gravestone. The Camp's Brs. Norm Weber, Mark Glaubius, Nate Raabe, Robert Gablenz, Glenn Kietzman, Rick Marx and Trent Bosler. The American Legion's Carl Mogensen Post 119 color guard also attended.

On June 22nd, Victor Vifquain Camp 1, Shiloh Camp 2 and Aux. sisters along with the U.S. Daughters of 1812, who hosted the event, rededicated the "Don't Give Up the Ship" plaque located at Central High School in downtown Omaha. The Sons posted the colors, followed by a ceremony that included the Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Flag of 1812, The American's Creed, Invocation, Introduction, Greetings from the General Society of the War of 1812 by Camp 1 Br. Robert Knott, Jr., and remarks by a Central High School history teacher. Events like this help solidify the efforts of veterans and auxiliary veterans organizations and promote good will among the organizations and the public while promoting patriotism.



Shown (rear row): Camp 1's PCC/JVC Steve Bauermeister and CC Marc Witkovski, Camp 2 CC Bill Dean and PI Keith Rockefeller, Camp 1 Sec/Treas. Gage Stermensky, Gen. Soc. of the War of 1812 Fred Walden, Robert Knott, Jr. (also of Camp 1) and Bill Webb. (Front row): DUVCW Pres. Judy Frohm, USD War of 1812 members: Cheryl Clark, Louise Travers, Sandra Spicer, Ann Reim, Kathy Ocasio, and Aux. sister Margaret Dean.

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"It's been a long road getting here, but we finally made it," said Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 CC Jim Oiler on June 15 during the dedication of a new Civil War memorial at Gallipolis' Pine Street Cemetery.

A year and a half ago, Camp 126 Chaplain Henry Myers read an article, describing Decoration Day 1868 and a 12-foot monument, honoring the men who fought to preserve the Union. Unfortunately, no one could determine what happened to that monument, so the Camp decided to erect a new one, honoring soldiers both Confederate and Union.



DC Jonathan Davis told the crowd, "I am positive that tears were shed by these patriots in heaven on the day that this original monument was taken from this place of honor and I am sure that again tears are being shed today except that these are tears of joy."

After speaking, Ohio State Rep. Ryan Smith presented the Camp with a commendation. A gun salute and "Taps" concluded the dedication ceremony.

OKLAHOMA

At the request of the California Dept.'s Br. Allen Davis, Jeremiah Smith Camp 1 conducted a ceremony, commemorating the service of Wesley Fletcher Swift and installing a GAR marker at his grave near Asher on August 17th. Bugler, later Rev. Wesley F. Swift served in the 3rd Iowa Vol. Cav. from 1862-65, fought in 12 battles and was severely wounded in one. After the war, he was a circuit-riding preacher to the Chickasaw Indians of southern Oklahoma. Ten descendants of Bugler Swift attended the ceremony.



NEW JERSEY

On August 24th, the famed "Swamp Angel" cannon was commemorated at Trenton's Cadwalader Park, marking the 150th anniversary of its firing on Charleston, SC. A new historical plaque was also dedicated to replace one that disappeared a couple years ago. The event was organized by Hightstown's Abraham Lincoln Camp 100 with the aid of Camp Olden Civil War Round Table & Museum of Hamilton, NJ, and the cooperation of the City of Trenton.

About 75 people attended, including about 25 re-enactors and Sons in uniform. CC Bruce L. Sirak emceed, dressed as NJ Gov. Charles Olden (1860-63). Rev. DC Ronald L. Brower gave the invocation and benediction, and Dr. David Martin, PDC, told how the cannon came to Trenton. The North Ward councilwoman also spoke and helped unveil the new plaque with Sirak and Martin. Purcell Camp 104 PCC C. Jeffrey Heagy played Taps. An honor volley and three rounds were fired by re-enactors.



PDC David Martin, Br. Fred Minus, DC Ronald Brower, PCC Jeffrey Heagy, and CC Bruce Sirak.

PENNSYLVANIA

On April 20th, Isaac Eaton Camp 504 presented the Sons of Union Veterans Eagle Scout certificate to one of its members, Br. Trevor Alan Black, at his Court of Honor ceremony in Mercer County. Trevor and his dad, CC Joel Black, are members of our Camp. The Certificate was presented by Br. Timothy Bennett, Secretary of the Camp.



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On Saturday August 17th, Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 gathered at McKinney's Pecan Grove Cemetery to honor the late Br. Wm. Francis Fleming. CC Drake Peddie led the memorial and presented the family with a Certificate of Mourning and an SUVCW challenge coin. DC Donald Gates presented an SUVCW flag holder and a copy of the *Banner* that mentioned Br. Fleming's passing. 2Lt. George Hansen, commanding Co. K, 1st U.S. Inf. (SVR), directed the firing party and Br. Larry Johnson provided a fife and drum accompaniment. Camp and Dept. Chaplain Donald Sielert led everyone in prayer and Br. Fleming's son, William, gave a heartfelt eulogy. Services concluded with the Battle Hymn of the Republic, a three volley salute and a closing prayer.

MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

At least 100 residents gathered at a GAR memorial in downtown Grand Forks, ND, on June 23rd. The ceremony honored the 100th anniversary of the statue's original dedication. The statue was erected to honor Willis A. Gorman GAR Post 6. The Near Southside Neighborhood Assoc. in Grand Forks cleaned and beautified the statue and the park's landscape.

The program featured remarks by the historic preservation commission, a councilman, and music by a

quartet. Br. Daniel Sauerwein, NMAL, delivered a rededication ceremony, honoring Post 6 and the city's former Geo. B. Winship Camp 1. VFW Post 1874 posted the Colors, provided the firing squad and a bugler for "Taps." Several descendants of Post 6 members, whose names are inscribed on the statue's bronze plaque, attended. Br. Sauerwein was interviewed on a TV newscast, seen across eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.



Br. Sauerwein, a member since 2006, is an historian and Civil War re-enactor. He hopes to recruit several new members in the area, achieving a long-time goal of establishing a Camp in North Dakota.

FINAL MUSTER

Robert L. Bourbina (LM)

Member-at-Large (OH)
April 13, 2010

Herbert J. Wheble

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
September 16, 2012

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October 20, 2012

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Col. Wm. Kinsman Camp 23 (IA)
October 23, 2012

Gerald Paul Scheib

Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2 (CA& Pac)
November 30, 2012

PCC William F. Parker

David G. Caywood Camp 146 (NY)
January 5, 2013

Francis Willis McIntosh

Gen. Geo. Stoneman Jr. Camp 18 (CA)
January 16, 2013

Donald Raymond Catterall

Wm. B. Keith Camp 12 (CA& Pac)
January 28, 2013

John R. Sherman

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
January 29, 2013

Charles F. Hyde

Elias Moon Camp 2 (GA&SC)
March 2, 2013

David L. Judd

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
May 25, 2013

Peter Gary Ekblom

Isaac Easton Camp 504 (PA)
June 10, 2013

PCC Robert Leland Julian

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (TX)
June 12, 2013

John Henry Hartford (LM)

Col. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)
June 21, 2013

Leroy A. Green

H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)
July 4, 2013

Louis M. Barlup, Jr.

Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
July 27, 2013

Wesley A. Hogan

Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)
August 13, 2013

CJVC Daniel D.W. Yowell

Col. Wm. Kinsman Camp 23 (IA)
August 13, 2013

Bud Emmitt Stamford Minor

Gen. U.S. Grant Camp 9 (CA&Pac)
August 14, 2013

Lee Stuart Sickler

Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 (TX)
August 23, 2013

CHESAPEAKE

Ceremony Honors General Meade

At Frederick, Maryland in the early morning hours of June 28, 1863, Union Gen. George Meade received word that he had been placed in command of the Army of the Potomac, thus relieving Gen. Joseph Hooker just days before the battle of Gettysburg. On June 28, 2013, in recognition of the sesquicentennial anniversary of this event, a ceremony and wreath presentation took place near the historic spot, with JVCs from each level of the SUVCW taking part.



Aux. Nat. Chaplain Rachelle Campbell, JVCinC Tad Campbell, Antietam Camp 3 JVC Joseph Foster, DJVC Kevin Martin, Rosemary Martin (Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52).

NEBRASKA



Shown (rear row): Camp 2 Council PDC Phil Rudebusch, Sr. Loretta Tjekl, Dept. Sec/Treas PDC Merle Rudebusch, DUVCW Pres. Judy Frohm and Sec/Treas Arlene Rudebusch, Aux. Sr. Margaret Dean, Camp 532 Chaplain Glen Kietzman, (middle row left to right): Camp 532 Sgt. Rick Marx, Camp 532 Sec/Treas PDC Norm Weber, Camp 532's Pvt. Robert Gablenz and Pvt. Nate Raaben, Camp 2 SVC Mark Nichols and CC Bill Dean. (front row): Audie Tjekl, son of Sr. Tjekl.

On July 13, Harrison Camp 532 and Shiloh Camp 2 dedicated five Civil War veteran headstones at the Schuyler Cemetery. With the help of Camp 3, Schuyler VFW Post 4836 paid to have headstones for each put in the cemeteries. Those honored included 2Lt. John F. Atchinson, 23rd Mich. Inf.; Sgt. James R. Clark, who served in the infantry; Sgt. Lee Richmond, 58th USCT (his name is on the African-American Soldier Monument in Washington, DC); Pvt. William Shaw, 118th OVI; Cpl. William West, 13th OVI; and Sgt. William H. Woods, 87th OVI, who is interred in the Richland Cemetery.

OHIO

John S. Townsend Camp 108 and Auxiliary gathered at Bishopville's Maplewood Cemetery on July 13th to dedicate a plaque, honoring Pvt. James W. Moody, Morgan County's last Civil War veteran.

DC Jonathan Davis and CC Martin Lowery, Sr. spoke. A rifle salute was performed by Co. G, 63rd OVI (SVR). Taps was performed by Br. Carl Gaffin.

Pvt. Moody was born February 19, 1848. He enlisted May 2, 1864 in Co. K, 161st OVI and was mustered out that September. After the war, he joined the Glouster GAR Post. He married twice, fathering nine children with his first wife. He died December 6, 1944.



VERMONT

The members of H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 and Aux. 15 held a joint meeting on August 14th at Dixie's II in Chelsea. Six Auxiliary sisters and four Sons gathered for meetings and a lunch. They celebrated Sr. Louise Blodgett's 50 year anniversary as an Aux. sister, where she was presented with a 50-year pin. Sr. Louise originally joined the Montpelier Auxiliary and transferred to Aux. 15 in Chelsea in 1996.

57th Annual Remembrance Day Parade - November 23, 2013
Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve
Parade briefing at the Wyndham Hotel - Gettysburg at 9:30 am



contracts for the accountant, executive director, and photographer will expire. Br. Pahl will review the contract expiration dates and advise.

Veterans Administration headstone replacement. Br. Orr stated that we can encourage brothers to sign the on-line petition; however, VA is trying to work it out to avoid legislation by congress compelling them to replace stones with requests by veterans organizations. **Referred to the Legislation committee for monitoring.**

Memorial University. The Nat. Patriotic Instructor has requested the program be revised. This was discussed by the Council. CinC Freshley will appoint a special committee to work on this.

Per CinC Freshley, the Nat. Patriotic Instructor has requested one or more assistants to help with Memorial University. No action will be taken at time.

Leadership Trng. Prog. Ref. PCinC Palmer's report to the Nat. Encampment (page 21). CinC Freshley will assign this to a new special committee. PCinC Michaels, PCinC Pahl, and PCinC Palmer volunteered to serve on the committee.

Applicants' Proof of Lineage. Ref. JVCinC Campbell's report to the National Encampment (page 8). In the discussion, Br. Orr stated we need to tell camps they need proof of lineage. Referred to Programs & Policies committee along with discussion about electronic documents.

Electronic voting at Nat. Encampment. Chaplain Kowalski discussed possibly using this. No action was taken.

Sesquicentennial Signature Events. Br. Hammond stated he thinks we still have an issue. Discussion

followed. Br. Orr moved, Br. Mellor seconded, to set the minimum time for submission of SES applications to six months before the event. **Motion Passed.**

Revision of the SES form was assigned to Program & Policies Committee.

JVCinC Mortorff was excused to leave at 9:08 AM.

Membership Badges. Nat. Quartermaster Wheeler advised he was exploring other options.

Executive Session. At 9:20 AM, CinC Freshley asked visitors to leave the room so the Council of Administration could go into executive session. One item was tabled to the Gettysburg Council meeting. At 9:30 AM, the executive session was ended.

Old Computer Disposal. Br. Michaels requested guidance. Recommendations were offered by CinC Freshley.

CinC Freshley presented PCinC Perley Mellor with certificate for his service to the Order as Commander-in-Chief.

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Br. Martin stated his intention to run for reelection to the Council of Administration at the 2014 National Encampment.

CinC Freshley provided closing comments. Chaplain Kowalski provided the blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
PDC Alan L. Russ
National Secretary

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

AFTER THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

On July 4, 1863 Gen. Geo. Gordon Meade sent a congratulatory letter to the Army of the Potomac, thanking them for delivering the mighty blow to the Army of Northern Virginia. In it he said:

General Orders, No. 68

The Commanding General, on behalf of the country, thanks the Army of the Potomac for the glorious result of recent operations. An enemy superior in numbers and flushed with the pride of a successful invasion, attempted to over come and destroy this Army. Utterly baffled and defeated, he has now withdrawn from the contest. The privations and fatigue the Army has endured, and the heroic courage and gallantry it has displayed will be matter of history to be remembered.

Our task is not yet accomplished, and the Commanding General looks to the Army for greater efforts to drive from our soil every vestige of the presence of the invader.

It is right and proper that we should, on suitable occasions, return our grateful thanks to the Almighty Disposer of events, that in the goodness of His Providence He has thought fit to give victory to the cause of the just.

By Command of Major-General Meade

After the bloodiest battle ever fought on this continent, the victorious leader gives thanks to the Almighty. Our Nation today is faced with a host of problems just as great as the Recent Unpleasantness. I ask you to join me in thanking the Almighty for the solutions He has already worked out for our Nation's problems. That He Bless us with Peace, Prosperity, Freedom, Happiness and all of the good things that we want and need. If you agree with my prayer - just say AMEN!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

SVR GUIDON



1903-1913



THE SVR'S FIRST STAFF OFFICERS

On November 19, 1903, BG Richard M.J. Reed issued his first General Order, announcing his staff. These men were charged with the administration, equipping and standardization of the fledgling Sons of Veterans Reserve.

+ Gen. Reed's son, 33-year old Theodore, of Philadelphia was appointed the Asst. Adjutant General.

+ John H. Leonard of Rumford, RI, was appointed Asst. Quartermaster General.

+ 58-year old Edward R. Campbell was appointed Asst. Inspector General. He had served in the 6th Corps and after the war, worked in a meat market before landing a job as a pension clerk in Washington, D.C. He served as the Sons' Commander-in-Chief in 1901-02.

All three men were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

+ 24-year old Edwin J. Prittie of Philadelphia and W. Harry Moore of Washington, D.C., were appointed Aides de Camp and assigned duties by the Asst. Adj. Gen. and Asst. Inspector General respectively. Both men were promoted to Captain. Interestingly, Prittie became a well-known American illustrator and author.

GENERAL GRIM REAPPOINTED

The National Military Affairs Committee recommended, and CinC Freshley concurred and appointed MG Robert E. Grim, for another 3-year term as Commanding Officer of the SVR. His third term commences on 15 November 2013 and ends on 14 November 2016 or until properly relieved.

Gen. Grim has held the high post since 2007. Previously, he served as Commander of Co. C, 20th OVI (1993-97), as Nat. Adjutant General (1998-2001) and as Nat. Deputy Commander (2001-08). He served as Commander-in-Chief in 2002-03.



MISSOURI

On June 29th, a parade was held at St Louis' U.S. Grant Nat. Historic Site, in remembrance of the Confederate surrender to Gen. Grant's Union forces at Vicksburg. Maj. Robert Champlin and Lt. Col. Jack Grothe (4th MD) and Wm. T Sherman Billy Yank Camp 65, led local Cub and Boy Scouts and posted a 34-star Civil War Flag, as was done on top of the Vicksburg Court House at the end of the siege. Principal speaker at the dedication was former U.S. Marine guard Rodney Sickmann, one of the Iranian held hostages taken in the US Embassy in 1979. Mr. Sickmann is a St. Louis area resident.



IOWA

Over Memorial Day weekend, the Iowa Monument was dedicated at Vicksburg. PCinC Donald Palmer spoke at the welcome reception for Iowans attending the event. He was joined by Iowa governor Terry Branstad, along with members of the 49th Iowa SVR.



GETTYSBURG 1913

by PDC Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

From June 26 through July 7, 1913, 44,713 Union and 8,750 Confederate veterans gathered to commemorate the Battle of Gettysburg's 50th anniversary.

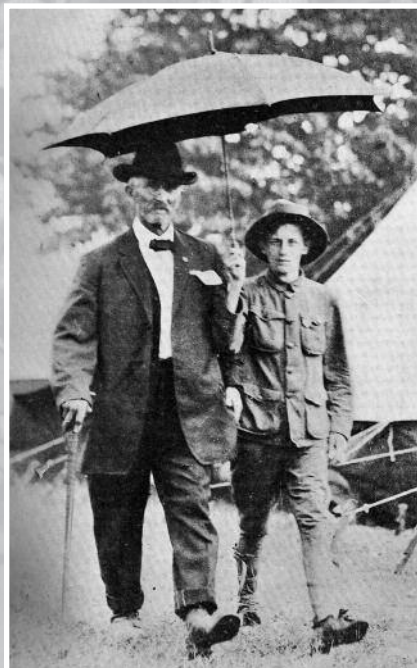
The US Army erected 6,595 tents to house the vets, provided 2000 cooks to feed them and provided lighted streets, telephone and telegraph service and emergency medical facilities.

Every member of the GAR and the United Confederate Veterans was invited. Veterans from age 62 to a reported 112, and from 46 of the 48 states attended. Pennsylvania contributed the most, though other states and the federal government also enabled the reunion to occur. MG Dan Sickles, who had lost a leg during the battle, attended. Pennsylvania paid for all rail transportation within its boundaries and the railroads offered a rate of one cent a mile to most other areas.

Four hundred and fifty Boy Scouts were selected to serve as escorts, hosts and to assist in first aid. The Scouts had formed in 1911, so this was their first great service project. It was said that no old soldier could wander far from his Comrades before a Scout appeared to steady his arm, guide him home and to hear of the great war of 50 years before.

As the temperature rose to triple digits, over 700 veterans were treated for the excessive heat, but only nine fatalities were reported.

The central gathering point was a great tent with 15,000 chairs. The GAR and UCV Commanders-in-Chief spoke of the nation reunited. The Secretary of War gave an address. Pickett's Charge was re-enacted on July 3rd. The old soldiers met at the stone wall to shake hands amid shouts and tears. Pres. Woodrow Wilson addressed the veterans on July 4th.



This Great Reunion's success was noted across America and around the world. From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin on June 30, 1913:

"In the history of civilization there is scarce a parallel for this reunion of survivors of that terrific combat. It is a spectacle to inspire the world. It means that out of the fiery furnace of civil strife, which burned with an intensity fierce enough to consume the ties of blood brotherhood, the nation emerged stronger and better than ever, purged and purified, with a new spirit and a new resolve... To the everlasting honor of those veterans may it always be gratefully remembered that they who had most cause not to forgive have ever been the most magnanimous in forgiving. They stood for the true spirit of American manhood, and their patriotic example must be a noble inspiration for the youth of the present and all the generations to come." *Photo's from the Library of Congress.*





GETTYSBURG 2013

Soft winds blew under the scorching sun. The stark contrast of the faces of the past with the future—weathered re-enactors and today’s youthful military. 10,000 re-enactors, 135 cannon and 375 horses attended the 150th commemorative of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 3 to 7. Re-enactors from 16 different countries and 50 states were registered for the event. The combined farms where the event took place numbered approximately 1000 acres.

PCinC Chares Kuhn Jr. organized a pilgrimage to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Eternal Peace Light. Prayers, remarks, music, poetry, a floral tribute and a rifle salute were included.

Submitted by CC Gary Ward, Sr. Dorothy Walker. Photo’s by PDC Steve Hammond and Br. Randy Fletcher.



Brs. Ted Occhi, Darryl Slicer and Gary Ward at the re-enactment.



Col. Edw. Baker Camp 6 (C-A-L)’s Andrew and Randy Fletcher at the re-enactment.



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Stephenson Memorial Plaza

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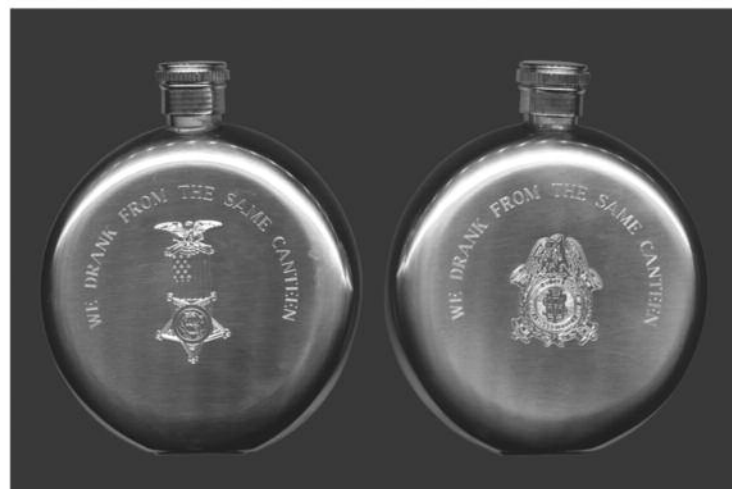
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