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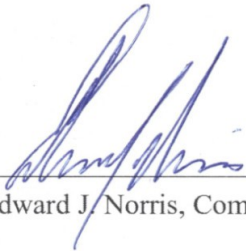
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October 24, 2020

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Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief 2019-2020

8/23/2023
Date



Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief 2020-2021

22 August 2023
Date

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National Officers and Committee Chairmen

2019-2020

Elected Officers and Council of Administration

Edward J. Norris, PDC - Commander-in-Chief
Brian C. Pierson, PDC - Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Michael A. Paquette, PDC - Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Jonathan C. Davis - National Secretary
Bruce D. Frail, PDC - Council of Administration
Harry W. Reineke, IV, PDC - Council of Administration
Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC - Council of Administration
Kevin L. Martin, PDC - Council of Administration
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC - Council of Administration
Donald W. Shaw, PCinC - Council of Administration
Michael Beard, PDC - National Treasurer
James Lyon, PDC - National Quartermaster

Council of Administration Non-Voting

Donald E. Darby, PCinC - National Counselor
James B. Pahl, PCinC - The Banner Editor
Stephen S. Hammond, PDC - Washington DC Representative
All past Commanders-in-Chief

Appointed Officers

Benjamin Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor
Douglas Fidler, PDC - National Aide-de-Camp
Nathan Knight - National Aide-de-Camp
Eric D. Richhart, PDC - National Organization Expansion Officer
Rev. Peter M. Preble, PCC - National Chaplain
Jamie P. McGuire, PDC - National Chief of Staff
Walter E. Busch, PDC - National Civil War Memorials Officer
David Sosnowski, PDC - National Color Bearer
Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC - Assistant National Counselor
Robert Seal - National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Peter J. Hritsko Jr., PDC - National GAR Highway Officer
Dean A. Enderlin, PCC - National GAR Records Officer
Bruce D. Frail, PDC - National Graves Registration Officer
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Kevin L. Martin, PDC - National Liaison to MOLLUS
Alan L. Russ, PDC - National Membership-at-Large Coordinator
James B. Pahl, PCinC - Parliamentarian
James P. McGuire, PDC - National Signals Officer
Daniel R. Earl, PCC - National Legislation Officer
Harry W. Reineke, PDC - National Webmaster
Ken L. Freshley, PCinC - National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store
Ernest E. Blevins, PCC - National Battle Flag Preservation Officer
Daryl V. VerStrete Jr., PDC - Asst. National Quartermaster (ROTC)
James B. Pahl, PCinC - Asst National Secretary Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer
James B. Pahl, PCinC - Asst. National Counselor - Blue Book
Stephen S. Hammond, PDC - Asst. National Legislation Officer
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC - Asst. National Secretary (Proceedings)
James B. Pahl, PCinC - Asst. National Treasurer #1
Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC - Asst. National Treasurer #2
Michael Downs, PDC - Asst. National Treasurer #3
Max L. Newman, PCC - Asst. National Treasurer #4

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Memorial University Redesign - Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC
Hereditary Issues (2021) - James G. Ward, PDC
Website Redesign - James P. McGuire, PDC

Electronic Forms (2021) - Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Other Positions

David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC - Executive Director

Biography of Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

At the 138th National Encampment in Independence, Ohio, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Edward J. (Ed) Norris of Lancaster, Mass. as the 132nd Brother to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief. He is the 3rd Commander-in-Chief from the Willie Grout Camp 25, and 16th from the Department of Massachusetts.

Brother Norris joined the Order on October 14, 2004. At his first meeting he was nominated as Junior Vice Commander. Being smart enough to decline he did accept being appointed as Patriotic Instructor. Two years later he was elected as Department Treasurer and held that position for five years; he later served another two years. He has served as Camp Commander for three non-contiguous years and as Department Commander for two years. Twice he was awarded the Roger L. Olsen Award as Outstanding Brother of the Year for the Department of Massachusetts.



His introduction to National was when Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC, appointed him as National Guide and that same year he was the Installation Officer at the Department of New Hampshire Encampment; probably because everyone else was at a Council of Administration meeting. Later, Brother Norris served four years on the Council of Administration, then as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and also served as Chief-of-Staff for Perley E. Mellor, PCinC and Donald L. Martin, PCinC before his election as Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Norris served in the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a number of years before becoming Commander (Major) of the 1st Military District. Upon becoming Commander-in-Chief he transferred to the Inactive Reserves.

He became very interested in the Civil War after his then eleven-year-old son wanted to join the 9th Mass. Battery as a reenactor. Brother Norris started researching the Battery and discovered the Graves Registration Database. He contacted the local Graves Registration Officer who led him to the Order.

Brother Norris joined as an Associate and 18 months later discover four second great granduncles who served with honor. He had left his Smith family ancestors for last to research, otherwise that process would have been quicker.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War under James M. Smith of the Company C, 18th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry and Company C, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery where he served as a color sergeant and was wounded at Petersburg, Virginia. The other three brothers were: Eben E. Smith who enlisted in Company C, 26th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry and

Company A, 11th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry and was wounded at Deep Bottom Run, Virginia; Josiah H. Smith of Company M, 1st Maine Volunteer Cavalry; and Seth T. Smith of Company A, 27th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

Brother Norris has documented numerous cousins who also volunteered and were comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic. His cousins served in regiments for the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

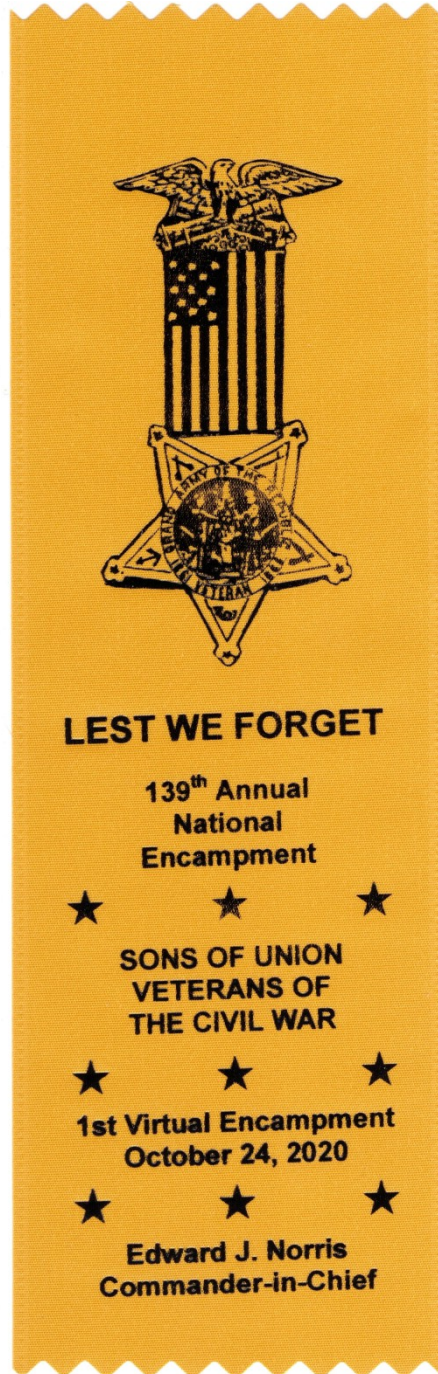
He is married to his best friend and love of his life and has three amazing children. He currently has one granddaughter.

Throughout his years with the Order, he realized our Brothers and Sisters offer an incredible support structure. Whenever something tough came up he found a Brother or Sister willing to assist. Brother Norris sincerely thanks them all.

National Encampment Ribbons, Badges, Etc.

2020 National Encampment Ribbon

The ribbon was sent to any Brother who attended and sent a self addressed stamp envelope. The ribbon is smaller than usually so that it fit a #10 envelope.



2020 National Encampment Medals

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina produced two medals for the National Encampment. Once the Council of Administration officially canceled the meeting, it gave permission to the Department to sell the medals so that they could recoup their investment of the purchase.

The Delegate Medal is on the left and the Souvenir Medal is on the right.



National Encampment Transcript

----- Start of Edits made by Edward J. Norris, PCinC -----

Because of COVID-19, the 2020 National Encampment was held by teleconference using Zoom software. The National Encampment took place on October 24, 2020.

The recording of the Zoom meeting was not working properly and we missed the opening comments, opening of the National Encampment made by Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris, National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis calling the roll of National Officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief, and the beginning of the rules of the National Encampment by Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian.

The comments made to start the National Encampment were short and sweet; probably just a welcome. Acting as National Guard and National Guide were held by Brothers James McGuire and Joseph Hall, both who controlled the Zoom session. Next was reading the "Opening For National Encampments" pages found in the *Rituals and Ceremonials* book to start the meeting.

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris

The Officers and members of the 139th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order.

Guide, determine if all present are entitled to remain.

The Secretary will call the roll of the Officers of the Encampment.

(Roll call of Council of Administration officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief.)

National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis

Sir, the roll is called.

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris

Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

All (in unison)

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris

Brothers — We meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves.

The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble

Our Heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, Who looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist, and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objectives. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the nation might be preserved, and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled, and so bless us that Charity and Justice, and Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

All (in unison)

Amen.

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris

Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the colors.

Encampment (in unison)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris

By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare the 139th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter.

Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris had asked National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis to call the roll. The list below is compiled by examining the attendance list.

- Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris
- Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson
- Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette
- National Treasurer D. Michael Beard
- National Secretary Jonathan Davis
- Council of Administration Harry W. Reineke IV
- Council of Administration Kevin P. Tucker
- Council of Administration Bruce D. Frail
- Council of Administration Kevin L. Martin
- Council of Administration Peter J. Hritsko (excused)
- Council of Administration Donald W. Shaw
- Quartermaster James Lyon (excused)
- National Counselor Donald E. Darby (excused)
- The Banner Editor James B. Pahl

- Washington DC Representative Stephen S. Hammond
- Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison
- Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson
- Past Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler
- Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser
- Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim
- Past Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels
- Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl
- Past Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy
- Past Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Palmer, Jr
- Past Commander-in-Chief Perley E. Mellor
- Past Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshley
- Past Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell
- Past Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin
- Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day
- Past Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw

After the National Encampment was opened, Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris asked Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl to read the National Encampment rules. Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl had sent the rules for the National Encampment to Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris a day before the meeting. The following is from that document up to the point when the Zoom recording started and the transcription begins:

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

“The Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure for the 2020 National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

1 The current Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW and the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority for parliamentary procedure in the conduct of all business of the Encampment. Due to the current state of Emergency and the necessity of holding our Annual National Encampment by interactive video technology and the number of brothers attending today, the Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to alter and/or modify those rules.

2 The agenda has been published. This will guide the Order of Business, however, in the interest of efficiency, the Commander-in-Chief may adjust the agenda items as necessary.

3 The book of reports has been in your hands since Wednesday. All reports submitted stand as accepted without any further additions. Officers and Committees will not be able to amend their report from the floor of the Encampment. All such officer and committee reports will not be read to the delegates during this meeting. All recommendations have been reviewed by a Commander-in-Chief appointed Committee and only those items deemed absolutely essential to the immediate business of the Order will be considered by this Encampment. All others have been referred to the appropriate National Committee for additional study and presentation at the 2021 National Encampment.

4 All delegates shall be on mute during the Encampment, with the exception of those designated by the Commander-in-Chief. Those who wish to address the Encampment to present a motion, amend a motion, or debate a motion shall so indicate by raising their hand in the Participates box area on Zoom. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to recognize or not recognize any such request. If the brother is recognized by the Commander-in-Chief, his microphone will be activated. Each brother shall identify himself by name and Department and if debating a motion on the floor, shall immediately declare whether he is in favor of or opposed to the motion. Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum time period of five minutes. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to reduce that time in his sole discretion.

5 No chats using the Zoom system will be allowed between brothers, as this will detract from identifying brothers desiring to address the Encampment.

6 When debating a motion, only a total of six brothers will be recognized and allowed to speak --“

----- **End of Edits made by Edward J. Norris, PCinC** -----

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

a maximum three in favor of the motion and a maximum of three opposed to the motion. Once each Brother has spoken, he will not be allowed to again address the Encampment on that issue even if he believes rebuttal is necessary. The only exception is the Brother making the motion. The Commander-in-Chief may allow that Brother to answer questions. Commander-in-Chief, in his sole discretion, may allow an additional two minutes to the Brother making the motion. If allowed by the Commander-in-Chief, this ability is not canceled by action ordering the previous question. The other exception which will be the Chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations during his report. Said Chair will be allowed wide latitude. At the sound of the gavel prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the meeting room will not be allowed to enter until that session is done. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. Any requests for funds from special projects fund or other funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer and submitted outside of this National Encampment. All such requests shall include complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, and the address of which any award may be mailed. Decisions concerning all requests shall be addressed by the Council of Administration at a later date. The presence of a quorum shall be established per the online list of participating members at the beginning of the meeting. Thereafter, the continuing presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating members. Each member is responsible for his or her audio and internet connections. No action shall be invalidated on the grounds that a loss of or poor quality of a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting. Commander-in-Chief may cause or direct the disconnection of a member if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. Commander-in-Chief's decision to do so is subject to an undebatable appeal and can be made by any member. Any vote shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes. A member who intends to make a motion or a request that under the rules may interrupt the current speaker shall use the chat mode and make his wishes known to the Commander-in-Chief by this method. A member intending to make a main motion

or offer an amendment shall email that motion in writing to the National Secretary at secretary@suvchw.org immediately. The National Secretary does not receive that email in he deems to be a reasonable time, the motion or amendment shall be ruled out of order. When an affirmative vote by the delegates is necessary, a vote shall be taken by the anonymous voting or polling feature of the Zoom meeting's service. Each Brother needs to be sure he is able to receive this voting box. And a vote shall not be deemed invalid if some Brothers are not able to participate for any reason. Unless the vote is concerning an amendment to the National Regulations, the Commander-in-Chief may call for any objections. And if none are heard by raising your hand in the participatory area of Zoom, the matter will be deemed approved ad seriatim upon the Commander-in-Chief's own announcing. Commander-in-Chief's announcement of any voting results shall include the number of members voting on each side of the question and the number of any who have fervently abstained. Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting at his discretion. According to Robert's Rules of Order, a point of order may be raised if the rules appear to have been broken. This may interrupt a speaker during debate or anything else that the breach of rules warrants it. The point is resolved before business continues. If a Brother wishes to raise a point of order, they should both raise their hand in the participant box and send a note in the chat box in the participant's window. The Brother will be recognized and their microphone will be opened. The point of order will be considered as per Robert's Rules. Points of privilege, according to Robert's Rules of Order, questions of privilege affecting the assembly may include matters of comfort, amplification, or safety. For example, it may be difficult to hear the speaker. In this case, the question of privilege should be raised...such as closing the doors or opening the windows...uh...yeah. Such questions have precedence over other questions of personal privilege should they conflict. Otherwise, a question of privilege can only be interrupted by a motion to take a recess, adjourn, or fix the time to which to adjourn or any such motions which must be disposed of at that time. If a Brother wishes to raise a point of privilege, they should both raise their hand in the participant box and make a note in the chat box in the participant's window. Brother will be recognized and the point of privilege will be considered per Robert's Rules. Elections will not be run by Department roll call. Instead, voting shall proceed using the voter box, as in item fifteen above. That is the rules of this Encampment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Sorry about that. I had to find my unmute button. Thank you, Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I see a hand raised, Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I'm not seeing it but...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I see... One moment... Loran Bures has his hand raised, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Yes, I have a motion to amend the Encampment rules.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

The motion would be for the election of the Council of Administration. If there is more than one position to be filled and that there are more than a number equal to the open positions, that the election will be held that all candidates run for all available seats at the same time. Each delegate would be permitted to cast a vote for each open position. For example, if there are two, you would be able to vote for two candidates. That the top vote getter would receive the three-year term, the full three-year term. The second place vote receiver would receive...would receive the next available position. And if there are three, it would go on down. In case of a tie, a vote would be taken to break that tie.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So Brother Bures, currently there's one position open for the C of A. One of the current members of the Council of Administration has been nominated for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If he's elected, then there will be a second one-year term. And currently, we have four Brothers who have indicated they would like to run for the Council. So, what we're gonna end up doing is we're gonna run for the three-year term first. Then the remaining three Brothers will run for the one-year term. Just to point out, we do not have the ability to have two items selected. So we wouldn't be able to do that. But otherwise, I think we're... That was one of the reasons we asked for nominations ahead of time, so we understood what was gonna happen and how we needed to set up the elections. So I do not think we need that amendment.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

First of all, the motion said if we have more than one.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. But you cannot...

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

...Okay...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...you had other things in there such as...

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

...Yes, it also has...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...voting...

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

...It also has that we would take a single vote. I have discussed this with your National Signals Officer and it is possible to run in Zoom where you can cast, for example, two votes at the same time just not for the same candidate on one single poll. It is possible to do within the technology we're using today. And it is also completely allowed by Robert's Rules of Order. I have consulted a professional registered parliamentarian on this suggested procedure and it is allowed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

The purpose of this motion is to change how the election for Council of Administration would be conducted.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So do we have a second?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I see a hand up from Rod Fleck. If that is...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Is it gonna be a...I just need a hand up for a second. Do we have one?

Unknown

Yes, sir. I second the motion by Brother Bures.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Parliamentarian. I believe Brother Bures' motion would violate Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 1 of the National Regulations. I believe that each office has to be voted on individually. We can't vote for more than one office at a time.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So rule it out of order?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That is my advice.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're gonna rule that out of order.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I don't know if the hand's up... Let me know if you want... Oop, we're good.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We've ruled that motion, amendment, out of order. So, I need a motion that we accept the rules as read. All right, Brother Reineke moved it. Second? All right, I have a second. All in favor... Oh, Jamie, let's try out the voting. So everybody can see it.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. One...one moment, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

It's to accept the rules as read.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Correct. Stand by. And so everybody will be able to see this. Here we go. We will launch the poll. Should be able to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So Brothers, this will be an example of how we're gonna be voting. The motion's at the top. And you can click on a radio button for approve or oppose and then you hit submit.

Unknown

Do you have a total (indistinguishable)?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'll give it about a minute. So this part will slow down. Usually we can do this pretty quickly. And then Jamie, Brother McGuire, will be able to show the results. It will show up as a percentage and then he can actually give the numbers. Currently, I am showing 285 Brothers participating. I think that's great. I don't remember the last time we had 285 Brothers attending a National Encampment.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Neither do I.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McGuire, does it appear all the voting is in or is it still coming in?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No, we have a couple of staggers here. I have 263 of 284 present.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The question I have at this point. Obviously, this is going to pass. I would...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...We're not gonna...we're not gonna wait for everybody to vote. Some may not want to vote. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...And some may not be able to see the vote...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable) time.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Some may not be able to see the poll, so I...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I would simply ask permission, when we close this poll, I would like to ask permission to have everybody who could not see the poll, raise their hand in the participant's box. I think that's gonna help me...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...for later, in case things get crazy. So, whenever you're ready to end this poll, Commander-in-Chief...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah, let's end it. It's been about a minute.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. It's been two minutes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Now we're gonna show you an example of how the results will come up. I hope everybody sees that. So, motion to accept the rules as read, approved was 99%. There was 1% opposed. Brother McGuire, I believe you can give the actual counts for each of those?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir. The vote was 263 in approve and four opposed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you very much. All right. We'll move on.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Now, Commander, could I just...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes, go ahead...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...ask if everybody who could not see the poll, just raise their hand, as if they were making a motion in that side window or as if they want to be recognized. So anybody who did not see the poll, if you could raise your hand. I see one, two. Commander, I only see two indications of not having been able to see the poll.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

If we get down to a point where we need a one-vote difference, I have a contingency that I will address at that time, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. Brother McGuire, has the Memorial service been uploaded to YouTube?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I will...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Are you ready?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I will check that link.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

If not, we'll move on.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Why don't you...why don't you move on and then...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I will just debut this a little further.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So I reserve the right to read my report that went into the National Encampment report. I want to read that now. So... When we, the Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, began our year, no one could have predicted what was to come. We have endured and adapted to carry on the work of remembering the boys in blue who served our country during the Civil War. Events were postponed or canceled. Yet we found ways to adapt. Zoom and virtual meetings became new buzzwords for us. These tools allowed us to meet, see familiar faces, and see some faces we may not have recognized. We have Brothers attend the Department Encampments from, I don't know how to pronounce the, but it's the old Ivory Coast, Kuwait, and other distant locations. It was heartwarming when one Brother thanked me for the opportunity to attend his Department Encampment since he could no longer travel. And we carried on doing the business of our Camps, Departments, and National Organization. When I was elected, I certainly didn't anticipate attending the Department of New York's Campfire on a Friday evening and then the next day attending the Department Encampments for Michigan and California and Pacific the next day. But through the magic of representative ones and zeros, traveling across wireless and wired networks, I did. And due to time zone differences, I got to double dip more than a few times. At the Department of Tennessee's Encampments, the Brothers voted to allow the Camps within the out (indistinguishable) to become a Department. It is now our thirty-first. It was an honor of signing charters for two new Camps. It's great to see our Order grow. And we will continue to make that happen. Two Departments held their Encampments before the pandemic hit with force. Six other Departments were able to hold normal Department Encampments later in the year. There's always something special about meeting our Brothers in person. Hopefully next spring we can once again meet as we have done since 1881. Many cemeteries were under restrictions and ceremonies were canceled on our most important day. Again, we adapted and participated in a virtual and private Memorial Day services or remembrances. I fully believe our ancestors would approve. We did not forget them. The Brothers of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina did yeoman's work preparing for our anticipated attendance at that National Encampment. And yet, again, we were forced to cancel. Instead, here we are in a virtual National Encampment. We hope all goes well, although I'm sure there will be a few minor hiccups on the way. As a dedicated team, I'm fully confident that once again we'll successfully conduct the business of the Order. We'll have new National Officers and some new directives for us to follow. I want to reiterate what I wrote in my General Order 1. Throughout my years with the Order, I realized our Brothers offer an incredible support system. Whenever something tough came up, I found a Brother willing to assist. No one would...should be afraid to reach for any position, as there will be Brothers there to aid you and the betterment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. What will you run for next year? I would like to thank all of our National Officers, Brothers who served on National Committees, Past Commanders-in-Chief,

and the Senior officers of the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve. They all adapted and succeeded in spite of the challenges we faced. The same thanks goes to those who served their Departments, Camps, and SVR districts and units. Finally, I'd like to thank each one of you for being my Brother. I appreciate all that you do. We still have a lot more work to conduct. New challenges to face. And the future appears bright, as we have shown what we can do when called upon. And that was my report. It doesn't need to be accepted. All right. So, the next item on the agenda was the National Officers report. Past Commander-in-Chief Day headed up the committee. And Brother McGuire can show that report on the screen. We'll start going through it. We'll vote on each item as recommended.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One moment. We will share this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, and you need to get Past Commander-in-Chief Day on to...unmuted.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I shall. I shall launch this first. So there is that. And I shall find Brother Day...here. And there you go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McGuire, is it possible to make that any larger? Increase the font size or...?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We're gonna try.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. All right. That's better.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's good. (chuckling) That's bad. There you go.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Past Commander-in-Chief Day, his microphone should be active.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, these are the National Officers' recommendations for 2020. We'll start with the Commander-in-Chief's recommendations. His recommendation number one, which included three parts. Each time a Camp bylaws are modified, Camp bylaws must be signed by the Camp Commander, Camp Secretary. Camp bylaws must be approved and signed by Department Commanders. Camp will send their signed bylaws to the Department Secretary. This is...the committee concurs with this recommendation and says... and requests that it be sent to Programs and Policies.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any opposed? Seeing none, so moved.

[one rap, *]

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Recommendation number two from the Commander-in-Chief. Each time a Department bylaws are modified, the Department bylaws must be signed by the Department Commander and the Department Secretary. Department bylaws must be approved and signed by the Commander-in-Chief. The Department will send signed bylaws to the Executive Director. The Committee concurs and recommends this be sent to Programs and Policies.

Unknown

These have already been in (indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any opposed? All right, seeing none, so moved.

[one rap, *]

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief's recommendation number three. The National Encampment Credentials Committee should be made a standing committee and a job description should be developed. The Committee concurs with this recommendation and says...and requests that it be sent to Programs and Policies.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any opposed on... Seeing none, so moved.

[one rap, *]

Unknown

And he deserves a pay raise.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Recommendation number four. Change the term *war zone* to *combat zone* as used by...in the I.R.S. publication armed forces tax guide. The D.O.D. does not define the term *war zone*. C&R...there was a C&R report proposal number 20. The Committee concurs and recommends that this be sent to Programs and Policies.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any opposed? So moved.

[one rap, *]

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Recommendations from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Recommendation. This

recommendation was made during Spring C of A meeting. I've been in contact with a number of Brothers in reference to the suggestions made by P and C James Pahl during the C of A meeting in Gettysburg. A case can be made per the Constitution and Regulations that the JVC in C has authority to issue membership cards to applicants seeking membership via the online membership application process. The JVC in C should be able to process the application himself and issue a membership card as well as a transfer card to the applicant once the application is satisfactorily completed. The completed paperwork would then be sent directly to the Executive Director. The JVC in C would still contact various Department JVCs to enable a transfer of the new member. The new member would then apply for membership in a specific Department and Camp via the existing membership transfer process. This is in effort to reduce the loss of potential new online membership due to time it takes to execute current online membership process and expedite getting copies of *The Banner* into the hands of new members. And to simply outline membership...to outline a membership process by reducing the number of Brothers involved; reducing the cost of multiple mailings of the same application made from the JVCC to the Department JVC to the Camp Secretaries/Treasurer and on down through the process. I therefore recommend the National Programs and Policies Committee review existing policies related to the online membership process and update those policies and National Officers' job descriptions if needed to address this issue. As required, any changes to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order would be vetted through the National Constitution and Regulations Committee and approved by future National Encampments. The Committee does not concur, as it would conflict with already stated Constitution and Regulations in Chapters 1 and Chapters 5, which has Articles dealing with membership.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Do we have any opposed? Which would mean they're in favor of this. So, it would reverse the Committee's decision on this. Okay, we have Brother Fortin from the Department of Kentucky. So (indistinguishable) what we can do is open this for discussion. I'm seeing some other opposes as well. So, any Brother like to be recognized to speak on this subject? Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commmander-in-Chief

Thank you. James Pahl, Department of Michigan, Past Commander-in-Chief. We have a bottleneck in the application process that comes in online. It can be several months before an applicant knows whether he becomes a member of the Order or not. And that's several months of wasted time. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief currently has the authority in Chapter 3, Article... Where's it at? Article 7, Section 3, to send a welcome letter to new Brothers who join the Order via the internet website application. The letter should confirm membership and inform the new Brother of the name and address of Junior Vice Department Commander et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. So, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has this authority. I'm...this proposal just adds an element to that to put it into effect immediately. This gets the information back to the Department and Camp who still has the authority to reject on the transfer if they choose to. But this new guy is in the Order. He'll receive a letter, a membership certificate, and be on *The Banner* mailing list and feel like he's a part of the Organization rather than having to wait two, three, four months to find out what's going on. So I move that the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendation be adopted by this Order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Pahl. Do we have any...I know we had some opposed to this. So anybody who'd like to speak on the opposite.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a list that goes down in order of when they raised their hand.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have Steve Mockler from the Department of Indiana has been requested to unmute...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...And he may?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

Steve A. Mockler, Department of Indiana

Yeah, I would concur with Brother Pahl on that. I think that the bottleneck is there. And I do think that we need to simplify the process. And this would in fact simplify that process.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother. So, I had two for...moving this forward...against the Committee's approval...

Unknown

...For the approval...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Brother (indistinguishable) Lamphere...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...We have another...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...from Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Brother Lamphere, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, sir, my only...mine's more of a question than an opposition. And that what...who are they joining? Are they joining the Camp-at-Large with transfer to take place? That mechanism's not defined there in that proposal.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

The process...

Unknown

... (Indistinguishable)...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

...If I may, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan. There's a little work that needs to be done on this. And we're gonna have to take action again next year in St. Louis to modify the Constitution and Regulations to fully flesh this out. Technically, they're a transfer... issued a transfer card. They're in limbo. They're a member of the Order only for purposes of discipline according to the Regulations. They have to deposit that transfer card within one year. And we're gonna continue to do what we've been doing, working with the Department Junior Vice and the Camp Junior Vice to facilitate getting these Brothers into a Camp.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Next is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian Pierson. Unmute Brother Pierson.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I just want to say I support the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendation as well as Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl's notes on it. We all understand there's work to be done to implement it properly. So it will go to the appropriate committee to do so should the recommendation of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be adopted. This is a good thing. We've got to break the backlog for this. We've got to get the applicants as full members as soon as possible and continue to work with the Departments and Camps on formalizing that. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, thank you, Brother. So, according to our rules of the Encampment that we covered at the beginning, we already had three speak for adopting this, which would be against the Committee's recommendation. So, if we have any Brothers who would like to speak in support of the Committee, which is not to concur with it, I'd be interested in hearing from them.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, we have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...It looks like...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Loran Bures...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah, I was gonna say it looked like Loran. Yes, Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Loran Bures, Department Commander, Department of the Columbia. I oppose this motion by Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl. This puts the Camps and Departments in an awkward position. We don't know what investigation had occurred. The Regulations call for a committee of investigation before an application is presented. This circumvents that. Also, the transfer process does not trans...require transfer of the funds to the Department or the Camp. The way this proposal is, all funds would held by the National Organization. It does not provide for the transfer of the original paperwork to the Camp or Department that would be potent...that would potentially receive this Brother's transfer. To me, there are too many problems at this point with this proposal. I would suggest that it be worked on a private basis and brought back. And not to a committee. There are too many problems and it goes against our procedures that have been in place for over a hundred years. We're supposed to be a bottom up organization, not a top down organization. And this totally violates that. So, I recommend that the motion that... And I'm curious of whether was a second was received, but I would vote (indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, all right. Thank you. No, we don't...It's not a motion. It's a recommendation reports so...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

...I made a motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I'm sorry. I missed that, Jim. All right. I guess we didn't get a second on that technically. So...anybody...let's take a second on Brother Pahl's motion. Brother Pierson I saw second it. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So, potent...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I believe we had Michael Paquette still had his hand raised to speak in opposition or...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...or to speak in, you know, so we'll...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, he's...Brother Paquette is against this moving forward.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I am...I'm not speaking necessarily in favor. I'm just trying to point another point of clarification...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...as... Because we already have Brothers that fall into this transition state when they transfer out. So we're not creating a new category of members. It simply...they assume the state of any other Brother who's transferring out of a Camp and into another Camp. And that Camp has the ability that he attempts to join, to deny him membership based on him voting into the process. So, we're not circumnavigating him being accepted into a Camp or a Department. The Camp still has the right of refusal to allow that member to transfer into the Camp.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Anybody else want to speak against?

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I suppose I should say what...give a little bit before the Committee. The Committee's feeling was that there were some significant issues between the Constitution and Regulations as they exist now and what we were proposing to do. The Committee was not necessarily against doing something to change the way we do business. They just felt that the process was not...that this was not necessarily the correct process. But rather the constitutional changes should be addressed beforehand and... through the P&P Committee. So, that's speaking for the majority of the people on the Committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, everyone's shouting at me that Commander...Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison's had his hand up for quite some time.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. That's one of the issues. We don't see some of these things.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Right...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...At least...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Well...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...I'm still not seeing him...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...He's waiving his hand. We need to try to have people raise their hands in the *in participant* window so that we can see them...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes, if you look down at the bottom...

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

...I (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...One second, Past Commander-in-Chief. If you look down at the bottom, there's the thing called *reactions* and that's where you can raise your hand. Go ahead, Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Keith Harrison, Department of Michigan, Past Commander-in-Chief. First of all, I would've taken the one's comment of support as a second for Jim Pahl's motion. But we need to make certain that there is always a second before we start discussing anything. And that really wasn't the case.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I agree.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

It was, in fact, a second. If you don't take that one support statement that was made, then I will second the motion. If you do take the support motion...support statement as a second, then that's fine. Sorry, Jim. (chuckling).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, I should remove Jim's for statement before...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Commander-in-Chief...

Unknown

...No, no...

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

...Jim had the prerogative to make the motion. Just as a second and then you could have the discussion. Not the discussion before the second.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, Jamie McGuire, National Signals Officer, the second was typewritten in the box by Brother Ben Frail from Rhode Island.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. I just wanted to make certain. It wasn't clear.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So this was... All right.

Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll shut up now.

Unknown

(laughter).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, is there any other Brother who would like to speak against this motion? They can use the *participant*, I mean the *reactions* box and raise the hand. I think it pops it up to the main screen where we can see it.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, Brother...Past Commander-in-Chief Martin has had his hand up on his picture for a long time and I think he was hoping that would be...to be recognized. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I will go to him and then that will be three and you can decide whether we want further discussion, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I got three for and I got one against. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

Along with what Brother Bures was speaking of, this also kind of removes a vetting process. Or it would put a vetting process on the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. In the Constitution, Article 3, talks that no body with a heinous or (indistinguishable) crime. Talks about their ancestors, no arms against. So forth and so on. That that needs to be looked into and checked out. And I know, as having been a Junior Vice, there's not time to do that. And so, you know, that's one of the big things I have with it, along with the top down thing.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Martin. Anybody else opposed?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see Brother Daniel Murray...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...from the Department of Massachusetts.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Murray.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

He's been asked to unmute. Should be clicking... Brother Murray. So what happens on my end so everybody knows... This is Jamie McGuire, National Signals Officer. I have a button that I request, if you have muted yourself, you know, as you tend to do, I ping you with request to unmute and then you physically do the act of unmuting.

Unknown

Okay.

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Am I unmuted now?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I can hear you now.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Yes.

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Can you hear me now? (chuckling)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, we can.

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Then the question I have is with the Form 30. The Form 30, now you've just added another layer to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's job. He's got to fill out the Form 30 and send the original paperwork along. When you do the transfer, how do we know what he has for paperwork? Unless you're going to send us a copy too. I mean, you're doing basically the same thing, only you're just creating more layers of paperwork. But that's the biggest thing I have, is the Form 30's.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So I...we've heard three for; three against. Jim, I think by the rules of your... Encampment, you need to put the motion in formal writing?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just moved to adopt the recommendation.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And that...and point of clarification. This is Jamie McGuire, National Signals Officer. The second came from Brother Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island, not Brother Ben Frail. I just needed to get that into the minutes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

The question I have is for Brother Jimmy. When he says that he's just agreeing to a...the motion is agreeing to the recommendation, we need to make sure that we clarify that we're agreeing to the recommendation of the JVC and C, not the Committee.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct. That was my motion. Yes. You are correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just wanted to make sure that we're doing the wording right. Otherwise, there could be confusion.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. That was my motion to adopt the recommendation of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

May I have one more moment to address one point as the maker of the motion?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Go ahead, Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I would address the point made by Brother Bures. National Regulations still require the money to go along with the application to the Camp that actually accepts the transfer. So the money will still come.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McGuire, can you put up a for and against? The for would be to accept Brother Pahl's motion. Against would be...obviously against it. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...It's basically the reverse of what the recommendation was...the Committee's recommendation is.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir. So we will be voting to approve the JVC and C recommendation or oppose the JVC and C recommendation. Correct?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Correct. Here we go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We'll give it about a minute. I've actually started timers so (indistinguishable) each one of these. All right, about ten seconds. All right. Brother McGuire, you can end the poll.

(beeping)

Unknown

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So...it's sixty forty. We concur with the recommendation made by our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother McGuire, can you give us the actual numbers on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The vote was 159 in concurrence with the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendation to 107 opposed to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's recommendation.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So that passes. Very good.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, if I may. I don't know if this is a point of order or not. Brother Pahl can correct me if I am wrong. Chip Huffman in Tennessee makes a very good point that we need to have consistency with how we're raising hands. We have 280 people on many screens. And if you're on the fifth screen and you're raising your hand physically, then you will not be... There's a chance that we cannot see you. Likewise, if you simply use the *reaction* window and put a, you know, a clap like that to raise your hand, that's not something that people can necessarily see. We have to have you go over into the *participant's box* and press the words that say *raise hand*.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Hand.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And then that is how we recognize. If there's something going on, you utilize chat box, which myself and Brother Pahl are watching, to make sure that everybody has... Everything is going the way it should be. So that's just...wanted to be very clear about. How we need to raise hands.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realize that was different than the *reaction* box.

Unknown

So you can raise your hand.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I do also have to point out that I see Past Commander-in-Chief Krieser's had is up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So that doesn't pop up on top of the screen.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

I've got a question about this last vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Go ahead, Commander...Past Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Mainly this is for Jim. But was the vote that was just taken to change...does it involve changing the C&R?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

No.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. That was my question. Because if it did, then it would have required a 2/3's vote. Right?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief

To make the change? Okay. That's fine. I just wanted...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Oops. I'm sorry, Past Commander-in-Chief (chuckling). You got muted there. I can put you back, if you like. I've been asked, Commander-in-Chief Norris, to demonstrate the raising hands by sharing my screen. Do I have permission to do so?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you do.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, hello, everybody. You're seeing my desktop, which I actually would have rather if you had seen my Zoom window. I'm not sure why it's not letting me do that. I'm gonna stop this. Hmm... Boy, that's frustrating. One moment. These are the little hiccups that we promised

would...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...would happen. When I share my screen, it doesn't play nice and share my Zoom window. It just shows this. So, I cannot do that for you at this time. I will see if I can. If you are looking at...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

You go to the...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...participants...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Participant's window...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...and then that brings up a window that shows...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...drop box...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...everybody's name.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah. And at the bottom...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...And over on the right, on the bottom it says *raise hand*.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

That is correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And then you can click *lower hand*.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Right. And now we have a hand from Council of Administration member, Kevin Martin, Department of the Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So when they raise the hand, I still cannot see it come up. So, Brother McGuire, it seems you see them right away. So I'm gonna have to ask you to let me know what's going on.

Unknown

Brother Jamie, you can do a screen capture and then show that.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes. Yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Cullinane from the Department of Connecticut says *alt u* will also work. Let me try that. Oh, that brings up the participant screen pretty quick.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

While I continue to look at that, Commander-in-Chief, I recommend that we...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Move on...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

...Move on...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, the next recommendation had been by the National Treasurer. Council of Administration acted upon that and that was completed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Next.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

The next one. Recommendation of the National Quartermaster. I propose that we hire my wife, Sharon, who has forty-two years of prepress and printing experience and said she'd be willing to work on making our certificates look professional for \$20.00 an hour. I think this would work well for the SUVCW as I'm here and can work with her. Many Brothers have told me they are making their own because of the poor quality and misspellings in ours.

Unknown

(moan).

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Let's give our Brothers what they're paying for. There is a problem here. The Committee

cannot concur with this recommendation because it is an absolute violation of our nepotism policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, I'm gonna rule this recommendation out of order.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Then moving on. Recommendation of the National Signals Officer. Commander-in-Chief will take this ad hoc group to the next level and officially establish a Special National Committee on Social Media Management. The Committee concurs and recommends that this go to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for his appointment of a C and C Committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there any discussion on this? Jamie, anybody?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No, I see no body.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, any opposed? Seeing none, this passes.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Recommendation of the National Executive Director. Change C&R to invoke strong disciplinary action against the Department Officers, namely the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Junior Vice Commander, the Department Secretary, Department Treasurer alike, who neglect or refuse to file their Form 35's and Form 49's on time. Currently, the Department and each Brother within that Department are suspended without the benefit their *Banner*. But no forceful action is invoked against the elected officers for neglect or failure to file. Why should an entire Department suffer for the failure of four or five officers that are not carrying out their once a year responsibilities? The Committee concurs with this and recommends that this be sent to Programs and Policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion on this? All right. Hearing none, any opposed? Okay. This one passes.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

The second one...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Go to P&P...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

...Recommendation number two from the National Executive Director. In the last few years, I've recommended provisions for Camps and Departments to establish an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer appointment. Now, some...same consideration should be

established for a backup person to carry on those duties at National Headquarters in the event the National Executive Director were to become unable to perform his duties and responsibilities. The Committee concurs and recommends that this be sent to Programs and Policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any discussion on this one? Seeing none, any opposed? This one passes. Will go to Programs and Policy.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Recommendation of the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. Recommendation is that the next quarter...calendar...quarter of the NESCC initiates a Zoom meeting and encourages all of the VESC and C's to participate in the meeting and share information and learn from others. The Committee does not concur with this. This is already within the scope of the Eagle Scout Coordinator. And he can do this on his own. There's no need for us to take action.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, Jamie McGuire, National Signals Officer. I have the National Eagle Scout Officer with his hand up and I believe would like to speak.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Go ahead.

Robert C. Seal, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Thank you. I made that recommendation for whoever becomes the Eagle Scout Coordinator for the next term. I didn't mean to request official action from a Committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Seal. So...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

As I said, the Committee believes that this is within the scope of the job description and actions that the Eagle Scout Coordinator conduct on his own without any further additions from us.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. So this one appears to have been withdrawn by Brother Seal.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

The next one. Eagle Scout Accommodation Application available on the SUVCW website needs to be updated to include Boy Scout Unit identification and additional information. How to download, enter, and save data on the form. I do not have the software needed to revise and publish a fillable PDF. I have requested guidance on how to do this. Committee recommends this go to the P&P.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion on this one? All right. Hearing none, any opposed to the

recommendation? All right. This one passes. It will go to Program and Policy.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

And we have one more. Because not every Department files a Form 41, Department Patriotic Instructor annual report, which includes a line for reporting Eagle Scout Program participation and the number of certificates issued, it would be useful to include a line on Form 35, Department Annual Report, for reporting the number of Eagle Scout Certificates issued by the Department and Camps within a Department during the previous year. The Committee does not concur, as it is the responsibility of the ESCC per Article 7, Section 26, and would actually cause a triplication of effort in reporting. There is one other aspect that we discussed and that is the Form 35 is already very full and this would just add to an overburdened form.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, I have the National Eagle Scout Coordinator with his hand raised. Brother Robert Seal, Iowa.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Seal.

Robert C. Seal, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Thank you. I don't understand the triplication of effort. I did receive Form 41's that were passed on to me by the National Patriotic Instructor. But in October of 2019, I pointed out that there's a problem in the C&R. Under Chapter 2, Article 9, Paragraph J, requires the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall submit required reports to the National Organization as listed in Article 3, Section 5. Now that would be fine and I'd be able to get those reports except there is no Section 5 in Article 3 of Chapter 2. And Article 3, Section 5 of Chapter 3 refers to suspensions and dishonorable discharges. So, there's a requirement for the Department Eagle Scout Coordinators to submit reports but there's no format for that. Thank you.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

It would be the Committee's stance that the new information is already being reported by the Camps to the Departments through the Form 41's which should be being forwarded by all Camps and all Departments as required. And we were not aware these other problems with the C&R. But our recommendation would stand. That this would be a triplication of effort. The information is already reported via the Form 41.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, we have some hands raised on this topic. The first one...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...The first one I saw was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brian Pierson.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I concur with the Committee's recommendation. The Form 35 is probably not the right venue to report this anyway as a Department Annual Report doesn't cover Patriotic stuff and the Form 41 does. So all Camps should be filing the Form 41 with their Departments. So again, I concur with Past Commander-in-Chief Day's Committee recommendation to not approve this. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, we've had two speak, one for; one against. Is there any other Brothers would like to weigh in?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have next up is Richard Denney, Department of Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Denney.

Richard W. Denney, Department of Michigan

Yes, I'm the Department Secretary of Michigan. I'd like to point out that I fill out my Form 35s by Form 27s. So if you're going to change 35, you would have to change 27. That concludes my comments.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Next, I have Brother Ben Frail from the Department of Rhode Island.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Frail.

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Patriotic Instructor. I do want to speak out that this year Brother Seal and I did work together so he got the information. However, to his point, not all Brothers did submit...or not all Departments did submit the Form 41. But I am against adding it to the Form 35 simply from a real estate purpose. It's already a very... As Brother Day put it, very filled out form. There's a lot of information on it. If anything, I would rather see another form created that is sent instead of to...through the Patriotic Instruction chain, to the Eagle Scout Coordinator chain. But I definitely don't feel as if the 35 is the proper place for it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Frail.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Very briefly, James Pahl, Department of Michigan. For Brother Seal, if you could email me after the Encampment the conflict in the C&R that you see, with that Section that points nowhere, I'll make sure that gets fixed. So if you could send that on to me so I can know which Section you're talking about.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I see Randy Snyder from the Department of Ohio.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother Snyder.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Working on the unmute.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thanks. So again, once Brother McGuire unmutes you, you have to also unmute yourself.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Having a non... I'm not getting him, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see Brother Pierson has his hand up again.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson has already spoken. According to the rules, he cannot speak again.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh. I'll try with Brother Snyder again. I'm not seeing a...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Any other Brothers like to speak on this? We've got two against; one for.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay, Brother Snyder's hand has come down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well, let's move this to a vote. For will be for the recommendation as made and against will be against the recommendation as made by Brother Seal.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One moment.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Wait, I don't understand though what we're doing.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Motion should be to... James Pahl as Parliamentarian.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

The motion should be to concur with the Committee's recommendation.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, all right. You're right. You're right. So, it's the reverse...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (Indistinguishable) no is to go against the Committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. All right. Again, so if you vote yes or approve, you're going with the Committee. If you vote no, you're going against the Committee.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McGuire, can you...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...It's...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...put that up there for me please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(Indistinguishable) We're firing it up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Stand by. And...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. All right, ten seconds, Brothers. All right...
(beeping) Brother McGuire, you can show it. We have eighty-five that concur with the Committee and fifteen who oppose the Committee. Brother McGuire, do you have the actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir. The actual numbers are 226 concur with the Committee. Thirty-nine oppose the Committee. We do have a hand raised...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...from Martin Aubuchon from Missouri.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Aubuchon.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have pinged the unmute. So you need to unmute on your end now. There you go. Oh, where'd you go? You're there. I'm not hearing Brother Aubuchon. He's not muted.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Martin R. Aubuchon, Department of Missouri

That was a mistake. I lowered my hand.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. Brother Day, is that the end of that report?

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes, that concludes the report of the Officer's Committee. Thank you, gentlemen, for...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Thank you. Thank you to you and your committee. I appreciate it. All right. We're gonna move on. The next thing on the agenda was the C&R report. Past Commander-in-Chief Grim. You on? Let me see if he's there.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Let's see...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I've requested Past Commander-in-Chief Grim to unmute.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. So he is on. I was looking for him.

Unknown

Two additional people came on .

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Am I unmuted now?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You are, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you are.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Great. Commander-in-Chief, this is Bob Grim, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief, chairman of the C&R Committee. And rather than read all of the language that's in each of these proposals, there's...reading basically of the notes of the Committee which would give the highlight of what the change would be. The first proposal is a to change Chapter 1...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Grim, can you hold on a moment?

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McGuire, can you put up the C&R report for us, please?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Could you possibly make it a little bigger? All right. Okay. Brother Grim, you may continue.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Proposal number 1 affects Chapter 1, Article 4. This would add a new Section 8 to this Article. And this change would allow Camp Committees to conduct their meetings by electronic means. However, Camps would not be allowed to hold their regular meetings or special meetings by electronic means. The C&R recommends adoption of this proposal.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, I have two hands.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Three hands...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay, so before we move one, we have another...unfortunately I do not have the report right in front of me. We have another thing in there...in the C&R report that also addresses basically virtual meetings. So, as you can see by today's...we're having some hiccups. We have some things that need to be ironed out a little bit further. What I'd like to do is rule this out of order for now and have it sent to... Take a vote basically to see if we want to allow virtual meetings to happen. And if that takes place, then we can...I can send this to P&P and C&R to be worked on and ironed out. I do know that the potential... incoming Commander-in-Chief is gonna extend my General Order allowing virtual meetings for the time being. So, we would potentially have some time to iron this all out and figure out what it is. If that's acceptable, I can get a motion that... Brother Pahl, can I take a vote to see if we want to allow virtual meetings in some form or not and then send that to P&P and C&R to be worked out for a vote for next year?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes, you can. But to rule it out of order is not appropriate. You can move...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable)...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...you can ask that it be referred. But to rule it out of order means it's inappropriate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, that is true. Yep.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

(Indistinguishable) so it's...you shouldn't rule it out of order. You should ask for a motion to refer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. All right. So I saw...unfortunately I can only see the bottom one. I did see a motion to refer. I see seconds. So, any discussion on having this referred to C&R and P&P? Basically, if we decide to move forward with this referral, then we're gonna work on getting the virtual meetings in place. So, any discussion on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, Commander-in-Chief Norris. We will begin with Brother Rod Fleck from the Department of the Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Fleck.

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

Good morning, Commander-in-Chief. I'm concerned because this is just one of the proposals that is about virtual meetings.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

And as you may be familiar, the Department of Columbia put forward a similar one, so as the ruling...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes...

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

...of the chair or the approach of the chair is to put all of those as a recommendation that then goes to that Committee? Because that's not clearly stated?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, so... As I pointed out, we have at least two in the C&R Report. They're different. So...ruling on one would affect ruling on how the second one goes. So, that's one of the reasons I want to move to a referral so we can iron these out.

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

So, sir...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...But yes, so, when we get to the second one, I think it's further down. It might be nineteen. Again...I'm sorry, I don't have it in front of me.

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

So all of these would be allowed then to be referred to Committee?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

True.

Rod Fleck, Department of the Columbia

So that would be the motion. Okay, thank you, sir.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay, next we have Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake.

Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake

Good afternoon...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Stevens...

Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake

...I would like to make a suggestion that we put all the motions that we receive on this matter together to come up with a best practice and development an s o p. However, I would like to also make a suggestion that we...once we're back to normal and we go back to in person meetings, that we make it so that if a Camp would so desire to make their meeting a virtual meeting as well as a live meeting for Brothers that may not be able to make the meeting because of their physical constraints/health issues, that we may be able to do that for those instances.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right. So...we've had a number of talk, you know, talks on this. We have Americans with Disabilities that could benefit from virtual meetings and some of those things. So... distance...just for an example. One of the Brothers brought up to me that there's one Camp in Minnesota. And you look at the size of Minnesota, it can be quite a long drive to try to make it to a meeting once a month. So, there's...so we've taken a hard look at this and so... We do...I think referral is probably the best and so... But we need to take a vote on this. As I said, I spoke to the potential incoming Commander-in-Chief and he's already has his General Order written, if he's elected. And virtual meetings will continue for the time being. And I trust...the vote on this will impact that as well. So...do I have any for or against before all that? That sounded like a for referral.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, next Commander, I have Brother Franklyn McNight from Vermont.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother McNight.

Franklyn McNight, Department of Vermont

I have a question. If I understood that correctly, the intent was to allow virtual meetings. Yet, it excluded Camp meetings. I wonder what rationale there is to exclude Camp meetings.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Was that...was that in there for Camp meetings?

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Yes, this proposal is for Committees of Camp to hold electronic meetings. Not the Camp meetings themselves.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right. So, the discussion basically... But another proposal further on down will talk about Camps. I mean, the way this is written now, I believe it's...so we can have Committee meetings virtually but we're not gonna be able to hold Camp meetings virtually or Department meetings virtually.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Correct. Yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And...so...we've had a motion to refer basically the use of electronic meetings to go to Committee. And...so we wouldn't take action on this or another one that's further down. Again, I apologize. I don't remember the number.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, we have a point of order. Request from Brother Loran Bures, Department of Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Yes, I have put up twice my hand to offer an amendment to this motion before we vote. And that's my point of order. That there's been failure to recognize someone who purport wants to present an amendment to your motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brothers, we are doing the best we can. We're trying to manage 287 scr...you

know, Brothers right now. So, as I said, we have some hiccups and this is one of the reasons I think we are working to refer these. So, go ahead, Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

I would like to amend your motion to referral to refer proposals 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19 to a Special Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. Those are the five proposals that deal with virtual meetings.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Yeah. Do I have a second on that?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see a second from George Huttick, Department of Tennessee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

One minor point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Brother Bures should also indicate how long the Special Committee will exist...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...as part of the Special Committee process in the National Regulations.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

It would be required to report back to the 2021 National Encampment. And the existence of the Committee would expire with the adjournment of the 2021 National Encampment.

Unknown

All right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we have discussion on the amendment? Brother McGuire, any...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I'm looking. I see...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...We've had David Wildermuth from Illinois has had his hand up for quite some time.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother.

David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois

I...he answered my question.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Now, Timothy Phillips from Texas. How's the...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...sound working, Tim?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Phillips.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

He's unmuted. But we were having a microphone issue with Brother Phillips earlier.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother Phillips, could you type it in the box? Eric, Department of Colorado, Eric Richhart.

Eric D. Richhart, Department of Colorado

Yes, I do have a question on this subject here. Because I do agree that we cannot send this back for future look at because I do believe we should be able to do this even after the COVID situation is over. Because you take a look especially a lot of this United States, especially our Department, we have one Camp for each state. And each state is a large state. And so if we have Camp meetings, we should be able to have a number of people that attend the actual meeting and then the other people who are distant and out of the area, let's say a couple

hundred miles away, can participate. That's what I would like to see happen.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I see a few hands, Commander, that we need to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...deal with. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So we got (indistinguishable) was for...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I've got Jim Brown from the Department of the Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Brown.

Jim Brown, Department of the Columbia

Thank you, Commander. Good morning. Just a quick point of clarification on process here moving forward, assuming this were to be referred to a Committee. Who is the Committee? What is the Committee composed of? Is it an existing Committee that has been stood up and how would we interact with that Committee? Or are you subsequently going to be looking for volunteers for said Committee? As I would be one of those. I do work...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So...

Jim Brown, Department of the Columbia

...I deal with Zoom and public hearing settings, running Zoom meetings, up to 250 people. Taking testimony is part of my job.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you for volunteering. So, the Committee does not exist today. It would be formed by the National Encampment and it would be up to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint members to that. And I think we...it sounds like we got an excellent volunteer already for it. So...and we don't need to go through all the volunteers today. But that's how the Committee would get...is established.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I want to go on record as supporting Brother Bures' idea here. I think this is the perfect way. The discussion here proves the point that there are just too many details that need to be worked out in order to really come up with a firm policy. So, I think that having a Special Committee is the absolute best way to go and to have them report at the end of next year, at the next Encampment is ideal. So, I just wanted to go on record as supporting Brother Bures.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Anybody else would like to speak on behalf of this? I've got two for.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have some hands here. Brother Steve Mockler from the Department of Indiana.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Mockler.

Steve A. Mockler, Department of Indiana

Thank you, Commander. I would like to agree that I think that this is an important enough issue that it needs to be done and I would...I would say rather quickly. An entire year from now I think would be unadvantageous. I don't think that a year from now we should be looking at this. I think it should be relatively quickly to be able to allow the meetings going forward. I know we have the order in place. But I think, you know, until we see a future order and how long that's gonna be. If that's gonna be for the entire year, then that would be great. If it's only for a short amount of time, then that would be a concern as well.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Mockler, one of the things you have to understand, it's going to involve changes to the C&R. And changes to the C&R can only take place at a National Encampment.

Steve A. Mockler, Department of Indiana

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, do I have any Brothers who are against the friendly amendment...or the amendment that Brother Bures put forth?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I still see four hands raised, Commander. And I can only assume that if there are still four hands raised after that question, that they would like to speak in opposition to Brother Bures' amendment. And I will start with Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mike Paquette, who's been trying for a while, put his hand up and down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So, Commander-in-Chief, I'm against the friendly amendment because it's gonna tie it up in Committee for an additional year. Regardless of what the recommendations coming out of the Committee are going to be, it's still gonna have to go to P&P and C&R. And we're not gonna be able to vote on those changes until 2022. So, I believe we got the people in place and the existing Committees to get something out for the membership that can be voted on for the next year. So, I believe it just should go to P&P and C&R this year so members can vote on it next...at the next National Encampment.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's what we're doing.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Next, I see Brother Michael Shklar from the Department of New Hampshire.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Michael Shklar.

Michael Shklar, Department of New Hampshire

I'm sorry. I couldn't figure out how to unraise my hand. I was in support...

Unknown

... (chuckling)... All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, you are now...muted.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah (chuckling).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother Clifton Potter...yeah, Potter, Department of the Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Potter.

Clifton W. Potter, Department of the Chesapeake

Yes, this is simply a point of order. I'm also a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. The proper term is not special committee but ad hoc committee, from the Latin *to this purpose*. And so, we should refer to it as an ad hoc committee. And that implies, in a parliamentary sense, that there is a termination point in the life of the committee. Simply a point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, Brother Potter, in our Constitution and Regulations, we call them special committees and there's rules for establishing them.

Clifton W. Potter, Department of the Chesapeake

I'm simply saying this...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

Clifton W. Potter, Department of the Chesapeake

...because you are using Robert's Rules of Order and...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

Clifton W. Potter, Department of the Chesapeake

...one finds in Roberts.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Clifton W. Potter, Department of the Chesapeake

But be that as it may...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Anybody else against the motion?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two remaining hands that I see are Brothers that have already spoken. Scott Stephens from the Chesapeake. Oop, one of them has vanished. Scott Stevens of the Chesapeake has already spoken...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Mark Day's already spoken. And then, well we have a new hand, Carl Denbow, from the Department of Ohio.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

Yeah, I call the question.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

I call the question.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, sorry.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. That is not a proper motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

I believe it is.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, the actual terminology is *move the previous question*. To *call the question* means you're ready to vote. That's all it means.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

Right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

If you want to end debate, you have to *move the previous question*.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

Okay. I move the previous question.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, Brother Bures, can you just restate the motion? We'll put it up to vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Let me find Brother Bures and open his mic again.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

The motion, if amended, would refer proposals...the related proposals 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19, to a special committee which would exist for one year.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother McGuire, can you form...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Yeah. (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable)...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Just gonna need a moment. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...discussion is closed. People should lower their hands. All right. Let me...let me type this up. Give me just one moment.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You first have to take action on the motion to close debate...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Oh, (indistinguishable)...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...by Mr. Denbow. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (indistinguishable) we terminate debate on the motion for the previous question.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, let's put that up there.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

On it.

Unknown

(laughter).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl, I knew there was a reason I made you Parliamentarian. Or asked you. (chuckling).

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

And while Jamie's going, for Mr. Potter's benefit, Robert's Rules of Order is subordinate to our Regulations. And so we call it one thing; Robert's Rules calls it something else. Same animal. Ad hoc or special committee.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Tap, tap, tap, tap.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Uh-oh.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No, we're good. (Indistinguishable) what happened. Woops. One moment. Okay. This is going to be what we call the motion to close the debate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. (coughing) I'm gonna step away for one minute. I have to refill my soda.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brothers, this is National Signals Officer Jamie McGuire, diligently typing things up in these poll boxes. It's been brought to my attention that it might be beneficial for future voting to add a third choice, which would be abstain. Which I will do so from here on out.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds, Brothers.

Unknown

Don't worry about it.

(beeping)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There you go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. It's ninety-nine for. One opposed. What's the actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have 257 Brothers wishing to close debate and three wishing to go on.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're closing. All right. So, now we can take a vote on the special committee for one year and we're gonna cons... to address the C&R report items 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19.

Unknown

All right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Left off one. The motion is 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(laughter).

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

(Indistinguishable) if everyone knows what they're voting for on this one.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One, seven, eleven, eighteen...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Eighteen...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Eighteen and nineteen. There's five of them.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McGuire, are you reforming the question?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, did you want me to reform the question? I thought we were leaving this up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh. Brother Pahl, is that acceptable?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

If everyone's clear what they're voting on, I think it's acceptable.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. All right. A minute must have gone by. Show results on that?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

It's pretty clear.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. All right. So we got seventy...pros...Brother McGuire, the actual numbers please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have 203 Brothers in favor of Brother Bures' amendment. And we have fifty-six Brothers opposed. Five abstaining.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So the amendment passes. So now we need to send those...those will get referred...is it the motion...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Point of order. You've got to vote on the main motion now as amended.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right. So the main motion was to have these referred to committee, which would now be the special committee for one year for the items 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19. Is that correct, Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, could we restate that for me?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, the original motion was to refer to committee. So now it will be referred to the special committee with that's established for one year and the same numbers: 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Tell me if this is acceptable. A motion to refer to committee as amended and sent...sorry. Motion to refer to committee as amended to send proposals 1, 7, 11, 18, and 19 to a special committee for one year.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Thank you. Brother Davis, don't you miss not having to write down the motions?

Unknown

And having to use your calculator?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Here we go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) Brother McGuire. And the actual numbers please?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have 229 Brothers voting to approve. Eighty...sorry, thirty voting to oppose. Three abstaining.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. This motion passes. All right. Great. All right. Brother Grim, let's move on to number two.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number 2. This is a proposal from the National Encampment of last year. It was as amended by Executive Director David Demmy which would require Camps to appoint an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The Committee does not recommend approval.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any discussion?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, one moment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I immediately see Brother Harry Reineke from the Department of Illinois.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Yes, Commander-in-Chief. Harry Reineke, Council of Administration, Department of Illinois, National Webmaster, et cetera, et cetera. I do not agree with the C&R...Committee's recommendation. I agree with Brother Demmy. These are very important things. Nationally, we've seen what happens when a Secretary or actually in our case, a Treasurer, was unable to fulfill his duty. And it created a bit of a kerfuffle for a while there. I think it's very important that we have it on the books that the National Organization expects these roles to be filled and not simply leaves it as a may be filled because it could put a Camp or Department also in a curfuffle should something happen to their Secretary or their Treasurer or their Secretary/Treasurer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother. Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. (laughing)

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's not appropriate to have any further discussion. There's just no motion on the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, that's...I thought the...I thought these rec...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Someone has opposed...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable) to a motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Someone has voiced opposition to the recommendation. That leaves us without a motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So we...do we have to make a motion on each one of these C&R...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...If...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...recommendations?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

If there is objection, yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. All right.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, may I make such a motion?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you may.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

I move that the Committee's recommendation be not adopted by this Encampment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And I have a second. I see seconds.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Harry, move the adoption of the proposed amendment, not what the Committee recommends.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Yes, I move that we adopt the amendment as proposed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, you got rid of the double negative. (chuckling) All right.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

(laughing) Hey, if we can do math, we can have double negatives.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So do I need...do I need Brother Reineke to repeat his against, now he's now for the motion. (laughing) I believe...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...His motion is to adopt the language.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. So does he need...now have to repeat what he stated?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. He's for his motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You need a second, first.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I had multiple seconds show up on the chat.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Okay. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay, I have a lot of...I have a lot of hands here, Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have one in support of the original language. Correct?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. So, Brother Don Gates from the Department of Texas.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Gates.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Let's see. I've pinged him. There we go.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Can you hear me?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, we can.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

In a way, I concur with what Harry said. But I oppose the idea of having a requirement that each Camp identify a Secretary and a Treasurer Assistant or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer because I don't think there's a need for it. It's a burden on a lot of Camps that's not necessary. But they should have the ability to do that. But I also believe that they actually do have the ability to do that, at least as far as any legal requirements would be concerned. All they need to do is identify it in their minutes and that will handle any kind of requirement to get a second signature authority at a bank. So, I don't understand that there's a need for it to be a requirement. I think requiring it just creates extra work for no perks.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you... (indistinguishable)...

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

I agree...I concur with the recommendation, but I would like to also concur...the idea of having the Departments be able...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I did not mute him. (chuckle) Okay. Commander-in-Chief, next we have Dennis St. Andrew from the Department of North Carolina.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother St. Andrew. You're on mute.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Please just click your unmute microphone.

Dennis C. St. Andrew, Department of North Carolina

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

There you go.

Dennis C. St. Andrew, Department of North Carolina

Sorry about that. Dennis St. Andrew, Past Department Commander, North Carolina. I'm against the Committee's recommendation. I support Brother Demmy's recommendation. I think that he sees well the horror stories across our Order. When people have possession of money, property, et cetera and suddenly they're not available. I think if the Order is taken seriously about an overall business continuity plan, I think this should...this idea of the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer be required. Because otherwise, it probably won't be in place. And the idea is to have someone in place with the bank account and records, access to those, also provide backup to Administrator and financial functions of the Department or Camp in the event if an elected officer is unable to perform their duties due to illness, disability, death, relocation, natural disaster, resignation, or any other reason. Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I have names, but I need to know where we are on the count of people.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, it's two for Brother Reineke's motion and one against.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Next, I have Brother Robert Payne from the Department of Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Yes, Brother, Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I oppose the idea of requiring the Camps to have these additional positions. It does become burdensome, especially on a smaller Camp. If you notice in the language, you exclude a minimum of four people from the...the Camp Council. If you've got a very small Camp, you've got three members on a Council. You have now excluded or continue to exclude people from being allowed to serve on a...on the Camp Council. And that further puts a burden on them if they are just starting out being able to even facilitate having these additional positions. So, I just believe that we need to not adopt Brother Reineke's motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. One for; one against? Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I thought we were at two and two.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I meant...I meant one more...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...All right...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...for each...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I'm going to...we have Jim Lyon, Department of Illinois.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Lyon.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Jim Lyon, National Quartermaster, Past Department Commander of Illinois. I'm just wondering if we're creating a line of succession when both of those positions are elected positions. And so we're setting up whoever the next person is they automatically get it. I think that conflicts because you're picking somebody to be the future person when it's an elected position. We're not Junior, Senior Commander. Unless we change, I would think we'd have to change, you know, those rankings. But I think it conflicts with the election of those Officers.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Lyon. All right. Anybody else for?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see hands. If a hand is up, I'm assuming it's for because that three opposed?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. So we will go to Brother Kurt Dunphy, Department of California.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother Dunphy.

Kurtis Dunphy, Department of California

Yes, I have concerns. I agree with pretty much what everybody's saying. I think we need to amend this so that the option is there. We have small groups of Camps that have a hard time filling the roles in their Camp as it is. Assigning another layer...if it's going to be required then I don't... I don't agree with the fact that there could be a road to giving somebody an edge. If you're losing a Secretary or a Treasurer, you've got a pretty chaotic situation as it is. And just be happy that somebody's there to step in. Another thing is that we...if the Treasurer is incapacitated, then there should be either the Camp Commander or the Junior or the Senior Vice Commander having the ability to sign for checks and so on. So, I guess what I'm saying is yes, I agree with the ability but to make it a requirement, I think is a mistake. There's just too many small Camps that just have a hard time even getting where they've got. Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. All right. So we've heard from six. Let's put Brother Reineke's motion up that we... All right. So the motion was basically not to concur with the C&R's Committee's... Correct?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, the motion is to adopt the language proposed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

To amend...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...which is against...which is against what the C&R Committee has recommended.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's to amend Article...Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 1 by adding Assistant Secretary/Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary. It's to affirm that we amend the Constitution and Regulations. That's the (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. Brother McGuire, can you put that up?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes. Brother Pahl, would it be appropriate to put up a motion by Brother Reinieke to adopt Executive Director's proposal number 2 in the C&R Report?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes, as long as everyone knows we're amending C&R.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. Well, that's in the language. Correct?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes. This requires 2/3 vote to adopt.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. I'll get my calculator out.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'm pretty sure we do...this shows up automatically.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

That's true. I don't know if this is a point of order from Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

At this point, I'm gonna take my hand down. I was going to recommend an alternative motion that this be sent to P&P. But I'll take that back so we can move on with the vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Day.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have to see if John Eger from Indiana is making a point of order.

John K. Eger, Department of Indiana

I just had a question. Would this affect a new Camp startup?

Unknown

Hmm?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, it would.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Commander, I have a Brother requesting to amend the motion. So this is Brother...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Pahl, can that be done at this time? We've already called for a vote.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You have to rule on that, Commander-in-Chief. There's nothing that says yes or no.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We're gonna continue with this vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. We're going to the vote.

Unknown

I had my hand up before the call for the vote. (Indistinguishable) move forward.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I'll let you make the...amendment.

Unknown

Okay. Thank you, Commander. I wanted to make a motion to amend the recommendation to...that it would not include new Camps until their membership met a certain number and that Camps that had a number under a certain number, this would not apply to as well. That number to be determined through discussion here. Because if we look at number of positions, there will be Camps that can't meet this and will not be able to comply with this. It also gives those to, what some other Brothers have said earlier, which I was going to make a point to as well, and that is that you have the ability for the Commander to appoint the positions. I don't think that this is a...and I was going to say this as well. I don't think this is a succession issue. However, it also provides for training for...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother...

Unknown

...I want to make the motion that we...that we limit this to Camps of a certain size and that new Camps will not be covered by this until either three years or they reach a certain

membership size.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'm gonna rule this out of order because I believe it's an incomplete motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Okay. I concur. (Indistinguishable) the vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Are we going...are we moving to vote, Commander?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, we are.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Just for clarification, you will see Proposal 2 at the top of the screen. We are voting on a motion to accept Proposal 2 as written. This Proposal from the recommendations made to the 138th National Encampment by Executive Director David Demmy, Sr. It requires Camps to appoint an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, which will change the C&R Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 1.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, and the changes are shown down there. They're added in bold for those who want to see it, the language.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And there it is. The Officers of the Camp shall be Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and down Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary. Okay. We are voting to accept that. And here...

(chatter)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) All right. Brother McGuire. So, well this fails. So this language will not be added to Constitution and Regulations. Can we get the actual numbers, Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You had forty-three Brothers supporting the motion by Brother Reineke, 223 opposing, and four abstaining.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. All right. Brother Grim. Move on to the next one.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Did we approve the Committee's recommendation? I thought we were just voting on...on

the...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...We have to...that was...Brother Pahl, do we have to now vote on what the Committee recommended, which was not to approve this?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, you had a su...you had a motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. That's what I... Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

So, it's gone down. And I would suggest that proposal number 3, as proposal number 2 has failed, proposal number 3 is rendered moot.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Okay. Proposal number 3...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...On to 4.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, number 3 is because of...action on number 2, we can...we don't need action on 3.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. We'll go to proposal number 4 then. This is a proposal from the Commander-in-Chief and this describes the process for reinstatement of a Department suspended for failing to file its annual consolidated report. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, let's put this... Is there any discussion on this? There's no motion, so let's just put this up for a vote.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, Committee recommendations...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yes...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...fall in the form of a motion. You should be asking, "Are there any objections?"

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any objections? Sorry. Brother McGuire, do you see any objections?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I do not see any objections.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Then you have to affirmatively vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I'm working on it. Okay. Just for clarification's sake, this is, of course, the proposal that we are...that we are voting on...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yep...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...proposal of the Commander-in-Chief. Any Department which fails to file the annual consolidated report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension. A Department may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the consolidated annual report. Commander-in-Chief shall publish a General Order noting the reinstatement. And this would change the Constitution and Regulations Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 11. So a vote would accept proposal number 4.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) All right. And the actual numbers, Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and forty-seven Brothers approve; eleven oppose; six abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So this one passes. Thank you. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I received a query wondering if there could be any potential ten-minute break for restroom and leg stretch.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, we're gonna do that as soon as we're done with this.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Okay. Ready for proposal 5?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. Let me put it up on screen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

This is a proposal from the Commander-in-Chief. It is essentially the same type of thing as proposal number 4, except it deals with EIN report and describes the process for reinstating a Department that's been suspended for failing to file their EIN report. The Committee recommends approval.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? Seeing none, we'll move this to a vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One moment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Actually, we'll take a vote...I mean a break in fourteen minutes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You said fourteen minutes, so at 2:30.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. This is proposal number 5. Just give me a moment to just...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...get this right back where I need it to be. Okay. We are ready.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I left that up on the screen for a long time. I hope that everybody was able to read it and understand what they are voting.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) All right. Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There we go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And the actual numbers.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and fifty-one approve; six opposed; two abstained.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. This passes. All right. Now let's see. Let's do six.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Okay. Proposal number 6, this is a proposal from the C&R Committee that affects Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 1 of the Regulations. And this change clarifies whether a Camp Secretary or a Camp Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Camp Commander for ten years of continuous service as the Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer can wear a Past Camp Commander badge. And the language says that *A Camp Secretary or a Camp Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Camp Commander for years of continuous service as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer may wear the Past Camp Commander badge and is entitled to use the suffix PCC in conjunction with that person's name.*

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any opposed?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There's a hand up from Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I recommend Brothers vote against this proposal. To me, to wear that Past Camp Commander badge means you've actually sat in the hot seat and had to make command decisions. That is something a Camp Secretary/Camp Treasurer does not have to do. We need something to distinguish between

those who have actually sat in the hot seat and those who have not. So, I recommend voting against this provision.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, is that a mo...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

...It's not a motion...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's just voicing my opinion of opposition.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. And so we get further discussion on this. Correct?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Brother Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Stevens.

Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake

I make a motion that we vote against this. I'd like to make a motion that this...that this is voted down.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's a recommendation.

Scott Stevens, Department of the Chesapeake

Recommendation. I'd like to...I'd like to move that we vote on this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I'm gonna let some further discussion happen. Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have Brother Terry McKinch from the Department of Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McKinch.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, let's unmute him again. All right, Terry.

Terrance McKinch, Department of Michigan

Good morning. Terry McKinch, Department of Michigan. Commander, I am in support of Brother Pahl's recommendation as the Secretary and the Treasurer do not fulfill the necessary commitment and ded... They have dedication; don't get me wrong. For the Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Brother McGuire, can you bring up Brother Floyd? I'm sorry.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...I didn't... I missed which Department he was with.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Would that be...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We'll (indistinguishable) Indiana. Maybe?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

James Floyd?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. You...he was opposed to Brother Pahl.

James M. Floyd, Jr., Department of Indiana

Good afternoon, Commander-in-Chief. I speak in opposition with all due respect to Brother Pahl's recommendation simply because while I agree in principal that the Camp Commander is in the hot seat, I would be hard pressed to think of someone who is not busier and more committed to the Camp then the individual, especially the Camp Secretary position. So, I think there are few things that our Order can do to really recognize individuals. And I think simply handing someone a different badge and title is the (indistinguishable) we can do for an often times thankless job. Thank you, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So I got one for the recommendation and two against. Anybody else...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Oh, yes...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...like to speak on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have several. I'm gonna due Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Kennedy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Good afternoon. Leo Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island. I would be in favor of allowing them to wear this badge. As a Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, and Past Commander-in-Chief, if you don't have a good Secretary and Treasurer with you, the job does not effectively get done. And if they're gonna do it for ten years, which by the way, I would never do. (chuckling). Okay. I think that they are deserving of not only the recognition of the rank but of being allowed to wear the badge. Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Kennedy. I've got two for; two against. One more of each, please. All right. Brother McNight from Department of Vermont. I see his hand up, Brother McGuire.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. We will do... Yep. Let me find him. McNight. McNight. Where are you? Oh, there you are. Here we go. Okay. Brother McNight...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother McNight.

Franklyn McNight, Department of Vermont

The language already exists awarding the Past Camp Commander honors...

Unknown

... (Indistinguishable) not the badge...

Franklyn McNight, Department of Vermont

...The awarding of the badge is a form of recognition and I would be in favor of it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you very much. Anybody else against?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

If you're...if...the question is we now have three who have spoken in favor. So if you were going to speak in favor, take your hand down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Let's go to Brother Richhart, Department of Colorado.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Let's get him.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Wyoming.

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

I would vote against. I have on the Camp level and the Department level been Secretary/Treasurer. And to me, a Secretary/Treasurer is a tough job. It is like being a top sergeant. However, being recognized with that is one thing. But wearing a badge is something entirely different I do the job because I love it. I'm not doing it for the medal. Also, if you want to award a person who has that recognition, he should maybe have a separate type of badge. I've seen that recommendation out there. That shows that he has won that award due to his service, not because he actually did it. So I support Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl on that subject.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. All right. We've heard from three for; three against. Brother McGuire, let's bring the recommendation from the C&R Committee to a vote.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

First, let's take a look, just so we know...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Proposal number 6. It's on everybody's screen. Clarifying whether a Camp Secretary/Treasurer who's been awarded a Past Camp Commander for ten years of continuous service as a Camp Secretary or Treasurer can wear a Past Camp Commander badge. It would change the C&R with the bolded language. So, putting that in for a moment. Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) All right. So, (indistinguishable) this one is not approved. Brother McGuire, the actual numbers? So... Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I was muted!

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh. (chuckling)

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One hundred and two Brothers approved; one hundred...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...One...102?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One hundred and two, yes. One hundred and fifty-eight Brothers opposed; eight Brothers abstained.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So this has not passed. I send it out...before I said...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (sigh)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...we'd take a break. We've got one minute. So, Brother McGuire, can we put up just two quick polls unofficial? I'm wondering how many people this is the first National Encampment they've attended. If you could just through that up real quick.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah. I'll have to get myself to that poll...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right. It doesn't have to be fancy wording. So just put something like first, yes or no.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee

How many people dragged yourself here today?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(chuckling). That's a question that Joe... Joe Hall is suggesting that we phrase it as, *How many people dragged their self here today?* Well, the commute was killer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. The commute was a killer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And we're not gonna wait a minute. I was just gonna give this a few seconds. Hmm. All right, Brother McGuire. What do we got? I'm curious.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, let's give it another couple of seconds.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. They're still coming in?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah. Oh, let's click it. So, it's not everybody. But...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...That's all right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have a good number.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Wow.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have eighty-one Brothers who voted in that poll, saying that this was...this is their first National Encampment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Wow, that's outstanding.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And 174 who said, "No, we're used to this. This is how we do it." (chuckling)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Let's...

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Probably explains a lot of why we decided to go with...out with the first issue. All right. I'm gonna give everybody ten minutes. We've already taken care of seven, so we're gonna pick up in... At least, what time is it? About 2:42 and we'll pick up with item 4. I mean 8. Sorry. So, 2:42.

[one rap, *]

(recess)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. It's time we start up. Brother McGuire, can you unmute Brother Grim please?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Absolutely. Working on my...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Working down the list.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're gonna move on to item 8, because 7 was covered when we addressed item...the first one.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Number 8 is a proposal from Executive Director David Demmy and it would change Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 1. And basically would require a Department to have an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer. The Committee does not recommend approval.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any opposed?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a hand that has come up from Brother Robert Crum from North Carolina.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother Crum.

Robert A. Crum, Department of North Carolina

Thank you for recognizing me. Robert Crum, Department Commander from North Carolina. My understanding is that Brother Demmy would like to require assistants. And much like the Camp, I guess I'll say now what I thought about Camps too. I think Assistant Secretary/Treasurers are very important and the problem is... And I've seen it happen in our own Department, and I now, I have appointed an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, which our Secretary/Treasurer is thrilled about. But the problem is if there's a death or somebody's hospitalized for a month, and there's not an assistant in place to go ahead and step and can handle the bank account and handle so many matters that a Secretary/Treasurer handles, and we just saw some discussion about how important a Secretary/Treasurer is. When you lose that person to illness or death or some other problem, especially when it could easily last for a month or more, it does throw a Department, a Camp into turmoil. And so, I highly recommend that we do require Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you...

Robert A. Crum, Department of North Carolina

...And I'd rather see it be an elected position, even though one can appoint one and I have done that. I even have a second one lined up in case I have a problem with one of those. So, I highly recommend that we have Assistants. Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Crum.

Robert A. Crum, Department of North Carolina

You're welcome.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir. I have Brother Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois, et cetera. I-I agree with Brother Crum and I would go so far as to move that we adopt the proposal as recommended by Brother Demmy. I know it kind of went over like a lead balloon at the Camp level and I completely understand why. I'll tell you, even I didn't vote for my own motion on that one for a number of reasons. But at the Department level, our Departments are all strong enough to be able to handle this in the level of manpower. And I think the word that Brother Crum was looking for but didn't use is kerfuffle. It's what we all want to avoid. And so I would move that we adopt Brother Demmy's proposal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right, next...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Anybody else like to speak on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes, sir. (Indistinguishable) Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I agree with Harry. At the Department level, it should not be as difficult as it was at the

Camp level. I understand the issues at the Camp level. I come from a small Camp myself. But the Department level having backups I think is highly important. And also, earlier today during the Officer recommendations, we approved by not complaining or not objecting to several motions... several items that Brother Demmy submitted that are similar to this. And so I stand in favor of this and support Harry's motion and would second it if there's not already a second.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So we have no motion...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I thought Harry had made one.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

No.

Unknown

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I thought I heard him say, "I move...that we adopt this recommendation."

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes, he did.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Let me...let me...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, okay. All right. So do I have a second?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Let me...I...

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

...And I second.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...We have a second. All right. So we've had three already speak in favor of this. Is anybody opposed to allowing this to happen?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, Harry's microphone is open. If he needs to clarify whether or not that was a motion.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

It was a motion.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okie-dokie.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Both in concept and in word.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Very good.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I still see some hands. These must be speaking to the other side. So we have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...if you're not speaking against it, put your hand down.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

I would...I lowered my hand on this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. Anybody else? Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I guess the only question I have is that it requires the appointment of Assistants. I think that should be left up to the Departments to determine whether or not they need them or not. So,

I agree the absolute criticality of the positions. I agree that this would help it. But I would amend the motion if it's allowed at this point to give the Departments the option to appoint based on their local needs. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I have an amendment to the motion.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see a second from Kevin Tucker was sent to me in chat.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, he's seconding Brother Pierson's amendment?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We'll have discussion on this. Anybody on the amendment?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have hands up from prior to the amendment. So I'm gonna ask that everybody lower their hand and then raise it if you wish to speak to the amendment. And then, once we're done with all of that, we will then raise hands again to the original motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

If I may, Commander-in-Chief?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

The current section that we would be looking to amend would move the Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer down further in the paragraph and it would read, *At the option of the Department, a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, or Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator* and then you would insert "Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, or Assistant Secretary/Treasurer" *or other such Officers as may be established in its bylaws.* That's what would actually read.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you for the clarification.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have the person who did the second, Brother Kevin Tucker.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I am speaking in support of Brother James, I'm sorry, Brother Brian's motion. Department Commanders already have the option of appointing officers as needed. I guess it should be optional, not mandatory. Although it's a good idea, some of the Departments would be too small or just not have the volunteers needed to cover this if we make it mandatory. So, I speak in support of Brother Brian's motion

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Tucker.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Don Gates, Department of Texas.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Texas. Brother Gates.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I believe, again, that this is a great idea, to have an assistant. I think the...there are values to it that are...people have spoken to before. I also feel, though, that this is something that should be determined at the Department level, whether this is gonna be mandatory or whether it would be optionally selected. I don't think it's the place of National to require this at this level.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Gates.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother David Wildermuth from Illinois.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Wildermuth.

David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois

Yes, I'll (indistinguishable) define. I don't know if you have three to approve for the amendment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable) I should.

David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois

You do? Okay. So, I'll lower my hand because he didn't say *out*. But I agree with Senior Commander that it shouldn't be mandatory.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. So, I have...for the amendment, I've got three for. Would anybody

like to speak against the amendment? Brother Reineke.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Hold on. I'm coming Harry.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke again from up here in chilly Illinois. The whole purpose for making this mandatory, especially given that these things are already optional, is because, as we've seen at National, we can get into a situation where a Secretary or Treasurer is suddenly and irreversibly unable to perform his duties. This would provide an in place, static option, not option, an in place and static means by which that job can continue to get done in case of such a kerfuffle.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Anybody else like to speak against Brother Pierson's amendment?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have Clyde Getman. Please...

Unknown

...Clyde Getman...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Please state your Department, Brother Getman when you come on. Oops, I'm sorry. You just came on and then I muted you accidentally. Let's come back. Come back on. There you are.

Clyde Getman, Department of Tennessee

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. There you are.

Clyde Getman, Department of Tennessee

Clyde Getman, Department of Tennessee, Sultana Camp in Memphis, PDC, PCC, and a number of others. I speak against. Not in the spirit of it. I think it is a good idea and recommend it. However, I take from Brother David Demmy, our Executive, who is fond of telling me on the telephone we are a bottoms up organization. Not a top down. I think a lot of things can be done with limited government at local level as much as possible. And mandating things moves us more into the government from the top which we seen...can't talk about politics here, but just say in our National processes. Things have been mandated and said which are totally out of line with locals. I've been in Camp, which has been a small Camp. I've been in a Department which functioned much as a small Department. In such situations sometimes we had to beg for Officers.

Putting another stream in tends to make more paper, more work, and sometimes in some of our groups, more begging. I think appropriate procedures are in place so that we can do anything that needs to be done now, including this. In our Camp, our Commander ex officio has functioned to act for the Secretary and could such as needed or to appoint such. I think we have the same in the Department.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother. One more against.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Stevens.

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia. We had a recent occasion, series of incidents, where our Department Secretary/Treasurer had difficulties in fulfilling his duty. And we are a bottoms up organization. So, it had...had the Department been suspended due to the not...not paying of dues and such to the National, every single member of the Department, all the Camps, all the individual members would also be suspended. I think belts and suspenders is just a good management principal. And having an understudy or an assistant, whatever you want to call it, to step up and step in...in these situations, protects all the members of individual Camps and Departments. So, I would be...want to see this go through.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother. All right. Brother McGuire, let's put up the amendment to vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. I'm gonna need a...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Which is Brother Pierson amended it to move that those positions be made optional; that they can be appointed by the Department Commander.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. So, let's look at this as an amendment that says, *Amendment to proposal that Assistant Department Treasurer and Secretary or Treasurer/Secretary*, and I know it's backwards, *may be appointed positions*. Is that acceptable...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Optional position.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Appointed...optional and appointed.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

They are appointed anyway. They'd be an optional position, not a mandated position.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Optional position.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Optional position.

Unknown

Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. All right. I've got it. All right. So this is the amendment. And we will do approve, oppose, and abstain. So this will be up in just a second, guys. This is the amendment by Pierson. Launch.

Unknown

They got to talk.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Sorry, I couldn't give the ten second warning. I was on mute. Brother McGuire, do you have the results?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I just got sort of...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay, thanks...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...put up. All right. We have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Seventy-nine...which is... The actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and ten approve of the amendment. Fifty-two oppose and three abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We do have a hand up from the National Quartermaster.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother Lyon. You're on mute.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Sorry. I thought I put it back down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Fine.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Pahl, so we have this. Now do we have to go back to the Committee recommendation?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, you vote on the motion as amended.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...To amend the C&R by adding these two positions as optional positions.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The language...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...What Brother Pahl said.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I'm going to go to the... I'm gonna go to the document and Brother Pahl can walk us through that. (laughter).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So Proposal 8 is on screen.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You have to move that up a little.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. You have to move that up.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

There. Brothers, you'll notice right at the bottom says, *at the option of the Department comma a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, or Department...Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and such other Officers as may be established in its bylaws.* So that's how the amendment, if passed, would read. Inserting *Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer* in that section of *at the option of the Department.*

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother McGuire, if you'd put that up for a vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Hold up. Hold up. Right. We need clarification on this. I need to stop it. I need to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...pull down this poll. Because the original... I won't make no... I don't think people knew what they were voting for there, so I have to redo this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McGuire, can you unmute Brother Paquette, please?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, just a question. So, if a Department has it in their bylaws right now that they will appoint a Secretary/Treasurer, would they be in violation of the C&R if their bylaws make it mandatory and the C&R does not?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I do not believe so.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Specific section of the Regulations allow such Officers as it may established in its bylaws. And so that's at the option of the Department.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I'm gonna need a second here cause I have to rewrite this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The original proposal, the way I wrote it, was that we were specifically affirming or rejecting the C&R Committee's recommendation. But then with the amendment, I think people thought that we were voting...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yep...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...on something else. So, I'm just gonna simplify it cause we all know what's happening here. So it will read that for Proposal 8, I'm taking the Committee thing out of it just so it's very clear. We're going to adopt language in the C&R regarding Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. I'm sorry, Department. Sorry. Department Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer is optional. Okay? Is that, Brother Pahl, is that appropriate?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Thank you. And I am now going to go back to Zoom. We are now...we're gonna roll this poll again. Jim Lyon's hand is up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Lyon.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

I'm sorry. I thought I put it down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(chuckling)

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Boy, you are a hand raising (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (chuckling) Yeah. Stop touching your keyboard.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(laughter). Okay. Here we go. As I just read.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Ten seconds, Brothers. (beeping) All right. Brother McGuire. All right. It was approved. The actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and thirty-nine approve, twenty-one oppose, five abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. All right. On to number nine.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Proposal #9 is also a proposal from Executive Director David Demmy. And this would change Chapter 2, Article 8, Section 11, which would be a new Section. And this Section would describe the duties of the Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer. And the Committee does not recommend adoption of the proposal because that's consistent with what our position was on Proposal number 8. But the language here describes exactly what would be expected of the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I will get to the raised hand in a moment. Commander, we have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yep...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...from Brian Pierson.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I'm unmuted. As they are assistants, wouldn't they...the descriptions of those positions follow the job description of the main position, so that maybe...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Well...

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...is not necessary. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, I have a que... So, seeing how we've basically created a new position, shouldn't these two positions go to P&P for development of a job description?

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

That's probably true. Yeah.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's what Proposal 9 does. Proposal 9 is a job description.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Let's see. We have additional discussion. I have Brother... Brother Eric Richhart from Colorado.

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

On this Proposal, I would say that maybe we could change that and say instead of what it reads now, *If a Department would have Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer, these would be their guidelines*, or something to that effect.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, we have Nathan Tingley, Department of Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brother.

Nathan Tingley, Department of Michigan

Commander, I would so move that this (indistinguishable) be moved to the Programs and Policy Committee, since it does not originate from them, to come up with language to be voted on at next year's Encampment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Do we have a second on that?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, I'll second it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Discussion on moving this to P&P for further development and action at next year's Encampment?

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Commander, the Committee felt that this job description was necessary because you may a situation where the Secretary or the Treasurer may be confused as to what he's going to let the Assistant do.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

This job description describes that he has access to the information that's available to the Secretary and to the Treasurer. So, I'm not sure that P&P Committee could come up with anything better than this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Well, doesn't P&P now have to go in and modify some forms to put that on to... No? Okay. I know we have some of those other optional ones on the...some of our forms. Installation of Officers. Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a point of order from, I'm sorry, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee. So, Brother Burd, hold on one second. So, go Brother Huttick.

George A. Huttick Department of Tennessee

So, point of order. Since we started discussing this, at least in chat, we made a motion to accept and some people seconded it. So there was already a motion on the floor to accept the proposal and seconded so the other motion is secondary to it. Or is that wrong?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I guess we didn't see...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...I would disagree. Something discussed in chat is not a motion on the floor. It has...you have to be recognized by the Commander-in-Chief...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...speak it to the Brothers for a proper motion to be heard.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right.

George A. Huttick Department of Tennessee

Fair enough. Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Thank you, George.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any other discussion on the amendment...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...or the motion to move to P&P?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I had had Randal Burd from Missouri and he is back.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Hello. Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I don't see a...a purpose in sending this to Committee. I think that the descriptions that are given are probably gonna be the same descriptions that would be come up with the Committee. They're generic enough to where the Departments can have them meet their needs, but they do give the Assistant access to the records and what not. I, like I said, I don't see the point of sending it to Committee. I think (indistinguishable) vote on the...as given. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Why don't we move this motion to a vote?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

What am I...what am I...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

The motion is...was to move the job description to P&P and not take action until 2021.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. So you've closed discussion?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. This motion should be pretty straightforward for Proposal 9. It simply says, *Move Proposal 9 to P&P.*

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Okay.

Unknown

Oh, man.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds. (beeping) All right. Brother McGuire. All right. So, we have...what's the actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One hundred and forty-three approve of moving it to P&P, 113 oppose, and eight abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So the job description will be moved to P&P. All right.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number 10...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Nine. Oh, ten. Right.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

This would affect Chapter 3, Article 3 and would add a new Section 3 to that part of the Regulations. This would basically give the Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of the Council of Administration, authority to suspend or cancel a National Encampment or special meeting of the National Organization. Commander-in-Chief has done this through an Order now. But this clarifies in the Regulations that he has that authority so there's no confusion about whether he can issue a General Order or not. Committee recommends adoption.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any opposed? Or objections. Sorry.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a hand up from one Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander. I just don't think the language is clear enough. It just calls that *the President or the Governor declare a state of emergency*. It doesn't... I believe that it should be... Or I make a motion that it be amended to say, *that prohibits the Organization from meeting in person*. I just think it's not clear enough. Any emergency could be declared, a hurricane or whatever. It just...National...what...which...if the Governor of Massachusetts declares a state of emergency, how does that follow if the Encampment's in Atlanta? How does it... I just think it needs clarification.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So Brother Tucker, you said it was going to be a motion. I...

Unknown

...I'm sorry...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...I think I missed it. (chuckling).

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I'm sorry. It should be amended to...I thought I put it in there. But it should be amended to say, *which prevents the body from meeting*.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Well, this...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Do I have a second? I need a second on it first.

Unknown

I'll second.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I got a second. Okay. Go ahead, Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

This proposal requires approval by the Council of Administration. So if there's some question about whether it's really an emergency or not, I would think the Council could decline to give the Commander-in-Chief the approval that he's requesting.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. We've got people. We have Robert Payne, Michigan.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Yeah, Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I agree with Past Commander-in-Chief Grim. We've got checks and balances already in the language that prevent a Commander-in-Chief from arbitrarily suspending a meeting or canceling the meeting because the Council of Administration has to approve it. And you're gonna have a lot of different viewpoints that will regulate his actions at that point in time making...adding additional language not even something that would be needed to move this forward.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother Payne. I've got two against the amendment. Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have Doug McMillin, Pennsylvania.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother McMillin.

Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania

Thank you. I would think that in a situation where, if I'm understanding this correctly, the President of the United States or a governor mandated something where we were prohibited from meeting... When we run into a situation where the law in the state or wherever we're at, is in conflict with our C&R, we have to abide by the law of the state. So if, for instance, let's just say Georgia, shut down and said, *No, no body's meeting*, whether we had meetings or not, if the legal authority of the state says, *No body's meeting*, doesn't that trump anything that we have?

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Yeah, I think you're right. Regulations require us to obey the local ordinances and local statutes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, we have Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm in agreement with Past Commander-in-Chief Grim. I don't think we should reduce or

limit what this says because the point is to have enough options to be able to cover a lot of different circumstances. And as has been stated before, there are levels of control within this. So I think we should leave it as is.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I've got three against the amendment. Anybody would like to speak for Brother Tucker's amendment?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I still have some hands so we'll go to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Well, let's give a chance to put 'em down because they got... I already got three against it.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, I see stubborn...stubborn hands. So, Brother Benjamin Frail, Department of Rhode Island.

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island, Department Commander. I agree with Brother Tucker. I feel as if there should be some language in here that expresses...or narrows down the declaration, if you would, because... You know, say we have a National Encampment in Texas and, you know, part of Texas is affected by a hurricane but yet the other...opposite side of Texas wouldn't be affected at all. Texas might declare a state of emergency for the coastline, but if we're meeting on the opposite side of Texas that's not affected at all why should that prohibit us from having a National Encampment? That's, you know, that's where I'm at with this. It's, you know, and I'm in Rhode Island. We're pretty small. So if a state of emergency is declared in Rhode Island, odds are the whole state's affected. But that's not like that for every single state in the U.S. So, I support Brother Tucker's amendment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Anybody else for the amendment?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Come on Lowell Alcorn, Department of Pennsylvania.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Alcorn.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I've requested him to unmute. Just click your unmute. Okay. Brother Alcorn, you have to... I've pinged you to unmute. You have to click on the unmute on your microphone at the bottom left of your window.

Lowell Alcorn, Department of Pennsylvania

There we go.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There you are.

Lowell Alcorn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay, got it. Basically, what I'm trying to say is that the... needs to be some kind of language in here that permits the Commander-in-Chief to call for a virtual meeting whenever it is quote *impossible to have a face to face meeting*. Whether it be... whatever type of meeting.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother, we're gonna probably address that through the...by special committee.

Lowell Alcorn, Department of Pennsylvania

Okay. That's acceptable. We do need to consider it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brothers, anybody else for this? Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have...I still have three hands up, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Just...we'll take one more.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Let's do...Brother Shklar from New Hampshire has been up the longest of these three.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Shklar.

Michael Shklar, Department of New Hampshire

I am agreeing (indistinguishable) as a matter of general policy. I think he's right that we can have states of emergency due to any number of things. And we should limit this to a real national emergency or a state of emergency that renders it impossible to meet. I support Brother Tucker or Past Commander, Past PDC Tucker's motion for clarifying this. We don't know the future and we're trying to do is deal with the present emergency; therefore, I think we should limit this as suggested by Brother Tucker. Thanks.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Okay. Thank you, Brother. All right. Let's move this to a vote. I don't know... Jamie, do you have the...the amendment? (Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother Pahl, are you able to sort of recall this or do I need to activate Brother Tucker

to...to bring this back?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

He is proposing to add language to the proposal, *If a state of emergency exists which prevents the body from meeting*. That language would be inserted there.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Do we need to have...do we need to have the language in the... in the motion...in the amended motion?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Which prevents the body from meeting is the language to be added.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. If you can put that out.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Working on it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'll...I'll be right back.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. This will simply read... A proposal. All right. The amendment will be...add the language quote *that prevents the body from meeting* to the proposed language. Is that acceptable, Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes. And for everyone's information, that would be inserted *or local government officials have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents the body from meeting, the Commander-in-Chief may...* So it would go right there.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. And I will show that...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...But that's the language we're adding.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. So this is...this is where it's gonna appear. Right here. Proposal 10. *Local government officials who declare a state of emergency, that prevents the body from meeting*. Is that the space where it's being placed?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. So everybody sees that. And now we will... Did he call the vote? You've already left?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'm back.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes, he did.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right.

(beeping)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother... Let's see. So the amendment passes. And the actual numbers please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and three approve. Fifty-four reject. Six abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number 12.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

We have to vote on the...motion as amended...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...or the item as amended now. We still have to affirmatively amend the Regulations.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So let's put that up now.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. I just had to add the words...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...as amended.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We can roll with Proposal number 10.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds.

(beeping)

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I...Commander, I have a point of order from...I have a point of order on the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

From Brother Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

I had put up a request to offer a different amendment to the original motion. I was not recognized.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Did you put that... 'm sorry. It's not my place to speak.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Yes, I put up...raised my hand as soon as the other vote was announced and put in that I had an amendment to the motion. The main motion. You went directly to voting on the main motion without allowing additional amendments to the main motion. And since the vote has not been announced, results have not been announced.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So this is an amendment to the approved amendment?

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

It's an amendment to the one that we were discussing right now. About the power of the

Commander-in-Chief, whatever Proposal number we're on, Proposal 10. An additional amendment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So this would be an amendment on the approved amendment. Is that correct?

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

No, on the main motion. An approval on the main amended motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And what is that amendment? Or motion?

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

It would add after the word *state*, *the governor of a state*, it would add...it would read, *state, territory or possession*.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Because we do have possessions and territories within our Departments.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

That is correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

They are (indistinguishable) by our Federal charters to meet in territories and possessions.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Do I have a second on this? Yes, Brother... I do. Brother Day did. I've got some on chat too. Discussion on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. We'll begin... I see Brother Wesley Mumper from Department of Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Mumper.

Wesley Mumper, Department of Chesapeake

Yes, Commander-in-Chief, I would like to make a friendly addition to that amendment, if it is so approved, due to the fact that we do have a Camp that's outside the United States in a foreign country. At the moment, we still have one in England that we would have to have...put that as part of the language as well, not just possessions that are under the United States' rule. But we do have a Camp internationally so we have to be able to recognize that as well. Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

We're talking solely here National Encampment. We're not talking Department Encampments. We're not talking state...Camp meetings.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's strictly limited to the National Encampment. So, it's theoretically possible we could schedule a National Encampment to be in Puerto Rico, a territory. That is a distinct possibility.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Well, does it...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...To have a National Encampment in London, England is highly improbable.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. Because Puerto Rico would fall under one of our Departments so technically they could hold it.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

But again, to Loran's amendment, if the governor of the territory of Puerto Rico declares an emergency that's not a state. So Loran's amendment would address that issue.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Could potentially London hold a National Encampment?

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

The Federal Charter does not allow it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. All right. Any more discussion on the amendment? The second amendment.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see a couple more hands here.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have Robert Payne from Michigan.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. Yeah, I definitely agree with that change in the language. Like Brother Pahl said, we're not gonna meet internationally, but we'll meet or can possibly meet at a National level at any territory, state or that we have that's held in the United States or governed by the United States. So, that's definitely appropriate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Do we have anybody against this? All right. Let's move...let's move this to a vote, as well.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So, is discussion closed on the amendment?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. All right. Ten seconds. (beeping) All right. Brother McGuire. This proves...the actual numbers please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and thirty-five approve. Twenty-one oppose. Five abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So now let's move on the main... (indistinguishable) point... The two recommendations included.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So this is Proposal 10 regarding emergency...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Correct...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Correct.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

With both Brother Tucker's and Brother Bures' amendments in there.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. All right. (Indistinguishable). Here we go to Proposal 10. C&R recommendation to adopt language regarding state emergency declaration that's amended twice with Tucker and Bures' amendments.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds. (beeping) This one passes. And the actual numbers, Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and thirty-two approve. Twenty-one oppose. Five abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, great. All right. We've covered number eleven already...prior, so we're on to twelve.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number tw...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Bob's...

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

...three...the...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Grim, you're cutting out.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Hopefully that improves. This change would make the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee a standing committee of three members elected by the Council of Administration. Most committees are five members and most are appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. This committee would be three and would be appointed...be elected by the Council.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right. We have this committee every year so...

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any objections?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I see three hands raised. (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, I didn't see them. Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I just got them myself. So okay, we'll start with Brother Tucker from Massachusetts.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Tucker. Unmute.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Sorry. Yeah. Sorry, I just...it just went up and down too fast before I could finish reading it. Could you just repost it again?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I'll share that screen again.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Thanks.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Sure. While I'm doing that, we have Brother... Oh, where'd you go? (sighing) Brother Freshley, could you raise your hand again so I can find you? Okay. We have Brother Ken Freshley, Department of Ohio, while I'm going back to share the screen.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Tucker, I'm gonna let Brother Freshley speak while we're getting this up.

Ken L. Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just...this is just a point of question in the sense that I was just reading the proposal and it says that the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee is being a stand committee **of** three elected Council of Administration members, not to be appointed **by** but they are to be members **of** the three. Am I...is that... what I'm understanding or did I miss...misinterpret it?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's the way I read it. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl as Parliamentarian. The only thing I see this doing is moving it to a standing committee of three members which shall consist of three members of the Council of Administration, as it currently does.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. Brother Tucker, do you need it back up some more? Okay. He appears good with it.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We'll move it...let's move to a vote. We'll accept the Committee's recommendation.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. This is Proposal...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Twelve...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...And, here you go.

Unknown

I've got (indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds. All right, Brother McGuire. All right. And the actuals?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred thirty-eight approve; ten oppose; four abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. This one passes. On to thirteen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Lucky number 13. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, who's chairman of the National Committee on Scholarships. And this change affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 18, 2a. And this would make the C&R language consistent with what appears on the scholarship application form which states that the application must be postmarked between January 1 and March 31. The Committee recommends approval.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any objections? All right. Seeing none in the chat or seeing a hand raised or... Let's move this to a vote. Ten seconds. (beeping) All right. And the actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and forty-seven approve; three oppose; and three abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. On to fourteen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number 14. This proposal is from the chairman of the Committee on Scholarships, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin. It affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 15, Paragraph 2b. This change incorporates into the C&R the criteria for the scholarship found on the scholarship application form. And that language would be added at the end of this Section and says as outlined on the SUVCW scholarship application Form 12. The Committee recommends adoption.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? Seeing no hands raised or in the chat, we'll move this to a vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Coming now.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Ten seconds. Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I didn't hear you say anything after ten seconds.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh. I'm sorry (chuckling). I saw...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

... (Indistinguishable) the longest ten seconds...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...I saw the (indistinguishable) disappear and I thought you had done it. All right. The actual numbers? I apologize.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Two hundred and fifty-seven approve; zero stand in opposition; and five abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. On to fifteen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Okay, proposal number 15. This is a proposal from the Committee on Program and Policy. Chairman of that Committee is Brian Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. And this proposal would change Chapter 3, Article 10, and it would be a new Section 19 and the existing Section 19 would read number Section 20. And this change to the Regulations describes the purpose and mission of the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing. And the Committee recommends adoption. It's a rather lengthy change, but the language is on the screen.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections? All right. Seeing none and none in the chat, we'll move this to a vote. All right, ten seconds. (beeping). Oops. All right. Brother McGuire. Let's see. All right. Actuals?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Actuals, two hundred and fifty-seven approve; one lone wolf in opposition; and four abstaining.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. We're on to sixteen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Proposal 16. This would change Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3m. And this change clarifies whether a Department Secretary or Department Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Department Commander for ten years of service as a Department Secretary/Treasurer can actually wear a Past Department Commander's badge. And the Committee recommends adoption.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So this is similar to the one for Camps.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see one. We have Eric Richhart from Colorado.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother.

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

I do have an objection to this. My objection is at the Department level, I was Department Secretary/Treasurer for nine years. Then I went through the ladder of Junior, Senior, and two terms as Department Commander and now back to Department Secretary. My feelings is I know that as a Department Secretary it is like being a top sergeant. However, there is a great difference in my feelings, in my eyes, between that and the Department Commander. The Department Commander has to make decisions. They have to put out Department Orders. Department Secretary is not allowed to do that. They're unfamiliar with doing that. And so my feelings is because the Department Secretary does a vast amount of job...the Department Commander has the whole load and to give them that badge when I...in my eyes, I would not be comfortable if I was in that position. So, I am opposed to this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother. Anybody else?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We will move to Brother Kevin Tucker.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, Past Department Commander. I'm opposed to this for the same reason as we had with the Camps. I believe somebody needs to be elected in order to wear a badge. I think that the...he can certainly have the honors. Ten years in that job is insane. But giving someone a badge that they weren't elected to is...I don't feel is correct. So I stand in opposition to this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl as Parliamentarian. I do think we now need a motion. As the Committee recommendation has been opposed, we do need a motion to continue debate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. You got a motion? Brother Lyon.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Hold on. I'll find him.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

I would second that motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We haven't had a motion. Did we?

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Oh, I thought you did. I thought Brother Kevin Tucker did.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

He spoke in op...he was opposed to this but I didn't hear a motion.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Okay. I withdraw.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Wait, I'll get him.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I move to be in opposition to this proposal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I got multiple seconds. All right. Any other discussion...further discussion on this? We do have two opposed. I mean against the motion. Not the motion. Sorry. The recommendation.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. David DuBrucq, Department of Tennessee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother DuBrucq.

David DuBrucq, Department of Tennessee

Yeah, I...can you hear me?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes.

David DuBrucq, Department of Tennessee

I speak in opposition to this as well. And you know, I think what we should do is establish some form of recognition other than Past Commander's medal to recognize these people. Now, I understand that the Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer's position is probably the most important position in the Camp, Department, National level outside of the Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander. And there should be some form of recognition but it should not be in the form of a Past Commander's badge. That is something that just Commanders should earn.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

David DuBrucq, Department of Tennessee

That's my opinion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, Brother Frantz has a point of order? I didn't... Somebody had texted me so I didn't see...

Brother Frantz, Department of Pennsylvania (?)

...Okay. So then I have a few questions here though. So then if we decide to not approve this and not allow people that served long enough to get the badge, does this mean that any pre... basically people that got the award prior to today mean that's knocked out from their record and they never got it. And I'm asking because as some know I do have some history in this Order. I'm a Past Department Commander with Pennsylvania and I'm the 3rd generation of my family to have achieved that rank. My great...my grandfather first achieved rank of Past Department Commander by being Department Secretary long enough before he actually worked his way through ladder. And that was back in the days when Department Secretaries addressed all *The Banners* and sent them all out. You know, we're knocking tradition here by changing things up. And I mean, I get what we're trying to do and it's people thumping their chest saying, "Hey, we did a good job." But it's something to think about that, you know. In my case, my great...now my grandfather since passed away but you know I still have his plaque and it's a decent size plaque that the Department awarded him. And instead of...in addition to getting the medal, he also got a plaque with the actual suspension and the ruby jeweled badge on that plaque. So you saying it doesn't matter? I mean, that's what it comes down to here. Are we knocking tradition for the sake of knocking tradition and trying to be a little bit more modern and pc?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl as Parliamentarian. For purpose of clarification, if Brother Tucker's amendment passes and the Regulations are not amended, this is in effect action on the National Encampment saying you can't wear the badge if you are receive Past Department Commander honors as a Past Secretary or a Past Treasurer for ten years. The honors still stands. What it does is allows you automatic credentials at a National Encampment. But it merely states you can't wear the badge unless you are actually a PDC, Past Department Commander. That's all this is doing.

Unknown

Um-hmm.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we ha...I already have three against the language that's being suggested. Anybody for it?

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island, Department Commander. I'm against Brother

Tucker's... Or I'm in favor of the amendment to the Constitution, to the C&R, allowing Secretary and Treasurers to wear the PDC badge. It is a very stressful position. Having served twice as Department Commander of Rhode Island and for my third term overall currently, I rely heavily on my Department Secretary and Treasurer. I have all three times I've served as Department Commander. I would not be able to effectively command this Department without their advisory and their input. Every Department Order I put out, I get their input prior to sending out. Every decision I make I get their input prior to making. So to sit there and say that the Secretary or Treasurer doesn't make command decisions or does not, you know, is...especially having served for ten years consecutively in that position. We already give them the honors. We give them the vote. Having them wear the badge gives a visual recognition of that person being able to...of the service that Brother has made to this Order. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have one more, Commander-in-Chief? Oh, Commander-in-Chief muted himself. One moment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

There we go. Sorry about that. All right. So we got one for, three against. Anybody else for the language as proposed in the C&R report?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have Brother McKinch.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother McKinch.

Terrance McKinch, Department of Michigan

Terry McKinch, Department of Michigan, Commander. Thank you, sir. I agree with Brother Pahl. I personally would like to see some type of devise but... And my Treasurer and my Secretary are awesome and we couldn't run without them. But I think that that badge should be reserved for a Department Commander or Department...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

Terrance McKinch, Department of Michigan

...Department Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Anybody else for the language? We already had three. Now we got a fourth.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Robert Payne, Michigan.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I just feel that these honors at this particular type, like I said about the honors for a Past Camp Commander, what does Department Secretary and the Department Treasurer go through running ten years or longer. That's a lot more strenuous and arduous work than the Department Commander has in running for a year, or two years as Department Commander. And they should be honored with a Past Department Commander. If they're honored with it at Encampment, they should be allowed to wear the badge. That's just my opinion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother. Anybody else for the language in the C&R Report? All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I still have some...I still have three hands. I don't know how many you want to speak. You've already had three. But next on the list is Brother Reineke.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Illinois. So, this has been gone back and forth a few times. Right? We've heard lots of good advice on both sides. But I do think Brother Frantz from Pennsylvania makes a strong point. Even though it hasn't been in the Regulations, it has been practice in many Departments for this badge to go to those people who are awarded the distinction of Past Department Commander. And while there are plenty of other great ideas going through the chat, without something to replace this language, we have to vote on it on way or the other. Right? So I think solidifying our past practice and our Regulations is a good idea. And I stand in favor of the language as recommended by the C&R Committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So we've had three for and three against. We're gonna move this to a vote. I forgot wh... What was the motion? I apologize. The motion...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Commander-in-Chief...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...was not to accept. Correct?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It was to not accept this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...if you're voting yes, you're agreeing this should not go in the C&R. If you're voting no, it should go in the C&R.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

This is backwards.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Brother McGuire, if you could put that up, please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I'm just doing a quick rephrasing.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So, what we're gonna vote on and I'm gonna put this back up on the screen also. What we're gonna vote on is that we will reject to allow a Department Secretary or a Department Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Department Commander for Tenured Service the right to wear the badge.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So, you're voting...approving to reject over opposing to reject...as in...that makes sense. I've been asked to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So again, a yes vote rejects the badge being worn. A no vote accepts it. That the PDC can...well, honors can wear that badge.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. And this was the...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Department Secretary...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...and this was...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable)...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...and this was the proposal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. (Indistinguishable) for just a second.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

For clarifying purposes, Jim Pahl as acting National Counselor as Don Darby is not present, I believe this action would be retroactive. If you already have the badge as a Past Department Commander rank by virtue of Secretary/Treasurer, you can't wear it anymore. So this has impact. So Brothers you're aware of that as you vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I'm going to launch proposal number 16. Remember what you're voting.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Ten more seconds. (beeping) And that should do it. Brother McGuire, can you show the vote? Oh, this... All right. And the actual numbers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

It is 142 approve and 112 oppose with seven abstaining.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, what we...you voted on was that a...somebody's who's served ten years cannot wear the Past Department...I mean the...yeah, Commander's badge. Still has the honors. Okay. And somebody pointed out, I don't believe we need a 2/3's vote because we didn't change

the language in the C&R.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

On to seventeen.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

All right. Proposal number 17. This is a proposal from the Program and Policy Committee, chaired by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson. This would change Chapter 5, Article 14. And...the above-cited C&R reference makes the Ritual of the Order a part of the Regulations. The following are proposed changes to the 2015 version of the Ritual, which is a separate document of over fifty pages and is available on the SUVCW website. The shaded areas reflect the changes of this proposal. A summary of the changes from the previous edition: 1) addition of optional general plan of the meeting room for Encampments; 2) addition of protocol section; 3) addition of ceremony for receiving delegations from the Allied Orders; 4) procedure for installing Officer to the following...and procedure for the Installing Officer to follow should there be an objection raised during the installation of Officers; 5) administrative changes that have been made throughout the book to include biographical, grammatical, and formatting corrections. And the Committee recommends adoption of the proposal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable).

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

And as you can see, it is several pages.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, this one's quite lengthy. So, is there any objections on this? All right. I do not see any...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I see a...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, wait. Here's one. Oh, that's something different. All right. Any objections? All right. Let's move this to a vote.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Wow.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

This is just going to say change to Ritual: approve, oppose, abstain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Ten seconds. (beeping) Okay. And the actual numbers on this, Brother McGuire?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have 213 approve; twenty-three opposed; sixteen abstained. I have a hand up on the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

From Brother Jim Ward, Department of Florida.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Ward.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Yes, Commander-in-Chief. Just a clarification. So, in other words, if we have a Ritual that is identified as the 2020 edition, then we know we will have the correct one. And anything prior to that, it will not be correct because it won't reflect these changes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. So, we're gonna need to bring these updates to the Quartermaster and get the new books updated.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have a Brother...a Brother, Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I just wanted to say thank you, gentlemen. This was one of the goals that I had when I was Commander-in-Chief. It's taken two long years to see it come to fruition. And I wanted to say thank you very much for accomplishing this.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (Indistinguishable)...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...a hand from Brother...Brother Master Quartermaster, Jim Lyon.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Lyon. You're on mute. Oh, there you are.

Unknown

There you go.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

That's one of the reasons that I changed the Ritual books and everything. They have a comb binding now. So all we have to do is replace pages and not the whole book. So, I can just send those out to the Brothers when they request them and they can insert them right into the book. So you won't have to pay big money to buy a whole new book and throw the other one away.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Are you still planning on producing the little ones?

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Yeah, I got the little ones...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

...and big ones.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Good.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

So, but that was the reason for the change with the comb.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. I like the little one. It fits in my vest pockets.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

(chuckling).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So we've covered eighteen and nineteen. And I believe that was... all? I don't think...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Commander, I still have Brian Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, with his hand up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, just two things. One, thanks to Brother Day, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, for inspiring the protocol changes and getting all that taken care of. I think that's a great thing, especially as it relates to our relations with the other Allied Orders. And the updated 2020 version, we'll get that published online soon. Now that everything's done, we can take it out of draft status and put it in publishing status. And Brother Jim, I'll...I think I've got... Do you have the master copy so that you can make the mini versions? Or do you need me to give you something more? Since I have all those on my files.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

He's not...he's not live right now.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, okay. I'll talk with him offline.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable) later.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, I believe that concludes the C&R report?

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

No, sir. We have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, there's a twenty...

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

...one more. Yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Sorry.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Number twenty. Yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, there's a twenty-one too. Oh, that was your twenty-one. All right.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

I just have one left...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yep...

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

...That's proposal number 20. This proposal is from Don Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, and this would change Chapter 3, Article 9, Section 1. And at the bottom of that Section, we would strike out the term *combat*...defining the combat zone as defined by the United States Department of Defense. We would strike that out and replace it with *United States Internal Revenue Service*. And the Committee recommends adoption.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection? All right. Seeing none, let's bring this one to a vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...You have somebody?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a hand up. Brother Lauren Bures. And I unmuted him.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

I have a small technical amendment. In the second sentence, the word *tax* could be struck out and replaced with word *dues*. So I move that that amendment be considered by the floor. Strike the word *tax* and replace it with *dues* in the second sentence.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I got a second on that. All right. Any discussion?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a hand up from Larry Vance from the Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Vance.

Larry Vance, Department of Chesapeake

(Indistinguishable) Just point of clarification...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We can't hear you any longer.

Larry Vance, Department of Chesapeake

...Covering all the year to year... I'll type it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

No, you can... You just cut off for a second.

Larry Vance, Department of Chesapeake

I just...how you look like it sound (indistinguishable) for one time period but if you've got a deployment that goes over two years...from the tax purposes, now you saying you got two...two years they're not paying dues? Okay. I just... Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Any other discussion on this? Brother Richhart.

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

I oppose this change.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Which change?

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Brother Bures.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Eric Dan Richhart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The word *tax* should stay in there. Even though we believe, and call it, and tell people pay their dues, every year since I've been in there, it is officially known as per capita tax. So I think the word *tax* is appropriate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any other discussion? Okay, let's move to a vote.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Somebody?

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Don Martin, Department of Ohio, Past Commander-in-Chief. The...on the word *tax*, that is what the Regs say (indistinguishable), one of the changes I suggest. That's currently how it is but...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, as Parliamentarian and National Counselor. I just did a word search through the C&R. This is the only place where dues are designated as a tax. Everywhere else, it's per capita dues. So this is the only place in the Regulations that uses the word...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...*tax* instead of *dues*. And I would suggest that... Well, we can vote on it, but this should be automatic. Anyway...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. Is that one of those clerical that we...so it's consistent throughout like we did with bylaws earlier?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, the approved term will be... Can we make that as a friendly amendment so it's consistent? So, instead of tax and dues, we use the consistent term?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You can just rule that.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I just ruled it.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Does Brother Payne from Michigan still wish to be recognized?

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

I was just going to...Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I was just gonna reiterate what Brother Pahl said. We have changed everything else in our Regulations away from the word *tax* and have gone to *dues*. We aren't changing the prior sentence that addresses these as per capita *dues*. And then we all of a sudden change the language in the next section and call it a *tax*. Therefore, it's one or the other. And since we've gone through the entire Regulations and changed everything to *dues*, it needs to be adjusted to *dues*. I agree with the amendment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's already done. As editor of the Regulations, that's part of my job as Assistant National Counselor/C&R, I have the authority to make those typo corrections, so to speak. And that's already done on the master copy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So Brother Bures could withdraw his amendment and we'd still have the same result?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Well, you don't need it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's already done. It's a done deal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So we can go back to the original...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...proposal and vote on that? There's no other discussion?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, I do have a technical issue with the polling right now. So therefore, I cannot put up a visual polling vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So, my contingency that I had in place for something like this that could happen would be if Brothers, who have gotten very good at (car horn beeping) using the raise your hand option... There's an alarm going off someplace and it's not here.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I would ask you, Commander-in-Chief, if you could have those in favor of the change sign my using the raise your hand option and I'm literally gonna do a huge quick (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right. So this is gonna be much like equivalent to when we hold up the cards at National Encampment and we're all present. So, if we see the majority of the hands, we're gonna pass this. So, all in favor of the language with the change that was noted before by Brother Pahl, indicate by raising their hand.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You'll need actual numbers because it requires 2/3's vote to pass.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, we need actual numbers?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

We have to have 2/3's.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, s...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Don't worry. I'm...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Can we...can we see how many opposed and...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I'm trying to get a gauge here.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I mean, if we have like 213 to 23, it's pretty obvious.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So I guess we're gonna have to see if we can...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I'm working it. Hold on. (Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We'll hold off on it.

Unknown

So the ones that are up are for?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Um-hm.

Unknown

Sorry.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Leave 'em up, Brothers. We're getting there.

Unknown

Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

As Brother Shaw pointed out, one of the issues is the hands don't stay up for a long time.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Well, I'll just...if your hand goes down, put it back up because it's... I can manage that where I am just so (indistinguishable). I bet you all wish you were me right now. Almost there.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You do not have 2/3's. And I believe...we have 150 approve.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Now we need people to raise their hand for no, against the change.

Unknown

Subtract (indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No. You...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So...so I just want to mention one thing.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We can...we can subtract the 152 from the 272 participants and determine whether or not we have a majority.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, you can't. You have to take a vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

It has to be... Okay. I gotcha, Jim. I'll do it. Here we go.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. All voting no to the change. Brother McNight, you need to use the reaction button.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Make sure if you voted yes, you've taken your hand down now.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, it's very strange.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(laughter).

Unknown

That means a lot of people didn't vote.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah. We... Commander-in-Chief, I have twenty opposed. I feel like there's some non-votes going on here...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...that brings us to 172 of the participants.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And the rest would abstain.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

But I counted.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And Joe counted. Joe and I both counted at the same time. We have 152 to twenty is what we picked up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So is...we have the 2/3's majority, am I not...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Of those who voted. It requires 2/3's majority.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So this passes. Good thing. I was gonna ask you what we do when the DOD doesn't define combat zone. Now we don't need to worry about it. All right. So this passed, 152 to 20. Thank you very much. Brother Grim, I appreciate your time and effort on the C&R Committee. Give my thanks to the Committee members.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Thank you. I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. That's usually the toughest part of our National Encampment, getting through the C&R report.

Robert E. Grim, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Next on the agenda was the National...I mean the monument policy that we have. I'm gonna need Brother Pahl's help on doing this. So, I was informed this morning by the Committee that was working on this that the policy is not completed. I also understand that in 2017, we voted on a resolution that established the policy. And the only way we're gonna get the new policy in is to rescind the old policy that we voted from 2017. Typically, the Council of Administration approves new policies. So, I believe that the first step we would have to do is remove the existing policy by rescinding the vote that we took in 2017. Is that correct, Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct. You'd need to vote to disavow the 2017 action.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Disavow. All right. So, wait. Hang on, Brother Paquette. So, I believe we need a motion to do that. Once we get a second, then we can get in to discussion on this. If we have a motion to disavow the 2017 National Encampment action.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a lot of hands up so I don't know...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah, I'm waiting for a second. I mean, a motion.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I see someone who will make the motion so I will get him up. Brother Bruce Frail.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration

I make that motion to rescind the 2017 ruling.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. Do I have a second on it? I know I've seen seconds but we didn't have a motion yet. Second. There we go. All right. Discussion. Brother Paquette, I saw your hand up first.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Let me...let me get to him.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, correct me if I'm wrong, or someone out there who was also at the National Encampment where we passed this. Is...it was passed in the form of a resolution, but

we didn't want to call it a resolution because if you go to an outside organization, a resolution doesn't just stand the litmus test. So, we voted for a resolution but we called it a policy. So it was never approved by our Organization through our normal policy process. I don't know what that does to this conversation. But I just wanted to bring that up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Right. Currently, if you go on to the governance page and in to National Policies, you will find wording that was approved at 2017 under National Policies. So...

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Right. It was adopted by an act of a National Encampment...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Right...

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...but it was never approved by the Encampment necessarily as a policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, it was approved as a regula...as a resolution and therefore it stands as the law of the land so to speak and cannot be amended except by this body.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

And that's what we're trying to undo here?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Right. We're trying...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yep...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...to disavow that so that we can adopt something more appropriate.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So by...if we disavow that, that means the policy that's out there is removed from existence.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Am I correct? Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. And...all right. So more dis...any other discussion on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, yes, we do.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sure we do.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. I'll just start at the...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So...I guess we're gonna limit this discussion, as well. Three for removal; three for keeping the 2017 policy.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. We start with Chip Huffman from Department of Tennessee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Huffman.

Chip Huffman, Department of Tennessee

Did I understand you, Commander-in-Chief, correctly that there is not a policy ready to replace this with?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

That is correct.

Chip Huffman, Department of Tennessee

So we're gonna disavow the 2017 resolution and have nothing to replace it with. Can we not await until we have a replacement before we get rid of the old one?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

That would require us waiting until 2021. So...what...by removing this, this allows the C of A to adopt the new policy at any point in time.

Chip Huffman, Department of Tennessee

Okay. I'll accept (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Frail.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One moment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah. I'll get him. Or...are you asking me to put Bruce up?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right.

Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration

Brothers, we can have the policy in place as soon as the new Commander...incoming Commander-in-Chief comes forward. We can put together some type of an order and tomorrow during our C of A meeting, we can approve the wording of a temporary policy until the committee comes back with a new standing policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Any other discussion on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep. We're gonna go...Brother Don Gates, Department of Texas.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Gates.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Department of Texas, Department Secretary/Treasurer. I only have a question for what Brother Frail said. And that was...my assumption is from what he was saying is that the existing policy that's listed on the website would remain until such time as the new policy is completed and then passed by the C of A.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

No. My understanding is if we disavow it today, that policy comes off. It's no longer valid.

Unknown

Mark Day (indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We do have a draft. I've read the draft. I thought it was gonna be completed by today.

Unknown

It's good.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

But I was informed this morning it was not completed, so...

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. You answered my question.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right. On this issue, in 2017, we passed a resolution which was proposed by a committee that was chaired by Keith Harrison. That resolution replaced an earlier resolution that had been in place since Danny Wheeler had been Commander-in-Chief. Now, resolutions are not policies. It has been called a policy and it was listed on the policy page. But it is not officially a policy because the C of A, and I was the Commander that year. The C of A never adopted that resolution as a policy. But we're gonna be doing here guys is voting to end or to disavow or to negate the resolution which was brought up in 2017 so that the C of A can then establish a policy and which is clearly in their power to do. And that will have to go through the P&P and on and back to the C of A and then the C of A establishes policy. So, what we're asking you to do is to do away with the resolution which stands in the way of creating a new policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's simply what we're asking you to do. To vote on saying we're going to disavow, do away with this. And then the C of A will create a new policy which will be shortly forthcoming. That's all we're trying to get you to do. I just felt that it needed to be clarified somewhat. And I don't...and in my own mind, it has never...the resolution has never been officially a policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

(Indistinguishable) supersedes policy actually. I have the pol...I have the resolution here is anyone wants me to read it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Is it long?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Couple sentences.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh. Go right ahead.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Thank you. Whereas we as the Sons of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who as members of the Grand Army of the Republic met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in a bond of unity; Whereas we as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly oppose the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups; Whereas we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly oppose the defacement or destruction of any Civil War monument or tablet, whether Union or Confederate; Whereas we as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do support the flying of all U.S. flags and C.S.A. flags at our National historic sites; Therefore, we as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of the Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right. Do was have more...any more discussion on what we're trying to do? For or against?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We have lots of hands.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see Tim Ryan, Pennsylvania.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ryan.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I don't know where he went.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We can get back to him if...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Next in line was actually Alfred...Alfred Carty, Pennsylvania.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Carty.

Unknown

(yawn) Oh my God. Excuse me.

Alfred C. Carly, Department of Pennsylvania

Sorry, my hand was still up from the last vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Unknown

Take it down?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

David...David Haake from Colorado.

David Haake, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Oh, that was from the last vote (indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Wonderful. Larry Vance, Chesapeake.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Vance.

Larry Vance, Department of Chesapeake

My apologies. Still...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (chuckling). Okay. Everybody check to see...

Larry Vance, Department of Chesapeake

...my vote from the other one...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...if your hand is up. If not, put it do...if it is and you're not wanna speak, put it down please. All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. So...

Unknown

...It's not rocket science...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Steven Westlake and please tell us your Department, Steven.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Westlake.

Unknown

Okay, kick him out.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Steven Westlake

Sorry.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There he is.

Steven Westlake

Sorry my hand was up.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. But can you tell me what your Department was? Oh, you're gone. All right. Now you're muted.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, I'm gonna call on Brother Bures. He has a point of order.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. I will call up Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Commander-in-Chief, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. I would request that you rule that our existing resolution adopted in 2017 is in violation of our Federal Charter, Section 200302. And ruling that way would eliminate this policy.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

What was that Section one more time?

Unknown

One thousand

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Section 200302 of our Federal Charter. That the existing resolution was adopted in violation of our Federal Charter, Section 200302.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

I left the room for a minute.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So...

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

(Indistinguishable)

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

The Federal Charter?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yes, sir. I got it right here.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Now he's saying that this would be in violation of 2003.02?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Our resolution of 2017 is in violation 2003.02.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Two zero zero three zero two.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

If you...okay. What...what that says and I think may be referring to paren 5, to oppose every tendency or movement would weaken loyalty to or destroy or impair our constitutional union or to (indistinguishable)...

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

... (Indistinguishable)...six

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

...inculcate, broadly sustain the American principals of representative government and equal rights and impartial justice for all.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Right. Equal rights and justice...and impartial justice for all. Those phrases. That that policy in reality is in violation of equal rights and impartial justice for all.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Well, Commander-in-Chief, you could so rule. And if no one objects, that would accomplish the goal.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm gonna rule that way. So, we're gonna rule that that's in violation of 2003.02.6 in the Federal Charter.

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yeah. For the record, that's under Title 36, United States Code Subtitled 2, Part B, Organizations, Chapter 2003.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Do I need to put a General Order out on that?

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'll probably get in touch with you one more time.

Unknown

(laughter).

James B. Pahl, National Counselor

All right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'll get that out maybe tonight. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief...

Unknown

(Indistinguishable) hands down...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...I need to...I'm going to lower all hands, so...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...we get a fresh...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All right. So, we have...that was the only thing...the last thing we had to vote on other than elections. I believe...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I...

Unknown

(Indistinguishable) people put their hands up.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I know. I can't...I can't have hands going up yet.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right.

Unknown

Mike Paquette, why are you (indistinguishable)?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I think we've got indications that people are objecting to the ruling.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. That's...that's what I wanted to be cer...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable) Brother Reineke has.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I'm looking at hands. I got four hands. Leo Kennedy has been for quite some

time.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief, from Rhode Island. Two questions. I was going to ask originally as to what the substance was going to be of the new resolution to replace what we had. But now the more important question is, I don't understand what the ruling was from the Parliamentarian for the removal of the previous resolution.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Do you want me to answer that?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

The Commander-in-Chief has the authority under National Regulations if he discovers something that is in violation of Federal law, he can declare it out of order. This is an action of a past National Encampment that his ruling says by passing that resolution places us in violation of our Federal Charter which is in fact a Federal law. It is in Title 36 United States Code.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

I fully understand that. But I'm asking what...the opposition. What is in it? What's the violation that caused you to make that ruling?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That would be up to Commander-in-Chief to explain.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I'd have to look at the... Let me go find it. Charter... Give me a second. Sorry. I wasn't expecting this. Look this up. Let's see. Two thousand... There's five, six. We looking at the old or new Federal Charter?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I was looking at the current Federal Charter.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I don't see that under... Section 300... I'm sorry, 2003.06.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, it's 303. Or excuse, 302.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, 302. Sorry. I wrote it down wrong. I don't...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

What was...wasn't the objection the Brothers are making is the inclusion of the Confederate flag? Isn't that the bugaboo?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

My understanding is... Oh, (indistinguishable). What am I... Federal Charter, 1998. Correct?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I don't know. I'm using...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...The Section was 2003.02.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

This was last amended 2002.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, it says to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principals of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all. So, I believe the question it comes down to, does the display of Confederate monuments and the flag violate equal rights? And I certainly can make a case that it does.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Would...Commander, would you like me to...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, because we have an objection to my ruling so...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Well, I will start with Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes. This resolution was put together by four Past Commanders-in-Chief and one additional Brother. And so I find it...why, just three years, now all of a sudden this is in violation of Federal law if it indeed was not in violation of Federal law then? Or are we looking at more through a perspective of political correctness once again...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah...

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

...versus, you know... Cause we're talking in a case of opinion here.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I guess... I haven't seen the...at the same time I haven't seen any case law, of course I don't study it either, but case law that says that the Confederate flag is violating anybody's rights. I mean, I certainly understand, you know, people opposed it.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

There are people also opposed to Francis Scott Key, George Washington...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, absolutely.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

The list goes on. So...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah. All right. So, we have...I said I would do this. I got, you know, might get challenged on it. And that's fine. More or less was trying to move this forward so we could get a new policy in place. Do we want to move back...do we want to move back...this back to a vote?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have a point of order from Brother Huttick from Tennessee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We'll do them and then move on to Brother Pierson.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

It's a...so it's a question and it may be point of order. My understanding was we are trying to get rid of the resolution so that a policy could be enacted. If the resolution violates the Consti...violates our Congressional Charter, then the policy would also by nature be in violation.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

So I just... That's a question but I think there's a point of order in there too. I just don't know how to word it.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. So, the rea...let me just go back. So, the reason we developed a new policy was that Past Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw recommended in his Officer report; the National Encampment endorsed that. And so we formed a committee to develop this. So, we were...we were, you know, directed to move forward with this because I believe it was something that the Brothers wanted. Now we need to figure out how do we... Do we still want this or do we keep the existing policy and then basically disavow the, you know, the actions of...the previous

Encampment when they asked for a new policy. Brother Pierson, you had a point.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, Commander, Brothers, there's three things here. Right? Getting...and it's kind of building on what Brother Huttick and Brother Martin said. We can't move forward with the policy while we're hamstrung with this resolution. Right?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So, one way or another we've got to take care of that first. In looking at the chat, there's a number of Brothers who have no idea what a new policy would be so I think there's a little uncertainty there too. And so I think that will follow. But really, guys, we can't move ahead until we unhand cuff ourselves. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother (indistinguishable), I've seen his hand up. Brother McGuire, can you unmute him?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yeah, I'm looking for him on the list.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother, you're not unmuted yet.

Unknown 1

...A direction given by the Commander-in-Chief. There's a sentence at the end of the paragraph *There will be no nominations from the floor at the National Encampment, but nominations may be withdrawn.* Could we broadly interpret this to be what are we doing with 2017? We don't have the authority to change 2017 because we haven't even discussed a potential or substitute for 2017 today that we could vote on. So if we broadly say there will be no nominations from the floor, this is a new nomination...

Unknown 2

...No...

Unknown 1

You know? It has to be...we have to make a decision. Do we have the right to overrule 2017? And depending upon which side of the comment you come down on, there are people that will say. "Of course you can." But I don't think so. You stated you don't want anything coming from outside. A person could withdraw, assuming they were running for office. But here, we're talking about changing something that's cast in bronze since 2017. And we've had all this b.s. with statutes being pulled down, flags being ripped up, memorial plaques being pulled off walls. This has got to be bigger view, a wider view as to what our position should be. You know, we're talking something that happened 150 years ago. And historically we should be not trying to alter

history. We should be trying maybe to reinforce history and let people know. You know, it's like eh... I don't know. It's...I have a feeling that I'm beating a dead horse. But I just had to say something because you've indicated there will be no changes. And now we're trying to change something...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...No, what...

Unknown 1

...off the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Well, thank you...

Unknown 1

...And I don't think we have the authority to do that, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Well, we already...we've already changed things. We've changed things in the C&R today. So, we do. So Brother Day, Mark Day, please.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

There's...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Bures had a point of order...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...point of order coming from Loran Bures.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Loran Bures, Commander-in-Chief, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. First of all, we are asking for the ruling based upon not just equal rights but also the impartial justice for all from the Federal charter. Our Constitution allows, in fact it was recently ratified in the last few years, that the Constitution says and I am paraphrasing. Jim Pahl can bring this up. That if the Commander, any Commander-in-Chief, finds any action of the National Organization to be in violation of Federal law, State law, et. cetera, et. cetera, he can find and rule that it is null and void.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

To paraphrase that. And so based upon Federal law and based upon our actual Constitution, that...which has been ratified by the Departments, the Commander-in-Chief has the right to find that something is in violation, and in this case a Federal law, and rule that it is...the action is null and void.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

(Indistinguishable) done.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

I understand that. I'm not sure if it's in violation of Federal law or not cause I'm not a lawyer.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

But I have had...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...I would need citations that show where it's in violation and how.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

I've had a number of attorneys who are members of the Brotherhood who have looked this over and who have come conclusion that it is. Now if you want to go into all of those citations, we can do that. But it's also in violation, like particularly the flag portion, is in violation of several things. And there is a decision by the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals from a case in the state of Texas that ruled that there... concerning the Confederate flag. Ruled against the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl, do you...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, as an attorney, I've done a little looking here. Year 2000, 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, upheld a Kansas school district's suspension of a student for drawing a Confederate flag on a piece of paper during a math class. That this was racial harassment and caused disruption in an educational environment. That's West v. Derby United School District. The case that Loran was referring to is Walker v. the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, 2015. The United States Supreme Court ruled Texas did not violate the First Amendment by refusing to allow a special license plate designed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans featuring the Confederate battle flag. So there are court rulings that the display of the Confederate battle flag is disruptive and is racially harassing. So you have grounds for your ruling. The question is now that ruling has been made, we're debating without having a motion. Is someone affirmatively challenging that ruling?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I thought I had heard someone...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

... (Indistinguishable) we have a motion challenging that ruling, everyone's out of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I thought I had heard an official challenge.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I've not heard anybody make a motion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Who brought...somebody brought that up. If they could repeat it. Brother Martin. Brother Don Martin.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief

I will make said motion then.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do I have a second? Brother Day I believe is seconding. I got some more on chat. All right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Can we vote? Cause we're gonna beat this horse to death all night long.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. So it appears that I have legal precedence to do this. I guess I'd have to post date because I'm gonna have to do a lot more research and state the reasons behind it.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Unless you withdraw your ruling and put the whole matter for a vote in front of the Encampment.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Well, that would probably be the fairer way to do it. Because we have...I know we have people on both sides.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable) count?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Let's put it to a vote. We voted on it in 2017. We voted last year...

Unknown

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...as well. So, we set direction twice now.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...So, I'm gonna withdraw that I'll be rescinding this because of the vio...you know, supposedly violation of Federal law.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I have a point of order from the floor. Must be recognized because it's the rule. Brother Denbow, Ohio, do you still wish to make a point of order?

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

Yes. This is Carl Denbow. I'm the Commander of Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio. And since we've been talking about some racial issues here, we've have two or three at least black members who are delegates to this National Encampment. And I think it would be nice if any of them would like to speak, not obviously forcing them to speak, but would like to speak on this issue before we vote. I think it would be very appropriate.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's not a point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

Okay. Well, it's a comment.

Unknown 1

Yeah.

Unknown 2

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Well, now we got another point of order from Brother Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Getting him.

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

...Columbia. I had fourteen family fight in the war. Fourteen. A third were killed. A third were crippled. Boys in Blue. Our job is to respect, honor, and teach the history of the Boys in Blue. Why are we putting our Organization up as a shield to protect...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Brother Stevens, do you have a point of order on this? Or is that just a comment?

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

Yes, the Charter, our mission, our whole goal is support the Boys in Blue, their history, and the National government, and democracy. That's our mission. How does protecting a Confederate flag under our banner promote our mission in the slightest? Zero. How are we honoring our fathers by promoting the flag that they fought against? You know that there was no recognition of any Confederate veterans 'till after the last Union and Confederate died. The U.S. Government didn't move until everybody involved in that war was dead. The boys that drunk from the same canteen were wearing the Blue.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

Why are we...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...(Indistinguishable)...Again, this is not a point order...

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

... (Indistinguishable) more thing, sir. You need to take this out of our mission because it's not part of our mission. We should promote U.S....

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...He's arguing. He's not raising point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable)...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...That's not...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Stevens, it's not a point of order.

Mark Stevens, Department of Columbia

I don't think we can vote, that's the point of order, on something that violates our Charter, our mission, and everything we're set up for. This is wrong. It's just wrong. There's other venues to support this...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...He's arguing. He's not raising a point of order.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Agreed. I still think we need to move to vote because we have direction. We got it from Brother Danny Wheeler. We got it from 2017. We got it last year when the Department, I mean the National Encampment asked us to work on a new policy. The only way we're gonna get a new policy in place is if we rescind the 2017 policy. And then we can move forward with a new policy and address some of these other concerns that we're having. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, we have another point of order from the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

James Barker, Colorado.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

James Barker, Past Department Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

Does this Encampment have the authority to empower the Policy Committee to rescind the previous resolution in their revised policy?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

No.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

In other words, when they come out with their policy, they can include language that with based on our permission that the previous policy is rescinded?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Only National Encampment can rescind a previous resolution.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

But can we give...give them...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...We cannot delegate that.

James M. Barker, Department of Colorado

I see. Never mind.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Another...Brother Ben Frail has a point of order.

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

There was a motion on the floor. There was a second. We've had more than three opposed and against discussion. Can we move this to a vote? Brother Norris has rescinded his ruling that it violates our Federal Charter. Can we please move this to a vote?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're gonna move this to a vote. We have heard a number of comments. So again, voting to res...disavow the 2017 resolution will remove the policy that currently exists. And the committee that was put in place last year will move forward and finish off the policy that the C of A so... Brother McGuire, is the electronic voting working?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Is that... Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I was hoping that we could take a break before this vote but I will count 'em.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we need 2/3's on this Brother Pahl? To remove...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...No, we're not amending the Regulations.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...It doesn't require 2/3's.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So all in favor of disavowing the 2017 resolution, raise their hands.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I lowered all hands before the vote. There were not hands up when we called for the vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Getting there.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Take your time. This is important.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Oh, I know.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And don't announce the results right away.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Commander, I am lowering all hands. We have...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...counted the affirmative.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, raise your hand if you're against disavowing the resolution. Basically, you want the 2017 resolution to remain in place.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother (indistinguishable) you're all set. Closing the vote.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. How many for?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

One hundred fifty-two.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And against?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Sixty-five.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

The 2017 resolution has been disavowed. The Council of Administration will work on the new policy. Brother Pahl, that was a one-year special committee. Does the Encampment need to extend that?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, if I can get a motion to extend the committee that we approved last year for another year. I'll listen for that. Brother Frail, Ben Frail.

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

I'd like to make a motion to extend said committee.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

For one year.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Second? I got a second. All right. Any discussion on this?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I'm clearing all hands and then you can raise them again for discussion.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And I only want discussion on to extend the committee or not. That's the only issue right now.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. We'll start with Carl Denbow from Ohio.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio

That was by mistake. I was seconding the resolution but...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, okay.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Allen Bell from the Columbia.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bell.

Allen Bell, Department of Columbia

What committee are you talking about?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We established a committee last year to work on a new policy that was going to replace the 2017 resolution. We've disavowed that. So now we need to extend the committee so they can continue their work.

Allen Bell, Department of Columbia

All right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother Reineke.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. I agree that this committee should be allowed to continue its work for the next year. Ideally, I think it is on my colleagues on the Council of Administration to try to make their work not take another whole year. But I do think the committee should be allowed to continue its work so that it can present its work to the Council of Administration which as discussed time and time again within the last half hour has the authority to make this policy. And I think it's a great thing that authority is back in the hands of the C of A where these things can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there any more... Brother Bigwood.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Hold on. Okay.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Brother.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother Bigwood.

Brother Bigwood

Commander-in-Chief, it's not my intention to embarrass you or anybody. I think this issue should be given to your best and brightest committee to come back with a recommendation. You can publish it as a General Order requesting our support of the new position...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

Brother Bigwood

...But...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay...

Brother Bigwood

...I think we'd be going backwards if we don't re... We have nothing on paper at this time. What the heck are we...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Not so... Just to make a point... We do have a draft. I said that. I thought it was gonna be done by now. I was informed it won't. By extending the committee, the incoming Commander-in-Chief will reappoint the committee and is allowed to choose the members that he so wishes.

Brother Bigwood

That's what I was hoping for, Commander-in-Chief. It sounds like you're going in that direction.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yep. All right. So, let's move forward on a vote on this. This is a pretty simple thing. The only way we're gonna get a policy is to approve this so...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. All hands are down.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Can I... Brother Pahl, can I just ask for those opposed?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You can do that.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, why don't we just... anybody who oppose...is opposed to extending the committee, raise their hand.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I see then hands raised. Maybe eleven.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We have eleven?

Unknown

Eleven.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Eleven.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So I'm gonna rule that this motion passes. The committee will be extended. The incoming Commander-in-Chief will reappoint the members or appoint the members to the committee and will continue to work and get it to the C of A for adoption. And it will be communicated out. So... All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief, I have Mike Paquette on the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, in light of everything that's occurred in our country since the last National Encampment, I believe the original purpose of that committee has changed. So that committee, you know, its purpose was to just come up a National Monuments Inspection Committee. But no monuments had been taken down and we hadn't seen any of these occurrences so I...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We'll have to adapt to it.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Right. So, I know. But when you appoint a special committee, you're supposed to identify what its purpose is. Right? So, could...could we clar...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Okay. The purpose of the committee was to establish a Monument Protection Policy.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

So it remains unchanged from last year.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. So we're still dealing with monument protection.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Very good.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

It's pretty broad scope, so they can adapt.

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Agreed. All right. Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I have Brother Pierson from the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, just to follow on Brother Michael. I think even though we've seen monuments being taken down, we still need to make sure when we articulate our policy, in general there, I'm with Commander-in-Chief. I don't think the overall purpose of the committee has changed, but the conditions surrounding that policy certainly have. Sadly. Over.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. All right. So, that finishes...not all the business obviously, but the stuff we needed to vote on other than elections. One of the things I wanted to do and I'm not gonna read 'em all. Cause it was on my agenda so let me pull it up. And that is to announce the award winners. I'm not gonna read it all. I've already have a General Order on it and that'll be going out. So I'm gonna start...I'm gonna read two in the entirety and then just announce the other ones quickly. And unfortunately the person who is gonna receive the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award is not present today, and that is Past Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby. So P in C Donald E. Darby became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on July 30, 1988, at Governor Dennison Camp on 25 in Athens, Ohio where he served as Camp Treasurer, I mean Secretary/Treasurer. He later became a charter member of the Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp 73 and I can't pronounce this town at all. Chicka...Chilli...whatever.

Unknown

Chillicothe.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(chuckles). Ohio where he served as Secretary/Treasurer, Junior and Senior Vice and Camp Commander. At the Department level, as Graves Registration Officer, he registered over five thousand GAR gravesites. He has brought to fruition the Last Soldier Project in the Department of Ohio, which was later adopted as a National Project. Nationally, in coordination with the National Webmaster, he brought the Patriotic Rec...Rec...Rec...I can't even talk now. Rec...Collections...oh...and the teachers and scholars, I apologize, to the National web page. And has suggested in the current National Patriotic instructions to adopt a school and adopt a unit program. He has supported the SUVCW Charitable Foundation by transcribing on cd the GAR and SUV Blue Book History of the Grand Army of the Republic, *Campfire Chats*. And for the Sergeant Enderlin Camp, he transcribed the early history of the Ohio Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was elected Commander-in-Chief in 2005, and has remained as an active member of the Sons of Union ...Sons of Veterans Reserve in the Camp, Department and National levels of the Order. He is a member of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Military Affairs Committee, C and C appointed committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to the National Encampment, contracts, and relations. And the C in C appointed Strategic of Development Committee. He holds the rank of Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and has held position of Adjutant General since 1997. P in C Darby's knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations and experience with the same has resulted in him being selected numerous times to the position of Council or in many...by many Commanders-in-Chief and Department Commanders. And that includes myself. So I just wanted to congratulate Brother Darby. I wish he was here. So...that's what...he's got...and the one other one I want to read is Brother Daniel Garby is awarded the Meritous Service Award. Over the years, Brother Garble...oh,Garble, sorry, of the Sergeant Henry E. Plant Camp #3, Department of Michigan, has furthered the goals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His dedication and preservation and leading the way of naming a new state bridge over the Grand River of the Michigan...West Michigan resulted in having the bridge named in honor of a local Civil War medal honor veteran, Sergeant Henry E. Plant, i.e. the Sergeant Henry E. Plant Memorial Grand River Bridge and non-motorized pathway which also included a large bronze commemorative plaque with information on Sergeant Henry E. Plant and his being awarded the medal of honor and what he did to earn it. Brother Grable brought together people of the Ottawa County government, Michigan Department of Transportation, Grand Haven Veterans of Civil War, VFW Post 2326, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1200, the Grand Haven American Legion Charles A. Conklin Post 28, the Grand Haven Fraternal Order of Eagles 925, and the Knights of Columbus 2975 George J. McCarthy Counsel of Grand Haven in Spring Lake, Michigan. He also spent considerable time and effort in making sure that the Sergeant Henry E. Plant's action in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina where he earned the medal of honor was suitable recognized for his actions. Brother Garble also took the lead in our Camp to ensure that the local Civil War sites and places were well taken care of and preserved. He has also led the way for our Camp's living history, outreach to schools, et. cetera along with our Camp being included in local parades. So I wanted to congratulate him. Is he on today?

Unknown

No.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Merle Rudenbush is awarded a Certificate of Recognition. Brother William “Bill” Dean is awarded a Certificate of Recognition. Brother Jordan Levi Nobrawn is awarded the John C. Klim Award for the most outstanding junior member. Sister Margaret Barrows is awarded the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award. Brother Robert Koenecke is awarded the National Aide Award. He recruited five new Brothers. The Scott Camp #73, Department of New Jersey, is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief’s Award.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

The Department of California and Pacific was awarded the Augustus P. Davis Conrad Linder Award. That Department added sixty-eight new Brothers. Outstanding. Department of Maine is awarded the U.S. Grant Camp. The Department increased its size by 15%. The Department of Pennsylvania is awarded the Under 40 Award. The Department added eleven new Brothers under the age of forty. Department of Wisconsin is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for best newsletter...for a Department, that was for the Missouri *Unionist*. And the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47, Department of Wisconsin is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for best newsletter at the Camp level. And we also gave out two scholarships this year, Sister Samantha M. Dugeon. She’s with the Auxiliary. She received one. She’s with the Department of New York. And Brother Yeager Held from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming received it. So those are the award winners. I will have this General Order out after the Encampment. And we’ll get this to the National Secretary for processing and getting out. So congratulations to all. We’re gonna get the awards out and the ribbons, and the certificates out. You’ll get that through the mail. Unfortunately, we cannot meet and that’s the way we’re gonna do it. So...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Commander-in-Chief, I have (indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

... (Indistinguishable) Congratulations to all.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Walt Busch from the floor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Department of Wisconsin for Marshall Hope Award or Department of Missouri? It sounded like it was for the Missouri *Unionist*. I didn’t quite hear.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Let me look again.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Just a minute.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Did I...maybe I wrote the wrong... Hang on. I apologize. Let me see. Let me go back down to it. It's...I had it down... Well, that wouldn't make sense, would it? I'm gonna have to recheck that. I didn't pick up on that. Good point, Brother Busch. (sighs) These were nominated so... Maybe I picked the wrong one. I thought it came from Brother McManus, which would be Wisconsin. Well, how did I get the Missouri *Unionist* in there? Let me check with that one. I will check during the break. I might have made a mistake. I'll have to find his email again. Good point, Brother. I apologize. All right. Let's move one. The other thing I want to make note and... so we're gonna order Encampment ribbons, National Encampment ribbons for this. Probably the easiest way for us to distribute is to send me a self-addressed stamped envelope, a #10 envelope would be best. I can take other sizes but I might have to fold the ribbon. The ribbon is slightly smaller than normal. It's so we can fit into that envelope and get it out to you flat. So...my address is published through a number of places. But if anybody needs it, they can contact me. But again, self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll get some National Encampment ribbons out to you. So what I'd like to do next is take a ten minute break that allows Brother McGuire to fix the polling because we're gonna need it cause we have some elections coming up. The last thing...so try to put in some normalcy. What we typically do is...we already have the nominations but we... If it was an in person Encampment, somebody would get up and actually nominate the person. So, I have a list of everybody who's gonna be nominated, who's gonna do the nomination itself. We're gonna do it in order of Department name as we would in the National Encampment. And the one thing I need is from Brother Koenecke is who's gonna nominate you. If you...I forget who...he's sitting in with somebody today, so I don't remember who it is. If he can send it on text message on chat, I'll include that and I'll call on that person when the time comes. So, let's take ten minutes. And then we'll...what we're gonna do is we're gonna close the door which means anybody who drops off chat is not back in...I mean chat, off the Zoom meeting and is not back in ten minutes, they're gonna...we're not gonna allow them back in. So this will be the exact same process as if we were at National Encampment and you were outside the doors you wouldn't be allowed in. And that was stated in the rules. So it is 4:53. So why don't we take ten minutes and come back at 5:53 and we'll get right into the nomination process.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander, I've been muted. I did have two Brothers on the floor with their hands up. Do you want to recognize...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, okay...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...those folks now?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, you might as well.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Start with Sumner...

Unknown

(Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Brother Sumner

I would like to ask for a special dispensation from the floor. I've dropped about seven times during this through no fault of my own, mind you. I'm...so I would ask that if I drop during the voting that somebody reinstate me. It's not for my lack of interest or what have you. But I imagine I'm the guy that got dropped down the chute in Austin Powers into the fire pit. And anyway...so, it's a thought. I will let you guys ruminate on it in the next eight minutes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Can't do that.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

And I had Don...Don Gates from Texas.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Just a question for procedure. How are we going to...how are you going to call on the Departments? Who are you going to call on?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, just to give you an example. So, for Commander-in-Chief, we have one nomination which is Brother Brian Pierson. And he's indicated that Brother Mark Hale will read the nomination. And then we'll go into the vote.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

So you're not gonna go through each Department like we do at a normal...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...No. There's no way we can do a roll call vote.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Right.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

So, all voting is not by Department. It's by individuals same as we've been going through.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Fine. That's fine. That's all I wanted to know cause I couldn't see how we could do it as a roll call.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

No, we can't and unfortunately we have not way to basically caucus and things like that so...

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

...Yeah. Right. Thank you, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

That would have to 've been done ahead of time. So...

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Thank you, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So let me see what time it is now. All right. Back at 5:55. We're gonna close the doors.

(recess)

Unknown

All right. One minute.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brother McGuire, don't let anybody else in. We've reached the time. So, one thing I wanted to point out and I'm glad Brother Busch brought this up, so I'm gonna go back to it. I don't know where I got that Department from, but he's correct. So, I'm just gonna repeat it. The Department of Missouri is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for best newsletter. And the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47, Department of Missouri is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for the best newsletter at the Camp level. So again, congratulations to the Department and Camp. And Brother Busch, thank you for catching that. All right. So, we're gonna move to nominations. One of the things we found out that the polling's not working any longer for us. So, we're gonna do the best we can. So, what I'm gonna due is I'm going to ask that Brother Brian

Pierson and Brother Mark Hale be unmuted.

Unknown 1

I...when I put this up...

Unknown 2

...Shhh.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Has that been done? Brother McGuire, can you let me know when that has been done?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

It's done.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Hale, would you please make the nomination...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...It's done...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...for Commander-in-Chief?

Mark A. Hale, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief Norris. Brother Brian Pierson is a dual member in the Departments of Georgia and South Carolina and Oklahoma. His SUVCW experience: he's been the JVC in C for 2018-19. He was on the Council of Administration for 2014-2018. He's a Past Department Commander of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. He's a Past Camp (indistinguishable) Charles Devens Camp 10, Columbia, South Carolina. A member of the Military Affairs Committee. He's chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. He's chair of the Monument Grant Committee. Special Committee for the SUVCW Bench at the Stevenson Memorial. He's been the newsletter editor of *The March*, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, which won two National awards of the Best Department Newsletter. His accomplishments: he's updated the Ritual and Ceremonials. He's proposed and created the SUVCW recruiting brochure. He's proposed and designed the BSA Eagle Scout patch. He proposed and established the Flag Certificate Program. He proposed and designed the Mary Edwards Walker Award. He assisted the National Patriotic Instructor in writing the Patriotic... rewriting the Patriotic Instructor's handbook. And he coordinated with the U.S. Embassy for the SUVCW monument in Panama City. I've known Brian for many years. First met him at a Department Encampment. And now it is my great honor to nominate Brian Pierson for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Hale. Brother Pierson, if elected, will you serve?

Brian C. Pierson, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what current positions do you hold?

Brian C. Pierson, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Department of Oklahoma Graves Registration Officer and Monuments Officer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you very much. Can I get a motion that any unopposed candidate have this Department's...I mean National Secretary cast a single vote? Brother Joe Hall.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee

I make that motion that the Secretary cast one vote for each unopposed position.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Do I have a second? I got a second. All right. Any discussion?

Unknown

I'm back now.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any opposed? Any opposed to this? We seeing any?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see no discussion, Commander.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I see no hands raised.

Unknown

It looks frozen.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You said frozen?

Unknown

Not anymore. (Indistinguishable). Harold Sickler.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're gonna move on.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...We...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...We're...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...We have one hand up.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Harold Sickler.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

That's opposed? All right. It passes. Okay. Again, congratulations, Brother Pierson. (clapping).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have no idea what just happened.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McGuire, can you unmute Brother Paquette and Brother Mike Beard from the Department of Chesapeake?

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

So...accomplished.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Beard, will you make the nomination...

D. Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake

...Commander...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

D. Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake

I nominate Junior Vice Commander Michael Paquette for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Michael is a life member of the Sons with membership in three Camps: Irish Brigade in Chesapeake, James Crowther in Pennsylvania, and General Zenas Bliss in Rhode Island. He is the Commander of the SVR 2nd Military District. He holds the National Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star and the Department of Chesapeake's Richard Slaker Award and three Department of Chesapeake Andrew Johnson Awards. He has held several National and Department offices and chaired the two National Encampments, 2011 in Manassas and 2015 in

Richmond. Michael is a retired Marine, married, father of five. He has led local Boy Scout troops. Was the pit crew chief for the high school band. Reenacts with the 28th Massachusetts. Is a member of the community band and the Marine Band of America's Few. He's a lector at his church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Michael is (indistinguishable). He serves us. He serves his family. He serves his community. We can only benefit from him being our next Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Thank you, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Paquette, if elected, will you serve?

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what other offices do you currently hold?

Michael A. Paquette, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I'm currently the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Seeing how there is no other nominations, Brother Paquette has been elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (clapping). Congratulations. All right. Brother McGuire, can you unmute Brother Bruce Frail and Ben Frail?

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor

Brother Commander, Ben Frail Department of Rhode Island. Commander, I would...it is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate my father, Brother Bruce Frail, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He wanted me to keep this short and sweet, but as a good son, I'm not gonna listen to him. (chuckles). Brother Bruce Frail is a former Marine having served from '79 to '83. After serving his country, he went on to serve his community as a volunteer fire fighter for the town of Coventry. He joined the Sons in 2003 as a member of Elisha Dyer Camp 7. Went on originally as an associate. In 2004, he found that he had a lineal ancestor of Hugh Frail of Company E of the 67th Pennsylvania Infantry. And went on to become a founding member of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Department of Rhode Island. In 2008, Brother Frail was awarded the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Brother of the Year Award by then Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. He served as Department Commander of the Department of Rhode Island from 2009 to 2011. He was also awarded the 2009 Brother of the Year Award by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 2009 by then President Nancy Hilton. Brother Frail has served as the National Graves Registration Officer from 2009 to this year, 2020. Along with a host of other achievements within the SUVCW, he also has the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star presented to him by then Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. Brother Bruce is, on a personal note, a great father, a great grandfather. And I am honored to nominate him.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Frail. Brother Bruce Frail, if elected, will you serve?

Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration

Yes, I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what other offices do you hold?

Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration

I'm currently in Council of Administration and the National Graves Registration Officer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well, seeing as how there was no other nominations, you've been elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Congratulations. (clapping). Brother Frail, you are now going to be required to resign your Council of Administration seat because you cannot hold two National offices, elected offices at the same time.

Bruce D. Frail, Council of Administration

I hereby resign my seat on Council of Administration leaving open one year.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you very much. All right. We're gonna move on to Council of Administration. So we have two seats now open. We have a three-year term and a two-year term. I mean, a one-year term. Kevin...Brother Tucker's term is up. It lets the three-year seat and as you just heard, Brother Frail's seat has one year remaining left. So, we have four candidates for these positions. If we were at the physical National Encampment, they would be called off by Department order and that's what I'm gonna do. So, Brother McGuire, if you can unmute Brother Kevin Tucker and Daniel Murray from the Department of Massachusetts.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We're good.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Murray. (Indistinguishable).

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Yes, sir. Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to nominate this man. He's a personal friend of mine. I've known him for a number of years. He's been a member of the Order for twenty-four years. He has held every elected office at Camp level. He's served as Department Commander from 2009 to 2011 for the Department of Massachusetts. Before that, he was the Senior Vice Commander for three years, the Junior Vice Commander for two years. He also served as Secretary for one year and he has been on the Department Council for the last nine years. He was also editor of the *Clarion Call* and he has been the New England Regional Commander. I believe he has two years in office there. On the National level, he has been the

National Civil War Memorials Officer, a member of the National Site Committee, which he has chaired for the last three years, and on the Council of Administration for the last three years. He's also served on the...let me see, he's currently serving on the National Committee on Civil War Memorials, National Special Committee on Web Redesign and is chairman of the Council of Administration Committee on researching a permanent headquarters for the Organization. Let me see...and he also is Commander...he's Captain of the SVR and Commander of the 1st Military District. He organized the 2000 from Massachusetts...he organized the 2005 National Encampment that was held in Liberty, Mass. And he has also been the driving force behind bringing 2018 Encampment to the Department of Massachusetts. And in 2015, he was instrumental in working with veterans groups around the state to raise money to help purchase forty-five to fifty regimental flags. And he worked with the governor's office and in December of 2015 on the 125th ...or the...I forget what it was now. I think it was the 125th anniversary of when they returned the flags to the State of Massachusetts, they held this ceremony. And the statehouse, by working with the governor, the statehouse, the only time they opened the doors on the portico of the doors...on the main doors is when the governor is exiting office and leaving, when the President of the United States comes, and when they retire regimental flags. And for this ceremony, they actually opened the doors up and let them bring the flags in to the Hall of Flags so that we could put the flags there. If it hadn't been for Kevin working with those veterans organizations, I don't think it would have been possible. It is my honor and privilege to place in nomination Kevin P. Tucker for National Council of Administration.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Murray. Brother Tucker, if elected, will you serve?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Council of Administration

It will be my honor.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And any other offices held?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Council of Administration

I'm on the Department Council for Massachusetts and I'm currently a member of the Council of Administration, the National Organization.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Next up from the Department of North Carolina, will you please unmute Brother Henry Duquette and Brother Robert Crumb?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officers

All set.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Crumb, will you please do the nomination?

Robert A. Crumb, Department of North Carolina

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief, Ed Norris. I'm honored to place in nomination the

name of Henry C. Duquette for the position of Council of Administration. I've known Brother Duquette for the past five years when he moved from Rhode Island to the state of North Carolina. He has been very dedicated to the Order. He's served as a Past Department Commander of Rhode Island. And when I met him, he began in a Camp that needed some help and volunteered to be their Secretary/Treasurer in 2005. And he's still working with them. He's also been very supportive of me when I organized a Camp and became Secretary/Treasurer when I organized a Camp. And then he was later looked at to become a Commander in that Camp. He currently serves as Aide-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris. He also currently serves as Junior Vice Commander and Graves Registration Officer for the Department of North Carolina. And he's serving as Junior Vice Commander and Graves Registration Officer for the Major General George Stoneman Camp in the Department of North Carolina. Along with being a Past Department Commander of Rhode Island, he also served there as a Junior Vice Commander and Secretary for the Department of Rhode Island.

Unknown

I might (indistinguishable)...

Robert A. Crumb, Department of North Carolina

Served as Commander and Junior Vice Commander,

Unknown

(Indistinguishable chatter).

Robert A. Crumb, Department of North Carolina

...Secretary/Treasurer and Graves Registration Officer for the Elisha Dyer Camp where he first began in our Order sixteen years ago. He's been a delegate to most of the National Encampments since 2008. His military service was interesting. He was in the immediate Army Band Rhode Island National Army...Rhode Island National Army National Guard from 1971 to 1977. Anytime there's something that needs to be done, Brother Henry Duquette jumps on it. And as...he's always there for Memorial Day when we're in the National Cemetery in Salisbury. He also, as a simple example, I was alerted to a Union officer's grave that stone needed to be cleaned. He jumped on it. Ordered the materials and said, "When can we be there to do that?" So, last Wednesday, we spent time together cleaning an officer's headstone in Greensboro, North Carolina. I'd also like to read an endorsement I got from another Brother, Jamie McGuire, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island. And he passed this on to me and says, *This is an extraordinary year and we need extraordinary Brothers who have done the work and are equipped to deal with the intricacies of the operation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brother Duquette more than fits this bill. As Past Department Commander who helped navigate a nationwide rebuilding to a founding member of a new Camp and his new home... Department...his new home Department to his service to Commander-in-Chief Norris and his roles on National committees, Brother Duquette has proven that he possesses the vision and leadership that we need on the Council moving forward. I would not be the Brother that I am today and would not have the energy or the spirit to rise to the occasion of my duties if not for my Brother Henry.* So that's from Brother Duquette or sorry, from Brother Jamie McGuire. Brother Duquette also is currently dual member in three different Camps, two in North Carolina and one still in Rhode Island. So he's...continues to work in all three. So, I'm honored to place

in nomination the name of Brother Henry Duquette for Council of Administration. Thank you, Commander.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Crumb. Brother Duquette, if elected, will you serve?

Henry C. Duquette, National Aide-de-Camp

Yes, Commander, I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what other positions do you hold?

Henry C. Duquette, National Aide-de-Camp

Well, not to be redundant, but the National Aide-de-Camp in your staff; Junior Vice Commander of the Department of North Carolina and Graves Registration Officer; Junior Vice Commander of the George Stoneman Camp #6, and Graves Registration and Memorials Officer; and Secretary and Treasurer of the Gibbon Burke Camp #2 and Graves Registration Officer.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And one other thing, my understanding is that your desire is to run for the one-year term?

Henry C. Duquette, National Aide-de-Camp

That is correct, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, when we go for the three-year term, we won't put your name in for that.

Henry C. Duquette, National Aide-de-Camp

Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Next up from the Department of Pennsylvania, would you please unmute Brother Doug McMillin and Brother John McNulty?

Unknown

That's your cue, John.

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

Brother Commander...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...All set?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yep, we're all set.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McNulty, will you please do the nomination?

John McNulty, Department of Pennsylvania

Yes, sir. Thank you, Brother Commander-in-Chief. Brothers, it is my pleasure to place into nomination the name of Brother Douglas McMillin. I've known Brother Doug for quite a number of years now. When I was going after fortley in the air, the year that I was installed as the Department Commander in Pennsylvania, I knew that we were going out there with no one as our Secretary/Treasurer. No one was willing to take the job. When I got there, Brother Charlie Kuhn told me that they had convinced a gentleman who I had only briefly met to take the job and that was Doug McMillin. I was thankful we had somebody. And he proved to be a Godsend. We went through two years together, me as the Department Commander and Doug as our Secretary/Treasurer. And we went through two very tumultuous years. It was the years where there was questions about minors in the Order and some of the problems with the I.R.S. And between the two of us, we got the Department through it, along with our other Brothers that worked in the Department. Doug went on to serve a Brother...two Brothers after me as the Secretary/Treasurer when they were Department Commanders. He was an Aide to Brother Charlie Kuhn when he was Commander-in-Chief. And traveled with Charlie quite a lot. And obviously learned quite a lot from being around Charlie. He then after the four years were over, Brother Richard Essenwein stepped down as Department Commander, Brother Doug became our Department Commander and did an excellent two years as our Department Commander. He has also been active in many other areas within our Department. He's a member of the Gettysburg Joint Veterans Committee, which helps with the Memorial Day Parade and the Independence Day Parade in Gettysburg. He's been a member of the Gettysburg Blues and has been active with them. Unfortunately, recently, the mem...several members have gone and they're not as active as they were but he is still involved. He has served as the Commander of Gettysburg Camp 112 and helped...has helped turn things around there. He is still active as a member of Camp 12...112. He has also served as and currently serves as the Commander of Brindle Camp 50 in Carlisle, which is his hometown. And has helped revitalize Brindle Camp as well. He has led the efforts when they started the work on restoring the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the middle of the Soldiers Cemetery in Gettysburg. And it was largely through his efforts that the money was raised and the National Parks Service restored the monument. It needed face work. It needed foundation work and structural work. And today you would look at it and it's in beautiful condition, largely thanks to Doug. Recently, our Department has been given some artifacts and archives. And we are in the process of going through those. Doug is the person in charge since they are currently in the Post Line Hall in Gettysburg. He's in charge of archiving and going through all that material so we understand what we have. There's quite a bit of information from the Pennsylvania Department as well as from our Sister Orders and some other material that will have to be solved. And as always, Greg...or Doug just said, "I'll do it." And it'll get done. It is my utter...my pleasure to nominate my longtime friend and Brother, Douglas McMillin, for the Council of Administration.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you, Brother McNulty. Brother McMillin, if elected, will you serve?

Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania

Yes, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what other positions do you currently hold?

Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania

Currently, I am the Camp Commander for J.P. Brindle Camp 50 in Carlisle and I serve on the Council for the...Camp Council in Gettysburg Camp 112 as well as being the chairman of the Pennsylvania Department Educational Committee and the chair for the Artifacts cataloging that Brother John mentioned.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you. And one of the...I understand that you are also interested in the one-year seat.

Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania

Yes, sir.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. And just because of alphabetical order, can you please unmute Brother Robert Koenecke and Brother Brian McManus?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Who is Brother Robert Koenecke?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, he's with somebody.

Unknown

Wisconsin.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Yes...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...No, he's sitting in with somebody else.

Unknown

Oh. He should be on by himself.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

No, he's sitting in with somebody. He couldn't get on.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Well, I have him now. I have him now.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother McManus, will you please do the nomination?

Brian D. McManus, Department of Wisconsin

Brothers, my pleasure to nominate Brother Robert F. Koenecke for Council of Administration. He's a retired lineman troubleshooter for We Energies in Wisconsin utility. He's been married for forty-four years to Marge, and he has three children, and six grandchildren. He's been a member of the SUVCW for over twenty years. He has served as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Camp Commander in Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin. He's currently on the Camp 15's Council. And he's served as National Guide under the command of Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin. In addition, he currently serves as the Department of Wisconsin Memorials Officer and (indistinguishable) Highway Officer, Last Soldier Project Officer. And he's also a member of the Department Council. He's attended numerous National Encampments and is quite a frequent attendee for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, which we obviously missed this year. For the last three years, he's been a driving force spearheading the Last Soldier Project in Wisconsin. Now the Department of Wisconsin includes Minnesota but the state of Wisconsin has seventy-two counties. And we are now at 70% complete with installation of the last soldier marker, ceremony, and dedication and relieving the last soldier in each county of his post. He was instrumental in getting the city of Racine, Wisconsin to reinstall the Civil War cannons they had in their monument square. They took them out to be refurbished. They redid the whole square. And they were attempting to sell the cannons and then replace them with replicas. Bob attended quite a few meetings of the city council and raised enough grief for them that they decided to reinstall the original cannon. (Indistinguishable) also actively involved in the restoration of 1855 Lafayette church...

Unknown

...Move (indistinguishable)...

Brian D. McManus, Department of Wisconsin

...which in 15 Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp 15 took ownership of through a trust in 2019. He's also very active in installing new headstones for Union veterans, frequently traveling long distances to get that done. He actively participates in local parades and represents the SUVCW at school days. Thanks for considering Bob and...thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother McManus. Brother Koenecke, if elected, will you serve?

Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin

I will.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And what other positions do you hold?

Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin

I'm Council 1 on Colonel Hans C. Heg Camp 15. I'm Department of Wisconsin Last Soldier Officer. I'm Iron Brigade Highway Officer and Memorials Officer for the Department.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you very much.

Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin

Thank you.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers. We're gonna move to election. So we have a three-year...a three-year seat will be elected first. We have two Brothers who indicated desire to be on that and that was both Kevin...Brother Kevin Tucker and Brother Robert Koenecke. We're gonna do this by alphabetical order, not by Department order. So, I understand the poll doesn't work. So I want... I need everybody to drop their hands. Or Jaime...Brother McGuire you can do that. And what we're gonna do is start with Brother Koenecke. So all those who want to elect him, will vote for him, they can raise their hands.

Unknown

Wow. (Indistinguishable).

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

And...Brother McGuire, don't announce until we're done with the whole election.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Vote is closed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. No. Oh...like to vote for Brother Kevin Tucker, please raise their hand.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Vote is closed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Can we have the result, please?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

The result is Brother Tucker 130; Brother Koenecke 63.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations Brother Tucker. All right. We're gonna move on to the one-year term. So, we have three Brothers running. Again in alphabetical order this time. Again, we have Brother Duquette, Brother McMillin, I mean Brother Koenecke, and Brother McMillin. We're gonna start with Brother Duquette. Drop everybody's hand. Again we've already...

Unknown

We've already done so.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Do it again.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So again, this is a vote for Brother Henry Duquette.

Unknown

I've dropped 'em.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Voting is closed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. You can drop everybody's hand. And we're gonna vote for Brother...

Unknown

...Koenecke...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...we're gonna vote on Brother Koenecke.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Voting is closed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

All right. The final candidate. Drop everybody's hand. We're gonna have a vote for our Brother McMillin.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Voting is closed.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Can I have the results, Brother?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Is there any preference of order?

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Just alphabetical order.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. Brother Henry Duquette with 131 votes; Brother Robert Koenecke with 32 votes; Brother Doug McMillin with 49 votes.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Congratulations Brother Duquette. All right.

[one rap, *]

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

We've gotten through the...

Unknown

... (Indistinguishable)...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...process.

Unknown

...seventy-one, seventy-five...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...Before we go into installation...

Unknown

...four hundred and eighty...

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

...of officers, can you...can you mute us? Except for me please.

Unknown

All right.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I thought everybody was.

Edward J. Norris, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable). What I want to say, I want to thank everybody. I especially want to thank Brothers Jaime McGuire and Joe Hall. If it hadn't been for the work they've done, this would not have been possible. They deserve a huge round of applause and our gratitude. So, like I said, without them, we would have been waiting for next year. (clapping). All right. So next up is Brother Don Martin who's going to do the installation of the National Officers.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Ready, Commander? Commander...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You're live, Don.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

All right. Commander-in-Chief Norris, I'm relieving you of the command of the National Organization. On behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which

you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who will still serve the Order. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

I am.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

And does the Secretary have those?

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

He does.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Secretary, call the role of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointees.

[one rap, *]

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Is he able to do that?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Now I am.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

(laughing) Okay.

Unknown

Shh.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Michael A. Paquette; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail; National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis; National Treasurer, Michael Beard; National Quartermaster, James Lyon; Council of Administration member, Henry Reineke, IV; Council of Administration member, Kevin Martin; Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko, Jr.; Council of Administration member, Kevin Tucker; Council of Administration member...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Henry Duquette...

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

...Henry Duquette;

Unknown

Shh.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Council of Administration and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward Norris. Working on two computers. Acting National Treasurer/Banner Editor, James P. Pahl; National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire; Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.; National Counselor, Donald Darby; National Chaplain, Reverend Peter Preble; National Aide-de-Camp on Patriotism, Shane Milburn; National Aide-de-Camp, Robert Welch; National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric Richhart; National Chief of Staff, Mark Hale; National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Bush; National Color Bearer, Jeffrey Kennedy; National... Assistant National Counselor on the Blue Book, James P. Pahl; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James L. Lyon; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko, Jr.; National GAR Officers...Records Officer, Dean Enderlin; National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette; National Guard, Shane Milburn; National Guide, Brian McManus; National Historian, Robert Wolz; National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin Martin; National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ; Parliamentarian, James Pahl; National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin Frail; National Signals Officer, Tim McCoy; National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl; Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen Hammond; Washington D.C. Representative, Stephen Hammond; National Webmaster, Henry Reineke, IV; National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken Freshley; Assistant National Webmaster, Ken Freshley; Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Secretary Camp-at-Large for Secretary/Treasurer, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Edward Krieser; Assistant National Treasurer #1, James P. Pahl; Assistant National Treasurer #2, D. Michael Beard; Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs; Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max Newman; and Assistant National Quartermaster, George Shadman. And that's the...we did our Elected and Appointed Officers for 2020 to 2021.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Thank you, Brother Davis. Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

James P. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Past Commander-in-Chief Martin, I've been nominated to an office that does not exist. Assistant Secretary Treasurer...Assistant National Secretary, Camp-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer is not a valid office. I've been trying to get that removed from the list for a couple of years. I'm Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, but there is no Camp Secretary/Treasurer.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

That will be corrected.

James P. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Thank you.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Thank you, Brother Pahl.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

You have Brother Lyon wishing to be recognized on this topic.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Yes, I am not the National Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Who is it? I thought that was you.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

I think there is...the gentleman, a Brother from Idaho.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Brother Seal?

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Seal. I'm sorry.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

He had...he was there last year.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Yep. That was a typo. I apologize.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I also have Brother Michel Beard.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yeah, that was a typo. I'll fix that.

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

Yeah, I'm the...Assistant National Treasurer should be Jim Pahl and Michael Paquette.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Yeah.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's why I hesitated when I was reading that.

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

At least I'm not the third...

Unknown

... (laughter).

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yeah, you're the Assistant to yourself.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

We also have Brother Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

And I believe that George Shadman resigned as the Assistant Quartermaster when Danny retired.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Correct.

Unknown

This previous year it was Levette, I think it was. I didn't know if he was repeating...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Brothers, do we have any other corrections?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Just one from me. National Signals Officer was in there twice. And I have stepped down after this Zoom meeting. And Brother Tim McCoy will be filling that role. And I'll be around to help him out.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief Elect

That is correct. I don't know why that was written in there twice. It wasn't in there twice.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I have Brother...

Unknown

...Shh...

Unknown

... (Indistinguishable)...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

...Brother Hall coming on.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Encampment Credentials Committee

Jamie stepped down as National Signals Officer after he had a taste of the Credentials Committee.

Unknown

(laughter).

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

All right. Any other changes, Brothers?

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

No. No. No. No. No. No. Okay. We're all clear here, Don.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

All right. Thank you. Officers-Elect and staff appointees, you are now present before the altar for installation. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interest of the National Organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you will remember that upon the manner in which you discharge your duties of your respective offices will depend very largely on the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties? If so, please say I am.

Officers (in unison)

I am.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

I will ask now that each of you raise your right hand. Here is the Bible. Please simulate your left hand on the Bible, while placing it on the surface in front of you, and repeat after me, using your name after the word *I. I...*

Officers (in unison)

I (officers' names)...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...having been regularly chosen...

Officers (in unison)

...having been regularly chosen...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...as an Officer of the National Organization...

Officers (in unison)

...as an Officer of the National Organization...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War...

Officers (in unison)

...Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...hereby renew...

Officers (in unison)

...hereby renew...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...the sacred obligation...

Officers (in unison)

...the sacred obligation...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...given at the time of my initiation...

Officers (in unison)

...given at the time of my initiation...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...and in the presence of all mighty God...

Officers (in unison)

...and in the presence of all mighty God...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...

Officers (in unison)

...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...do furthermore...

Officers (in unison)

...do furthermore...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...solemnly and sincerely...

Officers (in unison)

...solemnly and sincerely...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...promise and declare...

Officers (in unison)

...promise and declare...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...that I will...

Officers (in unison)

...that I will...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...to the best of my ability...

Officers (in unison)

...to the best of my ability...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...in word and deed...

Officers (in unison)

...in word and deed...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...and without fear or favor...

Officers (in unison)

...and without fear or favor...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...faithfully...

Officers (in unison)

...faithfully...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...honestly...

Officers (in unison)

...honestly...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...and impartially...

Officers (in unison)

...and impartially...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...perform all the duties of the office...

Officers (in unison)

...perform all the duties of the office...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...upon which I am about to enter...

Officers (in unison)

...upon which I am about to enter...

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

...so help me God.

Officers (in unison)

...so help me God.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Thank you. Encampment, the Officers are now at their respective stations, acting Officers have vacated. Commander-in-Chief Pierson, you are now at this station. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but it is an insurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you. As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance. Is the Chaplain up?

Jamie P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

He will be.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

All right.

Jamie P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Reverend Peter Preble, National Chaplain

Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them Your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties of the Office into which they are to be installed with the knowledge that thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with Your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their actions now. And in Your name, Amen.

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Amen.

Donald L. Martin, Installing Officer

Commander-in-Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I'm about to place you in full control. But first, I give to your care the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care, the Ritual of the Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive the gavel, the emblem of your authority. (*) One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. (**) Two raps calls the Officers to their feet. (***) Three raps calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Encampment legally elected, and installed, and qualified to enter upon discharge of their several duties for the term ending in November 2020, until actually October, I'm sorry, 2020, until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. The badge of the office of the Commander-in-Chief should soon be coming to you. Commander, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching to your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality, firmness, and may your administration be a success.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I'll take the gavel.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Congratulations, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Yep. Hopefully, Don, the term doesn't end in October of 2020, but 'till August of 2021. (laughing). You want me out of here real quick (indistinguishable) back in. Brothers, before we end this, I'd just like to take a moment of your time for a few words. I'm very honored and very humbled to have been elected as Commander-in-Chief. And I will do everything in my power to ensure that I fulfill your trust and enable the Departments and the Camps to the good work of the Order. The first thing I want to mention, is this great debt of gratitude we all owe Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris during what has been the most challenging period in our Order's recent history due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and to the unrest in the several parts of the country. His vision and his leadership enabled the business of the Order to continue while the country was shut down, which as we all know has had major impacts on the Order, including a cancellation of the live National Encampment in Atlanta, a Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and Remembrance Day. But we've made it through. Okay. And now we've had the first ever-virtual National Encampment. So please join me in a round of virtual applause for Ed who will forever be known as the COVID Commander.

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(applause)

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

And now, let us also welcome our newest Department, the Department of Alabama.

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(applause)

Department of Alabama

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, our country needs our Order now more than ever. Our Congressional Charter directs us to promote patriotism and good citizenship and to teach the true history of the Civil War. John Adams said, *We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution is only made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.* Too much of the civil unrest, I think, is due to a lack of patriotism and a faith on the parts of all who put the good of their own political and social interests ahead of the good of the country. As a former cold warrior, I never thought I would live to see neo-Bolsheviks overrunning American cities and tearing down statues of Lincoln and other American heroes. Now, we are nonpartisan and rightly so. But we are patriots. And the blood of our patriot ancestors is calling to us from the hallowed earth where they lay. Patriotism cannot be compelled by laws or regulations or orders. It must be planted and nurtured within each American's heart and mind. So this is the time for the Sons to step forward and undertake that task. We must have a visible presence in our communities. Our example of patriotism and Brotherhoods will show the way to our fellow citizens. Where the others tear down, let us build up. Where the others seek to divide, let us promote unity. Where the others attack America, let us foster loyalty. Our watchwords of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty are more important now than perhaps at any time in our Order's proud history. There is much we can do. And we already have the tools. We have programs to recognize patriots and

good citizens. Let us renew our efforts with vigor in every Department and Camp. And as we come out of this epidemic, we will. Now to do this, Brothers, remember we're only as strong as our members and our numbers. We must grow. Every Department, every Camp, every Brother is called to recruit, retain, and return. Recruit the new members. We all have sons, nephews, cousins, neighbors. We all know someone who we would love to join our ranks...if they only knew about us. So let's ask them. Okay. We need to retain our current members. There is enough work to do for everybody, more than enough. So find out what the Brothers are passionate about and encourage it. Okay. And let's ask our Brothers who have honorably left our ranks to return. They all joined up once. Let's go invite them back. We need them. All right. I'm very much looking forward to serving you all this year. As our veterans ancestors once did, let us shout the battle cry of freedom. Right. May God bless you. May God bless our Order. May God bless America. Thank you.

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(applause)

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Commander-in-Chief Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother McGuire here. I think this could be an appropriate moment for us to attempt a replay of the Memorial Service.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Let's try that.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay. Bear with me, Brothers. We'll see how we do.

(Replaying of Memorial Service.)

Reverend Peter Preble, National Chaplain

Greetings. I'm Reverend Peter Preble and it's my honor to serve this...

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I find it to be problematic, Commander-in-Chief. And I do apologize for everybody. The tech is funny. But what I will do, as promised, is I will send the YouTube link to the wonderful Memorial Service that Brother Preble put together, I'll send the YouTube link to each and every delegate registered to this Encampment because I have your emails. And we'll also make sure that the Signal Corp shares it on the social media platforms, as well. Is that acceptable, Commander-in-Chief? I think...

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

...Oh, yes. Sorry. Yes.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

(laughing) Yes. Commander-in-Chief Pierson. Commander-in-Chief...

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

...Yeah, thanks. Gotta say the name.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

All right. I have Jim Pahl, the...you should have been unmuted, Jim. I apologize.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No problem. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. While we can't do the Memorial Service, I think we owe it to Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr to observe a moment of silence in memory of his passing. Great friend. Good Brother. I miss the arguments.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Amen.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

I see Brother Harry Reineke also with a hand a raised.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, not to upset the apple cart, Richard Orr was a storehouse of a man and a wonderful Brother in our Order. But can we please take another moment of silence to remember all of the other Brothers we have lost since our last National Encampment who we did not get to memorialize in the Memorial Service?

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I think that is appropriate. Amen. Thank you. Well, we're all here. Like most Zoom meetings, it always seems to lag on an end. Nobody wants to be the first off. Again, Brother Jamie, great job guiding us through this. I know it was a tough job. But really, really appreciate the work you did. Okay. So, thank you. (clapping). Okay. And, yeah, we did try to sneak you in as a separate...on a second term as Signals Officer. No, that wasn't me. (laughing). Brother Tim McCoy, (indistinguishable) west coast of Africa, looking forward to working with you. I know I saw you on here somewhere. And I'm looking forward to working with all of you. That's it. The only thing I think that we're missing is heading off to the banquet and then heading off to the social afterwards. Ed, where...what room is the social gonna be...

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

...Brian, you need to close the National Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, yeah.

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

The little...little book. It's on fifty-six.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, sorry. Thank you. I closed...

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

...It's new. You only have to do it once.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

I know. Hang on. Closing for National Encampment. There we go. All right. All right. There being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[two raps, **]

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Brother, I do see a hand. So I don't know if we are closed.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Too late. Too late.

James P. McGuire, National Signals Officer

Okay.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

You'll give attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations. Thank you. Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Norris. National Chaplain.

Reverend Peter Preble, National Chaplain

Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, we pray You deal with the events of this meeting as You deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. And when our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

Encampment

Amen.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment and retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit to each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the virtual Altar and Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 139th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

[one rap, *]

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30	Department Commanders
107	Past Department Commanders
134	Delegates
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1.0 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the National Encampment for the unprecedented October 24, 2020 virtual meeting via Zoom video conference. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

2.0 National Elected Officers

2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Edward J. Norris, PDC

When we, the Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders, began our year no one could have predicted what was to come. We have endured and adapted to carry on the work of remembering the Boys in Blue who served our country during the Civil War.

Events were postponed or canceled, yet we found ways to adapt. Zoom and virtual meetings became the new buzz words for us. These tools allowed us to meet, see familiar faces, and see some faces that we may not have recognized. We had Brothers attend their Department Encampments from Côte d'Ivoire, Kuwait, and other distant locations. It was heartwarming when one Brother thanked me for the opportunity to attend his Department Encampment since he can no longer travel. And, we carried on doing the business of our Camps, Departments, and the National organization.

When I was elected, I certainly didn't anticipate attending the Department of New York's Campfire on a Friday evening and the next day attending the Department Encampments for Michigan and California & Pacific. But, through the magic of representative ones and zeroes traveling across wireless and wired networks, I did. And due to time zone differences, I got to double dip a few times.

At the Department of Tennessee Encampment the Brothers voted to allow the Camps within Alabama to become a Department; it is now our 31st. I also had the honor of signing Charters for two new Camps. It's great to see our Order grow, and we can all continue to make that happen.

Two Departments held their Encampments before the pandemic hit with force. Six other Departments were able to hold "normal" Department Encampments later in the year. There is always something special in meeting our Brothers in-person. Hopefully, next spring we can once again meet as we have done since 1881.

Many cemeteries were under restrictions and ceremonies were canceled on our most important day. Again, we adapted and participated in virtual and private Memorial Day ceremonies or remembrances. I fully believe our ancestors would approve. We did not forget them.

The Brothers of the Department of Georgia & South Carolina did yeomen's work preparing for our anticipated attendance at their National Encampment. And, yet again we were forced to cancel. Instead, here we are at a virtual National Encampment. We hope all goes well, although I am sure we will have a few minor hiccups along the way. As a dedicated team I'm fully

confident that once again we'll successfully conduct the business of the Order. We'll have new National Officers and some new directives for all of us to follow.

I want to reiterate what I wrote in my General Order No. 1 – “Throughout my years with the Order, I realized our Brothers offer an incredible support structure. Whenever something tough came up I found a Brother willing to assist. No one should be afraid to reach for any position as there will be Brothers there to aid you in the betterment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. What will you run for next?”

I would like to thank all of our National Officers, Brothers who served on National Committees, Past Commanders-in-Chief, and the Senior Officers in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. They all adapted and succeeded in spite of the challenges we faced. The same thanks to those who served their Departments, Camps, and SVR Districts and Units.

Finally, I would like to thank each one of you for being my Brother. I appreciate all that you do. We still have more work to conduct, new challenges to face, and the future appears bright as we have shown what we can do when called upon.

Recommendations

1. Each time Camp bylaws are modified:
 - a. Camp bylaws must be signed by the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary.
 - b. Camp bylaws must be approved and signed by the Department Commander.
 - c. The Camp will send their signed bylaws to the Department Secretary.
2. Each time Department bylaws are modified:
 - a. Department bylaws must be signed by the Department Commander and Department Secretary.
 - b. Department bylaws must be approved and signed by the Commander-in-Chief.
 - c. The Department will send their signed bylaws to the Executive Director.
3. The National Encampment Credentials Committee should be made a standing committee and a job description be developed.
4. Change the term "War Zone" to "Combat Zone" as used by the IRS in *Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide*. The DoD does not define the term "War Zone".

2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Brian C. Pierson, PDC

1. Since assuming my current duties in August (2019), I have had the pleasure of chairing the Programs & Policy Committee.
 - a. The P&P Committee has completed the following actions this year:
 - Forwarded Good Citizenship Award lapel pin and certificate to QM for production.
 - Verified removal of “unfinished business” from national encampment order of business in R&C.
 - Updated protocol guidance in R&C. Forwarded to C&R Committee. **Recommend approval.**
 - Sent Ritual & Ceremonials update to C&R as part of R&C update.
 - Reviewed Fraternal Relations Committee job description. Forwarded to C&R Committee. **Recommend approval.**
 - Forwarded recommendation from Brother Russ to keep NMAL dues for 2020-2021 the same as last year. Approved at Gettysburg COA meeting.
 - Updated Form 3 in coordination with JVCinC Paquette and Executive Director Demmy, to replace obsolete Forms 3 and 60. Posted to SUVCW website.
 - Reviewed Brother Tucker’s proposal for Information Systems and Financial Records backup and passed it to CinC Norris and COA. **Recommend adoption.**

- Drafted policy on objections during officer installations. Incorporated National Counselor Darby's comments into the final revision which was sent to C&R Committee. **Recommend approval.** The P&P Committee sincerely appreciates Brother Darby's astute inputs to ensure a workable policy that also protected the rights of our Brothers.
- Updated Form 7 (admin update). Posted to SUVCW website.
- Updated for 2a (admin update) in consultation with Brother Hall. Posted to SUVCW website.
- Updated Form 49 (admin update). Posted to SUVCW website. The P&P Committee sincerely appreciates Brother Demmy's inputs.
- Drafted National Committee on Promotions and Marketing job description. Forwarded to C&R Committee. **Recommend approval.**
- Drafted National Committee on eBay Surveillance. Forwarded to C&R Committee. **Recommend Approval.**
- Updated Form 10 (admin update). Posted to SUVCW website.
- Updated Form 11 (admin update). Posted to SUVCW website.
- Updated Form 50 (admin update) in coordination with Brother Demmy. Sent for posting on SUVCW website.
- Forwarded recommended guidance for creating and revoking a Camp to C&R per April report.

3 Per GO 8, Camps and Departments owning real estate property are to report it to the SVCinC. As of the date of this report, the following real estate property has been reported (no changes to the April 2020 report).

Camp	Dept	Description	Documentation
Cadot-Blessing Camp #126	Dept of Ohio	Tract of land from GAR Post 397	Deed (copy provided)
Edward Wallace Camp #21	Dept of GA & SC	GAR Hall and lot at 706 Newcastle Street, Beaufort, SC	Inherited from predecessor GAR Post in 1939
Col. Hans C. Heg Camp # 15	Dept of Wisconsin	LaFayette Church	Title transfer document
Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp #149	Dept of PA	Burial plots; Cumberland Cemetery, Media, PA	Inherited from predecessor GAR Post
John S. Townsend Camp #108	Dept. of Ohio	Frost GAR Hall located at 2024 Frost Hill Rd., Coolville, Ohio	Inherited from predecessor GAR Post

2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Michael A. Paquette, PDC

Since assuming my current duties in August 2019, I have participated in the following SUVCW events:

- Attended the post 2019 National Encampment CofA meeting in Independence. OH
- Attended Remembrance Day
- Attended the November CofA meeting in Gettysburg, PA
- Attended in the Spring CofA meeting conducted virtually
- Attended the Department of the Rhode Island virtual Encampment
- Attended the Department of the Chesapeake virtual Encampment
- Represented the CinC at the Department of New York virtual Encampment
- Represented the CinC at the Department of New Jersey virtual Encampment
- Represented the CinC at the Department of Texas virtual Encampment
- Attended in the special July CofA meeting (conducted virtually) to discuss cancelation of the Atlanta National Encampment
- Attended in the special August CofA meeting (conducted virtually) to discuss scheduling of the virtual National Encampment

I have received and processed a total of 63 online membership applications. (A total of 62 were reported for 2018-2019.) I called every applicant, welcomed them to our Order, and explained

how our membership process works. I also received 23 membership inquiries by email from interested individuals and provided coordination to put them in contact with the appropriate Department JVC for referral to a local camp. Finally, I worked with the Program and Policy Committee to update Form 3, which will eliminate Form 60.

Online membership applications were forwarded to the respective Department JVC or National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. The table below provides a breakdown of where the online membership applications were sent.

California	4
Chesapeake	2
Columbia	2
Colorado / Wyoming	1
Georgia / South Carolina	1
Illinois	1
Indiana	2
Kansas	1
Kentucky	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	1
Missouri	6
North Carolina	5
Nebraska	2
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	8
New York	4
Pennsylvania	1
Southwest	2
Tennessee	3
Texas	3
Wisconsin	8
National Members-at-Large	1

Recommendation: (I made this recommendation during the spring CofA meeting.) I have been in contact with a number of Brothers in reference to a suggestion made by PCinC James Pahl during the CofA meeting in Gettysburg, a case can be made, per our Constitution and Regulations, that the JVCinC has authority to issue membership cards to applicants seeking membership via the online membership application process.

The JVCinC should be able to process the application himself, and issue a membership card as well as a transfer card to the applicant once the application is satisfactorily completed. The completed paperwork would then be sent directly to the Executive Director. The JVCinC would still contact the various Department JVCs to enable a transfer of the new member. The new member would then apply for membership in a specific Department and Camp via the existing membership transfer process.

In an effort to:

- reduce the loss of potential new online members due to the time it takes to execute the current online membership process;
- expedite getting a copy of the Banner into the hands of new online members (which they have paid for);
- simplify the online membership process by reducing the number of Brothers involved;
- reduce the cost of multiple mailings of the same application materials from the JVCinC, to the Department JVC, to the Camp Secretary and Treasurer, and then to the Executive Director;

I recommend the National Program and Policy Committee review existing policies related to the online membership process and update those policies (and National Officer job descriptions, if needed) to address this issue. As required, any changes to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order would be vetted through the National Constitution and Regulations Committee and approved by a future National Encampment.

2.4 National Secretary; Johnathan C. Davis, PDC

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

- Council of Administration meeting, Zoom TeleConference, Saturday, May 4, 2020.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the May 4 2020. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

- **Motion 06 Motion Failed May 21, 2020**

Motion by Brother Harry Reineke IV for approval of the ladder badge for sale by US Grant Camp 68, seconded by Brother Kevin Martin.

- **Motion 07 Motion Passed May 24, 2020**

Motion for approval of the sale of Metal Card for Life Members, Honorary Members and PCinCs for sale by US Grant Camp 68.

- **Motion 08 Motion Passed June 14, 2020**

Motion by Brother Harry Reineke IV that the Department of Illinois license to reproduce our historic buttons be approved, seconded by Brother Bruce Frail.

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.

The following applications for permission to form a new camp have been received:

- Captain Alexander McRae Camp No. 4, Department of Southwest. Expires December 18, 2020.
- Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, Department of Massachusetts. Expires March 17, 2021.
- George "Colvos" Colvocresses Camp No. 5, Department of George and South Carolina. Expires April 6, 2021.
- Colonel Marshall Lefferts Camp No. 7, Department of New York. Expires April 24, 2021.

The following applications for permission to form a new department have been received:

- Department of Alabama.

2.5 National Treasurer; D. Michael Beard, PDC

Since my last report in April:

1. **Form 990.** Filed our 2019 Form 990 with the IRS (prepared by Coulter and Justus).
2. **501(c)(4) Annual Report.** The IRS acknowledged receiving our annual report listing subordinates. We have 321 subordinate departments, camps, military districts, and SVR units. Since filing this report with the IRS, I have learned two camps certified by the Department Commander as current, were, in fact, not current with the IRS.

3. **Donations using National's 501(c)(3) Status.** Our tax consultant has advised us camps and departments can raise money using National's status. They can raise funds for projects that meet our stated goals by having donors send donations to National for use on the project.
4. **501(c)(3) Status.** Coulter & Justus are pursuing an application to add the camps, departments, and SVR to our 501(c)(3) status.
5. **Sales Tax Returns.** We are current with Pennsylvania and New York. We no longer have a nexus in those two states. We now file with Illinois as our quartermaster resides in that state. We are current with Illinois.
6. **Budget Status.** I have attached the proposed 2021 budget for CofA approval.
7. **Donations.** Our website now has the capability to receive donations via PayPal.
8. **Investments.** We have \$756,000 in our investment account with First Commonwealth. This fiscal year we made 3.29% on those investments. To improve our return, I propose to increase our equity holdings to 35%. Our current equity holdings are at 12% (rest is in bonds).

Recommendation:

The Council of Admiration should approve increasing our equity holdings from 12% to 35% in Our First Commonwealth investment account.

2.6 National Quartermaster; James L. Lyon

This past year has been a great learning experience as National Quartermaster, dealing with the Covid- 19, and my own health issues.

I have learned to deal with our suppliers and the changes that they have had to make due to the Covid-19 virus. A great number of orders have been delayed due to the change in how our suppliers have had to do business. A number of them have gone out of business or have had to change their suppliers. I have tried to understand what they are going through and not nag at them about delays. I have had a large number of our Brothers that don't understand that times are not the same as last year. When a link in the chain is broken or elongated it slows down the turnaround time. If I have the items in stock, I ship them as soon as I can. The Brothers need to understand that I ship about 100 items a month, dealing with PayPal, manufactures, incorrect payments, incorrect orders, U S Post Office, dealing with poor deliveries, recording all orders for our National Treasurer twice a month, going to the USPS 2 or 3 times a week, driving 50 miles to the bank twice a month, being restricted to my home by my Doctors, so my wife was doing my shipping, and my personal major health issues. We all are trying to deal with things the best we can and our Brothers need to have a little more kindness toward those of us that are doing the everyday business of our Order.

Now that I have my first year behind me I have things set up so that when I get an order I can pull the items, pack and ship them (if in stock) within days. Just about the time I think I have a good stock of items I get a run on them and have to reorder (delay again). I have been asked to keep stock down so that we don't have a lot of overhead. It is a balancing act.

Many of our sales are down because of not having National Events, but with so many of us

having to stay home the online orders have been up. On a positive note, the ads in the “Banner” have created a number of orders.

This next few months I will be looking at what we pay to have things made and what we charge. We need to make money on what we sell and not lose money. To give you an idea our SUVCW grave markers cost

\$15.25 (100 per order) to make, \$1.50 in shipping from the maker, we charge \$7.00 for our shipping, most shipping on one marker is about \$9.00, plus \$3.50 for packaging. Our cost is \$22.25 for this item, we charge \$18.00 for the marker and \$7.00 for S & H so we only make \$2.75 on this item. Also the cost of shipping and handling has gone up. If someone orders 25 markers we only charge \$11.00 plus \$.50 S & H for each marker. We lose \$5.00 or more on each of these.

Many of our certificates are in need of correcting and cleaning up. So many have been copied and changed by people who did not know what they were doing. There are a number of misspellings that need to be corrected. Printing cost is getting very high and our members deserve a quality certificate for their money.

I propose that we hire my wife Sharon who has 42 years of prepress and printing experience and said she would be willing to work on making our certificates look professional for \$20.00 an hour (this is cheap). I think this would work well for the SUVCW as I’m here and can work with her. Many Brother’s have told me that they are making their own because of the poor quality and misspellings on ours. Let’s give our Brothers what they are paying for.

I do enjoy talking to all the Brothers throughout our great country and hearing their ideas for new products.

I look forward to our lives getting back to the old norm.

2.7 Council of Administration – 2020; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC

Once again, it has been my great honor to have served the Brothers of our Order. I have done my best to be a serious, determined and responsible Member of the National Council of Administration. If reelected, I pledge to continue to give my very best effort to the furtherance of the organization.

Since the Spring of this year, it has been a time of challenges and creative solutions for all of us with regard to the operations of the National Organization. I have endeavored to meet those challenges with the same determination and creativity which I have been committed over the past quarter century as a Member and Officer of the Order. During the Covid-19 pandemic we have all been experiencing, our normal planned activities were cancelled or changed to “virtual” events, which had to be held over the internet, due to the declared states of emergency across the country.

Council of Administration meetings had to be held over the Zoom videoconferencing application. I attended meetings of the CofA on May 2nd, July 2nd, August 23rd and September 2nd. And, per your order, the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the

Republic, scheduled in August at Atlanta, Georgia, had to be cancelled due to government restrictions.

I was able to join the virtual Department Encampment for the Department of New Hampshire, which went quite well considering the move from an “in person” event to a “virtual event over Zoom.

I participated in the several discussions concerning the operation of the order, planning and rescheduling events, including several votes via our Electronic Boardroom

As I mentioned in my previous report, the updated graphics created by Mr. Conor Napier, a Harvard University graduate student were published on the National Web Site and are available for use by the Membership.

In addition, I consulted with the Technology Committee on proposals for disaster recovery and data backup of the National Headquarters’ computers, which are now in place.

I commend you for a job well done as Commander-in-Chief of the organization during this most trying time. It is easy being a Captain when you are sailing in calm waters. You have proven to be capable of guiding us during the storms of the past year. I am grateful for all of your efforts.

2.8 Council of Administration – 2021; Bruce D. Frail, PDC

I have the honor to report that during the years 2019 – 2020 I have attended every C of A meeting, I have voted in every posted and non-posted motion which has come before the Council of Administration. I continue to assist and make myself available to Brothers around the United States, Canada, and in Great Britain on different projects that have either continued or started in 2020. I have worked on the following Committees:

National Committee on Graves Registration (report submitted) Chairman.
National Committee on Marketing & Promotion (report submitted) Chairman
National Committee on Communication & Technology, Member

National Committee on Civil War Grant Fund, Member

National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States, Member

Commander-In-Chief Appointed Committee on National Headquarters Search, Member

I continue to stand ready to serve any of my Brothers or Sisters as needed.

2.9 Council of Administration – 2021; Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

I have attended all regular schedule CofA Meetings by

ZOOM. I have voted on all motions.

I currently served on one committee.

The committee I serve on is the Civil War Memorial Monument Grant Fund that I chair along with Bruce Frail, PDC and Harry Reineke, DC.

I attended in person the Department of Ohio Encampment in Columbus Ohio June 13, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic escalating and orders put place by our President Trump and many other state Governor that placed many rules and regulations in place for the safety of all American citizens. There has been many cancellations that I would have attended such as the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois in April, President Garfield Memorial Day Event on Memorial Day, National Encampment in Atlanta Georgia in August, MOLLUS Congress in Philadelphia, Pa in October.

I continue to work regularly with my Department of Ohio Officers and attend Camp meetings to assist them and serve the need of my camp in any capacity as well as in recruiting new members within the Department of Ohio. I usually attend Son's events and I also participate in Memorial Day's events.

2.10 Council of Administration – 2022; Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC

As a member of the Council of Administration I have taken part in every vote via the electronic board room save for one which I recused myself from, and I have attended every meeting, both virtual and in person. I look forward to the next 2 years of my term serving the Order in this capacity. My personal motto, "lâche pas la patate", which bears the sense of "never give up, and keep going until the race is complete" has served me well during the pandemic, and I pass it along to everyone as a message of strength and goodwill

2.11 Council of Administration – 2022; Kevin L. Martin, PDC

I remain busy with the work of the Order. I serve as the National Liaison to MOLLUS, Junior Vice Commander and Counselor #1 for Antietam Camp #3, Department of the Chesapeake. I also serve as a Counselor for the Antietam ASUVCW, and the District Adjutant for the 2nd Military District of the SVR.

I actively perform the duties associated with being a Member of the National Council of Administration. I monitored and participated in all discussions and votes associated with issues and questions coming before the Council. During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have settled into our new "normal" using Zoom to hold our meetings. We remain committed to providing leadership to our Order while keeping our membership safe. We hope that our Camps and Departments continue to gather together virtually.

Please take time to reach out to your Brothers and Sisters via phone, email, or online meeting applications, especially those who are alone or in declining health. Discuss the good times of the past and the future expectations of being together once again. If there is a member that is of special concern, please reach out to one of us or contact your Camp, Department, or National Chaplain.

I have no recommendations to put before the Council at this time.

2.12 Council of Administration – Donald W. Shaw, PCinC

During the preceding year, I have followed all all discussions that have been made in the

Council. I have participated in those discussions where I had something to offer and I felt the commentary to be called for. I have voted on the issues to come before the Council and have attended those Council meetings we have been able to hold. I have also been heavily involved in drafting the new Protection Policy for Civil War Monuments that is to be taken up by the Council of Administration at its October meeting. Further, I have participated with the Constitution and Regulations Committee as one of its members in allowing them to discharge their duties. I have offered advice and encouragement where requested or needed.

In other Sons work, I have participated in the meetings of my home camp and my department, again, giving advice and encouragement where requested or needed. I have attended and participated in the camp ceremonies and activities. I currently serve the Department of Michigan as its Chief of Staff.

With this report, I close my eight years as a voting member of the Council of Administration. It has been an honor to so serve. I thank you all for that.

2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC

The Fall edition should be in the hands of our brothers by now or coming very shortly. Normally, the Fall Banner has four additional pages due to the National Encampment. This year, with our National Encampment by interactive video technology in October, the Winter issue will have the four additional pages. All deadlines remain unchanged.

2.14 National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire, PDC

During this term as National Signals Officer, I was able to accomplish certain key tasks while also navigating the needs of the Order in regards to COVID-19. I assisted the National Webmaster in keeping the current website maintained and updated as necessary, while being mindful of items that were necessary to be updated immediately and recognizing others that could wait until the new web platform is ready to launch. Harry and I began winnowing old, outdated pages from the site and replacing them, archiving them or marking them for migration. I set up and managed the electronic votes for the Council of Administration, chaired the National Committee on Communication and Technology, as well as chaired the Special Committee on Technology Needs at National Headquarters and the Special Committee on Website Redesign. In my role, I had the privilege of serving on several other committees this term as well. It has been my pleasure to work with several National Officers on their initiatives this year.

I have managed several special Zoom meetings for the Council of Administration since the successful quarterly meeting in the Spring. Those successes positioned me to put much time and effort this quarter into researching the best possible tool to use for a Virtual National Encampment and how to implement the chosen platform to accommodate the needs of the SUVCW. Working with our National Webmaster, the Chair of the National Committee on Credentials and a pair of stalwart Brothers from the Department of Michigan, we examined the steps our organization would have to implement to a reasonable effort at a Virtual Encampment that would be a success for the Order. We ultimately selected the Zoom platform, and Brother

Joe Hall and I have mapped out the strategy that we believe will best suit the needs of the Order. I am delighted that the vast majority of the Membership appreciated that this is an unprecedented scenario and that we “need to do what we need to do” in order to get business done so the SUVCW can continue to move forward with its Mission. The Zoom thing has been pretty much all-encompassing these days.

I am quite pleased that I was finally able to develop and publish an online giving page for our current website that utilizes PayPal so that donors may make their tax-deductible gift right online. This was an initiative that has been some time in the making, with not a few PCinCs, at least three National Treasurers and several CofA members who have asked me to make it happen. I am confident that the general giving page will be a benefit to our Organization. *Fait accompli!*

One item that I always want to draw attention to is the ad-hoc Signals Corps. In the past, we were the ones running around at the National Encampment or at Gettysburg with our camera/phones and snapping pictures and putting them on Facebook to share the work of the Order with Brothers from afar. The Signals Corps work has evolved into a year-round endeavor with individual moderators for several SUVCW social media platforms. The Corps communicates about strategy for promoting upcoming events, special holidays or anniversaries, and in the performance of our most solemn duty, posting meaningful tributes to PCinCs and other significant Members of the Allied Orders in tandem with General Orders. It is my sincere hope that the incoming Commander-in-Chief will take this ad-hoc group to the next level and officially establish a Special National Committee on Social Media Management (Signals Corps). I believe that the work that the Brothers on the Corps have done over the past 3+ years has been extraordinary.

Results can be seen in the growth of followers on the pages, and by the kind emails and notes we receive from potential members after we guide them to a Department or a Camp that ends up being a great fit for them. We have engaged in Union Soldier research for potential members or simply to solve a mystery for a student or researcher, pointed Brothers towards the correct point of contact when they come to us with questions about policy, etc, and gently navigated some touchy conversations that are always a raging inferno ready to ignite on social media, shutting things down for the Good of the Order. I wish to name names, and so I will.

In addition to Harry Reineke and myself:

Facebook Moderators: Christopher Workman, Christopher Powers. Twitter Moderator: Timothy McCoy
Instagram Moderator: Benjamin Frail
LinkedIn Moderator: Barrett Young

The SUVCW is in these Brothers’ debt for being the public voice and representation of our organization to thousands of followers and unique visitors to our social media pages annually.

2.15 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr.

State government shutdown caused the National Civil War Museum, our landlord for our

National Headquarters at Reservoir Park, to close; thus, forcing me to abandoned Hqs. Within a couple of days, I relocated to my residence at Colonial Park, with the national computer, printer and supplies. D-Day was on 3/20/20. This report was initiated on D-Day +148 and embellished on the beach at Wildwood. On the way to the east coast, I waved good-bye to Pennsylvania Department and hello to the Departments of New York and New Jersey!

During the shutdown period, I visited National Hqs about every 10 days to pick up additional supplies, drop off completed applications, hardcopy reports and correspondence, and secure incoming mail and quickly returned home to work upon the incoming mail and ongoing emails too. As state government upgraded counties from restrictions, I visited Hqs more often for mail etc.

For you youngsters on Council, I began my tour of duty on 10/1/2008 and processed my first application number 17914 that day. Recently, I processed membership application number 25000! And, unfortunately for our organization, the membership strength has not improved much during these 12 years! Seems as fast as we recruit 2 new brothers, 1 becomes deceased and 1 drops out of a camp. 2008 form 35s reported 248 camps and 6,048 BIGS. 2020 form 35s reported 243 camps and 5,929 BIGS. All 30 departments have reported their annual 2020 form 35. Momentarily 2 departments have balked with their 2020 form 49.

So far, this COVID year Hqs has passed along to the National Chaplain, our Banner Editor, and our Departments, 81 reports of deceased brothers. In comparison, 77 deaths were processed during all of 2019.

Current membership end of July 2020 is 6,229.

New Life Memberships for 2019 as of August 2019 was

11. New Life Memberships for 2020 as of August 2020
is 15.

Recommendations

1. Change C&R to invoke strong disciplinary action against Department Officers, namely the Commander, SVC, JVC, the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer alike, who neglect or refuse to file form 35 and form 49 on time! Currently the department and each brother within the department is suspended, without benefit of their Banner, but no forceful action is invoked against the elected officers for neglect or failure to file. Why should a whole department suffer for the failure of 4-5 officers that do not carry out a once a year responsibility.

2. Last 2 years I recommended provisions for Camps and Departments to establish Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer appointments. Now, same consideration should be established for a backup person to carryon duties at National Headquarters in the event the National Executive Director were to become unable to perform duties and responsibilities of the contractual position as had happened in mid-2017 and again in early 2018.

3.0 National Appointed Officers

3.1 National Chief of Staff, James P. McGuire, PDC

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as Chief of Staff for Commander-in-Chief Edward

Norris during the 2019-2020(+) year. To say that this year has presented unprecedented challenges for the Sons would be an understatement, and I thank CinC Norris for his calm leadership and gentle direction during some stressful times for the Brothers of the Order. With the Department Encampments mostly being handled via Zoom Video Conference this year, assisting in managing the CinC's travel calendar was not much of an issue. I oversaw the compilation of the quarterly reports to the Council of Administration with Aide de Camp Henry C. Duquette and made my best effort to stay in touch with Departments, Officers or Committee Chairs who were late on submitting. I have compiled and formatted this end of year report to the National Encampment and hope that it meets with the satisfaction of my Brothers. A note should be added here that because of the cancellation of the National Encampment, the Aides de Camp who would have assisted at that gathering will have no reports necessary to submit, as they were given no action items.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Ed for selecting me as his Chief of Staff. Many years ago, when he was on the CofA, I mentioned to him that if he ever got put into the big chair, then I wouldn't mind assisting him in that capacity. I am grateful that he remembered. Although the COVID-19 pandemic that shut down our collective lives prevented me from being required to perform many of the duties of my predecessors in this office, I am confident that I would have performed them satisfactorily, had I been given the chance. I appreciate the confidence that our CinC put in me when he simply said: "You're it," never expecting the events that were to come our way. Thank you, Ed, for your patience, guidance, gentle redirection, texts, emails, phone calls, non-sequiturs, the extra two months on the job and mostly, for your friendship.

3.2 National Aide-de-Camp, Douglas K. Fidler PDC

N/A

3.3 National Aide-de-Camp, Henry C. Duquette

N/A

3.4 National Aide-de-Camp, Nate Knight

N/A

3.5 National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric D. Richhart, PDC

Pending

3.6 National Chaplin, Rev. Peter Preble, PCC

It has truly been an honor to serve as your National Chaplain this past year. This certainly not been the year any of us were expecting but, as they say the show must go on.

Since my last report all my activities have been virtual.

I attended the May 2nd Council of Administration meeting.

In accordance with the C & R I published guidelines for the Commemoration of Memorial Day as well as some suggestions for commemorations during the time of Pandemic.

I have written articles for each edition of the Banner.

I recorded a video prayer for Memorial Day that was released on the National Chaplain Facebook Page. I have maintained regular communications with all Department Chaplains via email and some phone conversations.

I have continued to update the National Chaplain Facebook page with “Thoughts of the Day” as well as notification of the death of Brothers of the Order.

I have sent condolence cards to the families of all brothers who have passed.

3.7 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

This report should also serve as the report for the National Committee on Civil War Memorials

Chair: Walt Busch, PDC Members: Skip Riddle; Dean Enderlin, PCC; Kevin Tucker, PDC; Clyde Getman; and Ben Frail, PDC.

1. Tom Gaard is still going crazy submitting large number of monuments and last soldier markers from Iowa. His service should again be recognized.
2. Still waiting for the database to be created so we can begin entering the monuments into an online database. Meanwhile, we do have a national monuments page that is linked to individual departments or other agencies by state that provide information on monuments.
3. I have all the monument files on Google Drive as a backup to my files. A few SUVCW members have been granted access to these files. To have access to your state’s files, you must e-mail me at wbusch@suvcwmo.org giving the reason why you desire access (ie. Council of Administration, monuments officer or commander, etc).

RECORDS OF CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RECORDS

STATE/LOCATION	July 2019	Aug 2020	Gain /	Loss	Last Soldier Markers
Alabama	1	1	0	0	
Arizona	3	0	0		
Arkansas	12	12	0	0	
Australia	1	1	0	0	
California	40	65	25	0	
Colorado	4	4	0	0	
Connecticut	5	5	0	0	
Delaware	1	1	0	0	
Florida	5	2	0		
Georgia	20	12	0		
Hawaii	1	1	0		
Idaho	10	1	0		

Illinois	134		135	1	0	
Indiana	12		15	3	0	
Iowa	150		214	64	77	
Kansas	14		15	1	0	See
Kentucky			10	12	2	0
Kazakhstan			1	1	0	0
Maine	5		6	1	0	
Maryland			4	4	0	0
Massachusetts			46	46	0	0
Mexico	1		1	0	0	
Michigan			222	222	0	0
Minnesota			1	2	1	1
Mississippi			1	1	0	0
Missouri			544	556	12	4
Nebraska			6	6	0	1
Nevada	4		5	1	0	
New Hampshire			18	19	1	0
New Jersey			7	7	0	0
New York			39	40	1	0
North Carolina			12	12	0	0
North Dakota			2	2	0	0
Ohio	35	51	16	18		
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Oklahoma			4	5	1	0
Oregon	1		2	1	0	
Pennsylvania			28	29	1	0
Rhode Island			39	46	7	1
Scotland			0	1	1	0
South Carolina			1	1	0	0
South Dakota	1	1	0	0		
Tennessee	8	8	0	0		
Texas	2	4	2	0		
Utah	1	1	0	0		
Virginia	8	9	1	0		
Vermont	1	1	0	0		
Washington	13	13	0	0		
Washington DC	1	1	0	0		
West Virginia	0	0	0	0		
Wisconsin	35	35	0	0		
Wyoming	1	1	0	0		
Total	1499	1658	159	102	Note 5	

NOTES:

Note 1: A spreadsheet of known monuments has been created for this state. 254 Monuments in Arkansas. 277 Monuments are on a spreadsheet from Kansas based on information gleaned from a website.

Note 2: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments report digitized
 Note 3: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book Digitized
 In addition to files

Note 4: Ohio Last Soldiers in Database came from a listing of markers that had no Form 61 or Form 62 filed for them but with enough info to digitize. Several states have records that have just been cobbled together. It would be nice for someone from those states to

update the information with the correct forms.

Note 5: Forms 61 & 62s that have been sent in and are not considered monuments are included in some of the department's records.

I have the following items digitized to help our members research monuments and cannons and review former guidelines from other agencies for placing monuments.

- I.1. 1882 Monumental Bronze Co Catalog
- I.2. American Bronze Co Catalog
- I.3. American Monument Co Catalog
- I.4. 1913 Mullins Co Catalog
- I.5. 1896 The Monumental News
- I.6. Guidelines and Requirements for Placing Memorials in National Cemeteries
- I.7. Report on War Memorials by the National Council of Fine Arts – 1946
- I.8. Something So Dim It Must Be Holy: Civil War Commemorative Sculpture in Arkansas 1886 - 1934
- I.9. The National Database of Civil War Cannons (only available upon request as some parts are copyrighted).

Finally, Brother PCinC Andy Johnson's article on the Lincoln Statue in Scotland got me wondering how many other Lincoln statues are there outside our county. Here is a list:

Lincoln Statues outside the US not recorded.

1. SCOTLAND: Edinburgh (in our files)
2. ENGLAND: Statue by George Grey Barnard was erected in Manchester, England in 1919. Nowadays situated in Lincoln Square west of Manchester Town Hall, the statue commemorates the impact the American Civil War had on the cotton cloth-producing region of Manchester and Lancashire. Had not Chinese imports of English textiles picked up during our Civil War (while China was also in a Civil War), England was prepared to support the Confederates to keep their factory workers employed.
3. ENGLAND: A large statue of Lincoln standing by Saint Gaudens was unveiled near Westminster Abbey in Parliament Square, London, on July 28, 1920.
4. MEXICO: In 1964, United States President Lyndon Johnson presented a Saint Gaudens to the people of Mexico, which is displayed in Mexico City's Parque Lincoln.
5. MEXICO: Lincoln Statue in Tijuana (in our files)
6. MEXICO: Juarez done by sculptor Angel Terrac, located in Lincoln Boulevard
7. MEXICO: Guadalajara, bust & plaque on Avenue of the Americas, just outside the city.
8. NORWAY: Lincoln monument, Frogner Park, Oslo, Norway, donated by people of North Dakota and Dedicated on July 4, 1914
9. CUBA: Abraham Lincoln - La Habana, Cuba N 23° 07.970 W 082° 21.524 is erected in Parque de La Fraternidad next to the Capitolio in Old Habana, Cuba.
10. CUBA: Abraham Lincoln, a miniature sculpture on Avenida de los Presidentes in the Vedado neighborhood, and a bust in the Parque de la Fraternidad on the Paseo del Prado. Havana, Cuba
11. CUBA: Statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Museo de la Revolución, Havana, Cuba
12. MOSCOW: The Emperor Alexander II and President Abraham Lincoln" by Russian sculptor - A.Burganov. in front of the Russian Federal Archives. The statue was dedicated in 2011 to mark the 150th anniversary of the freeing of Russia's serfs.
13. MOSCOW: A temporary plastic statue of Lincoln was placed in Gorky Park.
14. FRANCE: Lincoln - the structure by Henri Marquet and the mosaics by Vincent Charra at the University of Chicago Center in Paris, France

15. SINGAPORE: Lincoln Statue of the Parkview Square building on North Bridge Road
16. PORTUGAL: Reportedly has one, but can't find more than one reference to it.
17. JAPAN: Also reportedly has one, but can't find more than one reference to it.
18. AUSTRALIA" A missing one stood in Sydney's Centennial Park until it mysteriously vanished in the 1970s. Not so mysterious due to the type of stone used quickly eroded.

3.8 National Color Bearer, David Sosnowski, PDC

No report

3.9 National Counselor, Donald E. Darby, PCinC

No report

3.10 Assistant National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC

I have responded to questions posed by our Commander-in-Chief and provided options to our National Counselor on a few issues.

3.11 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC

Nothing to report.

3.12 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert C. Seal

During the period from June 2019 to June 2020, the SUVCW issued 238 Eagle Scout Certificates, with 216 certificates issued by Department (DESCC) and Camp (CESCC) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators, and 22 certificates issued by the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator (NESCC).

Most notable; the Department of Pennsylvania issued 57 certificates, the Department of California and Pacific issued 42 certificates, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina issues 37 certificates, the Department of Ohio issued 27 certificates, the Department of Kentucky issued 19 certificates, and the Department of New York issued 12 certificates. Ten Departments reported issuing five or fewer certificates, nine Departments reported issuing zero certificates, and four Departments did not provide a report.

I would like to thank National Patriotic Instructor Brother Benjamin Frail for sharing information relating to the SUVCW Eagle Scout Program that he received from Departments on Form 41 - Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report.

Program Status:

Implementation of the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Program varies widely between Departments, with some demonstrating active participation in the Program and others reporting no certificates issued.

Appointment of a DESC is optional, and currently the DESC position is vacant in four Departments. By the SUVCW C&R, Article IX, Section 3, Department Commanders of Departments that do not elect to appoint a DESC are still required to perform the duties of the DESC including issuing certificates and reporting results.

Requests for certificates decreased significantly in 2020 because the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in a difficulty for some Scouts to conduct service projects and to complete merit badge and other requirements necessary for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Completed Actions:

In July 2020 the NESCC updated the list of DESCs and forwarded the list to the National Signals Officer for uploading on the SUVCW website.

Proposed Actions:

Some DESCs have expressed an interest in communicating with other DESCs to discuss how the more successful Departments have implemented the Eagle Scout Certificate Program. My recommendation is that in the next calendar quarter the NESCC initiates a Zoom meeting and encourages all DESCs to participate in the meeting to share information and learn from others.

The "Eagle Scout Commendation Application" available on the SUVCW website needs to be updated to include Boy Scout Unit identification and additional information regarding how to download, enter, and save data on the form. I do not have the software needed to revise and publish a fillable PDF, and have requested guidance regarding how to initiate the needed changes.

Because not every Department files a Form 41 - Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report which includes a line for reporting Eagle Scout Program participation (Yes or No) and the number of certificates issued, it would be useful to include a line on Form 35 - Department Annual Report, for reporting the number of Eagle Scout Certificates issued by the Department and Camps within the Department during the previous year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the NESCC for the 2019-2020 term! It was a sincere pleasure for me to represent the SUVCW in recognizing and congratulating new Eagle Scouts, and to thank Scouters and parents for their continuing support of Scouting. The cost associated with preparing and mailing certificates to new Eagle Scouts was minimal and I do not seek reimbursement. The satisfaction gained from participating in the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Program and interacting with Scouts and Scouters was sufficient compensation.

3.13 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has risen and orders are put place by our President Trump and many other state Governors have placed many rules and regulations for the safety for all American citizens. It has been a very slow year due to a lot of government offices local, county, state were closed during this pandemic . It made it hard to make any type of contact. There hasn't been much going on in the US.

Unfortunately I have nothing to report at this time.

3.14 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

It has been an honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2019-2020 administrative year. This is my tenth consecutive term serving in this appointed office, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Public interest in our GAR Records Program continues to grow, especially during these times when COVID- 19 has compelled so many people to stay at home. Many appear to have found an outlet from the monotony by furthering their family research, and that led them to learn more about their Civil War ancestors. The number of inquiries continues to rise, and I do my best to keep up with them.

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts identified in our catalog rose to 10,825 this year. This is an increase of six Posts since last year's report. There are undoubtedly still dozens – if not hundreds – of Posts yet to be identified. Countless records vanished in the early (pre-1879) years of the GAR, as well as the names of the Posts that kept them. Continuing research is helping to reconstruct that period in the organization's history, as evidenced by the last year's discoveries. We have a long way to go, though!

Sixteen of our thirty Departments have identified a Department GAR Records Officer or the equivalent on the Form 49. A thirty-first Department (Alabama) is in the process of organizing, and will be added to the tally next year. The recently revised Form 49, with its line item for the GAR Records Officer, has been a great help in keeping our list of current officers up to date. It is particularly helpful to me to have a local officer I can check with when fielding questions specific to a given area from the public. In future years, I hope to see more of our Departments fill in that blank space on the form with a name!

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

3.15 National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

It is my honor to report to the 2020 Summer Council of Administration Meeting the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) and the Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration.

After reinstating the Photos section on the SUVCW National Graves Database, I am honored to report that we have had no negative feedback on this function, and we have had no negative use of uploaded photos into the database. We currently have 20,116 images that have been uploaded. At this point only Admin accounts can upload, and I see no reason to limit this at this point, but I also see no reason to open the uploading of photo to the general public until we can secure that process better.

To date, 17 August 2020, we have currently 785,725 records of veterans in our National Graves Database. We have had 818,576 records submitted since the database went online. We have as of today 5,048 registered submitters with records representing 99,692 cemeteries in 79 different States and Countries.

As many of you know we have been plagued by hackers, mostly in July, August, and September of 2016. We had to take away some of the items which we had put into the database redesign because these hackers used them against us to try to steal data and crash our system. All but one of those items that were taking away has been returned, that is the photo section. As stated above, this function has been replaced, but only for admin users. Therefore, we are going to begin working on the new edition of the Graves Database Booklet. Anyone who wishes to add items from their use of the database, please get them to the Graves Committee via email at suvcw_ngro@suvcwdb.org for that purpose by. I have left this paragraph in from the Gettysburg, PA report because as of this date that project has been postponed, due to social gathering restrictions and is now postponed for my replacement to do as he wishes.

It is now with great sorrow that I tender my resignation, effective 24 October, 2020, as National Graves Registration Officer and as such Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration. I have been told by the incoming C-in-C that if I were elected to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief that I would be in violation of the C & R being an appointed officer as well. Even if I was not elected, with this year being the close of my eleventh year as NGRO it is time for me to step down. I stand ready to hand over all URLs, Usernames, and passwords as well as a working copy of the Instructional Booklet so the incoming NGRO can either update it or discontinue it.

I would like to thank the following for their support, the Past Commander-in-Chiefs whom had trusted me and had faith in me to complete this mission, all the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today and hopefully forever.

3.16 National Guard, Eric B. Peterson, PDC

No report

3.17 National Guide, Brian D. McManus

I have nothing to report.

3.18 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

2020 is a unique experience both in the history of our nation and our Order. No one could ever imagine the ramifications of the Coronavirus. Even to the point of cancelling our national encampment.

A number of inquiries have come to me directly or through our Executive Director, the Banner and the Michigan GAR Museum. Questions have covered race relations, badges and historic artifacts, vintage photographs and history concerning the Allied Orders.

In February, the Key West Art & Historical Society asked me to make a presentation entitled Grand Army Women: Loyal Women of the North. Key West served as the headquarters of the

Gulf Coast Blockade of the South and hold Civil War Days each February.

My book Grand Army Women: The GAR and Its Female Organization finally was released on March 23 just after the national lock down from Covid 19. It is being received very well and is available through our Quartermaster Store.

It has been a pleasure to serve our Order. Thank you for the honor.

3.19 National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor, PCinC

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

The REAL Memorial Day, May 30th, 2020, was celebrated by virtual services only due to Covid-19. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, with the sun shining brightly.

3.20 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin L. Martin, PDC

The in-person National Congress scheduled for October 16 – 18, 2020 at the Union League in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has been cancelled. A virtual Congress will be held on October 17, 2020 beginning at noon eastern time.

A notice was sent to all MOLLUS Commandery Commanders and Recorders last weekend and further details will appear in the next issue of the Loyal Legion Historical Journal.

The MOLLUS 2021 National Congress is scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio on October 9, 2021.

3.21 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ, PDC

Nothing to report

3.22 National Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl, PCinC

I researched parliamentary law as it would apply to interactive video meetings and provided the Commander-in-Chief with some options as to additional Encampment rules of procedure should the 2020 National Encampment be held by this means.

3.23 National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin J. Frail, PDC

It is my honor to submit my Annual report for the 2019-2020 Term. As of this report there have been nineteen (19) Patriotic Instructions that have been distributed out to Department Patriotic Instructors and the Webmaster for inclusion on the webpage. Upon updating the criteria for a passing result in Memorial University we have issued 19 Memorial University certificates and pins this year, with 3 Brothers still waiting certificates as we ran out and the National Quartermaster is reproducing new ones. Some of these were issued based on Brothers stating that they had completed the course in previous terms and never received their certificates. When asked all submitted proof of completion and correspondence with time of NPI. When I checked with previous NPIs as to previous completions I either got no reply or was told they

had no one complete Memorial University.

In the first quarter we have had three (3) Brothers fully complete the course. In Q2 we have issued twelve (12) additional Memorial University Certificates and Pins, the remainder of the year we had seven (7) Brothers complete the course. We have also had four (4) additional Brothers submit lesson completions but have yet completed the course. I have continued to push all DPis to get their Departments and Camps to look at Memorial University as more of a teaching tool. Even though we are revamping it, we can still use this to teach Brothers the ins and outs of the order. I have had many Brothers ask for updates on the new Memorial University and when it will launch. I have also had two Brothers submit information regarding questions with inaccurate answers, these have since been forwarded to the Memorial University Redesign Committee and questions were reported to have been updated. As of this report I have also requested from the National Quartermaster that more Memorial University Certificates be printed and sent to me as we only have no certificates left for the order.

3.24 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R Earl, PCC

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution, or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report is an overview of relevant federal legislation.

Below is a summary list of federal legislation that has been introduced during the first and second sessions of the 116th Congress (from 3 January 2019 through 21 August 2020), which may be of interest to the Order. During this period, I have reviewed over 14,700 federal bills and resolutions. Unless otherwise noted below, each measure is awaiting action in a House or Senate Committee.

Keep in mind that the 116th Congress is scheduled to adjourn sine die on 3 January 2021 (and will be in recess most of December 2020). This likely means all the legislation listed below will die if not passed by Congress and approved by the President before the end of the year. If a bill or resolution is re-introduced in the 117th Congress, the committee process will repeat itself.

At the 2011 National Encampment, Delegates authorized the use of POPVOX.com and GovTrack.com to record the SUVCW's position of support for, or opposition to legislation. These two services exist to help Americans participate in their government while providing a nonpartisan platform for organizations (or individuals) to express their support for or opposition to legislation, and communicating that position to Members of the U.S. Congress and the public. As authorized by then-Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw, I have recorded the SUVCW's position of *support* for specific legislation, as indicated below.

BATTLEFIELDS, NATIONAL MONUMENTS, AND HISTORIC AREAS

- ▶ *H.R. 187 and S. 87 – Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act.* This bill would adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- ▶ *H.R. 240 and S. 32 – Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument Act.* These two bills would establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- ▶ *H.R. 307 and S. 225 – Preserving America's Battlefields Act.* These bills would provide for partnerships among state and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War.

- ▶ *H.R. 314 and S. 31 – Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Amendment Act.* These bills would add Livingston County, the City of Jonesboro in Union County, and the City of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- ▶ *H.R. 434 – Emancipation National Historic Trail Act.* To designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail in Texas. This bill was approved by the House on 24 July 2019, and passed the Senate on 13 January 2020. It was signed by the President and became **Public Law No. 116- 111** on 27 January 2020.
- ▶ *S. 138 – Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act.* This bill would modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, and establish Parker’s Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park system. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- ▶ *S. 367 – ANTIQUITIES (America’s Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economics of States) Act.* To provide for the administration of certain national monuments, to establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and to establish certain wilderness areas in the States of New Mexico and Nevada.
- ▶ *H.R. 970 – Robert E. Lee Statue Removal Act.* This directs the Department of Interior to develop a plan to remove the monument to Robert E. Lee at Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland.
- ▶ *H.R. 1130 –* This bill directs the Department of the Interior to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Fort Pillow Historic State Park in Henning, Tennessee, which was the site of the Battle of Fort Pillow during the Civil War, as a unit of the National Park System. Fort Pillow was originally built by Confederate troops in 1861 and named after General Gideon J. Pillow.
- ▶ *S. 3423 –* A bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Harriet Tubman from the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission of Maryland and display the statue in a prominent location in the Capitol.
- ▶ *H.R. 3725 – Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act.* This bill designates as the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park the defenses constructed at the beginning of the Civil War in 1861 as a ring of fortifications in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and northern Virginia to protect the nation's capital. The park would include all areas associated with the Civil War defenses of Washington currently owned by the federal government and under the administration of the National Park Service, including Battleground National Cemetery.
- ▶ *H.R. 6395 – William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.* Among other things this bill would prohibit the public display of the Confederate Battle Flag on Department of Defense property. **Passed the House on 21 July 2020 by a vote of 295-125 and was sent to the Senate on 4 August 2020.**
- ▶ *H.R. 7164 – Honoring Real Patriots Act of 2020.* This bill establishes the policy of the U.S. that no military installation or other property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense shall be named, or may remain named, after any individual who took up arms against the U.S. during the Civil War.
- ▶ *H.R. 7217 and S. 3957 – Confederate Monument Removal Act.* This bill would require the removal of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the U.S. Capitol.
- ▶ *S. 4076 –* A bill to remove Confederate names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia from assets of the Department of Defense.
- ▶ *H.R. 7381 –* To make a crime, the destruction of a memorial of a constitutional leader.
- ▶ *H.R. 7465 – Andrew Jackson Statue Remove Act.* This bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Andrew Jackson statue and marble base in Lafayette Square in the District of Columbia.
- ▶ *H.R. 7466 –* To require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Emancipation Monument from Lincoln Park in the District of Columbia.
- ▶ *H.R. 7573 and S. 4382 –* To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the U.S. Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the U.S. Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the U.S. Capitol. **H.R. 7573 passed the House by a vote of 305-113 on 22 July 2020, and was sent to the Senate on 23 July 2020.** S. 4382 is still waiting action by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

- ▶ *H.R. 7611 – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2021.* This bill would, among other things, require the removal of all Confederate statues and busts from the U.S. Capitol.
- ▶ *H.R. 7608 – State, Foreign Operations, Agriculture, Rural Development, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriates Act, 2021.* **Passed the House by a vote of 224-189 and was sent to the Senate on 30 July 2020, where it was referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.**
- ▶ *H.R. 7612 – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriates Act, 2021.* This bill was placed on the calendar in the House, but no further action has been taken, and may not be, since most provisions are already covered in H.R. 7608.
 - Title IV of both H.R. 7608 and H.R. 7612 would prohibit funding to the National Park Service for the “purchase or display of a Confederate flag with the exception of specific circumstances where the flags provide historical context as determined by the NPS” by a memo dated 24 June 2015.
 - The applicable section of the NPS memo referred to in this bill is as follows:

“Confederate flags **shall not be flown** [emphasis in original] in units of the national park system and related sites with the exception of specific circumstances where the flags provide historical context , for instance to signify troop location or movement or as part of a historical reenactment or living history program. All superintendents and program managers should evaluate how Confederate flags are used in interpretive and educational media, programs, and historical landscapes and remove the flags where appropriate.”
 - Furthermore, both bills provide for the removal “from display all physical Confederate commemorative works, such as statues, monuments, sculptures, memorial, and plaques,” as very broadly defined by the NPS.
- ▶ *S. 4049 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2021.* This legislation would, among other things, require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for the removal of “all names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of American . . . or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of American from all assets of the Department of Defense.” **Passed in the Senate by a vote of 86- 14 on 23 July 2020 and was sent to the House where it is awaiting action.**

MISCELLANEOUS PATRIOTIC AND OTHER LEGISLATION

- ▶ *H.R. 51 and S. 631 – Washington, D.C., Admission Act.* To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union. **H.R. 51 passed the house by a vote of 232-180 on 26 June 2020; currently on the Senate Legislative Calendar.** S. 631 is awaiting action in the Senate committees.
- ▶ *H.R. 113 and S. 1963 – All-American Flag Act.* To require the purchase of domestically made flags of the USA for use by the Federal Government. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation. **H.R. 113 passed the House by voice vote and is awaiting action in the Senate.** S. 1963 is waiting action in Senate committees.
- ▶ *H.R. 7395 –* To require flags of the United States of America to be domestically made, and for other purposes.
- ▶ *H.R. 311 –* To redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.
- ▶ *H.R. 406 –* To amend title 1, United States Code, to provide for a definition of the term “State” and to include territories therein.
- ▶ *S. 313 – Constitution Education is Valuable in Community Schools (CIVICS) Act of 2019.* This bill would amend the American History and Civics Education program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require inclusion of programs that educate students about the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights. The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation.
- ▶ *H.R. 1061 – Fort Scot National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act.* To modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas.
- ▶ *H.R. 1552 – Private Cemeteries Honoring Veterans in the Absence of Next of Kin Act.* This bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers to private cemeteries for graves of certain veterans without next of kin.

- ▶ *S. 872 – Harriet Tubman Tribute Act of 2019.* This legislation would require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign \$20 Federal Reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman.
- ▶ *H. Res. 354 and S. Res. 212 – Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women’s suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States.* The SUVCW position is to **SUPPORT** this legislation. H. Res. 354 was passed unanimously in the House on 21 May 2019 and S. Res. 212 passed unanimously in the Senate on 4 June 2019.
- ▶ *H.R. 3025 – You Are Not Forgotten Act.* This bill would direct the Architect of the Capitol to display the POW/MIA flag outside of the entrance of the office of each Member of Congress.
- ▶ *S. Res. 257 – A resolution designating June 20 2019, as “American Eagle Day” and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.* This resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent in the Senate. On 20 June 2019.
- ▶ *H.R. 3602 – Honoring Harriet Tubman Act.* This bill would direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Harriet Tubman and to place the statue in National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol.
- ▶ *H.Res. 485 – Recognizing the historic significance of the “Betsy Ross Flag,” a symbolic representation of America’s revolutionary period and our Nation’s commitment to freedom and unity.*
- ▶ *S. 2371 – Honor and Remember Flag Act of 2019.* This legislation would designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember Inc. (www.honarandremember.org) as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in service to the United States.
- ▶ *H.R. 4179 – No Federal Funding for Confederate Symbols Act.* This bill would prohibit the use of federal funds for the creation, maintenance, or display of any Confederate symbols on federal public land or other federal property.
- ▶ *H.R. 5487 – Veterans Cemetery Grants Improvement Act.* To provide for an increase in the maximum amount of Department of Veterans Affairs grants to states and tribal organizations for operating and maintaining veterans’ cemeteries, from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. This bill was ordered reported from the Veterans’ Affairs Committee back to the House.
- ▶ *H.Res. 1001 – Recognizing June 19, 2020, as this year’s observance of the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day. Agreed to in the House by unanimous consent on 30 June 2020.*
- ▶ *S. Res. 620 – A resolution designating June 19,2020 as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States. Agreed to in the Senate by unanimous consent on 15 June 2020.*
- ▶ *H.R. 7232 – A bill to establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a Federal holiday.*
- ▶ *H.R. 7385 – To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Edwin Cole “Ed” Bearss, in recognition of his contributions to preservation of American Civil War history and continued efforts to bring our Nation’s history alive for new generations through his interpretive storytelling.*
- ▶ *S.4105 – Washington-Grant Historic Preservation Act.* This bill would impose a mandatory 1- 10 year prison sentence for the destruction of veterans’ memorials.
- ▶ *S.Res. 648 – Designating August 2020 as “National Women’s Suffrage Month.” Passed in the Senate by voice vote on 2 July 2020.*
- ▶ *H.R. 7550 – Confederate Commemorative Works Inventory and Joint Resource Study Act.* To direct the respective Secretaries of Interior, Defense, and Veterans Affairs to inventory Confederate commemorative works on certain Federal lands.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- ▶ *H.J. Res. 7 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States.*
- ▶ *H.J. Res. 24 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding Presidential election voting rights for resident of all United States territories and commonwealths.*
- ▶ *H.J. Res. 65 and S.J. Res. 49 – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.*

3.25 Asst. National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC

No report

3.26 National Washington DC Representative,

No report

3.27 National Webmaster, Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC

It has been a pleasure to serve another year as the Webmaster, and in that role I have done my best to make sure all communications are posted in a timely fashion. With the pandemic, some special considerations had to be dealt with regarding notifications for the cancellation or postponement of events I want to thank Commander-in-Chief Norris for appointing me to this position again.

3.28 National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No report

3.29 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC

We have one Camp at Large, the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 located in London, England. I provide advice and counsel from time to time.

3.30 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Camp-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC

We have one Camp at Large, the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 located in London, England. I provide advice and counsel from time to time.

3.31 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Ed Krieser, PCinC

No report

3.32 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James B. Pahl, PCinC

Assisted the National Treasurer in taking possession of accounts with Huntington Bank, where David McReynolds was the only signatory. There was a LOT of red tape, but I was finally added as a signatory, was able to close the account and deposit those funds in our current bank.

3.33 Assistant National Treasurer #2, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

No report

3.34 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Downs, PCC

No report

3.35 Assistant National Treasurer #4, Max L. Newman, PCC

No report

3.36 Asst. National Webmaster, Daryl V. VerStreate, PDC

No report

4 National Standing Committees

4.1 National Committee on Program and Policy, Brian C. Pierson, SVCinC

No report

4.2 National Comm. on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC

See section 3.7

4.3 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PDC

The National Committee on Communications and Technology began the year with an ambitious slate of items, and took positive steps towards advancing these initiatives. While COVID-19 did derail some of the action items, the committee was able to: identify and purchase new laptops for the National Secretary and the National Treasurer to replace old and outdated hardware. Identify an online testing platform that will become the new module for Memorial University moving forward. Special acknowledgment must be afforded to Brother Bruce Frail, PDC, who identified and presented this online testing tool.

Unfortunately, the committee was not able to advance any action on the pending Monuments and Memorials database this session. It has been determined that the new database will be addressed in the website redesign phase 3, where a workable, searchable, secure database can exist within the site and be hosted on the site servers.

Both the Social Media Policy and the Communications Policy are overdue for review and I highly encourage this committee to make examining those documents a top priority for the coming year.

I wish to thank the Brothers on the committee for their participation and their candor.

4.4 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grimm, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 138th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R with a Table of Contents has been posted on the web site. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS BY

THIS ENCAMPMENT ARE
NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and ~~strike-throughs~~ of language being eliminated;
except Proposal #17 where the gray shaded areas reflect changes.

PROPOSAL #1

This proposal is from James B. Pahl, PCinC, Aide to the C&R
Committee. Chapter I, Article IV, **Section 8** (See C&R page 34)

*Note: This change adds a new section to this Article which authorizes Camp Committees to conduct their meetings
by electronic means. Camps cannot hold their meetings by electronic means,
The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 8. All Camp meetings shall be physically attended by the Brothers of the Camp. Camps may not hold
their meetings via interactive video technology, conference telephone calls etc.
Committees are free to use interactive video technology, conference calls or other electronic media as found
appropriate by the Committee.**

PROPOSAL #2

This proposal is from the recommendations made to the 138th National Encampment by
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr. It requires Camps to appoint an Assistant Secretary and
an Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer).

Chapter I, Article V, Section 1 (See C&R page 34)

*Note: This change adds two new camp officers: An Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or
Secretary-Treasurer).*

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three
Members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic
Instructor, Secretary, **Assistant Secretary**, Treasurer, **Assistant Treasurer**, (or Secretary-Treasurer, **Assistant
Secretary-Treasurer**). The Commander, Secretary, **Assistant Secretary** and Treasurer and **Assistant Treasurer**
shall not serve on the Camp Council.

PROPOSAL #3

This proposal is from the recommendations made to the 138th National Encampment by
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.

Chapter I, Article VIII, Section 10 (See C&R page 44)

*Note: Section 10 of this Article is a new Section adding an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) who are appointed camp officers and prescribing their duties.
The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 10. The purpose of an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-
Treasurer) is to provide back-up to all administrative and financial functions of the Camp.**

**(a) The Assistant Secretary (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) shall have access to all camp
records, and in the absence of the Camp Secretary (or Secretary-Treasurer) perform the duties of that
office.**

**(b) The Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) shall have access to all camp
financial records and bank accounts, and in the absence of the Camp Treasurer (or Secretary-**

Treasurer) perform the duties of that office.

PROPOSAL #4

This proposal is from Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris
Chapter II, Article I Section 11 (See C&R page 52)

Note: This proposal describes the process for reinstatement of a department suspended for failing to file its annual consolidated report.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 11. Any Department which fails to file the annual consolidated report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

A department may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the consolidated annual report. The Commander-in-Chief shall publish a General Order noting the reinstatement.

PROPOSAL #5

This proposal is from Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris
Chapter II, Article I Section 12 (See C&R page 52)

Note: This proposal describes the process for reinstatement of a department suspended for failing to file its annual EIN report.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 12. Any Department which fails to file the annual EIN report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension. **A department may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the annual EIN report. The Commander-in-Chief shall publish a General Order noting the reinstatement.**

PROPOSAL #6

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter II, Article II Section 1 (a) (See C&R page 53)

Note: This change clarifies whether a Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Camp Commander (PCC) for ten years of continuous service as a Camp Secretary or Treasurer can wear a Past Camp Commander badge.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1 (a) ... 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 Department Encampments. **A Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Camp Commander for ten years of continuous service as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer may wear the Past Camp Commander badge and is entitled to use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name.**

PROPOSAL #7

Chapter II, Article III, **Section 4** (See C&R page 56)

Note: This proposal is a new section to this Article that will allow department committees to use interactive video technology, conference calls or other electronic media as found appropriate by the committee.

Department meetings and encampments cannot use interactive video technology, conference calls or other

electronic media.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 4. All Department meetings shall be physically attended by the Officers, Delegates and others entitled to attend. However, the Department Commander may allow up to 10% of the properly registered Officers, Delegates and others entitled to attend, to do so by interactive video technology, if their personal appearance would be impracticable. The Department Commander shall take all necessary steps to ensure all Brothers so attending shall have their voice heard and their votes counted. Committees are free to use interactive video technology, conference calls or other electronic media as found appropriate by the Committee.

PROPOSAL #8

This proposal is from the recommendations made to the 138th National Encampment by Executive Director David Demmy, Sr. It requires Departments to appoint an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer).

Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1 (See C&R page 56)

Note: This change adds two new department officers: An Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer).

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, **Assistant Secretary**, Department Treasurer **Assistant Treasurer**, (or Department Secretary – Treasurer, **Assistant Secretary-Treasurer**), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Officer, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer, Eagle Scout Coordinator and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

PROPOSAL #9

This proposal is from the recommendations made to the 138th National Encampment by Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.

Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 11 (See C&R page 65)

Note: Section 11 of this Article is a new Section adding an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) who are appointed department officers and prescribing their duties.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 11. The purpose of an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) is to provide back-up to all administrative and financial functions of the Department.

(a) The Assistant Secretary (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) shall have access to all

department records, and in the absence of the Department Secretary (or Secretary-Treasurer) perform the duties of that office.

(b) The Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer) shall have access to all department financial records and bank accounts, and in the absence of the Department Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) perform the duties of that office.

PROPOSAL #10

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter III, Article III **Section 3** (See C&R page 76)

Note: This change to the Regulations will create a new Section 3 and renumber the existing Section 3 and the remaining Sections of Chapter III, Article III. This change will give the Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of the Council of Administration, the authority to suspend, or cancel a National Encampment or Special Meeting of the National Organization.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3: When a state of emergency exists as the result of a declaration by the President of the United States, the Governor of a State, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency the Commander-in-Chief may suspend or cancel a Meeting of the National Organization or a National Encampment provided the Council of Administration approves the action of the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order explaining the reason for his action.

PROPOSAL #11

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1 (See C&R page 79)

Note: This change to the Regulations will divide Section 1 into 4 paragraphs; 3 of them being new paragraphs. This change allows the Commander-in-Chief to authorize Camps and Departments to use interactive video technology or other electronic media when a state of emergency has been declared by the President of the United States, or the Governor of a state.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. (a) The Commander-in-Chief shall be the chief executive officer of the Order, and shall decide all questions of law and order

(b) In the event the Governor of a State and/or the President of the United States, or Local Officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency, declares a state of emergency exist within their respective State, or Local jurisdiction, or the United States, the Commander-in-Chief, through appropriate General Order(s), shall have the authority to suspend the provisions of Chapter I, Article IV, Section 8, and or Chapter II, Article III, Section 4.

(c) The Commander-in-Chief may allow Camps and/or the Department located in areas where such state of emergency exists, to conduct Camp Meetings and/or Department Encampments by interactive video technology or other such electronic media found acceptable to the Commander-in-Chief.

(d) Through such General Order, the Commander-in-Chief may also relax or suspend such procedural Regulations, By-Laws and/or Policies that would interfere with the execution of such General Order. Such General Order(s) shall automatically expire in sixty (60) days or the conclusion of the declared Emergency, whichever occurs first.

PROPOSAL #12

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter III, Article X Section 3 (See C&R
page 99)

Note: This change describes the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee as being a standing committee of three (3) elected Council of Administration Members.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 The standing national committees shall consist of five Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except the Membership Committee which shall consist of the Junior Vice Commander-in- Chief as chairman, the National Organization Expansion Officer and the Junior Vice Commanders of all Departments and Camps-at-Large, and except the Encampment Site Committee which shall consist of three Brothers; **and except the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee which shall consist of three elected Members of the Council of Administration excluding the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster.** All shall be in good standing in their respective Departments and Camps.

PROPOSAL #13

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, Chairman of the National Committee on Scholarships)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 18, 2(a) (See C&R Page 107)

Note: This change will match the C&R language with the language that appears on the Scholarship Application Form. (SUVCW Form 12).

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 18, 2(a): ~~a. Receipt of completed applications by the March 31st Deadline.~~ **Application must be postmarked between January 1 and March 31.**

PROPOSAL #14

(This proposal is from the Chairman of the Committee on Scholarship, Don Martin, PCinC Chapter III, Article X, Section 15, Paragraph 2(b) (See C&R page 108)

Note: This change incorporates into the C&R the criteria for the scholarship found on the scholarship application Form 12.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Chapter III, Article X, Section 15, Paragraph 2(b)

b. Review of the contents of each application to determine an applicant's meeting the scholarship criteria, **as outlined on the SUVCW Scholarship Application Form 12**

PROPOSAL #15

(This proposal is from the Committee on Program and Policy; Chairman Brian C. Pierson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Chapter III, Article X, Section **19** (See C&R page 111)

Note: This change to the Regulations replaces the existing Section 19 and renumbers the current Section 19 as Section 20. This new Section 19 describes the Purpose/Mission of the National Committee on Promotion and

Marketing.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 19. The purpose/mission of the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing is to expand awareness and visibility of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its activities and its brand to the broadest possible audience of organizations and individuals, through:

- 1. An increased active social media presence,**
- 2. Develop and implementation of active advertising campaigns.**
- 3. Development of marketing tools, press releases, and public educational campaigns.**
- 4. To increase our visibility in mutual growth areas such as Genealogy Groups, Historical Societies, Preservation Associations and Veteran's Organizations.**
- 5. Generate articles, essays and short story series to be offered for publication in free publications such as AARP Periodicals, Historical Newsletters, Genealogical Publications, and other monthly or quarterly magazines, newsletters or publications.**
- 6. Working with other programs and committees to generate a more cohesive and strengthened overall brand.**
- 7. Develop a more efficient and effective campaign to develop, market and sell items to generate funding for programs and projects.**
- 8. Introducing ourselves to K – 12 schools, Colleges and Universities, developing resources and curriculum education materials in areas of the American Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic.**

Renumber the existing Section 19 to Section 20.

PROPOSAL #16

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 (M) (See C&R page 129)

Note: This change clarifies whether a Department Secretary or Department Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Department Commander (PDC) for ten years of service as a Department Secretary or Treasurer can wear a Past Department Commander badge.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (M) Past Department Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Department Commander or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term, **and a Department Secretary or Department Treasurer who has been awarded the title Past Department Commander for ten years of continuous years of service as Department Secretary or Department Treasurer may wear the Past Department Commander badge and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. ...**

PROPOSAL #17

(This proposal is from the Program and Policy Committee chaired by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson)

Chapter V, Article XIV (See C&R page 141)

Note: The above cited C&R reference makes the Ritual of the Ode a part of the Regulations. The following are proposed changes to the 2015 version of the Ritual which is a separate document of over 50 pages and is available on the SUVCW website. The shaded areas reflect the changes in this Proposal.

Summary of changes from the previous edition:

1. Addition of optional General Plan of the Meeting Room for Encampments

2. Addition of protocol section.
3. Addition of ceremony for receiving delegations from the Allied Orders.
4. Procedure for the Installing Officer to follow should there be an objection raised during the installation of officers.
5. Administrative changes have been made throughout the book, to include: typographical, grammatical and formatting corrections.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Ritual and Ceremonials Page 2:

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Authorization.** These General Instructions and Ritual are authorized by and in conformity with the Regulations of our Order.
2. **Wear of the Membership Badge.** At all stated or special meetings, the Officers will wear the appropriate Regulation Badge of the Order.
3. **Protocol, Customs and Courtesies.** Protocol is a code of traditional precedence, courtesy and etiquette in matters of official and celebratory ceremonies. Protocol encompasses the knowledge, accumulation and application of established customs. By taking pride in our customs, courtesies, ceremonies and rituals and by observing the norms of protocol, members of the SUCVW show our fraternal respect for our fellow Brothers and officers, and the officers and members of the Allied Orders, and foster respect throughout organization at the national, department and camp levels.

Guidance for protocol, customs and courtesies is found in Appendix C.

~~Courtesies. Officers and members on addressing the presiding Officer, will always rise, and say "Commander," awaiting recognition before proceeding.~~

4. **Saluting.** Whenever the United States Flag is passing or being passed in a formal manner, as on parade, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War not in military uniform will salute the flag by removing their hats or caps. The head cover will be held in the right hand opposite the left shoulder; right forearm against the breast. When not wearing a head cover, the right hand will be placed over the heart. This will not apply when the Flag is flying from a staff, but only when supported by a color bearer. When giving the pledge of allegiance, stand with the right hand over the heart. As an alternative in either situation, members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who are United States Armed Forces servicemen or veterans may render a hand salute. On all occasions when the National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner", is played or sung, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should stand at attention, with hat or cap removed. Members of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who are United States Armed Forces veterans may render a hand salute.
5. **Meeting Room.** The meeting room should be arranged in accordance with Figure 1. An optional arrangement, based on the 1920 Ritual & Ceremonials, is presented in Appendix B. Regardless of the configuration, the meeting room arrangement shall be in accordance with any and all applicable laws and/or ordinances.
6. **Altar.** The Altar will be placed in the center of the room. It will be covered with an Altar cloth of solid blue for Camps, red for Departments, and gold for National, and resting thereon will be a Bible. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar and Station Banners prior to the opening of the meeting. The Color Bearer will arrange the Altar by placing the Altar Cloth with the Bible thereon, unopened.

Station Colors. Colors of stations referred to in the opening ceremonies apply to station banners, which Camps can provide. They are either suspended above the Officers' stations or from a pole attached to the pedestal or from the front of the pedestal. They should be suspended

from a bar, and about 14 x 20 inches and either of sateen, satin or silk. Red, for the Patriotic Instructor, and across the face printed or painted in two-inch letters the word "Patriotism." White, for the Senior.....

Ritual and Ceremonials Page 16:

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS

Installing Officer (Three raps * * *): Attention! Brothers of ____ Camp, No. _____, Department of _____, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These are the Officers who have been chosen to serve you for the next term. If any Brother present has any valid objection to offer why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever after hold his peace.

[If no objections offered, proceed.] (If there is an objection see Appendix E)

Ritual and Ceremonials Page 25:

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT

Ritual and Ceremonials Page 29 and New Page 30 (the remaining pages of the 2015 Ritual and Ceremonials will be renumbered):

RECEIVING DELEGATIONS OF THE ALLIED ORDERS AT DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

[When any delegate of one of the Allied Orders shall apply for admission to any Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, they shall be received as follows:]

[Escorts shall be provided.]

Commander: Guide, retire and escort the Delegation to the Altar.

*[When the Guide is announced, the Commander shall give **three raps * * *** and when Delegates are in position at the Altar, the Commander will say:]*

Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend you a hearty welcome to our meeting.

Encampment (in unison): Welcome!

[Commander will direct Guide to escort the Officers to the Commander's station on the stage to bring greetings.]

*[One rap *]*

Greetings. The Guide leads the escorts and delegation to the Commander's station. The escorts will remain at the side of the head table.

When all delegates have assembled at the Commander's station, CinC *shall give one rap **

(With the Encampment standing from the previous Guide announcement, the CinC should seat the Encampment, therefore, one rap *.

CinC will thank the delegates for bring greetings to the Encampment and will make some suitable, fraternal remarks. He will then invite the chief of the delegation to present greetings and remarks.

Upon the conclusion of the remarks, the CinC will invite the Brother selected to read the Encampment's formal response to the delegation's greetings (see Appendix D).

Reader: reads response. The Department may use the specific responses for the Allied Orders in the Appendix or locally written responses suitable to the Department's specific circumstances.

CinC: "Guide, please escort the delegation from the Commander's station." *three raps * * **

The Guide leads the delegation from the station. Each escort will take the arm of a delegate as they reach the side of the head table. The Guide will lead escorts and delegates to the main entrance, or to their seats if they are to remain at the Encampment.

Ritual and Ceremonials Page 33 (Page 32 in the 2015 version of the Ritual and Ceremonials) :

INSTALLATION OF NATIONAL

Ritual and Ceremonials New Page 37, Page 38 and Page 39 (the remaining pages of the 2015 Ritual and Ceremonials will be renumbered):

RECEIVING DELEGATIONS OF THE ALLIED ORDERS AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

Special customs and courtesies at National Encampments are intended to extend a mark of respect and recognition to a distinguished person and to promote goodwill between the Allied Orders. These honors are usually demonstrated by an escort of honor or honor guard.

The protocol for receiving delegates of the Allied Orders at National Encampments is intended to convey our honor and fraternal respect for these dignitaries. Diligent observance of the rubrics and crisp execution of the procedures visibly demonstrates our respect.

Preparation. Prior to receiving delegates:

Commander-in-Chief will appoint a senior SVR officer (henceforth SVR Aide) as an aide for the purposes of assisting the National Guide to coordinate and execute the escort duties.

The National Guide (henceforth Guide) and SVR Aide identify Escort Team by name. The Escort Team shall be comprised of uniformed SVR members who present a sharp and polished dress appearance (i.e., they are not unkempt). The number of Escort Team members should be appropriate to the expected number of delegates.

Rehearsal. Prior to the opening of the National Encampment, the Guide, SVR Aide and Escort Team should rehearse the reception and plan for the route from the entrance to the stage.

Advance Notice. The Guide will coordinate with Allied Orders to determine when (day/time) they desire to bring greetings and will make a list of the expected members of the delegation.

He will instruct the Escort Team to assemble outside the main entrance 10 minutes prior to each delegation's expected arrival.

Escort In. Upon the arrival of delegates at the entrance, Guard will greet them courteously and will assemble delegates in a line according to precedence and rank:

- NP
- VP
- Representatives

The Guide, SVR Aide and Guard will verify the list of names and ranks of each delegate in order of their place in the line. The SVR Aide will take all steps necessary to make sure he projects, enunciates and pronounces each and every member of the visiting delegation's names properly.

Respect and courtesy is shown by taking the time to pronounce a person's name correctly.

The Guard will assign an Escort to each delegate.

Each escort will stand to the left of his assigned delegate and will offer her his right arm.

When all are ready and positioned just outside the door, Guard will approach the door and knock loudly three times.

Guide: "Who goes there?"

Guard: "I have the honor to present a delegation from _____ who request entry in order to bring greetings to the Encampment."

Guide opens door slightly. Guard hands list of names to Provost.

Guide: "Please wait here."

Guide proceeds to floor microphone, salutes Commander, and announces: "Commander, a delegation from _ requests entrance to bring greetings to the National Encampment."

Upon CinC assent, Guide returns to the door and opens it fully (aides may assist)

Guide: "Permission to enter has been granted. Please come forward as you are

announced.” SVR Aide proceeds to the floor microphone.

SVR Aide: “Commander, the delegation is ready.”

Commander-in-Chief: “Guide, retire and escort the Delegation to the altar.”

*When the Guide is announced, the Commander shall give **three raps** * * **

Guide approaches the door and leads the delegation and escorts forward.

SVR Aide announces each guest/delegate, as follows: NAME, RANK, ORGANIZATION (full name). (“e.g., Mary Smith, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865”).

As each name is announced, the respective Escort will lead delegate to the altar, walking at a measured pace behind the Guide. At the altar, the first Escort and delegate in line shall take place to the extreme left and following fill in to the right.

After they have taken a few steps, the SVR Aide will call the next name.

Upon the announcement of the first name, CinC will start and lead the clap-in in which all Encampment members will join. The clap-in will continue until all delegates have processed in and are before the altar. *When the delegation is in position at the altar, the Commander will say:]*

Encampment (in unison): Welcome!

[Commander will direct Guide to escort the Officers to the Commander’s station on the stage to bring greetings.]

Greetings. The Guide leads the escorts and delegation to the stage steps. The escorts will remain at the base of the stage.

When all delegates have assembled on the stage, CinC *shall give **one rap** **

(With the Encampment standing from the previous Guide announcement, the CinC should seat the Encampment, therefore, one rap *).

CinC will thank the delegates for bring greetings to the Encampment and will make some suitable, fraternal remarks. He will then invite the chief of the delegation to present greetings and remarks. Upon the conclusion of the remarks, the CinC will invite the Brother selected to read the National Encampment’s formal response to the delegation’s greetings.

Reader: reads response. See Appendix for recommended responses to the Allied Orders.

CinC: “Guide, Please escort the delegation from the stage.” *three raps* * * *

The Guide leads the delegation from the stage. Each escort will take the arm of a delegate as they reach the floor. The Guide will lead escorts and delegates to the main entrance.

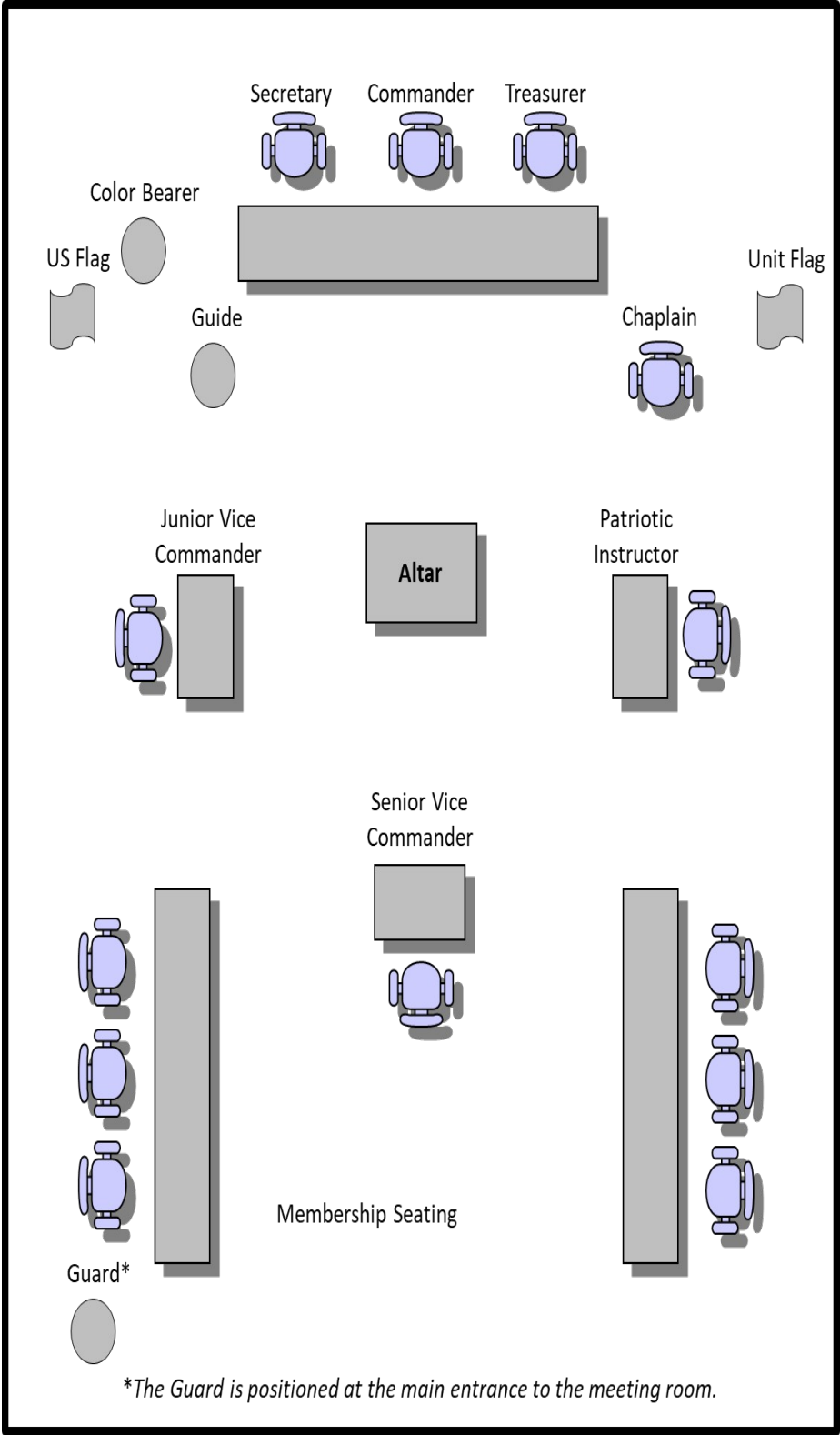
As they process out, the CinC will start and lead the clap-out in which all Encampment members will join. The clap-out will continue until all delegates and escorts have processed out of the main door.

The Guide will close the door. CinC should then seat the Encampment with *one rap* *.

Outside the door, the Guard will offer any assistance the delegates need until they depart. Escorts will stand by to render assistance. Upon the departure of the delegation, the Guard will relieve the escorts of their duty, at which time they will return to their seats, and the Guard, Guide, and PM will reassume their duties.

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APPENDIX B: ALTERNATE GENERAL PLAN OF THE MEETING ROOM



APPENDIX C: GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR PROTOCOL, CUSTOMS, AND COURTESIES

Precedence. Precedence is the right to higher honor or priority of importance at a ceremony or formal occasion. Mistakes in the order of precedence may create a negative outcome, so precedence must be validated before execution of any ceremony, honors or event. Determining order of precedence is the starting point of all aspects of an official function, from organizing the order of the arrival and departure, seating and introductions of distinguished guests.

Precedence is established per Comrade John R. Grate, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Order 4, published 10 July 1947. In it, he reminded his Departments that the Allied Orders should be arranged in official programs per the practice of the Grand Army of the Republic. At functions hosted by the SUVCW, and per General Order 04-05-09, the precedence of the other Allied Orders should be as follows:

- Woman's Relief Corps,
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
- Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Precedence of other Orders:

- MOLLUS
- SCV (Commander-in-Chief or delegate)
- Other orders in order of precedence based upon date of founding

Sitting Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents have higher precedence than lower ranking officers, delegates, or PCinCs/PNPs, of another Order in official functions even if the other Order has higher precedence.

Unofficial clubs or associations within the Allied Orders (including PCinC and PNP organizations) are not recognized as official bodies and therefore are not afforded any right of precedence or other special courtesies.

Forms of Address. Good manners, common courtesy, and the reinforcement of fraternal bonds dictate the use of correct forms of address and titles in both conversation and correspondence.

During meetings, when speaking from the floor, Brothers of the Order only address the Chair. Address the Commander-in-Chief by his title, render a salute, state one's name and Department. Do not continue speaking until recognized by the Commander-in-Chief by name and a returned salute.

If the Brother speaking from the floor has a question for anyone besides the CinC, he asks the CinC or Chair to ask the question of the Brother, e.g., "Would the Chair inquire of Brother Jones as to what the remaining budget is for this item". The chair asks the brother to whom the question was to be directed, and that brother addresses the Chair with the answer. No direct discussion between the floor and anyone other than the chair is to be conducted, unless the CinC allows it.

In conversation, especially at meetings and Encampments, address members of the SUVCW as "Brother" or "Brother name." Address female members of the Allied orders as "Sister" or "Sister name."

Address the Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents by their titles, never by name alone, e.g., "Good afternoon Commander (President)," or "Good evening Commander (President) Jones," not "Good evening, Brother Jones".

Spouses do not share their spouse's official titles; therefore, address them as Mr. or Mrs. along with their surname, i.e., "It is a pleasure to have you join us tonight Mrs. Jones."

Always address chaplains as “Chaplain”, (Brother Chaplain, Chaplain name).
Address Past Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents as “Brother” or
“Sister.”

Making a Proper Introduction. When introducing two individuals, mention the honored or senior person first, e.g. Commander-in-Chief (or National President) Smith, I would like to introduce to you, Department assigned.

In correspondence, the rules are similar as those for conversation, with a minor difference when addressing married spouses. When the woman is a member of an Allied Orders and the man is not, her name comes before his, e.g., “Sister Jane Smith and Mr. John Smith” or “Sister Jane and John Smith”. When they are both members, the ranking person’s name comes first, unless the invitation is especially for the lower-ranking member (an awards ceremony honoring them, for instance) and their spouse as their guest. When both spouses are of equal rank, the man’s name comes first, unless the invitation is particularly for the woman, with her husband as her guest/escort.

When addressing chaplains in writing, the salutation should read, “Chaplain name.”

When addressing PCinCs/PNPs in writing, the salutation should read “PCinC name” or “PNP name.”

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APPENDIX D:

RECOMMENDED RESPONSES TO DELEGATIONS OF THE ALLIED ORDERS AT ENCAMPMENTS

Response to the ASUVCW:

The poet tells us that summer brings the fairest flowers to the midlands. Your presence demonstrates the truth of the poet’s praises. Thank you, loyal sisters of the Auxiliary for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us today.

For more than a century, we have walked as brothers and sisters, descendants of the “boys in blue” who saved our union from the forces of rebellion and disunity.

How blessed we are to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and the march continues. Our task becomes even more important in the 21st century as fewer Americans know that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor. Let us resolve here today to continue our warm and cordial association in this new century and beyond. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish you a productive and harmonious meeting and great successes to those leaders you choose for the coming year.

Response to the DUVCW:

Thank you loyal Daughters of Union Veterans for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us at our annual encampment. For a century and a quarter, our organizations have marched in unity to honor the “boys in blue” who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity.

How good it is to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. Our journey has been long and fruitful, and may it continue forever.

Let us resolve here today to perpetuate our warm and cordial association in this 21st century and beyond. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish great successes in the coming year.

Response to the LGAR:

Thank you Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for your generous expression of best wishes for us and for your presence with us at our annual encampment. For more than a century, the LGAR and the Sons have marched hand in hand to honor the “boys in blue” who saved our precious Union from the evil forces of rebellion and disunity.

How good it is to walk with like-minded sisters in unity and in harmony. That march has been long and fruitful, but the march continues. Our tasks become even more challenging in the 21st century as fewer Americans feel that essential bond of blood to those brave American soldiers and sailors whose memory we honor.

Let us resolve here today to perpetuate our warm and cordial association in the years ahead. The spirit of the boys in blue marches with us.

Thank you for joining us today. We wish great successes in the coming year.

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APPENDIX E

Regarding objections made during officer installations

2. The IO will then convene a leadership meeting in a private area in order to review the objection. An objection is not considered to be a formal charge per C&R; therefore this meeting is not to be considered a hearing. The private nature of the meeting is to ensure that the fraternity of the Department and the reputations of the Brothers involved are protected.

a. The membership of the leadership meeting should consist of the following officers: IO, outgoing Department Commander, and the Department Council present at the Encampment. At no time will the objector or officer-elect in question be a member. The IO may modify the membership of the leadership meeting as circumstances warrant.

Note: The IO shall be the only National Officer/Representative involved in this meeting. The reason for this is that, if the matter transcends the Department Level and the CinC is called to assemble an appeal panel (C&R page 116 paragraph Article 20), this will ensure there are sufficient impartial Brothers he could choose from to sit on the panel.

3. The IO will lead the leadership meeting to review and discuss the complaint, including all materials presented as evidence, and whether formal charges have been or are being brought.

The reasons for the objection may be varied, not rising to the level of formal charges, but could include unsuitability for the position, unsatisfactory duty performance, personality conflicts, etc.

However, the only conditions for which an objection may be substantiated are (1) formal charges have been brought against the officer-elect in written format and he is under investigation (C&R page 110 Article 5 and Article 8 page 112), or (2) the officer-elect is currently under disciplinary action.

The IO, upon the advice of the members, will decide whether to substantiate the objection or not, and determine the appropriate course of action (such as referring it to the incoming Department Commander for action in accordance with the C&R). In general, Department matters should be handled by Departments in accordance with the C&R.

a. If the objection is not substantiated, then the officer-elect can be installed without hinderance.

b. If the objection is substantiated, then the officer-elect shall not be installed, and a new election for that position will be held.

(b.1) A Brother currently under disciplinary action is ineligible.

(b.2) A Brother against whom formal charges have been brought in writing per the C&R is eligible. Should he later be found not guilty, then he can continue in office unhindered. Should he later be found guilty, then he will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension from office, in accordance with the C&R.

4. After the leadership meeting has been concluded, the members will return to the Encampment. The IO

will reconvene the Encampment and make the following report:

- a. Acknowledge receipt of the objection.
 - b. State the decision of the Executive meeting.
 - c. State the course of action decided upon in the Executive meeting.
5. The Encampment will then proceed with either the installation of the officers-elect, or a new election for the position in question, as appropriate.
6. If this situation arises during installations of Camp officer's the same basic policy above applies, substituting Department officers for National Officers. The IO will determine the membership of the leadership meeting.

PROPOSAL #18

This proposal is a Resolution from the Department of Columbia Chapter I, Article IV, Section 1 (See C&R page 33)

Note: This change will add five new paragraphs to Section 1 of this Article which will allow camps to conduct electronic based meetings.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. **a.** Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective By-Laws.

- b.** Camps may conduct electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation if all the provisions in paragraphs c. d. e. and f. of this Section are met.
- c.** Brothers of the camp must receive two weeks' notice via e-mail or the U. S. Postal Service for those Brothers without an e-mail account, or an invalid e-mail account, or their ability to use this option.
- d.** The camp commander must ensure that all Brothers are in good standing and entitled to vote.
- e.** The camp commander must ensure that all remote Brothers have a chance to express their opinion.
- f.** Votes on the remote conferencing must be by voice. If any vote is contested the camp secretary shall conduct a rollcall vote.

PROPOSAL #19

This proposal is a Resolution from the Department of Columbia Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 (See C&R page 55)

Note: This change will add five new paragraphs to Section 1 of this Article which will allow departments to conduct electronic based meetings. If adopted, the identifying letters of paragraphs (a) and (b) will be changed to (g) and (h)

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. **(a)** Departments shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July.

- (b).** Departments may conduct electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation if all the provisions in paragraphs c. d. e. and f. of this Section are met.
- (c).** Brothers, except Junior Members and Junior Associates, of the department must receive two weeks' notice via e-mail or the U. S. Postal Service for those Brothers without an e-mail account, or an invalid e-mail account, or their ability to use this option.
- (d).** The department commander must ensure that all Brothers are in good standing and entitled to vote.
- (e).** The department commander must ensure that all remote Brothers have a chance to express their opinion.
- (f).** Votes on the remote conferencing must be by voice. If any vote is contested the camp secretary

shall conduct a rollcall vote.

(a)-(g) Special meetings of a Department Encampment may be called by the Department Commander, by and with the consent of the Department Council; but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called, which call shall state the purpose and object of said meetings.

(b)-(h) The Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, and for Department Encampments, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.

PROPOSAL #20

This proposal is from Don Martin, Past CinC
Chapter III, Article IX, Section 1 (See C&R
page 94)

Note: This change will bring our Regulations in conformity with what the IRS uses for allowing exemptions for military personnel. (If this change is approved the wording on Line 22 of Form 27 will need to be changed from War Zone to Combat Zone Also the wording on page 4 of Form 27 will need to change from War Zone to Combat Zone).

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The National Encampment shall assess a per capita dues on each Brother reported in good standing at the end of each calendar year. Such tax shall be payable in one annual payment and forwarded by the Department Treasurer to the Executive Director, on or before May 31st. The National Encampment shall waive National per capita for brothers serving in the Armed Forces in an active combat zone as defined by the ~~United States Department of Defense.~~ **United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS).**

PROPOSAL #21

Withdrawn pending 2021 (Rhode Island)

4.5 National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC

The Order was scheduled to hold the 2020 National Encampment of the Allied Orders on August 13th – 16th in Atlanta, Georgia. However, due to restrictions put in place by the governor of Georgia, on July 1st, 2020 to attempt to halt the spread of the Covid 19 virus, the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead informed us that they would not be able to accommodate the 2020 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.

The Auxiliary to the SUVCW had previously notified us that they were cancelling their National Encampment, citing health concerns over the Covid 19 pandemic.

On July 2nd, 2020, you issued General Order No. 31, cancelling the Encampment. This order assured all Members that he Department of Georgia and the National Organization would refund any deposits for registration, banquet, SVR breakfast, tour, vendor display tables, polo shirts, t-shirts, and booklet ads.

The Atlanta Marriott Buckhead agreed to return all deposits for the event to the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. All reservations made to the SUVCW reserved block of

rooms was cancelled and Brothers and Sisters were notified.

This committee wishes to recognize the National Encampment Host Committee from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina for their tremendous efforts in trying to pull the Encampment together, despite the outcome. Hats off to Brothers David Beam, Mark Hale and Michael Reither. These Brothers worked up until the bitter end to put all the pieces in place for an excellent National Encampment. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond their control, they will not get the pride in achievement that they rightfully deserve. I hope you and Brothers throughout the organization will show their appreciation for their service to this order.

The 2021 Encampment is scheduled to be held in Frontenac (St. Louis) Missouri, August 5th-8th. It is hoped that a vaccine and/or cure for the Covid 19 virus is released to the public by the time the Encampment is held, so we can resume our traditional Encampment activities without restrictions.

The Department of Michigan will be the host for the 2022 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. The location is to be determined. Due to state travel restrictions related to Covid 19, the Committee has not been able to conduct a site visit to the hotels in Michigan in order to review the 2022 facilities and finalize the hotel contract. We plan to make this trip as soon as the restrictions are lifted. If this becomes an issue with the hotel, the committee will have to arrange a remote meeting for the negotiations.

The Committee has contacted all Departments by email to inform them that we are seeking hosts for the 2023 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. We sent along our National Encampment Guide Book as an attachment. We have not received any proposals for the 2023 National Encampment at this time.

4.6 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Frank C. Avila, PCC

Brothers, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and there have been no public gatherings, This Committee has nothing to report.

4.7 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2019-2020 Administrative Year

GAR Records Group on Yahoo.com: The *GARRecords Group* on Yahoo, which our committee has used as its hub of communications and file sharing/archiving since March 2011, was closed as part of a policy change by Yahoo in December 2019. Our committee received a notice by email from Yahoo on 2 November 2019 of the phase-out of groups, so we were able to plan accordingly. Yahoo provided the means to download all archived information from our group in MailBOX (mbox) format. This was completed on 18 December 2019, and the archive is now in the care of the National GAR Records Officer.

Our committee is exploring other means of continuing to exchange information. We are currently using an invitation-only blog on Blogger that was created in December of 2019. We will continue to use this blog as an interim medium of communication until an alternative can be

found.

Department GAR Records Officer: The office of Department GAR Records Officer, which was created by the National Encampment in 2004, was only adopted by a few Departments when it was first created.

Part of the reason for the low response was no doubt because the office was not well understood or explained. Those issues have all been resolved in recent years.

A revision to the SUVCW Form 49, which includes for the first time a line item for the position of Department GAR Records Officer, went online in March 2020. Twenty-four of thirty Departments at the time used the revised form, which is making it a whole lot easier to identify those who have filled the position. Seventeen of our current thirty-one Departments (including Alabama) have named a GAR Records Officer. In time, we hope to see that number improve.

The following table shows the status of Departments who have and have not confirmed their GAR Records Officer (as of August 2020). Our thanks go to all the Departments who have filled the office!

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Department	Reported Form 49	Department
ALABAMA	Howard D. Poarch**	MISSOURI
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	David A. Davis	NEBRASKA
CHESAPEAKE	(Vacant)	NEW HAMPSHIRE
COLORADO/WYOMING	Eric D. Richhart	NEW JERSEY
COLUMBIA	Loran T. Bures**	NEW YORK
CONNECTICUT	(Vacant)*	NORTH CAROLINA
FLORIDA	Roger L. Heiple*	OHIO
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA	Bill H. Miller	OKLAHOMA
ILLINOIS	(Vacant)	PENNSYLVANIA
INDIANA	Bruce R. Kolb	RHODE ISLAND
IOWA	Dan F. Rittel	SOUTHWEST
KANSAS	(Vacant)*	TENNESSEE
KENTUCKY	(Vacant)	TEXAS
MAINE	(Vacant)	VERMONT
MASSACHUSETTS	(Vacant)	WISCONSIN
MICHIGAN	Gary L. Gibson	

* Using old Form 49

** Personal communication, not named on Form 49

Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records: The following table presents the status of National Encampment and administrative actions in recent years. Results of actions prior to 2016 may be found in our previous annual reports.

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
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2016	Recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning: "Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page."	Pending/Standby	PENDING. Addressed at the 16 Apr. 2016 CofA meeting, and assigned to the National Webmaster for action. The link is currently accessed using the "Projects & Preservation" tab on the SUVCW website.
2017	Approve new GAR Records Project 5-year Plan.	Voted/Approved	COMPLETE. Approved by National Encampment, August 2017.
Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2017	Revise the "Officers Installed" section of the SUVCW Form 49 to add the required office of Department GAR Records Officer.	Recommended to the CofA in the November 2017 report.	(COMPLETE – SEE BELOW). A modified Form 49 fill-in PDF file was delivered to the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.
2020	Revise the SUVCW Form 49 to include a line item for the required office of Department GAR Records Officer, among other changes.	Completed and posted to the SUVCW website.	COMPLETE. Final approval to the new Form 49 was granted in 2020. The new form went online on 12 March 2020.

GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022).

The National Committee on GAR Records is guided by an action plan, which is approved by the National Encampment every five years. The status of action items from the 2017-2022 plan appear below:

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website (www.GARrecords.org) and online GAR Records Catalog.
[STATUS: Ongoing.]

2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:

- a. Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
- b. Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information. **[STATUS: Links are added upon request, or when links of interest are discovered by the National GAR Records Officer. The links can be accessed on each state page of the GAR Records website.]**
- c. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections. **[STATUS: Same as above.]**
- d. Relevant bibliographic references. **[STATUS: Same as above.]**

3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:

- a. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records. **[STATUS: Sections of the handbook are in preparation, but progress was on hold pending the revision of the SUVCW Form 49. Work will resume this coming year.]**
- b. Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include:

- a. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records. **[STATUS: The committee has not yet developed a plan for this item.]**
- b. Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other

holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections. *[STATUS: Ongoing.]*
c. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records. *[STATUS: Ongoing.]*

Lastly, our committee would be remiss if we did not comment on the passing of PCinC Rich Orr on August 2, 2020. As the Senior Advisor to this committee since 2009, Brother Orr's contributions to our accomplishments are countless. His efforts to promote the GAR Records Project at the National level go back to its very beginnings in the late 1990's. Brother Orr assigned such great importance to the GAR Records Project, that his first General Order as CinC of the SUVCW outlined his vision for the project. His task list from August 1997 forms the backbone of the GAR Records Project as it exists today. Were it not for his vision and guidance, this project would most likely have never gotten off the ground.

For more information, please see the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

4.8 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

See sec. 3.15

4.9 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

2020 is a unique experience both in the history of our nation and our Order. No one could ever imagine the ramifications of the Coronavirus. Even to the point of cancelling our national encampment.

A number of inquiries have come to me directly or through our Executive Director, the Banner and the Michigan GAR Museum. Questions have covered race relations, badges and historic artifacts, vintage photographs and history concerning the Allied Orders.

In February, the Key West Art & Historical Society asked me to make a presentation entitled Grand Army Women: Loyal Women of the North. Key West served as the headquarters of the Gulf Coast Blockade of the South and hold Civil War Days each February.

My book Grand Army Women: The GAR and Its Female Organization finally was released on March 23 just after the national lock down from Covid 19. It is being received very well and is available through our Quartermaster Store.

It has been a pleasure to serve our Order. Thank you for the honor.

4.10 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

The 2020 Lincoln Tomb observance was cancelled because of Covid-19. The hotel cancelled our contract at no cost to the SONS because of the Illinois restrictions.

We have a signed hotel contract for 2021. The host hotel is The Abraham Lincoln hotel. The ceremony is on April 17th, 2021. The rest of the items needed for the ceremony will be done at a later date.

4.11 National Committee on Membership, Michael A. Paquette, JVCinC

See sec. 2.3

4.12 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC

No report

4.13 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.

It has been an honor serving on the National Committee Civil war Grant fund with Brothers Bruce Frail and Harry Reineke. During the past year we have approved grants for the following

- A.P. Davis Mausoleum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for \$800.00 submitted by Davis Camp, Dept of Pennsylvania.
- Virginia State Historic Marker SA-41 Replacement in Richmond ,Virginia for \$500.00 submitted by Army of the James Camp # 1864, Dept of Chesapeake.
- 3rd Winchester Maine Monument in Winchester, Virginia for \$2,000.00 submitted by Department of Maine.
- Cattaraugus County Memorial & Historical Building to the Soldiers & Sailors of the War of the Rebellion in Little Valley, New York for \$2,000.00 submitted by Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, Department of New York.

Our committee also reviewed grant applications for the Town of Dublin, New Hampshire submitted by the Sherry Miller town Administrator , was denied because it wasn't submitted by a camp or the Dept of New Hampshire. Brother Bruce Frail set up a zoom meeting with the new Town Administrator Kate Fuller and they now are sure this grant does not meet the current criteria for a grant. So at this time this grant will be remove from consideration. The General William "Bull" Nelson Interpretive Sign in Louisville, Kentucky, submitted by the Department of Kentucky and A.P. Davis Mausoleum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania submitted by the Davis Camp of the Department of Pennsylvania. Both were inform to table all grant requests until we have National Encampment Meeting due to the COVID-19 cancellation in Atlanta Georgia. Until we have national meeting we do not have a currant budget to work from.

4.14 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, PCC

No report

4.15 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC

This year the committee received 5 applications. The following were selected to receive the SUVCW Scholarship of \$2,500 each.

Jaeger R. Held from Montana is a member of Compliment- Chapman Camp #2, Dept. CO & WY. He continues to attend Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA.

Samantha M Dudgeon from New York is a member of Phineas Catlin 341, Dept. New York, ASUVCW. She is to attend Finger Lakes Community College, in Canandaigua, NY.

4.16 National Comm. on Promotion and Marketing, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

It is my honor to report on this August 30th, 2020 the following tasks which have been completed and/or started since Gettysburg, PA's C of A meeting.

- We have drafted a Job Description/Mission Statement which has been sent to Brother Brain Pierson and the Policy & Program Committee for review.
- We have drafted and submitted two letters of introduction to the Gettysburg Times and the Borough of Gettysburg Town Manager for use of the Commander-In-Chief.
- We have developed and held our first collegiate based focus group in order to learn from college age students what they know of the GAR/SUVCW and after a presentation what would draw them to join the SUVCW or any of the other Allied Orders
- Though the above-mentioned focus group we learned that Social Media Videos and Podcasts which can be made available to our youth in the Social Media platforms they use daily. We requested and were granted funding up to \$1,500.00 to purchase Digital Video Recording equipment. This has been completed.
- We have contacted several different Podcast owners; we have been asked to do at least 9 different podcasts of which 5 have already been completed and 4 are pending. We also have the rights to use these podcasts for our own marketing and promotion needs with no further compensation to the podcast owners.
- We have also started with the development of a video fireside chat series with our Past Commander-In-Chiefs, the first was completed this past March in Michigan with Brother Keith Harrison, PCinC. Current and fast-moving events have required a delay in the continuation of these recording sessions.
- Due to Covid-19 the above Video Biographies have slowed down, but we have restarted with the PC-in-Cs adding PC-in-C Mark F. Day to our list. His interview being completed via Zoom recording.
- We have developed and began an additional series of Video Biographies to assist us to gather information needed to market the SUVCW to younger members. This group are our members between the ages of 20 – 35. We will be sharing these videos with Departments and Camps for their use as well. Two of these have been completed as well.
- We have been developing along with SUVCW National Treasurer Brother Michael Beard three fundraising campaigns the first (1st) allowed members to donate to one of three projects: The General Fund for day to day operating costs, The Endowment Fund for a permanent fund of which only the interest would be able to be used for assistance with the general fund or any operational fund within the SUVCW and lastly the Headquarters Fund which if donated to would place the donation into a fund which could only be used to develop or maintain a National Headquarters for the SUVCW. Unfortunately, a funding page using the base ideas of these campaigns was placed online earlier than the planning committee would have liked, and we are now on hold with the later two campaigns. The giving page which is online, is a good place to start so please give, the funds will go into the general fund, if you wish your donation put in either of the other funds please state which fund in the reason section of the donation page. This giving page will be fine-tuned soon.
- The second (2nd) Fundraising Campaign is that of a Bequeathment Fund, this would be if a Brother wishes to donate funds, or property to the SUVCW upon their death. Details are being worked out with this fund by our legal minds of the SUVCW and will be discussed at a Council of Administration when ready to put in place.
- Third (3rd), we are unveiling a fundraising opportunity developed by the SUVCW National Treasurer Michael Beard. This fundraiser is for the Department's and Camp's use, it has been stated that Department's and Camp's may collect donations to cover the costs of approved projects that fall into line

with the SUVCW mission statement. Forms need to be developed for the submission and approval process. Once done, a Department or Camp may fill out the proper form to submit to the National Committee on Fundraising for their review and approval. Once approved said Department or Camp will be assigned a project number and may solicit fully tax-deductible donations to the project. These donations would be made payable to the National SUVCW and in the “memo” section or “for the use of” section the project number would need to be listed. An annual report would be required by the Department/Camp accounting for any and all use for that money, receipts would be required and all tax code regulations to who can be paid from this account must be followed. More details will follow.

- Finally, I am please to announce that the budget, which was dropped last year, has been reinstated to the National Committee on Promotions & Marketing.

This committee has completed quite a few projects this year and I would like to honor and thank all of those Brothers whom have given so much of their time, it is only with the support of these Brothers that any work could have been completed. They are as follows: Bill Johnson (Member), W. Faron Taylor, PDC (Member), Chris Workman, PCC (Member), Harry Reineke IV, DC (Member), Benjamin J. Frail, PDC (Aide), Tim McCoy, DC (Aide), and Rodrick Frasier (Aide).

4.17 National Comm. on Vision and Planning, Brian C. Pierson, SVCinC

No report

5 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC

Have received Form 49 from all Departments.

5.2 National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

The committee has been charged with developing an introductory online course, made up of several self-contained power point presentations.

The Introduction to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War course has been completed. This includes seven power points: Introduction/Overview, History of our Order, Core Values and Benefits of membership, Customs & Courtesies, Badge Wear, Organization & Structure, and Know the Allied Orders. All presentations have a script and include a review quiz. It is the committee’s intent that the presentations will be used as either part of an online learning management program or downloaded for use in a classroom setting.

A suitable online platform has been suggested. We anticipate making the new introductory online course a reality across our Order very soon.

5.3 National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters, Jerome L. Orton, PDC

This report is sadly submitted as part of our committee's goal has been accomplished. Our ritual states that we are to help the orphans and widows.

On May 31, 2020, Irene Triplett of Wilkesboro, N.C. died, the last of the federally pensioned dependents of the Union and Confederate armies. All the pensions have now been paid. Her father, Moses Triplett, served in Co. B., 3rd NC Mounted Cavalry in the Union Army and Co. K, 53rd Regiment of NC Troops and Co. C, 26th NC Troops (Confederate*).

Moses participated in the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and died on July 18, 1938 after coming home from the grand encampment at Gettysburg.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans announced that the last known real son who was a member has died. WW II veteran Calvin Crane of Roanoke VA, died September 15, 2019 at age 102. His father, James A. Crane, served with Ringgold Battery, Co. B., 13th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. Calvin was one of his father's 21 children. Calvin served with the 1st Armored Division and received 2 bronze stars. Calvin belonged to Fincastle Rifles Camp 1326 SCV. He was a hero of the Greatest Generation.

Real Union army sons known to be living:

John Oliver Jr., (address on file). Father, John Oliver, Sr., 4th TN Vols.

William Pool, (address on file). Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co D. 6th WV Vols.

Real Union army daughters known to be living:

Emogene C. Horton, (address on file). Father, Jackson Cassell, Co. M, 2nd Regt., Arkansas Cav. (Union) Mary Ella Reed Lewis c/o National Headquarters, Daughters of Union Veterans, Springfield, IL.

Florence W. Wilson, (address on file). Father, Charles Parker Pool, Co. D. 6th WV Vols. Widow of Union Soldier:

Helen Jackson, (address on file). Husband, William Bolin, 14th MO Cavalry.

When this project was started in January 1982, 38 years ago, there were 31 Union widows receiving compensation. There were other widows on the roster. On October 3, 1986 there were 13 Union widows, 56 Union children, 4 Confederate widows and 12 Confederate children receiving compensation. On July 1, 1988 there were 39 Union children and 10 Confederate children receiving compensation.

A number of these individuals were known locally but not nationally. Some were members of the Allied Orders or became members before their death. Others never received compensation

or were taken off the rolls for various reasons.

It would be impossible to thank everyone but some are: John PDC and Sarah Anderson, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Daughters of Union Veterans, Gary Gibson PDC, Jay Hoar, Home for Needy Confederate Women, Richmond, VA, Ladies of the GAR, Dean E. Letzring PDC (late), Gary A. Lee (former member of the House of Representatives), Essie D. Morgan and James R. Fischl (DOVA Regional Office), Mountain House Assisted Living, Wilkesboro NC, Michael Naya, Kathleen M. Nolan, Jamie Phillips, Tim Pletkovich, Christy Shew, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans, Denise and Denise St. Andrew PDC, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Danny Wheeler PCinC, Wilkes Genealogical Society

*note: defected to Union Army

5.4 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021), James G. Ward, PDC

No report

5.5 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, James P. McGuire, PDC

The website redesign project remains in Phase 1. I am happy to report that the architecture of the site of the site is completely built and ready to be launched once it is populated with our materials, language, photos, etc. It's sitting right there and will require some dedicated attention to getting this content populated in order to move it into the "live" phase and move on to Phase 2. Sumner Hunnewell has continued to be the glue that holds this project together, as for a variety of reasons I have been unable to offer much personal time or service to the project which I initiated. I have every confidence that this delay will soon be behind us and we will come out on the other side with a streamlined, user-friendly, attractive site that represents our Order in the best way, serves our Members needs with ease, and becomes a repository for all things Union.

A note of personal reflection: other than infrequent communication with Sumner and the developers on this project, I have not communicated any status updates to this special committee. That is my failing, and my responsibility alone, and I apologize for the lack of regular (or any) communication on this vital project. Steps are being taken to ensure that this is rectified.

5.6 National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States, Dexter Bishop, PDC

No report

5.7 National Special Committee on negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day, PCinC

No report

5.8 CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on

technology needs at the National Headquarters, James P. McGuire, PDC

The Special Committee on Technology Needs at National Headquarters did not anticipate a very busy year, but with COVID-19 sweeping the nation, we were able to assist the Executive Director in migrating his “working office” from HQ to his home. Similar steps will be taken to move him back again!

The telecommunications contract for National HQ has been brought to the attention of the committee, and it is once again under review. Once the contract is up, the committee will, as it did last time, recommend the most affordable option that is presented to the SUVCW by a provider which maintains a monopoly in the service area.

5.9 CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Brian C. Pierson, SVCinC

No report

6 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1 Department of California and Pacific, Rudy Velasco, DC

The Department of California and Pacific has 311 members and 14 Camps in Good Standing. Most of those 14 Camps reported some sort of a Memorial Day celebration, mostly one or two Camp Brothers or a Brother and a family member, masked and implementing social distance, placed flags on the graves of our Civil War veterans or adorned Civil War monuments with flowers. I am sure we all took a few moments on the Federal holiday and May 30th to remember the services of our Civil War veteran ancestors.

On 6 June 2020 we had a successful video encampment meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing with between 42 and 44 Brothers attending, including CinC Norris and CofA Kevin Martin. Our Department Encampment meeting took 2 hours and 45 minutes to complete.

All camps are continuing regular meetings using video/electronic methods. Membership is anxious to again start interacting with the public through living history, camp displays at reenactments or grade school programs. Praying this pandemic will pass or the country can get a handle on it and life, as we knew it, will resume.

No recommendations.

6.2 Department of the Chesapeake, Jay Rarick, DC

The Department of the Chesapeake includes fifteen (15) Camps (including our at-large Camp) and a total membership of more than 410 Brothers. Since our last report camps within the Department have sponsored and participated in a wide-range of activities, all designed to honor the service of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

1. The Department, in compliance with General Orders No. 15, 17 & 21, requested a delay and held a

- virtual Department Encampment using the Zoom meeting software on 10 May 2020. This constituted the first ever “virtual” encampment in the Department’s 133-year history. Presided over by then Department Commander Tim McCoy from *Côte d’Ivoire*, Africa, the Encampment had 60 brothers participate as well as Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris who served as the installing officer.
2. As of the Department Encampment on 10 May, the Camps of the Department had provided ROTC/JROTC certificates and medals to 105 schools.
 3. As of the Department Encampment on 10 May, the Department had received 31 membership enquiries.
 4. Camps and brothers of the Department have found innovative ways to keep in contact *via* “virtual” Camp meetings, social media and use of social distancing for in-person events.
 5. A letter was sent from the Department to the Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1 (Detached) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War congratulating them on the 10th anniversary of their Charter. One of only two DUVCW Tents within our Department, and the only one in Virginia, the Van Lew Tent has a special cooperative relationship with the nearby Irish Brigade Camp No. 4 and they conduct joint events on occasion.
 6. A letter was sent from the Department to the Pastor and congregation of the Lansdowne Christian Church (G.A.R. Hull Memorial) on their 115th Anniversary Celebration. The Church was built as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic and contains stained glass windows commemorating the G.A.R.
 7. The ongoing national debate about monuments greatly impacts the Department of the Chesapeake as the numerous battlefields and historical sites of the Civil War are concentrated within our borders. On 11 Jun 2020, a Department Advisory was issued to all Camps emphasizing the existing SUVCW policy on Flags and Monuments. The Department Advisory essentially covers the same material as the later General Order No. 27, dated 16 Jun 2020.
 8. In accordance with the guidance provided in General Order No. 29, the Department of the Chesapeake sent a letter to Mayor Muriel Bowser of the District of Columbia urging that the “Emancipation Memorial to Abraham Lincoln” not be disturbed or removed from its historic location. This memorial was financed principally by Veterans of the U.S.C.T.
 9. The Department has instituted the designation of an honorary “Department Headquarters Guard” to further build relationship and honor our Sons of Veterans Reserve units. In consultation with the Commander of the 2nd Military District, this honorary guard will be selected by the Department Commander each year from among SVR Units within the Department.
 10. A Memorandum from the Department, concerning pending legislation which would impact historic monuments on National Battlefields and National Military Parks, was sent internally to the Commander-in-Chief for his information and possible action. Again, the Department of the Chesapeake is in a unique position concerning the density of historical Civil War sites, structures and monuments as well as being the location of the United States Congress.
 11. Preparations for the next Department Encampment are pending further guidance from local civil authorities on our ability to meet in person or if another virtual encampment will be necessary. If we meet in person, it is desired to have the next encampment within the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Should other Departments wish additional information on the practices and approaches being used by the Department of the Chesapeake to recruit and retain members, please feel free to contact us.

6.3 Department of Colorado & Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana and Utah), David Haake, PDC

No report

6.4 Department of Columbia, Loran Bures, DC

2020 Department Encampment:

Our Encampment had been scheduled for April 25th, but due to the pandemic it was postponed to May 30th. Zoom was used to conduct the Encampment, and we almost had the maximum number of Delegates possible. We did have the largest number of Brothers participate in our history, including Brothers from Virginia, Idaho, Montana, Kosovo, and for the first time, Alaska.

Department Encampment Action:

The Encampment adopted, without a dissenting vote, the included resolution entitled, “Resolution to Enable Camps and Departments to Conduct Electronic Based Meetings”. In accordance with Chapter VI, Article I, Section 2 (a) the Resolution was submitted on June 9, 2020 for consideration by the 139th National Encampment.

The Resolution seeks to amend Chapter I, Article IV to allow Camps to conduct electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation, and Chapter II, Article III to allow Departments to conduct electronic based Encampments or provide electronic participation.

Membership:

When our Department was established in 2015, we had a total membership of 165. As of April 1, 2020 our total membership had dropped to 125. At our Encampment, I announced a goal of a total net membership increase of at least 10% (that would be 13 Brothers) on April 1, 2021. As of the date of this report, our total membership stands at 137 (a net increase of 12), and we understand there is a membership packet on its way to our Camp in Oregon from Kosovo.

Alaska Brothers:

With the ability to meet electronically, we have been able to date to conduct two Camp meetings with our Brothers in Alaska who are members of our Department’s at-large Camp. Several of the Brothers are now actively engaged in searching for and verifying Union Civil War veterans’ burials in the State of Alaska.

Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy:

When they became aware of this policy, a number of Department and Camp officers expressed concern, disgust, and even outrage at the existence of this policy. A number of our Brothers with a legal background find this policy to be in violation of our Federal Charter. Specifically Section 200302 (6) “to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.” As such, I must call on the 139th National Encampment to repeal this policy as being in violation of our Federal Charter.

6.5 Department of Connecticut, Henry Cullinane, DC

No report

6.6 Department of Florida, Michael Urell, DC

March 7th was a time for celebration for the members of the Sons of Union Veterans in Florida. It was the 25th year since it’s founding and a sheet cake was in order with the oldest (Ron

McCracken) and the newest (Tim Campaign) members present cutting the cake. There were about 40 attendees and they witnessed the passing of the gavel from Commander Dave Palmer to former Camp Four Commander Michael Urell. National Commander Edward J. Norris was very much appreciated for his attendance and counsel. Many thanks to Dave and all the other members of the Department who always provided good counsel to their Camps and also to new State Commander Michael Urell.

In general, the state of the Department is promising with membership better than steady and the average age of new members being younger. Projects and events are now delayed by the health crisis but I more than expect that soon the enthusiasm will have direction.

6.7 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Michael Reither, DC

It is my pleasure to submit a Department Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

6.7.1 Our Department was on schedule to host the 139th National Encampment in Atlanta (August 13 – 16) but the event was canceled, without incurring any financial penalty, as per General Order #31. The only investment made by the Department of GA & SC was the production of the traditional delegate and souvenir medals for the encampment. Our Department will continue to offer the delegate and souvenir medals for sale to members of the Allied Orders in hope that we can break even on our investment. A full-page advertisement for the medals will be published in the next edition of The Banner. Department Secretary Mark Hale is currently processing refund checks for those members of the Allied Orders who ordered encampment items (polo shirts, t-shirt, tour package, etc.) in advance.

6.7.2 All of our public-facing and traditional patriotic events were cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 quarantine. We hope to resume some events later this year (ex. Veterans Day). No Brothers in the Department have reported any illness with respect to Covid-19.

6.7.3 Camps in our Department are meeting virtually via teleconference due to Covid-19 with a couple camps beginning to meet in person again under social distancing and safety guidelines from the state of Georgia and South Carolina.

6.7.4 The Department provided the names of four (4) Brothers to support the video biography project of National Committee on Promotion and Marketing.

6.7.5 The Department continues to steadily grow in membership.

6.8 Department of Illinois, Thomas Oestreicher, DC

The activities of the Department of Illinois have, like all others, been limited due to the COVID virus epidemic.

However many of our camps have continued to meet via Zoom.

As I surveyed the camps they reported that they have taken on other projects that allow for safe areas or distancing. Some of these projects involved monument repairs, headstone cleaning, headstone replacing, and additional veteran research. Our Brothers always find a way to advance the mission of our Order. We have a tremendous number of dedicated Brothers whom I am very proud of.

Brother Nick Kaup PDC, our Department Counselor, did a great job conducting exit interviews

with Brothers who have determined to leave the Order. His findings were quite interesting and will be addressed at our Mid-Term Encampment.

The number of Brothers in the Department of Illinois over the past year show a net gain. In April of this year a charter was issued to U. S. Grand Camp #1863 in Schaumburg and the NW Chicago Suburbs, bringing our total number of camps in Illinois to ten.

6.9 Department of Indiana, Dennis C. Hutchinson, DC

It is my pleasure to submit to you a report of activities from the Department of Indiana over the last year. I was truly honored and humbled to have been elected to the office of Department Commander, on June 6, 2020, at our 134th Annual Encampment. This year marked the 72nd Memorial Encampment that has been held since the last surviving Indiana G.A.R. comrade, John C. Adams of Jonesboro, Indiana joined his comrades in the Grand Army above.

The Department of Indiana includes eight (8) camps with a total membership of 208 brothers. This is a net decrease of 13 brothers from last year.

Here is a list of departmental activities since the August 2019 National Encampment:

August 8-11, 2019 - The Department of Indiana had 13 members in attendance, with 11 voting members, at the 138th National Encampment in Independence, Ohio.

August 17, 2019 - Two members of the department, including the Department of Indiana Commander Tim Beckman, attended a wreath laying ceremony to celebrate the birthday of President Benjamin Harrison at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis and presented a wreath on behalf of the SUCVW, Department of Indiana at his grave.

September 21, 2019 - Two camps from the department conducted Last Solider ceremonies. One for Benjamin Cohee, the Last Soldier of Tippecanoe County, at the Farview Cemetery, Stockwell, IN. The other for Reverend George R. Streeter, Last Soldier of St. Joseph County, at the New Carlisle Cemetery, New Carlisle, IN.

September 28, 2019 - The Department of Indiana Commander Tim Beckman, along with other members of the Ben Harrison Camp and the 27th Indiana S.V.R., attended the Bethel Cemetery relocation rededication in Indianapolis, IN. The Department of Indiana Commander gave a brief address to the assembled guests. There are eight Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery.

November 23, 2019 - Seven members from the department, as members of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R., participated in the Remembrance Day ceremonies and parade at Gettysburg, PA.

December 14, 2019 - Seven members of the department attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis. In addition, members of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R participated in firing of three volleys near the close of the ceremony.

January 25, 2020 - The Department of Indiana held its Midwinter Encampment in Eden, Indiana

(near Greenfield). Twenty members were in attendance along with Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC, from the Department of Illinois and National Council of Administration member who represented Commander-in- Chief Ed Norris.

January 25, 2020 - Also during the Midwinter Encampment, Department Commander Tim Beckman presented the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award to Jennifer Kay Thompson for her many years of service to the Ben Harrison Camp, No. 356. In addition, in 2013, Jenny organized the Eliza E. George Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Benjamin Harrison Camp No. 356 and also became one of its charter members which, up to that time, was the first Auxiliary that had been in Indiana for many years.

Unfortunately the Eliza E. George Auxiliary had to surrender their charter at the end of 2019, due to too few members. Jenny transferred her membership and is now a member of the Jennie Wade Auxiliary No. 27, Department of Pennsylvania. Jenny is also a member of the Catharine Merrill Tent No. 9 (Indianapolis) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

February 9, 2020 - Eighteen members of the department attended the annual Lincoln Day ceremonies at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, IN. Members of the 27th Indiana, Co. D, S.V.R. posted and retired the colors for the ceremony. In addition, the department presented a wreath in honor of President Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, at her gravesite.

June 6, 2020 - The 134th Department of Indiana Encampment was held virtually using Zoom due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Twenty (20) Department of Indiana Brothers and special guest, Brother Bruce D. Frail, PDC, National Council of Administration were in attendance. Normal encampment business was held to a minimum with an election of Officers, and the oath of office taking place with Bruce D. Frail, PDC as the installing officer.

6.10 Department of Iowa, Don R. McGuire Jr, DC

The Department currently stands at 97 total members, which includes 8 Life Members, 1 Associate, and 1 Junior Member. This is a decrease of 11 members from 2019.

As part of the duties of Department Commander, I visited four of the Department's five camps during the last year. Each camp is unique and approaches our mission from a slightly different perspective.

Discussions are under way to create a sixth camp in Spencer, Iowa. The organizational meeting has been delayed because of the pandemic.

Dan Rittel, Department GAR Highway Officer, drove on the River to River Retro Road Trip that was held September 19-22, 2019. The ride follows US 6, the GAR Highway, from the eastern border of Iowa to the western border. Progress on the drive was on-going with posts on the Facebook page, "Grand Army of the Republic Highway – Iowa". At the end of May 2020, Brother Rittel was informed that two of the bridge signs (for the John Corse Bridge in Iowa City) were vandalized during the recent protests in Iowa City. The signs were replaced.

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, three members of Kinsman Camp #23 (Camp Commander Charles Boeck; Roy Linn, PCC; and Dan Rittel, PCC) joined with several members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Keepers of the Stones on a project to raise the gravestones of Civil War veterans buried around the Kinsman Monument in Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Approximately 40 gravestones were raised during the workday, leaving about another 10 or so stones to be raised on another workday that was held in April 2020. All the raised stones were also cleaned. The day was planned and organized by Lisa Varnes-Rex, a member of the DAR and founder of Keepers of the Stones, a monument and gravestone cleaning company based in Omaha, Nebraska.

Brothers of the Dodge Camp # 75 having been working to identify unmarked graves of Civil War veterans in Des Moines' Woodland Cemetery. At least 10 veterans have been identified and markers received from the VA. Volunteers have been placing the markers.

As the Iowa winter was ending and the camps were planning activities for warmer weather, the best laid plans were foiled as the pandemic severely impacted travel and meetings.

The Department Encampment was originally scheduled for April 4, 2020 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Pursuant to General Orders #15, #17, and #22, the 2020 Department Encampment was held on Skype on June 6, 2020. National Secretary Jonathan Davis attended on behalf of the Commander in Chief. There were some technical difficulties at the beginning, but all necessary business was successfully conducted. All Department Officers were reelected, except for Senior Vice Department Commander and Department Patriotic Instructor. Secretary Davis installed the Department Officers.

6.11 Department of Kansas, Kirk Nystrom, DC

No report

6.12 Department of Kentucky, Robert A. Jones, PDC

I respectfully submit the following report on the activities of the Department of Kentucky for the administrative year 2019-2020.

The Department Encampment, originally scheduled for 28 March, was rescheduled for 20 June due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the 2019 National Encampment in Independence, Ohio, the Dept. of Kentucky was awarded the Under Forty Award, "in recognition to the Department recruiting the greatest number of new members under the age of forty for the 2018-2019 administrative year." (D)

In projects and activities, the department is planning an interpretive sign for the grave of Gen. William "Bull" Nelson in Maysville, Kentucky, similar to the two placed at Camp Nelson

National Monument and the Richmond, Ky. Battlefield Park. The department is applying to the National SUVCW Civil War Memorial and Monument Fund.

The department is also monitoring the repair and restoration of the G.A.R. Rostrum, Cave Hill National Cemetery, Louisville. The department plans to hold a dedication ceremony once the restoration is complete.

Camp 3 is proposing to erect a monument in Battery Hooper Park, Fort Wright, Ky. to General Horatio Wright, the namesake of the city of Fort Wright, Ky., and the fort of the same name. General Wright was commander of the northern Kentucky area during the Civil War.

The Department of Kentucky was featured in three of the last four issues of The Banner in "Department News." Mentioned were activities of Camps 1, 3, 5 and the department.

I am happy to confirm that department membership has been increasing and now stands at 111, with 16 under the age of 40. There has also been an increase of six members, for a total of 29, in the 3rd Mil.

District Company A 1st Capital Guards of the SVR.

Department and Camp Events June 2019 to June 2020 (D=Dept. activity; C=Camp activity. Note that not all camp activities are reported):

- June 29 Camp 2 participated in a grave marking ceremony for CSA soldier Solomon Laster, Todd Co. (C)
- Aug. 8-11 National Encampment, Independence, OH. DC Robert Jones and PDC Bruce Fortin attended. The Dept. of Kentucky was awarded the Under Forty Award. "in recognition to the Department recruiting the greatest number of new members under the age of forty for the 2018- 2019 administrative year. (D)
- Aug. 25 Camp 5. Recruiting Table at the Battle of Richmond, Richmond, Ky. (C, D). Sept. 12 Camp 2 at fall meeting local historian Barry Duvall spoke about Civil War activities in the Muhlenberg County, Ky., region. (C)
- Sept. 22 Camp 1 members had an information table on the Belle of Louisville for "Afloat on the Ohio", in conjunction with Friends of Fort Duffield. (C)
- Sept. 28 Members of Camp 1 participated in 11th Annual Joseph Holt Home Community Day, Addison, Ky. (C)
- Oct. 27 Camp 5 held a ceremony for the replacement of a headstone for Union veteran John Mosby Black at the cemetery at Bohon Christian Church in Harrodsburg, Ky. Media coverage in the Harrodsburg Herald. (C)
- Oct. 27 Camp 1 celebrated its 25th anniversary at West Point's Ft. Duffield with a flag ceremony and volley by the Capital Guards SVR, followed by the dedication of the Memorial Plaza. About 100 guests attended, including state representative Nancy Tate. (C)
- Nov. 9 Camp 2 members marched in the Owensboro, Ky., Veterans Day parade and participated in post-parade activities. (C).
- Nov. 10 Camp 1 and Capital Guards SVR held a Veterans Day memorial service for fallen Civil War soldiers at the Rostrum in Cave Hill National Cemetery,

Louisville. (C)
 Nov. 10 Camp 1 and Capital Guards SVR participated in a Veterans Day ceremony at the Jeffersontown Memorial Park, Louisville. (C)
 Nov. 11 Members of Camp 1 marched in the 2019 Veterans Day parade, Louisville. (C)
 Dec. 7 Members of Camp 2 marched in the Calhoun, Ky., Christmas parade (C)
 Dec. 14 Camp 1 represented at the Wreaths Across America at the Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, Ky. (C). Camp 2 represented at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the McClean County courthouse (C).
 Feb. 8 Recruitment table at the Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown (D)
 May 25 Camp 5 held a Memorial Day ceremony outside the Lexington Cemetery (C)
 May 30 Camp 1 held a Decoration Day ceremony at the Memorial Cemetery, Ft Duffield, West Point (C)
 June 20 Department Encampment, West Point, Ky. (D)

6.13 Department of Maine, Larry Bonney, DC

The Department of Maine reports four Camps in-good-standing and an increase in membership from 58 to 66 Brothers in-good-standing over the past Encampment year. Six Brothers from Garfield Camp #1, whose Charter was revoked in September in General Order No. 5, 2019-2020, remain suspended with transfers pending.

Having lost one Camp, a new Camp was formed in Dover-Foxcroft, Col. C.S. Douty Camp #11, which received its date of rank from the Commander-in-Chief on January 6, 2020.

Plans were underway to participate in the Maine Bicentennial Parade this past spring, but the whole event has been postponed until next year.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Department to cancel its in-person Department Encampment in Waterville on June 20, but we did hold a virtual Encampment via Zoom on the same date with Commander-in-Chief Norris in attendance.

The Department has provided financial support to the Wreaths Across America program and the placement of a Maine monument at the Third Winchester Battlefield by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (SVBF).

Officers and Brothers had attended grave rededications, wreath-layings, and a Last Soldier Ceremony by the end of 2019, but live events are rarer now in the midst of the pandemic.

One of our 20 year old Brothers has agreed to participate in Brother Frail's recruitment video project. All reports and filings were made on time.

6.14 Department of Massachusetts, Stuart H. Chambers, DC

The department, as a whole, has been pretty quite, due to the restrictions of Covid-19 and the

State Governor.

Staying within the guidelines, a member of Camp 25 has been cleaning and repairing CW veteran's gravestones in the Worcester area and Camp 104 has a large project being coordinated to do work at the Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. The members of the various Camps have been in contact with each other by phone and email.

6.15 Department of Michigan, Terry McKinch, DC

Thank you CinC Norris for attending our Department Encampment, this year, though it was a virtual one. I have the following information to report:

1. We have at this moment 453 Brothers in the Department of Michigan, within 22 camps, one of which is a Department Camp-at-Large
2. We had 44 Brothers attend the Department of Michigan Encampment on June 6, 2020.
3. To the best of my knowledge, and with pleasure to report, we have 17 Past Department Commanders (PDC) still living with many of them involved with the Department of Michigan and the SUVCW
4. It is my sad duty to report that 11 Brothers passed away during the 2019-2020 term. We performed a solemn memorial for those departed Brothers.
5. The Department of Michigan is honored to be hosting the 2022 National Encampment. Past C-in-C James Pahl will be heading the charge to make it a great encampment.
6. Our Brothers and Camps are doing our best in the current situation and we miss the comradery, and fellowship that we have during better times.
7. Finally, we can only pray that the world situation gets better and our lives, our families and our order grow stronger.

6.16 Department of Missouri, Sumner Hunnewell, DC

The Department of Missouri, which also includes the state of Arkansas, has been successful in many ways during the last year of Brother Dale Crandall's tenure as Department Commander. Per Form 35 (and addendum) we gained 28 new/reinstated members, having lost 21. Ending the year with 209 members. The attractiveness of Life Membership has continued with three additional members added to those ranks. However, amid the good news, we also lost brothers Donald P. Alwine, Alan Heidbreder, Larry Von Behren, and Carl Wattenberg, Jr., of the U. S. Grant Camp #68 and James Cunningham of the Tiger Camp #432 during this time.

We have 11 active camps (nine Missouri; two Arkansas), having lost one, Abe Lincoln Camp No. 2, earlier this year. Many of those brothers have transferred into Phelps Camp No. 66. There is an effort to form a third camp in Arkansas, spearheaded by Department SVC, Joseph Rainey.

Due to the pandemic, our Department had to shift our Department Encampment. With the help of the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-1865, a suitable building was found: Wood's Chapel on the grounds of Missouri Town 1855 in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Harry Reineke, IV, of National Council brought greetings from C-in-C Norris, participated in discussion, and installed our incoming officers.

Our department level awards were bestowed as follows:

- The Francis Blair Award (outstanding member), Sumner G. Hunnewell,
- The Meritorious Service Awards (lifetime outstanding member): John Avery and Robert

Aubuchon, and

- The James Eads Award (outstanding camp): Gen Thomas C. Fletcher Camp No. 47, U. S. Grant Camp No. 68, and Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp No. 326.

Department officers elected or continuing terms for the 2020-2021 term were:

- Commander – Sumner G. Hunnewell, PCC
- Senior Vice Commander – Joseph Rainey, PCC
- Junior Vice Commander – Gary Scheel, PCC
- Secretary-Treasurer – Edward Krieser, PC-in-C
- Council (2022) – Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC
- Council (2022) – Dale Crandell, PDC
- Council (2021) – Gary Scheel, PCC

Post-encampment, Brother Scheel resigned his Council office, and Robert Aubuchon was elected by the Department Council per Department Bylaws.

The department started work on the 2021 National Encampment as soon as it was awarded. The committee has been busy. Our banquet and tours have been determined. The souvenir medal is already available for sale. An additional, unique medal of the Allied Orders (SUVCW, ASUVCW, DUVCW 1861- 1865) is in production. We are forging good relationships with the leadership of the ASUVCW and DUVCW 1861-1865. The committee wants this to be a very memorable, enjoyable National Encampment.

Our department's website continues to be an excellent resource for brothers of the department and is updated constantly. During this period there were nearly 4700 unique views. The department's quarterly newsletter, *The Unionist*, averages over 40 pages per issue. There is something for everyone: department and camp news, collector information, G. A. R. research, among other items, which makes it entertaining for any reader.

Our ROTC award presentations were curtailed or canceled due to the pandemic. Most awards were given *in absentia*. We appreciate our national ROTC officer and his quick response to our needs. Our Outstanding JROTC Cadet award was not presented this year.

Members of our Department have continued efforts of grave and monument registration at the national level. On the local level, the camps have taken part in many patriotic events: Memorial Day and Veterans Day remembrances, parades, and grave and cenotaph dedications. We participate in a state- wide American history essay competition, providing the winner with a \$200 award.

Work continues through special committees for the recognition of 37 Medal of Honor recipients interred in Missouri and Arkansas, plaque placement in Kansas City and St. Louis, which were sites of G.

A. R. Encampments, and, in 2022, renovation of Missouri markers and rededication at the Shiloh National Military Park.

Members of the department continue with leadership roles in the Central Regional Association of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R., holding the offices of Commander, JVC, Secretary/Treasurer, and Color Bearer.

6.17 Department of Nebraska (with North Dakota and South Dakota), John Surman, DC

Our Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas successfully held our Department Encampment on June 20th. The event was held in Wahoo and hosted by the Shiloh Camp. By utilizing a combined virtual meeting led by DC Mark Nichols and a restricted attendance for an in-person

meeting led by SVC John Surman, we were able to conduct all of our business. National Representative, PCinC Don Shaw, honored us with his presence and swore in our new Department officers. His presence was greatly appreciated and his discussions at lunch time were very informative. We finished the afternoon meeting with our awards and a guest speaker whose topic was the 1864 presidential election.

The Encampment also had a continued discussion on two (2) proposals for the memorial “plaques” that we will utilize for our Last Soldier Project which led to the selection of a 2” medallion whose center is a porcelain QR Code that will lead back to our Department website. It is capable of attaching to a flag holder at the gravesite. Continued work on that link and further verification of the actual last soldier continue, but we expect to begin to place them in the cemeteries. A demonstration of the actual process was performed recently in Wayne by the Harrison Camp with coverage by a local newspaper.

Part way through February, the COVID-19 pandemic began to disrupt scheduled activities within our state. We did manage to request and receive the ROTC awards and certificates for four (4) cadets that would have been handed out in April at the University of Nebraska’s Chancellor’s review at UNL in Lincoln and one (1) JROTC award for the Northeast HS in Lincoln. Both events were cancelled due to virus, but the awards were mailed to their home addresses by their course instructors after a successful completion of their curriculums via computer.

Through a combined effort of the Welstead and Shiloh Camps, we did assist in laying grave markers on May 23rd for four (4) soldiers in Davenport whose graves were previously unmarked. A future dedication of actual military headstones is planned. Work has continued on a refurbished church the a nearby Thayer County museum and the GAR stained glass window in it also has a planned Lincoln’s official Memorial Day cemetery celebrations was cancelled, but the Department camps met in their respective areas within the social distancing guidelines and honored our fallen soldiers. Some did so with flags on the graves and others read Logan’s General Order # 11 with a volley from the SUV. I am proud of a Department who did not let the COVID-19 stop them from honoring our fallen Union Brothers. Norm Weber, Harrison Camp Commander, participated July 1st in the renaming ceremony for our Nebraska Hwy 20 to the Nebraska Medal of Honor Highway. He represented the Civil War Medal of Honor recipients. The ceremony was in South Sioux City. As many as twenty (20) signs will be placed on Highway 20 between there and the Wyoming state line.

6.18 Department of New Hampshire, Michael C Shklar, DC

On behalf of the Department of New Hampshire respectfully submit the following Annual Report, as requested:

This has been a difficult year, as we all know. That being said the first half of it proceeded relatively calmly. While there were few departmental events during the fall of 2019 it should be noted that various camps worked cooperatively so as to maximize our presence at various community events in Auburn, New Hampshire, Tunbridge, Vermont, and other camp-level events. The Department did participate in a Cemetery Rededication in support of the

Department of Massachusetts and was represented at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

As 2020 began, we anticipated another active year, and had a successful Union Defenders Day event featuring a book signing and talk about Olustee by Br. Greg Ahlgren. Plans were afoot in many camps for a busy spring and summer. Those plans came to a halt on March 18 when the Governor of the State of New Hampshire announced a stay-at-home order which remains in effect. It should be noted that this responsible action by civil authorities and those of surrounding jurisdictions has been successful in limiting the spread of a very dangerous infection.

The Department did assist Camp 10 in a small event in Swanzey, New Hampshire and an even smaller one in Lempster, New Hampshire during the summer. Officers also attended services for Br. Leonard LaFlam. All of these events have been in strict compliance with the criteria established by the State of New Hampshire.

The Department did conduct an encampment (of sorts) using “Zoom” with Commander in Chief Norris in attendance. This did, at least, allow us to comply with the dictates of the Constitution, and we were able to properly audit the books. Due, however, to the limited ability of some to participate, it was the consensus that the prior elected officers should remain in their posts until a more inclusive election could be held in 2021.

One bright spot to report is that efforts led by Captain Daniel Murray, Lt./Chaplain Gary Ward, and myself have led to a reorganization and revitalization of Co. A, 12th New Hampshire SVR. Paperwork is now in order, applications have been filed, positions are being filled and this may help out when the next campaign season begins.

It should also be noted that as the Union Defenders Day event basically covered its costs, the Departmental Treasury has been unaffected by the epidemic. Camps have certainly lost income, but also have incurred no expenses.

While the Department and the Camps continue to struggle with restrictions on meetings, and have had some success with “virtual” meetings, I must report that the loss of so many events has been disheartening. I believe all want to see what President Coolidge once referred to as a “Return to Normalcy”.

I believe this shows that this Department is continuing to perpetuate the memories of those who fought to crush the Great Rebellion, free millions from bondage, and preserve the Union.

6.19 Department of New Jersey, Gary DeSiver, DC

I'm quite proud of the achievements that the Department has made during the past years

We cleaned up The Dover and Merchants Graveyard in Rahway, New Jersey on two separate occasions as a Department project.

The New Jersey Department had a strong showing at Remembrance Day in 2019. Department Commander Robert Meyer carried the Department Flag in the parade. We had an especially strong presence from the Francine camp 7, their performance at Gettysburg is inspiring to say the least.

In February of 2020 we were contacted by the Newark Police department about some memorial markers that have been sitting in an evidence storage room in Newark since 1950. These markers date from the Civil War to the Korean conflict. After meeting with representatives of the Newark Police Department we found a place to put these markers in Newark. We planned a big celebration for Memorial Day weekend with the Newark Police band the Newark Fire band and members of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Unfortunately, the virus postponed that service. But we have remained in contact with the Newark authorities and as soon as our state returns to normal, we will be installing these markers with the Newark Police and Newark Fire Company.

In March, 2020 our state was hit with the Corona virus. Members of the General George Armstrong Custer camp 17, General Philip Kearny camp 20, and General Winfield Scott camp #73, went right to work on collecting food and PPE equipment for people stricken by the virus. This effort is ongoing. We are working with the Matawan food bank in Matawan New Jersey and with the Matawan Masonic Lodge 192 as a storage facility and receiving center.

We have worked diligently with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. On two occasions the Ladies raised money to donate Christmas presents to the underprivileged children at St Mark's community center. The Ladies also raised quite a bit of money to support Operation Spartan Shield in Kuwait. They did this in conjunction with members of the General George Armstrong Custer camp 17 General Philip Kearny camp 20 and General Winfield Scott camp 73. These soldiers, stationed there are members of the New York and New Jersey Army Reserve. We are sending the packages to a Captain who is an aide de camp to the General in charge of the operations in Kuwait. He is also the son of a Brother in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The department encampment was held virtually on 13 June 2020.

The following Brothers who passed away during the past year were recognized by with a moment of silence in their memory, and the reading of a prayer by PDC Joe Seliga from the Ritual Book during the encampment:

John Kenny	Francine Camp 7	May 26, 2019
Donald W. Kale	Garfield Camp 4	January 31, 2020
Richard W. Pratt	Garfield Camp 4	April 6, 2020

The following 2020-21 officers were elected at the encampment.

- Commander - Gary DeSiver
- Senior Vice Commander - Jay Godin
- Junior Vice Commander - Francis A. Tomasello Jr
- Secretary-Treasurer - Dr. David Martin, PDC
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Daniel Lynch, PDC

- Council - C Jeffrey Heagy, PDC
- Council - Fred Mossbrucker, PDC
- Council - Robert Meyer, PDC

The following officers were appointed for 2020-21

- Patriotic Instructor - John Farley Scott
- Chaplain - Ronald L Brower PDC 2012-14
- Graves registration Officer - Frederick W Otto
- Historian - Dr. David Martin, PDC 1993-94
- GAR Records Officer - Joseph F. Seliga, PDC
- Eagle Scout Coordinator - Daniel J. Lynch, Jr., PDC
- GAR Highway Officer - Bruce Sirak
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Clark D McCullough, PDC
- Camp Organizer - Robert C. Meyer, PDC
- Color Bearer - William J. Locke
- Assistant Secretary - Charles F. Morgan, Jr.
- Recruiting Officer - Francis A. Tomasello Jr
- Signals Officer - Gary DeSiver
- Assistant Treasurer - C Jeffrey Heagy, PDC 2014-16
- Assistant Eagle Scout Coordinator - Charles F. Morgan, Jr.
- Counselor - David Hann, PDC

6.20 Department of New York, Darin Everdyke, DC

The Department Web Master has been keeping the Department web site up to date and has been working on a mass e-mail list. This has been severely hampered by a number of incorrect e-mails.

There was extensive activity by the “Rally ‘Round the Flag” Committee in the continuing effort to preserve the battle flags currently being held by the New York State Military Museum. These efforts have been largely suspended due to the State’s dismal budget outlook and political situation.

“The Volunteer”, the Department newsletter was published on time, on August 1st, December 1st and April 1st. The editions were e-mailed to the Camp Commanders and Secretaries for further distribution and were posted on the Department web site.

The Annual Mid-Year Meeting was held in Ithaca on October 12, 2019 with 9 members present.

At the 127th Annual Encampment of the Department of New York in 2010 it was resolved that the Grave of Major General Thomas in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY be maintained by the Department. These efforts were headed by the Col. George Willard Camp, 154. Commander Richard Straight announced at the Mid-Year meeting that the work on restoring the monument and wrought iron fence is largely complete.

The Lefferts Camp is working on finalizing its by-laws and charter paperwork for entry into the Department.

Memorial Day activities were held by various Camps observing the current social distancing guidelines.

The 137th Department Encampment was held on Saturday, June 6 via the ZOOM internet application. The annual Fundraiser Raffle was held at the above encampment. Several cash prizes were offered during the preceding 6 months in an effort to generate more ticket sales. The pandemic interfered with normal sales activity so an accurate assessment of the new method was not possible.

The Department agreed to purchase a new flag as the previous one is getting stained and frayed.

The Department now has a Recruitment and Retention Committee to try to increase membership. Activities underway include targeted advertising on Facebook.

There was a successful effort involving the P.G. Cook Camp, the “Echoes in Time” museum and the Moses Baldwin camp, with others, to rescue a locked GAR filing cabinet with unknown contents. The contents turned out to be burial records and rosters of CW veterans in the Buffalo area. Along with this activity is an effort to preserve the GAR hall in Little Valley, NY. A grant for \$2000 was obtained to help fix the roof.

The Weber Camp #44 successfully completed the process of repairing the globe on the top of the GAR Soldiers and Sailors Civil War monument, a roughly 18 month effort.

6.21 Department of North Carolina, Robert A. Crum, DC

Department Encampment

Our Annual Department Encampment was postponed, when our meeting site was closed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. An electronic encampment using Zoom was conducted on May 16, 2020. It was attended by three National Officers, Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day and Bruce Frail, PDC, National Council of Administration. Encampment business was conducted, there was an election and appointment of officers, and officers were installed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Memorial Day

I issued a Department Order for Memorial Day, and Camps were encouraged to conduct ceremonies following CDC guidelines. Gibbons-Burke Camp No. 2 and Stoneman Camp No. 6, along with a DUVCW member and member of MOLLUS, conducted a memorial service at the Salisbury National Cemetery where over 5,500 Union soldiers are buried in 18 trench graves. An article about this service appeared in the Summer 2020 Banner. Members of Ruger Camp No. 1 distanced themselves more by conducting ceremonies at graves in five different locations, and two members of the DUVCW joined them.

Membership and a Growing Department

Form 35 filed by the Department in May shows a total of 94 members with 12 new members, since the previous year and five Camps in Good Standing. Our Department JVC is doing a great job processing and forwarding new applications. Since our Form 35 filing, we've received 10 new applications. Camp No. 6 inducted 5 of those new members during Zoom meetings in May and July. Camp No. 2 has one new application and should induct this new member during a

Zoom meeting in September. Camp No. 4 has 4 new applications but advised they will not use Zoom and will not induct new members until they can assemble again at their meeting site which may not be possible until well into next year. In June, we lost an older Brother due to death. Even during these trying times, our Department is working to maintain and increase membership.

Patriotic Instruction

Form 41 was filed by our deadline. The one item I'd like to add is that Patriotic Instruction was completed by Camp No. 1 during one Zoom meeting and Camp No. 6 during two of its Zoom meetings.

Graves Registration

The Department Graves Registration Officer is working through and correcting a number of incorrect entries he's finding in our database. He's also working to add new entries, since we have members searching the state looking for unidentified graves and discovering there a lot never brought to anyone's attention.

Website work by our Department Signals Officer

The website hadn't been updated in a while and needed more relevant information added. When elected in May, I worked long hours along with our Department Signals Officer to get everything updated and to include more information about the Department, contacts, Camp Officers and activities in the Department.

Electronic Meetings and Camp Meetings

We conducted our Department Encampment on Zoom. Camp No. 1 met on Zoom it's first time in July. Camp No. 6 met on Zoom in May and July and will in September. Camp No. 2 will conduct it's first Zoom meeting in September. Camp No. 5 met in July outdoors at a Civil War battlefield and is considering Zoom for meetings. Camp No. 4 advised they will not meet on Zoom and will not meet again until its public meeting space is reopened to the public possibly next year, even though a number of their members participated in training and the Department Encampment on Zoom. On August 12, all elected Department officers met on Zoom and agreed to subscribe to Zoom Pro and have it managed and hosted by the Department Signals Officer. It's available to all Camps who will share the cost. A Department Order was issued April 13 advising all members of the Department. This can keep all Camps and the Department active until the Pandemic passes. I attended two Camp No. 6, one Camp No. 1 meetings, and plan to attend a Camp No. 2 Zoom meeting in September. I'll continue to attend most Camp meetings, since Zoom enables easy access to meetings.

Additional Department Activity

On October 6, 2019, the Department of Rhode Island and our Department conducted a ceremony at the New Bern National Cemetery honoring the 110th Anniversary of the Rhode Island Monument. In attendance was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, PDC, both Department's Commanders, and additional Department and Camp members. A full-page article about this event appeared in the Winter 2020 Banner.

In January, Ruger Camp No. 1 participated at the Fort Fisher Civil War 155th Anniversary.

More than 11,900 visitors attended. Their Camp has participated in here annually for the past 8 years. An article appeared about this in the Spring 2020 Banner.

6.21.1.1 Department of Ohio, Michael A. Spaulding, DC

Greetings from the Department of Ohio. Like the rest of the country, the state of Ohio has had varying degrees of Corona-virus shutdown since March. As a consequence, many of the in-person activities of the Department were canceled or replaced with Zoom calls. However, some in-person activities continued, many in scaled back “socially distanced” form.

The Department of Ohio has 17 Camps plus the Department Members-at-Large, with a total of 457 members in good standing (427 members, 23 associates and 7 junior members). This represents a net loss of 3 since last year. Regrettably, the Junior Department Vice Commander reported no referrals from the National JVC to this Department.

A highlight of the past year was the National Encampment, hosted by the Department of Ohio from August 8 – 11, 2019 in Independence, Ohio. Anecdotal reports were that the attendees found this event to be well-run and organized. Little did we know what the year to follow would be like.

The Department Historian continued to add Department and Camp activities, ceremonies, and events to the history notebooks. Our Department Graves Registration Officer reported that 2094 new Ohio burials were registered in the National Database, bringing the Ohio total to 78,309. Our Department Eagle Scout Coordinator issued 27 Eagle Scout Certificates.

Several calls and meetings were held by the Fraternal Relations Committee with the corresponding committee from the Auxiliary; however, the Corona situation caused the cancellation of a follow-up meeting.

Sadly, the Department GAR Records Officer reported no inquiries. Likewise, there were no requests for funding from the Department Monuments and Memorials Fund. Most, if not all, SUVCW ROTC awards ceremonies in the Department were canceled this year because of the virus.

Although many events were canceled due to the pandemic, Camps still reported a total of 416 events to the Department of Ohio Patriotic Instructor, with 2062 hours volunteered. Events included Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Memorial Day Ceremonies that were still held in some locations, plus Lincoln birthday dinners, living history events, recruitment events, and school educational events. Many Camps also reported headstone repairs and dedications, straightening GAR markers, and placing flags on the graves of veterans. Many of these events were prior to the shutdown, but others continued—socially distanced as required by local authorities—even after the virus struck.

The Ohio Department Encampment was held in-person at the Clintonville Woman’s Club in

Columbus, Ohio on June 13, 2020. Donald Darby, PCinC, represented CinC Ed Norris. Br. Darby performed the installation ceremony. I was honored to be elected Department Commander. Other elected Officers included Department SVC Richard Davis, Department JVC Randy Snyder, and Council Members Shane Milburn, James Crane, and Kerry Langdon. Jonathan Davis continued his term as Department Secretary/Treasurer.

On July 18, 2020, The Battle of Buffington Island Memorial Service was conducted at the Battlefield Memorial Park in Portland, Ohio. The Battle of Buffington Island was the only major battle to take place on Ohio soil and occurred on July 19th, 1863. Four Camps organized the event with support from the Department, the Auxiliary, the Ohio History Connection, and local organizations.

The State of Ohio has now loosened some of the previous Corona-virus restrictions, and several Camps are planning to re-engage in in-person meetings over the coming months, especially for elections and officer installations.

Members of the Department of Ohio were sorry that the in-person National Encampment that was scheduled for this month in Atlanta had to be canceled on account of the virus. The Department looks forward to participating in the virtual Zoom Encampment in October.

6.22 Department of Oklahoma, Craig R. McKinley, DC

Below is a brief summary of the status and activities of the Oklahoma Department – SUVCW for the past year.

- I. Department Status
 - a) The Oklahoma Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a relatively small department, with 40 members and three camps: Jeremiah Smith in Oklahoma City, Indian Nations in Tulsa, and Sgt. Jacob Overturf in Broken Arrow.
 - b) An additional Camp has been proposed for the Lawton, OK area. The Camp is to be named the Brigadier General Joshua Sill Camp # 5. General Sill was a Union officer killed in the battle of Stones River in 1862. The Ft. Sill military base located at Lawton was named in his honor.
 - c) As reported by the Oklahoma Camps, a total of 16 new SUVCW members have been accepted for membership in the Oklahoma Department in 2019-2020.
- II. Activities
 - a) Members of all three camps honored their ancestors on Remembrance Day.
 - b) Camp members from both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas collaborated with the members of the Ladies Auxiliary and the DUVCW in Remembrance Day celebrations. The Jeremiah Smith Camp served as Color Bearers for the State DUVCW Convention.
 - c) The virus pandemic has resulted in the modification or cancellation of many 2020 Departmental/Camp activities. In 2020, Camps have held a mix of in-person and virtual Camp meetings.

- d) A 2020 State Encampment planning meeting was held prior to the pandemic, with the June Encampment held via electronic communications.
- e) Efforts are currently underway to restore the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Oklahoma City to its original condition. This monument was originally named the GAR Monument, and is in need of pedestal/cannonball restoration. A \$500 contribution has been received from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation.

III. Personnel

- a) Brother Brian Pierson, PDC (Jeremiah Smith Camp #1) currently serves as Senior Vice-Commander for the National SUVCW.
- b) Brother Norman Crowe (Jeremiah Smith Camp #1) was honored at the White House Conference Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans. Brother Crowe has seven direct generations of Cherokee men who have served the United States.
- c) Brother Carl Fallen (Indian Nations Camp #3) received the Department's Turner-Williams Award. This is the Department's highest honor and is *"Awarded to an individual who has rendered exemplary service to the Department and has given faithful dedication to preserving the history and legacy of veteran heroes who fought and worked to save the Union in the American Civil War"*.

6.23 Department of Pennsylvania, Greg Kline, DC

I am happy to offer this report on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department.

The year following the 2019 National Encampment has been one of many challenges given the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department and Camps were forced to cancel many events which are dearly held traditions for us such as the Appomattox Luncheon and the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade along with numerous Camp sponsored activities and meetings.

The year has also been a costly one for the Department due to the loss of several prominent Brothers. I regret to report that we saw the passing of PC-in-C Richard Partington, Past Department Commander Joe Long and PC-in-C Richard Orr. They can never be replaced and we will miss them all dearly.

As our Order has done in decades past, we must rely on our faith in our mission and our resilience and look to the future. We were able to hold our annual Department Encampment in June virtually via ZOOM and although it was certainly an odd way to conduct our business, we were able to successfully do so.

Plans have been made to hold a Department Mid-Year Meeting on October 17 to begin to plan the next phase of our hopeful return to some form of normalcy. We have several projects to consider as well as the potential for a 2021 Lincoln Luncheon and Appomattox Luncheon. Our Encampment is again being planned to be held in Altoona as was the intention for 2020.

I have re-appointed the Pennsylvania Department Education Committee and instructed it to begin as its first project interviewing on video several of the older Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders who have a wealth of knowledge of both the Allied Orders and the G.A.R. It is very important that these oral histories be recorded for use by future generations of our Members.

6.24 Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin Frail, PDC

It is my honor to serve as the Commander of the Department of Rhode Island. In the year Aug 2019-Aug 2020, the Brothers in the Department of Rhode Island took part in many ceremonies to memorialize the Boys in Blue. From a rededication of the Rhode Island Monument at the New Bern National Cemetery in North Carolina, to all four (4) Rhode Island Camps having their own Memorial Day Ceremonies in 2020, despite Covid-19 ravishing the country. The Brothers have been hard at work this year with a few projects that we hope will go off even though many have delayed due to the state of the Nation:

- Assisting in Fundraising for the City of Providence in the restoration of the Providence Soldiers and Sailors Monument
 - The Department is in the process of creating a Flag Streamer for Camps, Departments, and other historical organizations that \$100.00 or more to the PSSM Restoration effort.
 - Department approved funds to submit Ad to Banner and National Encampment Booklet to promote above fundraiser
- Assisting the Friends of Vicksburg in raising funds for the storm damaged 7th Rhode Island Volunteers Monument.
 - Rededication and restoration were delayed by Covid-19
 - Department of Rhode Island has been invited to rededication ceremony
- National Encampment Exploration
 - In hopes to get a National Encampment in the Ocean State within the next 7 years.
- Outreach
 - The Department started library display and presentation programs under PDC Jamie McGuire during the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the RIGAR. This Outreach initiative is looking to expand on the success of the 150th program and expand the footprint of the SUVCW in Rhode Island.

We had an influx of youth in the SUVCW during the year 2019-2020 with many of our new Brothers being between the ages of eighteen (18) and forty-five (45). Unfortunately, we lost Brother Greg Payne, PCC, of Elisha Dyer Camp 7, who passed away in December. I am excited to see the Department grow in this coming year as many new members are stepping up throughout the whole Department.

6.25 Department of Southwest, James M. Heller, DC

Department of the South West was chartered on December 3, 2015, and by July 20, 2019, we had 111 members and have grown to 114 by October 12, 2020. Camps as follows:

1. Picacho Peak Camp No.1:
2. General R. H. G. Minty Camp No.2:
3. General U.S. Grant Camp No.3:
4. Captain Alexander McRae Camp No. 4:

63 Brothers 33 Brothers 33 Brothers (organizing)

The Department of the Southwest's 4th Annual Encampment was held virtually on May 16, 2020, using Zoom, new officers were nominated, elected, and installed by Brian C, Pierson PDC, with an assist from C-in-C Ed Norris. We committed to C-in-C Norris that we intended to send a full slate of delegates to the National Encampment in Atlanta GA. However; due to COVID-19, the in-person Encampment was cancelled. It is presently rescheduled for October 24, 2020, and will be an online virtual meeting.

During the past months, our Camps continued to be as active as possible during the pandemic (COVID19). Our challenge has been to find locations to hold our face-to-face meetings, which comply with CDC protocols, in the meantime, we will continue to online solutions

The same organizational group who established the camps in Flagstaff, AZ and in Tucson, AZ are actively working on establishing a new camp in New Mexico.

Our commitment to erect a Memorial to the brave Union soldiers who, far from home, were committed to securing the west for the Union is currently on the back burner, but always on our minds.

A SUVCW business card has been designed, it will have much of the information a prospective member would need to get the process started to become a Camp Member. Presently we are awaiting approval to use SUVCW logos on the card.

The Department and all Camps are current with all required reports.

6.26 Department of Tennessee (with Alabama and Mississippi), David DuBrucq, DC
Pending

6.27 Department of Texas (with Louisiana), John A. Schneider Sr, PDC

My term of service as the Department Commander for the Department of Texas is coming to an end.* It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been selected and entrusted with this office and I hope that I have conducted the office in a suitable manner and represented the Department appropriately.

The four camps of the Department remain healthy and continue to grow. Thanks to the hard work of our Signals Officer, Brother Bruce White, we have a new and revamped Department website with links to each of the camps.

During the past year I had the pleasure of representing the Department at the annual Battle of Galveston Commemorative Ceremony, which is the signature event of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2. Afterwards, I attended a meeting of Camp #2 which followed the ceremony. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 lockdown and distancing recommendations prevented me from fulfilling my personal goal of attending at least one meeting at each of the camps.

The Covid-19 crisis also appears to have delayed the planning for hosting the National Encampment. We need to get back on track with the planning for the National Encampment. We need to renew our search for a hotel for the proceedings and get things locked down as soon as possible.

Following Brother Coughlin's lead from his report last year, I would like to make the following suggestions for the upcoming year.

Now that we have a renewed website, I would like to see the creation of a Department Calendar with events such as camp meeting, grave dedications and parades listed on the calendar so brothers of different camps can see what's going on across the Department and participate in the events. I would ask the Camp Secretaries to help keep the calendar up to date.

While some camps have restarted in-person meetings, camps should, at a minimum, consider holding virtual meetings. This will help keep folks in touch and avoid losing members.

I encourage all camps to work to increase our membership and to seek out younger members. With many folks still staying home and using their spare time to research their ancestors, we need to find ways to reach out to them virtually and have them consider joining the SUV.

As my tenure as Department Commander comes to an end, I want to thank each member of my staff, and all the members of the Department of Texas for their support, help, and encouragement. As anyone who takes on such a position knows, he cannot do it all alone and must rely on the committed help and support of his staff and the general membership of the Department.

* Editorial note: current and installed Department Commander is Paul Kendall, DC.

6.28 Department of Vermont, Maurice Cerutti, DC

No report

6.29 Department of Wisconsin (with Minnesota), Brian D. McManus, DC

The following is the Commander's report of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, for the period of August 1, 2019 to August 1, 2020.

Department elections were held on June 13, 2020 and all Elected and Appointed Officers were installed by SVCinC Brian Pierson. Brian D. McManus was elected to the position of Commander, Department of Wisconsin.

Department activities are as follows:

I was appointed National Guide for 2019-2020 by Commander in Chief Ed Norris.

The Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal was presented to Sister Susan Fallon of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on February 2 for her unwavering and exemplary efforts to remember “The Boys in Blue” throughout Wisconsin.

Camp 15 Past Camp Commander Robert Koenecke was nominated for National Aide for his recruitment of five new Brothers.

Brother Thomas Ludka was nominated for a Meritorious Service with Gold Star award for his efforts to document over 1,000 Union Veteran graves in Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. Headstones were obtained and set for over 200 previously unmarked graves.

Margaret Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps was nominated for a National Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award for her efforts to document over 1,000 Union Veteran graves in Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. Headstones were obtained and set for over 200 previously unmarked graves.

The Department funds are sound, with a financial audit completed in February. Department membership remains fairly steady.

Graves Registration continues throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota with many new graves registered. The last soldier graves in 71 of 72 Counties have been identified, with one County having no known last soldier buried in it. Many "Last Soldiers" grave locations were updated as new information was found. 28 of the 72 counties have been marked, and have had a “Last Soldier” ceremony performed at the grave. The goal is to complete the project by the end of 2021.

The Department of Wisconsin mailed out 7 JROTC/ROTC medals and certificates throughout participating High Schools and Universities in Wisconsin and Minnesota. One in person presentation was done.

All Camps had their Officers installed by Past Department Commander Jeffrey Graf or Commander McManus. Form 27 Camp annual reports, and the Form 35 Department annual report have all been filed.

All Camps and the Department are IRS compliant with accepted 990N forms filed.

On June 23, the statue of Col. Hans Christian Heg, staunch abolitionist and Commanding Officer of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, was torn from its pedestal in Madison, WI. The statue was decapitated, and dumped in a nearby lake. Efforts are underway to have the statue repaired and reinstalled to its rightful place. Col. Heg is the namesake of Camp 15.

Camp activities are as follows:

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Milwaukee:

Camp 1 Brothers marched in the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade, attended the Wreaths across America event at Wood National Cemetery, hosted the Department Mid-Winter meeting and 50th anniversary Patriotic Luncheon, attended a Decoration Day ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in

Milwaukee, and hosted a Civil War Demonstration Day in Oak Creek. Camp1 issues a monthly newsletter, and continues to meet monthly via Zoom.

Henry Harnden Camp 2, Madison:

Camp 2 Brothers attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, and participated in Madison's Wreaths across America ceremonies.

Camp activities were hindered by the Covid 19 restrictions, but electronic meetings were held.

Major General John Gibbon Camp 4, Waukesha:

Camp 4 Brothers participated in Veteran's Day activities in Waukesha, attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, attended the Wreaths across America event at Wood National Cemetery, performed cemetery sweeps and conducted a ceremony at Prairie Home Cemetery in Waukesha.

Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, Saukville:

Camp 5 Brothers voted in unison to disband as a Camp. The Charter, Camp flag, and all monies were returned to the Department to be held in trust for the National SUVCW.

Old Abe Camp 8, Fox Cities:

Camp 8 Brothers attended the Civil War Trade Fair in Oshkosh.

Camp 8 held their annual Bean Dinner meeting with Camp elections.

Brothers installed 3 new headstones, and attended the Last Soldier dedications in 4 Counties.

Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Wind Lake:

Camp 15 Brothers attended the Mid-Winter meeting and Department Encampment, attended the Wreaths across America event at Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, attended the Decoration Day ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, attended a Memorial Day ceremony at Luther Parker Cemetery, attended Memorial Day ceremonies at the grave of Col. Heg and the LaFayette Cemetery. A National Meritorious Service award was presented at the National Encampment in Cleveland to PDC Brian McManus. Camp 15 continues to clean Union gravestones in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties using D2 biological cleaner.

Camp 15 continues the repairs to the 1855 LaFayette Church. Camp 15 issues a quarterly newsletter.

L.G. Armstrong Camp 49, Boscobel:

Brothers continue their efforts to complete the restoration of Wisconsin's only remaining GAR Hall. The

John McDermott Hall now has modern facilities with a basement, rest rooms, and is now ADA compliant for access.

The Hall is the meeting place for the John McDermott WRC members. Brothers reluctantly cancelled many of their normal events due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Col. William Colville Camp 56, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota:

Brothers participated in a remembrance ceremony on Decoration Day (May 30) in St. Paul, and the Litchfield, MN Memorial Day parade. Civil War education programs featuring Brother's ancestors who fought in Minnesota Regiments, have been added to Camp meetings. Due to the large area Camp 56 has, they are actively seeking enough Brothers to form another Camp, and in the future, restore Minnesota to its own Department, as it was until the 1970's.

Brothers have begun their third year of documenting the over 2,000 Union graves in the Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN, and meet there once a month during the summer months to continue their efforts.

The names are being added to the SUVCW Graves Registration database.

In conclusion, the Department of Wisconsin, and all the Camps therein, are doing excellent work throughout the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and it is my honor to represent them.

6.30 National Department-at-Large, Matthew O'Neil, DC

No report

7 Appendix

7.1 National Treasurer, Michael Beard, PDC; Financial Statements and supplementary information

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

*Year ended June 30, 2019
with Independent Auditor's Report*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information
Year ended June 30, 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report

Council of Administration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. (SUVCW) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP); this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SUVCW as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Council of Administration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 15 and 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Coulter & Justus, P.C.

Knoxville, Tennessee
February 4, 2020

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2019

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 263,703
Prepaid expense	6,211
Inventory	26,544
Other current assets	621
Total current assets	<u>297,079</u>

Fixed assets:

Furniture and equipment	25,773
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,050)</u>
Net fixed assets	4,723

Certificates of deposit	296,650
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Investments, at fair value:

U.S. Savings Bonds	41,052
Mutual funds	<u>614,549</u>
Total investments, at fair value	<u>655,601</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,254,053</u></u>

Liabilities and net assets

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,941
Deferred revenue	<u>105,143</u>
Total current liabilities	117,084

Net assets:

Without donor restrictions:	
Designated	363,615
Undesignated	<u>773,354</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,136,969</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 1,254,053</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2019

Revenues:	
Per capita tax	\$ 139,187
Registration and application fees	4,727
Quartermaster sales	35,364
Shipping and handling	5,942
Banner subscriptions	60
Donations	2,135
Special events	1,400
Investment income	32,667
Other	15,150
Total revenues	<u>236,632</u>
Expenses:	
Officer allowances and per diem expense	19,866
Executive director	24,784
Cost of quartermaster sales	28,287
Shipping and handling	5,446
ROTC program	926
National encampment	6,797
Banner, printing, and web page	45,529
Ceremonies	3,753
Life member payments to camps	289
Awards, grants, and donations	13,687
Accounting and professional fees	38,900
Office, telephone, and postage	10,913
Rent	9,270
Insurance	2,851
Depreciation	2,716
Miscellaneous expense	4,790
Total expenses	<u>218,804</u>
Change in net assets	17,828
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	<u>1,119,141</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	<u>\$ 1,136,969</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended June 30, 2019

Cash flows from operating activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 17,828
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	2,716
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(16,146)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expense	13,535
Inventory	10,813
Other current assets	3,850
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,424)
Deferred revenue	(9,651)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>14,521</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,956)
Purchases of certificates of deposit	(121,207)
Net sales of investments	2,912
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(120,251)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(105,730)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>369,433</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 263,703</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2019

1. Description of Organization

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. (SUVCW) is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1881. SUVCW was incorporated by an Act of Congress on August 20, 1954.

The purpose of SUVCW is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of The Republic and the men who saved the Union between 1861 and 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation of and availability of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of The Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our Country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Membership in SUVCW is limited by an act of Congress to male, blood relatives of persons who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, as soldiers or sailors of The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service, and of such state requirements as were called into active service, and were subject to orders of United States General Officers between those dates, and were honorably discharged from such service or who died in service.

SUVCW consists of Camps, Departments, and the National Organization. The National Encampment of the National Organization has the supreme power and authority of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These financial statements include only the activities of the National Organization.

SUVCW is governed by a twelve (12) member Council of Administration. The National Encampment elects all Council of Administration members to oversee and administer the day-to-day operations of SUVCW.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

SUVCW reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Includes revenue and contributions received without donor-imposed restrictions.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Presentation (continued)

Net assets with donor restrictions – Includes revenue and contributions, if any, subject to donor-imposed stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets and where the restriction is not met within the same fiscal year. When a donor restriction expires in a subsequent fiscal year, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted gifts are classified as unrestricted if the restriction expires in the same fiscal year.

Basis of Accounting

SUVCW uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of SUVCW are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under fund accounting, resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, fund balances and activity are classified as net assets with or without donor restrictions in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

The following funds are used by SUVCW:

General Fund

This fund is used to collect revenues and disburse funds for expenses related to the normal, day-to-day operations of SUVCW.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

National Headquarters Fund

This fund is used to account for funds to establish a National Headquarters. The National Headquarters is located within the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Headquarters will be used for the National Executive Director's office and to store records. Annual rent is \$9,270. As of June 30, 2019, the Council of Administration designated \$50,669 for these purposes.

Preservation Fund

This fund was created by action of the Council of Administration in 1999 to assist Departments and Camps of the Order in the preservation, maintenance, and defense of Civil War monuments and memorials. As of June 30, 2019, the Council of Administration designated \$32,516 for these purposes.

Permanent Fund

This fund was established by vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW and is authorized by Article VIII of SUVCW's Constitution. This fund accounts for Life Membership fees received prior to August 15, 1996. The fund also accounts for monies that have been given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War veteran, monies given or bequeathed to the National Organization that have not been designated for a specific purpose by the donor, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the National Encampment or the Council of Administration. The Permanent Fund may annually distribute, for each Life Member, \$18 to the National General Fund; there were no such distributions during 2019. The annual reimbursement sent to each member's camp upon application is set by the Council of Administration. The Council of Administration sets the amount based upon the earnings of the Permanent Fund in the previous fiscal year. Earnings on the monies may be transferred to the National General Fund and used for the operations of the National Organization. Except as may be provided by the donor, no portion of the principal may be disbursed without a vote by the National Encampment. As of June 30, 2019, the Council of Administration designated \$249,916 for these purposes.

Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund

This fund was established by the vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW in 2007 to account for monies designated for the annual ceremony held to honor Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois. As of June 30, 2019, there were no net assets designated by the Council of Administration to be used for this purpose.

Life Membership Fund

This fund was established by the vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW in 2012 to account for the life membership fees. As of June 30, 2019, the Council of Administration designated net assets of \$30,514 for this purpose.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

SUVCW considers highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash on deposit at financial institutions is federally insured to certain limits. SUVCW routinely has cash on deposit with financial institutions with these limits, and balances in excess of these limits are subject to the risk that the financial institution will not pay upon demand.

Certificates of Deposits

SUVCW's certificates of deposits are recorded at cost.

Inventory

Inventory consists of items for sale to members and is charged as an expense at the time of sale. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method.

Fixed Assets

Furniture and equipment over \$500 is capitalized and stated at cost, if purchased, or at fair value, if donated. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, which range from three to ten years. The costs of normal maintenance that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Investments

The investment portfolios are held and managed by investment advisors and stated at fair value (*Note 3*). Investment income, including unrealized gains and losses, is reported as an increase in net assets, depending upon donor restrictions, if any.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of per capita tax and encampment registration revenue applicable to the subsequent fiscal year.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Contributions subject to donor-imposed stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets, and for which the restriction is not met within the same fiscal year, are classified as net assets with donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires in a subsequent fiscal year, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted gifts are classified as net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the same fiscal year.

Donated Materials and Service

The amount of donated materials and services is not considered to be significant by management. Accordingly, no values have been recorded in the financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

SUVCW is classified as an organization exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as a public charity. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements.

Subsequent Events

In preparation of the accompanying financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events through February 4, 2020, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standard

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. SUVCW adopted ASU 2016-14 during 2019. ASU 2016-14 changes net asset classifications to present two classifications (net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions) rather than three classifications in the past (unrestricted, temporary restricted, and permanently restricted.) It also requires additional disclosures for the liquidity and availability of resources.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Liquidity and Availability of Resources

SUVCW has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

As of June 30, 2019, SUVCW has approximately \$1,216,000 of financial assets, including approximately \$264,000 of cash and cash equivalents, \$297,000 of certificates of deposit, and \$656,000 of investments available to meet cash needs for general expenditures that will be available within one year of the statement of financial position date. None of these financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the statement of financial position date.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, to supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The FASB subsequently issued other ASUs related to ASU 2014-09, which deferred the effective date and made certain clarifications to ASU 2014-09. This new standard and its subsequent amendments requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. An entity also should disclose sufficient quantitative and qualitative information to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. ASU 2014-09, as amended, is effective for SUVCW for the 2020 fiscal year. SUVCW is currently evaluating the effect this new standard will have on its financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842), which supersedes FASB ASC 840, *Leases*, and makes conforming amendments to U.S. GAAP. ASU 2016-02 requires, among other changes to the lease accounting guidance, lessees to recognize most leases on balance sheet via a right of use asset and lease liability, and additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures. ASU 2016-02 is effective for SUVCW for the 2022 fiscal year. SUVCW is currently evaluating the effect this new standard will have on its financial statements.

3. Investments

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820 are described below:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Investments (continued)

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that SUVCW has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by SUVCW are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by SUVCW are deemed to be actively traded.

U.S. savings bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although SUVCW believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, SUVCW's investments as of June 30, 2019:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. savings bonds	\$ -	\$41,052	\$ -	\$ 41,052
Mutual funds	614,549	-	-	614,549
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$614,549</u>	<u>\$41,052</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$655,601</u>

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Investments (continued)

The total return on certificates of deposit, U.S. Savings Bonds, and mutual funds for the year ended June 30, 2019 is summarized as follows:

Interest and dividends	\$ 16,521
Net realized and unrealized gain	<u>16,146</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ 32,667</u>

4. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of the changes in fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2019:

	Balance July 1, 2018	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2019
Furniture and equipment	\$ 41,651	\$ 1,916	\$(17,794)	\$ 25,773
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,168)</u>	<u>(2,716)</u>	<u>17,834</u>	<u>(21,050)</u>
	<u>\$ 5,483</u>	<u>\$ (800)</u>	<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 4,723</u>

5. Leases

SUVCW leases office space under an agreement classified as an operating lease that expires on June 30, 2022. Future minimum lease payments amount to \$10,200 per year through 2022.

6. Endowment

SUVCW's endowment consists of internally designated funds established for perpetual support of life memberships. As required by U.S. GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law – SUVCW classifies the original and subsequent value of funds designated for the endowment as net assets without donor restrictions. The Council of Administration of SUVCW has determined that the long-term preservation of the real value of the assets is the current goal of the endowment. As such, SUVCW has not chosen to be governed by the spending rate as permitted by the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

The following represents the change in endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$241,367
Contributions	-
Investment income and net appreciation	8,838
Lifetime memberships reimbursed	<u>(289)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$249,916</u>

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Endowment (continued)

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters – SUVCW has adopted an investment policy for endowment assets that attempt to achieve a real total return, resulting from income and capital appreciation, which will assist SUVCW in achieving its long-term funding objectives. Under this policy, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that, after examining the historical relationships of risk and return among asset classes, are designed to provide the highest probability of meeting or exceeding the return objectives at the lowest possible risk.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives – To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, SUVCW relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). SUVCW targets a diversified asset allocation to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy – Currently, the Council of Administration of SUVCW has determined that the long-term preservation of the real value of the assets is the current goal of the permanent endowment. As such, there has been no approved spending policy, as the current objective of the endowment is to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity. Current period interest and dividends may be considered to be payment of life membership reimbursements.

7. Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions at June 30, 2019, have been designated for the following purposes:

National headquarters	\$ 50,669
Preservation	32,516
Life membership	30,514
Permanent	249,916
	\$363,615

8. Functional Expenses

SUVCW's expenses are summarized on a functional basis for the year ended June 30, 2019 as follows:

Program	\$143,394
Administrative	75,410
Total functional expenses	\$218,804

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated among program and management and general based primarily upon direct charges.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Combining Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2019

	National Headquarters Fund		Preservation Fund		Permanent Fund		Lincoln Tomb Observation Fund		Life Membership Fund		Total Before Interfund Eliminations		Interfund Eliminations		Total		
	General Fund																
Assets																	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 198,646	\$	10,894	\$	14,374	\$	10,009	\$	13,334	\$	16,446	\$	263,703	\$	\$ 263,703		
Due from other funds	-		20,368		25,702		-		-		9,407		55,477		-		
Prepaid expense	6,211		-		-		-		-		-		6,211		6,211		
Inventory	26,544		-		-		-		-		-		26,544		26,544		
Other assets	621		-		-		-		-		-		621		621		
	232,022		31,262		40,076		10,009		13,334		25,853		352,556		297,079		
Fixed assets:																	
Furniture and equipment	15,290		10,483		-		-		-		-		25,773		25,773		
Less accumulated depreciation	(12,452)		(8,595)		-		-		-		-		(21,050)		(21,050)		
Net fixed assets	2,838		1,888		-		-		-		-		4,723		4,723		
Certificates of deposit	260,443		-		-		36,207		-		-		296,650		296,650		
Investments, at fair value:																	
U.S. Savings Bonds	-		-		-		41,052		-		-		41,052		41,052		
Mutual funds	409,011		35,522		-		165,355		-		4,661		614,549		614,549		
Total investments, at fair value	409,011		35,522		-		206,407		-		4,661		655,601		655,601		
Total assets	\$ 984,314	\$	68,669	\$	40,076	\$	252,623	\$	13,334	\$	30,514	\$	1,309,530	\$	655,477	\$	1,294,053
Liabilities and net assets																	
Liabilities:																	
Accounts payable	\$ 11,941	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	11,941	\$	-	\$	11,941
Due to other funds	39,962		-		-		2,707		12,808		-		55,477		(55,477)		-
Deferred revenue	79,583		18,000		7,560		-		-		-		105,143		-		105,143
Total liabilities	131,486		18,000		7,560		2,707		12,808		-		172,561		(55,477)		117,084
Net assets:																	
Without donor restrictions:																	
Designated	-		50,669		32,516		249,916		-		30,514		363,615		-		363,615
Undesignated	772,828		-		-		-		526		-		773,384		-		773,384
Total net assets without donor restrictions	772,828		50,669		32,516		249,916		526		30,514		1,137,000		-		1,137,000
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 984,314	\$	68,669	\$	40,076	\$	252,623	\$	13,334	\$	30,514	\$	1,309,530	\$	(55,477)	\$	1,294,053

See *Notes* to financial statements.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Combining Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Preservation Fund	Permanent Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	Life Membership Fund	Total
Change in net assets without donor restrictions:							
Revenues without donor restrictions:							
Per capita tax	\$ 92,718	\$ 28,753	\$ 12,286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,460	\$ 139,187
Registration and application fees	4,727	-	-	-	-	-	4,727
Quartermaster sales	35,364	-	-	-	-	-	35,364
Shipping and handling	5,942	-	-	-	-	-	5,942
Banner subscriptions	60	-	-	-	-	-	60
Donations	1,035	-	-	-	1,100	-	2,135
Special events	-	-	-	-	1,400	-	1,400
Investment income	22,125	1,741	-	8,580	-	221	32,667
Other	10,828	54	4,000	258	-	-	15,150
Total revenues without donor restrictions	172,809	30,518	16,286	8,838	2,500	5,681	236,632
Expenses:							
Officer allowances and per diem expense	19,866	-	-	-	-	-	19,866
Executive director	-	24,784	-	-	-	-	24,784
Cost of quartermaster sales	28,287	-	-	-	-	-	28,287
Shipping and handling	5,446	-	-	-	-	-	5,446
BOYC program	926	-	-	-	-	-	926
National encampment	6,797	-	-	-	-	-	6,797
Banner, printing, and web page	45,529	-	-	-	-	-	45,529
Ceremonies	-	-	-	-	3,753	-	3,753
Life member payments to camps	-	-	-	289	-	-	289
Awards, grants, and donations	7,137	-	6,590	-	-	-	13,687
Accounting and professional fees	38,900	-	-	-	-	-	38,900
Office, telephone, and postage	4,872	4,465	1,576	-	-	-	10,913
Rent	-	9,270	-	-	-	-	9,270
Insurance	2,851	-	-	-	-	-	2,851
Depreciation	2,134	582	-	-	-	-	2,716
Miscellaneous expense	4,775	-	-	-	-	-	4,775
Total expenses	167,520	39,101	8,126	289	3,753	15	218,804
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	5,289	(8,583)	8,160	8,549	(1,253)	5,666	17,828
Net assets, beginning of year	787,529	59,252	24,356	241,267	1,779	24,848	1,119,141
Net assets, end of year	792,828	50,669	32,516	249,916	526	30,514	1,136,969

See Independent Auditor's Report.

Minutes from the Council of Administration Meetings

August 11, 2019 Minutes

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration

MINUTES

August 11, 2019, Independence, Ohio

Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm on August 11, 2019 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Edward J. Norris

JVCinC Michael A. Paquette

CofA Member Immed. PCinC Donald W. Shaw

CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV

National Treasurer Michael Beard

National Quartermaster Jim Lyon

SVCinC Brian C. Pierson

National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis

CofA Member Bruce D. Frail

CofA Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.

CofA Member Kevin L. Martin

Voting Members Excused:

CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker

National Counselor Donald Darby

Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor

PCinC Tad Campbell

PCinC Danny Wheeler

PCinC Andrew Johnson

PCinC Perley Mellor

PCinC Stephen Michaels

PCinC Mark R. Day

Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.

Guests of the Council of Administration (taken from sign-in sheet):

National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble

OPEN ITEMS FROM PRE 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

National Treasurer: David McReynolds

3.0 **Recommendation:** Adopt a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan.

The Web Master reports that his thoughts on the pending "information systems and financial records disaster contingency plan" is that he is not qualified to address this topic, nor is anyone on the committee. This is where consultants should be consulted... Therefore it is my position that we confer with a consultant who has experience in the financial records data backup field. An online secure storage

company like Carbonite or NovaStor would be a good place to start.

[Pending per final Technology Committee recommendations to refer to Executive Director.]
[ADDITIONAL ACTION: Refer to Programs & Policies on final report by Gettysburg CofA Committee or Electronic Boardroom]

4.0 *Commander-in-Chief Day*

The P&P is tasked to make necessary corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. Any proposed changes to the C&R deemed necessary should be filled within the appropriate channels.

[Proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 developed and submitted to the C&R Committee, to be submitted to the C&R Committee by end of 2018.]

[ACTION: Preliminary report by Gettysburg, 2019]

5.0 *National Treasurer Additional Reporting*

501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Treasurer's Handbook to follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. Examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps.

[ACTION: See National Treasurer's report – General Order No. 18 issued, once all items are completed per Form 11, will re-apply to IRS for Group Exemption] Complete, Form 11 to be submitted to Program & Policies Committee] ACTION: Camps already 501c3, camps should state incorporated under the laws of their state and include in their By-Laws. Form 11 to be modified, refer to P&P Committee with Form 11 after G.O. 18 dates. Language to C&R for 501c3 status of camps and departments, will look into whether camps and departments can be grandfathered in as subordinates.]

[ACTION: That the Treasurer be approved to file new application to change the group exemption for all departments and camps to change from 501c4 to 501c3. This was so moved by JVCinC Brian Pierson, seconded by PCinC and National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.]

[ADDITION ACTION: Refer to next National Treasurer]

NEW BUSINESS POST 2017 LANSING, MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT

National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC:

6.0 Recommendation 1. That the SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) be updated to include the required office of Department GAR Records Officer.

Note: A draft version of the modified fill-in Adobe Acrobat PDF form has been provided to the Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

[Programs & Policies Committee, ADDITIONAL ACTION: Approved to be updated]

ITEMS FROM 2018 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REPORTS

PCinC Mark Day's Recommendations:

7.0 **Recommendation #2:** That the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget (\$500)

that can be used to support its efforts and that the Fraternal Relations Committee job description be modified to show that, [**Budget line item of \$500 approved. Job description be sent to C&R Committee though P&P Committee, Passed**] [**P&P will be supplied suggested language for starting point**]

[ACTION: Pending this encampment or 2020]

8.0 **Recommendation #4:** That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent national headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21st Century. [**CinC to appoint CinC Committee, chaired by Brother Kevin Tucker, PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy, Sr., Michael Paquette, and David McReynolds.**] [ADDITIONAL ACTION: Committee to be re-appointed]

9.0 **Recommendation #6:** That the National Special Committee on Website redesign be continued through the year 2021.

[CinC to appoint Committee, ACTION: Motion by Council of Administration Member and PCinC Mark Day to approve the authorized up to \$500 additional above the \$5000 for the purpose of Phase I of the project, seconded by Council of Administration Member Michael Paquette. Passed, 1 abstained]

10.0 **Recommendation #7:** That the CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements.

[CinC to appoint CinC Committee consisting of members if they will accept of Day, Darby, Michael Paquette, and Kevin Tucker] [ADDITIONAL ACTION: continued to 2019 post Encampment CofA meeting]

ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS

11.0 2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Brian Pierson, PDC

RECOMMENDATION: Retire the Form 60 as soon as practical in favor of the Form 3, either as is or updated. [**ACTION: JVCinC Brian Pierson to prepare updated Form 3 and ask P&P Committee for comment and vote by Electronic means or bring back to CofA**]

12.0 4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Michael A. Paquette, PDC
RECOMMENDATIONS:

12.1 Establish a special National-level Special Committee responsible for providing training for elected and appointed officers at Department and Camp levels. The committee should have 5 members. Committee members should have professional experience in training or education. This committee should have a lifespan of at least three years.

12.2 The Training Committee will begin developing “how to” training materials for use by Departments and Camps. [Currently the C&R defines the responsibilities of these positions –

the “what” the job requires, not “how to do it”.] Elected positions should have priority (Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander). [Note: a handbook for Treasurers has been developed by the National Treasurer. The committee may choose this approach or determine other means to provide training.] Materials should be made available online to our membership.

- 12.3 Make the Training Committee a permanent National-level Committee responsible for the oversight of training officers at the Department and Camp level. (P&P Committee to develop roles and responsibilities of the Training Committee and bring to a future National Encampment for a vote to approve the permanent committee. This could take 2 – 3 years to accomplish.)

[ACTION: Run the recommendations through the Memorial University-COMPLETED]

13.0 **4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 13.1 We should offer admin accounts to some Sisters of the Allied Orders. We have many Sisters in the Allied Orders who have requested the ability to assist us in our task. While I have had my hands tied in being able to give out full administration accounts to these Sisters, I have giving two Sisters limited monitored admin accounts, these have proven very positive and I believe should be expanded to include a Graves Registration Liaison Officer from each of the Allied Orders. These GRLOs would answer to the National Graves Registration Officer and could serve as aides or full members on the National Committee on Graves Registration. These positions would be as all other Admin Accounts, a privilege and not a right.

[ACTION: Motion by Brother Mark Day that the National Graves Registration Officer be authorized to appoint grave registration Liaison officers from the Allied Orders to assist with the Graves Registration Database at his digression, seconded. Passed]

- 13.2 We should openly accept limited Confederate Veteran Grave locations. We currently have over 12,000 Confederate Grave locations within the database. What I mean as limited is as follows; “Any Confederate Officer or Enlisted veteran who served in an honorable manner and never committed treason against the United States of America or its Constitution.” Any person who had, at any point in his life, sworn an oath of allegiance to the United States of America or its Constitution, whether in political life, military life, judicial life or in government employ of any kind and then fought against that of which was sworn to uphold, would be guilty of treason and therefore would not be allowed in our database.

[ACTION: Motion by Brother James Pahl that the Graves Registration Database be limited to graves of Union Civil War Soldiers, Sailors and Marines and any Confederate discovered be turned over to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, seconded. Passed]

- 13.3 We should openly market ourselves and our database to genealogical groups and societies. This was begun last year with our work with the National Archives and Records Administration and should be expanded on in the coming years. These are the people we need to bring into our organization and they are our future. In the past year we have gained over 20 new members in the SUVCW in this manner and 5 that I know of in then ASUVCW. This was done with asking the simple question “Are you a member of the SUVCW or the Allied Orders

of the GAR?” with the follow up of “Would you be interested in learning more about us or them?” It is really that simple, people do not know about us and when they find out, they wish to join.

[ACTION: Moved and work by National Committee on Promotion and Marketing]

13.4 We should add advertisement banners to some of our database pages, i.e. search page and results page. These banners would be controlled by the SUVCW and the profit from them would go to the upkeep of the database (up to the yearly amount that has been budgeted) any additional funds could go into the General or Permanent Funds. The upgraded database and our new server location give us the ability to add banners, collect and track revenues. We should take advantage of this.

[ACTION: Motion by Brother Day that we allow the Technology and Graves Registration Committees to work on developing the program or plan on how this would be implemented by 2019 Gettysburg, seconded. Passed]

13.5 We should create and market a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru a database web store to people who learn of their relatives or are helping with our project. Some ideas are certificates that identify American Civil War Service, t-shirts or polo shirts that submitters or admin users can purchase that would identify them as working and/or supporting our project. These items would be dual purpose; they would generate revenue and promote our database, which in turn promotes the SUVCW. The revenue would pay for the expenses generated in this product line, go towards the budget for upkeep of the database and lastly any additional could go into the General or Permanent Funds. This line would not interfere at all with the Quartermaster store or the Charitable Foundation as it is targeting a different group of buyers. As this three year plan is a base to my ideas for the future, we should discuss these before I submit a complete five or ten year plan.

[ACTION: Same as item #4]

14.0 **5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 4 The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Strategic Development Committee to move forward to write a suitable case statement to support the initial phases of fundraising for the SUVCW. The case statement might be incorporated into the online fundraising page recommended below. The case statement will be reviewed and approved by the entire CoA prior to implementation.
- 5 The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Treasurer to contract with a company that will allow the SUVCW to collect online donations by check, credit card or PayPal. This might be PayPal since we already contract with them for the Quartermaster Store. Further, the Webmaster would be authorized to work with the Treasurer in setting up the online giving page. The Treasurer will provide the proper budgetary location for any expenditures related to this effort. The contract along with a summary of any financial impact on the organization will be brought back to the entire CoA prior to execution.
- 6 The committee recommends that the CoA authorize it to produce a presentation to be made at

the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years. A small individual gift (\$540 total) can become increasingly significant when multiplied by 1,000. The total would yield \$540,000. It seems feasible that 1,000 members would commit to giving \$15 per month. And perhaps some would commit to give even more. The presentation would be reviewed by the entire CoA prior to it being made at the Encampment.

[ACTION: Motion by JVCinC Brian Pierson that the committee to authorize to moved forward with their recommendations, second by PCinC Danny Wheeler. Passed]
[CONTINUED ACTION-Deferred to Gettysburg, 2019]

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDEPENDENCE, OHIO OFFICER AND DEPT REPORTS

Commander-in-Chief Shaw

Recommendations:

- 5 Special Committee on Monument Protection **[ACTION: Incoming CinC to appoint, Wolz, Pierson, Michael Paquette, Don Shaw]**
- 6 Enhance use of the Promotion and Marketing Committee **[ACTION: Approved by Encampment]**
- 7 Special Committee on Aid to Veterans **[ACTION: Incoming CinC to appoint for two years ending 2021, Dexter Bishop, Bruce Frail, 3 Additional on Committee]**

Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Pierson

8 Recommendations:

5.2. Consideration towards the development of policy with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly election officer. **[ACTION: Programs and Policies Committee]**

Executive Director Demmy

- 9 **Recommendation # 1:** Require all Departments and all Camps to have an appointed Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer). The purpose would be to have an Assistant already in place, with bank account & records access, to provide backup to all administrative and financial functions of the Department/Camp in the event that the elected officer(s) was unable to perform their duties due to illness, disability, death, divorce, relocation, natural disaster, resignation or any other reason!

Having an appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer would be part of a “Professional Continuity Plan” for the Department and Camps that could minimize future business interruption between the Camps, Departments and National Headquarters; and avoid any potential suspension due to lack of filing reports and remittances in a timely manner! **[ACTION: C&R Standing Committee]**

- 10 **Recommendation #2:** It appears under Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article I, Formation, Section 3 that when footnote 26 may have been established, that section 3 (a) and (b) were dissolved! Therefore, language in section 11 and 12 below require correction as they reference data no longer in section 3 (a) and (b)!

11 Likewise, section 11 states “consolidated report”; I believe this consolidated report to be known as “Department Annual Report Form 35” and therefore ‘*consolidated*’ should be changed to reflect the

proper name of the annual report due to headquarters on or before May 31 of each year. **[ACTION: C&R Standing Committee]**

National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, James Lyon

12 A type of report needed on number of certificates given from camps to departments, then to National. **[ACTION: Quartermaster to track]**

National Patriotic Instructor

Recommendations

13 3. The Medal of Honor was the only national award available in the Civil War period to recognize the patriotism and bravery of individuals who performed above and beyond the call of duty. I propose that the SUVCW make a strong official statement of support for the resuming the awarding of a Medal of Honor for gallantry during the War of the Rebellion. In 2018, I submitted a recommendation for that medal in conjunction with the effort of the Milton (VT) Historical Society who are restoring the farmhouse of General Stannard,. Stannard was commander of the Second Vermont Brigade that played such a significant role in repulsing Longstreet's assault at Gettysburg. Stannard took the initiative of a daring attack on the Confederate flank that had devastating effect at close range. Despite the agreement of the chief of the army awards bureau that Stannard clearly deserved such a medal, the current policy is that no more recommendations for the Civil War period be accepted. I believe that this is a policy that should be reversed so that deserving persons can be recognized and that support from our order might make the change possible. (I can provide copious details on the year-long process of preparing and submitting the recommendation through Senator Patrick Leahy's office.) **[ACTION: Incoming CinC to pen letter to restore this award for action he deems appropriate]**

14 4. Finally, I feel strongly that the SUVCW has a clear patriotic responsibility to address the current situation in our republic where the divisions along political lines threaten the Union as much as in 1860. Our charter requires us to support and defend the institutions for which our forefathers fought and so many died. This is NOT a partisan issue, but a patriotic one, and we are remiss if we fail to address it. Our counterpart organization, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, does not retreat from expressing its views, as we heard from its commander at our last encampment. While the Russians did not create the lingering fault line between North and South, or Union and Confederacy, it was the focal point for their greatest effort in 2016 to inflame and exploit divisions in our nation through social media. We must recognize this reality and take a strong stance calling for a "civil way, not a civil war."

Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations

Recommendations

15 My recommendation would be to end this committee and look into giving the above tasks to the Marketing and Promotions Committee. **[ACTION: Motion by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson that committee be ended and task moved to Marketing and Promotions, seconded. Passed]**

NEW BUSINESS

15.0 Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris presented certificate to Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw for service during the year.

- 15.1 Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. National Secretary J. Davis stated he will again email these out to the National officers hopefully within the next two weeks.
- 15.2 National Treasurer Beard stated budget was submitted during National Encampment was good except a few additional expenditures approved during the encampment. **[ACTION: Motion by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson that the budget submitted to the National Encampment with the additional expenditures be approved, seconded by Brother Bruce Frail. Motion Passed].**
- 15.3 National Membership-at-Large dues for 2020 **[ACTION: Motion by Jr. Vice Commander in Chief Maichael Paquette that no change in dues, seconded by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson. Motion passed].**
- 15.4 Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships). **[ACTION: Motion by CofA Member Bruce Frail that reimbursement remain the same for 2020, seconded by CofA Member Peter Hritsko. Jr. Motion passed].**
- 15.5 Discussion on the Electronic Boardroom. It was decided to continue to use current system.
- 15.6 PCinC Danny Wheeler stated the last PCinC Badge he had was given to PCinC Shaw, we brought several years ago due to the cost of gold and wondered if we needed to order one a year or several. **[ACTION: Motion by Sr, Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson to authorize the National Quartermaster to order a 5 yr. supply, seconded by CofA Member Bruce Frail. Motion passed].**
- 15.7 Contract for the Banner editor will be expiring and needs extended. **[ACTION: Motion by CofA Member Peter Hritsko, Jr to appoint PCinC James Pahl as the Banner editor for 3 years, seconded by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson. Motion passed].**
- 15.8 Photographer Contract needs to be approved by the CofA, PCinC Freshley submitted numbers to Commander in Chief Norris for 2019-2020 with slight increases in cost. **[ACTION: Motion by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson to approve contract, seconded by CofA Member Bruce Frail. Motion passed].**
- 15.9 National Secretary will prepare and send draft minutes of meetings for members of the CofA to review.
- 15.10 Military affairs appointment **[ACTION: To be addressed by General Order]**
- 15.11 Memorial Grant Fund Committee **[ACTION: To be addressed by General Order]**
- 15.12 Schedule of Forms **[ACTION: To be reviewed for coming year]**
- 15.13 Standard sheets for Program book to Host Department **[ACTION: Review, edit and supply to Department of Georgia and South Carolina]**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Brother Paul Davis of the Department of Michigan appointed as National Press Secretary, but all items will be sent though the Commander-in-Chief.
- The ASUVCW plans to start presenting a A.P. Davis Award, P&P will review.

Benediction: National Chaplain Adjournment:
Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, National Secretary

November 24, 2019 Minutes

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
MINUTES
November 24, 2019, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

Commander-in-Chief Edward J, Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on November 24, 2019 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Edward J. Norris	SVCinC Brian C. Pierson
JVCinC Michael A. Paquette	National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis
CofA Member Bruce D. Frail	CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV
CofA Peter J, Hritsko, Jr.	National Treasurer Michael Beard
CofA Member Kevin L. Martin	National Quartermaster James Lyon
CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker	

Voting Members Excused:

National Counselor Donald Darby	CofA Member Immed. PCinC Donald W. Shaw
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Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor	PCinC Stephen Michaels
PCinC Mark R. Day	Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.
Jamie McGuire, Nat. Signal Officer	

Guests of the Council of Administration (taken from sign-in sheet):

National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble

OPEN ITEMS FROM PRE 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

1. National Treasurer: David McReynolds

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[Pending per final Technology Committee recommendations to refer to Executive Director.]

[ADDITIONAL ACTION: Refer to Programs & Policies on final report by Gettysburg CofA Committee or Electronic Boardroom] [Continuing ACTION: Springfield]

2. Commander-in-Chief Day

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[Proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 developed and submitted to the C&R Committee, to be submitted to the C&R Committee by end of 2018.]

[ACTION: Preliminary report by Springfield, 2020]

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501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Treasurer's Handbook to follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. Examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps.

[ACTION: See National Treasurer's report – General Order No. 18 issued, once all items are completed per Form 11, will re-apply to IRS for Group Exemption] Complete, Form 11 to be submitted to Program & Policies Committee] ACTION: Camps already 501c3, camps should state incorporated under the laws of their state and include in their By-Laws. Form 11 to be modified, refer to P&P Committee with Form 11 after G.O. 18 dates. Language to C&R for 501c3 status of camps and departments, will look into whether camps and departments can be grandfathered in as subordinates.]

[ACTION: That the Treasurer be approved to file new application to change the group exemption for all departments and camps to change from 501c4 to 501c3. This was so moved by JVCinC Brian Pierson, seconded by PCinC and National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.]

[ADDITION ACTION: Refer to next National Treasurer] [Continuing ACTION: Tabled]

NEW BUSINESS POST 2017 LANSING, MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT

National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC:

4. Recommendation 1. That the SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) be updated to include the required office of Department GAR Records Officer. Note: A draft version of the modified fill-in Adobe Acrobat PDF form has been provided to the Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

[Programs & Policies Committee, Continuing ACTION: Approved to be updated]

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PCinC Mark Day's Recommendations:

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[ACTION: Pending this encampment or 2020] [Continuing ACTION: Deferred to C&R Committee]

6. Recommendation #4: That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent national headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21st Century.

[CinC to appoint CinC Committee, chaired by Brother Kevin Tucker, PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy, Sr., Michael Paquette, and David McReynolds and Bruce Frail.]

[Continuing ACTION: Committee to be re-appointed]

7. Recommendation #7: That the CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements.

[CinC to appoint CinC Committee consisting of members if they will accept of Day, Darby, Michael Paquette, and Kevin Tucker]

[ADDITIONAL ACTION: continued to 2019 post Encampment CofAnmeeting]

[Continuing ACTION: To be appointed]

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8. 2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Brian Pierson, PDC

RECOMMENDATION: Retire the Form 60 as soon as practical in favor of the Form 3, either as is or updated.

[ACTION: JVCinC Brian Pierson to prepare updated Form 3 and ask P&P Committee for

comment and vote by Electronic means or bring back to CofA] [Continuing ACTION: Deferred to Springfield, 2020]

9. 4.3 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Michael A. Paquette, PDC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[ACTION: Run the recommendations through the Memorial University, ACTION: COMPLETED]

10. 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) We should openly market ourselves and our database to genealogical groups and societies. This was begun last year with our work with the National Archives and Records Administration and should be expanded on in the coming years. These are the people we need to bring into our organization and they are our future. In the past year we have gained over 20 new members in the SUVCW in this manner and 5 that I know of in then ASUVCW. This was done with asking the simple question “Are you a member of the SUVCW or the Allied Orders of the GAR?” with the follow up of “Would you be interested in learning more about us or them?” It is really that simple, people do not know about us and when they find out, they wish to join.

[ACTION: Moved and work by National Committee on Promotion and Marketing]

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collect and track revenues. We should take advantage of this.

[ACTION: Motion by Brother Day that we allow the Technology and Graves Registration Committees to work on developing the program or plan on how this would be implemented by 2019 Gettysburg, seconded. Passed]

[Continuing ACTION: In progress]

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[ACTION: P&P then to C&R]

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[ACTION: Motion by JVCinC Brian Pierson that the committee to authorize to moved forward

**with
their recommendations, second by PCinC Danny Wheeler. Passed]**

[Continuing ACTION: CinC to re-appoint Committee]

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDEPENDENCE, OHIO OFFICER AND DEPT REPORTS

12. Commander-in-Chief Shaw

Recommendations:

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[ACTION: Programs and Policies Committee]

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[ACTION: C&R Standing Committee]

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15. National Patriotic Instructor

Recommendations

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[ACTION: Incoming CinC to pen letter to restore this award for action he deems appropriate]

[Continuing ACTION: Not Completed]

10. 4. Finally, I feel strongly that the SUVCW has a clear patriotic responsibility to address the current situation in our republic where the divisions along political lines threaten the Union as much as in 1860. Our charter requires us to support and defend the institutions for which our forefathers fought and so many died. This is NOT a partisan issue, but a patriotic one, and we are remiss if we fail to address it. Our counterpart organization, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, does not retreat from expressing its views, as we heard from its commander at our last encampment. While the Russians did not create the lingering fault line between North and South, or Union and Confederacy, it was the focal point for their greatest effort in 2016 to inflame and exploit divisions in our nation through social media. We must recognize this reality and take a strong stance calling for a "civil way, not a civil war."

[ACTION: COMPLETED]

16. Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations

Recommendations

11. My recommendation would be to end this committee and look into giving the above tasks to the Marketing and Promotions Committee.

[ACTION: Motion by Sr. Vice Commander in Chief Brian Pierson that committee be ended and task moved to Marketing and Promotions, seconded. Passed] [Deferred]

2019 GETTYSBURG OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

17. Brother Beard - Section 2.5

Microsoft will not support Windows 7 after January 2020. Our Dell computer is a Windows 7 version and we should replace that with a newer and better model.

Recommendation 1. The CofA should authorize a new computer for the Treasurer not to exceed \$1,500.

[ACTION: CofA Member Bruce Frail moved to increase the number from one to two commuters, one for the National Secretary and one for the National Treasurer not to exceed \$3000, seconded by CofA Member Kevin Tucker. Motion PASSED]

Recommendation 2. The CofA should Authorize Adobe Acrobat for the Order's Computer to digitize financial records. Not to exceed \$500.

[ACTION: Withdrawned]

Recommendations 3. The CofA should confirm the annual practice of transferring \$5 to the Headquarters Fund and \$2 to the Preservation Fund.

[ACTION: Sr. Vice Commander Brian Pierson that council adopt an official policy until brought to the National Encampment that \$5.00 of the annual fee go to the Headquarters Fund and \$2.00 go the Preservation Fund, seconded by Jr. Vice Commander Michael Paquette. Motion PASSED]

18. Brother Preble - Section 3.6

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[ACTION: P&P Committee]

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[ACTION: P&P Committee]

19. Brother Enderlin - Section 3.14

Form 49 - The P&P Committee is reformatting the form to accommodate the suggested changes. Final approval from the CofA is still pending.

[ACTION: Deferred]

20. Brother Ben Frail - Section 3.23

I have one recommendation and that is on the Memorial University Webpage, it is not clear that a Brother needs to take screen shots and email them to me to fulfill the completion requirement (see below screenshot).

[ACTION: COMPLETED]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Camps and Departments holding Real Estate. **[ACTION: Committee to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief]**
2. Form(s) for starting a new Department. **[ACTION: No action required]**
3. 1983 Proceedings *[ACTION: Executive Director to supply copy]*
4. 2020 Department Encampment Representatives. Chief of Staff Jamie McGuire
5. **Motion by National Treasurer Michael Beard that the SUVCW to reimburse the SVR up do \$6,500 pending invoices received by the SVR, seconded by Sr. Vice Commander Brian Pierson. Motion PASSED]**
6. **Motion by CofA member Bruce Frail that the CofA to approve up to \$1,500 for purchase Video equipment, seconded by National Treasurer Michael Beard. Motion Passed]**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Brother Bruce Frail announced his intent to run for Junior Vice Commander in Chief during the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia.
2. Brother Kevin Tucker announced his intent to run for his current seat as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia.

Benediction: National Chaplain

Adjournment:

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

May 2, 2020 Meeting

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
MINUTES
May 2, 2020, Teleconference**

Commander-in-Chief Edward J, Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on May 2, 2020 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Edward J. Norris	SVCinC Brian C. Pierson
JVCinC Michael A. Paquette	National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis
CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker	CofA Member Bruce D. Frail
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV	CofA Peter J, Hritsko, Jr.
National Treasurer Michael Beard	CofA Member Kevin L. Martin
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Donald W. Shaw	

Voting Members Excused:

National Quartermaster James Lyon

Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor	PCinC Danny L. Wheeler
National Counselor Donald Darby	PCinC Edward J. Krieser
Jamie McGuire, Nat. Signal Officer	PCinC Stephen A. Michaels
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[ACTION: Pennsylvania Department Request: CinC to write up and discuss with Department]

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[ACTION: Georgia National Encampment needs to establish end date, add Ben Jones of Tennessee to committee]

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[ACTION: Programs and Policies Committee]

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2019 GETTYSBURG OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

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[ACTION: P&P Committee]

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[ACTION: P&P Committee]

15. Brother Enderlin - Section 3.14

Form 49 - The P&P Committee is reformatting the form to accommodate the suggested changes. Final approval from the CofA is still pending.

[ACTION: Deferred]

2020 TELECONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

16. SVCinC Brian Pierson

a. Updated Form 50 (admin update) in coordination with Brother Demmy.

[ACTION: To be voted on by the CofA]

b. Guidance for creating and revoking a Camp

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[ACTION: C&R Committee]

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Recommendation: I have been in contact with a number of Brothers in reference to a suggestion made by PCinC James Pahl during the CofA meeting in Gettysburg, a case can be made, per our Constitution and Regulations, that the JVCinC has authority to issue membership cards to applicants seeking membership via the online membership application process.

[ACTION: P&P, maybe forward to C&R Committee]

18. National Treasurer D. Michael Beard

a. Department use of 501(c)(3) Status. I have asked our tax attorney for an opinion on whether or not a department can solicit tax deductible donations for our National Encampment using our tax-exempt status.

[ACTION: Commander-in-Chief to issue a G.O. that makes Department Host Committee a Special National Committee pending change to the C&R]

b. Recommendation Number 1: The Council of Administration allow subordinates with a specific need for fund raising to apply to the IRS for their own 501(c)(3) status.

[ACTION: Denied by vote]

19. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

My request for national to create a national database that I can enter our information into.

[ACTION: New database to be constructed]

20. National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin

Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page.

[ACTION: Pending]

21. National Comm. on Promotion and Marketing, Bruce D. Frail

a. We would like to present a resolution for the use of a National Public Information Officer.

[ACTION: Resolution sent to National Secretary]

Benediction: National Chaplain

Adjournment:

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

July 2, 2020 Meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration MINUTES July 2, 2020, Teleconference

The Zoom recording was lost and these minutes were compiled by examining email messages and memory of the discussion.

The meeting was held electronically via Zoom and started at 8:00 PM EDT

The following Officers and Past Commanders in Chief were present: Edward Norris, Brian Pierson, Michael Paquette, Jonathan Davis, Michael Beard, Harry Reineke IV, Kevin Martin, Peter Hritsko Jr., Bruce Frail, Donald Shaw, James Pahl, James Maguire, David Demmy Sr., Peter Preble, Andrew Johnson, Danny Wheeler, Edward Krieser, Stephen Michaels, Leo Kennedy, Donald Palmer Jr., Tad Campbell, and Mark Day.

The previous day Brother Kevin Tucker (CofA), Brother Mark Hale (Dept. of Georgia and South Carolina), and Commander in Chief Ed Norris had spoken, via phone, with Ms. Parks of the Sheraton Hotel. She said the hotel most likely cannot accommodate us with the social distancing guidelines set forth by Gov. Kemp. No one can predict what will happen with the Georgia order expiring on August 11 and with Georgia now seeing a big uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases. We ran through our different events (business meeting, banquet, etc.) during that weekend and Ms. Parks kept saying no the hotel could not accommodate us. We asked for an email which states we can get our deposits back and with no further penalty. We didn't want to officially cancel on the spot and she said we could contact her in a day or two.

A motion was made and seconded to officially cancel the 2020 National Encampment. All Council of Administration members present voted to cancel.

We asked that Brother Tucker contact the hotel and request a refund of the deposits from the hotel. Email was to be sent to Brother Hale, PCinC Don Darby, and Brother Joseph Hall to return deposits made to us for our various events to be held at that National Encampment.

The meeting ended at approximately at 8:30 PM EDT.

Minutes written by Ed Norris, PCinC on September 5, 2022.

September 2, 2020 Meeting

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
MINUTES
September 2, 2020, Teleconference**

Meeting was held electronically via Zoom and started at 8:00 PM EDT

Meeting attendees were not recorded, but a quorum was met and verified.

PCinC Robert Grim provided an update about the upcoming Remembrance Day events. COVID-19 was causing issues with permits and the Pennsylvania guidelines on the number of people who could attend. The hotel could not accommodate us for the SVR Breakfast or Civil War Ball. The hotel is willing to excuse us from the contract. The Military Affairs Committee recommended that we cancel the events.

A motion was made by Brother Bruce Frail and seconded (unknown by two Brothers) to officially cancel the 2020 Remembrance Day events. All present voted to cancel.

We requested that Brother Henry Shaw send notice to the hotel and any agency in which we had applied for a permit.

A discussion of the proposed General Order (below) was held. No changes were suggested.

1. The Remembrance Day events (Albert Woolson Monument Ceremony, Parade, and Original Civil War Ball) sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, scheduled for November 21, have been canceled.
2. Any payments to the SVR Ball will be refunded, please be patient while they process the refunds.
3. If you booked a hotel for Remembrance Day, we suggest you contact the hotel and cancel your reservation. Caveat - We do not know the status of other non-SVR events held that weekend.
4. We hope to see our Brothers and Sisters at the next Remembrance Day held on November 20, 2021.

If any Brother was still going to Gettysburg for any gathering, it was to be on their own. Nothing

is going to be SUVCW sponsored thus nothing was to be published on SUVCW sponsored email or our social media platforms.

Brother Kevin Tucker brought up a pending email motion and we decided to vote on that. Brother Bruce Frail's motion from September 1, 2020 was, "In honor of the life & passing of Brother Richard Orr, PC-in-C that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War make a donation in the name of Brother Richard Orr, PC-in-C to one of his favorite projects, The Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc. located at 4141 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. 15213 in the amount of \$100.00 to come from either the General Fund or a different acceptable fund." PCinC Donald Shaw had seconded the motion.

The email chain was fully in favor of making the donation. CinC Ed Norris asked if there was any other discussion and with none, a vote was taken. All were in favor of the donation.

The meeting ended at approximately at 8:39 PM EDT.

Minutes written by Ed Norris, PCinC on September 5, 2022.

October 18, 2020 Meeting

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration
MINUTES
October 18, 2020, Teleconference**

Commander-in-Chief Edward J, Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on October 18, 2020 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV.

The National Secretary called the roll of elected officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Edward J. Norris
JVCinC Michael A. Paquette
National Treasurer Michael Beard
CofA Member Bruce D. Frail
National Quartermaster James Lyon

SVCinC Brian C. Pierson
National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis
CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV

Voting Members Excused:

CofA Member Immed. PCinC Donald W. Shaw

OPEN ITEMS FROM PRE 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

National Treasurer: David McReynolds

1. National Treasurer Additional Reporting

501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Treasurer's Handbook to follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. Examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps.

[ACTION: See National Treasurer's report – General Order No. 18 issued, once all items are completed per Form 11, will re-apply to IRS for Group Exemption] Complete, Form 11 to be submitted to Program & Policies Committee] ACTION: Camps already 501c3, camps should state incorporated under the laws of their state and include in their By-Laws. Form 11 to be modified, refer to P&P Committee with Form 11 after G.O. 18 dates. Language to C&R for 501c3 status of camps and departments, will look into whether camps and departments can be grandfathered in as subordinates.] [ACTION: That the Treasurer be approved to file new application to change the group exemption for all departments and camps to change from 501c4 to 501c3. This was so moved by JVCinC Brian Pierson, seconded by PCinC and National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler.]

[ACTION: Tabled]

ITEMS FROM 2018 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REPORTS

PCinC Mark Day's Recommendations:

2. Recommendation #2: That the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget (\$500) that can be used to support its efforts and that the Fraternal Relations Committee job description be modified to show that, [Budget line item of \$500 approved. Job description be sent to C&R Committee though P&P Committee, Passed]

[ACTION: Currently with C & R, moved to 2021]

3. Recommendation #4: That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. This committee should be tasked with providing a plan to accomplish the establishment of a permanent national headquarters by the National in 2020. I believe this is a necessary step if we are to grow and prosper and be recognized as a legitimate and professional heritage organization in the 21st Century.

[CinC to appoint CinC Committee, chaired by Brother Kevin Tucker, PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy, Sr., Michael Paquette, and David McReynolds and Bruce Frail.]

[ACTION: Discussion on duties, continued]

4. Recommendation #7: That the CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements.

[CinC to appoint CinC Committee consisting of members if they will accept of Mark Day, Donald Darby, Michael Paquette, Faron Taylor and Kevin Tucker, committee appointed till 2024]

ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS

5.2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Brian Pierson, PDC

RECOMMENDATION: Retire the Form 60 as soon as practical in favor of the Form 3, either as is or updated.

[ACTION: JVCinC Brian Pierson to prepare updated Form 3 and ask P&P Committee for comment and

vote by Electronic means or bring back to CofA]

[ACTION: Revised Form 3 needs finalized and placed for voted]

5. 5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Strategic Development Committee to move forward to write a suitable case statement to support the initial phases of fundraising for the SUVCW. The case statement might be incorporated into the online fundraising page recommended below. The case statement will be reviewed and approved by the entire CoA prior to implementation.
- 2) The committee recommends to the CoA that it provide authorization for the Treasurer to contract with a company that will allow the SUVCW to collect online donations by check, credit card or PayPal. This might be PayPal since we already contract with them for the Quartermaster Store. Further, the Webmaster would be authorized to work with the Treasurer in setting up the online giving page. The Treasurer will provide the proper budgetary location for any expenditures related to this effort. The contract along with a summary of any financial impact on the organization will be brought back to the entire CoA prior to execution.
- 3) The committee recommends that the CoA authorize it to produce a presentation to be made at the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years. A small individual gift (\$540 total) can become increasingly significant when multiplied by 1,000. The total would yield \$540,000. It seems feasible that 1,000 members would commit to giving \$15 per month. And perhaps some would commit to give even more. The presentation would be reviewed by the entire CoA prior to it being made at the Encampment.

[ACTION: Motion by JVCinC Brian Pierson that the committee to authorize to moved forward with their recommendations, second by PCinC Danny Wheeler. Passed]

[ACTION: Portions in process or taken care of]

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDEPENDENCE, OHIO OFFICER AND DEPT REPORTS

6. Commander-in-Chief Shaw

Recommendations:

1. Special Committee on Monument Protection

[ACTION: To be addressed during National Encampment]

7. Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Pierson

Recommendations:

- 5.2. Consideration towards the development of policy with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly election officer.

[ACTION: C & R Committee]

8. Executive Director Demmy

Recommendation # 1: Require all Departments and all Camps to have an appointed Assistant Secretary & Assistant Treasurer (or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer). The purpose would be to have an Assistant already in place, with bank account & records access, to provide backup to all administrative and financial functions of the Department/Camp in the event that the elected officer(s) was unable to perform their duties due to illness, disability, death, divorce, relocation, natural disaster, resignation or any other reason! Having an appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer would be part of a “Professional Continuity Plan” for the Department and Camps that could minimize future business interruption between the Camps, Departments and National Headquarters; and avoid any potential suspension due to lack of filing reports and remittances in a timely manner!

[ACTION: C & R Committee]

Recommendation #2: It appears under Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article I, Formation, Section 3 that when footnote 26 may have been established, that section 3 (a) and (b) were dissolved! Therefore, language in section 11 and 12 below require correction as they reference data no longer in section 3 (a) and (b)! Likewise, section 11 states “consolidated report”; I believe this consolidated report to be known as “Department Annual Report Form 35” and therefore ‘consolidated should be changed to reflect the proper name of the annual report due to headquarters on or before May 31 of each year.

[ACTION: Editorial Change]

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[ACTION: CofA Passed]

2020 SPRING TELECONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS (Not covered during meeting)

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[ACTION: Resolution sent to National Secretary, withdrawal]

Adjournment:

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Jonathan C. Davis, PDC

National Secretary

Electronic Boardroom Voting

SUMMARY OF ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM DECISIONS FOR 2019-2020 Updated October 09, 2020

MOTIONS

The following motions of the Council of Administration were presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom. These are the motions since the 2019 National Encampment. The motions, with the resulting actions, are summarized below:

Motion 01 Motion Passed December 28, 2019

Motion by Brother Bruce Frail to donate \$100.00 in the name of Brother Partington PC-in-C to the GAR Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To come from the General Fund, seconded by Brother Kevin Martin.

Motion 02 Motion Passed February 21, 2020

Motion by Brother Bruce Frail to donate \$100.00, from the General Fund, in the name of Brother Lowell V. Hammer PCinC to the Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation, seconded by Brother Kevin Martin.

Motion 03 Motion Passed March 23, 2020

Motion by the Department of the Chesapeake to change the dates of their encampment from May 8th and 9th to just May 9th.

Special Vote Passed March 26, 2020

Request by the Nebraska and the Dakotas to change the date of their encampment from April 25th to June 20th.

Special Vote Passed March 28, 2020

Request by the Department of Rhode Island to change the date of their encampment from April 4th to April 25th.

Special Vote Passed March 29, 2020

Request by the Department of Kentucky to change the date of their encampment from the original date of March 28th to June 20th.

Special Vote Passed March 31, 2020

Request by the Department of Illinois to change the date of their encampment from the original date of May 9th to June 13th.

Motion 04 Motion Passed March 31, 2020

Motion by Brother Bruce Frail to accept all of these images (Revised Graphics) as produced by Brother

Kevin, seconded by Brother Kevin Martin.

Motion 05 Motion Withdrawn

Motion 06 Motion Failed May 21, 2020

Motion by Brother Harry Reineke IV for approval of the ladder badge for sale by US Grant Camp 68, seconded by Brother Kevin Martin.

Motion 07 Motion Passed May 24, 2020

Motion for approval of the sale of Metal Card for Life Members, Honorary Members and PCinCs for sale by US Grant Camp 68.

Motion 08 Motion Passed June 14, 2020

Motion by Brother Harry Reineke IV that the Department of Illinois license to reproduce our historic buttons be approved, seconded by Brother Bruce Frail.

Special Vote Passed August 17, 2020

This is authorizing the Dept. of GA and SC to sell the commemorative delegate and souvenir medals for the National Encampment that was canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Motion 9 Motion Insufficient Votes August 30, 2020

Motion by Brother Bruce Frail and seconded by Brother Harry Reineke IV To engage a tax attorney to inform us as to what is allowed by National and also what is allowed by Departments and Camps in relation to expressing our concerns to members of Congress. For there to be a \$1,000.00 dollar cap on this and for the funds to come from the C-in-C travel fund.

Motion 10 Motion Passed October 8, 2020

Motion by Brother Jonathan Davis and seconded by Brother Harry Reineke IV for Approval to allow the Charitable Foundation a license be granted for the foundation to have made and to sell SUVCW face masks and neck gaiters.

General Orders 2019-2020 Series



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Commander in Chief
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General Order #1 Series 2019-2020 18 August 2019

1. To all of the Brothers in attendance at the 138th National Encampment in Independence, Ohio, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me. I want to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Ohio, their Department's Host Committee, and our National Host Committee for an outstanding encampment. Please start planning your trip to Atlanta, Georgia on August 13-16, 2020 for the 139th National Encampment. Let's make this one even grander.
2. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Judy Baron, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sandra Millin, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Wanda Langdon, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I look forward to our organizations working together during the coming year in honoring our Boys in Blue.
3. The Commander-in-Chief headquarters is hereby transferred to 91 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters at 508-340-6859. Please, no calls after 10:30 PM eastern time.
4. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.
5. Financial correspondence for the Order will be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, PDC at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950.
6. All other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162. His email address is secretary@suvcw.org and phone number is 614-745-6079.
7. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National

Chief of Staff, James McGuire, PDC. He can be reached by email at signalsofficer@suvvw.org and phone at 401-525-8143. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and a final for the 139th National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

8. National Chaplain, Dr. Rev. Peter Preble, PCC, can be reached by email at rev.peter.preble@gmail.com and phone at 508-864-8095. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Preble will be sending a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

9. Applications for Civil War Memorials grants will be sent to Brother Peter Hritsko, Jr, PDC, 12710 Darrow Rd., Vermilion, OH, 44089-9365; his email is CofA2@suvvw.org and phone number is 440-967-8002.

10. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStrete, Jr., PDC, 208 Filmore St., Newark, NY 14513; his email is rotc@suvvw.org and phone number is 525-305-9425.

11. All Camps and Departments are strongly encouraged to submit articles and photographs for *The Banner* to Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519; his email is Banner@suvvw.org and phone number is 517-676-1471. Brother Pahl, PCinC has been appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2022.

12. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order: National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials, National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign, National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters, National Special Committee on Website Redesign, and National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021).

13. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special five-year committee, with a term ending August 2024, to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders. This committee will be chaired by Brother Mark Day, PCinC.

14. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special two-year committee, with a term ending August 2021, to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war. This is one of our purposes as defined in our Federal Charter, Section 200302. This committee will be chaired by Brother Dexter Bishop, PDC.

15. Per the 138th National Encampment, we have established a special one-year committee, with a term ending August 2020, to create a Monument Protection policy. This committee will be chaired by Brother Donald Shaw, PCinC.

16. I have started a new CinC appointed committee to allow our forms to be filled out and submitted by electronic means. Form 3: Membership Application, Form 30: Camp Status Report, Form 49:

Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers, and a single form/payment for National Encampments are the immediate targets. I envision this to be a two year effort. This committee will be chaired by Brother Brian Pierson, SVCinC.

17. Recruiting is always important. We survive by bringing in new blood. All new Brothers have some skill that will be beneficial to the Order. The new Brother might be an outstanding Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor, or Graves Registration officer, and the possibilities are endless. Recruiting doesn't have to be difficult. Most of us have a brother, son, grandson, uncle or cousin who isn't a member. Our activities to remember our ancestors are an excellent family bonding experience. Many of us belong to other organizations that have members who could be potential Brothers. And, don't forget about potential Associate members as they can serve the Order in most positions and all activities.

18. Throughout my years with the Order, I realized our Brothers offer an incredible support structure. Whenever something tough came up I found a Brother willing to assist. No one should be afraid to reach for any position as there will be Brothers there to assist you in the betterment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. What will you run for next?

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2019.



Edward J. Norris
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

Jonathan C. Davis

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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General Order #2

**Series 2019-2020
18 August 2019**

- 1) The National Military Affairs Committee has recommended Brother Robert E. Grim, PCinC be appointed as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for a term of five years.
- 2) I concur with their recommendation and hereby appoint Brother Robert E. Grim, PCinC as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the rank of Major General, commencing on 17 November 2019 and ending on 16 November 2024.
- 3) For the National Military Affairs Committee, I appointed Brothers Donald Darby, PCinC and Henry Shaw Jr., PCC to a two-year term ending in August 2021 and extended Brother Donald Martin, PCinC's term one year with it now ending in August 2021.
- 4) Brother Henry Shaw, Jr., PCC will chair the National Military Affairs Committee.
- 5) This General Order is in conformity with Regulations, Chapter III, Article X, Section 11, Points 2, 4, and 5.

Ordered this 18th Day of August, 2019.

Edward J. Norris
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

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General Order #3

Series 2019-2020

28 August 2019

1. The 137th National Encampment passed by a two-thirds vote an amendment to the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(b), concerning the authority of the Commander-in-Chief in case action by any National Encampment is found to be in violation of a federal or state law. (2018 Proceedings, pages 104-105)
2. An amendment shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution. (Constitution, Article IX)
3. All 30 Departments of the Order have held their 2019 Encampments.
4. More than 50% of our Departments have ratified the change to the Constitution. Thus this General Order serves as the proclamation that the Constitution has been amended.
5. The text of the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(b) is now:
6. “If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of any 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, and/or any State’s 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 two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order 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. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.”

Ordered this 28th Day of August, 2019.



Edward J. Norris
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:

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General Order #4

**Series 2019-2020
25 September 2019**

1. The 133rd National Encampment passed by a two-thirds vote a recommendation by the National Regulations Committee to merge the Job Description document into the Constitution and Regulations. (2014 Proceedings, page 84)
2. Upon review of the Constitution and Regulations an error was discovered when the Job Descriptions document was merged into the Constitution and Regulations document. The error occurs in the Regulations, Chapter III, Article X.
3. Three job descriptions were listed twice: National Committee on History (Sections 6 and 15), National Grave Registration Committee (Sections 7 and 16), and National Committee on Civil War Memorials (Sections 8 and 17).
4. Sections 15, 16, and 17 are the detailed job descriptions and were to replace Sections 6, 7, and 8.
5. PCinC James B. Pahl, Asst. National Counselor - Blue Book has corrected and renumbered the affected sections to the Constitution and Regulations upon my order.

Ordered this 25th Day of September, 2019.

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Attested:

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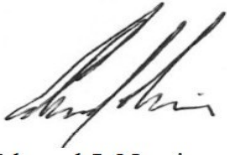


General Order #5

**Series 2019-2020
25 September 2019**

1. Department Commander Larry B. Bonney of the Department of Maine has requested that the Charter of Garfield Camp #1 be revoked.
2. Garfield Camp #1 was suspended on May 16, 2018 with Department Order #5 which was issued by Department Commander David W. Sosnowski. The cause of suspension was failure to file required annual reports on time to the Department of Maine and the IRS, and for failure to submit dues payments.
3. A Special Meeting of Garfield Camp #1 was held on August 24, 2019 after twenty days' notice to the Camp's Brothers. None of the Camp's Brothers attended; therefore there were not ten Brothers who demanded its continuance. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 4)
4. The Department Commander Larry B. Bonney's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Garfield Camp #1, Department of Maine, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)
5. Brothers of the Garfield Camp #1 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4)
6. All Garfield Camp #1 property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5)

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General Order #6

**Series 2019-2020
25 September 2019**

1. “Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it’s largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.” (www.defense.gov)
2. “Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday.” “On Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date [November 11] starting in 1978.” (www.defense.gov)
3. Our original (1954) and updated Federal Charter (1998) states that we “cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war.” (Updated Federal Charter, Sec. 200302, No. 3)
4. I urge all Camps to participate annually in their local Veterans Day services.
5. Local Veterans Services, American Legion, or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are great points of contact to inquire as to how a Camp may participate.
6. Please send photographs and write-ups of your Camp’s involvement to the National Signals Officer at signalsofficer@suvcw.org.

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General Order #7

**Series 2019-2020
26 September 2019**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Sally Krantz, PNP of the Department of New York on September 23, 2019. Sister Krantz was a Past National President (2002-2003) of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
2. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Sister Krantz.
3. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 26th Day of September, 2019.

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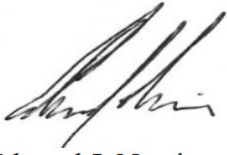
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General Order #8

**Series 2019-2020
29 October 2019**

1. Until action at a National Encampment, all Departments and Camps will not acquire real estate. Existing ownership of Department or Camp owned real estate is not affected by this General Order.
2. Real estate is defined as “Land and things permanently attached to it, such as buildings, houses, stationary mobile homes, fences and trees. Real estate is also called real property.” (Definition from Nolo’s Plain-English Law Dictionary)
3. When a Camp closes property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5)
4. The Constitution and Regulations and our Capitalization Policy is mute on the subject of real estate as covered by the above requirement (#3).
5. All Departments and Camp which own real estate must send an email to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at SVCinC@suvchw.org describing what type of real estate is owned and its address.
6. The Council of Administration will study and suggest a course of action on the acquisition of real estate. This will include, but not limited to, standards for real estate we already own, minimum coverage in liability policies, and making sure the National Organization is named as a co-insured entity. The CofA will engage the Program and Policy Committee and Constitution and Regulations Committee for a proposal to be presented to a National Encampment body.

Ordered this 29th Day of October, 2019.



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General Order #9

**Series 2019-2020
15 December 2019**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Rev. Richard O. Partington Sr., Past Commander-in-Chief (1987-1988) on December 8, 2019.
2. During 1938, Brother Partington joined Philadelphia Camp #200 and attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg. He attended his first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW in Pittsburgh, PA in 1939 and the last encampment of the GAR in Indianapolis, IN in 1949. He was elected Pennsylvania Department Commander in 1962. Rev. Partington was a former Pastor of St. Jude and the Nativity Church in Lafayette, PA. And, we all know he accomplished much more during his life.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Brother Partington.
4. Service and interment are private. Memorial donations may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 919 Tennis Ave., Maple Glen, PA 19002.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 15th Day of December, 2019.



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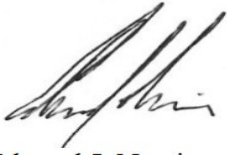


General Order #10

**Series 2019-2020
23 January 2020**

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing, on January 7, 2020, of Lowell V. Hammer, Past Commander-in-Chief (1991-1992).
2. He also served as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, Washington, D.C. Liaison Officer, National Council of Administration, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was a Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. He was a Past Department Commander of the Maryland (now Chesapeake) Department and a Past Camp Commander of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2.
3. Brother Hammer served as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States during 1989-1991. He is one of only four Brothers to have commanded each National organization.
4. His family will hold memorial services later in the year.
5. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Brother Hammer.
6. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 23rd Day of January, 2020.



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General Order #11

Series 2019-2020

1 February 2020

1. Department Commander Shane L. Milburn of the Department of Ohio has requested that the Charter of Given Camp #51 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)
2. Given Camp #51 was suspended on May 8, 2018 with Department Order #13 which was issued by Department Commander James Crane. The cause of suspension was failure to file required annual reports on time and for failure to submit dues payments to the Department of Ohio.
3. Registered letters were sent to Camp Commander Timothy Park and Camp Secretary David Tschantz asking if the Camp wanted to work toward compliance. Neither Camp officer replied to the letters.
4. The Department Commander Shane L. Milburn's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Given Camp #51, Department of Ohio, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)
5. Brothers of the Given Camp #51 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4)
6. All Given Camp #51 property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5)

Ordered this 1st Day of February, 2020.



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General Order #12

**Series 2019-2020
3 February 2020**

1. General Order #8, Series 2019-2020, stated, “until action at a National Encampment, all Departments and Camps will not acquire real estate. Existing ownership of Department or Camp owned real estate is not affected by this General Order.”
2. I hereby create the Real Estate Ownership Committee, a Commander-in Chief Appointed Committee. The Committee will study and suggest a course of action on the acquisition of real estate. This will include, but not limited to, standards for real estate we already own, minimum coverage in liability policies, and making sure the National Organization is named as a co-insured entity.
3. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson, PDC will chair the committee. Brothers Michael C. Shklar, PCC (Department of New Hampshire), Donald W. Shaw, PCinC (Department of Michigan), and Henry E. Shaw Jr., PCC (Department of Ohio) will serve on the committee.
4. We need one more Brother to serve on the committee. We are looking for someone familiar with insuring nonresidential real estate. If you want to serve please contact me.

Ordered this 3rd Day of February, 2020.

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General Order #13

**Series 2019-2020
17 February 2020**

1. Department Commander Shane L. Milburn of the Department of Ohio has requested that the Charter of Private Valentin Keller Camp #8 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)
2. Private Valentin Keller Camp #8 met at a regularly scheduled meeting on October 18, 2018 and all present unanimously voted to fold the Camp. Those Brothers that were not in attendance were contacted by telephone and all voted to disband.
3. The Department Commander Shane L. Milburn's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Private Valentin Keller Camp #8, Department of Ohio, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)
4. Brothers of the Private Valentin Keller Camp #8 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4)
5. All Private Valentin Keller Camp #8 property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5)

Ordered this 17th Day of February, 2020.



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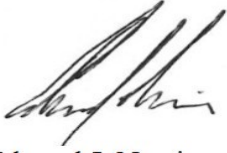


General Order #14

Series 2019-2020
23 February 2020

1. Recently an interpretation arose about the number of Associate members being allowed in a Camp if the member is a dual member.
2. The number of Associates allowed in a Camp is define in the Constitution, Article VII Membership, Section 2 Associates: “(c) The combined number of Associates and Junior Associates in any Camp shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total roster of the Camp at the time of election. At no time during a meeting of a Camp, a Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine percent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.”
3. Dual Associate members may join another Camp as defined in the Regulations, Chapter I Camps, Article II Membership, Section 6: “Applicants who are Brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-Large, may become a dual Member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps.
4. The dual Associate member counts as an Associate member in the both Camps.
5. Therefore, any Camp accepting a dual Associate member must be in compliance with the one-third of total roster requirement as defined in the Constitution, Article VII Membership, Section 2 Associates, Subsection (c).

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General Order #15

Series 2019-2020
13 March 2020

1. The following is in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)), in the United States of America. Similarly for our Ensign John Davis Camp #10 in London.
2. The health of our Brothers is of utmost importance. Camps and Departments must monitor the local pandemic conditions so that informed decisions can be made.
3. A Camp or Department may cancel or postpone their meeting. This applies even if the Camp or Department by-laws state that a meeting must take place at a certain time or location.
4. The Department must obtain written permission from the Council of Administration to postpone and reschedule their Department Encampment. (Regulations, Chapter II, Article III, Section 1b) The request can be submitted even if the Department by-laws state that its Encampment must take place at a certain time or location. The rescheduled Department Encampment must take place before July 1, 2020. (Regulations, Chapter II, Article III, Section 1).
5. Please inform National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis, PDC (secretary@suvchw.org) as soon as possible if your Department Encampment is planning on postponing and the new date. If approved, every effort will be made to have a National representative at the rescheduled Encampment.
6. If meeting with other Allied Orders organizations, please coordinate with them so no group is surprised by a cancellation or postponement decision.
7. The National organization is monitoring the pandemic conditions for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and National Encampment. There is no change to the current schedule. Any change in schedule will be sent as soon as possible.
8. As each Brother's situation is unique, each must make attendance decisions based upon their own circumstances and situation.

Ordered this 13th Day of March, 2020.



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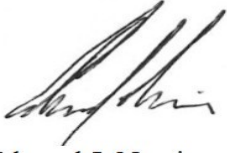


General Order #16

Series 2019-2020
13 March 2020

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Sister Celestine M. Hollings on March 8, 2020 at the age of 100. She was Past National President (2003) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.
2. In the early 1980s, Sister Hollings learned that her maternal grandfather, Jacob Allen, enlisted in the Union army in Nelson County, Kentucky, on August 23, 1864, and fought for the U.S. Colored Troops, Company G, of the 107th Regiment. He was honorably discharged on November 22, 1866. After rising through the officer positions, she served as the organization's first black National President. Through tireless work she was instrumental in saving the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Detroit, Michigan.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Sister Hollings.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 13th Day of March, 2020.



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General Order #17

**Series 2019-2020
15 March 2020**

1. The following five requirements are in effect until the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov), in the United States of America.
 - a) A Department Encampment may be conducted via remote audio, video, or both conferencing. Postponement according to General Order #15, Series 2019-2020 may be utilized to allow the coordinating of remote participation.
 - b) Brothers must be sent two week's notice via email, or the US Postal Service for those Brothers without an email account or an invalid email account, of their ability to use this option.
 - c) The Department Commander must insure that Brothers are in good standing and if each is entitled to vote or not.
 - d) The Department Commander must insure all remote Brothers have a chance to express his opinion.
 - e) Votes on the remote conferencing must be by voice and if any vote is contested one way or another, the Department Secretary will call for a roll call vote. There will be no showing of hands voting.
2. Because the Constitution and Regulations is moot on remote participation, as of July 1, 2020 forward - No Brother can participate in a Department Encampment or Camp meeting remotely via electronic means.

Ordered this 15th Day of March, 2020.



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General Order #18

**Series 2019-2020
16 March 2020**

1. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, scheduled for April 18, has been cancelled. We were notified by site officials that the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois will be closed for a minimum of 30 days.
2. If you paid for our annual luncheon, please be patient while our National Treasurer processes the refund checks.
3. If you booked a hotel for the ceremony, we suggest you contact the hotel and cancel your reservation.
4. We hope to see our Brothers and Sisters at the next Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on April 17, 2021.

Ordered this 16th Day of March, 2020.

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General Order #19

**Series 2019-2020
25 March 2020**

1. Due to personal schedules of high-school seniors and college students being disrupted by COVID-19, the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War Scholarship Application deadline will be extended for only this year.
2. The National Committee on Scholarships will accept scholarship applications submitted via Form 12 with a new deadline of April 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM EDT.

Ordered this 25th Day of March, 2020.

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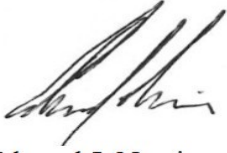
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General Order #20

**Series 2019-2020
25 March 2020**

1. Department Commander Dale Crandell of the Department of Missouri has requested that the Charter of Abe Lincoln Camp #2 be revoked. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 13)
2. Abe Lincoln Camp #2 has voluntarily closed their camp and surrendered their charter to the Department of Missouri.
3. The Department Commander Dale Crandell's request is therefore approved and the Charter of the Abe Lincoln Camp #2, Department of Missouri, is hereby revoked. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 2)
4. Brothers of the Abe Lincoln Camp #2 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice. (Constitution, Article VII, Section 4)
5. All Abe Lincoln Camp #2 property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War via the Department Commander of the affected Camp acting as his duly authorized representative, to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization exempt from taxes under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. (Regulations, Chapter I, Article I, Section 5).

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General Order #21

**Series 2019-2020
26 March 2020**

1. It has come to our attention that two Camps formed as a Camp-at-Large have by-laws signed by the then sitting Commander-in-Chief that allow remote participation.
2. Therefore, the following two Camps are exempt from General Order 17, 2019-2020 Series, Section 2: Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp #1 of Olympia, WA and Fort Walla Walla Camp #3 of Kennewick, WA.

Ordered this 26th Day of March, 2020.

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General Order #22

**Series 2019-2020
28 March 2020**

1. The COVID-19 guidelines concerning the number of people allowed at a gathering and travel restrictions have become more prohibitive by the various State and Federal Governments. Similarly for our London based Camp.
2. Departments and Camps must comply with current gathering constraints imposed by State and Federal Government. This includes Camp meetings, Department Encampments, officer meetings, work details, and other events in which Brothers or invited public gather.
3. All Departments and Camps may conduct electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation.
4. This General Order expires on August 15, 2020.

Ordered this 28th Day of March, 2020.

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General Order #23

**Series 2019-2020
5 May 2020**

1. Once a Department is awarded the right to host a National Encampment by the Encampment Site Committee, a National Encampment Host Committee Chair shall be appointed by that Department Commander. The National Encampment Host Committee Chair and its members shall be considered a subcommittee of and part of the Encampment Site Committee.
2. The subcommittee shall be known as the (Year) National Encampment Host Committee.
3. The (Year) National Encampment Host Committee shall have no voice or vote concerning the business of the Encampment Site Committee, except a voice with the Encampment Site Committee (without vote) as to matters concerning their particular National Encampment.
4. The (Year) National Encampment Host Committee shall operate per the “Hosting a National Encampment of The Allied Orders of The Grand Army of the Republic” document, as published from time to time by the Encampment Site Committee, and conduct all operations consistent with hosting their particular National Encampment.
5. The (Year) National Encampment Host Committee shall exist until the end of the calendar year in which they host a National Encampment.

Ordered this 5th Day of May, 2020.



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General Order #24

Series 2019-2020

5 May 2020

1. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued his General Orders No. 11 which became the basis of Memorial Day. In it, he wrote: “Brothers, that is our great commission, we are the voice of those long gone, we are the ones who must teach the names and fan the flames of remembrance now and into the future” and “Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime.”
2. The following year, in General Logan’s General Orders No. 21 he wrote: “If our organization had no other object, that alone of keeping the resting-places of our nation’s defenders, by this annual commemoration, would be motive enough to hold us together in fraternal band.”
3. On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, which this year will be May 25th. This Act did not change our sacred obligation to remember and honor the memory of our nation’s defenders.
4. These words spoken by a Commander G. C. Sears of the George Wright Post No.1 of Portland, Oregon on May 30, 1882 still hold true today: “Let us recall their toils, their sufferings, their heroism, their supreme fidelity in camp, in prison pen, on the battlefield, and in the hospital, that the flag under which they fought, and from the shadow of whose folds they were promoted, may never be dishonored. That the country for whose union and supremacy they surrendered life, may have the fervent and enthusiastic devotion of every citizen. That as we stand by every grave as before an altar, we may pledge our manhood that the memory of our dead shall encourage and strengthen in us all a more loyal patriotism.”
5. I’ve read and heard that some Memorial Day ceremonies are being canceled due to the pandemic. My sincere wish is that most ceremonies will take place. If you can attend, please take the necessary health protection precautions. If not, find a grave of a Civil War veteran and remember his service.
6. On either the last Monday in May or on May 30th, consider purchasing a flower and placing it on the grave of a Civil War veteran whose resting place is undecorated. We certainly cannot

decorate all of their graves but thousands would not be forgotten this year. Encourage family and friends to do the same. I hope our Brothers make this small remembrance of a Civil War veteran a yearly commemoration.

Ordered this 5th Day of May, 2020.



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General Order #25

**Series 2019-2020
18 May 2020**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Past National President Ora R. Moitoso, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on May 14, 2020 in East Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 89.
2. Sister Moitoso was a member of the Conklin-Sellew Auxiliary #20, Department of Rhode Island. She held many offices in her local Auxiliary, the Department of Rhode Island, and served as National President for the years 1990-1991. Her funeral service will be private.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Sister Moitoso.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 18th Day of May, 2020.

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General Order #26

**Series 2019-2020
2 June 2020**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Real Daughter Irene Triplett, on May 31, 2020 in Wilkesboro, North Carolina at the age of 90.
2. Sister Triplett was the last federally pensioned dependent of a Civil War veteran. Her father, Pvt. Mose Triplett, served in both the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. After the Battle of Gettysburg, Triplett left the Confederate forces and joined the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry, a Union regiment. Sister Triplett's father died a few days after returning from the 75th anniversary celebration at Gettysburg.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Sister Triplett.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 2th Day of June, 2020.

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General Order #27

**Series 2019-2020
16 June 2020**

1. Due to the current political climate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has seen an increase in the number of requests for comment concerning historical monuments.
2. I want to remind our Brothers of two documents which should be reviewed:
 - a. Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day's General Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018 at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/General-Order-No.-2.pdf>
 - b. Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy (August 2017) at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Battlefield-Flag-and-Monument-Policy.pdf>.

Ordered this 16th Day of June, 2020.

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General Order #28

Series 2019-2020

26 June 2020

1. After receiving permission to divide, at the Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and Mississippi, Encampment held on June 25, 2020, its Camps voted 8-1, receiving the necessary superior majority, to allow the three Camps located in Alabama to become their own Department. Both Departments have the requisite number of Camps to continue. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 5. Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department.*)
2. The three Alabama based Camps are Major General James H. Wilson Camp No.1, Major General John T. Croxton Camp No. 17, and Private Richard Taylor Camp No. 53.
3. A Special Department Encampment will be called for the election of Department Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws at a mutually agreed time and place. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be called a special Department Encampment to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment, complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of Officers and adoption of Department By-Laws.*)
4. The new Department must establish its own EIN. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 19. A Department must have an active Tax ID number with the IRS (EIN) regardless of whether it has a bank account.*)
5. Upon successful completion of the requirements addressed at the Special Department Encampment and obtaining an EIN, the Department may apply for its Department Charter. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 1. Upon the formation of a Department, there shall be issued to it a Charter under the hand and seal of the Commander-in-Chief.*)
6. Until the Department Charter has been issued, the Brothers of the three Camps will participate at the National Encampment as members of the Department of Tennessee, with Alabama and

Mississippi. Brothers from the three Camps have been already voted in as delegates.

Ordered this 26th Day of June, 2020.



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General Order #29

**Series 2019-2020
28 June 2020**

1. I call your attention to Section 2 which may be used by Brothers, Camps, and Departments as an approved letter with appropriate letterhead. The content shall not be changed other than the words in brackets. Brothers may optionally attach the Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy, as approved during the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, 2017. Any other communication must still adhere to Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day's General Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018.

2. Dear [name of person]

[Brother, Camp, Department] is opposed to the [destruction, defacement, removal] of the [name] monument.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Policy, endorsed by the body of our membership, states that we strongly condemn the destruction, defacement, or removal of any monument dedicated to a Union Civil War veteran or Union leader.

These monuments were erected in honor of men who fought to end slavery in the United States. Many of these men gave their lives or carried wounds that affected their lives for many decades. The Union army and navy consisted of men of all races and nationalities. We also had leaders who inspired men and set policy to end slavery.

The Union's sacrifices led the way for the adoption of two very important Constitutional Amendments.

The 13th Amendment states that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

The 14th Amendment states that "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of

the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Our country has recently seen the destruction, vandalism, and removal of Union Civil War monuments, including those dedicated to a regiment of black soldiers who greatly contributed to turning the tide of the war, to soldiers who were ardent abolitionists who spent many years prior to the war trying to end slavery, and to leaders who inspired others to end slavery.

Tearing down, vandalizing, or removing any monument does not bring about change. Change is accomplished through learning and understanding the lessons of history. Wars and violence are no longer necessary as all citizens can exercise their right to vote, thus influencing the direction of our country.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Camp, Department]
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

(Optional) Attached: Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy

3. This General Order is effective until a new monument protection policy has been approved at a National Encampment.

Ordered this 28th Day of June, 2020.



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General Order #30

**Series 2019-2020
28 June 2020**

1. I am placing the Department of Connecticut under suspension.
2. The National Executive Director has advised me that the Department has not yet filed their required annual reports. Departments must file a Form 35, along with the current Department Roster and per capita dues to the Executive Director no later than May 31st each year. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 11. Any Department which fails to file the annual consolidated report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.*)
3. The Department of Connecticut will be brought back in good standing at such time the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director.
4. While under suspension, the Department may not meet or conduct business except for that activity to bring the Department back in good standing. In addition, their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated.

Ordered this 28th Day of June, 2020.

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General Order #31

**Series 2019-2020
2 July 2020**

1. Unfortunately, the National Encampment scheduled for August 13-16, 2020 has been cancelled.
2. The host hotel notified us on July 1st that they cannot accommodate our National Encampment due to the Executive Orders issued by Georgia's Governor Kemp concerning the pandemic.
3. All payments for registration, banquet, SVR breakfast, tour, vendor display tables, polo shirts, t-shirts, and booklet ads will be refunded. Please be patient while the refunds are processed.
4. I have appointed a CinC Committee to investigate possible alternatives. As soon as the Council of Administration has determined the next step, I will release the details in an additional General Order.
5. General Order No. 22, Series 2019-2020, which allows all Departments and Camps to conduct electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation, has an end date of August 15, 2020. That end date has been extended until the new National Officers have been duly elected and installed or a subsequent General Order modifies that end date.

Ordered this 2th Day of July, 2020

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General Order #32

**Series 2019-2020
18 July 2020**

1. Most likely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have received no nominations for the following awards and recognitions. I will accept nominations and justifications for these until August 14, 2020. Nominations for the other awards and recognitions were received by the expected due date and are thus closed.
 - a) Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award,
 - b) Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award,
 - c) Horace Greeley Award,
 - d) John C. Clem Award for the Most Outstanding Junior Member,
 - e) SUVCW Flag Certificate Program,
 - f) Certificate of Recognition,
 - g) National Aide Award, and
 - h) Founder's Award.

2. Criteria can be found in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Awards and Recognition Policy.

Ordered this 18th Day of July, 2020

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General Order #33

**Series 2019-2020
20 July 2020**

1. The Department of Connecticut has filed its Form 35, current Department roster, and per capita dues to the Executive Director.
2. The Department is hereby reinstated effective as of this date.

Ordered this 20th Day of July, 2020

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General Order #34

Series 2019-2020
2 August 2020

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Richard D. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief (1997-1998) on August 2, 2020.
2. Brother Orr joined Davis * Camp in Pittsburgh on April 11, 1981 and was a life member. He based his eligibility for membership on the service of his Great-great-grandfather Pvt. Peter Paul Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry.
3. He served Davis * Camp in numerous capacities including Camp Commander for two years and 12 years as Camp Treasurer. He attended his first Department Encampment in June 1982 and immediately took an active role at the Department level. He has served the Pennsylvania Department as Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, Department Council, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Department Commander. The same year he attended his first National Encampment at Portland, Maine. He has served the National Organization as National Treasurer for six years, National Counselor to eight Commanders-in- Chief, and chairman of numerous National committees.
4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Web Site, Social Media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. And, all Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Brother Orr.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 2nd Day of August, 2020.



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General Order #35

**Series 2019-2020
14 August 2020**

1. The National Organization is a 501(c)(3) entity, and our Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are 501(c)(4) entities.
2. An organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation. (*IRS Lobbying*)
3. The current law on 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations state we may not advocate one way or the other concerning any pending legislation. This includes federal, state and local legislation. As a National Organization, we cannot take a position one way or the other.
4. 501(c)(4) nonprofits have different rules depending on variations in the different kinds of 501(c)(4) nonprofits which are possible. Some can directly lobby, while others may not. Departments, Camps, and Military Districts and Units must refrain from taking any position on pending legislation until the National Organization obtains a clear opinion from an attorney.
5. Brothers are free to communicate with their representatives on any legislation but must refrain from mentioning the SUVCW or use letterhead of the SUVCW/SVR National, Department, Camp, or Military District or Unit.
6. Any opinion on current or pending legislation must be removed from SUVCW and SVR identified websites and social media platforms.

Ordered this 14th Day of August, 2020.



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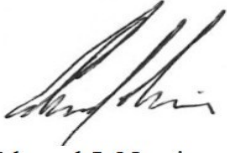
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General Order #36

**Series 2019-2020
17 August 2020**

1. At two previous National Encampments our Brothers set the organization's direction to become charitable. Below is one of the results from the hard work done by many in obtaining our 501(c)(3) status. We are announcing the first online opportunity to donate to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Simply click the "Give Today" banner on our home page at www.suvcw.org. You may enter a donation in any amount using a credit or debit card. This service is provided through PayPal®, and you do not need an account to take advantage of this single-gift method of giving.
3. You may also set up a recurring monthly gift via PayPal® as well. An account is required to take advantage of this option.
4. A reminder, donations may still be made via check and mailed to: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Organization, c/o National Treasurer, 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881.
5. Endowment and Benefactor opportunities are being developed and will be announced when those donation programs have been established.
6. I hope that all of the Brothers will share this news with family, friends, and employers. They do not have to be members to donate.

Ordered this 17th Day of August, 2020.



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General Order #37

**Series 2019-2020
25 August 2020**

1. This is the preliminary notification and rules for the 2020 National Encampment. Additional details and rules will be released shortly after Labor Day.
2. An abbreviated National Encampment will be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 24 at 12:00 PM EDT. Brothers who dial in to the audio portion of Zoom cannot vote as Zoom does not allow those participants to vote. Each voting member must login via the link to Zoom to vote.
3. To facilitate voting Past Commanders-in-Chief, Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, and Delegates may attend. Unfortunately, we cannot allow non-voting Brothers to attend. Each Department must send a list of voting members to Brother Joseph Hall at jhall46646@aol.com. The list must contain each voting member's name, email address, and credential (PCinC, DC, PDC, or Delegate). Without a valid email address, they cannot attend. Therefore, I suggest sending a test message to each before sending the list to Brother Hall. The list must be received by midnight EDT September 26. If no list is received the Department will not be allowed to attend. Form 2a will not be required. Form 49 will be used for verification.
4. Subsequent to the receipt of the list and a Brother cannot attend, an Alternate may be substituted. Changes must be received by midnight EDT October 16. No changes will be allowed after that time.
5. After the lists have been finalized, a link to the Zoom based National Encampment will be sent to each voting member's email address.
6. Four Brothers have indicated they will be running for the four open positions: CinC, SVCinC, JVCinC, and a 3-year term on the Council of Administration. If the Brother running for JVCinC is elected, a 1-year term on the Council of Administration will also be open. Nominations for open officer positions will be accepted until midnight EDT October 16 and must be sent from the Department Commander or Department Secretary to National Secretary Jonathan Davis at jdavissuvcw@aol.com. There will be no nominations from the floor at the National Encampment, but nominations may be withdrawn.

Ordered this 25th Day of August, 2020.



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General Order #37 Revised

**Series 2019-2020
31 August 2020**

1. Section 3 was revised as a Department Secretary does not register Past Commanders-in-Chief as they are registered by the National Secretary. The revised sentence is in italics. (*Regulations, Chapter III, Article II*)
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Ordered this 31st Day of August, 2020.



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General Order #38

**Series 2019-2020
2 September 2020**

1. The Remembrance Day events (SVR Breakfast, Albert Woolson Monument Ceremony, Parade, and Original Civil War Ball) sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, scheduled for November 21, have been cancelled.
2. Any payments to the SVR will be refunded, please be patient while they process the refunds.
3. If you booked a hotel for Remembrance Day, you may want to contact the hotel and cancel your reservation. Caveat - We do not know the status of other non-SVR events held that weekend.
4. We hope to see our Brothers and Sisters at the next Remembrance Day held on November 20, 2021.

Ordered this 2nd Day of September, 2020.

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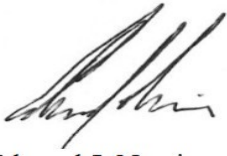
General Order #39

Series 2019-2020
7 September 2020

1. Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day issued General Order No. 18, Series 2017-2018 on February 6, 2018. That General Order required Departments to update their bylaws with specific wording.
2. Department bylaws must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief to be valid. (*Regulations, Chapter II, Article XV*)
3. The Executive Director has copies of Department bylaws that predate February 6, 2018 for the following:
 - a) Department of Connecticut
 - b) Department of Georgia and South Carolina
 - c) Department of Kansas
 - d) Department of Maine
 - e) Department of New Hampshire
 - f) Department of Tennessee
 - g) Department of Texas
4. The Executive Director does not have a copy of the Department bylaws for the following:
 - a) Department of the Columbia
 - b) Department of Kentucky
 - c) Department of Oklahoma
5. A Department on one of the two lists above has two options:
 - a) Send or email a valid copy of the Department bylaws to our Executive Director by October 7, 2020, or
 - b) Notify the National Secretary of the date that a Special Department Encampment will be held, before December 31, 2020, to include the required wording found in General Order No. 18, Series 2017-2018. Notification must be received by October 7, 2020.

6. A Department not meeting one of the two options in Section 6 will be suspended.

Ordered this 7th Day of September, 2020



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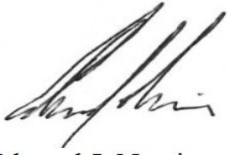


General Order #40

**Series 2019-2020
7 September 2020**

1. Recently there have been some issues raised about the Quartermaster Store. Let me assure you that National Quartermaster James Lyon is doing everything possible to fulfill all of the product orders.
2. COVID-19 has caused most of the delays. Our supply chain has suffered dearly. Where once we could restock an item in a short period, we've experienced delays in weeks or months. Some of our manufacturers are still not open.
3. It appears our longest delay has been with Camp and Department flags. One of our flag makers retired thus that delay is much longer than we anticipated.
4. Going forward, any Brother who requires an item should send email to Brother Lyon at imalyoncub@msn.com and inquire if the item or items are in stock. Partial orders will not be sent due to postage costs. If something is needed soon, submitting separate orders is suggested based upon what is available at the time.
5. Otherwise fulfillment will be done on a best effort basis.
6. As soon as we receive new stock at the Quartermaster Store, Brother Lyon will ship based upon a first ordered first served basis. There is no need to call to find out the status of your order.
7. As most of you have seen on the news, the United States Postal Service has been experiencing delays on delivery. We have experienced delays of up to two weeks beyond the anticipated delivery date.
8. Please be patient as all of us are dealing with the many issues caused by the pandemic.

Ordered this 7th Day of September, 2020



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Commander-in-Chief
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Attested:

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General Order #41

**Series 2019-2020
25 September 2020**

1. On September 24, 2020 a Special Encampment was conducted to approve the Department bylaws and elect Department Officers, Delegates, and Alternates for the Department of Alabama. Their EIN had been obtained prior to the meeting.
2. The Department of Alabama officially becomes our 31st Department.
3. For the National Encampment, the Department of Alabama will have five votes; one Department Commander and four Delegates.
4. For the National Encampment, the Department of Tennessee will have a readjusted vote count of seventeen; one Department Commander, ten Past Department Commanders, and six Delegates.
5. Congratulations to the Brothers of Alabama.

Ordered this 25th Day of September, 2020

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General Order #42

Series 2019-2020
24 October 2020

- On behalf of the Brothers, we congratulate the award winners listed below. These individuals, Camps, and Departments clearly demonstrate what can be accomplished.
- Past Commander in Chief Donald E. Darby is awarded the Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.

PCinC Donald E. Darby became a member of the SUVCW 30 July 1988 at Gov. Dennison Camp 125 in Athens, Ohio where he served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. He later became a charter member of Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 in Chillicothe, Ohio where he served as Secretary/Treasurer, Junior and Senior Vice and Camp Commander.

At the Department level as Graves Registration Officer he registered over 5,000 GAR gravesites. He also brought to fruition the "Last Soldier" Project in the Department of Ohio, which was later adopted as a National project.

Nationally, in coordination with the National Webmaster, he brought the "Patriotic Recollections" and the "Teachers and Scholars" to the National Web page. At his suggestion, the current National Patriotic Instructor instituted the "Adopt-a-School" and "Adopt-a-Unit" program. He supported the SUVCW Charitable Foundation by transcribing on to CD's the GAR and SUV Blue Books, History of the Grand Army of the Republic by Robert Beath, Camp Fire Chats by Washington Davis. For the Sgt. Enderlin Camp he transcribed The Early History of the Ohio Department of the Grand Army of the Republic (1866 to 1880) by T. D. McGillicuddy.

He was elected Commander in Chief in 2005 and has remained an active member of in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and at the Camp, Department and National levels of the Order. He is a member of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, National Military Affairs Committee, CinC Appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to National Encampment contracts and relations, and CinC Appointed Strategic Development Committee. He holds the rank of Colonel in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and has held the position of Adjutant General since 1997.

PCinC Darby's knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations and experience with the same has

resulted in him being selected numerous times to the position of Counselor for many Commanders in Chief and Department Commanders.

- Brother Thomas Ludka is awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Brother Ludka of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Department of Wisconsin, along with Margaret Berres of Woman's Relief Corps, canvassed the entirety of Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. Over 1,000 Union Veterans were found through their ten year process. Each grave was researched for accuracy and authenticity to ensure that the grave held the remains of a Union Veteran. Several hundred graves had damaged or illegible headstones, or had no headstone at all. These headstones have all been replaced or are on order for replacement in 2020. Through the Cemetery Foundation, they helped established the "Adopt a Soldier" program where people can donate money towards the headstone setting costs. Brother Ludka and Sister Berres each put in thousands of hours of research, including walking the actual cemetery grave sites of these Veterans. It is expected that in 2020 all Union Veterans graves at Forest Home Cemetery will be properly marked.

- Brother Daniel Grable is awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

Over many years Brother Grable of the SGT Henry E. Plant Camp 3, Department of Michigan, has furthered the goals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His dedication and perseverance in leading the way for the naming of a new state bridge over the Grand River in Western Michigan resulted in having that bridge named in honor of our local Civil War Medal of Honor veteran, SGT Henry E. Plant, i.e. the SGT Henry E. Plant Memorial Grand River Bridge and non-Motorized Pathway, which also includes a large bronze commemoration plaque with information on SGT Henry E. Plant and his being awarded the Medal of Honor and what he did to earn it. Brother Grable brought together people from the Ottawa County Government; Michigan Department of Transportation; Grand Haven Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 2326; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1200; the Grand Haven American Legion, Charles A Conklin Post 28; The Grand Haven Fraternal Order of Eagles 925; and the Knights of Columbus 2975 George J. McCarthy Council Grand Haven & Spring Lake, Michigan; He also spent considerable time and effort in making sure that SGT Henry E. Plant's action at the Battle of Bentonville, N.C., where he earned the Medal Of Honor, was suitably recognized for his actions. Brother Grable also took the lead in our camp to ensure that local Civil War sites and places were well taken care of and preserved. He also has led the way in our camps living history outreach to schools, etc, along with our camp being included in local parades.

- Brother Merle Rudebusch is awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

Merle has repeatedly ventured into our Nebraska cemeteries to clean the headstones of our Union Civil War soldiers. He uses a Wet & Forget solution that is environmentally safe as well as safe for the headstone application.

The process is a wetting of the stone with either water or the above solution to let the algae swell, followed by the use of a plastic scraper to remove as much moss/algae as possible. He then soaks the stone with the cleaning solution and uses a soft bristle brush to thoroughly scrub the stone. That is followed by another spraying of the solution and second scrubbing with a final rinse. After the stone sets for nearly 10-minutes, he sprays it one final time with the solution and lets it dry on the stone.

Just prior to the final spray application, he photographs the stone and eventually enters the photo on the SUVCW graves website. During the winter, he enters additional photos that he had taken previously and were backlogged because of security issues the website previously had. He is diligent about trying to identify our Union Civil War veterans wherever they may be even when a headstone does not exist.

On Memorial Day and at Christmas, he often is the SUVCW Brother who places a wreath at the GAR circle in our local Wyuka Cemetery here in Lincoln to thus keep the memory alive of the sacrifices of our Union comrades.

- Brother William “Bill” Dean is awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

Brother Dean has accumulated a wealth of photos of GAR statues, stained glass windows, GAR halls, cemetery cannons, etc. for the southeastern portion of Nebraska. Some of these GAR/Civil War artifacts have since disappeared but are preserved through his photos.

He is in the process of updating the photos and adding information as to their locations and history if any is known. Once completed, they will be added to the Department of Nebraska website where anyone can view them. That exemplifies how we keep the memory of our Union Civil War heritage alive.

He also has a vast display of memorabilia such as shells, bullets, etc. and Confederate bonds that he displays several times a year at public events to try to create interest in the SUVCW organization which he promotes when spectators stop to view his display. He is deserving of consideration as well.

- The Signal Corps is awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

Recognition is for a group of five Brothers who managed our social media platforms. Each of the following will receive the Certificate of Recognition:

- a. Timothy McCoy, PDC, James A. Garfield Camp 1, Department of the Chesapeake,
- b. Benjamin Frail, PDC, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp 3, Department of Rhode Island,
- c. Christopher Workman, Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5, Department of Kentucky,
- d. Christopher Powers, David D. Porter Camp 116, Department of Indiana, and
- e. Barrett Young, Humboldt Camp 9, Department of Kansas

Each of these Brothers spent tireless hours insuring that our Brothers received timely news about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Coordination between was an important goal. They also corrected problems when issues came up.

- Brother Jordan Levi Milburn is awarded the John C. Clem Award for the Most Outstanding Junior Member.

Brother Milburn was born to be in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is the Great-Great-

Great Grandson of Isaiah Jordan Milburn who fought in the 33rd Virginia Infantry and Levi T. Mouser who was a member of the 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Jordan officially joined Henry Casey Camp 92 and Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sons of Veterans Reserve, headquartered in Washington Court House, Ohio in the Spring of 2019 but has been a supporter of the Camp and S.U.V.C.W. for much longer than that. He has traveled to every National Encampment and attended every SVR Breakfast since the age of four. He has been to the following Battlefields: Winchester, Antietam, Nashville, Franklin, Shiloh, Corinth, Kennesaw Mountain, Kernstown and Gettysburg. After the National Encampment in Marietta, Jordan took a small hike up Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia before starting out on Sherman's March to the Sea, which ended with a visit to General Sherman's headquarters in Savannah. Jordan has been to every Memorial Day service the Camp has participated in since 2012.

In his first year as a Junior Member, he participated in two Memorial Day Ceremonies, carrying the Camp Colors. At the National Encampment in Independence, Jordan proudly participated in the Encampment Color Guard by carrying the Colors of the Third Military District and marched in his first Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg in November. At the SVR breakfast in Gettysburg, he received a Certificate of Commendation for his participation in the National Encampment Color Guard.

Jordan celebrated his 10th Birthday in March and will begin 5th Grade at McKinley Elementary School in Xenia, Ohio in August. His favorite sport is Baseball, which he has played since he was 3 1/2 years old and Basketball, which he has played for the last 5 years.

- Sister Margaret Berres is awarded the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award.

Sister Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps in Milwaukee, Wisconsin helped to canvass the entirety of Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. Over 1,000 Union Veterans were found through the ten year process. Each grave was researched for accuracy and authenticity to ensure that the grave held the remains of a Union Veteran. Several hundred graves had damaged or illegible headstones, or had no headstone at all. These headstones have all been replaced or are on order for replacement in 2020. Through the Cemetery Foundation, they helped established the "Adopt a Soldier" program where people can donate money towards the headstone setting costs. Sister Berres put in thousands of hours of research, including walking the actual cemetery grave sites of these Veterans. It is expected that in 2020 all Union Veterans graves at Forest Home Cemetery will be properly marked.

- The following Brothers are awarded the National Aide Award.
 - a. David Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp 33, Department of Ohio. He recruited six new Brothers.
 - b. Robert Koenecke, PCC, Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 1, Department of Wisconsin. He recruited five new Brothers.
 - c. Carl Denbow, John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio. He recruited five new Brothers.
- Mr. Leonard E. "Len" Thomas, of Swartz Creek, Michigan, is awarded the Founder's Award.

Mr. Thomas has demonstrated extraordinary effort and outstanding commitment and leadership as an author, educator, and historic preservationist. He spent considerable time and effort in surveying every cemetery in the three-county area around his home in Swartz Creek, Michigan, in Shiawassee, Genesee, and Lapeer Counties, recording every Civil War Soldier buried there. He researched pertinent information on each soldier, self-published it in three volumes and donated them at no cost to local libraries, genealogical societies, and the Department of Michigan's Graves Registration Committee. These volumes have been updated and republished as new information has become available and are used by those eager for information regarding their ancestor(s), and by others such as cemeteries needing valuable information to update their records. In 2012, Mr. Thomas purchased over 100 letters from the descendant of a Civil War soldier, conserving and compiling them in a book he wrote and published called "The Civil War Letters of Harrison Harmon Carson" (CPL Co. G, 3rd Michigan Cavalry Regiment). The publication has been extremely popular, and Mr. Thomas has presented the story to many groups, societies, and organizations, as well as donating a copy to the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145. Mr. Thomas has spearheaded historical preservation in his community and beyond. Under Mr. Thomas' watch as President of the Swartz Creek Historical Society, the group took on the task of upgrading and improving an ancient Native American burial ground, the "Three Pines Indian Burial Grounds," which is located on Governor Henry Crapo's farm in Swartz Creek, Michigan. Under Mr. Thomas' tutelage, the group provided new headstones and significant improvements to the cemetery. Mr. Thomas requested, received, and installed a government headstone for Native American Civil War soldier Madison Fisher (PVT Co. D 23rd Michigan Infantry Regiment) buried there, including a grave and headstone dedication where more than 150 people paid honor to this soldier. Mr. Thomas, along with his wife, Sharon Walworth Thomas, have adopted two Civil War Regimental flags from the Michigan Capitol Battle Flag Collection for restoration. These flags are now housed in a special archival unit at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing;

- Scott Camp 73, Department of New Jersey is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award.

When COVID-19 hit us the Camp held numerous campaigns over many days to raise needed supplies. Seventy-two bug wipes turned into a special project that they conducted with the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Camp shipped over 2000 packets of Gatorade, mix assorted fruit bars, candy bars, potato chips, and pretzels that was given to reserve soldiers from New York and New Jersey and the National Guard stationed in Kuwait under operation Spartan shield. At a homeless shelter they delivered 50 pounds of individual fruit containers, eight cases of spaghetti, and a \$15 donation.

Working with the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Freemasons of several Lodges the Camp supplied over 60 crates of food to various Food Pantries in their area while also delivering desperately needed food directly to families and children who were unable to obtain it due to layoffs or illness. They traveled up to 20 miles to deliver food to those with no means of transportation. As part of their PPE/Mask efforts, they provided several gallons of locally-made hand sanitizer and 100 masks to the Matawan Police Department.

- The Department of California and Pacific is awarded the Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award. The Department added 68 new Brothers.
- The Department of Maine is awarded the U. S. Grant Cup. The Department increased their size by 15%.
- The Department of Pennsylvania is awarded the Under Forty Award. The Department added 11 new Brothers under the age of 40.
- The Department of Missouri is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for Best Newsletter – Department for The Missouri Unionist.
- The Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47, Department of Missouri is awarded the Marshall Hope Award for Best Newsletter – Camp.
- Scholarship were awarded to:
 - Sister Samantha M. Dudgeon, ASUVCW, Phineas Catlin Tent #341, Department of New York, and
 - Brother Jaeger R. Held, Chapman-Compliment Camp 2, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Ordered this 24th Day of October, 2020



Edward J. Norris
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Attested:

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Opinions From The National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris did not request any opinions during 2019-2020 from National Counselor Donald Darby, PCinC.

Past Commanders-in-Chief

Year	Name	Department
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana

1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California
1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts

1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri
2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts

2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Ohio
2014	Tad D. Campbell	California & Pacific
2015	Eugene G. Mortorff	Chesapeake
2016	Donald L. Martin	Ohio
2017	Mark R. Day	Chesapeake
2018	Donald W. Shaw	Michigan
2019	Edward J. Norris	Massachusetts

Honor Conferred By The Commander-In-Chief

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.J.M. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

Sons Of Veterans

1881	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

The Post System

1889	George W. Marks	New York
1890	George T. Brown	New York

Past Grand Division Commanders

Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
A.V. Bohn	Colorado
Frank Challis	New Hampshire
Charles S. Crysler	Missouri
A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
William Maskell	Illinois
Walter S. Payne	Ohio
R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
William Ross	Maryland
Raphael Tobias	New York
Leland J. Webb	Kansas

National Encampments

No.	Year	Dates	Location
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6-7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17-18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15-17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10-13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26-29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24-29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8-12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20-23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16-18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8-10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9-11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10-14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7-9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11-13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17-18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7-9	Washington, D.C.
22th	1903	September 15-17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17-19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18-20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20-23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20-21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25-27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24-25	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20-22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20-25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27-29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16-18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28-30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30-31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22-23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20-21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9-11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22-23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4-6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

43rd	1924	August 12-14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1-3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18-20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10-12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26-28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14-17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19-22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19-23	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14-16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9-12	Grand Rapids, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22-24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6-9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5-8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware

88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, Florida
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio
115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

133rd	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134th	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia
135th	2016	August 11-14	Springfield, Illinois
136th	2017	August 10-13	Lansing, Michigan
137th	2018	August 9-12	Framingham, Massachusetts
138th	2019	August 8-11	Independence, Ohio
139th	2020	October 24	Virtual

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