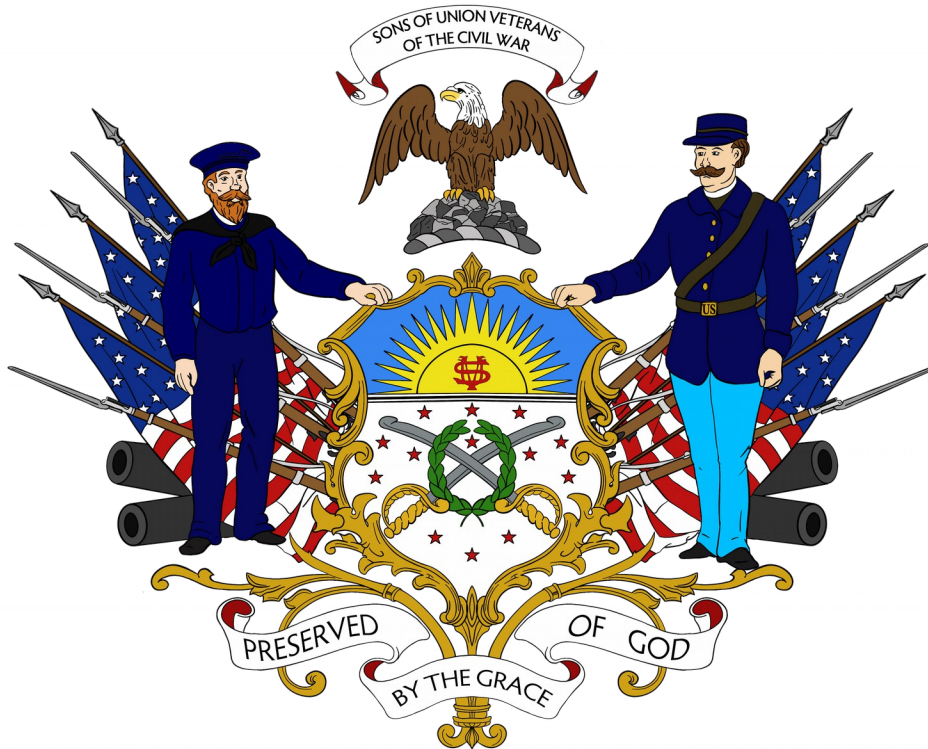


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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

THE FRONTENAC HILTON
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 5-7, 2021

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

31 August 2023

Date



Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief 2021-2022

11 September 2023

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National Officers and Committee Chairmen **2020-2021**

Elected Officers and Council of Administration

Brian C. Pierson, PDC – Commander-in-Chief
Michael A. Paquette, PDC – Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Bruce D. Frail, PDC – Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Jonathan C. Davis – National Secretary
Henry C. Duquette, 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
Edward J. Norris, PCinC – Council of Administration
D. Michael Beard, PDC – National Treasurer
James L. Lyon, PDC – National Quartermaster

Council of Administration Non-Voting

Donald E. Darby, PCinC – National Counselor
Mark R. Day, PCinC – National Counselor (appointed on 27 February 2021)
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
Shane Milburn – National Aide-de-Camp on Patriotism
Robert Koenecke – National Aide-de-Camp
Eric D. Richhart, PDC – National Organization Expansion Officer
Rev. Peter M. Preble, PCC – National Chaplain
Mark Hale, PDC – National Chief of Staff
Walter E. Busch, PDC – National Civil War Memorials Officer
Jeffrey Kennedy, PDC – National Color Bearer
Robert Seal – National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Peter J. Hritsko Jr., PDC – National GAR Highway Officer
Dean A. Enderlin, PCC – National GAR Records Officer
Henry Duquette – National Graves Registration Officer
Shane Milburn – National Guard
Brian D. McManus, PDC – National Guide
Robert J. Wolz, PDC – National Historian

Perley E. Mellor, PCinC – National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines
Kevin L. Martin, PDC – National Liaison to MOLLUS
Alan L. Russ, PDC – National Membership-at-Large Coordinator
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Parliamentarian
Timothy McCoy, PDC – National Signals Officer
Daniel R. Earl, PCC – National Legislation Officer
Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC – National Webmaster
Ken L. Freshley, PCinC – Assistant National Webmaster
Ken L. Freshley, PCinC – National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store
Ernest Blevins – National Battle Flag Preservation Officer
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst National Secretary Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst. National Counselor
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
Michael A. Paquette, PDC – Asst. National Treasurer #2
Michael Downs, PDC – Asst. National Treasurer #3
Max L. Newman, PCC – Asst. National Treasurer #4
Daryl V. VerStrete Jr. -- Assistant National Quartermaster

National Committees and Chairman

Program and Policy – Michael A. Paquette, PDC
Civil War Memorials - Walter E. Busch, PDC
Communication and Technology – Timothy McCoy
Constitution and Regulations - Robert E. Grim, PCinC
National Site Committee - Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
Fraternal Relations – Frank C. Avila, PCC
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National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters - Jerome L. Orton, PDC

Special and CinC Appointed Committees and Chairman

Hereditary Issues (2021) - James G. Ward, PDC
Website Redesign - James P. McGuire, PDC

Veterans of Wars of the United States (2021) - Dexter Bishop, PDC
Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders (2024) - Mark R. Day, PCinC
Electronic Forms (2021) - Michael A. Paquette, PDC
Encampment Credentials - Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC
Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy - James P. McGuire, PDC
Chaplain Affairs - Rev. Peter Preble, PCC
Memorial University - Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

Other Positions

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

Biography of Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

At the 139th National Encampment, the first-ever virtual encampment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Brian C. Pierson of Bethel Acres, OK as the 133rd Brother to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief. As a dual member of the Departments of Georgia & South Carolina and from Oklahoma, he is the first Commander-in-Chief from either of these Departments.

Brother Pierson entered the Order as a National Member at Large, and joined Charles Devens Camp #10 in Columbia, SC when the Camp and Department were organized in 2008. Within the Camp and Department, he has held the positions of Camp Commander, Department Patriotic Instructor, JVC, SVC, Department Commander, Chief of Staff, Newsletter Editor, among others. In 2014, he led the host committee for the National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia. At the National Level, he has served on the Council of Administration, National Military Affairs Committee, National Monuments Grants Committee Chair, and Strategic Planning & Vision Committee.



Brother Pierson grew up in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He learned about the SUVCW after researching regimental inscriptions on his ancestors' gravestones. He traces his direct Civil War lineage through his great-great grandfather John Steilen (aka Steele), Private, Company I, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, who also was a member of Henry Turner Post #46, New London, Dept. of Wisconsin, G.A.R., and also through a number of uncles, including Alanson Pierson, Private, Company C, 14th New York State Militia "Brooklyn Chasseurs," mortally wounded at the Battle of South Mountain.

Brother Pierson is a 28-year Air Force veteran. He is a Master Navigator with over 5,400 flying hours and served in the Panama Invasion, Persian Gulf War, Kosovo Campaign, Global War on Terrorism, and Iraq Campaign where he was attached to the XVIIIth Airborne Corps in Baghdad. He has been credited with sea time on the USS Mount Whitney. In addition, he was non-voluntarily assigned to the Pentagon, Washington DC.

Brother Pierson is a Knight Commander with Star of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He is an Upper Freeman of the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, a livery company of the City of London, and is a member of the Mayflower Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Officers Association of America, Knights of Columbus, and the National Rifle Association. He currently serves on the town council of Bethel Acres, OK.

Brother Pierson is married to the former Denise Hudson of Shawnee, OK, a 5th generation Oklahoman whose family are among the original settlers of the Bethel Acres and Shawnee area after the 1889 Land Run. They have four sons.

National Encampment Ribbons, Badges, Etc.

2021 National Encampment Ribbon

The ribbon was given to any Brother who attended the National Encampment.



2021 National Encampment Medals

Below are the Delegate Medal is on the left and the Allied Orders Medal is on the right.



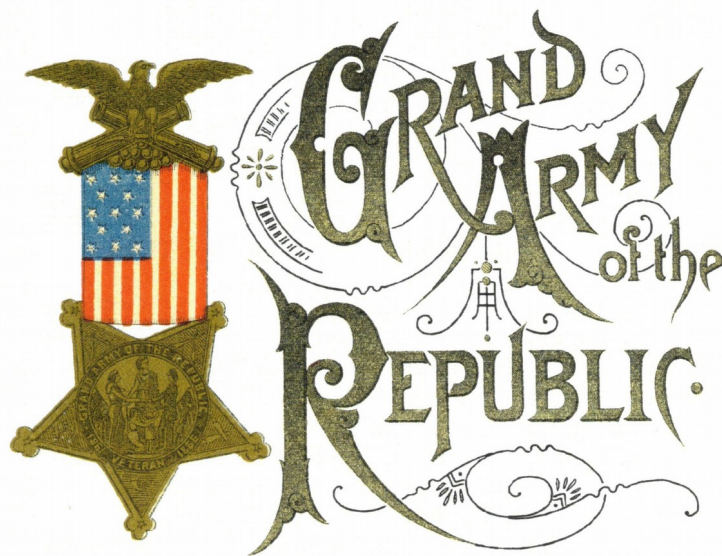
Below is the Bicentennial of Missouri's Statehood medal and the front and back of the coin which was part of the set.



Banquet Program

140th Annual Encampment

Allied Orders of the



August 7th

2021.



PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies Edward Krieser
SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief

Pledge of Allegiance Jessica Booth
WRC National President

Invocation Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplin

Greetings Edward Krieser
SUVCW Past Commander-in-Chief

DINNER

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Brian Pierson
SUVCW Commander-in-Chief
Jessica Booth
WRC National President
Sandra Millin
DUVCW 61-65 National President
Wanda Langdon
ASUVCW National President
Paul Gramling
SCV Past Commander-in-Chief

Benediction Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplin

KEEP THIS AS A SOUVENIR.

Menu.

SALAD

Pre-tossed Caesar Salad
with Romaine, Garlic Croutons, and Shaved Parmesan
Warm Rolls and Butter

ENTREES

Sauteed Chicken Breast
with Picatta Sauce
Beef Brisket With
Mushroom Bordelaise
Pasta Primavera with
Alfredo Sauce
Chef's selection Potato and Seasonal Vegetable

DESSERT

Chef's Homemade Bread Pudding with Bourbon Glaze

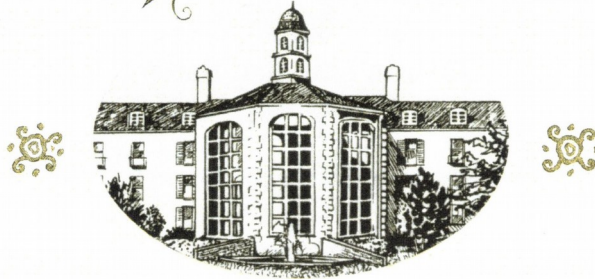
BEVERAGES

Coffee
Decaffeinated Coffee
Hot Tea
Iced Tea
Water

DINNER MUSIC

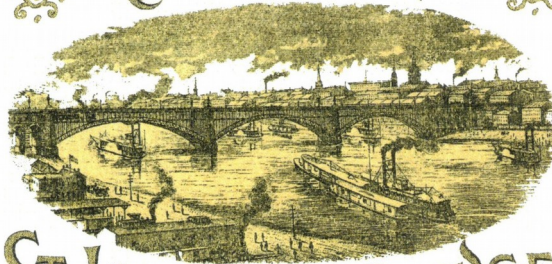
Michael Lacey Trio

The HILTON



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THE GREAT



ST. LOUIS BRIDGE

Banquet Gift and Center Piece Description Card

The mug holds 9 oz. and is metal lidded.



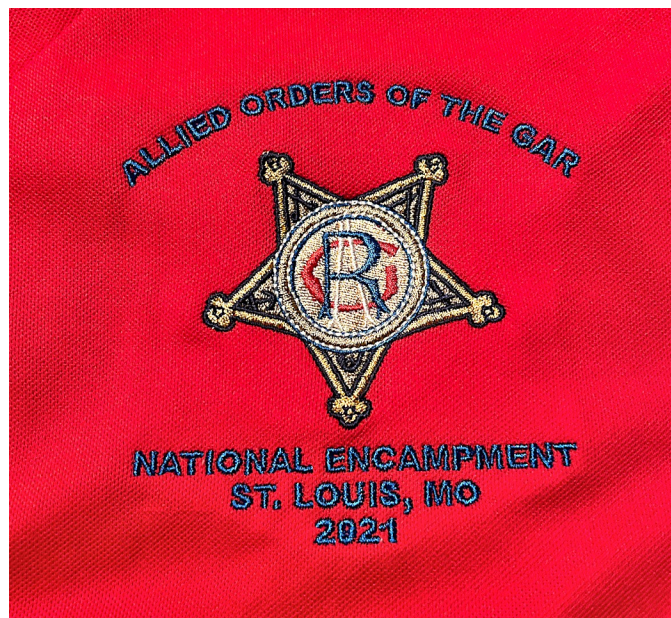
The table decorations pay tribute to the state of Missouri in recognition of the 24th state's bicentennial

The centerpiece consists of the state tree, the Flowering Dogwood, and the state bird, the Eastern Bluebird

The ribbon across the table is trimmed in red, white and blue, the colors of the state flag, and also contains the Great Seal of Missouri



National Encampment Polo Shirt



Goodie Bag

The bag is given to all those who registered and contained various items which are given away, such as the delegate badge, program book, pen, etc. Note: The bag did not come with the water bottle on the left.



Voting Card

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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VOTING CARD

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

AUGUST 4-8, 2021

COMMANDER IN CHIEF
BRIAN C. PIERSON

National Encampment Program Book

ALLIED ORDERS OF THE G.A.R.



2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
ST. LOUIS, MO
AUGUST 4 - 9

National Encampment Transcript

First Session – Friday Morning

[three raps, ***]

[bagpipes playing]

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, Patriotic Instructor, Sumner Hunnewell, will now lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, present the Colors.

[presentation of Colors]

National Encampment

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.

[bagpipes playing]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

I appoint the following Brothers as Encampment Officers. Brother Brian McManus is the Guide. Brother Shane Milburn is the Guard. Brother James Pahl is the Parliamentarian. Brother Sumner Hunnewell is going to be the Encampment Patriotic Instructor. Guide, determine if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, assist on the right. Show your cards.

Brian McManus, National Guide

Sir, I find all in attendance are entitled to be here.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Guide. National Secretary, Brother Davis, please call the role of offices of the Encampment.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Brian C. Pierson	Present
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Michael A. Paquette	Present
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bruce D. Frail	Present
National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis.	Present
National Treasurer, Michael Beard	Present
National Quartermaster, James L. Lyon	Present
Council of Administration member, Harry W. Reineke, IV	Present
Council of Administration member, Kevin L. Martin	Present
Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko, Jr.	Present

Council of Administration member, Kevin P. Tucker	Present
Council of Administration member, Henry C. Duquette	Present
Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward J. Norris	Present
Banner Editor and Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl	Present
National Signals Officer, Tim McCoy	Present
Executive Director, David W. Demmy, Sr.	Present
National Counselor, Mark R. Day	Present
National Chaplain, Reverend Peter Preble	Excused
Chaplain Jerry Kowalski has been appointed as Chaplain	Present

Past Commanders-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon R. Bury, II, 1986-1987.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison, 1994-1995.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson, 1998-1999.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Danny L. Wheeler, 1999-2000.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Krieser, 2000-2001	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell, 2001-2002.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, 2002-2003.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong, 2003-2004.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels, 2004-2005.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Darby, 2005-2006.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief James P. Pahl, 2006-2007.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert, 2008-2009.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy, 2009-2010.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, 2010-2011.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Palmer, Jr., 2011-2012.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor, 2012-2013.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley, 2013-2014.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, 2014-2015.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff, 2015-2016.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin, 2016-2017.	Absent
Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, 2017-2018.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw, 2018-2019.	Present
Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris, 2019-2020.	Present

Appointed Officers

National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin Frail is absent. Brother Hunnewell's in his seat.	
National Aide-de-Camp, Shane Milburn.	Present
National Aide-de-Camp, Robert Koenecke.	Present
National Chief of Staff. Mark Hale.	Present
National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric Richhart	Absent
National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch	Present
National Color Bearer, Jeffrey Kennedy.	Present
National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Seal.	Absent
National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko, Jr.	Present
National GAR Records Officer, Walter Busch	Present

National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette.	Present
National Guard, Shane Milburn.	Present
National Guide, Brian DeManus	Present
National Historian, Robert Wolz.	Present
National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, PCinC Perley Mellor	Present
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Alan Russ.	Present
National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin Martin	Present
National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ.	Present
National Parliamentarian, James P. Pahl.	Present
National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl.	Absent
Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen Hammond.	Absent
National Webmaster, Harry Reineke, IV.	Present
National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken Freshley.	Present
National Battle Flag Preservation Officer, Ernest Blevins.	Absent
Assistant National Quartermaster, Daryl VerStreate, Jr.	Present
Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large, James P. Pahl.	Present
Assistant National Secretary for the Proceedings, Edward Krieser.	Present
Assistant National Counselor and Assistant National Counselor for Bluebook and Assistant National Treasurer #1, James P. Pahl.	Present
Assistant National Treasurer #2 is Michael Paquette.	Present

And that is now the roll call of Elected Past Commander-in-Chiefs and Appointed Officers.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

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

Encampment (in unison)

Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

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

[three raps, ***]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

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 to preserve in purity and integrity its free institutions for all coming time. Bless our Order. Grant that it may long exist. 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, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, say amen.

Encampment (in unison)

Amen.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare that the 140th 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.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I have one special action to do before we go on. Would the representative from the Department of Missouri please come forward? I'm happy to present the charter for Isaac Murphy Camp #2 in Arkansas. What?

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And I was just informed they've received permission to start another Camp in Arkansas also.

Unknown

Here. Here.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Now it's time to go over the rules of the Encampment. Our deliberations will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Rules may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting. With the exception of the Commander-in-Chief, the Officers and Committee Chairman shall not read their reports, but shall submit their written report to the National Secretary. When called upon, they shall approach a microphone and identify themselves; state the page in the reports packet where the report may be found; read any corrections or additions to the report; and read only the recommendations requiring action of this Encampment. As a reminder, by a vote of previous National Encampment, Departments that have failed to submit written reports are not permitted to give a verbal report on the floor. Brothers, while speaking on any issue before this Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice on any issue. Each time is not to exceed five minutes. Exceptions may be granted by a 2/3 vote of the Encampment body present and voting, as mentioned before. Persons making a motion may answer questions and use up to two minutes to close the debate, which privilege shall not be canceled by an action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on any particular issue, including but not limited to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question on the floor. The

National Encampment Parliamentarian shall advise the Commander-in-Chief on parliamentary issues and shall maintain strict neutrality in all matters. The Parliamentarian shall not make rulings. That is the privilege of the presiding Officer. The Parliamentarian never votes except when vote is taken by secret ballot. Cell phones shall be turned off or set to vibrate. All phone conversation shall take place outside the Encampment room. There should not be any personal live streaming or any video or audio recording in the Encampment room with one exception, and that will be for awards presentations. That has been previously coordinated. At the sound of the gavel immediately prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until the elections have been completed. All discussions will be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. In general voting, please use your voting card. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting, including but not limited to, private ballot, rising, or roll call voting, as he deems appropriate from time to time. All motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling and typographical errors, shall be submitted in writing for the minutes of the National Secretary for the final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. Encampment Committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving those items on the floor of the Encampment. Each item must be reported back to the floor of the Encampment with the Committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action. When rising to address the Encampment, use one of the available microphones. Upon being recognized, salute the chair and announce your name, Department and National Office, if any. These proceedings are being recorded and it is critical that you identify yourself each and every time you use the microphone. This helps the transcriptionist accurately compile the proceedings. Any requests for funds from the Special Project funds or other funds from the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon tomorrow. Such requests must include a description of the project, who is chairing the project, and the address to which any award may be sent. All such requests will be presented to the Encampment for consideration. Finally, Sister Cher Petrovic is our official photographer. The photographer has priority over pictures. Please give her the courtesy of allowing her to do her job first and do nothing to interfere with her doing her job. Otherwise, you may take any photographs you like. Any questions? Thank you.

I would now like to take a moment to recognize those veterans among us. If you are a veteran currently serving in the United States Armed Forces or a retiree, if you are able, please rise and be recognized as your branch of service is called. United States Army.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

United States Navy.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

United States Marine Corps.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

United States Air Force.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

United States Coast Guard.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And now I have the privilege of being the first to call our newest uniform service, if there are any here. I don't know. United States Space Force. Well, someday we may get one. They'll start talking about how the satellites provide intel over the Civil War battlefields, I'm sure.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Our Credentials Committee this year is comprised of Brother Joe Hall, Chairman; Brothers Tom Brown; Walt Busch; and Bruce Lane. Brother Hall, do you have a preliminary report from the Credentials Committee?

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

Commander-in-Chief, we had 186 pre-registered for this Encampment. Right now, we have 149 present. Do you want me to give totals on Departments? What they're entitled to?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We'll save that for when it comes time for the elections.

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

Thank you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I appoint the following Encampment Committees as follows. Constitution and Regulations: Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Grim, Chairman; National Counselor, Mark Day; and Brother Loren Bures. Resolutions Committee: Past Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw is Chair; Brother Kevin Tucker; and Brother Faron Taylor is not here. Is he then? All right. Officers' Reports: Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy; Peter Hritsko; and Brother Mark Hale since Mark had to compile all the reports. Rituals and Ceremonies: Past Commander-in-

Chief Steve Michaels, Chairman; Brother Harry Reineke; and Brother Eric Peterson. I'm getting you back. Fraternal Relations: Brother Frank Avila, Chairman; Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell; and Brother Kevin Martin. Our visitation to the Auxiliary is scheduled to occur tomorrow morning at about 8:45 or whenever they tell me, before our meetings reconvenes. Fraternal Relations Committee, please, will meet outside the meeting room and go there. Brother Frank Avila, as the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, will be filling in for Past Commander-in-Chief Andy Johnson to respond with any responses to the visitations coming here.

We're moving along quite nicely here. At this time, I think we will proceed to Officers' Reports. Again, I will entertain a motion that all Officer Reports with recommendations be referred to the appropriate Encampment Committee.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So moved.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Multiple Brothers

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. All in favor.

Encampment (in unison)

Aye.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Your voting cards. (laughter). All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. First up is the report of the Commander-in-Chief. I, therefore, relinquish control as the Presiding Officer of the meeting to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette while I present my report. I want you to come get it.

Brothers, I have the honor to make the following report to the National Encampment. It has been said that America is the first nation founded upon an idea: one nation under God, indivisible, in which all men are created equal with God-given inalienable rights. Our country is not the states of America but the United States of America. Our veteran forefathers fought the most significant war in America's illustrious history to defend that principle. They fought to preserve the national unity of the United States and to free an oppressed people. They established the great constitutional amendments that have insured truth, justice and human rights for all Americans even to this day. We all recognize that this is a challenging and confused time in America's

history. Many of our fellow citizens have forgotten the values and ideas on which America was founded and for which our ancestors fought to preserve. And some of them even want to change the core idea of what America should be. We could merely go with the flow. But we must not. You've heard me say it before. We are patriots. Fortunately, there are a great many of patriotic Americans out there as well. Let us remember the words of the immortal President Lincoln in a letter to Henry Asbury dated 19 November 1858. *The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even a hundred defeats.* And in his speech to the 148th Ohio Regiment on 31 August 1864, *Again I admonish you to not be turned from your stern purpose of defending your beloved country and its free institutions by any arguments urged by ambitious and designing men. Stand fast to the Union and the Old Flag.* The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is organized for a high and noble purpose. We are called to preserve, defend, and honor our veteran forefathers' heroic acts and their moral courage. Let Lincoln's words be our guide. Stand fast to the Union and to the Old Flag.

As we do this, let us remember the essential thing is the deed; not the word; not the intent; not the desire; but the deed. The road to hell is paved with good intentions. Words without action are so much hot air. Faith must be accompanied by works. On my drive here, as I was scanning the radio, I heard something I had never heard before. As the radio was scanning through, an evangelical preacher from Arkansas preaching the necessity of faith and works. To me that was amazing. But he hit it right. We can't just have the faith that something is going to happen.

We have to work to make it happen. In this context, let us turn to the state of our Order. In my travels and visits to the Departments this year, both live and virtual, I have witnessed the determination and dedication of you, our Brothers, rising to meet the challenge before us. Taking concrete actions to accomplish the noble tasks of preservation, of education, and of the promotion of patriotism and good citizenship. Camps and Departments have remained active despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic and are continuing to implement programs and outreach. It proves out that the good work of the Order is done at the Camp and the Department levels. There are some outstanding initiatives being undertaken amongst the various Departments. The Silent Sentinel Project; the sponsorship of American History Day competitions; partnering with the VFW and other state veterans departments for ceremonies and commemorations; partnerships with military history museums; and the beginnings of the production of professional grade videos. I encourage each Department to read the reports of the other Department Commanders. Okay. See what's being done across the country and see if something similar can be done in your Department. Plagiarism is the sincerest form of flattery. In my visits, I've seen how our Brothers have helped and continue to help our fellow citizens come together as an indivisible United States of America. I have seen that our Brothers are wholly dedicated to saving the idea of America as well as just its monuments. I've seen our Brothers have no small measure of patriotism, of courage, and of patience to support and defend those great virtues which are the foundation stones of our state and federal governments, the virtues of faith, hope and charity, fortitude, justice, temperance, and prudence. I have seen how our Brothers are educating our citizens on the true history of the Civil War and on patriotism and good citizenship. We show by word and by deed, what all Americans should aspire to emulate. We honor those who fought and died for America so they are not forgotten. General Logan in his General Order #11 stated this so eloquently, *meant no vandalism of avarice of or neglect; no ravages of time testified to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a*

people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic. I believe every one of us in the Sons understands and strives to meet General Logan's challenge. And we do this so much, much more. Let us keep it up. Let us keep pressing forward. And looking to the future, we will hopefully see a new Department chartered in Arkansas soon as we continue expand. But that's up to Missouri. (chuckling) In the time since the 2020 National Encampment, our Order has been extraordinarily busy witnessing the implementation of a number of key initiatives, some of which have been years in the making, that are helping us to fight the good fight.

First, we've been granted 501(c)(3) charitable organization status by the IRS. Although as a sidebar, I must say that the IRS is moving at the speed of government in updating the systems and that is still causing us some work that we have to continue to do there. Which we will continue to press on that. But this 501(c)(3) status is due to the tireless efforts over the past five years by our current National Treasurer and his predecessors, my predecessor Commanders-in-Chief, National Officers, Council of Administration Members, our Executive Directors and not certainly the least Departments and Camps. We've updated the C&R. We've revised Department bylaws. We've applied and then reapplied to the IRS. But now we can solicit tax-deductible grants and donations from government, commercial, and private sectors. We're moving forward to take advantage of this and some Camps have already received very sizable grants, one of which received \$100,000 grant last year to restore their GAR Hall down in Beaufort, South Carolina. As we continue to understand the rules, there will undoubtedly be some more guidance forthcoming. But in the meantime, I encourage Camps and Departments to seek out opportunities to get OPM, other people's money. Okay.

Second, for the direction of the previous National Encampment, we adopted a monument policy that is prudent, flexible, and appropriate to a wide range of conditions and situations. Every Department has a unique set of circumstances and conditions and the policy is broad enough to accommodate them. We still focus on Civil War related issues, but the policy also allows us to expand our scope to address issues with monuments related to all of America's histories and all of America's veterans and all of America's wars. Shortly after its approval, we took our first formal action under the policy by joining an amicus curiae briefing at the South Carolina Supreme Court for a case involving a South Carolina Heritage Act.

Third, we published directives for lobbying for the National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units. These directions covered scope and allowable activities, reporting and permission requirements. The directives also take care to preserve the rights of individual Brothers as private citizens to communicate with their representatives on legislation. As of this date, permission for several lobbying activities has been granted, notably in the Southwest, for the purposes of erecting a monument to the Union in Phoenix and in Ohio for the preservation of several monuments and artifacts.

Fourth, we enacted a requirement that all Camps and Departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to have liability insurance for that property. Brothers, this is a prudent measure to protect Camps, Departments, and our Order as a whole. I think we all realize in our litigious society that it is a matter of when, not if, we will be sued. A suit will likely bankrupt a Camp. It could bankrupt the Department and it could bankrupt the National Organization. So we need to be protected. Therefore, in addition, we appointed a

committee to study the general liability insurance and report its finding. Right now our coverage, well, as of the writing of this, our coverage is incomplete, but it is getting better. Some Departments have coverage. Some don't. So we're still at some degree of risk. The intent is to find a reasonable and affordable course of action. And there will be more guidance coming out this year with the new Commander-in-Chief.

Fifth, we've expanded our social media presence considerably. Our announcement of the passing of Helen Viola Jackson, the last Civil War widow, went truly viral, garnering attention from around the world. We even gained some membership inquiries from that. In light of this, we've continued to explore ways to effectively utilize social media to continue to generate exposure and interest. All Camps and Departments are encouraged to send events and activities, news write-ups, etc., the great videos that you're producing to the National Signals Officer so we can get it out.

Sixth, the 2020 National Encampment directed the Order to develop a policy for virtual meetings. The goal of this policy is to continue to enable those Brothers who are geographically remote, or who can't travel for one reason or another to attend Camp and Department meetings and to ensure the Order can continue to conduct its business. This topic was brought up in every Department Encampment I attended. It is evident that our Brothers expected us to deliver. And I'm happy to report that the Virtual Meeting Committee has delivered. The report is in the book of the Encampment Reports and I strongly encourage you to review it carefully. It is detailed, thorough, and makes a number of recommendations for changes to the C&R to implement virtual meetings. The changes address all topics at once that we would otherwise be dealing with piecemeal over many years. Brothers, this is perhaps the most important topic we will deliberate during this Encampment. I expect that you all will give it the proper attention it deserves. Read the report. Read the C&R Committee's Report on it as well. Due to this importance, I'm committed to allowing sufficient time during this Encampment to discuss and debate this particular topic. We, the Encampment assembled here, owe it to our Brothers.

Our relationships, on the next topic, our relationships with the Allied Orders remain strong and cordial overall. At the Camp and Department level, there is wonderful and very effective cooperation for ceremonies, events, meetings throughout the country. Keep encouraging this. Brothers, remember the Allied Orders are our right arm and our right lung. We can't act without them. We can't breathe without both lungs very well. If were divided, we fail. But united, we can accomplish everything. At the National level, I'm also happy to report, there are also excellent relationships between the Sons and the individual Allied Orders. Two items in particular this year should be mentioned. First, two issues with the Woman's Relief Corps was satisfactorily resolved. And also, we're working amicably, fraternally, and maturely to resolve an emergent issue regarding copyright issues with the Daughters of Union Veterans. They made a mistake. We intend to fix it.

I have the honor to make some recommendations. A special committee with a term of five years be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of the independence of the United States.

My second recommendation is that a special committee be established to develop a plan for the

Order to commemorate the centennial of the Lincoln Memorial in 2022 and to explore cooperation with other organizations and participation in any ceremonies.

Third recommendation, The incoming Commander-in-Chief reappoint the Virtual Meeting Committee, as he sees fit, to work on implementing the policy or whatever policy is adopted at this Encampment.

And the fourth recommendation is that our Order advocates to the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations laying wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers on Memorial Day. This is perhaps the greatest disappointment of my tenure is that Arlington was still shut down. No patriotic organizations were allowed to lay wreaths there this year. Our National Washington DC Representative made a number of inquiries. I made inquiries. I fear that having Arlington having been shut down two years for Memorial Day may turn into a long-standing practice at that cemetery there. And we need to cooperate with the other veterans organizations and heritage organizations out there to reinstitute what it was before. Those are my recommendations, just the four. Brothers, at the beginning of my term, on our virtual Encampment last year, I discussed the 3 R's of recruit, retain, and return. And you have done wonderfully following through on those.

At the conclusion of my term, I would like to leave you with a parting thought about mentorship. As I have traveled, as I mentioned before, as I have traveled to the Departments, I have met some incredibly talented, devoted, enthusiastic Brothers throughout our Order. These Brothers are not needed only at the Camp and Department levels, but they're needed at the National level as well, for Committees, appointed positions, elected positions. Every level of our Order, our leaders should be identifying, mentoring, encouraging, and recommending Brothers for such positions. This is how we can keep our Order strong. Every one of us here has had a mentor who taught us about the Order, who encouraged us and guided us. And it is our responsibility to develop our future leaders. In conclusion, I'm happy to report that the state of our Order is strong, despite two years of COVID mania. But we can always be stronger. We must continue to grow our membership. We must continue to effectively mentor and develop our future leaders.

Brothers, it has been my honor to serve you as your Commander-in-Chief. I'm grateful for the trust you placed in me. I hope you don't regret it. And I hope that in some small way I have helped you fulfill our great and honorable mission. I humbly and fraternally offer my deepest thanks to you all for your wisdom, dedication and passion. Let us keep doing great things for our Order and for our country. Thank you.

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(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You're gonna bring a tear to my eye. Thank you, Brothers. I will now take back the gavel. It is still the gavel of peace, not the gavel of war. I will now ask for the reports of the Officers. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief...

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

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander, Michael Paquette, Department of Chesapeake. I return the gavel to you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Paquette. Now, I will ask for the reports of the Officers.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander, Michael Paquette, Department of Chesapeake. My report is on pages nine and ten of the reports packet. I have no recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. You'll find my report on pages ten and eleven. It is a combined report with Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the National Committee on Membership. We do have one recommendation, to have the incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on Membership create a booklet or instructional outline of the duties of Camp and Department Junior Vice Commanders to assist them in their responsibilities.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. That recommendation is referred to the Officers' Reports Committee, I believe is the appropriate place. Thank you. National Secretary, Jonathan Davis.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, Department of Ohio. My report starts on page eleven and is finalized on page twelve. There is no additions or changes to my report, other than I would like to point out that on the top of page twelve, at the end of my report, I have a comment that this coming year is the third year of my current three year term of position as National Secretary. This would be completing my second full term as National Secretary and I have decided not to seek reelection in 2022, to give more time to my other interests. So if anyone has interests in the position as National Secretary, please, within this year, make your intentions known. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Davis. National Treasurer, Michael Beard. Sir.

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

Commander, Michael Beard, National Treasurer. I have one item that is not included in my report and I want to enhance some items that are in the report. The first item is Chaplain Kowalski and I worked at length with our general liability insurer and we increased our cost by \$1,000.00 this year. And two items that are important to the membership.

This first one I'm going to read, is we defined who was insured and the endorsement modifies the insurance provided under the following: commercial general liability coverage. We have a \$3 million coverage. Who is an insured? is amended to include as an insured any of your members, but only with respect to their liability for your activities or activities they perform on your behalf. So, essentially, that means every person that is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans is covered by this liability policy when carrying out the business of the Order, Camp meetings, Department meetings, et. cetera.

The other item that was added to the policy this year, which by the way this became effective, I paid the bill last week. This is on the commercial general liability coverage part. This insurance does not apply to bodily injury, property damage, or advertising injury or medical expense arising out of ownership, maintenance, handling, storage, distribution, sale or use of fireworks, flash powder or explosive compositions. However, this exclusion does not apply to the use of black powder from a period weapon used during the reenactment as scheduled in this policy. In other words, gentlemen, firing a salute at a cemetery with black powder weapons is now covered by our general liability policy. I wish to highlight a couple of items from my report which can be found on page twelve and thirteen. We are a 501(c)(3). For those who don't understand that, essentially, that means that people can give us property and money deducted on their federal and state income tax returns and it is tax-free to us on our federal and state. So this is the way we accumulate wealth over time. National was made a 501(c)(3) in 2017 but in 2020, we obtained a group exemption that includes all subordinates, Departments, Military Districts, Camps, SVR Units, if you appear on the form 11 filed by your group to me in March. And I provide that list to the IRS and your supposedly a 501(c)(3). I say supposedly because the IRS has not updated its website since November 2020 if you search for Sons of Union Veterans, you will find we are not listed under Pub 78, which is where corporations and entities go to, to determine if we're a 501(c)(3) charity eligible for tax deductions. We're not there. We are instead listed under 501(c)(4). But when you bring us up and look at our organization, you discover the determination letter that's right there on the IRS website says we're a 501(c)(3). We've been trying to get them to correct that. They have not corrected that. So there's been problems, particularly with Camps when they're out trying to do some significant fundraising. I am available to send written recognition to whoever you are seeking. I will send them a letter saying we are 501(c)(3) and your Camp is a 501(c)(3). And I'll include the National determination letter which by the way is on our website if you ever want to load it down yourself. So when we became a 501(c)(3) group, which was back in November.

I want to just mention that three Past Commanders-in-Chief immediately started giving us monthly donations through our PayPal account. That's Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson, and Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. And we have several individuals which are listed on page thirteen of my report that gave donations to the Organization. One of which I should note specifically, Brother David McCann gave us \$5,000.00 for the scholarship fund. And then we had another Brother who gave us \$5,700.00 to run an intern program, where we were able to hire an intern for the National Headquarters to do our scanning. So that concludes my report, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Beard. All of us owe a tremendous thanks to Brother Beard and

Brother Kowalski for getting our insurance taken care of. Things have been moving rapidly. Their efforts have been Herculean and they've come through. So I would like to give both of them a round of applause.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

As for the IRS, it is still a work in progress. It is moving at the speed of government. Not only that, it is moving at the speed of government during COVID. Okay. Thank you. National Quartermaster, Jim Lyon.

James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster

Jim Lyon, National Quartermaster. I have nothing to add to my report. But I would point out that at the end of this term, I will not be seeking reelection.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Lyon has one more year to fill his term and then again 2022, we'll be looking for a National Quartermaster. So if anybody has any desire to be our QM, please make your desires known. And we can start the process moving forward. Okay. Council of Administration member, Henry Duquette. There you are.

Henry Duquette, Council of Administration

Commander, Council of Administration member, Henry Duquette. I did not get my report in on time. Basically I attended meetings I was available to attend on Zoom and I participated in all of the votes. That is my report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Council of Administration member, Peter Hritsko.

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Council of Administration

Commander, Pete Hritsko, Council of Administration, Department of Ohio. My report's on page fourteen and fifteen. I have nothing else to be added to my report, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And no recommendations. Thank you, sir. Council of Administration member, Harry Reineke, IV.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. My report can be found in page fifteen. I have no additions, no corrections, no recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Harry. Council of Administration member, Kevin Martin.

Kevin L. Martin, Council of Administration

Kevin Martin, Council of Administration, Department of Chesapeake. I have my report is on page fifteen. I have no corrections, additions or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Kevin. Council of Administration member, Kevin Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Brother Commander, I did not get my report for this position in on time. But I also attended every Council of Administration meeting and participated in the votes. This is my twenty-fifth year in the order and I'm very pleased to serve in any way I can. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. It's kind of like a marriage. Council of Administration member and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward Norris.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Edward Norris, Council of Administration, Department of Massachusetts. My report's on page fifteen and sixteen. There is no changes and there are no recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Banner Editor, James Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Banner Editor

James Pahl, Editor of *The Banner*. My report is on sixteen. No additions, corrections, no recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Executive Director, David Demmy.

David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director

Commander, David Demmy, Executive Director, Department of Pennsylvania. My report begins on page eighteen. And at this time, I have no additions or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Aide-de-Camp, Robert Koenecke.

Robert Koenecke, National Aide-de-Camp

Robert Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin. I have no report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Expansion Officer, Eric Richhart. Not present. National Chaplain is absent. National Chief of Staff, Mark Hale.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Nothing further to add to my report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Mark. Thank you for your service this year. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander of Missouri. My report is a combined report with the Committee that starts on page thirty-six. There are recommendations when we get to that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Would you read your recommendations, please?

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Okay. Recommendation one. It's found on page thirty-seven. The state of Missouri at their Department Encampment passed the below petition to create a National website to have all our information on Form 61's and 62's either available to the public or to members. I have been asking for something to be created since 2012 and an answer such as this puts it in the Memorial Officers and Committees hands to do it while giving the National Webmaster oversight. These files are specially needed by the Grants Committee and for members use. They can also be something for the public too that they can find out something beneficial and helpful, and perhaps encourage members and the public to fill out these forms to further their goals. I recommend that this or a similar method be implemented by our Organization. The petition states as follows. *A petition of the National SUCVW. The Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War petitions the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to provide a functioning website for the Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials, hereinafter called the Memorials Officer, to create and maintain our memorials records. Whereas, one of the solemn duties of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a protection of Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic monuments; and whereas the National Organization has created forms, currently Forms 61 and 62, to record information to provide grants for the repairs, care for monuments deemed important by the Order; and whereas, National Committee and Departments dispensing grants for the preservation and repair of these monuments and others in the Order are in need of such information on a regular basis; and whereas, the Department of Missouri has a webpage created not only lists but also provides the entirety of the Forms 61 and 62 submitted by the Department of Missouri that any person may access and download; and whereas, the Memorials Officer can create and maintain for each Departmental webpage of its own listing the Form 61 and 62's while beginning to train some committee members and Department Memorial Officers to add their own forms; and whereas, the Memorial Officers assures the National Organization that many of these Form 61 and 62's can be online within the next year; whereas, one web provider's plan allows unlimited storage for items that could be used for this program and/or extended to other needs of the Order; and whereas, this site could have its information available either to the public, which is recommended, or members only; and whereas, the Memorials Officer strongly recommends this course of action is necessary and the most effective and efficient way further to discharge the duties of his office; and whereas, such a site and domain can cost as little as \$500.00 a year. Page thirty-eight. Therefore, be it resolved the Department of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans*

of the Civil War petitions the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to authorize a National Webmaster to set up an account with the Memorial Officer as editor of the site so that the works of establishing a file system of our collective Forms 61's and 62's can begin and that expenditure for this come from the general funds of the Order. That's my first recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. That recommendation is referred to the Officers' Reports Committee for review and recommendations. You're second recommendation, please.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Recommendation two. I have received requests from Hugo, I don't know how to pronounce his last name, Guardia, architect Historic Preservation and Fine Arts Officer, Region 7, Public Billing Service, General Services Administration, for information about the Santa Fe, New Mexico Courthouse, Kit Carson Monument, and whether we as heirs of the GAR own the monument or can the federal government do something with it, as the Santa Fe Mayor wants it removed. It is on federal ground. The mayor has no standing other than that of a citizen to demand such. I submitted the documentation to CinC Pierson before my January report who passed this along. Documentation which was submitted to the Council of Administration supports that this was owned by the GAR and never transferred to anyone else. We, therefore, should own it. GSA would really like to know by mail, email, whether or not we take the position that we own the monument. Personally, I'm of the position that if we say no, they will be removing it at some date and time. I am making no specific recommendations that we either own it or don't own it as there are implications both ways, especially potential costs. I am making the recommendation that we take a stand on it at this Encampment and have the next Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, or the Civil War Memorials Officer inform the appropriate people at the courthouse of our decision.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Busch. That recommendation is also referred to the Officers' Reports Committee.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

And I have one other comment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

In my report, I commended Tom Gaard, Department of Iowa, for submitting eighty monument reports this last year. I'd like it officially said to all these people that he did such and that's truly an outstanding record.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is noted and he is commended. Thank you, sir.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

National Color Bearer, Jeffrey Kennedy.

Jeffrey Kennedy, National Color Bearer

National Color Bearer, Jeff Kennedy. I have no additions, changes or recommendations. My report can be found on page twenty. And I want to conclude that I'm excited to be here.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is 10:40. Before we get to the National Council's report, does everyone want to take five? A break? Amen? All right. National Chaplain.

[three raps, ***]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We will reconvene; say ten 'till the hour. We'll take ten.

[one rap, *]

[BREAK]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Moving on with Officers' Reports. The report of National Counselor, Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. My report is on pages twenty-one through twenty-five and I have no recommendations or additions.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That's amazing.

Unknown

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I only say that because I've kept them busy this year. Assistant National Counselor for Blue Book, James Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book

Good grief. Got an obstacle course. James Pahl. No additions. No corrections. No

recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Seal, who is not here. National GAR Highway Officer, Peter Hritsko.

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., National GAR Highway Officer

Commander, Peter Hritsko, GAR Highway Officer from the Department of Ohio. I have nothing to add to my report. My report starts on page twenty-seven.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

National GAR Records Officer. I think Walt Busch was gonna speak for Dean Enderlin. Okay. He's not here. National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette.

Henry Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer

Commander, National Graves Registration Officer and Council of Administration, Henry Duquette, Department of North Carolina. My report starts on page thirty and ends on page thirty-one. I have two quick updates, status of item number two on page thirty-one notes that there was a problem with the logins. That has now been fixed and the two Brothers who were locked out of the system have now gained access to the admin side. And just before leaving home, I initiated a complete review of the instruction booklet to get that updated as soon as possible with all the latest changes, typo fixes, etc. So, that concludes my report. I have no recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Duquette. National Historian, Bob Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Robert Wolz, Past Department Commander of Ohio. My report as National Historian and also the Chairman of the History Committee starts on page thirty-one and continues on to page thirty-two and there no additions. Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor.

Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Massachusetts. For some reason my report did not make it in. But it's a real shorty, only half a page, not five.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

Dated May 30, 2021. The real Memorial Day was celebrated with those attending the services held at the Cathedral of the Pines. Because of the rainy weather in New England, as usual, the celebration was held inside the newly renovated Cathedral of the Pines reception room, whatever you want to call it. If nobody's ever been to the Cathedral of the Pines, used to be pine

trees everywhere ‘till a hurricane took them all down. So now, we have beautiful area up there. Besides myself...besides myself, and Past National President, Diane Mellor, we had one other one from the Department of New Hampshire attend there. The Cathedral of the Pines is a nationally recognized area. If you...whenever someone goes there, look at the altar or the rector or the stage or any of that area. You’ve got pieces of presidential stones imbedded in the altar and emblems from all the organizations there is, including all five of our Allied Orders and all veterans organizations. Something is added to that every single year. There was about fifty people there inside, normally there’s about fifty to seventy-five which was unreal for COVID pandemic area. The year before was virtual. This year was the first time they had everything back. It was a great report of everybody that was there. And the guest speaker had a ritual of all national areas around the country that he put on his screen. It was a different type of activity. But it was great. It is in New Hampshire, that’s where it is. If anybody wants to go up there, you’re looking straight across at the mountains. It’s a beautiful thing on a good day. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

One administrative note, my oversight earlier, Brother Ed Krieser, if anyone wants to help out with him doing the recordings. See him and Brother Darby's over there as well. If you would, he would welcome that too in case he has to go out. I meant to mention that earlier. So, check in with Ed when he gets back or check in with Brother Darby. Next report, National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin Martin.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS. If it is okay with you, I'd first like to start with a greeting.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. Yes, sir.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

On behalf of Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Joseph Coleman, I bring you greetings from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, commonly referred to as MOLLUS. After President Abraham Lincoln’s death, rumors from Washington of a conspiracy to destroy the federal government by assassination of its leaders prompted three officers to form an organization that could help thwart future threats to the national government. A mass meeting of Philadelphia veterans was held on April 20, 1865, to pledge renewed allegiance to the Union and to plan for participation and the funeral arrangements for the President. The Philadelphia officers who served as an honor guard for President Lincoln's funeral met again after the funeral was over to establish a permanent organization of officers and former officers patterned after the Cincinnati, sorry, the Society of Cincinnati established after the Revolutionary War. The name they chose, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, first appeared in a notice calling a meeting on May 31, 1865, at Independence Hall. With the eventual aging of the original companions, membership with MOLLUS has changed to provide for hereditary companions, descendants of eligible officers. There are currently four categories of membership: hereditary, junior, associate, and honorary. Many original companions of MOLLUS were also members of

the Grand Army of the Republic. Similarly, many hereditary companions of MOLLUS are currently also members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the legal heir to the GAR. Membership information may be obtained by going to the National Commandery website at <https://suvchw.org/mollus/mollus.htm> or you can see me at any one of our breaks. My report is on page thirty-two. I have no correction.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Martin, thank you for the greetings from the Commander of MOLLUS. Please convey our thanks and our fraternal greetings back to him. Thank you, sir.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

I will do so. Thank you. My report, again, is on page thirty-two. I have no corrections or additions. I do have one recommendation. Would you care for me to read it at this place?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Regarding the Springfield Lincoln Tomb Ceremony between the SUVCW and MOLLUS has now been in place for ten years. MOLLUS wishes to continue the joint event but a review of the memorandum should be considered based on our ten years of experience with an eye towards any adjustments, if any are deemed necessary. In addition, we need to verify that the Lincoln Tomb Committee provided this expense report in accordance with the MOA.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. That is referred to the Officers' Reports Committee. And I believe they did submit their report. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ.

Alan L. Russ, National Membership-at-Large Committee

Alan Russ, PDC, Department of Kansas, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator. My report is on page thirty-two. No changes. No recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Patriotic Instructor, Ben Frail, is not present. Brother Sumner, he had a couple of recommendations on page thirty-two. If you could be so kind as to read those.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Acting National Patriotic Instructor

Sumner Hunnewell, Acting Patriotic Instructor, Department of Missouri. Recommendation number one. In addition to the National Patriotic Instructor's handbook that includes announcements regarding half-mast notifications. These announcements should be communicated from the NPI.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Before we move on to the next report, we're going to revisit the National Patriotic Instructor's recommendation, one and two. The handbook is the Patriotic Instructor's. He has the authority to make the changes he needs. I take back the referrals to the Officers'

Reports Committees and under my authority, he is directed and authorized to make whatever changes he sees fit to his own handbook. Moving on. National Signals Officer, Tim McCoy.

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer

Commander, Tim McCoy, Nationals Signals Officer, Department of the Chesapeake. My report begins on page sixteen. Ends on page eighteen. I have three recommendations. Shall I read them? Sir?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please. Read them.

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer

Recommendation number one. *Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award to be presented at the annual National Encampment that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUCCW through social media.* This gets to some of your comments earlier on about the increasing visibility of social media. And I'll just use this opportunity to put a plug in for the little card that I put on everybody's chair during the break. This is a one-stop shop for access to all of our social media accounts as well as the national website. And the Commander-in-Chief said earlier on that, if you got things you want to send for posting on national social media, Facebook, whatever. On the back of the card is the Signals Officer email address as well as the Signal Corps email address. Every once in a while we'll get a message, "I don't know how to reach the Signals Corps." You don't have any excuse anymore. You got one of these wallet friendly cards in your hands now. Hold on to it and use it. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So back to recommendation one, before you put your sales pitch in there. That is referred to the Officers' Reports Committee with the note that there is already the Horace Greeley Award for websites. Okay. Recommendation two, please.

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer

Recommendation number two. *The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW related websites and social media accounts.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Going back to as we discussed with the National Patriotic Instructor. You can consider that part of your job and develop whatever handbook or guide you want.

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer

Thank you, sir. Recommendation number three which is a carryover from my predecessor. *The incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a Special National Committee on Social Media Management, otherwise known as the Signals Corps.* And I've attached as appendix number one the proposed terms of reference for this proposed Special National

Committee.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brothers out there, this is a Commander-in-Chief appointed committee. This would change its status to a special committee and maybe even a national standing committee. I will refer this to the Committee on Officers' Reports to examine it and report back with their recommendation. Thank you.

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer

Thank you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Leo's already hating me. National Legislation Officer, Dan Earl. He's not here. Washington DC Representative, Steve Hammond. Let's see if he's got a report. I don't see anything. All right. National Webmaster, Harry Reineke, IV.

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. My report can be found on page thirty-five. I do have two recommendations that should be forwarded to the appropriate committee. And I would like to add voicing my support for the Communication and Technology Committee's recommendation number one. I know we will get to that shortly. But I did want to, in my role as Webmaster; voice my support for that particular recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Harry, you said you had two recommendations?

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Would you like for me to read them, Commander?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

All right. Recommendation number one. My apologies. *The National Webmaster be given the ability moving forward to request aid/assistance to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief that will have credentials, that would be website credentials, to help him with basic tasks. The job of the National Webmaster's often feast or famine. And there are times when urgent items are needed to be posted and I and my predecessors have been unavailable or spent time from moments to hours away from our families putting out fires. Having a team waiting in the wings will greatly improve the Webmaster's ability to keep the site current.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

They already exist.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Hang on, Harry. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

The ability already exists.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. So, you are authorized to appoint assistants, as needed.

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Recommendation number two. *That the appropriate committee examine the role and job description of National Webmaster to ensure that it is made up to date as we move forward to a new website so that it can be approved at the 2022 National Encampment. At this time, there are portions of the job description that are customarily handled by the National Signals Officer and not the National Webmaster. This is probably because in the past, the two offices were nearly inseparable. It is time to examine this and update it accordingly.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That goes referred to Officers' Reports.

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Assistant National Webmaster Quarter Master Store, Ken Freshley.

Ken L. Freshley, Asst Nat'l Webmaster for Quarter Master Store

Past Commander-in-Chief, Ken Freshley, Department of Ohio. My report's on page thirty-six. It stands as submitted. No recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Assistant National Secretary Department at Large Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Secretary Department at Large Secretary/Treasurer

My report can be found on page thirty-six. No additions, corrections or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings, Ed Krieser. Oh, he has stepped out. Okay. And I didn't see anything for him. All right.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, of the house of Don, number one. The last year's proceedings was delayed getting to the transcriptionist 'til sometime after January. The

problem...I don't what the problem was, but it didn't get to her then. And then she had two weeks recovering from carpal tunnel syndrome, actually the surgery. So the last I talked to her was the first part of July and she had gone on two weeks vacation. So she's working on that in Encampment and we'll be hand carrying the copy of this one to her so it should be faster.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Don. Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Treasurer #1

Good grief. Getting my exercise. Page thirty-six. No additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Assistant National Treasurer #2, Michael Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, Assistant National Treasurer #2

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Assistant National Treasurer #2. My apologies for remission of this report. But my report would mirror the Assistant Treasurer #1.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Copy. No additions, corrections or recommendations.

Michael A. Paquette, Assistant National Treasurer #2

Correct.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And Assistant National Treasurer #3, Danny Wheeler, is not here. I will assume he also has no additions, corrections, or recommendations. Assistant National Quartermaster, Daryl VerStreate.

Daryl VerStreate, Jr., Assistant National Quartermaster

Commander, my apologies for not submitting a written report. However, if I can have just a few minutes to make a short report I would appreciate it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, please.

Daryl VerStreate, Jr., Assistant National Quartermaster

On an average the last two years, as the ROTC Officer, I mail out an average of give or take eight hundred medals and certificates across the country. I can't emphasize enough, when I get a Form 7, I need it correctly filled out. And I actually need a signature on it, that it's actually being requested and not just a form with no signatures. I had that happen quite a bit, or people requesting them and upset because they're not being mailed because they're not submitting Form 7. Short and simple, I'd also like to read you a short email from Maxwell Air Force Base. *The SUVCW was added last year to the awards they may be presented to the AFJROTC Cadets. Many thanks, R. Wayne Baron for Maxwell Air Force Base.* As many of you know, roughly two

years ago we were removed from the approved medalist. We are back on it. If you've ever worked with the military you know it's not easy to get things done. I believe, Commander Pearson and Roger Laterno are working on getting the Army reapproved again. I wish them the best of luck. That is my report, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. I appreciate all the hard work there. I see that I've inadvertently skipped to National Guard, Shane Milburn. He's out there keeping people out.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

Commander-in-Chief, I don't have a written report, but I do want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the National Guard this year. And I want to commend the Color Guard this morning for a great job.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Guide, Brian McManus.

Brian McManus, National Guide

Brian McManus, Department of Wisconsin, Past Department Commander, National Guide. My report's on page thirty-one. Stands as written.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother James doesn't want any more exercise. Brothers, this concludes the Officers' Reports. Thank you all. Moving on to the next session. National Secretary, do you have any communications to read?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes, I have, Commander. As National Secretary, I received two resolutions from Department of Ohio on endorsements of members seeking National Office. And three resolutions from the Department Illinois. These were already given to the Chair of the Resolutions. So, they'll come up later.

I received one communication from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Office of the National President, Elizabeth Rock, dated July 8, 2021. *It is indeed a pleasure to extend my personal greetings to you as well as greetings from our organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, for best wishes for a pleasant and profitable national convention. As we continue on with our organizations, composed of patriotic American citizens with a true understanding of Americanism and a record of accomplishment, we will continue to actively work for our Orders. It's said that the virtual power of good example lives on from generation to generation, keeping the world ever fresh and young. So, too, will the story of our noble heritage be kept ever alive if we conscientiously reveal it one generation to another. Wishing you a harmonious and constructive convention. I remain in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.* And again, that's from Elizabeth Rock, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And she also included a little poem which I'll read. *Unfurl Old Glory to the breeze and see it waving there. Unfurl the cause of truth and right wrapped in its fold so fair. Unfurl our shining Stars and Stripes over our fair land so free. We love each shining silken fold, our flag of liberty.*

And that's from S.H. Grant. And that concludes the communications I received.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. At this point were kind of at a logical break between Officer Reports and Committee Reports. I know, Brother Ed, we were going to do this after lunch. But are you ready to give your awards at this time? So, Brother Ed asked me if he could be allowed to present the 2020 National Encampment reports that, he was not able to do virtually. And then, of course, he asked me to go have all the plaques made. Oh, could someone go out and see if Cher Petrovic, our photographer, is available so we can do that? Thank you. Good call.

Cher Petrovic, National Photographer

Cher's here.

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

Oh, there you are. Sorry. So, last year, we announced the winners. We weren't able to give them out. So, I'm not going to spend a lot of time with it so we're going to bring up all the Departments and Camps all at once, and I'll give their awards.

The U.S. Grant Cup was the Department of Maine. Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award was Scott Camp #73 from the Department of Jersey. The Marshal Hope Award for Camp was General Thomas C. Fletcher, Camp #47, Department of Missouri and Arkansas. The Marshal Hope Award for the Department was the Department of Missouri and Arkansas. And the Under 40 Award was for the Department of Pennsylvania. So, if you could come forward, I'll hand these out.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

We had three National Aides last year, David Risch, Robert Koenecke, and Kyle Dumbowt. So, if you come up, I'll give you your certificates.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Commander Norris also had Certificates of Recognition for Merle Rudebush, William Dean, who has since passed on, Timothy McCoy, Benjamin Frail, Chris Workman, Christopher Powers, and Barret Young. So could those individuals named or a representative from their Department please come forward.

The Meritorious Service Award for 2020 is awarded to Brother Daniel Grable. Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star for recognition by the National Council of Administration for long-term exemplary service and extraordinary accomplishments in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was awarded to Thomas Ludka. Okay. You want to do this one?

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

No, I'm gonna give this one out tomorrow. So this is the Founder's Award. It went to

Leonard E. Thomas. Is there a representative that can get this to him? I forget which Department nominated him. One of your Brothers right there accept it on his behalf?

Encampment

(applause).

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I can go off script. So, I have the write up for this next award. It's upstairs. I thought I was going to be doing this after lunch and I was gonna bring it down. But we read it last year. What I read last year, it didn't even do him service. I think he does a tremendous job for us even if he doesn't know how to change the cassette tape.

Encampment

(laughter).

Edward J. Norris, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief

So, I'd like to announce that again that the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Darby.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. It is now a quarter 'till twelve. I will entertain a motion to break for lunch.

Unknown 1

So made.

Unknown 2

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. All in favor. Raise your cards. All right. Passes.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap,*]

[LUNCH]

Second Session – Friday Afternoon

[one rap,*]
[three raps, ***]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. We are now going to move on to the reports of Standing Committees. Please remember to tell us what page your report appears. Read only any corrections, additions, and recommendations. First up, National Committee on Programs and Policies, Brother Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, National Committee on Program and Policy

Michael Paquette, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake. Report is a combined report with my Officer Report on page nine. I have no additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Paquette. National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Brother Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

Civil War Memorials, I previously gave the report under the Officers' Reports.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, that's true. You did. Thank you. National Committee on Communication and Technology, Brother McCoy.

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Commander, Tim McCoy, Chair, National Committee on Communications and Technology. Before I get to the recommend... the report's found on page forty, forty-one, and forty-two. Before I get to the recommendations, I want to call all Brothers' attention to the language that's at the bottom of page forty because this is some helpful hints intended for everybody who's been the victim of email scams. And during this past year, this was a big problem, especially members of the National leadership. We've taken some steps to address that, which are detailed in my report. But I purposely gave some low cost/no cost practical approaches to avoid becoming victims of email scam. I really encourage you to read that and take it to heart. Signals Corps is going to be doing work, especially in conjunction with the upcoming U.S. holidays when these kind of scams tend to happen, sending out just reminders and awareness raising information about how to avoid these kind of scams. The three recommendations going ahead to them. Number one. *Considering the increased workload and technical considerations associated with updating and maintaining the SUVCW website, the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint an ad hoc committee to explore the feasibility of SUVCW outsourcing these functions to a professional entity.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well, I'm going to refer it to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You can do that.

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Number two. I believe I will withdraw because I believe based on previous feedback from Brother Pahl, I believe that the Committee is empowered to do what I'm recommending here. But I'll read the recommendation and defer...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...Nope. It's withdrawn...Next.

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the Communications and Technology Committee to identify Brothers who can serve as Aides to the Committee in identifying material in the previous SUVCW website that should or should not be maintained in the public domain.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And I accept your withdrawal.

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Thank you. Recommendation number three. *The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the Communications and Technology Committee to identify and recommend to the Council of Administration an optimal solution for protecting sensitive personal information maintained on SUVCW databases.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. I'm going to refer that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the Council of Administration.

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Thank you, Commander. That completes my report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Grim, Chair of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, has requested that that Committee report be deferred until tomorrow morning in order to give Brothers time to read and review the reports in the report guide that are coming up for that deliberation. I've accepted that recommendation so we're going to defer that report to the first thing in the morning. Brothers, let's look at that report is paragraph on 4.4, begins on page forty-two. Please, please review that carefully today and tonight when you get the chance. A lot of good and important things we need to do in there regarding it. Moving on. National Encampment Site Committee, Brother Kevin Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I would request, if I could, to defer the report. I printed it out and realized it's the wrong one that I printed out. So, I have to go to print it back out again. So if we could move me back in the order I'd appreciate it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. We'll get back to that one. National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brother Frank Avila.

Frank C. Avila, National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Commander-in-Chief, the report is on page fifty-six and I have no recommendations at this time. The only thing I can add was that I did not realize at the time I wrote this, that the WRC was here.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Brother Busch for Brother Enderlin.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on GAR Post Records

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, reporting as a member of the Committee for Dean Enderlin. No recommendations. No additions. No corrections.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Committee on Graves Registration, Brother Duquette.

Henry Duquette, National Committee on Graves Registration

Commander, Henry Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer and Council of Administration. My apologies. I neglected to indicate that my report was a combined report earlier.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, actually, you did. I just forgot.

Henry Duquette, National Committee on Graves Registration

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on History, Brother Bob Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National Committee on History

Bob Wolz, Past Department Commander. My report was already given under the 4.9 or 3.17 is the History Committee as well. Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thanks. National Committee on the Lincoln Tomb Observance, Brother Bob Petrovic. There was no report submitted. National Committee on Membership, Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Membership

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. The National Committee report on membership is a combined report with my Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief report on page ten.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Correct. Thank you. National Military Affairs Committee, Brother Shaw. Is anyone filling in for Brother Shaw? All right. No report was submitted. National Committee on the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brother Peter Hritsko.

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund

Commander, Peter J. Hritsko, Council of Administration, Department of Ohio. It's also a combined report on the previous pages.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Thank you. Very good. National Committee on eBay Surveillance, Brother James Dixon. His report is on page fifty-nine. He has future suggestions. I don't think those are recommendations. Okay. And Parliamentarian says that they are not. And I accept that they're not recommendations. National Committee on Scholarships, Brother Don Martin. His report is on page sixteen. There are no recommendations. National Committee on Promotions and Marketing, Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chairman, National Committee on Marketing and Promotion. My report is on page sixty, sixty-one. There are two recommendations. The first recommendation has been resolved with the Signals Corps. That email address has been issued. And the second recommendation was withdrawn yesterday during the Council of Administration meeting.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, one is resolved and the other one is withdrawn.

Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, no open recommendations. National Committee on Vision and Planning, Brother Don Palmer.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Vision and Planning

Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri, Committee Chairman. The report is on page sixty-one. And there are no recommendations. However, I'd like to ask the Commander-in-Chief for a few minutes to discuss some of the pertinent data that will be upcoming in the report, just as a precursor for that review.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You may proceed, please.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Vision and Planning

Thank you. So, you may recall, I know a number of you were involved when the Vision and the Strategic Plan was established back in 2011. You remember that was initiated by

membership survey that was used to define that vision and use the feedback from the membership to develop a strategic plan for that, which has been in play for the past ten years. Just as a reminder, that vision was *to be recognized by government, academia, and the general public as the leading source of information pertaining to: 1) history, genealogy, and preservation initiatives associated with the GAR and the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who fought to preserve the Union; 2) patriotism - the duties of citizenship and honoring those that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of the Nation.* That's a pretty broad vision. But it's trying to capture where we wanted this organization to go and the general public to recognize this organization as something more than what it's normally perceived as. So anyway, we developed strategic, excuse me, the strategic plan for that. And I wanted to communicate some of the key data from three of the elements of that strategic plan, those being growth, research, and the financial strategy. From the growth end of things, we had two goals. One of them was membership related. We had a goal to...it was a stretch goal...to become an organization of ten thousand members by 2020. We didn't achieve that goal. And we had a slight contraction by the end of the decade. Essentially no growth. The membership gains dropped significantly in the several years after the Sesquicentennial. But the silver lining in all of that was that our membership drops fell off by 30%. So, whatever retention initiatives that have been in play, instituted by Camps and Departments, did pay some dividends. So our retention level did increase. But one of the problems is with the zero growth this decade; obviously, we were not close to the 15% growth we had in 2000's. And nowhere near close to the 110% growth we had in the '90's. So obviously, any objectives, we need to rectify that situation. From an organizational growth standpoint, our goal was to generate some focus campaigns in the south and west of the United States to try to grow the organization in those areas. In that case, we had a lot of success. You know, we reinstated the Department of the Southwest. We started the Department of the Columbia this past year. We initiated the Department of Alabama. And as we saw the Camp charter issued this morning, we are at three Camps in Arkansas and probably getting fairly close to a fourth Camp. So we might be starting the Department of Arkansas. We did have quite a bit of growth in the south and west. That was a success. The problem was any of the gains that we had in the south and western United States were offset by losses in some of the established Departments in the north and the east. From the research end of things, graves registration was one of our key research initiatives. The redesign of the database which was completed early on in the decade, but we were trying to achieve a million graves registered by the end of the decade. We didn't get there, but the good news was we had a 40% increase from where we were in 2011. Over 250,000 graves were registered in that span. So even though you didn't achieve the goal, it was going in the right direction. The GAR Post Records Project, that is a shining example of excellent work that this organization is doing. That project has been in place for about twenty years. But over this past decade with the focus...growth in that area, more so than just listing a post name and location. Now you have the location, the old meeting location's date, the organization date, any of the notes on the available data that's on those posts, and then the records catalog. If you go on to that website and look at the GAR Post Records, that record database is expanded by over 70%. That is an excellent example of growth. And again, this is all information that the research community can use and point to the SUV as an example of a source for good research. And then the final area, the financial side of things. One of the key goals of our financial strategy hinged upon becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. In the 2011 survey, 88% of the membership thought that was the direction we needed to go. And by the end of the decade, as discussed this morning, 2017 we became a 501(c) at National; 2020, our

subordinate organizations. So that goal was achieved. But as part of that strategy, we also wanted to reduce the dependency on per capita dues as our part of our revenue. The concern from the membership then was trying to maintain control of membership dues. And at the beginning of the decade, membership per capita dues constituted about 65% of our revenue. As of 2018, it was down to 53%. So, it was going in the right direction to try to achieve our goal of 50%. Then another positive on the financial plan, a committee was established to come up with an investment strategy. That was implemented in 2016 -2017 time-frame. And we've gone with that strategy from \$4000 of investment revenue in 2011 to over \$50,000 in 2018. So the financial strategy is beginning to pay dividends. Where do we go from here? The Committee wants to do another survey, ten years removed from the first one. We've had some membership turnover, so there may be different perspectives now on where we need to go over the next decade. And then tweak the vision if need be. Then reestablish the strategic plan to try to focus on these areas. There's a lot of data in that. One of the problems, if you feed a lot of data to an engineer, if you want a quick answer, you're not gonna get it. At any rate, that report's gonna come out. It's fairly lengthy. It has a lot of the data from the original survey and all the results crunched over the past decade. But we want to redo that same process for this next decade, kicking off with that survey later this year. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. And that is part of your job description, so you're cleared. Brother Tucker has returned so we will...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sir. Brother Pahl didn't have to remind you this time.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I rise to a point of order in that I believe early in your speech up there about the rules of the Encampment, you set a five minute time limit? That was nine minutes. One or the other. Let him ramble or five minutes. Sorry Don. But you made the rules.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And I appreciate your timekeeping.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And I will note that your ten seconds took five minutes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I didn't make the rules. You did.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Fair enough. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Membership

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. If I may, I'd like to reply to Brother Don Palmer. When the strategic vision planning numbers came out originally, the Graves Registration Committee had a disagreement about the numbers, about the one million mark. We informed them at that time that we were not gonna be able to hit that; that we were progressing at seventy-four new registrations per day. And without proper advertising funding, that there was no way that we were gonna be able to get there. I just want to make the record clear that during our three-year plan, we not only exceeded the seventy-four records per day, but we increased it to eighty-one. And when you extend it out to the ten-year plan, we increased that to eighty-six.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. And Brother Darby, that took one minute, thirty seconds.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Committee on Vision and Planning

Just a quick response to Brother Frail's comment. The original goal, again, those goals were stretch goals. It was recognized that a lot of those, especially the membership goal, the chances were not gonna be meet. But you have that out there to try to do the best you can with it. So yeah, it was duly noted that the product of the Graves Registration, as the others, were extremely valuable and accomplishments will be noted in the report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer. Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Encampment Site Committee

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. This is the report of the National Encampment Site Committee for this Encampment. The preparations for this Encampment are completed and we're in the midst of and look forward to a memorable and well-executed National Encampment. The Department of Missouri Host Committee members worked diligently to make the 2021 National Encampment what they feel is the best ever. That's a quote. Brother Petrovic thought it difficult to work with Allied Orders at times. But despite issues with having to re-communicate often, managed to accomplish all his assigned tasks. The Host Committee received the majority of their funding from both the National Organization and the Department of Missouri during the 2021 Encampment. They got \$3,500 from National, as always, and the Department of Missouri pitched in \$2,500. Without that funding, the Encampment would be standing at a break even point or even losing money. They still have outlays, as of right now, of at least an additional \$2,500 for miscellaneous items: food; trips, the lunch, payments for the tours and the museums; some refreshments for the hospitality suite, etc. They also have up to

\$2,000 of loyalty bonds sold in advance of the event to pay back. That totals about \$4,500 in expected expenses that haven't been paid out. Brother Petrovic reported that being a 501(c)(3) nonprofit did not really help fundraising much this time around. The Host Committee sent out around thirty-five requests for donations and received one back. The Host Committee did receive \$1,950 in donations. Not counted in this are three people who donated reenacting items, including two black powder guns for auction and sale. Their donations are estimated to have been another \$1,500. Program books, book ads contributed almost \$800 in profit. The Host Committee sold \$2,340 worth of book ads and expended \$1,550 for the books which are reported to be the most impressive quality than any others in recent memory as they are glossy paperback quality. And you have one of those in your goodie bags. Very nicely done. The Committee sold eleven vendor tables at \$25 each. The banquet sold out at 240 diners. Most were sold to the DUVCW and the other Allied Orders. The Host Committee felt that the SUVCW support for the banquet was down this year. As for tours, participation was less than expected with the buses only half filled to both the Civil War Museum and the wine/Daniel Boone home tour. Only four people signed up for the National Museum of Transportation tour. With the cost of paying for entry into the museums and lunches, it's anticipated that the profits made from the program book ads were depleted paying for the shortfall. The Host Committee has been successful in selling medals and medal sets and Allied Orders medals along with the presale of the challenge coins at discounts of the DUVCW and State of Missouri. Sales of Allied Orders medals, and they wanted me to mention this, is the first time three Orders have agreed on having a common medal, has helped keep the funding coming in. There will be unsold medals after the event, but the Host Committee's already made its money back on the medals and challenge coin so that was a success. In kind contributions included goodie bags donated by Thrivent. Some refreshments were donated by Mr. Don Roberts. Additional refreshments were donated by Old Vienna of St. Louis, makers of potato chips and other fine foods. Schlafly Brewery donated eight cases of beer to our hospitality room. Total Wines provided a discount on wines. For the 2022 National Encampment, the 2022 National encampment will be held on August 11 through the 14th, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids Airport, Michigan. PCinC Pahl is heading the Department of Michigan Host Committee and has done an amazing job of hosting virtual tours and meetings in order to get the contracts finalized and despite COVID 19 restrictions on travel. Rooms will be \$109 plus tax next year. Other details will follow as they're negotiated. Looking ahead, the Site Committees, we don't have anything for 2023. The Site Committee continues to solicit Departments for the 2023 and 2024 National Encampment. Despite some reported interest among several Departments, some have sent proposals that they knew were not going to fly. There's no other action at this time. I'd like to say that following this meeting for as long as it takes, I'll be in the Pomode Room, which is right over there down that hallway. If there's any Department that's interested in hosting a National Encampment, I'll be there to answer any questions and give advice and set it in motion. A National Encampment is, unlike most donations that we make to the Organization is our time and our efforts, rather than our money. It's important. We're doing this for everyone in the Organization and for all the people around you. So it's a great service. It's an amazing service that we can give to the Organization that we can't get anywhere else but from our own members. I hope you contemplate that and I look forward to seeing you in the other room afterwards.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right. That's your one minute to go signal, everyone. For moving out.

Sorry. Now I lost where I was. National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Brother Jerry Orton. His report is on page sixty-one. Although he's not here to give it, I want you to take a look at this, Brothers. We're down to about two Real Sons left and about three Real Daughters left. The day is coming soon when that number will be down to zero.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Please go to the microphone. Sorry.

Wayne Wehrheim, Department of Illinois

Wayne Wehrheim, Department of Illinois, Camp John C. Bryner #67 out of Peoria. I would call to the Commander on item 4.18 Real Sons. On page eighty-three, item number 6.9, on page eighty-three, Department of Illinois by Joe Hutchison. If you look at the last chapter, which is on page eighty-four, you'll see all the information about Brother Poole. That might help the people and keeping track of this gentleman.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. All right. With the exception of the C&R Committee, which again we will take care of tomorrow, that concludes the Standing Committee Reports.

At this time, we are going to move on to the reports of Special Committees. The Special Committee on Hereditary Affairs, Brother Ward. Is there anyone here to report on that Committee? All right. His report is on page sixty-two. He has two recommendations. The second one is a contingent one. His first recommendation is that the Committee be allowed to expire. Its scheduled term is up at the end of this Encampment. Since this Committee was established by the vote of the Encampment, I will entertain a motion to let the Committee expire.

Unknown

So Moved.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Moved.

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. Okay. Voting cards. Or any discussion? All right. All in favor. A yes vote is to allow the Committee to expire as scheduled with the conclusion of this National Encampment. All in favor of letting it expire, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Because of that vote, we do not need to address recommendation number two. Okay. The next Committee, the Special Committee on Website Redesign, Brother Tim McCoy.

Tim McCoy, National Special Committee on Website Redesign

Tim McCoy, Chair, National Special Committee on Website Redesign. My report's found on pages sixty-three and sixty-four. There no recommendations.

Dexter Bishop, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States

Dexter Bishop, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts. I would ask permission to make a amendment to our first recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Dexter Bishop, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States

I would like to amend it to read to make the Special Committee on Veterans Affairs to continue for two more years as a committee.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Could you please read your recommendation, as amended?

Dexter Bishop, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States

As amended. Make the Special Committee on Veterans Affairs a Special Committee for two more years tasked with the following: gather and coordinate the veterans activities from each Department; share all information with Departments, Camps, and individual Brothers; provide standard series of programming; and recommend that each Department and Camp appoint a Brother in charge of Veterans Affairs; develop resources for referral purposes at the national, state and local level.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

He said it does not need a second from the floor. It's a motion with a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll proceed to vote. All in favor of extending the Committee for two more years signify by raising your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion carries. Second recommendation, please

Dexter Bishop, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States

My second recommendation is that each Department develop a program based on the series developed at the National level. Focus on reaching out to the soldiers homes located in their states appears to be fertile ground. Provide a monthly program using individual presenters and digital presentations. Start a Camp. And also start a Civil War Roundtable.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? All right.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there no further discussion? We'll proceed to vote. All in favor of recommending that each Department develop a program based on the series developed at the National level as described signify by raising your cards. All opposed. All right. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Bishop. The Special Committee on Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders, Brother Mark Day.

Mark R. Day, National Special Committee on Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake, Chairman of this Committee. There are no additions or changes to the report. I would, however, like to take one moment to correct Brother Tucker in saying that there is one other Organization that did provide money. It is a smaller amount, only \$700. But I do believe the Auxiliary should be recognized for contributing \$700 to the fund and giving that seed money for the Encampment. I just wanted to say that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Now that you're seated, the Special Committee on Monument Protection, Brother Mark Day.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Mark R. Day, National Special Committee on Monument Protection

Commander-in-Chief, the Special Committee on Monument Protection completed its work in October of last year. There are no corrections, no additions. And I hope that everybody is satisfied with the policy. I want to thank Brothers Tucker and Shaw for the able assistance and the input they provided to that Committee. We could not have produced a document without them two. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Now that completes all of the Special Committee reports. Moving onto the reports of the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committees. Okay, The Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Brother Mike Paquette.

Michael A. Paquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake. Commander-in-Chief, I had asked to be removed as Chairman of this Committee at the beginning of the year, But I will give an update on this. So Brothers, in order to actually provide a true electronic form type of environment is going to require some time and investment in infrastructure, if we get there. I had a discussion with Jamie McGuire before he had to relinquish his Chairmanship of the Comm Tech Committee and he envisioned electronic forms coming in phase three of the effort that they were engaged in. We're still in phase one with the update to the website redesign. So this is something for the future. It's something I would

encourage that the incoming Commander-in-Chief look into, if I can make that recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And I will refer that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(laughter).

Michael A. Paquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms

But in lieu of the electronic forms, we are making very good progress with making fillable PDF files. And we're able to pass those around electronically. So it's a step in the right direction. It's not where we want to be, but I think it's going to take some adjustment and how procedurally we look at some of these forms as well. It's a work in progress.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. The Commander Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials, Brother Joe Hall.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. My report is on page sixty-five. I have nothing to add to that report. However, I would like to have a little discussion. Whoever took down the list of Officers off the National website prematurely caused me a bit of issue. I use that up until the last day because I have to verify for those individuals who think they're Past Commanders-in-Chief or are the current Commander-in-Chief, and they're not. I have to verify whether they are or are not. And I can't do that without that list. Okay? The Form 49 also does not list Past Commanders-in-Chief on it. It only lists Past Department Commanders. So unless the Department lists PCinC on it, I have no idea in that way either. So I really need that list. So I don't know who took it down but I really appreciate it if they wouldn't do that again.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

I'm going to move these out of order here for a little bit. The Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Brother Jerry Kowalski filling in for Chaplain Preble.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs

Chaplain Jerry, Department of Illinois. In the past we've had a National Chaplain's Award given by the Commander-in-Chief and the National Chaplain to Chaplains of Departments and Camps who have done an extraordinary job above and beyond reading from the simple ritual, but attending funerals, participating in things that they didn't have to participate in. And the only requirement is that a Department Commander or a Camp Commander recommend the Chaplain. If a Chaplain says, "I should get that," he's never going to get it. So if there are any Departments or Camps that have extraordinary Chaplains, please let me know so that the award can be given tomorrow for the past year. And if they're not present that's perfectly okay. And that's all I have.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. The Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Memorial University, Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels.

Stephen A. Michaels, CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Department of Wisconsin. Two additions to my report. First of all, my report is on page seventy-five; continued on page seventy-six. And it's hard to believe seven long years of waiting for the new Memorial University to arrive on the scene. And largely through the efforts of Junior Vice Commander, Bruce Frail, and Webmaster, Tim McCoy, we're starting to see that happen now. And that new link is on the bottom of page seventy-five. So I'd like to recognize those Brothers for their hard work and their gentle nudging, when needed. That's become a reality. It is a work in progress so those Brothers that choose to visit the site, don't expect it to be, you know, a finished product. There are courses to be added. There are reference materials to be added, and so on. But I think you'll be very pleased with the outcome. Secondly, of course, as that has transpired over the last year, things have accelerated and the project's taken on kind of a life of its own. So next year, this Committee will be requesting that the Committee be made a Standing Committee because there's going to be a requirement that a group of Brothers are there to take care of that and make sure that it is in perpetuity, that it continues as a service to this Order. Thank you. My report stands as presented.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Michaels. Just take a note there. Okay, at this time we'll now go to the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Brother Lorán Bures.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sir.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. Given the nature of this report, the length of this report, and the treatment given to this topic in the Constitution and Regulations Committee report, I would suggest as Parliamentarian, that these also be put off until tomorrow so that the two can be considered at the same time because this is an important decision and there's information out there that Brothers need to read through tonight to become familiar with the topics.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, this is interesting. Remaining neutral, I will leave it to the Brothers whether they want to vote to hear the report today, and we will follow up tomorrow or if they want to defer

hearing this report to tomorrow. So...

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

...Commander...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, Brother Loran.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia, Chairman of the Virtual Meeting Policy Committee. I will support the deferment of this report if we can make the one addition today that the committee would like to make to our recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I will hear that addition to the report, and we will discuss it at length tomorrow. Oops, I'm sorry. Brother Loren, hang on. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake. Any new business that would be in this report which might affect the C&R should be referred to the C&R Committee, the Encampment C&R Committee, for review. And not just one up. That's a point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. So, with that said, I would like to hear what Brother Bures has to say.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Yes, just so you have the reference point, our report starts on page sixty-five; runs through page seventy-five. Our proposal portion of it runs from page sixty-five through sixty-nine. That's the meat of the report. On page sixty-nine, at the very end of our proposal, I have the text here. And since I don't have three hands, can I have this delivered to the National Secretary to read? I have to hold it...well, we'll try this way. But I'll still have to provide this to the National Secretary. On page sixty-nine, the proposal that deals, which I believe is Article 5, or Chapter 5, Article 18, and I'm legally blind, so I'm trying to read this, that we add a single sentence to the end. And I actually would like to thank the Committee, the C&R Committee for guidance on this, to add the sentence *For the purposes of Robert's Rules of Order and other wise that the National regulations shall be deemed the bylaws of the Order.*

Unknown

There's the copy for the National Secretary.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

That's our addition.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. The National Parliamentarian is checking to see if that's part of the

C&R Committee's recommendations. So it may already be covered. And I don't recall offhand.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Comment? Commander?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh! Sir.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

That's a verbatim from the C&R Committee proposal. But the earlier part of that amendment differs from what the C&R Committee is proposing. We're adding language directly that the C&R Committee approved to become part of this. But the two reports disagree on the other portion of this Article. This is why we believe it needs to be added to our proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm then going to refer that to the Encampment C&R Committee to resolve.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I expect there will be some good discussions and productive discussions tomorrow.

Okay. The Appointed Committee for Headquarters Planning.

Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee for Headquarters Planning. Our report is on page seventy-seven, and we do have two recommendations. Recommendation number one, have this Committee made a Standing Committee. If we truly wish to see a standalone National Headquarters building, which could include a digitization center, research center, and library/archives, as well as other items which have been talked about over the past twenty years, we need this Committee to get it completed.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, there's the motion. Doesn't require a second. Is there any discussion on making the Headquarters Committee a Standing Committee?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. I'm going to ask you to rule this recommendation be out of order. To make a Standing Committee requires an amendment to the C&R. This was not proposed to the C&R Committee at least thirty days ago, nor was there a notice provided to the Counselor or Commander-in-Chief. Requires language and again, the purpose of the Committee, once that headquarters is built, the Committee would cease to exist. That's the definition of a Special Committee, to accomplish a specific goal. Once that goal is completed, the Special Committee is done. To make it a Permanent Committee, I think is

counterproductive to the definition of committees and Robert's Rules.

Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning

With that said, could I change the recommendation to a Special Committee?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, you may.

Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning

I would like to do so.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, any further discussion? The motion is to have the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning be made into a Special Committee with a five-year term. Any further discussion? Okay. Voting cards please. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion carries.

Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning

Thank you, Brothers. Recommendation number two, that our future National Headquarters building be named The Brother Charles E. Kuhn Junior PCinC National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I think I am going to defer this to the future when we actually get a headquarters. I think it's a little premature here. I don't object to it at all. I think it's a wonderful gesture. But I think we're a little early to that. And when, in the fullness of time, we will have that discussion. So I'm going to take no action on this and defer it to the fullness of time.

Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning

I agree. I thank you very much. This was my attempt to get it out into the public.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, you certainly did that.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh. Go ahead.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

We have visitors who wish to bring greetings to the Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You may admit the visitors.

[three raps, ***]

Shane Milburn, National Guard

These ladies are the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is Past National President, Caren Cleaveland, and National Junior Vice President, Lynne Dolan.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Caren Cleaveland, Past National President, DUVCW

Thank you. Oh my gosh, we meet again. We'd like to offer you a gift from our National President, Sandy Millin. It is a pleasure to be here and to see so many Brothers here among us on. Thank you so much for the invitation. And I do hope that you all make great progress in your future, and your motions and have success at this great National Encampment. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sister Lynne, did you have anything you wanted to say?

Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, National Junior Vice President, DUCVW

I have a ribbon to give to you. And I hope you all have a successful Encampment. I can see by your faces, you already are.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh! Thank you very much.

Encampment

(laughter).

Lynne Gallaudet Dolan, National Junior Vice President, DUCVW

And that's all I want to say.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Fabulous; let's get a picture here, with Cher. Let me get in the middle. I'm trying to suck in my gut.

Unknown Daughter of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

Yeah, me too.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Our Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee will respond to your greetings.

Frank C. Avila, National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Thank you, loyal Daughters of the 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 faithful 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.

Unknown Daughter of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1

Thank you for having us. I must respond. You said that beautifully and I truly appreciate that. And I wish us all a continued Fraternity, Charity, and loyalty, and good health.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And Brothers, I would like to note that I had the privilege of bringing our greetings to the Daughters at the opening of their Annual Convention Wednesday night. It was wonderful to be there with them, as well. And I thank you for your hospitality, as well as as the gifts. Thank you. They're very thoughtful.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Those of you who are standing...

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I was already reaching for the gavel. All right. Brothers, I got ahead of myself and in my excitement there, knowing that the ladies were coming. One more Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee to report, that is the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance, Brother Jerome Kowalski. You've already heard some of it, but he will give his official report at this time.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois. The Liability Insurance Committee was successful in its efforts because of Michael Beard and communication with the insurance agency and the underwriters of our policies. The recommendations first of all, that the Commander-in-Chief send a letter to our insurance carriers informing them of the simple fact

that we are made up of members who have ancestry going back to the Civil War, as well as associates with the blue ribbon, who don't, so that there is no problem in the future if something happens. It is understood by us that we're all members. I mean, I get to vote. We have to make sure that they understand so that if there is a lawsuit, everybody is properly covered. That's recommendation number one.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Who will send that letter?

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

The Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, so I will refer that to the incoming Commander-in-Chief to do that. Okay.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

The second item is that the SVR has the legal determination at Springfield and Gettysburg. And I just found out last night that Gettysburg has its own policy for the SVR to operate. But as we understand the insurance policy, it may not be necessary for Gettysburg to get an additional policy if it is already covered on the National policy. So we're going to look into that. But the SVR should be named as additional insured.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, what is your recommendation?

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

That we add the SVR as an additional insured on the policy.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio, Adjutant General, Sons of Veterans Reserve. While adding the SVR to the policy is good, it does not cover the Confederates that march in that parade. The SVR policy does. I just bring you that as a point. Somebody can talk about it. So do with it how you will.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, are you standing in opposition then to Brother Kowalski's recommendation? I couldn't tell.

Encampment

(chuckling).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Because I don't think our policy will cover the whole parade and it leaves us out in

the wind somewhere. I think the SVR is going to continue our policy. I don't know whether it's a waste of money or not. But it's something to consider, for the Brothers to consider.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

May I ask a follow-up question? Is the SVR policy only for Gettysburg? Or do you have a broader, standing policy for all SVR events?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's not for all SVR events. I believe it covers three events and I'm having a senior moment. I can't remember the other two.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Darby. In the back.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department Michigan. From what I'm understanding, adding the SVR will help with events that are not like Gettysburg, where we have to have a separate policy for non-Sons members. By adding the SVR to our current policy, it protects all the local units, or the SVR units, in small memorial firing of their firearms and activities and will protect the small local unit, the local Camp, and the Department while still having the SVR having their policy at Gettysburg or their own policy for the huge events, which would be important. This will help protect the small events. That's what I am reading from what Chaplain Kowalski said.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Thank you very much, Brother. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake. As per our discussions last night, Brother Beard has already indicated in his earlier report that all black powder firing is covered under our current National policy, as of the changes that were made recently. I had initially stood to say that the two other events that are covered are the SVR breakfasts. Well, that's what they are for the SVR. The SVR ensures that the breakfast for here, the breakfast for the Gettysburg and also the parade. The point I want to make here is adding the SVR is an additional protection for us as an Organization. But we don't necessarily have to add the SVR to have black powder coverage currently provided through the policy that has been negotiated by Brother Beard. So, I think that adding the SVR is a good idea in that it is always better to have more coverage than less. And if we ended up having two lawyers, as was pointed out last night, two heads would be better than one when we go to court. So I stand to say that I support the idea of putting the SVR on our National policy identified just as a precautionary move. I wanted to make it understood that Brother Beard is already negotiated something that covers all black powder firings for any Brother, has to be a Brother, any Brother, and anybody who's in the SVR has to be a Brother, so that would already be covered. I just wanted to make that point. Thank you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Day.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Five minutes exactly. Brother Beard, you were next.

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

Commander, I want to re-read what is in the current policy. Who is an insured is amended to include as an insured any of your members, but only with respect to their liability for your activities or activities they perform on your behalf. Repeat any of your members. You cannot be in the SVR unless you are a member of the Sons. Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Beard.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, stepping out of my role as National Parliamentarian, with your permission.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Granted.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Also speaking as a person admitted to the practice of law in the state of Michigan and various United States Federal Courts. The SVR is already covered under the policy. The reason to add the SVR is to help our underwriter understand the extent of the Order. That's all it does, is help our underwriter understand that we have several different subordinate units of different types. But we're already covered. So I'm standing in support for Brother Kowalski's proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Pahl. Is there any further discussion?

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

And I don't think it's going to cost us anything.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And hey, that's the first time you've ever heard that from an insurance person.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. If there is no further discussion, we will proceed to a vote. Brother Kowalski's recommendation is to add the Sons of Veterans Reserve to our existing policy, okay, as a named organization, subordinate organization, within the policy. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

Motion number three is withdrawn. I found out last night that the Foundation has its own coverage and is not to be named as additional insured.

Number four, clarification that the Officers and Directors policy are not just the Elected Officers but also the Appointed Officers for various Committees, so that the Officers and Directors are all covered, not just some of them the way the policy's currently written. That's easy to straighten out also and won't cost us any money.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Go do. I think that's between you and Brother Beard.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

Just clarification with the underwriter.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we don't need to vote. All right. Clarification. All right. Next. Number five.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

Number five is finally the submission of requests for insurance, certificates of insurance, for individual Camp and Department and military districts' events. Currently, it's not clear in our policy that these are covered items. All I'm looking for is permission to get the clarification from the underwriter for certificates of insurance so that if you are leasing a building to have your meetings in, renting space, and they demand a certificate of insurance, you don't have to go out and buy one. You don't have to go out and get an annual policy for \$600 or \$700, but just simply pay \$75 one time for an annual certificate of insurance. I need that clarified because it's not clear from the existing stuff.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead Mike Beard.

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Beard, Treasurer. In the Treasurer's manual, it's online, there's an instruction in there that if you are having an event, I need to know forty-five days in advance. And I will get you a certificate of insurance for that event, free of charge. So I oppose this.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I stand in support of Brother Beard. I believe that this is unnecessary and that any certificates that would be needed if somebody was having an event and you were required to provide one, if you would just get that to Brother Beard, there is no need to have any further discussion on this item.

Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance

I just want clarification from the underwriter that this is correct, that the whole National Organization can submit certificates of insurance. And as an insurance broker for fifty-four years, I do not know of any insurance company that will issue a certificate of insurance for nothing. We used to do it, but not anymore. There's going to be anywhere from \$25-\$75 charge and I want that clarified. And that's why I'm asking number five, even though what you have says what it says.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any further discussion? Okay. So, you may seek the clarification. I direct you to go seek the clarification. Now, Brothers, this is putting a burden on you as well that when you have events, you need to be diligent about submitting that request for certificate in a timely manner. So Brother Jerry, there's another go do for you. You can go get that clarification, then report back to Brother Beard. And you guys work it out. And I assume that concludes your report since your leaving the stage.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Hey, nothing gets by me. Okay. Now we are through with Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee reports. At this time, we've been back for an hour and twenty. We'll keep going for at least another half hour or four. Moving to Department reports. Okay. Department of Alabama. Again, if you have nothing to add or any recommendations, just say so. If you do, then we'll discuss them.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama. Sir, it is my privilege to make the first report on behalf of the Department of Alabama to a National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You will find our report on page seventy-eight submitted by Department Commander, Howard D. Poarch. All is complete. Nothing yet to add other than to indicate his significant discussion item below. It sounds like the Organization is already headed in that direction to create scalable, educational materials of high quality and we are pleased as a Department to see that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Yes, I will be willing to entertain a motion on your Past Department Commander issue...recommendation.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Yes, sir. All three or just the one?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Just the one.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Just the one. Yes, sir. At this time, the Department of Alabama wishes to make a motion to the National Encampment for the restoration of honors for Past Department Commander to Geoffrey Hintze, a Past Department Commander for the Department of Tennessee. Past Department Commander Hintze has made written request to his Camp. The Camp has approved that, submitting it to the Department. The Department has approved that. And we submit that to the National Encampment for approval, sir.

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. And I have the documentation here. It, having been reviewed and having been reviewed by National Counselor Day, it is all in order. So, is there any discussion? Okay. All in favor of the Department of Alabama's motion to restore Past Department ...oops, we have discussion. Sorry. Thank you. I thought he was just getting up, moving around.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

George Huttick, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Tennessee. We would support Geoffrey Hintze retaining his Past Department Commander status. Geoffrey served us well for many decades. He was a good Brother.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. I very much appreciate that endorsement. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, I request a vote. It's been moved and recommended that Past Department Commander honors be restored to Geoffrey Hintze, transferring from the Department of Tennessee to the newly stood up Department of Alabama. Okay? All in favor of restoring Past Department Commander honors, signify by raising your cards. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Thank you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers. And it is my privilege to receive the first ever report of a Department at a National Encampment. Awesome. Department of California and the Pacific.

Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific

Commander-in-Chief, Frank Avila. Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific. My report is on seventy-eight and part on seventy-nine. I have no additions. Nothing more to add.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Copy. No additions or corrections or recommendations. Thank you, Brother Avila. Department of the Chesapeake.

Jay A. Rarick, Department of Chesapeake

Commander, Jay Rarick, Past Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, reporting for Department Commander, Roger Leturno. Commander Leturno's report is on page seventy-nine. There are no changes. I do have one statement of support that I would like to make. That is, with your permission, the Department of the Chesapeake is in complete agreement with and commits to the support of the petition of the Department of Missouri for the improvement and expansion of the National Memorials database.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh. Thank you.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

Commander-in-chief, we have visitors here to bring greetings to the Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Admit the visitors.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

They're from the Auxiliary to the Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have National President, Wanda Langdon; Past National President, Denise Oman; Past National President, Danielle Michaels; Past National President, Ramona Greenwalt; and Personal Aide, Judy Brown.

[three raps, ***]

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sister Wanda, welcome.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Thank you. Thank you.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

(laughing) Microphones don't like me. It's so good to see you, Brothers, again. We wanted to bring you greetings. We are so happy to be here with you. It's happy to walk in and see such handsome, smiling faces. Brother Brian, we didn't get to do a lot of events together. What we did was very enjoyable. It's been wonderful serving as National President in the same administration. And I have a few little gifts for you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh! Thank you so very much.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

My pleasure.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'll be visiting you tomorrow.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Okay.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It's a Mayflower Society hat. Four hundredth. I made a comment because at the DUVCW's opening, they were bragging about how it's Missouri's 200th Anniversary. Since we were counting score, I went to 400th.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Also, I knew that he was also a Mayflower descendant. I couldn't remember which ancestor, so...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

John Alden.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, ooh! And your rosette. I'll (indistinguishable).

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

That's a GAR rosette.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Wonderful! Thank you so very much. These are very, very thoughtful.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Wonderful! We do have a specific goal here and mine too.

Last year, there were two Brothers who received awards...Okay. Sister Denise would like to speak.

Denise Oman, Past National President of the ASUVCW

Thank you. This is something that is new to us. You, Sons, have been awesome to the Auxiliary and the many years of camaraderie, friendship, and love has come through. I was blown away in 2019, when I was presented with this precious, precious medallion. I mean, you have no idea what this means to a Sister. We, as an Auxiliary, never had anything to show our gratitude or our love to our Brothers. Until now. We have a brand-new badge, called the A. P. Davis. And you have two gentlemen that I'd like to call to receive this award. This one is the first one, and Ramona has the second one. And I need Brother Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, front and

center.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We'll do the presentation in front of the flags.

Denise Oman, Past National President of the ASUVCW

It is with great love and appreciation for all that you have done to promote Sisterhood and Brotherhood among the Allied Orders. Wear it well. And we thank you. My pleasure.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Denise Oman, Past National President of the ASUVCW

This next one goes to a very special gentleman who was both for Sister, Past National Ramona and myself, our National Counselor. So would Brother Mark Day, Past National Commander, come front and center?

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Punch it in, Ramona.

Encampment

(chatter and applause).

Denise Oman, Past National President of the ASUVCW

I would like to thank the two recipients, again, for the wonderful hours, days, words of wisdom, everything else that you have given us. And I see a multitude of gentlemen in front of me, my Brothers, who we are waiting in the years to come to present you with the A.P. Davis Award because there are so many of you that are near and dear to our hearts. And you need to be recognized, as well. So, dear Commander, now that I've done my deed, I'd like to present this back and give you your audience again.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I cannot think of two more deserving Brothers to be the first two recipients of this award. And that is absolutely wonderful gesture by the Auxiliary. Thank you so much and thank you for being here. This is incredible.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

I do have one final request.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Before I leave, we would like to request Brother Christopher Warren, Brother Steve Michaels, and Brother Mark Day to come to our meeting room, please. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, Sisters, having delivered your greetings, as well as a wonderful surprise, we will now respond to your greetings. Brother Frank.

Frank C. Avila, National Committee on Fraternal Relations

The poet tells us that the 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.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And in conclusion, y'all rock! Escort.

Wanda Langdon, National President of the ASUVCW

Thank you, Commander.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I have a question. Does this mean we need to update our C&R? To allow to wear the medal? (chuckling)

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I think we had just finished up Chesapeake. Continuing on with Department reports, Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Encampment

(chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oops. I'm sorry. I just realize the Department of Colorado and Wyoming did not submit a written report so they're not going to make a verbal report. Sorry. Department of the Columbia, Loran Bures. Loran, I know you're here. There you are. I should look at the page better.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

Loran Bures, Department Commander, Department of the Columbia. We have two potential action items to add to our report. Our report starts on page eighty. The first one is a recommendation that the National Encampment direct that with the next updated version of the Bluebook, that the travel charter, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be included. The purpose of this recommendation is to have all of our major governing documents in a single publication.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there any discussion? This would add our Congressional Charter that is in the United States Code as a document in the next update of the Bluebook. Okay. Any discussion? All in favor of this recommendation, raise your voting card. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Continue. Sorry.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

The second is a request for an opinion and/or ruling. I will summarize this. The actual wording we'll pass up to the National Secretary. But our Federal Charter indicates that we are to have at least seven elected members of the Council of Administration. We currently only have five elected members. That's what our Regulations state. Our Regulations are in violation of the Federal Charter, we believe. We're asking the National Encampment to rectify this by electing four members of the Council of Administration. The exact wording is contained in here and if you pass that to the National Secretary.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there any discussion?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I have a response. James Pahl, acting as Parliamentarian and also Assistant National Counselor, to respond to that. I would ask the Commander-in-Chief to rule that the situation that Brother Bures is brought to our attention does not exist. We have twelve elected members of the Council of Administration. When you first look at the statute, the Council of Administration

shall consist of at least seven members elected in the manner in the form provided in the Constitution and bylaws. What is a member of the Council of Administration? It includes, and this is my opinion, ex-officio members. So, when a man is elected Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Secretary-Treasurer, Quartermaster, in his job description and in the section on who constitutes Council of Administration, they're included as members of the Council. They are duly elected as members. Robert's Rules of Order. I was notified this might happen, so I'm prepared. Section 49, Paren 8, *Frequently boards include ex-officio members*. I'm not going to read the entire paragraph. But when they are members of the Organization and ex-officio a member of what in fact is the board, that they count towards a quorum. Other ex-officio members may not count towards a quorum if they're from outside the organization. If perchance we made a governor of a state ex-officio member of our Council of Administration because they're not a member of the Order, they would not count towards a quorum in determining whether or not the Council of Administration can do business. As they are members, an ex-officio officer of the board, he of course, has an obligation to serve as a regular working member and is therefore counted in the quorum. And I think that's the key. They're counted in the quorum. So we have twelve voting members of the Council of Administration, requiring a quorum of at least seven present. And so I believe, and is my opinion, that the ex-officio members of the Council of Administration count towards the at least seven elected in a manner in term provided by Constitution and bylaws. And in effect, we have twelve.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

May I respond to that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You may respond to it and then Brother Frail after you.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

I believe that the way the wording is in the Federal Charter, that ex-officio members are not included in that. And that we only have five elected that are directly elected to the Council of Administration. And that's where the point of disagreement is. If we interpret this as a body to say that we have to have at least seven elected members, not including ex-officio, then we automatically have to expand the Council of Administration by two members. And that's the core of the issue. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Loran. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. If my understanding of what Brother Pahl mentioned is correct, then we might have another issue as far as only one member from one Department at a time can serve on the Council of Administration.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, again, National Parliamentarian. That is not true, Bruce. Of the five general Council positions, it is true.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

But the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice, Junior Vice, Secretary-Treasurer, and Quartermaster can all be from the same Department. There's no prohibition that way.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so it doesn't stand with the ex-officio.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Right.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I am in concurrence with Brother Pahl on this particular item. We did talk about it, so we are in concurrence.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Day.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have a question. Shouldn't this matter be taken up under new business rather than under Department reports? He's introducing stuff that's not in his Department report which is, in my view, and I'll stand in opposition, I think that he's introducing stuff that has nothing to do with the Department report. It should be handled under new business. And we need to move on. I call a point of order on that. And you can say it's well taken or turn it down.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, as we have already started discussion on it, we'll continue it 'til the end. As the presiding Officer, that is my ruling. Brother Bures, you are allowed the final response. If you have anything further to say.

Loran T. Bures, Department of Columbia

The request was for an opinion and/or a ruling and I would like to hear the Commander-in-Chief's ruling now that you've heard some opinions from the Parliamentarian and from the National Counselor and a Past National Counselor. So, I'm requesting a ruling.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Having heard the opinion of the Assistant Counselor for the Bluebook as well as the opinion of the National Counselor, my ruling is that we are not out of compliance with our Federal Charter. It can be brought up at a further discussion at some point. But right now, we're not out of compliance and so I'm going to rule against the request to appeal the ruling to the Encampment. According to the Robert's Rules of Orders, an appeal requires a second.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is not debatable and it is not amendable. It's been moved and seconded. The appeal is to overturn the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief. A yes vote supports the Commander-in-Chief's ruling. A no vote would be a vote to overturn the Commander-in-Chief's ruling. Is everybody clear? Okay. So, all in favor of upholding the Commander-in-Chief's opinion with a yes vote, vote now. Raise your cards. All opposed. Motion carries. My ruling is upheld. An interesting question, I must say.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, I have two requests. One previous request by the Auxiliary that if they could see Brother Christopher Warren, Brother Steve Michaels, and Brother Mark Day within their meeting space.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Yes. Yes. Right now.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Now. What was the other one.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

And second question or Department of Chesapeake has asked to have their report to be addressed again. They missed two items that could be recognized as recommendations, on page eighty.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I will allow that revisit.

Jay A. Rarick, Department of Chesapeake

Jay Rarick, Past Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. I apologize to the Encampment for the oversight. I only had a few moments to review this before presenting. The Department of Chesapeake, Commander, makes the following recommendations for consideration of the National Encampment. A) *That the National Technology and Communication Committee and the National Webmaster be instructed to evaluate and prepare a webpage similar to that currently being set up for Memorial University, which can be tied to the National website containing the Monuments and Memorials database.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any discussion? I'll be honest; I am not taking a side. But I would like to ask a question for clarification. Is this to establish a Monuments database website? Cause it is not clear to me from the recommendation.

Jay A. Rarick, Department of Chesapeake

I believe that it is. I am not the author of this and so I feel that maybe I should defer to our Department technology people. But my understanding is that currently, the National website for the Monuments and Memorials... I beg your pardon. I am conflating two different things here. One moment. Yes, I believe it is to set up a new Memorials website.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. Is there any discussion on this? And I thank you for the clarification. Brother Reineke.

Harry Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. I would argue that this being a database means it's not a webpage. And it being separate from the National website would take it outside of the scope of the job of the National Webmaster. So while it could go to common tech, I'm not certain it would be the job of the Webmaster to produce it unless the mandate of the Webmaster changes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any other comments?

Timothy McCoy, National Committee on Communications & Technology

Commander, Tim McCoy, Chair of the Communications and Technology Committee, to lend my support to what the National Webmaster just said. I believe that this would also fall outside the mandate of the Committee as it's currently worded. I also would raise the question, which is addressed only indirectly through these recommendations about the funding for this. Where is the money going to come from to create such a webpage?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Same comment. Hold that for the next recommendation. But copy all.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Are there any other comments? Okay. All right. So, the recommendation is that the National Technology and Communications Committee and the National Webmaster be instructed to evaluate and prepare a webpage similar to what's currently set up for Memorial University which can be tied to the National website database. A yes vote will be to approve that recommendation from the Department of Chesapeake. A no vote will be to deny that recommendation. So, all in favor of the Department of Chesapeake's recommendation, raise your voting card now. Four. All opposed. Motion fails. Second recommendation.

Jay A. Rarick, Department of Chesapeake

Commander-in-Chief, with the failure of the first recommendation, I would like to

withdraw the second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I accept the withdrawal. Thank you. Moving on. Okay. Department of Connecticut. Anyone here? Okay. Department of Florida. Okay. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Michael B. Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Michael Reither, Department Commander, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. My report begins on page eighty-two. It stands as written. No additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Reither. Department of Illinois.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke representing Commander Joe Hutchinson from the Department of Illinois. Commander Hutchinson's report is on page eighty-three flowing over to eighty-four. As far as I'm aware there are no additions, corrections or recommendations in the report.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Reineke. Department of Indiana.

Dennis C. Hutchinson, Department of Indiana

Commander, Dennis Hutchinson, Department/Camp Commander, Department of Indiana. I have no corrections or recommendations. However, I do have an addition as a footnote for everybody's interest. Indiana Senate Bill 187 is a bill about monument and marker protection. It passed both houses and was signed by Governor Holcomb on April 22, 2021. I just want to make that fact clear because I did not see it in the report from the Legislation Officer's report. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. And I assume that that bill is to protect monuments, not to remove protections.

Dennis C. Hutchinson, Department of Indiana

Correct.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. So my understanding is correct. Department of Iowa.

Don R. McGuire, Department of Iowa

Commander-in-Chief, Don McGuire, Past Department Commander of Iowa standing in for our Department Commander, Dennis Sasse. His report is on page eighty-six. No additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Department of Kansas.

Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas

Robert Boyd, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Kansas. Our report is located on page eighty-six. There are no additions, corrections or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Boyd.

Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Department of Kentucky.

David Jones, Department of Kentucky

Commander-in-Chief, David Jones, Department Commander, Department of Kentucky. I have no additions, corrections, or recommendations to my report on page eighty-seven and eighty-eight. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Thank you. I still haven't finished all that bourbon from your Encampment.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Department of Maine.

Larry B. Bonney, Department of Maine

Larry Bonney, Past Department Commander, standing in for Department Commander, Peter Redman. No changes. Report is as read.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. You do have a resolution. Hang on. You do have a resolution. Would you please read your resolution?

Larry B. Bonney, Department of Maine

Whereas different designs for SUCVW Memorial flag suitable for grave markings have been offered by other Departments and commercial flag sources; Whereas Brother Howard Black of this Department offered a standardized design to the Council of Administration over year ago, and nothing has resulted from his submission is it resolved that the Brothers Department of Maine meeting in Encampment June 19, 2021, hereby support the making of a uniform SUCVW grave flag in the design of a miniature Camp flag that is currently being pursued by Quartermaster James Lyon as reported to us by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,

Bruce Frail.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. To clarify, this is not a marker we would put on a Civil War soldier's grave. It is one for a SUVCW member. Thank you. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. To clarify, this is a 12 x 18 replica of the Camp blue-fielded flag that would be placed on the graves of SUVCW members.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You said 12 x 18?

Bruce D. Frail, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Twelve by eighteen. The same size as the United States flag that we currently put on veterans' graves.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Copy that. Thank you. Any further discussion? Okay. All right. So, I'll...hearing none, call for a vote for the Encampment to support the Department of Maine's resolution in support of the standardized design for the SUVCW grave marker flag, a 12 x 18 replica of a Camp flag. All in favor of the standardized design, raise your voting cards now. All opposed. It is passed. And as it is currently being pursued by Quartermaster Lyon, Brother Jim, I think you have a mandate. Okay. All right. Department of Massachusetts.

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Commander-in-Chief, Daniel Murray, PDC, representing Commander William Naughton. His report is on page eighty-eight and eighty-nine. No corrections, alterations, or recommendations. No additions either.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Department of Michigan.

Gary L. Swain, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Swain, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Michigan. It's my pleasure and honor to represent Commander Nathan L Smith. Our report is located on page eighty-nine. We have no changes, recommendations, or alterations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. And no state troopers pounding on the Commander-in-Chief's hotel room door.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, as I was told, it was go to Michigan on vacation and go home on probation.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Department of Missouri.

Gary L Scheel, Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri Commander, Gary Scheel. Our Department report is on page ninety and ninety-one. You'll notice that on page ninety-one is the resolution. But that was covered in the National Committee on Civil War Memorials earlier in the meeting. I have no additional presentations, or recommendations, or petitions at this time.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, to clarify, you're withdrawing your resolution?

Gary L Scheel, Department of Missouri

No, sir, but I thought it was already sent to another Committee.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That's what I mean. So this is kind of a duplicate of that and since it's already being...

Gary L Scheel, Department of Missouri

...Oh! Yes. I misunderstood. I'm sorry.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Writing it down. Okay. Department of Nebraska.

Paul J. Hadley, Department of Nebraska

Greetings from the Department of the flatwater and the North Plains. I'm Paul Hadley, Past Department Commander of Nebraska. Our report begins on page ninety-one. Please, Brothers, please note on page ninety-two, that we mentioned a medallion marker being placed at the final resting place of the last soldier in each county of our state. Commander-in-Chief, do you have that medallion up front?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Paul J. Hadley, Department of Nebraska

In the center is a symbol that has a QR code that anybody with a smart phone can zoom in on that and learn about that particular soldier and about the Sons of Union Veterans. It's been very successful so far. If anybody has any questions, feel free to ask me at another time.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I am going to hand it around for you all to look at closely.

Paul J. Hadley, Department of Nebraska

Yeah. One of them is a marker that would go on to a GAR flag holder that's already in place. If there is no marker, then we supply one that has the symbol in the center of it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. So that's going around. You'll all get a chance to look at it. Department of New Hampshire. Okay. I see no recommendations. We will move on to the Department of New Jersey. Okay. No recommendations there. Department of New York.

Jeffrey French, Department of New York

Commander, Jeff French, Department Senior Vice Commander, filling in for Department Commander, Brian Castler. Our report's on page ninety-three ninety-four. No corrections, additions, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Department of North Carolina.

Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina

Commander, Henry Duquette, Council of Administration, Graves Registration Officer, National, and Department Junior Vice Commander, with the honor to sub in for Department Commander, Robert A. Crum. We have no additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Department of Ohio.

Richard A. Davis, Department of Ohio

Commander, I'm Richard Davis, the Department Commander of Ohio. The only thing that I would like to add is that to make sure that all of you have seen the recent General Order issued by Commander-in-Chief Pierson, and we have followed up on that at the Ohio level. Other than that, I have no recommendations, additions, or corrections.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Commander. Department of Oklahoma.

Jeffrey D. Kennedy, Department of Oklahoma

Commander-in-Chief, my name is Jeff Kennedy, Department Commander of Oklahoma. My report is printed on pages ninety-seven, ninety-eight, and ninety-nine. Just note that the report stands as submitted.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Kennedy. Department of Pennsylvania did not submit a report. Department of Rhode Island reported they have nothing to report. Department of Rhode Island. Again as a reminder, a Department that did not submit a report does not get to make a verbal report. However, Rhode Island reported they had nothing to report. That counts.

Encampment

(laughter).

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of Rhode Island. We have nothing to report at this time.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Your report is accepted as written. Department of the Southwest.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

Commander, John Conrad, Commander of the Department of the Southwest. Our report starts on page ninety-nine, goes to page one hundred. We have no corrections, additions, or any recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

Thank you.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Commander, I believe an error in report at the final paragraph. They have a recommendation; I guess you'd call it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Which Department?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Southwest.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I guess one could consider it that. I did not see the word *recommendation* in it.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

Right. I mean, it was a suggestion that something be considered, not to rise to the point of the Encampment considering it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well, I will refer that request to the National Graves Registration Officer, which appears to be the appropriate person to look at it. So Henry, it's yours.

Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer

Commander, can I comment at this time?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You may.

Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer

Commander, Henry Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer, Council of Administration, Department of North Carolina. This request has come up for a couple of different areas. Former National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail, and I have discussed this at some length. We take a firm stance that to open our database to any soldier without their known resting place, violates the purpose of the database. This is a graves registration database and adding just any soldier would now make us redundant with several other Internet databases. We really need to take a stand on this. Now, I see this in the past, it was possible to do this. It's still possible to do this because the grave area is an open field. You can write anything in the grave name, I'm sorry, cemetery name. Nothing has changed. But our guidelines are firm. It's a graves registration database and we need to stand on that and only register Civil War soldiers whose resting places is known. And we have some exceptions, like lost at sea. But those are all documented. Buried on a battlefield. Documented. These would just open the doors and let any soldier be registered. We just feel strongly that that would violate the purpose of the database.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Correct. Well, I'm still referring it to you to take whatever appropriate action you deem appropriate or inaction. Okay, Department of Tennessee.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

George Huttick, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee, giving the report for David DuBrucq, our Department Commander. Our report stands as written. Nothing to add. No recommendations to be given.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. The Department of Texas did not submit a report. Department of Vermont.

John H. Cogan, Department of Vermont

Commander, John Cogan, delegate from Vermont, representing Department Commander, Mo Cerutti. The report stands as written. No additions, corrections, or recommendations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Department of Wisconsin.

Samuel M. Keith, Department of Wisconsin

Sam Keith, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Wisconsin. Our report is listed on page 101-102. There are no corrections. There are no recommendations. There is one addition. We'd like to comment that the last soldier marker project, 90% of the counties in Wisconsin have been completed.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Okay. And here we go. National Department-at-Large submitted no report. Yeah, but I thought I delegated that to you. Well, since I submitted no report, I'm not

really authorized to make a report. I don't want to, anyway. Brothers, this completes our Officer, Committee, and Department Reports.

Encampment

(cheers and applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Except! Except for, again, the Virtual Meeting Committee Report and the C&R Committee Report, which we will deal with tomorrow. Okay? And like, I'm already, like, way ahead of where I was expecting to be. So, the...I was planning to do awards tomorrow because I don't have...their up in my room.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, at this time, I'm gonna call a break 'til the bottom of the hour. Okay?

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oop! You got in before the gavel.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm Mark Day. Sorry about that. Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels and Brother Warren and I were taken next door. I apologize for having left nobody. But, I wanted to introduce the newest recipients of the Davis Award from the Ladies. That would be PC&C Michaels and PDC Warren.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right. Break to the bottom of the hour.

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[BREAK]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. I have one errata to correct. The Department of Pennsylvania did submit their

report. However, it came in after the Encampment book was printed. So, at this time I will allow the Department Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania to make his report.

John R. Gipson, Department of Pennsylvania

John Gipson, Department of Pennsylvania. My one correction is that I didn't submit it on time. My only recommendation I made in that report was, of course, kind of covered already, the importance of getting in the online meetings thing. We really need to get that sorted because that's been a really big advantage, not just COVID people, but you know, we have older members that can't attend meetings. And we've had people that were able to attend meetings that haven't been able to attend meetings for years. And for the first time they were allowed to attend a Camp meeting. So, there's people out there that would participate. Just can't get around. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Commander. We're not going into the virtual meeting thing right now. That's tomorrow's business.

Brothers, recently during break, I was advised of a very poignant story coming out of Kentucky. And I would like the Department of Kentucky, since we have a little bit of time, to briefly share the story. It's a bit touching.

David Jones, Department of Kentucky

Commander-in-Chief, again I'm David Jones, the Department Commander for Kentucky. We we're talking during the break. We had a Brother who was only a Brother for a short time, he had come to a headstone dedication that we did in Waco, Kentucky for a Past GAR Department Commander and became interested in the Order. And so he filled out his paperwork and just after that was submitted, but before he could ever really attend meetings and get active, he tragically passed away. His son came in and joined as a Junior member. The family mentioned in his obituary that one of his ambitions that he was looking forward to, becoming an active member of our Order. We found that to be very, very poignant. You never really know where these folks are going to come from or, how you're going to find these Brothers. And even if they're Brothers for just a little while, they can have a bit of an impact on our Organization. I appreciate you allowing me to share that story with the with the group here today.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, thank you. It's really, to me it was touching that the guy so much wanted to join the Order and did everything to get it before he passed away. A credit to the Department of Kentucky for processing his application in time so that he died one of our Brothers. Okay. So, thank you.

David Jones, Department of Kentucky

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I want to give a round of applause to Kentucky for that one.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

At this time, I'm gonna give out some Certificates of Appreciation. We'll do a lot of the other awards tomorrow. But we've got a lot, so it's easier to break them up. Brother Hale will read the names. when the name's called, individual can please come up, or a representative from the Department to accept on the behalf. If you want an envelope, you can just take one off the stack. I don't care if your name's on it or not. Cher. Please come up. Or I'm not gonna pay you.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'll defer that action to the next Commander-in-Chief.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. I'm going to call the first one. And then Brother Hale will be calling the rest of them. So, with that the Certificate of Recognition is hereby awarded to Brother Mark Hale, Past Department Commander, in gratitude of your exemplary service as National Chief of Staff for 2020 and 2021.

Encampment

(applause).

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Joseph S. Hall Junior, Past Department Commander. It's in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials during the 2019-2020 administrative year.

James R. Dixon, Past Camp Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on eBay Surveillance during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Donald D. Palmer Junior, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Vision and Planning during the 2020-21 administrative year.

Jerome L. Orton, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters during the 2020-2021 administrative year. Somebody from New York.

Donald L. Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Scholarships during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Somebody from Ohio?

Dexter Bishop, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Robert J. Walsh, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Historian during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on History during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Reverend Peter Preble, Past Camp Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Chaplain during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian McManus, in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Guide during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Edward J. Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for exemplary service as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

D. Michael Beard, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Treasurer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Jonathan C. Davis, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Secretary during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

James L. Lyon, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Quartermaster during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

And I'm gonna butcher your last name, I know. Peter J. Hritsko Junior, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for exemplary service as National GAR Highway Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year; and in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Henry Duquette, in gratitude for exemplary service as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Graves Registration Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as National Webmaster during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Kevin L. Martin, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as National Liaison for MOLLUS during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Kevin P. Tucker, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as member of the Council of Administration during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Tim McCoy, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Signals Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year and for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Special Committee on Website Redesign during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And not only that, he does it from the West Coast of Africa where he works in the chocolate business. And he hasn't brought me any cocoa yet.

Encampment

(laughter, chatter, and applause).

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Stephen S. Hammond, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Washington DC representative during the 2020-2021 administrative year. Somebody from Chesapeake?

Shane Milburn, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Guard during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for your service as National Aide-de-Camp - Patriotism during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Robert Koenecke, in gratitude for your service as National Aide-de-Camp during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Ken L. Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Webmaster during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Webmaster for the Quartermaster Store during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Danny L. Weaver, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for exemplary service as National...Assistant National Treasurer #3 during the 2020-2021 administrative year. Somebody from New York?

Perley E. Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Liaison for the Cathedral of the Pines during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Daniel R. Earl, Past Camp Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Legislation Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Stephen S. Hammond, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Legislation Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Jeffrey Kennedy, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Color Bearer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Dean A. Enderlin, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on GAR Post Records during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as National GAR Records Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

David W. Demmy, Senior, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Executive Director during the 2020- 2021 administrative year.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Robert C. Seal, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Eagle Scout Coordinator during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Walter E. Busch, Past Department Commander. in gratitude for exemplary service as National Civil War Memorials Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year and in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Edward J. Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Daryl VerStreate, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Assistant National Quartermaster during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Benjamin Frail, in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Patriotic Instructor during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Eric D. Richhart, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Organization Expansion Officer during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as National Member-at-Large Coordinator during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Alan was the first Brother I ever knew in the Sons of Union Veterans. I joined as a Member-at-Large before there was a Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And despite his trying to kick me out, I stayed.

Unknown

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

But thanks, Alan.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

James G. Ward, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues during the 2020- 2021 administrative year. Anybody from Florida?

Robert M. Petrovic, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So someone should take a picture of me giving it Cher.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Do a selfie.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Cher Petrovic, National Photographer

I'll be right back.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Technical problems. We'll just take a pause here for a moment.

Encampment

(chatter and applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So how many people know what the official song of the SUVCW is? (Singing) *Off we go, into the wild, blue yonder.*

[music playing]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Veterans March.

Encampment

(applause and chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. She is back.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Stephen A. Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University during the 2019-2020 administrative year.

Frank C. Avila, Past Camp Commander, in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brothers, that concludes today's Certificates of Appreciation. We'll do all of Jim Pahl's tomorrow.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, this is really about it for the end of the day. Tomorrow, of course, we'll have the big discussion and we'll do our elections of Officers. We have two, just as a preview of coming attractions. There is one contested election for Council of Administration. There are two slots and there are four candidates. So, I recommend you all consider carefully. All the candidates are outstanding Brothers. All of them or each of them would do a phenomenal job in the position. It is now 16:20. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Commander, a point of information. Concerning the order of business tomorrow, would you clarify what order the deferred Committee Reports will be heard in?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It will be the Committee Report of the Virtual Meeting Committee Report then followed by the Constitution and Regulations Committee because the C&R Committee has got a much broader scope of things to go through than just that. Okay?

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. Thanks. Any re-attacks? Alibis? All right. Brother Jerry.

[three raps, ***]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Today's business session is hereby closed. Thank you all, Brothers. Phenomenal job. Appreciate everything from you today. Mark Hale is yelling at me to say campfire's at seven. Where? Here? Hey Brothers, final admin note. Those grave markers with the QR codes on 'em, whoever has them, please return them. Not return them to me. Return them to Nebraska. Okay?

[END OF FIRST DAY]

Third Session – Saturday Morning

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We're going to start off this morning kind of where we left off a little bit yesterday with the remainder of the Certificates of Appreciation for Past Commander-in-Chief Pahl. Brother Hale. Okay, belay that last. Stand by. Brother Shane.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

Commander-in-Chief, we have a visitor to bring greetings to the Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Please admit the visitor.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

The National President, Jessica Booth, with the Woman's Relief Corps.

[three raps, ***]

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Jessica Booth, National President of Woman's Relief Corp

Thank you all so much. I didn't expect to come all the way up here on this stage. I just

wanted to extend a warm greeting from the National Woman's Relief Corps. Thank you so much for inviting us and being so hospitable. And I also want to just quickly plug my baby project this year, which is Logan's Brigade. I see a few of you in the crowd. Can Logan's Brigade members raise their hands for a moment? This is a way to show honor to maybe your grandmothers, great grandmothers, who are in the National Woman's Relief Corps. I want to encourage all of you to join. Thank you so much for being so nice to me and make me feel welcome. And I look forward to seeing you all this coming year as President. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Frank.

Frank C. Avila, National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Thank you, Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, for your generous expression of best wishes for us and your presence with us at our annual Encampment. For more than a century, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons have marched hand-in-hand to honor the Boys in Blue who saved our precious Union for 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.

Jessica Booth, National President of Woman's Relief Corp

Thank you so much.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And National President Jessie, it is been very good to have worked with you this year. I'm glad we've been able to come together and communicate and cooperate on our mutual goals. And I'm very honored that you have graced us with your presence today. And there is the fudge that I owe you.

Encampment

(laughter).

Jessica Booth, National President of Woman's Relief Corp

Thank you so much. Thank you all.

Encampment

(applause and rhythmic clapping).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We have another visitor?

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Guard, please admit the visitor. Sorry.

[three raps, ***]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I know this is like church, everybody.

Encampment

(laughter).

Shane Milburn, National Guard

Commander-in-Chief, we have Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paul Gramling.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The stage is yours.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Good morning.

Encampment

Good morning.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Very good. I usually don't get a response like that the first time out. But, I bet you never thought you'd see me again, huh?

Encampment

(laughter).

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

(laughing) But I'm back.

Encampment

(laughter).

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

(laughing) No, I appreciate Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney asking me to represent our organization at your encampment this year. And it's a pleasure to be here. Always a

pleasure. I think over the past three years I've met and made a lot of new friends here. And even though I may not be back, of course, we don't know what the future holds, but I'm glad to have made some long-lasting friends with this organization. And I thank you for that. I do bring greetings on behalf of the National Organization of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and I do wish you a very successful Encampment. I told Commander Pierson I'd only be here a couple minutes, as I believe I'm scheduled to be back here tonight to say a few more words. So, I will let you get on with your business. Before that, I have a little something here for Commander Pierson.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, thank you, sir.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Don't drink it all at one time.

Encampment

(laughter).

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There's a theme.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hope you made good use of the gift I gave you yesterday.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

Not yet. I'm going to wait to where I don't have to go anywhere the next day.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Rebel Yell.

Encampment

A-a-y.

Paul C. Gramling, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, SCV

But again, it's a pleasure. Thank you. Thank you for your hospitality.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yep. And what I gave him yesterday, it was Northern Bourbon.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Encampment

(rhythmic clapping).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. We will now pick up where we paused. All right.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

If you would come front and center. James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, in gratitude for your exemplary service as National Banner Editor during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Secretary, Department-at-Large, Secretary-Treasurer, for the same 2020-21; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Treasurer #1 during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Parliamentarian during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Counselor during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are we done?

Encampment

(laughter).

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

I wish!

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

No. I heard some giggles out there, a little bit. But you really must understand the level of effort and work that Brother Pahl has put into the Order over many years and continues to, his dedication. It's hard to express on a few pieces of paper. But, that's what you get.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Bruce D. Frail, Past Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Membership during the 2020-2021

administrative year; in gratitude for exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Promotions and Marketing during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning during the 2019-2020 administrative year.

Michael A. Paquette, Pass Department Commander, in gratitude for your exemplary service as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Assistant National Treasurer #2 during the 2020-2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Committee on Program and Policy during the 2021 administrative year; in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms during the 2019-2020 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'm gonna wake up in the middle of the night hearing you say *2020-2021*.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Oh, I did this morning. I sang it in the shower.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay, now there's something I don't want a picture of.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

(chuckling). Yeah, it was ugly. Steven Ball. Steven, are you here? No.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is it...anyone from the Department? We'll set that aside.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Gary Brewer.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Department of Colorado, please send somebody up.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Oh, they are? There we go.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Joe Bouley, For outstanding service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and honoring and preserving the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

Frederick Lynch. For outstanding service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and honoring and preserving the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

Michael Rusk. For outstanding service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and honoring and preserving the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

Loran Bures, Department Commander. (whispering) Is it hot in here? Okay. In gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the C in C Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief. In gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Special Committee on Monument Protection during the 2020-2021 administrative year; and in gratitude for your exemplary service as Chairman of the National Special Committee on Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders during the 2020-2021 administrative year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Guide, please escort Brother Bill Looney to the altar.

[three raps, ***]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

You are standing now at the Altar of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for an obligation, and I assure you that in taking this obligation, it will in no way conflict with any duty you owe your God, your country, or yourself. If you are willing to proceed, please place your left hand on the Bible and your right hand on the flag. I'm going to say "I" and then you pronounce your name. I'm going to read now and you're going to say your name when I say "I."

Bill Looney

I Bill Looney, in the presence of the Great Creator and witnessing members of this Encampment hereby solemnly and voluntarily pledge myself to defend and support the government of the United States of America to offer my life if need be to preserve the Flag from being lowered in defeat. To always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 to 1865. And to do all in my power to persuade others to do the same. To be faithful in the duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order and to promote actively its objects and interests always and everywhere so help me God.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Guide, present the candidate to the Commander's station. I now show you the Badge of our Order. The inscription, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," reminds us of our high estate and our duty to our Country. We are the Sons of Union Veterans. May we prove ourselves worthy of this title. The ribbon is a union of red, white, and blue, the colors of our Country's Flag. The red signifies the unstinted streams of blood shed that the blessings of a free government might be our heritage, and that our own blood is pledged to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities we so gladly received. The blue tells us of that true faith and allegiance which our forefathers held to their Country and to each other, and charges us to be mindful of their example. The white represents peace, which with honor, may our Country always enjoy. The motto, which is inscribed here, "Preserved by the grace of God," reminds us that without the overruling hand of an all wise Providence, the sacrifices of our forefathers could have afforded nothing, and that God's favor alone can secure the preservation of our liberties. Like the eagle,

may we be quick to discover our Country's needs, strong in its defense, and swift to carry out the objectives of our Order. Guide,...place the Badge of our Order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

May you wear your badge long and proudly, and may it always be a guiding star to you, in the discharge of your duties in private life and as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. And now I will provide you the following instruction. 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 uniform will salute the flag by removing their hat or cap. The headdress 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. Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who are United States Armed Forces 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 the 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 is played or sung, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should stand with the head or cap removed. When seeking admission into a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in case the Camp is in session, you will present your membership card to the Guard at the door and when he responds to your knock of three raps at the door. On being admitted, approach the Altar and salute the Commander, and on the return of the salute, take your seat. On rising to speak, salute and say, "Commander." And in crossing the floor, always pass the Altar in the rear. One rap calls the Camp to order and seats the same when standing; two raps calls the Officers and staff to their feet; and three raps calls up the entire Camp. If deep in your heart there lives a love of freedom and patriotic devotion to the principles and institutions for which your forefathers fought, then no personal danger, no selfish consideration, can quench that love and make you ungrateful or disloyal to the Flag of the United States of America. Let us then entwine each thread of its glorious fabric around our heart, and catching the spirit that breathes upon us from the battles and victories of America's sons, let us resolve that now and forever we will stand for the Flag and the principles and the institutions it symbolizes. It was waved over our cradles. Let us make the high resolve that, unchanged and unstained as it came from the hands of our fathers, it shall wave over our graves. Guide, conduct the candidate to the Secretary's desk. Did you give him his card?

Oh, he's got his card. Very good. Then please present your card to the Secretary. Is it in order?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

It's in order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Please face the Encampment. Officers and Brothers, I take great pleasure in introducing our newest Brother, bound to us by the sacred ties of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Let us give him a Brotherly welcome.

Encampment

(applause and cheers).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Guide, please escort him, our newest Brother, back to his seat. Thank you, Brother Looney.

At this time, the Charitable Foundation would like to present its report. Brother Houston.

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

Commander, Jim Houston, Director, Secretary/Treasurer, Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation. I'd like to report on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation. Key activities during the past fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Due to the coronavirus, the regular annual meeting of the Foundation was not held. However, an electronic board meeting was held on August 16, 2020. The following were re-elected to three-year terms as directors: Henry E. Shaw, Junior and Donald E. Darby. Officers for the 2021 year was elected as follows: Chairman, Robert M. Petrovic; Vice Chairman, Henry Shaw Junior; and Secretary/Treasurer, myself. The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Fellow Contribution Program is now in its fifteenth year. And we are pleased to report that ninety-four individuals and organizations have participated. This program was established to add to endowment funds of the Foundation as well as provide funds for current projects and activities. Six individuals reached new levels of giving this year: Mark Day, Jim Floyd, Sumner Honeywell, William Leonard, Kevin Walsh, and Don Shaw. And I'd just like to recognize those individuals of the ninety-four who were sitting here, if they would just raise their hand, those that have participated in the Charitable Foundations and Abraham Lincoln Fellow.

Encampment

(applause).

James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation

The Foundation, through grants, continues to financially support projects related to Civil War history, particularly the preservation, restoration, and construction of significant Civil War monuments and sites. The program is open to all organizations, both within and outside the SUVCW. Eight grants were made in the last year totaling \$18,750. Should your Camp or Department be planning a Civil War related project, consider applying for funding through the Foundation. We will also welcome contributions to the Foundation in any amount and monthly and installment plans are available. The Foundation is a tax-exempt organization as established under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. As such, your gift is fully tax deductible for U.S. income tax purposes should you itemize. Details for contributing can be found on the Foundation website and literature distributed to various SUVC meetings. Contributors to the Lincoln Fellowship Fund receive a distinctive medal and certificate based on their level of contribution. And the Foundation continues to offer a broad line of SUVCW, SVR, GAR, and Civil War related merchandise for sale. Bob Petrovic has those in the back. And a relationship, I want to mention, has been established with Amazon called the Amazon Smile Program, which provides funds to the Foundation based on your Amazon purchases. So you are encouraged to sign up for this no-cost program when making your purchases. I want to thank you

for your participation. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Houston. At this time, I will entertain a motion of ad seriatim, which means that we wouldn't have to vote on everything. If a motion is made and there's no objection, at the sound of the gavel, it would be passed.

Unknown

So moved.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hear a motion. I hear a second. All in favor, raise your voting cards. This way we won't have to keep doing that all day. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Alright. So it was a wonderful way to start the morning with an initiation and a couple of visits. And now it is time to continue the business of yesterday where we left off. There were two committees to report. The first to report will be the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Brother Loran Bures.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia, Chairman of the Virtual Meeting Policy Committee. I would like to start off by making a motion to suspend the rules of the Encampment to allow the members of the Committee sufficient time to explain our proposal to the Encampment. And I so move for that suspension.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hear a motion to suspend the five-minute length of discussion. Are there seconds?

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hear a second. Sorry. That's one that's not ad seriatim. So raise your voting cards if you agree to suspend the rules for the time limit for discussion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You have to have 2/3 vote.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All opposed. Okay. I think we got more than a 2/3 vote. So it's on record, motion

passes with more than a 2/3 vote by the show of cards.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Thank you. At the last National Encampment, I actually made the motion to establish the Committee. The original Chairman, for whatever reason, had to step aside. And I was asked, at that time I was a member of the Committee, asked by the Commander-in-Chief to take the Chairmanship in April, which I did. We were charged to come up with a policy that was expected at this Encampment. I am pleased to report that within the thirty days, from April 6 to May 6, we were able to produce a holistic proposal which includes the detailed recommendations. Those recommendations began on page sixty-five and continue through page sixty-nine. The balance of our report is not under consideration at this time. It's background material.

So the main portion is page sixty-five through sixty-nine. We were charged to make this a permissive plan. And we are also charged to take into consideration the requirements of Robert's Rules of Order newly revised, which is the 12th edition, that was published last fall that for the first time included guidance on how to conduct a virtual meeting. If you read that in Robert's Rules of Order, one of the things that it doesn't provide for is a hybrid meeting. It provides for a strictly virtual meeting. Rest of Robert's Rules of Order in reality...when it applies to meetings, apply to in person meetings. So, we had this challenge between trying to make sure that this complies with Robert's Rules of Order and to make the changes necessary in the National Regulations that would allow, not force, but would allow Camps, Departments, and the National Organization, in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order, to be able to hold an in person meeting, a hybrid, which is in person with electronic participation, or a strictly virtual or electronic meeting. We believe we succeeded in that. None of these recommendations forces anyone to do anything. It permits you to do certain things. At the Camp level, which is where we started and that's where Regulations start, it allows Camps, Camp Councils, Camp Committees, to use any of the three formats: in person, hybrid, or electronic. But it also provides that a Camp may amend its bylaws to restrict the use of the hybrid and/or electronic meeting at their choice. At the Department level, the Department Encampments...any meeting of the Department. The Department Council, Department Committees the same thing. The three formats are available to them. But if a Department wants to restrict it, they can amend their bylaws to restrict that. We did this because we believe one size does not fit all. We are trying to provide tools that each Camp and each Department can decide how they want to use these tools for their particular situation. And we believe that as written it accomplishes that fact. At the National Level, it provides, and I will start off with two of the things, it provides that the Council Administration and all National Committees, be them Standing Committees or Special Committees, may use all three formats at the discretion of the Chairman of each of those. Dealing with the National Encampment, the National Encampment under this proposal would remain an in person Encampment unless there was an emergency situation like we've experienced this past year and would allow an entirely virtual Encampment. It does not provide for a hybrid format for the National Encampment. The Committee believes firmly that the preferred method of the Organization is to meet in person to enjoy the fellowship and to get to know better our Brothers. But it gives us tools to adapt in, we believe, in every foreseeable circumstance within our Organization to use these tools if needed for that particular situation. We did touch on the Discipline Hearing Council that would allow the accused at a Discipline Hearing Counsel to determine what format would be used: be it in person, or be it hybrid, or be it virtual. It also dealt

with the Department-at-Large for their Encampment. And for those who don't know, their Encampment is held prior to 8 AM on the first day of the National Encampment. And this would allow the Department-at-Large to meet in the same fashion as the National Encampment. So if in person, it would be in person. If the National Encampment is virtual, it would be virtual. So we believe...the other thing is, and I will mention that the Encampment C&R Committee met last night and I was a member of that. And there's no objection that the Committee be allowed to add the sentence that we did that would define our Regulations as bylaws. The reason for that is because Robert's Rules of Order requires that the bylaws state that virtual meetings are allowed. Otherwise, anyone participating by electronic means is considered a proxy vote or an absentee vote. And the Committee felt that the prohibition that we have in our Regulations to proxy voting and absentee voting should be maintained and so it is a technical amendment to allow that. And so we appreciate that the...we were allowed to add that to our report. I believe I've covered everything in let's say kind of a nutshell. I would, myself and the members of the Committee, are quite willing to answer any questions you might have on our proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So that is the proposal. As with other Committee Reports and the recommendations, do we need to go through each recommendation separately?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sir.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl as Parliamentarian. It's not appropriate to go through and vote on these issues at this time as the Committee Report was referred to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations for review and inclusion in their report. So that is the appropriate time to vote on these measures, as the Constitution and Regulations Committee offers each item.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, at this time, if anybody has any questions or any discussion points please approach the microphone. Same rules as yesterday. State your name and Organization.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just have some issues with the wording on some of this, on page sixty-six, under Proposals, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1, and then it has Section 1(b). It says, "Camps, Camp Councils, and Camp Committees shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in person meetings if all the provisions in paragraph C and D of this Section are met, provided that Camp bylaws may specifically restrict or prohibit electronic meetings." Should that not be changed to "allow electronic meetings?" Explain that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bures is right there.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

I assume what you're asking is about the word *shall*?

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

No. What I'm asking is it says *if all the provisions are met. ...Provided that the Camp may specifically restrict*. It should be *may specifically allow*. Add wording that allows it.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

I'm going to ask Brother John Conrad of the Committee to answer that question. He actually is the member that drafted the text and so let me have John Conrad answer that. Brother John Conrad answer that question directly.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander. John Conrad, Commander of the Department of Southwest and a member of the Virtual Meetings Committee. The National Regulations provide that the Constitution and Regulations override any provision of Camp bylaws or Departmental bylaws. And therefore, we felt that it was necessary that if we're making a permissive provision in the National Regulations, that we make it clear that the Camp or as you will see later, the Department, has the ability to override that permissive clause. And that's why we said that you that the Camps are permitted to have virtual or hybrid meetings unless they take the action to restrict them. Because otherwise, we'd have to do this piecemeal, one by one, on every Camp bylaw, every Department bylaw. So the National Regulation would be, it's permitted. Individual Camps, individual Departments can, by actions in their bylaws, override that and prohibit it in their Camp with their bylaws.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I agree with what he is saying. I just don't think the words that he put down say that. I think the words have to say that. Where it says *provided that the Camp bylaws may specifically...* Maybe it should be... *unless Camp bylaws specifically restrict it*. I would move to change that there. Also on...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Kevin, we're not taking motions. This is just a discussion right now.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

To continue the discussion, it's the same thing on the next page under Departments in the same paragraphs corresponding. The one other question that I had, if I can just get one more. The one other question that I had if I could just have one more is for a Hearing Council. It was at the discretion of the accused. What type of hearing, they would have. But if there were an emergency situation when the government would not allow us to meet in person, that person could say I want an in person meeting and put off their hearing for, you know, as long as that emergency session lasted rather than being forced into electronic hearing. That's it. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Kevin.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Randall Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. My question would be as far as the Department-at-Large. Why was that not given, like other Departments, the ability to have the various kinds of meetings? Because it would seem to me that if any Department needs a hybrid or a virtual option, it would be the Department-at-Large, with people all over the place.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Loran Bures. Having come out of the Department-at-Large, the Department-at-Large Encampment is only allowed to occur, according to the Regulations, prior to 8 AM on the day of the National Encampment. That's the only time the Regulations allow them to have an Encampment. And so we wanted just to make sure that however the National Encampment is held, the Department-at-Large Encampment would be held in the same manner. But that is the only time the Regulations allow the Department-at-Large to conduct an Encampment. Hopefully that answers your question.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. Why couldn't you have the Department Encampment at 8 AM but still allow it to be a virtual or a hybrid? It would seem to still follow the Regulations.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Loran Bures. The purpose of that Encampment is to elect the Delegates from the Department-at-Large to the National Encampment. And that's their one stated piece of business. Okay. And so, if they're not present, it's pointless to elect them a delegate.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Norris, in the back.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Edward Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. As you probably know, it was my General Order that started this. We were under special conditions and circumstances. Well, what I saw... and I probably attended more virtual meetings than anybody else in this room...

Encampment

(laughter).

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

And some of them I did two Department Encampments on the same day. So I saw what worked and didn't work. We had some hiccups. I don't know if this is perfect. Seldom do we ever have anything that we implement start that is perfect. We have to look at Robert's Rules of Order. We're up to 13th edition. How long have meetings been going on? What this allows us, it's a tool for the Camps and Departments to take advantage of the virtual environment. We had one Brother who is a Department Commander. He held his Encampment and he was located in West Africa and went through without hiccups. We had a Brother attend from Kuwait and it was nice to see him. We have lots of Departments that are very big in size. We had Brothers who

were up in Alaska attended the Department meetings. I know I've talked in the past with people in California and at times they're hopping on planes just to get to the Department Encampment. We're not the most young Organization, unfortunately. And we have many Brothers who have health issues that cannot attend. I saw many of them attending. I know my own Camp, we have at least five members who we've lost over the years because they can no longer drive, and we happen to meet at night. So this gives the Camps and Departments the tools to have those Brothers attend. And I'm fully supportive of this. Thank you.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan, Camp Commander Continuous Guard Camp #17. Looking at this, does it...or was the intention that if the Camp or the Department does not address electronic meetings in their bylaws, can they be forced if they cannot or do not choose to, forced to do a hybrid or virtual meeting? Because looking at this, it says it *shall be* but...then it gives the proper opportunity to restrict it. If *shall* is there, why do we have to give the ability to restrict it at the Camp meeting if it's completely permissive? It seems we're either duplicating it or contradicting ourselves. But if it's permissive and the Camps don't have to address it in their bylaws, then why do we have... It's just kind of the wording. I'm trying to figure out why is this like this. I just don't understand it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bures, are you going to respond?

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Yes. Loren Bures. The intent of the Committee was that if a Department or Camp does nothing, the tools are in place for them, without having to take any action. The remaining portions of your bylaws still apply, about who calls meetings. Those still apply. And that doesn't change. It's only if you choose to restrict it, do you actually have to amend bylaws. That's the way...the intent, and that's the way we believe we wrote it, in the fashion that meets that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, John Conrad, Department of the Southwest. In the past year, the state of emergency has required us across the country to do things differently. I mean, prior to the COVID, we didn't give a whole lot of thought to this. But we had to. And I think that that this gave us the opportunity to show that it can work. We were able to have Camp meetings, Departmental Encampments, and National Encampment Committee meetings. We were able to carry on the business of the Organization and I think that that led us to the fact that this can work. Therefore, in a state of emergency, the Organization doesn't fold. However, there were other additional benefits which have been mentioned, which is...we actually had the highest attendance at the Department of the Southwest Encampment this year, virtually, because we could have more Brothers attend who otherwise could not have. Same with Camp meetings. Brothers who are ill; Brothers who, because of distance, or weather, or transportation issues, who could not attend are now able to attend if a meeting is virtual. That's up to the Camp, to the Camp Commander, to decide whether to have it or not, or whether to have a virtual meeting. In

the Department of the Southwest, starting in February, some of our Camps went back to in person meetings. They're all having in person meetings now. But one Camp is still doing hybrid meetings and allowing Brothers to attend who can't get to the meeting. We heard yesterday that the Organization has not grown in the past ten years. We've stayed pretty static. We need to provide the ability to reach out to more people and have more people attend. The fact that we had to go to virtual meetings in the past year and the fact that we've shown that we can operate with a virtual or a hybrid meeting, shows us that we can use that as a tool to perhaps expand our membership. If you think about it, younger people are used to being on the Internet. They're used to using virtual meetings. Are they more likely to be involved in our organization if they can use that tool? We just want to provide the tool. It's up to the individual Camps. It's up to the individual Departments whether they do this or not. But we wanted to provide it as a way of potentially expanding and providing for the future health of the Organization. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. In the back, please.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri

Summer Hunnewell, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. A good analogy, Brothers, about the restriction is Juniors. Juniors allows a framework within our Order to allow Juniors. However, that can be overridden by either Department bylaws change or Camp bylaws change. So this would be the same thing. You're provided a framework but you could also restrict it. Thank you.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri

Thank you, Brother Hunnewell. Brother Day, in the back.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. My question is...we have the...we go ahead and we approve this and we allow a Camps to set this up so that they can do all virtual, if that's what they put in their bylaws. The question then becomes, how do we prevent paper Camps, false Camps? How do we protect against that? How do we put in some provisions where Camps have to meet in person so many times in order to have the Department Commander or other people who are basically doing the inspection function of a Camp? Because that's what the Commander-in-Chief...that's what the Commander's visit is to a Camp. It's literally an inspection to observe that Camp and to ensure that that Camp is operating in accordance with the rules and that it is a proper Camp. If we have no in person meetings and everybody is sitting in their offices, or in their dens, or in their bedrooms, you know, whatever, at a computer, how do we verify that that Camp is actually functioning, meeting, conducting? How does the Department Commander... He sees them on a screen and I have a fear. Although I support the idea of having options for Camps to be able to have some sort of facilitation for members who live too far away. I was speaking with somebody else today. If you've got a Camp and you've got a large area and you've got members that are seventy-five miles away from you and it's difficult for them because you meet in the evening and you have older members, perhaps if there is some kind of a provision where there's a distance requirement outside of. But all of this is gotta be discussed by the Camps. At this whole issue, I don't know, has actually been thought through all the way down to...we thought about how we can do it, but have we actually thought about how

we implement it and guarantee that we actually have the ability to make our Organization function and function properly? So those are my questions. And I believe the plan does a good job. I believe both plans, having looked at the C&R Committee's as well. Both of them have some similarities and both of them make provisions for Camps and to be able to do certain things to facilitate more people coming to the meetings. But I really am worried about how all of this is implemented and how it actually functions. We're talking theory versus actual implementation of what it looks like on the ground. These are my worries, that we're going to end up with a bunch of people who are never getting together. They're having a meeting on computer. There's never any camaraderie. There's never any kind of interaction, and they could be submitting reports and just existing without any real purpose.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Loran Bures. To answer the first question about paper Camps, Commander-in-Chief Pierson issued earlier this year a General Order that defines paper Camps. The second question, Brother Day, could you refresh my memory on the second question? Just briefly?

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bures, to you through the Commander-in-Chief. The second part of my question was how do we make sure there were no false Camps? The second part is how do we guarantee implementation? How do we provide some form of ensuring that the Camps and the Departments are actually functioning in accordance with the procedures, Constitution & Regulations? How can the Commander of a Department have inspection of a Camp to ensure that it is functioning properly and it is not a paper Camp? That is my point.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Loren Bures. In the Commander-in-Chief's report, he recommended to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that a Implementation Committee be appointed to help iron out any of the details that needs potentially to be addressed and to also help Departments and Camps implement that, that they are comfortable with it. I will respond from the standpoint of, for example, my Department is...includes the states of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington. You take the state of Alaska; you overlay it over the forty-eight main states. It stretches from coast-to-coast and almost from the south to the north. Brothers are scattered throughout Alaska. They are meeting virtually because of this permission. They are participating in graves registration. They are searching to see if by any possibility there is a Civil War related monument within the state. There was one GAR post in Juneau, Alaska that was established. They're researching the history. They're an active group of Brothers, but it is totally impractical for that Camp to come together in person. It can't happen because of the distances. And within Alaska, many places require that the only way that you can leave or get to that place is by air or boat, not by land. It's totally impossible. I've a Brother who is Department Newsletter Editor, who works in a native village as a teacher in the Yukon River Delta. They have Internet access. But for him to be able to attend a

Camp meeting is absolutely impossible.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

To Brother Bures through you, Commander-in-Chief. In my comments, I said that distance was a factor that was important to consider. I believe that both of the plans which have been put forward offer opportunity for those who are long distances, or physically impaired, etc. from being able to participate. The question isn't really about bringing more members in or making more access available so much as it is being able to know that we are actually operating in a manner that produces the very values that this Organization stands for. Therefore, I believe that it is necessary that the majority of the meetings be in person, less the entire thing starts to break down. Can you imagine, I have a camp of twenty people, six of those people live more than one hundred miles away. They drive that hundred miles once every other month to attend that meeting. I would be all willing to allow them to have the choice. But for all of those Brothers who live in my vicinity, I would expect them to be coming to my meeting, which are creating if we just open the door in some ways is the ability for a Camp to never actually physically meet. And there would be no requirement for that to ever take place. Could you imagine this room with no one in it? But that's an extreme. I'm taking this to an extreme. But the fact is, if you have a large Camp of forty or fifty people and you call a meeting and only four of those people show up because the rest of them are sitting at their desk in their underwear. I'm not saying that will happen, and I am not trying to knock down the idea of having virtual components. What I'm worried about is that we will become totally virtual. The people, by human nature, will take the cheap and easy way out, if we don't require people to actually be physically present. That's my point. And I'm not against the idea of the hybrid. I'm not against the idea of the virtual if we have a National crisis like we did last year, for the National Encampment. But I cannot see how we can do some things without having people present. And with that, I think I've said all I really need to say.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. In the front there, Alan.

Alan L. Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Excuse me. Yes, Alan Russ, Department of Kansas. I have is a question concerning possible conflict between two items I'm seeing here. This is going back to the requirement for Camps to restrict or prohibit electronic meetings. And this is probably through you to the Parliamentarian. To the third bullet up above, that says *regulations, Department bylaws, and Camp bylaws must be specifically amended to allow electronic meetings*. Are those two in conflict or are they in sync? Thank you. I'll...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I don't see where you're talking about.

Alan L. Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Yeah, page sixty-six, up at the top, third bullet down. And then in the subsection b's that

require the end, you know, the Camps have to specifically restrict or prohibit electronic meetings if they don't want them as opposed to the note concerning Robert's Rules of Order up above that the Camp, Department and Camp National bylaws must be specifically amended to allow electronic meetings.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, Loran Bures. I would like to indicate and then turn over to John Conrad. One of the aides of our Committee was Brother John Berg who is a professional registered Parliamentarian and has been for several decades. He is a leading authority on Robert's Rules of Order. He assisted us in putting this together in writing as an aid to our Committee. He happens to serve as the National Parliamentarian for the Sons of the American Revolution. Some you may know him. And so that is part of that...in his opinion as a professional registered Parliamentarian and as an aid to this Committee and a member of our Order, that the way the actual text...that it will meet the requirements of Robert's Rules of Order because the regulations flow down to the Department and Camp bylaws. And I allow...if I may turn over the microphone to Brother John Conrad to finish answering the question.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Can I address that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

In one moment. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl as Parliamentarian. And I see the issue that Brother Russ is talking. The bullet point that is referring to is a quote from Robert's Rules of Order. To allow virtual meetings, there has to be specifically allowed in the quote bylaws unquote. Brother Burriss pointed out earlier, that one of the proposals was to state that the (National) Regulations constitute the bylaws so that that term is used in Robert's Rules is consistent with our National Regulations. So our Regulations are in fact our bylaws. What Brother Bures', the Committee is proposing, and it's also in the Constitution and Regulations Committee report, is by putting the highlighted language or in the alternative, what the C&R Committee is asking for, affirmatively allows for virtual Encampments in our bylaws as required by Robert's Rules. Robert's Rules says if it's not in your bylaws, you can't do it. This puts it in the bylaws, if we adopt these proposals. So they're not inconsistent It's a statement of why we're doing it at the initial point, because Robert's Rules requires an affirmative statement. So whether you adopt this or adopt the Constitution and Regulations Committee report, it's putting affirmative language in our quote bylaws unquote that allows virtual meetings so we are in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order. And I also happen to be a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Society of Parliamentarians, so I understand those things too.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Russ, I think that should answer your question.

Alan L. Russ, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Correct.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. So there's no conflict. Okay. One is the requirement and then the other shows how we meet the requirement. Okay. Next up.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There's people in back.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I was also a member of the Virtual Planning Committee meeting. I obviously stand in support of this proposal. One of the things that I wanted to touch on is we already have rules and regulations in place that prevent paper Camps and oversight in place. That oversight and those rules will carry forward to this policy. So as far as the implementation, well we don't know what's going to happen with the implementation because it hasn't been implemented. It is a framework design and that's basically all I need to say.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Department at Texas. In thinking this over, I have to agree with a lot of the points that Past Commander-in-Chief Day made. He has the same concerns that I do, that we would wind up having people abusing this as a tool for purposes other than those of the Organization and the Order. However, I think it should something we should also recognize is that it would be virtually impossible for the Order to create regulations that would absolutely prevent the possibility of anybody doing anything wrong. That's the objective of organization that are from bottoms up. They rely on having people of virtue at the bottom. People with virtue at the bottom means you're gonna have an organization who will be a virtue. You can't go the other way around. And so I think it's important that the Camps in particular, and also the Departments, but the Camps in particular be allowed to solve this problem and be allowed to develop and work out the details of how this can be done without having bad effects. I don't see any other possible way that they will really actually could be done. That's my opinion, not the opinion of the Department. Thank you, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. In the back.

David DuBrucq, Department of Tennessee

Mr. Commander-in-Chief, David DuBrucq, Commander, Department of Tennessee. I rise in support of Brother Mark Day's comments. I think this represents a monumental shift in how we've traditionally done business. And I'm concerned, as Brother Mark is, about what's going to happen is that we're gonna have nothing but virtual meetings. I would suggest that we take time to study this and perhaps refine it to allow for people who are distant or ill to attend but at the same time placing restrictions on how this can be utilized by Camps and Departments outside of a national emergency. That's all I have to say.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. In the front.

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, Bill Fischer, Pennsylvania Department, Senior Vice Commander. I agree with Brother Day, but I also agree with Brother Bures. When I was in Kansas, I drove ninety miles each way to get to a Camp meeting. And to help resolve that, I helped organize a Camp that was only forty-five miles away and half the Kansas delegation has been part of that new Camp. So I appreciate seeing my Brothers here. However, every time we come together at a National Encampment, we have this big thick book of reports and recommendations. Let's get this going and we see how it goes. And if we need to revise it, which we will, we do that next year. But we need to move forward. The Pennsylvania Department has a Brother who has been a member of this Order for seventy-five years. He doesn't get around a whole lot anymore, but this is an opportunity to use to keep him involved and for him to provide his sage wisdom because he knew Civil War veterans. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James E. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of Order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

What?

James E. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I have a point of order. James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. This is a Committee report and the mics are open at this time to ask questions of the Committee. Not to make comments. Not to support. Not to go against, but to ask questions. So, I would caution and I ask Commander-in-Chief to rule, if you have a question of the Committee to clarify in your mind what it says, ask the question. But this is not a time for comment of support or disagreement. Thank you. And I ask Commander-in-Chief to so rule.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I will so rule. In the back, please, first.

D. Scott Freeman, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief Pierson, Scott Freeman, delegate, Department of Ohio, Lytle Camp, Patriotic Instructor. I'll try to put it in the form of a question. But after this, are we not going to review the C&R Committee's proposals along these lines? And if so, if I read and understood those correctly, those proposals put some additional restrictions on these meetings. For example, they do not allow a completely virtual meeting, except in a state of emergency. And they also put restrictions on who can attend a hybrid meeting. The Commander has to grant them permission based on some excuse. So I'm just saying, won't these things that are yet to come, possibly address some of the concerns that have been raised.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That is true. Brother Boyd, in the front.

Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas

Robert Boyd, Vice Commander, state of Kansas. The question I had is did the Committee at least think about the decisions that all the meetings, virtual or hybrid, will be available to the public and that you have to have Internet encryption? And that is the Council or the Camp or the Department going to pay for that or is the National going to pay for it. Does every meeting has to be encrypted.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I think that gets down to the questions we've had on when a policy has been approved and voted on at this Encampment, then we work towards implementation. Brother Bures, did you have a response to that?

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, Loran Bures. A couple of the questions previously. The Committee, in its deliberations, believes that we can put our faith in our Department Commanders. We firmly believe we can do that. And so the Department Commanders, in reality, have the responsibility to determine about what the status of their Camps are. And so we have faith in them. We also have faith in the Camp Commanders that are elected. And that's part of our principles here. One of the other things that were concerning was this framework reduces the disenfranchising of our Brothers. In person meetings disenfranchises our Brothers that cannot make those meetings because of distance, because of weather, because of health. That's one thing that the Committee added was weather. As a Department Commander, to attend Camp meetings, I have to pass through mountain passes. And those sometimes are closed because of avalanche or whatever. To travel to some of my other Camps. And so we added weather conditions. You could have a storm, you know, that comes in and doesn't allow safe travel. So just to say this would apply to Brothers because of health or because of distance, there's other factors which the Committee did take into consideration. I believe it begins on page sixty-nine and continues over, is a suggested policy to be adopted by the Council of Administration to help with the implementation of this. That those particular things are not appropriate to cover in the Regulations, but it should be covered by a policy adopted by the Council of Administration. So we put together a recommended one. And it does touch on some of the issues that have been raised here. But because Robert's Rules of Order, and we have been told that there is a high probability that the 12th edition is going to have a modification later this year on virtual meetings, which is why we did not want to put all the various details until we saw what that change was. So we are still in a fluid state. Now, once the District of Columbia, the mayor ends the state of emergency, then that affects us, because that's our place of incorporation as a National Organization. And once that's lifted, the emergency ends. Some states have already ended their emergencies, such as Ohio. In my home state of Washington, the governor has indicated that he has no plans to remove the emergency that was proclaimed back in March of 2020. So we've got a whole patchwork of

what's going on and what will potentially impact us. We've tried to make this a framework. Now as to the question of the cost, that would be up to the Camps or the Department to go and provide. But it does not require that you guarantee the connection. That was an issue that we discussed because Brother John Berg serves on a school board. He's an elected member of a school board.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Point of order, Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I believe the Committee was to answer questions not tell war stories. We have been at this for over half an hour. We still have the C&R Committee report, that one of the Brothers brought up that said may answer this. I would move that we cease discussion at this time and deal with the C&R thing so we don't have another hour of sea stories.

Several

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Hold a thought. Is there anyone who has not yet spoken, who has a question that is not yet been asked? Go ahead. This will be the last question.

Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts

Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer, Department of Massachusetts. The question I have that hasn't seem to be addressed is credentialing. I mean the credentials, the way it's written, we can't do it at virtual meeting. So credentialing would have to be rewritten so that we can do like we did last year where they would have to send whatever in. And basically, that's all I have to say about it is that they need to rewrite the credentialing part of the C&R.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That's it. A very good discussion. It's 10:38. We will take a fifteen-minute break, 10:40. Be here...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Brother over from the Department of Michigan, without coming to the microphone, asked a question. Rob Payne, Department of Michigan, said that we get a motion and a second on the floor. But it's not a proper motion. We're not debating something going to a vote so it's not really proper to do a motion to the previous question cause that brings the meeting to a vote.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Right.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

So, that the point of order...and Commander-in-Chief didn't rule whether that was well-taken or...but actually he ruled on the point of order by limiting the comments and shutting off so that doesn't require a vote of the body.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

As the presiding Officer, I rule that that motion and second is out of order. So, not necessary. All right. And at this time, Brother Davis has a couple of announcements before we go.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Jonathan Davis, National Security. Before we break, we have two announcements. The Department of Ohio is requesting pictures at the flags at this coming break. And the same goes for the Department of Illinois. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Come back on the top of the hour, 11 o'clock.

[BREAK]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I would just like to remind Brothers that the vote to suspend the Encampment Regulations regarding the length of discussions and questioning was limited only to the Virtual Meeting Committee Report. So, they are now reinstated for the C&R Committee Reports, unless there is another vote at some time or a motion and a vote. But right now, again, it's three up three down. All right.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Brothers, it's time for the C&R Report from the Constitution and Regulations Committee. If you look in your booklet on page forty-two. My name's Bob Grim, Past Department Commander, and Past Commander-in-Chief of Ohio. 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 the table of contents, has been posted on the website. 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 strikethrough's of languages that's being eliminated. The first proposal. This proposal is from the C&R Committee and it relates to the glossary of terms used in the C&R on page fourteen, if you have the C&R itself. This change adds two terms with appropriate

definitions to the list of terms used in the C&R. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. The first term is *articles of incorporation*. Our Federal Charter is granted in 36 USC Section 20301 and the sequence after that. We're asking that we add this to the C&R. The second word is *virtuality*, use of interactive videoconferencing or other electronic means, including Internet-based telephonic means. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion or objections? Okay. Hearing none, all in favor raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #2 on page forty-two of your hand out. The Virtual Meeting Policy Committee submitted a lengthy report, very broad in scope, recommending several changes to the Regulations relating to electronic meetings. The C&R Committee evaluated the report and submits the following changes. Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1. If you have the C&R, see page thirty-two. This proposed change adds two paragraphs to this section and clarifies that all Camp meetings must be in person meetings, except it allows electronic Camp meetings if a state of emergency is declared by a government entity. Also, the Camp Commander may allow a limited number of Brothers to attend the meeting by electronic means if he determines they could not otherwise attend the meeting. Camp Committee meetings may be held electronically at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any objection or discussion?

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

I have a question.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Please state your name.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

John Conrad, Department Commander, Department of Southwest. I have a question on procedure as well as statement to the point here. We have, between the C&R Committee and the Virtual Meetings Committee Report, conflicting language and I'm not sure how it is we're going to vote on two alternatives at the moment. What's the appropriate way to go about this being because this proposal directly conflicts with the Virtual Meetings Committee. So I would be opposed to it because it mandates that all Camp meetings be in person. And the Virtual Committee for the exact same section makes it permissive to have a Camp meeting at the Camp Commander's discretion virtually, or by hybrid means.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, as Parliamentarian, to answer the question. In effect, what the Committee is doing is a substitute motion to the original Committee. So what's on the floor is the C&R's substitute motion.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

So, if we were to vote down this substitution, did we then have to make a vote on the Virtual Committee's recommendation?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You can make the appropriate motion now if you disagree. If this gets voted down, no, it doesn't go back to the Virtual Committee's recommendation.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Okay, so I could move to amend the C&R Committee's motion to substitute in the Virtual Committee's recommendation for that the same provision.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes, you can.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

I would so move.

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is been moved and seconded to vote down the C&R Committee's change to the original Virtual Meetings Committee's proposal, thereby adopting the Virtual Meeting Committee's language for this section. Is that an accurate statement, Brother Conrad? And he has answered, "Yes." It has been moved and seconded. Is there any further discussion on this?

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, Bill Fischer, Pennsylvania Department, Junior Vice Commander. Could we reread the alternative, so that everyone can be on the same page with that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I think that is fair. Yes, Brother Conrad, read the original statement.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, John Conrad, Department of the Southwest. The proposal from the Virtual Meetings Committee on the amendment, on Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1 would read: Section 1(a). Regular and special meetings of Camp shall be held as provided by the respective bylaws. (b) Camps, Camp Councils, and any Camp Committees shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in person meetings if all the provisions in paragraphs C and D of this section are met, provided that Camp bylaws may specifically *restrict or prohibit electronic meetings*. (c) *The Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or Committee Chairman, as the case may be, must assure that all Brothers participating in such meeting and desiring to vote are in good standing and entitled to vote.* (d) *The Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or Committee Chairman, as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers attending*

the meeting by electronic means have an opportunity to express their opinion.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Any further discussion? Okay. Hearing none, we'll proceed to vote. A yes vote would be... Brother Bures, go ahead. Sorry.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. One of the things that are covered in the Virtual Meeting Policy Committee's recommendation is Camp Councils. My reading of the C&R recommendation will not allow Camp Councils to meet electronically in any circumstance except in emergency. They'd have to also be in person. They don't specifically call out Camp Councils. Our recommendation includes Camp Councils and makes it clear that it is included.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Bures. Okay. In this case, the proposal on the floor is to reject the C&R Committee's...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...No

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...Yes, it is.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, it's not...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...With a substitute motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It's a substitute; it's not to reject. It's to substitute.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Substitute the original motion for the...okay. Go ahead.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. A yes vote will affirmatively adopt the language of the Virtual Committee. A no vote rejects that and brings us back to whether to adopt the C&R Committee recommendation. So, it doesn't reject the C&R, but it will bring us back to a vote on that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

A yes vote supports the Virtual Committee's version.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. You said that much better than I did. That's why you're a Parliamentarian.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, a yes vote to adopt the Virtual Meeting Committee's language; a no vote would be reject the substitute motion. So, all in favor of... Okay. All opposed. All right. I want a hand count. I think... No, do it again. Okay. Cards down.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Call for division of the house.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. a call for a division of the house. It was too close for me to tell. So that means we do a hand count vote. Right?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

It has to pass by 2/3s.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I need to appoint counters. Brother Kennedy and Brother McManus. Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. And again, this is a 2/3s vote because it is amending our Regulations. Once you've been counted, put your cards down. Brother McManus. Brother Conrad, we're voting. Please sit.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

I have a point of order, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh! Well, you didn't say that.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Point of order, which is that the Chair announced a 2/3s vote required for this? The motion is to substitute the language of a motion which seems to me should be a majority vote. And then it would require to amend the Constitution and Regulations another vote to actually adopt that language or not.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Parliamentarian. The original motion on the floor was from the C&R Committee to vote to amend or not to amend the Regulations. The substitute motion replaces that. So this is a vote on whether to amend the Regulations directly. It's a vote on the

amendment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So if this vote passes...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...If it passes, the Regulation stand amended.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable).

Unknown

Sir, I had a total of 104.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. All opposed, raise your cards.

Encampment

(chatter).

Unknown

I had (indistinguishable).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Now I've done one thing a little out of order. Brother Hall, I need a report from the Credentials Committee on the number of credentialed voters here in order to determine whether we have 2/3s.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials

There are 167 registered people. There's 163 registered voters. The two Departments that cannot have or have two alternates are Oklahoma and Missouri.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials

So you have 163 votes available, 167 people present.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Hall. Brothers, with 163 registered voters, we had 143 votes cast. A hundred and four votes were cast in favor; thirty-nine votes against. Two-thirds majority would have been ninety-six required, so the motion passes with 104 voting to it. The substitute motion passes. Therefore, National Parliamentarian, the C&R is mended per the Virtual Meeting Committee's recommendation.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

I'm on Proposal 3. All right. On page forty-three of your handout, you'll find Proposal #3. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris. It affects Chapter 1, Article 7, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page thirty-six. And this change adds a new paragraph to this Section clarifying the Camp Commander has a duty to sign the Camp bylaws and forward them to the Camp Secretary each time they are modified. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any objection or discussion? Okay. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On page forty-three of your handout we have Proposal #4. This proposal is also from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris. It affects Chapter 1, Article 7, Section 4...4(c). And if you have the C&R, it's on page thirty-seven. This change to the regulations adds two new paragraphs to the list of duties assigned to the Camp Secretary, clarifying the disposition of Camp bylaws every time they are modified. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections or discussion? Okay. All in favor of the C&R Committee's proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed. We've definitely exceeded 67%. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #5, you'll find that on page forty-three near the bottom and on page forty-four. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris. It affects Chapter 1, Article 14, rather, Section 1. And if you have the C&R, it's on page forty-six. This proposal clarifies the procedure and disposition of bylaws that are modified or amended by...these are Camp bylaws. Committee recommends approval.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any discussion or objections?

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

John Conrad, Department of the Southwest. I propose amending the language in the two locations where the words *articles of incorporation* appear and replacing that with the with the word *charter*. The reason for this is our governing document is a federal charter, not an articles of incorporation. We just want to clean that up.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, which was not part of the recommended change. Brother Pahl, this was not part

of the recommended change.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

So the second sentence of the proposal would be amended to read, *All amendments, alterations or deletion of Camp bylaws shall be submitted* to the Department Commander for approval. As to consistency with the...strike the words *articles of incorporation* and insert the word *charter*, comma, *Constitution, Regulations and Department bylaws*. And in the fifth sentence change it to read, *Any provision of the Camp bylaws which is inconsistent with the...* strike the words *articles of incorporation* and substitute *charter, Constitution, Regulations, or Department bylaws*, striking the word *by-laws* hyphenated and putting in the word *bylaws* as one word, *is null and void*.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Thank you. Brother Reineke in the back. You were there first.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. I am as pedantic as anyone and I'm quite proud of it, but I think this is pedantry even beyond me given the fact that just moments ago under Proposal 1, we adopted a glossary item that defines the phrase *articles of incorporation* as our federal charter. So I don't know that such an amendment to this is necessary in that regard given the fact that *articles of incorporation* now means our *federal charter* in this document.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Past Commander-in-Chief Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. What he said.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Gates.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Department Secretary/Treasurer for Department of Texas.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Gates.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Sir, I would like to have it explained to me, the reason why, and I may be wrong in this impression, but my reading of the document of the proposed change, says that the Camp Secretary would send the document that has been signed by the Department Commander to the Department Secretary. That implies to me that somehow the Department Secretary, or the Department Commander, has received the document and sent it back to the Camp. And now the Camp has to send it back to the Department. What is the reason for this? Is there some value in that?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

A point of order has been raised.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, National Parliamentarian. Point of order. The discussion is limited to the amendment...of whether or not to change the language *article of incorporation to charter*. That's the item on the floor, not the main motion. So the comment in question is not appropriate at this time.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, hold comment for later. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Commander, Loren Bures, Department of the Columbia. I second the motion to amend...not only changing the *articles of incorporation to charter* but also the correct form of the word *bylaws* that is consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. Now having seconded this, I did want to explain. One of the reasons for this amendment...are actually two reasons. The first reason being is to make it easier for Brothers not have to go to the glossary to understand what *articles of incorporation* are because most Brothers don't know the glossary exists. And secondly, in discussions with the Department Commander of the Department of Nebraska, says the term *articles of incorporation* makes the members of their Department having think that we are a kind of a cold corporation. And by eliminating *articles of incorporation* throughout the Regulations would be a more friendly feel to our Regulations. So I wanted to share that also with you. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And I think we're hitting the three up three down so it's...Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, Department of Chesapeake, National Counselor. Administrative changes can be made by the Assistant for the Blue Book without having to have a vote here. So, things like changing a word from, blanks to forms, or things like changing the capitalization of a word. Those are administrative and they do not require a vote. They can be done by the Blue Book Counselor. Second, I would like to stand as the third person in favor of what Brother Harry said.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Having received an amendment to the proposal, we have to vote on the amendment first. A yes vote will be to accept the amended language to change *articles of incorporation to charter*. A no vote will be to keep it as currently written. Okay? So, all in favor of changing the language from *articles of incorporation to congressional charter*, raise your hands or cards. All opposed. Okay. The amendment fails. Now as regards to the original motion

itself. Thank you. Brother Gates, now you can ask your question.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. My question simply is what is the reason, or am I incorrect in the assumption, that after a Camp has amended their bylaws that their Secretary will send that to the Department Commander who will then return that to the Secretary who will then resend that to the Secretary of the Department? I don't understand the flow in that process and that's what I seem to be reading there.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. So all these proposals I have about Camp and Department bylaws come about because we were trying to verify that a prior General Order that had been issued by Past Commander-in-Chief Day had been met. And working with our Executive Director, we found that we had very old bylaws. We had bylaws that had never been signed. We had bylaws that had never been signed by the Commander-in-Chief. We had bylaws that hadn't been signed by the appropriate people. So what we're trying to do with these is get so we make sure that the flow happens. So when bylaw requirement comes up, say for disciplinary action or checking on something, we know where we can get. So that's what this is trying to do and just keep everything organized. It wasn't spelled out what the Department Commander, Department Secretary, Camp Secretary, Camp Commander actually had to do. So, this just adds so when they read through, they know what it is.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Norris. Brother Gates, does that answer the question?

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, as I understand the answer, it's that the Department Commander and the Camp Commanders can figure out who sends what to who when. They just have a deadline they need to meet to get it posted. Am I correct in that assumption?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, this isn't a floor debate. I would say that and I'm not taking a stand for it or against it. But my simple reading is that it says the key phrase in that last sentence is that each time a Camp's bylaws are modified, then you go through the process. And that's how I would read that. But that's just me. That's up to you all to decide.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Yes, sir, Commander-in-Chief. But my issue is not with the each time at all. I probably agree with that. My problem was with the fact that it implies, the way it's written there, that the Camp Secretary after the bylaws have been modified and his Commander has signed them, is going to somehow get them to the Department Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That is correct.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

Who will then return them back to him and then he'll send it back to the Department Secretary which seems to be an odd cycle.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, hold that thought. Brother Gates, you've already spoken a couple of times so.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. We've run into this issue because when a Camp Secretary sends it to the Department Commander to get it signed, the Camp does not have a signed copy by the Department Commander. Therefore, it has to go back to the Camp so they have a signed copy. Then they can forward it to the Department Secretary so they both have the correct copy. And that's the process of getting it through. That's what's happening, is we have Camps that do not have appropriately notated bylaws that have been approved by a Department Commander on hand.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas

So, the objective is to ensure that the Camp Secretaries have a copy of the signed off by the Department Commander.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I think the key word here is *copy*. If the Department Commander sends the original signed copy, the Camp is holding the original document. The Department now has a copy when it's sent back.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Correct. Any new questions on this? I think we're about done. Okay. So, a yes vote on this proposal will be to adopt the language in the bold text as you see there; a no vote will be to reject it. All in favor of adopting this change, raise your cards. All opposed. Okay. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

On page forty-four of your handout, Proposal #6. This proposal is from the Department of Illinois and it affects Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 1(c). If you have the C&R, it's on page fifty-three. In Proposal #24, later in this report, the Department of Illinois wants to change the name of the Past Camp Commander badge to the Iron Cross of the Order. If this proposal is approved, a person who has served ten years as a Camp Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer and received the rank of Past Camp Commander would be authorized to wear the Iron Cross of the Order. The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections or discussion? Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke member of the Illinois delegation. Let's, Brothers, ignore the heraldry aspect because that will be addressed in Proposal 24 and beyond. And I will have comments about that because...short answer, we're not changing the name. We're re-adopting original names. But let's not worry about the heraldry side of it and the actual badge where side of it. That would be my only caution because that's really what's at discussion here. So, laughing about the Iron Cross of the Order, we'll get to that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You're rambling comment is acknowledged, Harry. I couldn't tell if you are speaking in support or opposed to it.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Neither, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. As proud as I am of several of my relatives that receive the Iron Cross in World War I fighting on the Russian front and in the Alps fighting against Italy, can we strike the word *Iron* just called the *Cross of the Order*?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so the answer was no.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Okay.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We'll stop.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I think that was rather definite. Next.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. How do I put this?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Like you normally do.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Not only no, but hell no.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

What he said was part of this request was to change the name. No. We just...I can't say *no* more enough.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, Department of the Chesapeake, National Counselor. There is some language in this particular section which speaks to putting in a bar and attaching a bar to the membership badge. There are no attachments allowed other than those which are approved by and written into the C&R. So we would be having to change the badges section as well to allow any additional items to be attached to the membership ribbon. Also, there is already in the C&R, there's already a section which speaks to the emeritus position and that could be used to recognize the Brothers who had served ten years without having to create some new item.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. As I think the change is upon receiving the rank of Past Camp Commander, the Secretary and Treasurer eligible wear the Iron Cross of the Order. I guess which we used to. We still call the Past Commander's badge.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's the problem.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. This covers two different things.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead. Thank you.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Okay. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl as Parliamentarian. I have a point of order. We don't have an Iron Cross of the Order. It's nowhere defined in Regulations. So, I would suggest that this is out of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any last comments?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You have to rule on my...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I think I need to read this one more time. Your point of order is well-taken.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

This is out of order.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #7 is on page forty-four of your handout. This proposal is from the C&R Committee. And this affects Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 1. If you have the Constitution and Regulations, it's on page fifty-four. This proposal change adds two paragraphs to this section as paragraphs a and paragraph b and renames the existing paragraphs a and b as paragraphs c and d. And clarifies that all Department meetings must be in person meetings, except it allows virtual Department meetings if a state of emergency is declared by a government entity. Also, the Department Commander may allow a limited number of Brothers to attend the meeting by virtual means if he determines they could not attend otherwise. Department Committee meetings may be held virtually at the discretion of the Committee Chairman. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections or discussion? Brother Conrad.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

John Conrad, Department Commander, Department of the Southwest. I would move to replace the language of Proposal #7 from the C&R Committee with the language on page sixty-seven of the Virtual Meetings Committee. Would you like me to read that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes, please.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Section 1(a), Department 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), Department's Department Councils and any Department Committee shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in person meetings if all the provisions in paragraph C and D of this section are met, provided that Department bylaws may specifically restrict or prohibit electronic meetings; (c) The Department Commander, Council Chairman, or Committee Chairman as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers participating in said such meeting and desiring to vote are in good standing and entitled to vote; (d), The Department Commander, Council Chairman, or Committee Chairman as the case may be, must require that all Brothers attending the meeting by electronic means have an opportunity to express their

opinion; (e), 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 in any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called, which call shall state the purpose and object of said meetings; (f), The Council of Administration shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these regulations for Camp elections and installation of officers and for Department Encampments when requested for adequate reasons by a Department.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Are there any questions? We have a substitute motion on the floor to replace the language in the C&R Committee's proposal with the language from the Virtual Meeting Committee's proposal. That is a substitute motion. Okay. Any further discussion? A yes vote will be to replace the C&R Committee's language with the Virtual Meeting Committee's language. there was a second. Ted Campbell seconded. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, Loran Bures, Department Commander, Department of the Columbia. Again, I want to point out to you that the C&R Committee's original proposal did not include the Department Council where our proposal does include the Department Council to allow them to do their work using electronic means.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Bures. Okay. In the back. Glasses on.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

George Huttick, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee. Actually, two points but I'll start with the first one. I am opposed to the language in the amendment. I think we should stick with the C&R version, mainly because unlike Camp meetings, Department Encampments is when we get to meet together as a body. I think Brother Mark Day's point earlier about can you imagine this room empty and all of us on screens. We've done that once. It doesn't work well. Department Encampments don't work well in this format. It's our chance to learn from each other and pick up best practice. You can't do that virtually. You don't have the side conversations. You don't have the camaraderie. It's the difference between doing a Camp meeting virtually and a Department meeting. As we jump up the scale, we need to talk about when do we need to see each other. Second point is regarding the Camp Council statement. Some people may look at this differently, but I see the Camp Counselors working as Committee, but if it isn't, and I would propose a friendly amendment to just insert the word *Camp* Committees or *Department Committees including Department Council*. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are you making that as a friendly amendment? Or were you just discussing it?

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

A friendly amendment for the C&R version.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So we have a friendly amendment proposed? No?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Just speaking in support.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, speaking in support. Okay.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Okay.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, the vote on the substitute motion, does everyone understand this will replace the C&R Committee's language with the Virtual Meetings Committee of a yes vote will be to vote for that? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Okay. That's a division of the house. This will be a counted vote. I'm sorry, Jim. All in favor of the substitute motion, raise your voting cards.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. All opposed, raise your voting cards.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The vote is seventy-four in favor of the substitute motion; sixty-six against. This does not meet the 2/3's requirement. Therefore, the substitute motion fails. We will now proceed to vote on the C&R Committee's proposal. Okay. Is there any further discussion on the C&R's Committee's proposal? I'll let our Guide, who's so well prepared today with his clickers, and our Guard. Okay. All in favor of the C&R Committee's proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed. That definitely exceeds 67%. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Proposal #8.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Okay. Proposal #8 is on page forty-five. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J Norris. It affects Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page fifty-six. This change adds a new paragraph to this section clarifying the Department Commanders have a duty to sign the Department bylaws and forward them to the Department Secretary each time they are modified. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion or opposition? Hearing none, all in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #9 on page forty-five of your hand out. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris. Affects Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 4. If you have the C&R, it's on page fifty-eight. This change to the regulations adds two paragraphs to the list of duties assigned to the Department Secretary clarifying the disposition of Department bylaws every time they are modified. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have a question on this as well is the one we just passed. It makes this statement, *the Department Commander shall sign* and it also in this one is *Department Secretary shall sign*. If they sign it, that means they approve it. And it says that they *shall* approve it. That's what shall sign means. So my question is, I guess even if my Camp bylaw or my Department bylaw is in opposition to the C&R, the Department Commander still has to sign and approve it. He has an option to deny what is wrong. But if you say *shall sign*, he doesn't have a choice. He's gotta sign it, whether it's right or wrong.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Did he say upon approval...

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

...Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Upon approval.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

May approve or disapprove.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I understood the amendment was to change the word *shall sign* to *may sign or not sign* for approval. So we've got an amendment, proposed amendment, on the floor.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

I'm still not clear...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...I am...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...Can you repeat that one more time?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The amendment, as I understood it, was to strike in Section 4(n) *the Department's Secretary shall sign the Department bylaws and then forward to...*

I'm sorry. That's Proposal 8, which has already passed. So that's done. This one says, *The Department Secretary shall sign the Department's bylaws each time they are modified.* And he wanted to replace it with the word *may*. Okay. So that's what's on the floor. Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Brothers, the Camp Commander nor the Department Commander have the ability to veto what the Encampment has passed. So what he's signing is the passed bylaws. He's not, whether he wants to pronounce judgment on it or not, he has to sign it if it was passed correctly and legally by the Encampment or by the Camps.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Norris.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Edward Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. So what happens here, this is a Camp Secretary who is signing the bylaws after the Department Secretary signing after the Department Commander has signed the bylaws. And the bylaws have been passed by the, as Brother Tucker pointed out, the bylaws were passed by modification by the Department Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, do you have a recommendation for...are you standing for or opposing the...

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

...Opposed...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...the amendment.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

I don't see it...why we need to amend.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any other comments?

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I stand in opposition to the proposed amendment to the proposal due to the fact that all the Department Commander is doing, just like Brother Tucker said, is signing what was passed. He's not

approving it. He's not giving his blessing on it. That is the job of the Commander-in-Chief, which is why you send it for approval. And then they can reject it and then it has to be redone by the Department when it's been rejected by the Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Payne.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, the National Counselor, Department of Chesapeake. This discussion has brought to light something in the previous motion that was approved. In the previous motion that was approved, we have taken away the power of the Commander to deny, to say no, by saying he *shall sign*. I've spoken with a couple of other Brothers who have been Past and National Counselors and we're concerned that we have taken the power of rejection from the Department Commander in that previously passed motion.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander. Gentlemen, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. We have a motion on the floor to amend. That's what the topic is. I think Brother Darby stood up one section too late. So I would suggest the proper procedures, once the voting is determined on this section, it's appropriate for someone who voted yes on the previous section to make a motion to reconsider. And that we could look at that again.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I rule in favor of the Parliamentarian's recommendation here. In this case, the motion on the floor is to amend Proposal 9, making, *The Secretary shall sign to may sign*. A yes vote is in favor of the amendment; a no vote is in opposition to the amendment. All in favor of the amendment, raise your cards. All opposed. The amendment fails. Now we have to vote on Proposal 9, that the Department Secretary shall sign the Department's bylaws each time they're modified and then forward them to the Commander-in-Chief for approval once they've been signed by the Department Commander. And then the Department Secretary shall forward a copy of the Department bylaws to the Commander-in-Chief and Executive Director each time they're modified, et cetera. Okay. So a yes vote will be to accept in favor of the C&R's proposal; a no vote is in opposition to the C&R's proposal. Okay. Since we have been in discussion on the amendment, we haven't finished any discussion on this. Is there any further discussion on this proposal as a whole? Again, a yes vote is to approve; a no vote is to disapprove. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. That motion passes. At this time, giving the National Parliamentarian's recommendation for a motion to reconsider, if there is a motion from the floor to reconsider Proposal 8. It has to be someone who voted yes on it.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

I did. I voted yes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Mark R. Day, Past National Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake, National Counselor. I would move that we reconsider. Thank you very much, Commander-in-Chief. Reconsider motion number eight.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there a second?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I've heard second. It's been moved and seconded. Discussion.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake, National Counselor. As I previously stated, in reading through that, the use of the word *shall* with regard to the Commander takes away his ability to deny or not accept the changes that have been put in place in the...in the bylaws. So I would ask that we...I would make the motion that we change that word *shall* to *may*...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

That's out of order. We're still discussing the motion whether or not to reconsider.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

...All right. In that case, I withdraw the last thing I said and ask for you to reconsider number eight.

Several

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It's already been moved and seconded. Brother Tucker, this is just to discuss the motion to reconsider.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. What we passed read, *The Department Commander shall sign the Department bylaws*. The Department Commander can reject Camp bylaws. He cannot reject the Department bylaws once they're passed legally. The Commander-in-Chief can reject the Department bylaws, not the Department Commander. I'm in opposition to reconsideration.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I also am in opposition to reconsidering Proposal #8 due to the same reason that Brother Tucker just stated. The Department Commander is only signing what he was ordered to sign legally by the Department Encampment. And at that point in time he's not approving or disapproving them. It's already been approved by the Department Encampment. It needs to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

I would withdraw my motion to reconsider.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Motion having been withdrawn, no further action on that one. So Proposal 8 stands as passed. Proposal 9 stands as passed. We now move on to Proposal 10.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Commander, is this close to...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh. So, you all owe Past Commander-in-Chief Grim a debt of thanks. It is now seven minutes after noon. At this time, I think we will take a break for lunch until 1300. We'll reconvene at that time.

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

LUNCH BREAK

Fourth Session – Saturday Afternoon

After the lunch break it took some time before noticing that the recorder was not receiving a signal because the sound patch cord was loose from hotel's audio mixer. After finding this, the cord was reconnected. Subsequently the C&R Committee report Proposals #10, #11 and part of Proposal #12 were not recorded.

Proposals #10 and #11 were concurred by the C&R committee and passed as recommended. Proposal #12 discussion continued as follows.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. So your point of order is not well-taken. Okay. Since it does say that. So then,

the proposal is to allow the Secretary or Treasurer, having held office for ten consecutive, be allowed to wear the Past Department Commander's Badge a.k.a. the Silver Cross of...

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

...It doesn't say that.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

No, you're right. You're right. Sorry. It says *wear the Silver Cross of the Order*, which in the section referred to so... All right. Any further discussion? Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

(Indistinguishable).

Encampment

Microphone.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Mic.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day, Department of Chesapeake, National Counselor. There is the question then that I'd like to ask...is a question. Would that...would that confer honorary rights to the wearer where he would then be entitled to the same privileges as a Past Department Commander as an honorary member of this Encampment?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are you asking for an opinion and a ruling?

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

I would say, if as a Counselor, my opinion and my ruling would be that it would not convey, should not convey, those rights because the rights are for the leadership of the Department. And although the Secretary has a very intense job, he is not technically in a leadership position. And that, of course, is my opinion. And Commander-in-Chief, as always, you have the right to decide for yourself whether or not to accept it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Well, thank you. I am looking at...I want to go into executive session on this. I was looking at the section here that says, *A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the Past Department...rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment.* The only change, which is in bold, says, *Upon receipt of the rank of Past Department Commander said Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be eligible to wear the Silver Cross of the Order.* So it's...the only thing it's changing is allowing them to wear the badge. Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have a question. If we do this ten year thing and

the person becomes a Past Department Commander, does that in fact give him voting privileges like the guys who earned the Past Department Commander Badge?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

He already does.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

He already has it?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

He already has it.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I'm just asking.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

No, it's a fair question. All right. Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. If you look on this particular proposal, it actually refers to Proposal 25, which is incorrect. It would be Proposal 26...looking back. That changes how the PDC is conferred upon the Treasurer or Secretary who has had ten consecutive years at the Department level. If you take a look at that and that proposal, it does confer full PDC rights to the Secretary or Treasurer who'd served ten consecutive years. So those two actually go in conjunction with each other in the appearance of the way this one's written. I'm not saying that it's right or wrong, but I just some clarification on those as I was trying to reference the way things were put together in the handout.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Payne, can you repeat that again?

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Commander, the note there under twelve refers to Proposal 25, but it's actually Proposal 26. In that particular proposal that we have not voted on actually states that they will be granted the rank. It doesn't say *honorary*. They'll be able to utilize the suffix of PDC. So this particular proposal is directly joined at the hip with Proposal 26. I'm not saying one way or the other but we need to actually look at both of them in conjunction with each other before we vote on this one because it changes what's proposed in twenty-six, or what twenty-six proposes changes how this affects everything.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. I think I got it. Brother Ed.

Edward J. Norris, Council of Administration

Ed Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. The C&R states, shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order. So the cross is lowercase. That's its description, not the name of the badge. This

proposal is naming a badge that does not exist.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department of the Chesapeake. I believe this is in response to a discussion from last year's Encampment about honoraries and the ability to wear the badge. And for any Brothers that didn't attend that Encampment last year, or a at least not privy to that discussion, it may be of value to revisit that from last year's Encampment so we don't reverse something that was decided last year. If there's anyone that could, with your permission.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh. If I may, in a nutshell, last year's Encampment removed the wear of the Past Camp Commander and Past Department Commander badges from Secretary-Treasurers who had served ten years. Okay. So they still didn't remove their rank or their honor, but removed the authorization to wear those badges. In my understanding it is a fair understanding? Okay. Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Department of Illinois. This discussion gets really tricky because when we're talking about the crosses of the order, we have four. We have a bronze cross that is currently in use as the War Medal. We have an iron cross and that's what it has always been, which is currently in use as a Past Commander or the Past Camp Commander's badge. We have the silver cross of the Order, which is presently in use as the Past Department Commander's badge. And we have the gold cross of the Order, which is not presently in use. Looks identical to the silver cross of the Order, but is executed in gold. I'm getting a little ahead of things, so if you want to wrap me out of order, please do. But there are proposals that would put our silver cross and our iron cross in bronze. We have a bronze cross, and a Brother has to earn it a very specific way. So the reason for these name change is to bring things into parity with our history, what they were called until probably the mid-20th century, and to specify that we actually have four different crosses in this Order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Reineke. Not entirely out of order. I consider it an explanatory note, but the names there, It'd been more clear, I think, if this had just been eligible to wear the Past Department Commander's badge. Anyhow. Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. My question is, since it's just a description and not the actual title to silver cross, I believe that Brother Pahl's point of order for the previous iron cross applies here because we do not have a medal called the silver cross. And therefore, it should be declared out of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Perhaps. It could be...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

...And that basically is a question.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Okay. James Pahl, as Parliamentarian. We have a silver cross the Order. If this passes, it does not allow that ten year Secretary-Treasurer to wear the Past Department Commander badge. It only allows them to wear the silver cross the Order. That's the drop only, as a separate pin. This is not authorizing them to wear the a badge. It's only the way it's worded, is authorizing them to wear the drop only of the Past Department Commander badge. That's the way it's worded.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Is there any further discussion? In that case, I'll call for a vote. A vote of yes will follow the C&R Committee's recommendation to not approve the proposal. A vote of no will be against the C&R Committee's recommendation. Okay? I hate to say it. So, it's not a yes is a no?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

A yes vote adopts it. A no vote says no.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So a yes vote adopts what?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

The language proposed.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. A yes vote would adopt the proposed language. A no vote would reject the proposed language, and that is the C&R Committee had recommended rejection of the proposed language. So, yes, is a yes and a no is a no, which is rare in some of our votes.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Okay. Thank you. Motion fails.
[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thirteen.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #13, page forty-six of your hand out. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. Affects Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page seventy-

four. This clarifies that National Encampments are to be in person, with the exceptions mentioned in Chapter 3, Section 3. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition? Okay. We'll proceed to vote. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #14 found at the bottom of page forty-six in your hand out and goes on to page forty-seven. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. Affects Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 3. If you have the C&R, it's on page seventy-four. And this change will permit the National Encampments to be held by virtual means during a state of emergency. The C&R Committee recommends approval of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #15 appears at page forty-seven. This proposal is from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail. Affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 3, page seventy-eight in the C&R itself. This change adds four new paragraphs to the job description of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, allowing him to accept online applicants for membership and allows them to be issued a membership card. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition? Brother Hunnewell.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri

Sumner Hunnewell, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. One issue that I've experienced being a JVC is that things are approved to the National level, and then it gets really wibbly wobbly when it comes pushing this down to a Camp. I've seen experiences where people have been accepted by National and then they don't know where to go or what to do. I would also think that this would encumber the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief by having to deal with incoming applications rather than farming them out to the Department JVC. So, I speak against this.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Hunnewell. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I would like to make one comment to Brother Sumner. You have never seen National accept an application because at this point National cannot accept an application. And what we're trying to do is get it so that we can accept the online applications and the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will accept the payment, issue the card, and help the same way they're doing now with the placement of the applicant. The only thing we're doing is streamlining the process.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Frail.

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri

Sumner Hunnewell, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. The question I would have then, is the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief also validating all the lineage...

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

...Yes...

Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri

...and thank you. They are. I've been whispered in my ear. The other question, I have experienced this before too. But they're made Members-at-Large, and that seems to cause some sort of...

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

They cannot be made Members-at-Large.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. Brother Frail.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

At this point, National Members-at-Large can only be from outside of this country. They can be Department Members-at-Large, but we would not place them. That would've been your Department.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Commander Pierson, Loren Bures, Department of the Columbia. I would have a request from the Commander-in-Chief to please indulge me for a moment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

In what respect?

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

I have a question that I believe a section of Proposal 19 relates to this proposal. And I

believe it is subsection (r) in Proposal 19. I don't understand it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Loren, I don't see a subsection (r).

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

What it was that...whatever the last one is.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is it under the Credentials Committee, Loren? If there are not enough Credential Committee members present?

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

It deals with the job description of the Assistant National or the Assistant Executive Director. I'm sorry if I got the number incorrect.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Seventeen.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seventeen.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Okay. I apologize for that mistake. Trying to do it from memory.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

I have no idea in the world what a Members-at-Large Camps are. And it requires the Assistant Executive Director to provide a roster to the Department Commanders annually. I have no idea in the world what it is. And it potentially relates to this issue with Proposal 15.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is that related to the UK Camp?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No, We don't have National Members-at-Large Camps.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. So, my National Counselor for Bluebook does not see a conflict with that Proposal 16. We will take that one up, Loren, under Proposal 16.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Okay. That's why I asked you if you would indulge me. Yes, I do speak in opposition to this proposal. I believe it takes the membership function, that is best dealt at the Department or Camp level out of our hands and puts it into the National hands. And Brother Frail has been aware that I'm opposed to this. So it's not a surprise to him. But we, the Department of the Columbia, are opposed to this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Loren. Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Missouri. I'd like to speak in opposition, specifically for on page forty-seven, Section (k) since it refers to the National Organization keeps all the money for the first year and doesn't give any money down to the states and the Camps. Why should I put a person in my Camp if they're not paying any Camp fees at all for the year? Now, on the other hand, if you want to say that applies, and we also add an amendment that says if I can recruit somebody, we keep all the money for the first year. National get squat then I am in favor of this. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Busch. Brother Frail, in answering Brother Busch's question.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I would like to reply to Brother Walt Busch. The reason why National would retain the funds is because the Brother would be brought in as a member. He would have a membership card. He would have a subscription to *The Banner* and he would be issued a transfer card. When a Brother transfers from a Camp or from a Department to another Camp or a Department, that transfer is done with no forwarding funds going to the receiving Camp or the Department. This is the same as what is already.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I have a question, just clarification. Section 3(h), *Issue membership card and transfer card to an online applicant*. My question is how is somebody who is brand-new to the Order going to understand or know what to do with the transfer card? What one is. I realize you're going to give the contact information to the Department. If I'm brand-new and I have no clue what a transfer card is or what I'm supposed to do with it. How is that going to benefit a new member? I'm not sure I'm opposed to this or not, but I need clarification as to how this is going to benefit a brand-new member who has no clue what it is.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Frail, a brief answer.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother, basically, there would be an instructional booklet that would be given with the card. And there would be instruction from the

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief that while we were working with the applicant in placement, they would be explained to about their choice, availabilities of the Departments, Camps closest to them, or any Camp that they wish, and what to do and how to present the transfer card. They would also be instructed that the membership card could be used to visit different Camps to be able to evaluate the Camp choice of their own.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. And we're gonna limit it to the three Brothers standing in the back there. You are up first.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. When we accept members into this Organization, part of the entry fee is at the Camp accepts that person as a member. There is a, I guess, a question, is the person of good character? Is the person, worthy to be in the Organization? They're admitted at the Camp level. I really see the way technology is going and everything that if we start having where everybody gets to apply online and get to be a Members-at-Large, that we're taking them out of the communities and not letting their communities decide whether they can be a part of this Organization. But they're gonna be anonymously approved by National and already members of the Organization, particularly Camps' abilities to filter these people, to say hey, yes you can be a member of our Organization or not.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brother Frail, you may respond.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother, I understand your argument. And I'd like you to realize that it is still up to the Camp to decide whether or not they wish to accept the transfer.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

John Conrad, Department Commander, Commander, Department of the Southwest.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

I guess related to that, I am concerned that the regulations: Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1 provides for the process of a applicant to be reviewed by the Camp and voted upon by the Camp. This removes that. Now I guess what it does, if I can understand, cause I'm gonna get to that. It gets to the person being a Member-at-Large, and then transferring into the Camp or the Department. And my question is what happens if the Camp or the Department does not accept that transfer? What happens to that person?

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable) to relocate.

John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest

To relocate. I'm gonna ask one more question, which is our Department bylaws provides that any Member-at-Large within the Department of Southwest must belong to a Camp. But, if we haven't accepted the person, what do we do?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That's up to them. Not up to the Camp. All right. Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. First, in answer to what you just said, the Department of Missouri has no Membership-at-Large. You must be a member of a Camp in the Department of Missouri. So Camps must accept these members. To kick them out of Grant Camp, they have to go to another Camp in Missouri or they're not coming to Missouri. It's as simple as that.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

And then they'd have to make a choice to move to another Department.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Number two. You're just playing semantics on the system. As simple as that. To issue a transfer card to a new member is just plain stupid. It's a new membership application. It's not a transfer application.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Burd in the back.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I just wanted to respond to the response that I got. If you are accepting a member and then you're giving them a transfer card, then they're a member. If the Camp rejects them, then they're still a member. They just get to go to another Camp. So you have taken away the ability of Camps to accept or reject membership into this Organization. I stand in opposition.

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Only for online applications. We dealt with twenty-six online applications this year.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Yeah, but what I'm saying is, once this becomes available, you're going to have everybody. It's easier to apply online. In the future, you're going to have everybody wanting to apply online.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. That's it. Thank you. All right. At this time, I'm gonna call for a vote. All in favor of the proposal to add those four paragraphs to the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief's job description. A yes vote will approve adoption of those four proposals into the C&R in the job description. A no vote will reject adoption of those four paragraphs into the C&R. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(chatter).

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. We're ready for Proposal #16. It's at the bottom of page forty-seven and goes on to page forty-eight in your booklet. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 17. If you have the C&R, it's on page eighty-four. This change provides a job description for an Assistant Executive Director. If approved, existing Section 17 will be renumbered Section 18, and the remaining sections of this article will be sequentially renumbered. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sorry. I have a point of order.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. Brother Bures had previously referred to item (r). The last sentence of this, *Provide all Department Commanders annually the roster of National Members-at-Large Camps to allow Department Commanders to contact subject members invite them to join the Department within reasonable travel distance of an individual's residence.* Number one, this Order does not have National Members-at-Large Camps. Number two, if a Brother can only become a National Member-at-Large if they live outside of an area of an organized Department, which means international in our case. So this would not apply. I ask that because we don't have National Members-at-Large Camps that the Commander-in-Chief rule item (r) to be out of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We do have a National Members-at-Large Department. International. How does the UK fall?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

They have a Camp-at-Large. It's not a National Members-at-Large Camp.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The point of order is well-taken. Item (r) is ruled out of order.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

However, I rule that is severable from the rest of the motion. So the rest of the motion is not affected by item (r) being out of order. Okay. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Commander Pierson, Loren Bures, Department of the Columbia. There is one reference in here to *per capita tax*. Last Department or National Encampment, we eliminated all references to *per capita tax*, supposed to be *per capita dues*.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Where is that reference? Subsection (g)? Would that fall as an administrative correction?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Thank you very much.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That will be administratively corrected. Thank you, Brother Bures. Any further discussion? A yes vote will be to adopt the proposal. A no vote will be to reject the proposal. All in favor of adopting the proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #17 is found on page forty-nine in your booklet. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page ninety-one. This change divides this section into two paragraphs (a) and (b) and adds new language to paragraph (b) that permits the Commander-in-Chief to allow a limited number of Council of Administration members to attend Council meetings virtually. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition? Not even the C of A members. Okay. All in favor,

raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. It is adopted.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #18 found on page fifty of the booklet. This proposal's from the Special Committee on National Encampment Credentials. It affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page ninety-six. This change will allow National Committee Chairmen to conduct Committee meetings virtually. And this proposal adds the National Encampment Credentials Committee to the list of Standing National Committees. At present, it's a Special Committee. Proposal 19 is a job description for this Committee, if this is approved. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition or discussion? Okay. If you want to approve the proposal, raise your voting cards now. Vote to disapprove. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is adopted.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #19 is on page fifty of your booklet. This proposal's from the Past Commander-in-Chief, Edward Norris. It affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 20. If you have the C&R, it's on page ninety-six. This proposal is a job description for the National Encampment Credentials Committee. It will be in Section 20 and the current Section 20 will become Section 21. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition? Hearing none, vote to approve, raise your cards. Opposite vote, same sign. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #20 found on page fifty-two. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 3, Article 11, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page 108. This note will allow the National Special Committee Chairmen to conduct Committee meetings virtually. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion or opposition? All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is adopted.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #21 found on page fifty-two of your booklet. This proposal's from the C&R Committee. Affects Chapter 4, Article 10. If you have the C&R, it's on page 111. This change will allow the Chairman of a Hearing Council to conduct a disciplinary hearing virtually. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I was gonna say...any discussion or opposition? Brother.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Commander, John Conrad, Department Commander, Department of the Southwest. I move that we substitute the language of proposed...Proposal #21 with the Virtual Meeting Committee proposal. If I can find it real quick, which would read for Chapter 4, Article 10, *Upon appointment of the Hearing Council, the Hearing Council shall elect a Chairman. The Hearing Council shall convene within ninety days unless all parties agree to a later date, and shall give at least ten days notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail and shall state in such notice the time and place for hearing. The Hearing Council shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses, and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue. A party to the issues may submit their evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attending a meeting. At the request of the accused, the Hearing Council shall conduct a hearing by electronic means or provide electronic participation to an in person hearing.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So that the change that you are requesting is just the bolded text?

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Well, there's two things. One, the C&R proposal has what appears to be an ellipse in it, but it's not a proper form of an ellipse. And so it would actually strike all the middle language, the way it's written. And it would have to be corrected to include all the language between the first sentence and the last sentence. And then secondly, yes. What we're trying to do here is to say, the accused should be, under normal legal principles, considered to be innocent until proven guilty.

And there have been instances where disciplinary hearings were held across the country from the location of the accused. And so that puts the accused at a huge disadvantage: financially, time, travel, of having to go wherever the Committee decides it wants to meet. And that therefore it should be up to the accused to say, *Look, I understand you've set the hearing. You set the time for the hearing. But I want to have it virtually because it's a hardship for me to be able to attend your hearing.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I'm going to make a ruling that the improper ellipse is a typographical error. The only affected text is the one in highlights. So adoption of either one of these proposals will not affect any of the dot, dot, dots. Brother Reineke, are you waiting to speak?

Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Yes I am.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Please proceed.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. I want to stand in support of the Virtual Meeting Policy Committee's position as stated by Brother Conrad and for all of the same reasons as he stated them.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. I stand in opposition to the proposal because we have just granted complete control of a trial or hearing to the accused, which is never the way a court of law works. It is at the discretion of the jurisdiction that it's under. The fact that somebody is being accused of something and needs a disciplinary hearing, its inherent upon them to appear at the convenience of the hearing person. Brother Pahl is a judge or magistrate. And he understands that type of thing happens, that it might be inconvenient or even a hardship for somebody show up for a trial. If you've done something or are accused of something that you need to appear to defend yourself, not tell somebody how or where you're going to be defended.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. The Presiding Officer, namely myself, understands that you're in opposition to the substitute motion by Brother Conrad. Okay. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake and National Counselor. I have a question. If we adopt the language that is proposed by Brother Conrad, how does that impact on the right of appeals and how appeals would be conducted? And also appeals to the National Encampment? Would we have to then change the C&R to allow for virtual appeals as well? This is just a question.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Let the record show that Brother Pahl as Assistant National Counsel for Bluebook is shaking his head no. That he says there's no impact.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

My reason for asking this is because having been in the position of having to appoint Hearing Committees, and to deal with the results, and the procedures, and have to rule at a National Encampment at which a Brother was not present, and under our rules not present meant that he had no right to appeal. This is why I'm asking this question. Will allowing the virtual hearings bring us to a point where we have to have virtual appeals? That's my point.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So, I understand this as a Presiding Official that your question applies both to the substitute motion and to the original motion itself. Thank you.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Yes, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I understand the law of unintended consequences. In the back.

Wayne F. Wehrheim, Department of Illinois

Wayne Wehrheim, Department of Illinois. Just some food for thought. I hear quite a bit about legalese being expressed. So what's going happen when, you know, I take the Fifth Amendment? Just a question.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We already have in our C&R disciplinary processes. All this does is allow either one of the main proposal or the substitute motion adds the virtual capability to it. So, I hope you are not asking for disciplinary processing procedures to be brought against you.

Encampment

(Laughter).

Wayne F. Wehrheim, Department of Illinois

I'm just planning ahead, sir.

Encampment

(Laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

Since the maker of the motion is allowed to do the last thing, I want to make one comment. There are Brothers, because of their religious beliefs, cannot appear on certain days of the week. If the Hearing Council convenes on the day that they cannot, because of their religious beliefs, attend, that is unfair to the accused. That not to allow them to do a virtual, that they cannot travel. If they're Orthodox Jewish, they can only travel, on the Sabbath, an X amount of distance. Otherwise, they're in violation of their religious beliefs. Part of this is to be able to accommodate where the accused has some rights to decide, you know, how it will be conducted

to prevent violation of religious beliefs and similar types of situations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Bures. Brother Conrad, to wrap up.

John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy

John Conrad, Department of the Southwest. Two points I wanted to respond to. One is the subcommittee did not want to address the appeals process at all. It was only the hearing itself. So I think that was because the appeals process is basically an appellate process. And that was the second thing. I think there was a misstatement earlier though about somebody can be sued in the United States in any court. That's not correct. You have to have personal jurisdiction. There is venue. One of the reasons why the federal courts have district courts and circuit courts is because it has to cover people in their geographic areas. And if we were to require, for instance, that a disciplinary hearing has to be held in the Department of the accused, we wouldn't be putting this all up. The fact of the matter is, disciplinary hearings can be held anywhere in the country and not sensitive to the residence of the individual.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Having discussed it, we will now proceed to a vote on the substitute motion. And the substitute motion is to replace the language that the C&R Committee had proposed in Proposal 21 with the Virtual Meeting Committee's proposal. It's on page sixty-nine under Chapter 4, Article 10. And it states, *At the request of the accused, the Hearing Council shall conduct the hearing by electronic means or provide electronic participation in and to an in person hearing.* So a vote of yes will approve the substitute motion, namely the Virtual Meeting Committee's language. A vote of no will take us back to the C&R Committee's proposal. All in favor of the substitute motion, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Okay. I think that's more than 2/3's so the substitute motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Back to the original Proposal 21. This adds the language that the Chair may allow the hearing to be held virtually or provide virtual participation to an in person hearing. Actually, it did fail because it was not 2/3s before of approving it, so I correct my language there. So a vote of yes approves the C&R Committee's proposal. A vote of no rejects it. All in favor of the C&R Committee's proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed. That is well more than 2/3s.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #22 is on page fifty-two in your booklet. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief, Jim Pahl, at the request of Brother Loren Bures. Affects Chapter 5, Article 2. And if you have the C&R, it's on page 119. At the last National Encampment, Chapter 3,

Article 9, Section 1, see the C&R on page ninety-two, was amended to change *United States Department of Defense* to *United States Internal Revenue Service*. This proposal will bring this article of the regulations into conformity with the change that we made last year at the National Encampment. Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion or opposition? All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed, same sign. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #23 found on page fifty-three of the booklet. This is a proposal from the Department of Illinois. Affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(g). See page 123 if you have the C&R with you. This proposal seeks to change the name of the War Medal to bronze war service cross and add campaign service or expeditionary medals and combat action ribbons that qualify for this medal. Currently the Council of Administration determines what medals, badges, and ribbons qualify for the war medal. The Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Brother, go ahead.

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, Bill Fischer, Pennsylvania Department, Junior Vice Commander. As a retired Air Force officer and former NCO, I'd like to offer an amendment. And Brother Pahl can correct me if I'm out of order here. I would like to strike *bronze war service cross* where it's listed in the title and in the body and leave *war medal* stand. But I support the change that's all bolded because it better describes the different military combat recognition. So I think it's more inclusive and more appropriate. And it is still as defined by the Council of Administration so it's not taking that away.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. A friendly amendment. We have to vote on that amendment before we do anything else. Is it seconded?

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There's a second. It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion on the amendment to strike *bronze war service cross* to and leave the original language of *War Medal*? Any questions on that? Okay. All in favor of the amendment, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Back to the original motion. Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. As it stands now, there is no change to the term *War Medal*. Is that correct?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That is correct. War medal is retained.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I was standing in opposition to renaming every medal we got.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It took this Order, a little history lesson, approximately ten years to get the War Medal approved. And it was a war to get it done.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Back to the original proposal, Hang on. We've got one in the back.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island

I concur with Brother Darby. I also would like to say that Section 3 of this article where it defines what's eligible, some service members served in the areas where they did not receive any of this and still fought in a war environment. So I think you need to look at what's accepted by the VFW. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Wolz.

Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

I'm commenting on the War Medal. The United States Congress donated Spanish cannon to our Order to create the first War Medal. And it was indeed called the bronze service cross. As Brother Reineke said, we've lost fifty years of history. Because, indeed, we did have an iron cross, a silver cross, a bronze cross, a gold cross, and a gold star. The badges still exist. It's just that we've "modernized" them and changed the titles. But the War Medal was not created by ten years. It was created by the United States Congress giving the Sons of Veterans Spanish cannon to create a War Medal for those who served in combat during the Spanish-American War. We actually allowed the war service medal to disappear between World War I and World War II. In 1939, we saw war on the horizon and we reinstated it at that time. And that's when we came up with the bars with the different combat areas identified. But quite frankly, I'll be honest, I don't understand all these combat enumerations of how you earned it. I know that I was here twenty years ago. We had a big discussion because at that time is when the Military Service medal was created because some of our Brothers were wearing the combat battle when indeed they had not

served in combat. So we split it out into two different variations. But I stand for the renaming of our historic badges. I know you all don't care because it doesn't matter. But history does matter. And we are history-based organization. We say we care, but then we all also modernize everything. What can I say? But I stand in agreement with the Department of Illinois. They're just trying to restore to us what is our common heritage.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Wolz. Brother.

Dale E. Crandell, Department of Missouri

Dale Crandell, Past Department Commander from Missouri. I think I have a question, but I suppose I am in agreement with the Committee to disapprove. Because as I read this, I'm a veteran like many in this room, and I see two categories. And I think you are unintentionally about to elevate me to receive the War Medal. And you shouldn't. I see that word *service*. I see that word *expeditionary*. And although I served faithfully, I was in Homestead during the war. I was not in a campaign. That sure sounds like my sea service, my oversea service, medals and my National Defense Medal service metal would qualify me to be elevated. And I don't think you should. I'm not worthy of the War Medal. And I think, if I'm interpreting this right, you just elevated me to a category that I'm not qualified for. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. In the back.

Robert Welch, Department of Illinois

Bob Welch, Department of Illinois. Sir, to your comments. No. The service medal... There is also a resolution that Illinois had typed up that I am assuming is coming before the Council of Administration. The service medal that is here is the Vietnam service medal, sir. Everything listed in this is eligibility for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. And if I may introduce my other title, I happen to be the Department Commander for Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars. There is nothing in here that would allow anybody not qualified to wear the war service medal Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counsel

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counsel. As a veteran and as a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and every other thing you can think of, we must be very careful about what ribbons and awards you pick if you want to describe it as a War Medal. Currently there are two global war on terror medals. One of those is for in-service in the war zone. One of them is what we used to in the Navy affectionately call a gee dunk ribbon. Something they just give you for being in the service at that time. The same thing with the National Defense Medal massive offense medal. I never went to Vietnam, but I was in service during Vietnam and I have a National Defense Medal. That does not mean I was in a war. It means that I was in the service at the time that I got that medal and they happen to have a conflict going on. For the Brother that pointed out about the expeditionary, expeditionary medals

mean you are been put in the position of being, not necessarily in a declared war, but you have been put in a combat situation. I have an Armed Forces expeditionary medal for being off of Beirut in 1983, during the time that the Marines were killed. So there are very, very specific categories for these ribbons. And this Council of Administration should be very careful in making the determinations. I know that the American Legion, the VFW, and other organizations in search of getting more members eligible to join their organizations, have expanded what they will accept. I just want to make sure that we understand there's a difference between being in the service and being in a war. And there's a difference between having a military service medal and having a war medal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Day. Brother Fischer.

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, Bill Fischer, Pennsylvania Department, Junior Vice Commander. I think the Council of Administration should, as Brother Hall stated, review the Veterans of Foreign Wars eligibility because as Brother Day said, there's been some expansion. I have the Korea Defense service medal, and the last time I looked, that was not included in the approved list for the SUV. So I think that the Council should definitely look at what the VFW's eligibility is and make some decisions there. But that goes beyond what we're looking at right now.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Fischer. Brother Reineke, last comment.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. I'm here to stand in support of the proposal as presently amended, especially since yes, the CofA, we should look at this. We should be reviewing this. I think the proposal, as presently amended, gives extra guidance. But it does not tie the Council's hands because it doesn't remove the phrase *as defined by the Council of Administration*. So, any campaign, service, or expeditionary medal, or combat action ribbon, badge or medal as defined by the Council. All it does is expand for someone who has never had the opportunity to put on the uniform of our country but is still on the Council that is supposed to help determine this, I feel like it gives me extra guidance, so I know what is and isn't eligible. It doesn't take anything out of the hands of the Council of Administration. I think it really just gives us a bit more clarity on what we might consider moving down the road.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Reineke. With that, we'll move to a vote. A yes vote will adopt the Department of Illinois' proposal. A no vote will reject the Department of Illinois' proposal. So all in favor...As amended. Thank you. As amended, leaving it the War Medal. Thank you. Appreciate that. The amendment is to leave the language *War Medal* versus *bronze war service cross*. Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. I do not believe that was 2/3's. I need someone to call a divided house.

Mark R. Day, National Counsel

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I would like to have the motion restated. And I would like

to have you say one more time what yes means and what no means because I believe there was confusion out here in the body when we took that last vote.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

What's left of the amended motion is that the war medal is authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of military conflict as defined by the Council of Administration. And it changes the language of campaign ribbon medal to campaign service or expeditionary medals or one or more combat action ribbon's badges or medals as defined by the CofA. It changes the language from campaign or service medal to campaign service or expeditionary medal, combat action ribbon, badge or medal throughout. And then a Brothers may substitute up to three official military lapel pins denoting such service. So the amended motion is, as you see here, in the Committee reports of the bolded text. The only thing that changed is the term War Medal is retained, bronze war service cross is struck out. A yes vote adopts this proposal as amended with the expanded items that can be considered. A no vote rejects this proposal. Is anybody clear? All right. All in favor, raise your voting cards by saying yes. Okay. Hang on.

Encampment

(chatter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. The vote is seventy-nine for, forty-eight against. However that does not meet the 2/3s criteria of our voting strength here at the Encampment which was ninety-six. Motion fails.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #24 is on page fifty-three in your booklet. This proposal is from the Department of Illinois. It affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(1). If you have the C&R, it's on page 124. This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Camp Commander badge to iron cross of the Order and authorizes its use by Brothers who have served ten years as a Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer and have been given the honors of Past Camp Commander. The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion? Okay. A yes vote adopts the recommendation of the committee. All in favor raise your voting cards. All opposed. That is definitely more than 2/3s.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion did not pass. It is not adopted. And to clarify the discussion on the side there about the War Medal. Because Proposal 23 failed, the recommendation was not adopted and we remain at status quo from where we are now. Okay? Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #25 is on page fifty-three of your booklet. This proposal's from the

C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(l). And if you have the C&R, it's on page 124. This proposal will add a new paragraph (m) to this section of the Regulations which will allow a Camp Secretary or Treasurer who has been given Past Camp Commander honors to wear a modified Past Camp Commander badge but not use the suffix PCC with his name. It will require a new letter for the current section 3(m) and the sequential renumbering of the remainder of Section 3. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion or opposition? Brother Reineke.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke. We'll go with Council of Administration this time. I stand in opposition. Not because I do not think we should honor our long serving, long-suffering Secretaries and Treasures, but because as proposed, this would create a second bronze cross of the Order. And I do not find that acceptable.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Reineke. Brother McGuire.

Don R. McGuire, Department of Iowa

Don McGuire, Past Department Commander Iowa. I remember the conversation last year over this idea of the Camp Secretaries, Department Secretaries getting these honors. And maybe when you think about propositions from C&R, maybe we should just go back and look at what we did last year. If there's this much controversy, perhaps we made a mistake last year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I have a question. With this thing that's coming up or what we're currently talking about, is not that a emeritus emblem? Because if it is currently in the C&R, there is wording stuck in the middle of the part that talks about miniature medals and putting extra stuff on the medal of the Order. And it discusses emeritus ribbons that are attached. Why don't we just make a new rule? Just follow the laws that are written.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Darby. Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I stand in support of this. While it may not be favorable for some people to have a another bronze iron cross, the Secretaries and Treasurers who serve for ten consecutive years have done a great service. This does not confer them the ability to carry the PCC at the end of their name. It just allows them to have the honors. It shows everybody what they did. And they're going to still have the voting rights at the Department level as a Past Camp Commander, which is what this is authorized,

which is already currently in our bylaws. This is just a way for us to show and honor them for their service. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any further discussion? All right. A yes vote is to adopt this recommendation, this proposal. A no vote is to reject it and to not adopt it. All in favor, raise your voting cards. All opposed. That is not 2/3s. Motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #26 on page fifty-four of your booklet. This proposal is from the Department of Illinois. It affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(m). Page 125 of the Regulations, if you have that book. This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Department Commander badge to silver cross of the Order and authorizes its use by a Brothers who has served ten years as a Department Secretary or Treasurer and been awarded the PDC honors. The Committee does not recommend adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion? Okay. A yes vote would adopt the proposal as written. A no vote would reject the proposal, which means it would not be adopted. Okay? All in favor of adopting the proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion fails. The proposal was not adopted.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #27 on page fifty-four of your booklet. This proposal is from the C&R Committee. It affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(m). If you have the C&R, it's on page 125. This proposal will change the current paragraph (n) to the paragraph (o). In this section of the Regulations which will allow a Department Secretary or Treasurer who has been given the Past Department Commander honors to wear a modified Past Department Commander badge, but not use the suffix PDC. This change will sequentially renumber the rest of Section 3. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Is there any discussion? Okay. All in favor of voting to adopt the proposal will vote yes. All opposed to adopting the proposal will vote no. So all who want to vote yes, raise your voting cards. All who vote no. That is not 2/3s to approve. Motion fails.

[one rap, *]

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. Proposal #28 on page fifty-five of your booklet. This proposal is from the

Department of Illinois. It affects Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 3(n). If you have the C&R it's on page 125. This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Commander-in-Chief badge to gold star of the Order. The Committee does not recommend adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion or opposition? Okay. A yes vote will adopt the proposal. A no vote will reject the proposal. So all in favor, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion fails. The proposal is not adopted.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Proposal #29. This is on page fifty-five of your booklet. This proposal is from Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson and Past Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris and Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl. Chapter 5, Article 13 of the C&R, which is on page 136 of the C&R. This proposal adds a new paragraph to this article as Section 2 and classifies the two existing paragraphs as Section 1 and 3. This new paragraph provides a written description of the seal of the Commander-in-Chief, which has been in use for many years. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any discussion?

Eric B. Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Eric Peterson, PDC, Georgia and South Carolina. So, am I to understand that this is approving the old seal? Or the seal that's up there right now?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It's the old seal.

Eric B. Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

All right. Well then I would stand in opposition to that. I believe this seal is better for many reasons. It's less cluttered. The old seal has twenty-six stars on there. Can anybody tell me why there's twenty-six stars on that? Thirteen stars, I understand why, having been retired Army. That ugly beret they made us wear with the blue flash that had thirteen stars. Why? The original thirteen colonies and states. So, I think this is a much more crisp seal and it gets to the purposes of the Order and the patriotic emblemism.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are you offering a substitute motion?

Eric B. Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

I would move that we adopt that seal that's currently in front your podium.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there a second?

Several

Second.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes. You're exactly right. Your point of order is taken, cause I know what you're gonna to say.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian. If we're going to make an amendment to amend the Regulations, I need specific language, not just adopt that seal. I need specific description language.

Eric B. Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

All right. I move that we substitute the thirteen stars seal as the seal of the Commander-in-Chief to replace the old seal of the Commander-in-Chief, which had twenty-six stars. Is that clear for the lawyers?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

No.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

No. Brother Eric, if you look at Section 2, it has a heraldic description of the old seal. Brother Pahl's point of order, which is well-taken, would say that a substitute motion would require a heraldic description of the seal in front of me as part of your motion.

Eric B. Peterson, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Then as part of the motion, I would describe the new seal as the badge of the Order in gold, bordered by a circle of 13 stars in red, all on a white background and within a gold band edged in blue and inscribed "SEAL OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF - SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR" separated by two stars on each side.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So we have a substitute motion to adopt that seal. No. (chuckling). The seal as described which constitutes this one in front of me. Okay? Instead of the C&R Committee's proposal, which is the existing old seal. So a motion to adopt or approve the substitute motion. A yes vote will approve the substitute motion. A no vote will reject the substitute motion. I have a Brother out there. Go ahead.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Gary Gibson, Department of Michigan, PDC, Past National Historian. I heard the

question thrown out, *Why were there twenty-six stars on that plaque?* And I think Brother Bob will back me on this. That was because when that was created, there were twenty-six Departments and each star represents a Department of the National Organization.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day, National Counselor. I would like to point out, for information to the body, that currently in the Constitution and Regulations, there is no official designation or description of the official seal of the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief seal here, if adopted, whichever seal you pick will then become the codified seal of the Order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Sorry, Brother Day, I'm gonna correct you. It would become the codified seal of the Commander-in-Chief, not of the Order.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Not of the order, but of the Commander-in-Chief. And as I said, in all of our seals and all the other items that are described in the C&R, there is no specific language that exists right now, until you adopt something, that explains what the seal of the Commander-in-Chief is. So, and to explain why there are fewer stars, and I had discussions with Brother Walz, we found out that Mr. Davis, the founder of our Organization, had a grandfather who was a Revolutionary War veteran. The original symbol that was produced by Mr. Davis, our founder, contained thirteen stars.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any further comments? We will now vote on the substitute motion. A yes vote will approve the substitute motion. A no vote will take us back to the original motion. All in favor of adopting that seal as described raise your voting cards for yes. All opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers. We don't need to adopt that one.

Encampment

(chatter).

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

All right. We are now ready for Proposal #30 on page fifty-six of your booklet. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. It affects Chapter 5, Article 18. If you

have the C&R, look at page 137. This change clarifies that the most current edition of Robert's Rules of the Order are the governing rules. The Committee recommends adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is there any discussion? All in favor of this proposal, raise your voting cards. All opposed. Okay.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Proposal 30 is adopted. And I believe that concludes the report of the C&R Committee. Yes Brother Campbell.

Tad D. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief. Before everybody gets excited here...I voted yes on Proposal #7 and I would move to reconsider so that language can be added to allow for...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...What page?

Tad D. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's on page forty-four. Specifically paragraph (a). to allow for the Department Counsel to also meet virtually if that's deemed appropriate.

Several

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All in favor of reconsidering motion 7, raise your cards. All opposed. Okay.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That passes. We can now reconsider Proposal 7. Brother Tad, would you please go ahead?

Tad D. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief

I would move that seven and paragraph (a), specifically the last sentence in paragraph (a), be amended to read, *at the discretion of the Council Chair or Committee Chair, that Council or Committee meetings may be held as virtual meetings.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Is there a second? Oh, I heard a second. Okay. Any discussion? No. All in favor of adding that language, raise your cards. All opposed.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That passes. Thank you, Brother Tad.

Robert E. Grim, Constitution and Regulations Committee

Commander, that now concludes our report. Thank you.

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Commander, point of order.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Point of order. Go ahead, Brother.

William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania

Bill Fischer, Pennsylvania Department, Junior Vice Commander. This is grueling, what we went through, but this is what we're all about. So in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, we need to thank the C&R Committee and all the input of all the Brothers. And given the Commander's gavel, appreciate that he did not invite Carrie Nation to this meeting.

Encampment

(laughter and applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry. I have no sympathy with Carrie Nation. Lizzie Borden, on the other hand...

Encampment

(Laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we have gotten through all of our Committees and our reports. This has taken us an hour and fifty minutes. Let's take twelve minutes. We'll come back. Everyone be here by Fifteen hundred, sorry. We could, except for Brother Martin. Brother Martin.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Commander-in-Chief...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...State your name.

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Kevin Martin, Council of Administration, Department of the Chesapeake. Could you direct the National Secretary to reread the announcement since the room was less than full...half full when we started up this last...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...because of tardy people...

Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS

...part of the session.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Secretary, you are so directed.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Jonathan Davis, National Secretary. Previous announcements. At the next break, which is this break, will all members of MOLLUS come up to the flags for a group picture? Additional photo op, the Department of Missouri would like to have its photo taken in front of the flags at the first break, which is this break after lunch. And extra goodie bags with contents are now available are being sold, if you want one which will cost \$15.00 each. And one additional announcement. The Department of Oklahoma is also asking any members to be in front of the flags for a photo op at the break.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Very good. It's ten 'till. We'll reconvene at five after. Now, we still have the Encampment Committee reports. We will do those starting at 1505 sharp, so be here. Okay?

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

[BREAK]

[three raps, ***]

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right. Past Commander-in-Chief Grim.

Robert E. Grim, National Encampment Committee

Commander, Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief. The C&R Encampment Committee had only one proposal, and we resolved that with the person who presented the issue. No action is necessary.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Resolutions Committee.

Donald W. Shaw, National Resolutions Committee

Commander, Don Shaw, Chair, Resolutions Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief. Resolutions Committee had five resolutions. I can read them if you like or I can summarize which might make a little more sense given our proposed action.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Summarizing his fine.

Donald W. Shaw, National Resolutions Committee

We had two resolutions from the Department of Ohio. They are basically resolutions of support for candidates from that Department. Brothers Shane Milburn and Peter Hritsko. And we determined that those do not require action by this Encampment. Those are for informational purposes only.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Donald W. Shaw, National Resolutions Committee

We have three resolutions from the Department of Illinois. All three resolutions have to do with modifying the criteria for awarding the War Medal. As we just covered in Proposal #23 with Constitution and Regulations, is awarded due to criteria that is approved by the Council of Administration. Therefore, our recommendation is that all three proposals be referred to the Council of Administration where they can be acted upon.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I accept your recommendation and all three resolutions are referred to the Council of Administration.

[one rap, *]

Donald W. Shaw, National Resolutions Committee

Thank you, Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Office...whoops! Brother in the back.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander, I'm looking for Frederick Lynch, because I got his wallet.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Donations will be accepted by Brother Beard.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay, moving on. Officers' Reports Committee, Brother Kennedy. Leo, one each.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

May I approach?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You may approach.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Thank you, sir. We're gonna go through the Officers' Reports recommendations. Brother Hritsko and Brother Mark Hale and I discussed this at length in the bar last, I mean before the bar, ...

Encampment

...(laughter)...

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

...last night. And the first one in your packet is going to be the Commander-in-Chief's recommendations, page number eight. The first one. A special committee with a term of five years to be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of independence of the United States. We concur. That's your part.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections, besides Mike Paquette? It is hereby referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

[one rap*]

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Ed.

Edward J. Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ed Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. A special committee is appointed by the National Encampment, not by the Commander-in-Chief. Therefore, the National Encampment has to act upon it.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette. So, this would need to be brought up as a special committee to the Encampment based on the recommendation.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That is correct. So, there's a recommendation for a special committee for a term of five years be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of independence. We've had some discussion on it. Any further discussion? All in favor? Opposed, same sign. Okay.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Did you assign a date to that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Five years.

Unknown

Five years.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

From?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

From the date, time, minute, and second when that gavel hit the...

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

You'll see me step back as he approaches with a tomahawk every time. Number two, a special committee be established to develop a plan for the Order to commemorate the centennial of the Lincoln Memorial in 2022 and to explore cooperation with other organizations and participation in any of the ceremonies. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections?

Edward J. Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief

Ed Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. There's term on it. I assume it's 2022.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Edward J. Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief

It has to be specified.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It will be for one year. Thank you. Okay. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, same sign. Passes for a term of one year, starting...

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Number three, the incoming Commander-in-Chief will reappoint the Virtual Meeting Committee to work on implementing the policy that will be adopted at this Encampment. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. And National Parliamentarian reminded me that we're under ad seriatim. So if there are no objections, it automatically passes. Any objections?

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

You've got one.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I've got one.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

How far can you throw that?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I can hit him from here.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. In the wording for the first two, you use *special committee*.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

We have two types of committees in this Order, a special and a standing. I assume that this is going to be a special committee and once again, term limit.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

To be determined by...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...the National Encampment...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

...the National Encampment. And I would move that it be a term of one year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. I accept that. Any objections as amended by Brother Darby? Hearing none, passes.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Number four, the Order advocate to the DOD, U.S. Army, Arlington National Cemetery,

and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath laying on Memorial Day. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Is this a requirement for a letter or something? (Indistinguishable)?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Letters, emails, phone calls, meetings. We have a Brother here who is on that...on that staff and can engage with us. Whatever it takes. Yes. Thank you for the clarification. Are there any objections to that?

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Passes ad seriatim.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

We're moving on to page number ten. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail. His recommendation, to have the incoming Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the National Committee on Membership create a booklet or instructional outline of the duties of a Camp and Department Junior Vice Commanders to assist them in their responsibilities. We agree, but we believe it's in the job description to do without a ruling. But, if he wants one...

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Any objections to Brother Bruce deferring his duties to his successor?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

No. That's a joke. Any objections to the motion? Passes.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

We are moving on to page number fourteen. The National Quartermaster, James Lyon, one recommendation. That as the large type of certificates should be used up and then changed to 8.5 to 11 inch, this would make framing easier and shipping less. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections? Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

We are moving on to page number seventeen. This is the National Signals Officer, Tim

McCoy, and we're going to go with number one. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of the SUVCW and attracting new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award to be presented at the annual National Encampment that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of the SUVCW through social media. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections?

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Number two was stricken yesterday. Number three, the incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a special National committee for a period of two years before, the period of two years was added in, on social media management, the Signal Corps. And then the appendix below that lists the criteria. Should anybody wish me to read this, I will. But we've made one correction to it. Do you want it read?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Read the correction only.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Okay. Correction only. Go to the page number eighteen. Last paragraph says, *The Committee and its activities shall complement the work of the National Committee on Marketing and Promotions, and the National Committee on Communications and Technology, and shall serve more than broadly upon request to help communicate via social media all the work of all National Committees.* To make up this committee, he had previously put in certain criteria so at least one member of the National Committee on Marketing and Promotions will be on the Committee, on the special national committee being established for social media, will be on that Committee as an aid.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections?

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

Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief cannot establish a two-year special committee. That would need to be a special committee established by this Encampment.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That is correct. The proposal said the Commander-in-Chief establish a special committee. So is should be the Encampment establish a special committee. Okay? Any further objections?

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brother Bruce Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This isn't an objection. It's a point of clarification. Who would pick the member of the Marketing Promotion Committee to be the eight?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You know, that is the work of the Committee. I assume that would be between the two Committee Chairs and the Commander-in-Chief would ultimately assign it when he lists the members of the Committees probably on recommendation, I should say, but of those Committee Chairs. Okay. All right. Any objections to the recommendation number three here, as amended by the Committee Encampment Officers' Reports Committee? Motion passes.

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Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

We are moving on to page number Thirty-two. This is from the National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin Martin. Recommendation, the MOA regarding the Springfield Lincoln Tomb Ceremony between the SUVCW and MOLLUS has now been in place for ten years. MOLLUS wishes to continue the joint event but with a review of the memorandum should be considered based on our ten years of experience with an eye towards any adjustments, if any are deemed necessary. In addition, we will need to verify that the Lincoln Tomb Committee provide its expense report in accordance with the MOA, which has been in place. We reviewed the MOA and we concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections? Passes.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

On page thirty-three, there were two recommendations that were withdrawn. So we're going to page thirty-five, which has two recommendations. Recommendation one was withdrawn. Recommendation number two. This is the National Webmaster, Harry W. Reineke, IV. The appropriate committee examine the role and job description of the National Webmaster to ensure it is made up to date as we move forward with the new website so that it can be approved at the 2022 National Encampment. At this time there are portions of the job descriptions that are customarily handled by the National Signals Officer and not the National Webmaster. This is because in the past, the two offices were nearly inseparable. It is time to examine this and update it accordingly. We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections? Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Page thirty-seven, this is from the National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch. Recommendation number one. This is the State of Missouri, at their Department Encampment, passed the below petition to create a National website to have all of our information on Form 61's and 62's either available to the public or to its members. I've been asking for some time to create, to be created since 2012, and the answer such as this puts it in the Memorial Officer and Committee's hands to do it. While giving the National Webmaster oversight, these files are especially needed by the Grants Committee and for member use. It can also be something the public could find beneficial and help and perhaps encourage members and the public to fill out these forms to further our goals. We recommend that this or a similar method be implemented by our Organization, and in this petition. The Committee approached Brother Busch and discussed two points on this petition. And I will refer to paragraph four, *Whereas the Department of Missouri has a website created that not only lists but also provides the entity of the Form 61 & 62 submitted by the Department of Missouri, and that any person may access or download it.* We were concerned with that *any person may access or download it.* That, with the conversation with Brother Busch, is removed. The second one is... I'm sorry.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Which part is removed? The whole...

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

...No, the last section, the words *that any person may access and download.*

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Okay. Go down to paragraph one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. This website could have its information available to either the public, recommended, or members only. The section *either the public, recommended, or* is to be removed and have it *available to members only.* And Brother Busch concurred with that. The rest of the resolution we had no problem with and recommended adoption.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are there any objections to adopting this proposal, as amended by the Committee?
Brother Kevin Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration

Brother Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I concur with most of the website information, and concur with the Committee. But we've had some issues with security and spam and people harvesting our information. I don't believe that Form 61 & 62 should be published at any point because it has information, personal information, for the people that are putting it in. Also, the general public filling out a Form 61 & 62 might be an issue, where trained people and within the Organization are putting that information forward as opposed to the general public and what information and the accuracy those kind of things can be questioned. So I would remove all references to 61 and 62 being published.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

That's the section we removed. That it would not be available for the public to add to, subtract, or review. It's for members only. So we address that issue.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Bures.

Loran T. Bures, Department of the Columbia

Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia. My recommendation is that the policy dealing with Form 61's, even to the membership, that the personally identified information: address; phone number; email of the submitter be redacted, and that only the name appear that the general membership can download. The unredacted version would be available to the Grant Committee and so on. I believe the Form 61's can also be made available to the public if they're properly redacted. Sixty-two's I did not believe the public should have access to. And So I think really we need to take a close look at those forms to make sure the privacy is taken care of.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Bures. Brother Kennedy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Brother Hritsko, do you concur with that? And Brother Hale, do you concur with that? The Committee concurs.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So that will be amended to change the wording to redacted Form 61's and 62's. All right. Brother Tim.

Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer

Commander, Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer, Department of the Chesapeake. Just a couple of clarifying questions on some of the wording here. There's a petition to provide for a functioning website. I assume this is not petitioning SUVCW to create that website. That the website is going to be created perhaps by Brothers, but the Organization as an organization is not responsible for creating the website, number one. Number two, I'm a little bit concerned that there is no language here that speaks to the relationship of this website to the SUVCW website. Will there be any kind of interface between this website or webpage and the SUVCW webpage? Is that provided for? Is it hoped for? Or is this to be completely standalone?

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

As the Committee understood the concept of this, it's in the infancy stage and beginning to be built and will have some quirks and additions later on. But to answer those questions, I will refer to the person standing behind you.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

Walt Bush, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. In answer the question, yes I would like to have it interfaced. It would be worked out with the Webmaster. The

Webmaster would be controlling the website, not me or anybody in my Committee. However, we would be doing the work to put the monuments, the Forms 61s and 62s, however you want 'em redacted onto the websites. Get it up and running. Hopefully, train Department Monuments Officers to use, once we get up our initial work to be done, that they could do some of the work themselves. And that all we'd have to do is go and review it and say okay.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thanks. In the back there, Brother Payne.

Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan, Past Department Commander. In reading this first paragraph under the petition, it states that the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, will provide a functioning website. So the Committee's obviously expecting the Department Webmaster or contractor to provide said functioning Website. Which asked earlier, it was like, *No, it's not*. But according to the petition, we're expecting our National Webmaster and Signals Officer to provide a working website. In the Department of Michigan, we are working very hard on trying to get something similar for our Graves Registration. And it's been a long, arduous process with an existing database. So, I don't know how they plan on having this to work with our membership providing said website.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian

James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. It's kind of a point of order/objection. The job description of the Monuments and Memorials Officer at the National level gives them the authority to create and maintain this website. So it seems like the Committee is asking the Officer to do his job. It's already provided for in National Regulations.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Point of order is well-taken. Brother Busch.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

Brother Busch, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. I have no problem with that. However, there's never been any funding provided that we can do any of this stuff. And for twelve years, I'll just tell you flat out. If something isn't done in the next year of some way, shape, or form, that we can start developing a website, not necessarily completely it, but at least start developing it, look for another Civil War Monuments Officer. Because it's been since 2012 that I've been asking for something like this. It needs to get done. The capability of some of these new websites where all I got to do is drag and drop files, makes it easy to create on my side. All I need is this...SUVCW is to provide funding to get it started and to tell me where they want it done, and who they want assigned to this project, or who they want me to okay or whatever, who they want me to train for it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, Brother Busch, you can always ask either the National Organization or the

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Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

I've been asking for it. And I've been working with trying to work with the Webmaster. It's not necessarily these Past Webmasters but my request's have been in since 2012 and it's renewed every year.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So bring that up under new business, if you want some money, to bring to the Encampment.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

No, tell you what. I've had enough time. I'd rather go on vacation.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

I'm serious.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry. I'm not trying to make light of it. I thought you were joking.

Walter E. Busch, National Committee on Civil War Memorials

I'm not making light of it. It's been trying developing a web-based database. I started working on a database, they don't want a database. So, or they couldn't complete a database that was good enough. So that's fine. So then we go to, Okay, I can do Forms 61s & 62s. I can do it really cheaply. I don't have a problem doing it. I don't have a problem doing the work. But if all we're gonna do is make fun of it, I'd just as soon spend my time on vacation, Lake Havasu, without having any allergies.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Reineke, in the back.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. I do want to say that I believe this is an admirable recommendation. I think it'd be something, if done right, would be very beneficial to our Order. That said, if I may refer to the first sentence of the second paragraph of my own report on page thirty-five. The current website is been primarily in maintain and not build mode as we still look forward to the work of the Website Redesign Committee to roll out a new and improved website in the coming months. I might recommend, if I'm allowed to, that this be given not to Common Tech or the National Webmaster, or even the Civil War Memorials Officer, but rather might be given to the Website Redesign Committee to implement into the new website as it gets rolled out.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Are you recommending amendment?

Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Yes, I would.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I'm gonna refer to the Committee. Will you accept that amendment?

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

Brother Hritsko, do you accept that amendment? Brother Hale?

Mark Hale, Officer's Reports Committee

I do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

We concur.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. All right. Brother Paquette.

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

Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Michael Paquette. I recommend that the Committee recommend this to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and it will get taken care of.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The National Encampment still must, Since there was an objection, we have to vote on it now? So, there's a motion to refer this to the incoming Website Redesign Committee. Any seconds? There was a second to that. Any further discussion on that one? Okay. It is referred to that Committee.

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Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

That is my page. The last recommendation is on page thirty-eight. Recommendation number two. Go halfway down. I'm not going to read the whole thing but it's about that monument for Kit Carson in Santa Fe, New Mexico. And I submitted documentation to the Commander-in-Chief Pierson before my January report who passed this documentation which was submitted to the Council of Administration supports that it was owned by the GAR and never transferred to anyone else. Therefore, we therefore should own it. The GSA would really like to know by letter or email whether or not we take the position that we own the monument. I am making no specific recommendation that we either own it or don't own it, as there are implications both ways, especially for potential costs. I'm making a recommendation that we take a stand on this at this Encampment and that we have the next Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, or the Civil War Memorials Officer inform the appropriate people at the courthouse of our decision. We debated this for quite some time and offer no opinion. Leave it to the body.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

So the recommendation is that we take a stand on it at this Encampment and then refer it to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Day.

Mark R. Day, National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief, this is Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Chesapeake. I believe that this may fall under your policy for lobbying and therefore I would recommend or make the motion that this be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief for his discussion with the C of A to make a determination of what direction to go with regard to ownership of this monument. And that then the incoming Commander-in-Chief would write the letters or whatever are necessary to the government, to the GSA to claim or not claim ownership.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Since that is part of the recommendation, I'm gonna take that as clarification on how to do that. All in favor of referring this to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, C of A, for action... No. It's ad seriatim. Okay. So, unless there is any objections to that. Are there any objections to that?

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Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

It is so referred.

Leo F. Kennedy, Officer's Reports Committee

And that, sir, concludes our report. Thank you so much.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother. Okay. Ritual and Ceremonies Encampment Committee, Brother Steve Michaels.

Stephen A. Michaels, Ritual and Ceremonies Encampment Committee

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Department of Wisconsin. This Committee is very pleased to report there were no proposals presented to this Committee.

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(laughter and applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Michaels. All right. I believe that concludes all of the Encampment Committee Reports. And unless anyone has any objection, we can move forward. At this time, I'd like to present some more annual awards. Therefore, I yield control to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief while I present some awards at the flag display. Brother Paquette, do you want the gavel of war or the gavel of peace?

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

Both.

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(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Hale, will you assist?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Chaplain Kowalski, would you please assist for this first set of awards?

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

This is a Chaplain William Corby Award and it is presented to Chaplain Dean Collins for outstanding ministry leadership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

He's not here. Will someone from Wisconsin please come up?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

In addition, we've had some nominations made today that Chaplain Kowalski has recommended for the award. These will be, due to the late of the day, I don't have certificates done yet. Those will be done later. But to Chaplain Samuel Lundy, out of the Department of New York. If he's not here, would somebody come up. And also, a representative from Pennsylvania for Chaplain Clark Brute; a representative from Kentucky for Chaplain Ed Lane; a representative from Oklahoma for Chaplain Bill Andrews; and a representative from Indiana for Chaplain Bob Winters.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

What the certificate is going to say is, *You have been recommended by your superiors for this award because of the extraordinary job that you have done. You're not gonna get much in this life, but your reward will be* (indistinguishable).

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Our next group of awards are the Meritorious Service Award. First awardee is Loren Bures. In recognition of exceptional service in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

John Conrad, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

John Edelman, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the mission and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Yeager R. Held, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the missions and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I believe he's out of Colorado.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Howard Porch, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the mission and objectives of the Civil War.

Mike Riley, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the missions and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Howard Black, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the missions and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Bruce Amsden, in recognition of exceptional service in upholding the missions and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Bruce, I saw you earlier. Someone from the Department?

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

Next awards of the Meritorious Service Award with a Gold Star which recognizes those Brothers for exceptional meritorious service, in-service, and significant accomplishments to the SUVCW as a whole as voted upon by the Council of Administration. Our first recipient: James McGuire, Department of Rhode Island, awarded per General Order #2 dated 25 October 2020. Citation reads, *During the period of March 2020 through October 2020 Brother McGuire served well and above the call of duty and ably assisting Departments and Camps with interactive video technology and spent countless hours setting up and conducting the 2020 virtual National Encampment, ensuring that the mission and business of the Order continued despite the serious disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother McGuire reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*

Joseph Hall, Department of Rhode Island, awarded per General Order #5 dated 20 November 2020. *During the period of March 2020 through October 2020, Brother Hall served well and above the call of duty and ensuring the success of the first ever-virtual National Encampment. He relentlessly coordinated with each Department to ensure the specific requirements of this Encampment were fully understood. He ensured that each Department was able to be represented by its full complement of delegates. He made sure that if a Department's delegate could not attend, that the appointed alternate had the correct information to attend and was registered. Furthermore, his efforts in checking in registered attendees assured a smoothly running National Encampment, ensuring that the mission and business of the Order continued despite the serious disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Hall reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*

Henry Shaw from Ohio. *For many years, Brother Shaw served well and above the call of duty ably orchestrating the annual Remembrance Day Program in Gettysburg, one of the signature events of the Allied Orders. He traveled to Gettysburg several times each year to coordinate the arrangements with the National Park Service, city government, and civic organizations. Due to his steadfast efforts, the Remembrance Day ceremonies have flourished.*

Furthermore, Brother Shaw's leadership as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee has assured that the Sons of Veterans Reserve has remained strong and active. The actions, ability, and dedication of Brother Shaw reflect great credit upon himself and the SUVCW.

Okay. Next is the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award and it is awarded to Brothers with over thirty years of exceptional, continuous performance, and dedicated to the Order. Andrew Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief and James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Augustus P. Davis Award is awarded to the Department with the most new members in the year since the last National Encampment. And this year it's awarded to the Department of New York with ninety-four new members.

The U.S. Grant Cup is awarded to the Department with the greatest percentage increase in the year since the last National Encampment. And this year it goes to the Department of Alabama with 28% increase.

The Under 40 Award is awarded to the Department with the most new members under the age 40 in the last year since the last National Encampment and this year to the Department of Chesapeake with twelve new members.

The Marshal Hope Award for best newsletter at the Department level, Georgia and South Carolina.

The Marshal Hope Award for best newsletter at the Camp level, Robert Finch Camp #14, Traverse City, Department of Michigan.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The competition at the Camp level newsletter was very fierce. There are so many outstanding newsletters out there.

The Horace Greeley Award for best Website at the Department level, the Department of Columbia.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All I can say is when you have a Microsoft engineer as your webmaster, It helps.

Mark Hale, National Chief of Staff

The Horace Greeley Award for best Website at the Camp level, and I'm gonna massacre this name I swear, General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, Department of Pennsylvania. Did I even get close?

The Joseph S. Ripley Award to the best Camp chartered in the year since the last National Encampment: Private John N. Eckes Camp #10, Winfield, Department of Kansas.

The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award for the best Camp in the Order is awarded to the Major General William T. Sherman Camp 93, Department of Ohio.

That's it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

That's it. Brothers, first I'm taking back control. Thank you, Brother Paquette. I have the gavels. Got my war gavel out for this. For all Department Commanders here, I want to pass along the word and to anyone who's up-and-coming. It is one of the duties that every Department Commander, every Camp Commander should do is recognize excellence and

support and forward nominations. You will notice there was no Cornelius Whitehouse Award because I received, that's for the best Brother in the Order, because I received zero nominations. Okay? I'm not obligated to award it. So there isn't one. I would like you Departments in this next year to commit yourselves again, I know COVID probably took us out of our battle rhythm. Let's get the battle rhythm going back again and make sure we recognize our Brothers and our Organization better. This is one of the things that a Department Commander is a test of leadership in my eyes. My job description at Boeing is a professional nag. I consider myself having done my job just now.

The floor is now open for the introduction of new business. Is there any new business to be brought before this body?

Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I'd like to request \$1000.00, probably take less, but \$1000.00 be added to the National Webmaster's account so that we can make a Civil War Memorials Website together, webpage, whatever you want to call.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hear a motion and a second. Discussion, please. Go ahead.

Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I want to highlight a few things in this request. Number one, monuments. We all know what's going on with monuments right now. They're here today; they're going tomorrow. So dealing with the monuments; preserving our monuments; mark your monuments is one of the most important things we've got going on right now. Secondly, I want to point out since 2012, so whatever the protocol procedure was, Brother Busch's been wanting this money since 2012. The Commander-in-Chief has said you're basically making a resolution asking somebody to do his job. Well, he said, *I'm willing to do my job. I need this money to do my job.* Number three, you just had somebody say, *I am willing to do all the work.* I don't know if you guys know how much work goes into writing down those monuments, marking them. I don't know if you've ever seen the Department of Missouri's website. But there is a whole bunch of work, tedious, not fun work, that goes into doing this. He just said, *I'm willing to do all the work.* It's fun to come up here and say, *Well, I'll refer it to another committee or We'll talk about it later.* Whatever. But you got somebody right now who is willing to do all the work. All he wants is \$500.00 and he's been asking for it since 2012. This isn't a hard decision. I stand in support of Walt Busch.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

You're a bad contract negotiator because you just... I didn't even make a counter offer and you already cut your offer down from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.

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(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

But I'll discount that. Any further comments? Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander in Chief, I'm tired. Walt, you're cheap. I would like to change that request to \$5000.00. I think when you asked for it for twelve years, \$5000.00 is a good place to start.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm making a motion for \$5000.00.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. So we got a motion to amend the original motion from \$1,000.00 or less to \$5,000.00. All in favor of the amendment, signify by raising your voting cards. All opposed. So the motion is now amended to \$5000.00. Back to the original motion. Brother Harry.

Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, National Webmaster. I could not hear Brother Walt Busch. Where did he say he wanted that money specifically to go to? Can we please amend that to say the National Website Redesign Committee, since I'm anticipating it will be they doing the work? I would offer that as an amendment to the amended motion, if that's lawful.

Several

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So, we have a motion and a seconded for the amendment there. All in favor of changing the name. The original motion from the National Webmaster to the National Website Redesign Committee, raise your cards if you agree. Okay. Thank you. All opposed. Okay. The amendment carries. Further discussion. We will now proceed to vote on the original motion, as amended twice. Okay? Do I need to restate the motion or have you got it? You got it. All in favor of \$5000.00 to the National Website Redesign Committee to support the development of a monuments database or website, whatever it is, signify by raising your cards. All opposed. Walt, put your card down.

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(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I am happy to say...

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Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...motion passes. Thank you, Brothers. Is there any other new business to come before the Order? Oh, I couldn't tell if you were walking there. Okay. At this time, I'm closing that. We're almost there. Because of the lateness of the hour, I will... The only break we'll have will be right before the elections.

But we'll get a move into nominations right now. This is just for nominations. This way delegates will have time to discuss any contested offices prior to the elections. At this time, nominations are now open for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the role of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Commander. Eric Alford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama. At this time, the Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Chesapeake.

D. Michael Beard, Department of Chesapeake

Commander, Michael Beard, National Treasurer, Department of the Chesapeake. I stand to nominate Michael Paquette for Commander-in-Chief. Michael has a long and rich history with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He is a charter member of the Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake. Also serves as its Secretary, its Treasurer, and its Commander. He's a charter member of the Colonel James Crowther Camp #89, Department of Pennsylvania. He's a member of the General Zenas Bliss Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island. He is the Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. He has served as the National Chief of Staff, a member of the National Site Committee, a member of the National Programs and Policy Committee. He was the host, Chairman of the Host Committee for two National Encampments that bracketed the Sesquicentennial, the 2011 in Reston and the 2015 in Richmond. His Department awarded him the two highest awards we give, the Andrew Johnson Award and the Schlenker Award. He also won the National Meritorious Service Medal from the National Order. He is a member of the Irish Rifles, our SVR group and he's the former Commander of the 2nd Military District. I have known him for over a decade. He and I have marched in numerous parades, pitched a lot of tents to have recruiting booths at Civil War reenactments. I know him personally as a devoted father and husband. He is a lector at St. Patrick's Church. He is a twenty-year Marine veteran, retired Master Sergeant. He holds a Master's Degree. He is about to celebrate his thirty-seventh anniversary with his wife, Pat. He has put 4 1/4 kids through college. That means he's still writing tuition checks. He has five children, one grandchild, and two cats. He's been a Boy Scout leader for years. He is an accomplished tuba player. When I first met him, he had a small car with a vanity tag, said *tuba case*. I asked him what that meant, and he says, *That car can carry a tuba*. Okay. He is a charter member of the Fredericksburg concert band and its past president. *The Fredericksburg Star-Telegram*, our local newspaper, did a full spread on his family as they are all members of that band and a picture of them all out there in concert. He is a charter member and CFO of the band of America's Few. That's retired Marine members, United States Marines, out there in a band.

They are really great to listen to. For sixteen years, he was a band parent, which meant that he was the pit crew, and prop builder, and instrument hauler for a high schools band for sixteen years. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. And lastly, I've been in his basement. He is a master model tank builder. He has more tanks than General Patton and they are better built. This is a man who will lead us well and enrich our Order. Michael Paquette.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Paquette, if elected, will you serve?

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

I will.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other offices in the Order?

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

I'm currently the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Continue the role.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Columbia.

Department of the Columbia

Department of the Columbia passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Connecticut.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Not present.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Not present. Department of Florida.

Unknown

(Indistinguishable).

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Illinois.

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Indiana.

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Iowa.

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Kansas.

Department of Kansas

The Department of Kansas passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Kentucky.

Department of Kentucky

Department of Kentucky passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Maine.

Department of Maine

Department of Maine passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Michigan.

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Missouri.

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Nebraska.

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Absent.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of New Jersey.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Not present.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of New York.

Department of New York

Department of New York passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina
Department of North Carolina passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Ohio.

Department of Ohio
Department of Ohio passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Oklahoma.

Department of Oklahoma
Department of Oklahoma passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Pennsylvania.

Department of Pennsylvania
Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Rhode Island.

Department of Rhode Island
Department of Rhode Island passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Tennessee.

Department of Tennessee
Department of Tennessee passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Texas.

Department of Texas
Department of Texas passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Vermont.

Department of Vermont

Department of Vermont passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin.

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Absent.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Camps-at-Large.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There are no Camps-at-Large present.

Unknown

The Department of Southwest was not called.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

You are correct. Department of the Southwest.

Department of the Southwest

The Department of the Southwest passes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's the roll call of Departments.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Are there any other nominations for Commander-in-Chief? Okay. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are hereby closed.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

At this time, I will entertain a motion where there is only one candidate for elected office,

the Secretary cast a single vote for that Officer.

Multiple Brothers

So moved.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Moved.

Multiple Brothers

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. It has been moved and seconded. Okay. All in favor, raise your card. All opposed. Thank you, Brothers. Motion passes.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Now you're good. Nominations are now open for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the role of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

California is no longer popular.

Encampment

(laughter).

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Commander, Eric Alford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama. At this time, the Department of Alabama defers to the Department of Rhode Island.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

The Department of Rhode Island thanks Alabama.

Encampment

(laughter).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

When's the last time you heard that?

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

That's why I said it. Never heard it before.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

My Brothers, you have a unique opportunity today to elect a person to be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief who you all know; some of you may even like. I asked him to give me some thoughts, you know, that he wanted me to say and he says, *I don't have any*. So, I am on my own.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

You never know where this is going to go but Bruce Frail, the current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He has served this country in the U.S. Marines as well as the new Commander-in-Chief, we thank you all. But he also serves in his local community. He was on the volunteer fire department; was a hazardous materials officer with the department. And still I think plays with hazardous materials but...

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

He's married with a lovely wife, Anna; three children, all who belong to the Allied Orders. So it's not just him and his family that's doing all this, it's the whole family that's involved in all of this. One of his sons should be here today and I wish he was because I think it would've been great to see the two Frails exactly opposite each other at this Encampment. But his son is a pain in the ass so...

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

He is the Past Department Commander from Rhode Island. He's the current Treasurer in Rhode Island. He and I worked together well as I got forced to be the current Secretary. So, he and I get together quite a bit. And when I say we get together quite a bit, there are bourbon where we discuss the empty bottles and how they got there.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

Well, he owns his own business. He likes to do research. He travels a great deal. And he's very active in everything he does. It's not just passive for him. He becomes involved into everything. He gets very embellished into it and I think he's going to do a great job if we elect him as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He has served this Order well. You saw some of his reports today and how intricate they are. It's not just casual. He thinks about it. Researches it. And gets it done. So, I would ask for your support for Brother Bruce Frail.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Frail, if elected, will you serve?

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes, I will.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other offices in the Order?

Bruce D. Frail, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I am currently Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Department Treasurer.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Okay.

There were no other Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Nominations are now open for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the role of Departments for the purpose of making nominations.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Department of Alabama passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Ohio.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Obviously, Ohio didn't recognize Alabama.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio

I am crushed because I didn't get to hear that gentleman yell, *Roll Tide*.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter).

Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio

The Department of Ohio, home of Joe Burrow, the Heisman Trophy winner, would like to put into nomination Peter Hritsko. Now, the *H* in his name is silent, like the ancient elephant. But anyway...

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio

So, it's Hritsko. This gentleman is very calm, collected, kind of laid back. But he was the Department Commander of Ohio. And when you have six Past Commanders-in-Chief in your Department, one who holds the title of the longest-serving Past Commander-in-Chief, two from the same family, three from the same Camp and then we got Bob Grim back there.

Encampment

(laughter).

Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio

And if you keep those six guys in line, you can handle just about anything. He also was the MOLLUS Ohio Department Commander. He is a member of the Michigan MOLLUS. I don't get around much. But his family paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather was killed. He was a member of the 8th Ohio OVI and died. So he's probably one of the few people in this Organization that has at least held an office here that had a relative that actually died in the Civil War from combat. I really question whether I should be up here. I'm trying to get the guy elected. He could've picked someone better than me to come up here and do it. But when it all comes down to it, the best thing is to give your vote to Pete. He'll do the job. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Hritsko, if elected, will you serve?

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Council of Administration

Yes.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And you noticed I could pronounce your name properly? Do you hold, currently hold, any other offices in the Order?

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Council of Administration

Currently the CofA.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any Departmental offices?

Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Council of Administration

No.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Continue the roll call of Departments.

There were no other nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The roll call is now complete. This closes nominations.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

And because I forgot to say that for Bruce...

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...nominations for Senior Vice are also closed. Okay. Nominations are now open for the Council of Administration. The length of terms for the following Brothers ends two seats will be open. Leaving office will be Peter Hritsko. This will be a three-year term. And Brother Henry Duquette. This will also be a three-year term. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for the Council of Administration.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Commander, Eric Alford, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Alabama. The Department of Alabama defers to the Department of Kentucky.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Thank you. Commander-in-Chief, the Department of Kentucky has asked me to speak for them on behalf of Chris Workman. I met Chris several years ago at the Department of Kentucky Encampment and I was struck with his forward thinking, his energy, his vigor, and his love for the Order. Since then he has not let me down. He has worked very hard within the Marketing and Promotion Committee and also as a member of the Social Media Project. Everything that we have asked him to do, he has devoted himself to. And I believe that he would be a major asset to the Council of Administration. And I would like to enter his name in for nomination.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Continue the roll call. Continue the roll.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

Department of the Chesapeake

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Columbia.

Department of the Columbia

Department of the Columbia passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Illinois.

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Indiana.

Department of Indiana
Department of Indiana passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Iowa.

Department of Iowa
Department of Iowa passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Kansas.

Department of Kansas
The Department of Kansas passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Maine.

Department of Maine
Department of Maine passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts
Department of Massachusetts passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Michigan.

Department of Michigan
Department of Michigan passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Missouri.

Department of Missouri
Department of Missouri passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary
Department of Nebraska.

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of New York.

Jeffrey French, Department of New York

Jeff French, Senior Vice Commander for Department of New York. I would like to nominate Brother Daryl VerStreate, who's the current National Assistant Quartermaster. He's also Past Department Commander of New York. He's filled many positions in the New York, all way up to Department Commander. He's been a member of the Sons of Union since 2004. He understands that to retain members and promote growth, opinions matter, and concerns must be heard. I can assure you, he will listen and follow through on his promises. Along with other groups, besides Sons of Unions the Veterans Civil War, he's been involved heavily with the ROTC program and getting the Air Force approved organization for the presentation of the awards. Nearly two years of work, and it was extreme pleasure of his to finally get that approved. Over the past several years, he has worked boots on the ground actively restoring and replacing hundreds of headstones in the U.S. veterans of the 18th and 19th century in the New York State and as far away as Australia. He has helped place historical markers at the Civil War GAR Hall, working with the local historian. In 2013, he was able to obtain proof and the ownership of the GAR plot in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, Monroe County, New York. Not only remembering the sacrifices of the ancestors, but preserving the very foundation of their sacrifices for our liberties, extremely important to the future generation. He's held many positions. He's also member of the Son's American Revolution. He's the First Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol. He's in the Mayflower Society, founders of the Hartford, Kentucky Colonel, 2014 Congressional recognition for raising over \$5,000.00 for local the VA. And he's also a Past Legion Department Commander. He's a good man and I support and nominate him.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother VerStreate, ... And I'll have to ask Chris Workman here in a minute because I forgot. Brother VerStreate, if elected, will you serve?

Daryl VerStreate, Jr., Department of New York

Commander, yes I will.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do you hold any other offices in the Order?

Daryl VerStreate, Jr., Department of New York

Department of New York Council of Administration and current National Assistant Quartermaster.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. And since I neglected to do it before. Brother Workman, if elected, will you serve?

Chris Workman, Department of Kentucky

Yes, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices in the Order?

Chris Workman, Department of Kentucky

Department Signals Officer and Department (indistinguishable).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you. My apologies for neglecting that earlier. Continue the role.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina

Department of North Carolina passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Ohio.

Robert E. Grim, Department of Ohio

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. The Department of Ohio would like to place in nomination the name of Shane Milburn for a term on the Council of Administration. You've had an opportunity here today to see the type of work that Shane does. He's serving as the National Guard back here at the door; keeping the rebels and the riffraff out.

Encampment

(laughter).

Robert E. Grim, Department of Ohio

One rebel got in early and he got him out real quick though.

Encampment

(laughter).

Robert E. Grim, Department of Ohio

Shane has also passed out a flyer, you may just see some of the background. He's a former Marine; did a great job serving our country. He's a Past Camp Commander. He served as Department Commander of Ohio. If you were at the SVR breakfast this morning, you had an opportunity to see his son who received the John L. Klem Award for being the most outstanding young Junior Member in our Order last year. The chips don't fall too far from the tree, they say. So if you saw that little boy this morning, you know the type of person that Shane is. Now in addition to his work as a Member of his Camp and Member of the Department, he's also involved in the SVR, not only as a Unit Commander, but as the Adjutant of the 3rd Military District. Now to give you a clue about his work as an SVR person, the unit that he belongs to

does some of the most outstanding things you can imagine. On Memorial Day, for example, they placed wreaths on the graves of four Medal of Honor recipients in one county, along with the Last Soldier of the Civil War of that county. Then in the afternoon, they go to the neighboring county and placed wreaths on two Civil War generals plus the Last Soldier of that county. I might mention one of those generals is a fellow named James Denver, in case you're from Colorado. Denver, Colorado was named after that fellow. Not only does he do that sort of thing, but they constantly do living history programs, stuff that gets out into the community. And to give you an idea how expensive this is, they're in the newspaper on the front page three or four times a year. The Ohio House of Representatives passed a resolution about three years ago, recognizing the outstanding work that his unit's been doing. Not only did the house do that, but the Ohio Senate did a similar thing. So, not only are we, members of our Order recognizing him, the community recognizes what he does. Not only does he do this outstanding work for us, but he serves the community. He probably wouldn't want me to tell this, but he's also a deputy sheriff; has been for many years. I solicit your vote for Shane Milburn for the office of Council of Administration.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Milburn, if elected, will you serve?

Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio

Commander-in-Chief, yes I will.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other offices in the Order?

Shane L. Milburn, Department of Ohio

Department Council, Department of Ohio; Secretary, Henry Casey Camp #92; and Quartermaster of Sherman Camp #93. And National Guard.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma.

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania.

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island.

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

My Brothers, I am honored to be in front of you again.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The honor is all yours.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

But it gives me great honor to offer up the name for nomination for the Council of Administration of Joseph, I got to get the middle name correct, Joseph S. Hall, Junior. You all know him. Nobody get in this room without going by him or you're unregistered and we'll fix that later. But he's been an active member of the Order since joining in 1998. His lineal descended from his four great grand uncles: Sam Judson Hall, John Dylan Hall, George Washington Hall, and Stephen Carpenter Hall, all who served with the 25th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He's currently a member of the General Zenas Bliss Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island, and served as the Camp's Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice, Chaplain, and the Eagle Scout Coordinator. He was elected as the Department Junior Vice Commander in 2003, Senior Vice Commander in 2004, and then the Commander in 2005. He was elected as the Department Secretary from 2007 to '14. And I heard he wants it back.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

He does Memorial Day services for multi-organizations and plays a phenomenal bugle. He's got talents. It hurts me to say this, but he plays in community bands on village greens and he really is very, very good with the bands. And helps us out with all of the services and ceremonies with the bugle. He's served the National Order on the Programs and Policies Committee in 2006-'08; was National Aide-de-Camp for myself when I was Commander-in-Chief; and has served on the Credentials Committee since 2009; and the Chair of that committee since 2015. He was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation from 2018 from Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day; a Certificate of Appreciation at 2019, from Commander-in-Chief, Donald W. Shaw. And today, you saw him get the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star from Commander-in-Chief Pierson. Brother Hall spent seven years in the United States Navy. They kept him in submarines underwater, but he still served.

Encampment

(laughter).

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

He earned four letters of commendation, 3C service ribbons, and a good conduct medal, but I'm still doubting that one. He received an honorable discharge December 15, 1987. He has an Associate of Science degree in human services and has been employed by the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts, Department of Developmental Services for twenty-three years. He's a Past President of the Mendon, Massachusetts Lions Club. He's a Master Mason with Lafayette Lodge 47 in Cumberland, Rhode Island as well as a member of the Scottish Rite in Cranston, Rhode Island, the northern Masonic District. He's married, has a lovely wife, who I like far more than I like Joe...

Encampment

...(laughter)...

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island

...six children and six grandchildren. And I asked for your support for Brother Joseph Hall.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Hall.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island

Commander.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

If elected, will you serve?

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island

Yes, Commander-in-Chief.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do you hold any other offices in the Order?

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island

I hold the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Rhode Island; the Chaplain for the Zenas Bliss Camp #12, Department of Rhode Island; and the chair for the National Credentials Committee.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you very much. Continue the roll.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Southwest.

Department of the Southwest

Department of the Southwest passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Tennessee.

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Texas.

Department of Texas

Department of Texas with Louisiana passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Vermont.

Department of Vermont

Department of Vermont passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin.

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

And that's the roll call of Departments.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

The role being concluded, nominations for Council of Administration are...

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

...closed. We're not going to break. Okay. This will ensure a speedy election, because everyone will want to get out. When I proceed with the election of Officers, Guard, secure the door. Check outside. Make sure everyone's in and then secure the door. Thanks.

Shane Milburn, National Guard

No one's in the hallway, sir.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Allow no one to enter. No one will be barred from leaving the room. But if you do leave, you will not be allowed to reenter until the elections have been completed. Credentials Committee, will please read the list of Departments with their voting strength.

Robert M. Petrovic, National Encampment Site Committee

Commander, Bob Petrovic. We need to speed this up. We're supposed to be out of this room by 5:00 o'clock in order for them to reset this. So, the longer we take, we're gonna have to be moving the banquet back.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

All right. I'm gonna make this quick and painless. I'm gonna read who you have and what your total vote is. And I'm gonna ask you to stand at the same time so I can count; make sure you're all here. Fair enough? Okay. Department of Alabama, please stand.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All members of the Department stand.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Department of Alabama: One Past Department Commander, three delegates, four people. All set? Good.

Department of California and Pacific: one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one delegate. Three? Good.

Department of Chesapeake: one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, and two delegates for a total of nine.

Colorado and Wyoming: you got one delegate, one vote. Correct? Okay.

Department of Columbia: one Department Commander, one vote. Okay. Department of Connecticut's not here. Florida's not here.

George and South Carolina: one CinC, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders for a total of five.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There are four standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

All right. So a total of four for them.

Department of Illinois: should have one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, six delegates for a total of eleven. So a total vote of nine.

Department of Indiana. Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, two delegates for a total of seven.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I see seven.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Seven? Okay. Department of Iowa: one Past Department Commander, three delegates for a total of four.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

There's one standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

One. Okay. So a vote of one. Department of Kansas: four Past Department Commanders, three delegates for a total of seven.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seven.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Seven. Okay.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Department of Kentucky: one Department Commander, six Past Department Commanders, one delegate for a total of eight.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I see seven standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Seven. Department of Maine: you've got one Past Department Commander, one delegate for a total of two.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Two standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Okay. Providence of Massachusetts: you've got two PCinCs, three Past Department Commanders, three delegates for a total of thirteen. Is that correct?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I see eight.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Eight? Okay. Department of Michigan: should have two PCinCs, four Past Department Commanders, seven delegates for a total of thirteen.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I count thirteen.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Okay. Department of Missouri: should have two PCinCs, one Department Commander, seven Past Department Commanders, ten delegates for a total of twenty.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Oh! Twenty.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Twenty. All right. Department of Nebraska: you've got one Past Department Commander, one vote.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

One vote.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Okay. Department of New Jersey's not here. New Hampshire's not here.
New York: you have one Past Department Commander, one delegate for a total of two.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now I see two standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Department of North Carolina: Henry. Thank you.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

One.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Department of Ohio. You should have three PCinCs, one Department Commander, nine Past Department Commanders, five delegates for a total of eighteen?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I count eighteen.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Eighteen. Okay. Oklahoma: one Department Commander and two delegates for the total of three. Although you have five here, you've reached your limit.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

They've got three standing.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

All right. So, Three. Pennsylvania, you've got one Department Commander; three delegates for a total of four?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

They got four.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Four. Department of Rhode Island, one PCinC; three Past Department Commanders for a total of four?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

One, two, three, four.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

One, two, three, four. Southwest, you've got one Department Commander; one Past Department Commander; three delegates for a total of five.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I count five.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Five. Okay. Department of Tennessee, one Department Commander; two delegates for a total of three.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I count three.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Good. Three. Department of Texas, two Past Department Commanders; four delegates for a total of six?

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I count five.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

You're missing one. So, five. Vermont. You have one delegate for a total of one.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

He's there.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

Okay. Wisconsin, you've got one PC&C; three PDCs; eight delegates for a total of twelve.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I'm counting ten back there.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

All right. So, ten. So, that's it.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you, Brother Hall.

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., National Credentials Committee

You're welcome.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We will now proceed with the election for the seats on the Council of Administration. We have four candidates to fill two seats. This is how we'll proceed. I will give you five minutes to caucus. All names will be in on the first vote. The person getting the highest number of votes shall automatically take the; seat. Then we will conduct a second vote. I will give you a second chance to caucus before we take the second vote. The person who gets the highest number of the remaining two in the second...or the remaining votes in the second vote

will take the second seat. Is everyone understand the process? Okay. At this time, you may caucus.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

What is the total count?

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

One fifty-three.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

We have 153 total votes here right now. Secretary, please call the first roll of Departments.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Department of Alabama casts its four votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific casts three for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of the Chesapeake.

Department of the Chesapeake

Department of the Chesapeake casts five votes for Daryl VerStreate, two votes for Chris Workman, two votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Department of Colorado/Wyoming casts one vote for Brother Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Brother Workman. Department of the Columbia.

Department of the Columbia

Department of the Columbia casts one vote for Brother for Brother Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Brother Chris Workman. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina cast four votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's four votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Illinois.

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois cast six votes for Workman, one for Milburn, and two for Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That is six votes for Workman, one for Milburn, and two for Hall. Department of Indiana.

Department of Indiana

The Department of Indiana, the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln, casts seven votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's seven votes for Shane Milburn. Department of Iowa.

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa cast one vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman. Department of Kansas.

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas posts seven votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's seven votes for Chris Workman. Department of Kentucky.

Department of Kentucky

The Department of Kentucky cast seven votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's seven votes for Chris Workman. Department of Maine.

Department of Maine

Two votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Shane Milburn. Department of Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts casts eight votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's eight votes for Shane Milburn. Department of Michigan.

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan casts thirteen votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's thirteen votes for Shane Milburn. Department of Missouri.

Department of Missouri

The Department of Missouri case 18 votes for Shane Milburn, two votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Chris Workman, eighteen for Shane Milburn. Department of Nebraska.

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas cast one vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman. Department of New York.

Department of New York

Department of New York casts two votes for Brother Daryl VerStreate.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Daryl VerStreate. Department of North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina

Department of North Carolina casts one vote for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Shane Milburn. Department of Ohio.

Department of Ohio

The Department of Ohio casts eighteen votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's eighteen votes for Shane Milburn. Department of Oklahoma.

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma casts three votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's three votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Pennsylvania.

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department casts four votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Four Votes for Joe Hall. Department of Rhode Island.

Department of Rhode Island

Rhode Island casts two votes for Joe Hall, two votes for Shane Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Shane Milburn, two votes for Joseph Hall. Department of the Southwest.

Department of the Southwest

The Department of the Southwest casts three votes for Daryl VerStreate and two votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Chris Workman, three for Daryl VerStreate. Department of Tennessee.

Department of Tennessee

The Department of Tennessee casts three votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's three votes for Chris Workman. Department of Texas.

Department of Texas

Department of Texas and Louisiana casts five votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's five votes for Chris Workman. Department of Vermont.

Department of Vermont

Vermont casts one vote for Milburn.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Shane Milburn. Department of Wisconsin.

Department of Wisconsin

The Department of Wisconsin casts ten votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's ten votes for Joe Hall. And that's the roll call of Departments.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Please call the numbers.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Numbers. Chris Workman had thirty-eight votes. Daryl VerStreate had ten. Shane Milburn had seventy-one. And Joseph Hall had thirty.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Congratulations Brother Milburn.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Okay. At this point, does it...you people still need to caucus?

Multiple Brothers

Yeah.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I heard a yes. You've got four minutes to caucus. Please continue to caucus. But I have a paid public service announcement from the Quartermaster store. Recruiting brochures are free. Grab them while you can, when you can.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Secretary, call the role of Departments.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Department of Alabama.

Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama

Alabama casts four votes for Brother Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's four votes for Brother Workman. Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific casts three for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's three for Joe Hall. Department of the Chesapeake.

Department of the Chesapeake

Department of the Chesapeake casts five votes for Workman, four for Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's five votes for Brother Workman, four votes for Brother Hall. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Colorado/Wyoming casts one vote for Brother Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Brother Workman. Department of the Columbia.

Department of the Columbia

Department of the Columbia casts one vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts four votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's four votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Illinois.

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois cast five votes for Workman and four for Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's five votes for Brother Workman, four for Brother Hall. Department of Indiana.

Department of Indiana

The Department of Indiana casts six votes for Chris Workman and one vote for Daryl VerStreate.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's six votes for Workman, one vote for Daryl VerStreate. Department of Iowa.

Department of Iowa

Iowa casts one vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman. Department of Kansas.

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas posts six votes for Workman, and one for Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's six votes for Workman, one for Hall. Department of Kentucky.

Department of Kentucky

The Department of Kentucky casts seven votes for Brother Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's seven votes for Chris Workman. Department of Maine.

Department of Maine

Department of Maine casts two votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Hall. Department of Massachusetts.

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts casts eight votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's eight votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Michigan.

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan casts one vote for Chris Workman, twelve votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman, twelve votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Missouri.

Department of Missouri

The Department of Missouri casts twenty votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's twenty votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Nebraska.

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska casts its lone vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Chris Workman. Department of New York.

Department of New York

Department of New York casts two votes for Brother Daryl VerStreate.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Daryl VerStreate. Department of North Carolina.

Department of North Carolina

Department of North Carolina casts one vote for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Joseph Hall. Department of Ohio.

Department of Ohio

The Department of Ohio casts eighteen votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's eighteen votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Oklahoma.

Department of Oklahoma

The Department of Oklahoma casts three votes for Joseph Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's three votes for Joseph Hall. Department of Pennsylvania.

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department casts four votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's four votes for Joe Hall. Department of Rhode Island.

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island casts three votes for Joe Hall and one vote for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That is one vote for Chris Workman, three votes for Joseph Hall. Department of the Southwest.

Department of the Southwest

The Department of the Southwest casts five votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's five votes for Chris Workman. Department of Tennessee.

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee casts three votes for Chris Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's three votes for Chris Workman. Department of Texas.

Department of Texas

Department of Texas and Louisiana casts five votes for Brother Workman.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's five votes for Brother Workman. Department of Vermont.

Department of Vermont

Department of Vermont casts one vote for Brother Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's one vote for Brother Hall. Department of Wisconsin.

Department of Wisconsin

The Department of Wisconsin votes two votes for Chris Workman, eight votes for Joe Hall.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

That's two votes for Chris Workman, eight votes for Joseph Hall. And that's the final Department.

Brian C. Pierson, Commander-in-Chief

Tally the numbers please.

Jonathan C. Davis, National Secretary

Votes came out fifty-four votes for Chris Workman, three for Daryl VerStreate, and ninety-six for Joseph Hall.

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Brother Hall is hereby elected.

[one rap, *]

Encampment

(applause).

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I will accept a motion from the floor that the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment and that the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit its final report within forty-eight hours.

Multiple Brothers

So moved.

Several

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

Seconded. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed. Next, I will accept a motion that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary be sent to the Host Committee and to the hotel, thanking them for an outstanding job.

Multiple Brothers

So moved.

Unknown

Second.

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

All in favor. All opposed. So done. Both motions carry.

[one rap, *]

Brian C. Pierson, National Commander-in-Chief

I hereby turn the gavel over to our installing Officer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Leo Kennedy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Commander-in-Chief Pierson, I am relieving you of command of the National Organization. On behalf of the Officer, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this National Organization, your interests 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. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief Elect

I am. My list has already been provided to the Secretary.

The list of officers and staff appointments were read by the National Secretary but did not get recorded.

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

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 now speak or forever hold his peace.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

I'm going to ask the Guide to present these Brothers 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 for the National Organization and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of these 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 for 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?

Officers (in unison)

I am.

[three raps, ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine. I, Leo Kennedy...having been regularly chosen... as an Officer of the National Organization...Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...hereby renew... the sacred obligation...given at the time of my initiation...and in the presence of all mighty God...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...do furthermore... solemnly and sincerely...promise and declare...that I will... to the best of my ability...in word and deed...and without fear or favor... to faithfully...honestly...and impartially...perform all the duties of the office...upon which I am about to enter...so help me God.
Please drop your hands. Encampment, attention.

[one rap, *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating. 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 assurance 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 great cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps, ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer

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.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain Emeritus

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we humbly ask Your blessing upon 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 you are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, that they may 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 every action in Your name, through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, say Amen.

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Amen.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, 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 you 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 their principles and faithful to their teachings. Lastly, you will receive, this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing (*); two raps calls up the Officers to their feet (**); three raps calls up the entire Encampment (***). Now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected, and installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending August 2022 or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now, I am pleased to present to you with the badge of the office of Commander-in-Chief. assume your control. Be true to your vow; faithful to your trust; unflinching in your loyalty. And rule with civility, impartiality, and firmness. And may your administration be a success.

If you can hold on for just a second. Can I have Brother Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief? Would you approach please? Brother Pierson. Come on up. Would you please present the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge?

Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief

Surely I will. Let's see if I can get that out of there. Well, I didn't expect this. Oops. There's blood.

Encampment

(laughter, applause, and chatter).

Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers, for your trust and confidence. Just very quickly, I've got three or

four top things I hope to accomplish in the course of this year, plus whatever surprises pop up. Number one, you saw today all the discussion about websites and I-T information, technology related things. Our I-T is really just a patchwork, just because of the way it was all developed. And we really need to get a handle on it so we can maintain what we've got out there. So that's one of my highest priorities this year, is addressing our I-T, what we've currently got. Coming up with a strategy. And then, looking at how we're going to maintain that for the long term. We have some kind of commonality between our platforms and the services that we're providing to all of our membership. Number two, there's been some great strides accomplished in the past year by Memorial University. That's going to be another focus area. I think with all the time that some of us are been forced to spend at our homes, plus the availability of materials that are coming along, we're really going to put a focus on Memorial University and help kick that into high gear. I've also asked a number of the existing National Officers, and I will continue with some of the new ones that come on, we provide some form of online training, through Zoom or whatever platform, so that we're getting some training out there for our new Camp and Department Officers. Looking specifically, timing this right after elections in your Departments and Camps, but prior to when reports are due, so we've got some online assistance out there for the people that need it when they're turning in their annual reports. I, also, would like to meet quarterly, by virtual means, with all of the Department Commanders, so that I know what is heavy on your minds. I can share with you what we're doing at the National level. The first meeting will be in September. We'll do it through Zoom. And it'll be through the Department Commander. Or if the Department Commander can't make it because of the time that we schedule it for, we'll look at having your designated representative there. But definitely want to hear what's heavy on your minds. So, with no further ado, Color Guard, proceed to retrieve the Colors.

[three raps, ***]

[bagpipes playing/Color Guard retrieving Colors]

Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief

There being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we'll proceed to close. You will give your attention to the National Chaplain as he asks the blessing of our God on our deliberations.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Our Father in heaven, we pray You will deal with the events of this Encampment 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. If you agree with me, say Amen.

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Amen.

Michael A. Paquette, 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 to the great patriotic organization we

represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other and unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 140th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

[one rap, *]

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(applause)

Attendees by Department

Department of Alabama

Carl E. Addison Eric D. Alford Geoffrey C. Hintze Mark E. Hubbs

Department of California and Pacific

Frank C. Avila Tad D. Campbell Stephen E. Doyle

Department of Chesapeake

D. Michael Beard Mark R. Day Kevin L. Martin Timothy S. McCoy
William Looney Michael A. Paquette Jay A. Rarick Roger L. Leturno
Ross Schwalm

Department of Columbia

Loran T. Bures

Department of Colorado & Wyoming

Joseph R. Bouley

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

William H. Miller Mark A. Hale Eric B. Peterson Brian C. Pierson
Michael B. Reither

Department of Illinois

James L. Lyon Nicholas H. Kaup Jerome W. Kowalski Joseph M. Hutchinson
Harry W. Reineke IV Steven J. Westlake Wayne F. Wehrheim Gerald P. Sonnenberg
Robert Welch Lee Lasseigne David Wildermuth

Department of Indiana

Bruce R. Kolb Thomas L. Schmitt Dennis C. Hutchinson Timothy J. Beckman
Jonathan P. Swarts Michael W. Beck William R. Adams

Department of Iowa

Rodney Gaard Thomas Gaard Don R. McGuire Daniel F. Rittel

Department of Kansas

Rocky L. Bartlow Robert D. Boyd II Mike Todd Conrad M. Fisher
Alan L. Russ Barrett E. Young Kent M. Melcher

Department of Kentucky

Bruce E. Fortin David Jones Robert A. Jones Chris Workman
John A. Witt James C. Kiger John A. Mills III Michael Flynn

Department of Massachusetts

Dexter A. Bishop Albert Smith Charles W. Lewis Perley E. Mellor
Edward J. Norris Kevin P. Tucker Daniel J. Geary Daniel W. Murray

Department of Maine

James W. Bonney Larry B. Bonney

Department of Michigan

Richard W. Denney	Edgar J. Dowd	Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr.	Lloyd D. Lamphere,
Jr.			
Gary L. Gibson	Ronald G. Shull	James B. Pahl	Charles L. Worley
Robert R. Payne	Donald W. Shaw	Neal N. Zabicki	Steven S. Martin
Gary L. Swain			

Department of Missouri

Dale E. Crandell	John Palmer	Sumner G. Hunnewell	Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Robert M. Petrovic	Edward J. Krieser	Martin R. Aubuchon	Walter E. Busch
Glennon Alsop	Randy Baehr	Robert Aubuchon	James R. Dixon
Patrick Burke	Ronald Burke	Robert J. Amsler Jr.	Bryan P. Bradford
Mark Coplin	Randal A. Burd Jr.	Alan R. Trodus	D. Christopher
Warren			
Joseph Rainey	Gary L. Scheel	Douglas Roussin	

Department Of Nebraska

Paul J. Hadley

Department of New York

Jeffrey French Daryl VerStreate

Department of North Carolina

Henry C. Duquette

Department of Ohio

James T. Crane	Donald E. Darby	Johnathan C. Davis	Dennis M. Brown
Kenneth L. Freshley	Robert E. Grim	James H. Houston	Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.
Fred C. Lynch	Richard A. Davis	John M. Huffman, Jr.	Michael A. Spaulding
Kerry L. Langdon	Shane L. Milburn	Cameron Lowery	Alex Villalva
Robert J. Wolz	Donald C. Vogel		

Department of Oklahoma

Kevin D. White	Terry D. Handley	Clint A. Anderson	Jeffrey D. Kennedy
Scott Preston			

Department of Pennsylvania

John R. Gipson	David W. Demmy Jr.	David W. Demmy, Sr.	William E. Fischer,
Jr.			

Department of Rhode Island

Bruce D. Frail	Joseph S. Hall, Jr.	Leo F. Kennedy	Robert C. Bromley
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Department of Southwest

John R. Conrad	Gerald N. Bloom	Avery D. Frantz	John B. Horton
Ronald L. Hyer			

Department of Tennessee

David DuBrucq	Gary W. Moore	George A. Huttick	
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Department of Texas

Donald L. Gates	Michael L. Lance	Larry J. Reynolds	John C. Vander
Meulen			
Stephen Schulze	William Swafford		

Department of Vermont

John H. Cogan

Department of Wisconsin

Skylar T. Brown	Thomas J. Brown	David D. Daley	Patrick L. Fallon
Robert Koenecke	Brian D. McManus	Stephen A. Michaels	Jerome Coveney
Jeffrey M. Graf	Scott L. Schable	Gerald Drought	Samuel M. Keith

Total Attendees	168
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1 CinC

13 PCinCs

13 DCs

64 PDC's

73 Delegates

4 Alternates

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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 Council of Administration for the August 6-7, 2021 National Encampment. 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 Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Introduction.

It has been said that America is the first nation founded on an idea. One nation, under God, indivisible, in which all men are created equal with God-given inalienable rights. Our country is not the “States of America” but “United States of America.”

Our veteran forefathers fought the most significant war in America’s illustrious history to defend that principle. They fought to preserve the national unity of the United States and to free an oppressed people. They established the great constitutional amendments that have ensured truth, justice, and human rights for all Americans even to this day.

We all recognize that this is a challenging and confused time in America’s history. Many of our fellow citizens have forgotten the values and ideas on which America was founded and which our ancestors fought to preserve. And some of them want to change the core idea of what America should be.

We could merely go with the flow. But we must not! You have heard me say it before, “we are not partisan, but we are patriots.” Fortunately, there remain a great many patriotic Americans we well. Let us remember the words of the immortal President Lincoln:

In a letter to Henry Asbury, dated 19 November 1858: “The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one, or even one hundred defeats.”

In his speech to the 148th Ohio Regiment on the 31st of August 1864: “Again I admonish you not to be turned from your stern purpose of defending your beloved country and its free institutions by any arguments urged by ambitious and designing men, **but stand fast to the Union and the old flag.**”

The Sons of Union of Veterans of the Civil War is organized for a high and noble purpose. We are called to preserve, defend, and honor our veteran forefathers’ heroic acts and their moral courage. Let Lincoln’ words be our guide.

Let us remember, “The Essential Thing is the Deed.” Not the word, not merely the desire, not the intention—but the deed. Words without action are so much hot air. Faith must be accompanied by works.

The state of the Order.

In this context, let us turn to the state of the Order.

In my travels and visits to Departments this year, both live and virtual, I have witnessed the determination, and the dedication of our Brothers rising to meet the challenge before us, taking concrete actions to accomplish the noble tasks of preservation, of education and of the promotion of patriotism and good

citizenship. Camps and Departments have remained active, despite Covid, and are continuing to implement programs and outreach. It proves out the good work of the Order is done at the Camp and Department level.

There are some outstanding initiatives being undertaken: The Silent Sentinel project; sponsorship of American History Day Competition; partnering with the VFW and state Veterans' Departments for ceremonies and commemorations, with the military history museums, and the production of professional-grade videos. I encourage each Department to read the reports of the other Department Commanders to see what is being done across the country and to see if something similar can be done in your Department.

In my visits, I have seen how our Brothers help our fellow citizens to come together as an indivisible United States of America.

I have seen that our Brothers are wholly dedicated to saving the idea of America as well as its monuments.

I have seen that our Brothers have no small measure of patriotism, courage, and patience to support and defend those great virtues which are the foundation stones of our State and Federal Governments. Faith, Hope, Charity, Fortitude, Justice, Temperance, and Prudence.

I have seen how our Brothers are educating our citizens on the true history of the Civil War and on patriotism and good citizenship. We show by word and deed what all Americans should aspire to emulate. We honor those who fought and died for America so they are not forgotten. General Logan stated this so eloquently:

“Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.”

I believe that every one of us in the Sons understands and strives to meet General Logan's challenge.

And much, much more. Keep it up Brothers!

Looking to the future, we will hopefully see a new Department chartered in Arkansas soon.

Key Initiatives. The time since the 2020 National Encampment has been extraordinarily busy, witnessing the implementation of a number of key initiatives to help us fight the good fight:

First, we have been granted 50113 charitable organization status by the IRS. This is due to the tireless efforts over five years by our current National Treasurer and his predecessors, my predecessor CinCs, National Officers, COA members, Executive Director, Departments and Camps. We updated the Constitution and Regulations, revised Department bylaws, applied and reapplied to the IRS. We can now solicit tax-deductible donations and grants from government, commercial, and private sectors. Now we are moving forward to take advantage of this, and some Camps have already received sizable grants. As we continue to understand the rules, there will undoubtedly be some more guidance forthcoming. But in the meantime, I encourage Camps and Departments to seek out opportunities.

Second, per the direction of the previous National Encampment, we adopted a monument protection policy that is prudent, flexible and appropriate to a wide range of conditions and situations. Every Department has a unique set of circumstances and conditions, and the policy is broad enough to accommodate them. We still will focus on Civil War related issues, but the policy also allows us to expand our scope to address issues with monuments related to all of America's history. Shortly after its approval, we took our first formal action under the policy by joining an amicus curiae brief at the South Carolina Supreme Court for case involving the South Carolina Heritage Act.

Third, we published directives for lobbying for the National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units. These directions cover scope and allowable activities, reporting, and permission requirements. The directives also take care preserve the rights of individual Brothers as private citizens to communicate with their representatives on legislation. As of this date, permission for several lobbying activities has been granted, notably in the Southwest for the purposes of erecting a monument to the Union in Phoenix and in Ohio, for the preservation of certain monuments.

Fourth, we enacted a requirement that all Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to have liability insurance for the property. Brothers, this is a prudent measure to protect Camps, Departments and the Order as a whole. It is a matter of when, not if, we will be sued. A suit will bankrupt a Camp, and could bankrupt a Department or the Order. We need to be protected. So, in addition, we appointed a committee to study general liability insurance and report its findings. Right now our coverage is incomplete, some Departments have coverage, others to not. So we are at some risk. The intent is to find a reasonable and affordable course of action. There will be more guidance coming this year.

Fifth, we have expanded our social media presence considerably. Our announcement of the passing of Helen Viola Jackson, the last Civil War widow went viral, garnering attention from around the world. We have even gained some membership inquiries. In light of this, we continue to explore ways to effectively utilize social media to continue to generate exposure and interest. All Camps and Departments are encouraged to send events and activities, news write-ups, etc. to the National Signals Officer.

Sixth, the 2020 National Encampment directed the Order develop a policy for virtual meetings. The goal of this policy is to continue to enable those brothers who are geographically remote or who can't travel for one reason or another to attend Camp and Department meetings, and to ensure the Order can continue to conduct its business. This topic was brought up at every Department Encampment I attended. It is evident that our Brothers expected us to deliver. I am happy to report that the Virtual Meeting Committee has delivered. Their report is in the book of Encampment reports and I strongly urge you review it carefully. It is detailed, thorough, and makes a number of recommendations for changes to the C&R to implement virtual meetings. These changes address topics all at once that we would otherwise be dealing with piecemeal over many years. Brothers, this is perhaps the most import item upon which we will deliberate during this Encampment. I expect you will give it the proper attention it deserves. Due to its importance, I am committed to allowing sufficient time during this Encampment to discuss and debate this topic. We, the Encampment Assembled, owe it to our fellow Brothers.

Relationships with the Allied Orders. Our relationships with the Allied Orders remain strong and cordial overall. At the Camp and Department level, there is wonderful and effective cooperation for ceremonies, events, and meetings throughout the country. Keep encouraging this. Brothers, let us remember that the Allied Orders are our right arm, our right lung. We can't act as well without both arms; we can't breathe well without both lungs.

At the National level, I am happy to report that there are likewise excellent relationships between the Sons and the individual Allied Orders. Two items in particular should be mentioned: First, two issues with the Woman's Relief Corps were satisfactorily resolved. Also, we are working to amicably, fraternally, and maturely resolve an emerging inadvertent copyright issue with the DUVCW.

Recommendations

I have the honor to make the following recommendations:

1. A special committee with a term of five years be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of the independence of the United States.
2. A special committee be established to develop a plan for the Order to commemorate the Centennial of

the Lincoln Memorial in 2022 and to explore cooperation with other organizations and participation in any ceremonies.

3. The Incoming Commander-in-Chief reappoint the Virtual Meeting Committee to work on implementing the policy that will be adopted at this Encampment.

4. The Order advocate to the DoD, US Army, Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath-laying on Memorial Day.

Conclusion.

Concluding Comments

Brothers, at the beginning of my term I discussed the “Three R’s of recruit, retain, and return.” At the conclusion of my term, I would like to leave with a parting thought about mentorship. There are incredibly talented, skilled and motivated brothers throughout the Order. They are needed not only at the Camp and Department levels, but at the National level, for committees and appointed positions. At every level of our Order, the leaders should be identifying, mentoring, encouraging and recommending brothers for such positions. This is how we can keep the Order strong. Every one of us here has had a mentor who taught us about the Order, who encouraged us, and guided us. So it’s our responsibility to develop our future leaders.

In conclusion, I am happy to report that the state of the Order is strong. But we can always be stronger. We must continue to grow our membership and we must effectively mentor our future leaders.

Brothers, it has been my honor to serve you as Commander-in-Chief. I hope that, in some small way, I have helped you fulfill our great and honorable mission.

I humbly and fraternally offer my deepest thanks to you all for your wisdom, dedication, and passion. Let’s keep doing great things for our great Order and for our Country!

2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Michael A. Paquette, PDC

I have attended all Council of Administration meetings conducted since the last National Encampment to include the in-person meeting in Springfield, Illinois in April. I have had the honor of representing the Commander-in-Chief at the following annual Department Encampments: Florida (in person), Iowa (virtual), North Carolina (virtual), and New Jersey (virtual).

The P&P Committee met via Zoom on 13 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, and 12 June. During these meetings, the committee examined all forms scheduled for review. The committee has made corrections and revisions to the following forms and documents which have all been approved for use by the Council of Administration:

- Form 3 - Membership Application
- Form 9 - Life Member Application
- Form 22 - Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers
- Form 40 - Camp Patriotic Instructor Annual Report
- Form 41 - Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report
- Form 42 - National Patriotic Instructor Annual Report
- Form 54 - New Camp Data Sheet
- Form 62 - SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form & Instructions
- About Our Organization

I would like to thank our Executive Director, Brother David Demmy Sr., for attending the meetings and providing valuable insight based on his many years of handling these forms at the National Headquarters.

In addition to the above forms, the P&P Committee developed the following policies, job descriptions, and recommended C&R changes which have all been referred to the C&R Committee:

- Policy and recommended C&R changes to allow JVCinC to process online membership applications
- Policy, job descriptions, and recommended C&R changes to establish the National Encampment Credentials Committee as a standing committee
- Changes to C&R recommended by PCinC Norris for forwarding copies of updated Camp Bylaws
- Changes to C&R recommended by PCinC Norris for forwarding copies of updated Department Bylaws
- Job description for the Assistant to the National Executive Director

I would like to thank Brother Joseph Hall, Chairman of the Appointed National Credentials Committee, for his assistance with the job descriptions and suggested C&R changes for the National Encampment Credentials Committee and Brother David Demmy Sr. for his assistance with the job description for the Assistant to the National Executive Director.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the members of the P&P Committee; Brothers Faron Taylor, Leo Kennedy, Dean Enderlin, and Stephen Aarli for their insight, patience, and perseverance in completing all tasks assigned to the P&P Committee this past year – Brothers, this accomplishment would not have been possible without you

2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Bruce D. Frail, PDC

I have the honor to report that in my term of nine (9) months as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, with the assistance of other Department JVCs, we have been able to assist twenty-six (26) new brothers to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have also activated the National Committee on Membership, in doing so we have come together to create an active Contact sheet of Department Junior Vice Commanders and created a group email list of all Department Junior Vice Commanders.

Due to current security issues on contact information, I will only make this list available to the incoming Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief and at his discretion, he may forward it as needed. The overall feedback to holding online committee meetings was positive if they were limited to quarterly. It was determined that monthly meetings were not necessary with the utilization of a group emailing list.

One item discussed during two meetings that have been held was the current Form 3, this was done to get feedback on the form and to ensure all our DJVCs knew of the form revision. The consensus was that there is no need to threaten Perjury within the document, it comes off as threatening and negative towards the applicant. I would like to announce that due to the work of Brother Michael Paquette, Chairman of the Program & Policy committee that the Perjury statement has been removed from the Form 3 which should be posted online very soon. This shows that the National leadership does in fact hear what the Brothers are saying, Huzzah to all that made this happen.

Another item that was discussed, was to create a booklet or instructional outline to go over the duties of the Camp JVC and that of Department JVC. The Brothers were asked to send in their booklets or ideas on this item to be compiled into a draft document that can be given out to all Camp and Department JVCs as they are elected. This "How to serve as JVC" booklet should be forwarded to the CofA for proper consideration.

Recommendation: To have the incoming Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief and the National Committee on Membership create a booklet or instructional outline of the duties of the Camp and Department Junior Vice Commanders to assist them in their responsibilities. (end of recommendation)

I have had the great pleasure and privilege to represent Commander-In-Chief Brian Pierson during several events throughout my term, including but not limited to the following Department Encampments; Maine (In Person), Massachusetts (In Person), Rhode Island (Virtual), Southwest (Virtual), Texas (Virtual) and Wisconsin (In Person). It was great to meet hundreds of dedicated brothers and learn of their many deeds and stories of their work with the SUVCW.

I have also taken part in every meeting, whether virtually or in person, of the Council of Administration and all meetings of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief (top three meeting) except for the 20 July 2021 virtual meeting as I was called away to assist a Brother Marines family at the last moment.

This top three meeting was designed by Commander-In-Chief Pierson to keep these officers in the loop on issues that come up from time to time which could continue into future years. The purpose is to develop a strategy which the Commander-In-Chief and the next two possible Commander-In-Chiefs ensure continuity so that incoming CinCs are well-prepared for their turn in the seat.. The National Counselor is generally in attendance to provide guidance. I completely agree with this type of strategy meeting and wish to see it continued if possible. Personally, my hat is off to Commander-In-Chief Pierson for his forethought with these meetings.

It has been my Honor to serve the Order and Brothers whom I hold so dear to my heart, Thank you to all of you for your support and dedication to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2.4 National Secretary; Johnathan C. Davis, PDC

MINUTES. I recorded and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meetings:

- Springfield Council of Administration Meeting, both inperson and Teleconference, Saturday, April 17, 2021.

MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.

The following Council of Administration motions were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the April 17, 2021 Council of Administration Meeting. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized, below.

a. Motion 08 Motion Passed May 11, 2021

Motion to approve a license for New Jersey Camp 73 to sell the informational signs in two sizes, 18x21 and "speed limit sign size".

b. Motion 09 Motion Passed May 29, 2021

Where as the National Headquarters Planning Committee has been working to start a internship program at the National Headquarters in Harrisburg in order to complete the already approved phase one of the Headquarters proposal, and

Where as we now have a Intern who has submitted an application, and

Where as we now have a direct donation offer to cover all the expenses of this Internship through December 2021.

I move that we accept this directed donation in the amount of \$5,750.00 and that we administer the funds to support and pay the fees of the Internship and to provide the Intern with a stipend, reimbursement of expenses and the remaining funds to be presented to her as a grant for future

educational purposes as the directed donation requires. All payments would be made by the SUVCW from this directed donation under the guidelines of the University's Internship Advisor.

CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.

The following applications for permission to form a new camp will be expiring:

- Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina. Expires February 12, 2022
- 2nd Lt. John McConnell Camp No. 1, Department of Iowa. Expires March 11, 2022
- Captain Alexander McRae Camp No. 4, Department of the Southwest. Expires May 5, 2022
- ADM David G. Farragut Camp No. 5, Department of Alabama. Expires May 24, 2022

The following charters have been issued by CinC Pierson since April 17, 2021:

- 1) (2021-03) Isaac Murphy Camp No. 2, Department of Missouri and Arkansas. Date of ranking: June 5, 2021

This coming year is the third year of the current three year term of the position of National Secretary and would complete my second full term as National Secretary. I have decided not to seek re-election in 2022 so to give more time in my other interest.

2.5 National Treasurer; D. Michael Beard, PDC

1. **Financial Statements for FYE June 30, 2020.** Our auditors, Coulter & Justus, issued a clean opinion for our financial statements. I provided copies to the Council of Administration and sent two copies to the Judicially Committee of the US Congress as required by our charter. A copy of the financial statements is attached to this report. I intend to contract with Coulter & Justus to audit our June 30, 2021 financial statements.
2. **501(c)(3) Status.** The IRS still lists us as a 501(c)(4) charity despite showing our 501(c)(3) determination letter on their website. I have called, written, FedExed, used registered mail, and faxed. They continue to promise to fix this, but as of this writing have not. The last response they sent me said they had forwarded on of the letter I sent to another IRS office ant that that office needed at least 45 days to respond. Thus, we are not listed in Publication 78, which lists all 501(c)(3) charities.
3. **Determination Letter.** Our current 501(c)(3) group determination letter, dated November, 2020 is posted on the National website.
4. **Subordinate List.** I filed our annual subordinate list on March 25th. We listed 289 subordinate departments, camps, military districts, and SVR units. I coordinated this year's filing with the Department and Military Districts so I am confident the listing is fairly correct. Several subordinates chose either

not to participate for various legitimate reasons or could not participate as the IRS has revoked their status for failure to file a 990 in three years.

5. **Charity Status Letters.** I have supplied several letters to our subordinates regarding our 501(c)(3) status. They needed letters from me as Treasurer, to present to potential donors needing proof of their charitable deductibility status.
6. **Bank Accounts.** In the last year I have consolidated our bank accounts to Bank of America. I have closed accounts we had with Citizens, Standard, CBBC, CFCU, First Commonwealth, Huntington, and First Horizon Banks. We now have seven checking accounts with Bank of America (General Fund, Quartermaster Account, Headquarters Fund, Life Fund, Lincoln Fund, Preservation Fund, and Permanent Fund). National Assistant Treasurers Jim Pahl and Michael Paquette have signature authority on all the Bank of America accounts.
7. **Certificates of Deposit.** In the last year I have cashed the seven Certificates of Deposit worth \$301K we had at First Horizon, Huntington, Standard Banks. I moved those funds to our investment brokerage account with First Commonwealth.
8. **Investments.** We have \$1,063,891 in our investment account with First Commonwealth. With Council of Administration approval, we changed our investment policy allowing First Commonwealth Advisors to invest up to 35% our holding in equity (the rest is in bonds). Assistant National Treasurers Jim Pahl and Michael Paquette also have signature authority on this account.
9. **Savings Bonds.** I am still working on establishing ownership over our savings bonds. The Treasury insists I furnish them with a certified copy of Past National Treasurer Richard Orr's death certificate. They also insist I get the Estate of Richard Orr to state it has no ownership interest in the bonds. Brother Tim Ryan, Camp Commander of Davis* Camp, assisted me in contacting the Orr family. The bonds are worth \$40K. While the bonds clearly show they are the property of the SUVCW on their face, they also have Richard Orr's name on them. The executrix of Brother Orr's estate has submitted our request to her lawyer.
10. **Form 990.** I have filed our Form 990 for June 30, 2020 manually as the IRS website will not accept my attempt to file electronically because the website thinks we are a 501(c)(4). The IRS is significantly delinquent in updating their website. The last 990 from us on the website is from 2017. I sent an email to the Department Secretaries/Treasurers on July 1st noting they can begin filing 990s for the year ended June 30, 2021. I have contracted with Coulter & Justus, CPAs in Knoxville, Tennessee, to prepare our Form 990 for June 30,

2021.

11. **State Registrations.** I and our contractor Labyrinth, Inc., have filed the required State Registrations in the 36 states that require registration for charities that raise money within the state. We do not file in the District of Columbia (too expensive). The other states either do not require us to register or we are exempt.
12. **Grants.** At the request of the Monuments Committee, I mailed grant letters with the following grants: \$760 for the repair of the Kilpatrick Post GAR Monument in the Friends Cemetery, Newberg, Oregon; \$2,000 for the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors (GAR) Monument at the Fairlawn Cemetery, Judsonia, Arkansas; \$2,000 for the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Statue at Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and \$2,000 to the Dr. Stephenson Memorial.
13. **Donations.** I mailed acknowledgements to all donors for the tax year ending December 31, 2020. For the fiscal just ended, Brother David McCann, Westport Camp, Department of Missouri, donated \$5,000 to the scholarship fund. Another Brother, who wishes to be anonymous, donated \$5,750 for us to hire an intern to scan documents at our National Headquarters. Three PCinCs (Day, Johnson, & Wheeler) have set up monthly donations using our PayPal account. We have received individual donations from Shawn Carboni, Kevin Donovan, Lonnie Hamilton, Judith Robillard, David Royalty, Katherine Shonebarger, Dickson Spencer, and David Wallace.
14. **Survey Monkey.** I have reestablished control over the SUVCW Survey Monkey account Treasurer David McReynolds established. Brother Bruce Frail also has access to this account. We have one active survey on our website – an exit survey asking departing brothers to tell us why they are leaving. I sent a reminder to all Department Secretary/Treasurers to ask departing brothers to complete the survey.
15. **Treasurer's Manual.** I have updated the Treasurer's Manual and it is posted on the National Website.

Insurance Certificates. I arranged for insurance certificates for the Departments of Pennsylvania and Nebraska for memorial events

A copy of the Financial Statements is attached to Appendix 7.1

2.6 National Quartermaster; James L. Lyon

It is my pleasure to say that the NQM has been very busy this past year. Our members have remained loyal to shopping with the QM Store and sales are up. I have been working with a number of Brothers on new items, working with the C-in-C on a new award, and the Promotions and Marketing Committee

The QM has had his fair share of delays because of manufacturers having their own problems and then there is our USPS. I have had Priority Mail Packages take up to 42 days to deliver to our National Treasurer. These are things our members must understand, that these are things that are out of the QM's control and they need to be more patient and give things time to proceed. A number of things that delay shipping on the member's part are: no payment, no order form, no DD214, no form #8, not mailing all requested information together, wrong address, wrong zip code, no email, no phone number, and many more. It makes the job much harder to keep following up to get all the information that one needs to complete the order. As QM I put in over 20 hours a week to fulfill my duty.

As the QM I have the honor of talking with a lot of outstanding Brothers from all corners of our Brotherhood. By working with and creating new items that our Brothers need we can keep our items new, fresh and fill the needs of the Membership. I have found that to developing new items take a great deal of time. The manufactures that I work with are more than helpful, but they too have met with the same problems that we have. Things just take longer these days.

I would ask if the Brother has not received their order in a reasonable time to please contact the QM so that he can look into the delay. I have no idea if they received their order once it's been mailed.

I have been working on a new order sheet with like things listed together. I also have gone through and adjusted pricing so that we are not losing money. The QM is a service to our Membership and should remain as making a little profit but not under selling for a loss.

I have enjoyed being the National Quartermaster for the SUVCW and working with the C-in-C's, the CoA, and the general membership. The venders that I deal with have all been more than helpful and I have made some great friends. But there are a few that make this job a real struggle and for that reason I will not running again for another term as QM.

I have only one recommendation at this time.

1. That as the large type of certificates should be used up and then change to all 8.5 x 11. This will make framing easier and shipping less.

2.7 Council of Administration – 2021; Henry Duquette, PDC

No report

2.8 Council of Administration – 2021; Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

I have the honor to submit my report as #2 Council of Administration.

1. I have attended all regular scheduled CofA meetings by Zoom and in person Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield Il in April 2021
2. I have the honor of serving my Brothers for 3rd consecutive year as a member of the Council of Administration this coming August at the National Encampment in St Louis Missouri.
3. I have voted on all motions and one on the electronic board room.
4. In June 5, 2021, I represented that Commander in Chief Pierson at the Ohio Department Encampment in Columbus, Ohio.
5. I currently serve on one committee that keeps me very busy,
6. the Civil War Memorial Fund Request Committee that I chair along with Brother Harry Reineke, PDC and Brother Henry Duquette
7. The Committee has approved four applications for the Civil War Memorial Fund
 1. Dept. of Columbia, Kilpatrick Post GAR Cemetery on 01/15/21.
 2. Dept of Oklahoma , Soldiers and Sailors Monument (akaGAR Monument) 02/21/2021

3. Dept. of Michigan, Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Memorial Statue, on 03/19/2021.
4. Dept of Illinois, Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Grave Site Memorial Plaza on 04/19/2021
8. The Committee has denied three application for the Civil War Memorial Monument Grant Fund
 1. Dept of New York, Civil War monument (Defender of the Flag) on 03/08/21.
 2. Dept. of Nebraska and the Dakotas, Last soldier of the County Project-Nebraska and Dakotas on 04/19/2021
 3. Dept of Kansas, Obelisk Monument in Memorial Park on 06/14/2021.
1. Have 2 applications that came in after the deadline of June 30th that were asked to be resubmitted after the National Encampment in St Louis Missouri. Wrote an explanation on what they had to do.
 1. Colonel John C. Bryer Camp #67 Dept of Illinois, Moffatt Cemetery GAR Memorial
 2. Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54, Dept of Massachusetts, Gen. Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post Burial Plot
1. Unfortunately COVID 19 coronavirus put a damper on most events in 2020. Now that we are in 2021 most events are being considered and allowed .
 1. I continue to work with my Department of Ohio Officers and attend Camp meetings by phone or zoom working on recruiting new members within the Department of Ohio.
 2. I attended the Department of Ohio Encampment in Columbus , Ohio live.
 3. I will be in St. Louis Missouri for the National Encampment in August
 4. This will new my last report a Council of Administration #2.
 5. I made my announcement for running for the position of Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the upcoming National Encampment in St Louis, Missouri in August.

2.9 Council of Administration – 2022; Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC

Since my last report, I have stayed active and up to date with CofA business through the emails, phone calls with the CinC and others, teleconferences, and participating in the Online Votes. I am please to support the progress of the Order through my seat on the Council of Administration, and look forward to serving the final year of my current term during the 2021-2022 year. To my Brothers on the Council, I ask your forgiveness if I have done anything to bring you concern or frustration. I continue to enjoy working with the CofA on behalf of the Brothers who elected me here, and I continue to be honored to serve in this capacity. I am humbled to be at this level of the National Organization, and can't wait to see what the next year brings.

I have no recommendations.

2.10 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 have recently been nominated and appointed as the new 2nd Military District Commander, SVR. I was also invited this year to join both the Fund Raising and Hereditary Committees.

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. As we get beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, we do encourage our Camps and Departments to reengage our brothers once again to in-person meetings and activities as state and local authorities permit. We remain committed to providing leadership to our Order while keeping our membership safe.

A huge thank you to our brothers and Sisters who remained in contact with members via phone, email, or online meeting applications, especially those who are alone or in declining health. If there remains 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

2.11 Council of Administration – 2023; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC

No report

2.12 Council of Administration – Edward J. Norris, PCinC

Performed the duties of the office including attending meetings, providing commentary, and voting on motions.

This is my last year on the Council of Administration after serving the past eight years. I'm looking forward to participating as a non-voting member in the years to come. We had a great group of leaders serving during my time and we'll continue to see that in the future. It's always interesting to see Brothers emerge and become new members of the Council of Administration. And, some will eventually become one of our future Commanders-in-Chief. Throughout our Departments and Camps there are talented Brothers willing to serve, thus our future as an organization is bright.

2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC

The Summer edition should be in the hands of our brothers by now. The new printer is doing a great job with the quality we have come to expect. Deadline for the Fall issue is August 31. Submit materials to banner@sucvw.org

2.14 National Signals Officer, Tim McCoy

During my 2020-2021 term as National Signals Officer, I had the honor to work with a dedicated and talented group of Brothers while lead the ad-hoc Signals Corps and chairing the National Committee on Communications and Technology and the National Special Committee on Website Redesign. I also worked closely with the National Webmaster and Brothers on the CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University. I enjoyed working with Departments to support their efforts to launch new websites and social media accounts. To all these Brothers, I say a huge thank you for their unfailing support and fraternal collaboration.

A highlight of this past year has been the exponential growth of SUVCW's presence on social media, which is ensured by the ad-hoc Signals Corps. In January, a social media posting by SUVCW that featured General Order #9 (on the passing of Helen Jackson) "went viral", being seen more than 2 million times. Growing exposure online and events such as that associated with General Order #9 are making a real difference in turning around what PCinC Mark Day referred to during the 2018 National Encampment as the relative obscurity of SUVCW among Civil War-focused groups.

Through our four social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter), SUVCW is daily reaching nearly 11,500 followers with quality information that presents how the National organization, Departments, Camps, SVR and the Allied Orders are talking the talk and walking the walk in preserving the history and legacy of the heroes who saved the Union during the Civil War. The ever-growing reach on social media is generating unprecedented publicity for SUVCW and producing a steady stream of

membership inquiries. I commend Departments and Camps for their enhanced presence on social media, which provides excellent material for re-posting on National social media accounts, thereby drawing attention to activities at all levels of the Order.

In addition to our annual focus on Memorial Day, when we profile in words and photos U.S. Armed Forces soldiers who gave their last full measure during the Civil War, Signals Corps this year developed a year-long calendar of key Civil War anniversary dates around which coordinated social media postings made, and a customized listing of hashtags (e.g., #SUVCW, #CW160) to raise the profile of all our postings. Signals Corps also supported the “Commander-in-Chief is Reading” initiative, wherein a different book from the Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson’s reading list was featured once every two weeks from January to June. The Signals Corps also collaborated with the SVR and the Allied Orders in sharing information on our respective activities.

Brothers are encouraged to like/follow “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – National Organization” on Facebook; “suvcw_national” on Instagram; “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” on LinkedIn; and “@SUVCW” on Twitter. SUVCW is on YouTube at “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”. Brothers are also encouraged to share on their social media accounts postings found on SUVCW National’s accounts. With every cross-sharing, we reach a new audience and potential new Brothers!

The National Signals Officer during 2020-2021 supported communications between members of the Council of Administration. This included establishing and managing a Zoom account for National elected officers and Committee Chairs and notifying Council of Administration members about scheduled meetings. In my role as Chair of the Communications & Technology Committee, I worked with GoDaddy, our website hosting platform, to resolve malware infections of the National website that were causing the site to stop functioning. Closely linked to these concerns were repeated and very annoying email spoofings/scams that called into question the security of the individual email accounts of members of the National and Departmental leadership. These issues, and related recommendations, are presented in more detail in the report of the National Committee on Communications & Technology.

Work to launch a new SUVCW website proceeded during the year, albeit at a slower pace than I wanted because of intervening priorities. One key area of consideration raised by New Valley, the website developer selected by SUVCW in 2019 to build the new website, pertains to Memorial University and how it interfaces with the SUVCW website. I am grateful to have been able to work with Brothers on the CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University to develop a seamless interface between our current website and a new Memorial University website that should address New Valley’s concerns. Additional details about progress made toward launching the new SUVCW website are provided in the report of the National Special Committee on Website Redesign.

As recommended by my predecessor to the 2020 National Encampment, work began this year on reviewing and revising the National Policy on Electronic Communications (last revised in 2008), and the National Social Media Policy (last revised in 2017). Recommended revisions to both policies will be presented to the National Committee on Program and Policy following the 2021 National Encampment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

#1. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media.

#2. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request, that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts.

#3. The incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a Special National Committee on Social Media

Management (Signals Corps). See Appendix 1 for proposed terms of reference.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Tim McCoy, PDC
National Signals Officer

Appendix 1

SUVCW Special National Committee on Social Media Management (Signals Corps)
Proposed Terms of Reference

Background

During its virtual meeting on October 24, 2020, the SUVCW National Encampment concurred with a recommendation by the National Signals Officer that the incoming Commander-in-Chief establish a Special National Committee on Social Media Management (Signals Corps) to function in place of the current ad-hoc Signals Corps. On January 30, 2021, during the Council of Administration meeting, the Commander-in-Chief noted this recommendation, indicating his desire for the Signals Corps to function in a role that complements the work of the National Communications and Technology Committee and the National Committee on Marketing and Promotions. He then tasked the National Signals Officer with developing a terms of reference that would serve to codify the roles and responsibilities of the Special National Committee on Social Media Management.

General Provisions

The purpose of the Special National Committee on Social Media Management (“the Committee”) is to develop and manage content on all SUVCW social media accounts.

The Committee chair shall be the National Signals Officer.

The Committee chair shall recommend to the Commander in Chief for appointment as members of the Committee those Brothers whom the Committee chair deems to possess appropriate social media-related skills for fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. The number of Committee members shall be five.

The Committee chair shall serve as chair of the National Committee on Communications and Technology. He shall also serve as chair of the National Special Committee on Website Redesign for as long as this committee exists.

At all times, the Committee shall respect the authority of, and be responsive to, the National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief, and Council of Administration.

The Committee and its activities shall complement the work of the National Committee on Marketing and Promotions and the National Committee on Communications and Technology, and shall serve more broadly, on request, to help communicate via social media the work of all National Committees.

Roles & Responsibilities

The activities of the Special National Committee on Social Media Management are as follows:

- 1) Develop and manage content for/on all SUVCW social media accounts.
- 2) Develop and oversee implementation of SUVCW annual strategy for maximizing use of social media platforms to advance SUVCW’s mission.
- 3) Ensure quality, mission-aligned information is consistently disseminated via SUVCW’s social media accounts and monitor these accounts for postings that detract from our mission.

- 4) Guarantee timely postings on SUVCW social media accounts of SUVCW General Orders, press releases, media advisories, articles, and other materials for public consumption as directed by the National Encampment, Commander-in-Chief and/or Council of Administration.
- 5) Manage the SUVCW National Zoom account and provide as-requested support for scheduling of virtual meetings involving members of the Council of Administration and virtual meetings of National Committees.
- 6) Provide editorial support to the National Webmaster for content on all publicly accessed SUVCW websites and/or databases to help ensure alignment of messaging across all online platforms.
- 7) Ensure social media coverage of National Encampments by announcing the event in advance and posting real-time relevant information (including photographs, etc.), on SUVCW's social media accounts.
- 8) Liaise with Department-level Signals Officers to maximize communications via SUVCW's social media accounts about Order-wide activities.
- 9) Coordinate, as appropriate and as requested, with the Allied Orders' social media managers.

2.15 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr.

Since last report to the national encampment, state government restrictions closed the building which houses National Headquarters and once again, I had to pack up computer equipment, printer, and supplies to sustain operations in my home. That effort was all done within an hour and half and the building was closed down through the holidays of 2020.

Efforts continued at home to keep headquarters in business until restrictions were suspended in 2021. Our oldest known brothers of our grand patriotic organization:

CAMP	CALCAG	LASTNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	BIRTHDAY
	E				
MI 145	102	Post	David	M	9/8/1918
OH 93	102	Kershner	Joseph	Russell	9/26/1918
CA 21	100	Dodge	Robert	Livingston	7/2/1921
PA 14	99	Muncert Jr	Harry	W	7/1/1922
CH 2	99	Rannels	James	E	7/21/1921
IN 356	98	Snavely	A	James	11/5/1922
OH 108	98	Coen	Earl		1/11/1923
IN 356	98	Turner Sr	James	A	6/14/1923

Our Real Sons:

Fullname	Life #	Camp	birthday	Age
Oliver Jr, John Wilson	851	Maj William McTeer Camp 39	11/17/1924	96
Pool, William	857	Col John Bryner Camp 67	01/13/1925	96

Life Memberships:

2020: 918 – 949 range

2021: 950 – 983 range to date this year.

Death notices processed at headquarters

2020: 114

2021: 91 to date this year.

Supplemental Applications to report additional ancestral information to be attached to original brothers membership application form 3.

2020: 30

2021: 41 to date this year.

During this year, I have written letters to 1) the Boy Scout or made referrals to 2) the departmental Eagle Scout Coordinator, for 16 BSA queries!

Likewise, during this year, I have led 3 ROTC queries to our website to enable the requestor to initiate the ROTC application for their cadet.

To date, I have entertained 16 visitors to National Headquarters in Reservoir Park at Harrisburg, PA; and, lastly logged 206 days of activities.

Lastly personnel numbers:

Associate	441
Combat Zone Service	11
Jr. Associate	3
Junior	66
Life Member	444
Member	5,361
Real Son	2
Total:	6,328
Dual Associate	15
Dual Life Member	74
Dual Member	159
Honorary	3
Total:	251
Grand Total:	6,579

At this time, I have no recommendations!

3.0 National Appointed Officers

3.1 National Chief of Staff, Mark A. Hale, PDC

All Departments have completed their Department Encampments and National Representatives were appointed to attend based on the list of Encampment Dates that I maintained for the Commander-in-Chief.

I have also received the reports of the National Officers, elected, and appointed, for consolidation in the report you have before you.

The National Roster has been taken down from the National Website based on the discussion that was had at the April COA meeting. Concerns that too much personal information was being posted and used by spammers to send email to elected and appointed officers.

3.2 National Aide-de-Camp

N/A

3.3 National Aide-de-Camp

N/A

3.4 National Organization Expansion Officer, Eric D. Richhart, PDC

No report

3.5 National Chaplain, Rev. Peter Preble, PCC

No report.

3.6 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

No report

3.7 National Color Bearer, Jeffrey Kennedy

Below is a brief summary of the status and activities of the National Color Bearer for the past year.

- The 64th Annual Remembrance Day Parade Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic and other event of 2020.
- As the National Color Bearer and as ambassador for the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 as Camp Commander in Oklahoma, also as guest to the 14th Michigan, SVR to attend and participate in the 65th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 156th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death, held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Ill April 17, 2021.
- I attended the Dr. B. F Stephenson Memorial the Stephenson Plaza in Petersburg, Illinois. The Ceremony is held annually at a monument at his gravesite in 1894 in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

- I will attend and serve as the National Color Bearer at the 2021 National Encampment to be held August 4-9, 2021 in St. Louis, MO.

3.8 National Counselor, Mark R. Day, PCinC

It has been my great honor to serve as National Counselor for Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson over the last six months. Over those months, I have had the opportunity to speak with and provide answers to question posed by the brothers of our Order. Many of the question posed by the brothers are thought provoking and I have found the research finding answers interesting and enlightening. I have enjoyed the chance to truly delve into the Constitution and Regulations of our order and our other foundational documents. Often being reminded of the oath we take as leaders of the Order to familiarize ourselves with the C&R through study.

I would also like to take a moment to thank PCinC Darby for his assistance in making a smooth transfer of the Counselor Position and for his pledge to assist if, I had further questions. I would also like to thank PCinC Pahl, the Assistant Counselor for the Blue Book, for his counsel and advice. Both brothers were important assets, I truly appreciated having.

As I stated earlier, I received many questions from the brothers throughout the Order and from all levels of Command. At the Commander-in-Chief's request, I issued the following five (5) Formal Opinions:

Opinion #1

Mark R. Day
National Counselor
March 11, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor Opinion regarding the issue of licensing name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V. the following is offered.

Research: I reviewed the following pertinent documents and sections of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations

1. Our Articles of Incorporation (amended Charter 1998) Sec. 200306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges, which states "The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.
2. Chapter V Article VI Section 14 Sub para (c) Page 130 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, which discusses the duplication of images, badges, emblems, and seals. That section states "a Camp or Department's use of images, badges, emblems, and seals. They may be used for Department Flags, Camp Flags, letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, business cards, and other materials necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Organization and not available on the National Website, nor to embroidery of any badge, emblem, or seal or the production of decals or other similar devices. Copyrighted forms and literature available from the national website; when used for official business of the Order may be locally produced."
3. Chapter V Article VI Section 14 Sub para (e) Page 130 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations also states the following: "Departments Camps, and current officers and former officers may not authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War except as explained in sub para's (c) & (d) appearing on that same page."

Reasoning:

1. In my research, related to issue of licensing the name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V., I found that the only specifically protected name for our organization, per the 1998 amended charter, is Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Therefore, that is our brand as legally recognized by Congress.
2. In discussions with others who are well versed in the SUVCW's Constitution and Regulations as well as it traditions it was pointed out that the law is never strictly black and white and perhaps it could be argued, that the term "Sons Union Veterans" could be seen as a widely used and publicly recognized derivative

of the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. However, the fact remains that the 1998 amended charter does not grant proprietary use of the name Sons Union Veterans and that pursuing the addition of that term to the charter would most likely fail to produce a positive outcome. Likewise, the pursuit of a trademark for the name Sons Union Veterans / S.U.V. could prove unsuccessful because of legal cost.

3. The SUVCW does have a long history of issuing licenses to subordinate units within itself and has authority to monitor and administer the Camps and Departments regarding the symbols, badges, etc. as defined on C&R pg. 130 Sub para (c). A possible course of corrective action could be the adoption of the term Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V. The basis for adopting the terms would be to fulfill the National Organizations Constitutional obligation to manage and control the use of names and acronyms commonly or traditionally associated to its own and to ensure the quality and consistency of the SUVCW's public image. Such a course of action would allow for the continued issuance of licenses to the subordinate camps, departments, and units of the SUVCW, it would not limit or constrain entities outside of the SUVCW from using the name Sons Union Veterans or the acronym S.U.V. The protection of those terms, if it exists at all, lies in a grey space of the law and could be difficult to defend.

Opinion:

1. Action could be taken via a ruling to add the name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V to the Orders list of adopted and forms, rituals, or other items supplied by the National Organization found in Chapter V, Article VI, Section 14, Sub para (C), Sub para (d) and (e) . If this were done, it would have the effect of keeping in place, at least within the Organization the requirement to gain a license. It would buy time to formulate a better policy or regulation.

2. This would settle the question of wither or not a request to put SUV on a cap, originating from a Camp or Department would need license and bring you us back to the matter of approving the Illinois Kepi license request.

Opinion #2

Mark R. Day

National Counselor

June 15, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a possible conflict between the Department of New Jersey's By-laws and the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to wit:

1. Are the New Jersey By-laws in conflict with the provisions for holding elections of officers annually during the required annual Encampment.
2. Is the Department of New Jersey properly submitting a Form 49 each year as required by the Regulations?

After reviewing the Department of New Jersey's current By-laws, which were approved by PCinC Shaw on 6/27/2019. I find them in compliance with the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations.

1. Department of New Jersey By-laws Article III (Meetings) states that all meetings of the department will be held in accordance with the National C&R. While there is no clear or specific language the statement provided in the By-laws does establish, that the Department Encampment must be held annually as required in the Constitution and Regulations.

2. Department of New Jersey Article IV (Officers) states that Officers of the Department shall be elected to one-year terms in accordance with the C&R. This statement also suffices to fulfill the requirements set for in the Constitution and Regulations for election of Department Officers.

Investigation – I spoke with SVCinC Paquette and Brother Joe Hall who is Chairman of the Encampment Credentials Committee to determine exactly what had occurred during the recent New Jersey Encampment. Two things came immediately to the forefront in these discussions.

1. The Department of New Jersey has a tradition of its Commander serving two terms. This is fine if the formalities of holding the yearly elections are carried out. In the case of New Jersey SVCinC Paquette was able to state emphatically that the elections had been held in accordance with the C&R and that he had been the installing officer at the last three Annual Meetings of the Department of New Jersey. Therefore, the procedures were properly followed and there is no conflict.

2. The Department of New Jersey had not always filled a form 49 that was filled out and signed for the

current year. On at least one occasion the Form 49 from the previous year had been filled. This does present a problem for the Credentials Committee and is not proper in accordance with our regulations. Just because the Commander was still the same in year two, a new Form49 should have been filled out and submitted for the current year. I have been told this practice has been corrected and the current Form 49 will be correct when submitted.

Opinion:

The Department of New Jersey's By-laws are in compliance with the National Constitution and Regulations and actions have been taken to correct New Jersey's Form 49 issue. However, a question remains to be answered. Are other Departments conducting business in a similar manner and how can we mitigate any potential problems.

Actions to be considered for inclusion in any potential ruling by the Commander-in Chief,

(1) the departments are reminded that when officers are going to serve for two consecutive terms they must still be elected and installed annually, and that no Commander can serve more than three consecutive terms.

(2) Departments must file a new properly filled in, signed, and dated Form 49 for the current year following their Annual Department Encampment, regardless of the fact officers are remaining in leadership of the department for a second term. This is particularly necessary to ensure the proper credentialing of the delegates, identified on the Form 49 to attend the national Encampment in a specific year.

Opinion #3

Mark R. Day

National Counselor

June 28, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a possible conflict between the C&R and a proposed By-laws change being discussed by the Pennsylvania Department Annual Encampment on June 26th 2021 to wit it was proposed to amend the Pennsylvania Department By-laws to include the awarding of the honorary title Emeritus and making provision to create an attachment to the membership badge, which would recognize a Brother for long term service in the office of Secretary or Treasurer.

Investigation, research, and initial action:

1. An initial review of the C&R did not provide a clear answer to the question, and it was thought the C&R was mute on the subject. An opinion was offered and the CinC initially ruled that a suspended device, such as those currently used by Past Department Commanders in some department, which would not be attached to the actual ribbon drape but rather from the top bar could be produced.

2. Following the verbal opinion and verbal ruling by the CinC subsequent review and conversation with the assistant National Counselor for the C&R and other individuals lead to the discovery of a prohibition of such devices on the Membership Badge (Large) which was in a section of the C&R that discussed the wearing of miniature and large medals for dinner dress and other formal occasions and as a result had been overlooked. With this new information it was obvious that the initial verbal opinion and the CinC's ruling were out of order.

a. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article VI (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (a) provides the following description of the membership medal, "The badge of the Order consists of a top bar in bronze, inscribed with the words "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war." The ribbon shall be as specified below. The drop shall be the insignia of the Order in Bronze..." The C&R is specific as to how the membership badge should look.

b. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article IV (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (c) includes the following guidance, "Stars or other devices may not be worn on the full-size badges of this Order, unless specifically allowed in this Article, such as the gold meritorious service star, the silver star of an honorary Member, SVR devices, etc.

i. This provision found in sub para (c) seems ill positioned in the C&R, as it is buried in a lengthy section which describes the manner of apparel and wearing of miniature / large medals for dinner dress and other formal occasions. It would be better if this information were moved to sub para (a) and made part of the

description of the Membership badge. This misplacement of information about the appearance and manner of the membership medal was a contributing factor in the initial, now invalidated opinion and CinC ruling.

3. Additionally, it was discovered that a provision already existed in the C&R which provided for recognition of a brother who had been granted Emeritus Status by their department by allowing him to continue wearing the Department Membership Badge as an expression of honor.

a. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article VI (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (b) states, "All elected Department officers, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by his department encampment a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side."

Opinion:

1. Based on the information which has been discovered, the initial verbal opinion offered is no longer valid and both it and the initial verbal ruling by the Commander in Chief should be ruled out of order and invalidated.

2. The Pennsylvania Department should be informed of this error and told that the changes to the By-laws involved with production of any sort of device to be attached to the membership medal are not permitted by the C&R unless approved as a change to the C&R by the National Encampment.

3. That the amendment, which they passed, to create an attachment for the membership medal must also be ruled out of order, therefore making it necessary to rescind that amendment from their by-laws.

4. That the Pennsylvania Department Leadership be advised of the existence of the already prescribed method of Honoring a brother they have granted Emeritus status.

Opinion #4

Mark. R. Day

National Counselor

July 22, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor Opinion regarding a clarification of the propriety of wearing of the Recognition Button and the Buttonhole Button in lieu of the Badges of the Order during the Official Duties of the Order and its meetings the following is offered:

Research: I reviewed the Articles and Sections of the Constitution and Regulations pertaining to the wearing of Badges and found the following pertinent points.

1. Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast. Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. Should the individual desire, he may also wear badges, awards and decorations awarded to him by U. S. Government and military officials, patriotic and hereditary societies, and foreign governments.

a. The precedence for wearing addition medals to the Badge of the Order is provided in a precedence table found in Chapter V of the C&R

2. Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 sub paras P and Q –

a. Sub para–P. Recognition Button. Brothers may wear the Recognition Button, which shall consist of a reproduction, in miniature, made of bronze material of the Official Badge of the Order. It shall not exceed 11/16 inches in height or 9/16 inches in width.

b. Sub para–Q. Buttonhole Decoration. Brothers may wear a buttonhole decoration consisting of a red, white, and blue rosette not exceeding 5/8 inches in diameter. The central circular disk is divided into four segments, more than half the area devoted to opposing segments of blue alternating with white and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.

Reasoning: The review of the C & R' regulations regarding Badges:

1. Clearly found they stated that the Badge of the Order was required to be worn by all brothers, while in Camp, Department, or National Meetings as well as while performing other duties of the Order except for while engaged in a task that involved manual labor i.e., grave marker restorations, cemetery cleanings,

and other such work.

2. There was no reference at all which allowed for the wearing of the Recognition Medal or The Buttonhole Button in lieu of the Badge of the Order.

a. The Recognition Button and Buttonhole Button were intended for use as a way to be recognized as a brother in daily life outside of the meeting room or other official function

3. There was no mention of whether or not the Term Badge of the Order referred to the physical Badge or to an embroidered or printed Badge, such as that which might be on a Jacket or Shirt.

Opinion: Wear of the Badge of the Order is required for official functions and duties, as stated in Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 of the Regulations, with the exception noted for manual labor, and the neither the Recognition Button nor the Buttonhole Button may be used in lieu of the Badge of the Order.

Opinion #5

Mark R. Day

National Counselor

July 23, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a Department's responsibility to pay Per Capita for Camps which are under suspension.

Research: A thorough review of Chapter II (Departments) of the Constitution and regulations revealed the following instances where the term Per Capita appears

1. Section 10. When a Department fails to file their annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the charter of the Department shall automatically be suspended; the Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including all Department PDC's and Past Department Commander and Department Commander; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.

2. Article II Section 3. A Camp which fails to pay its per capita dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Department Encampments.

3. Footnote 52 The C&R only empowers a Department Commander to suspend a camp charter for failure to pay per capita dues and/or file quarterly reports and other reports required by the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief as the Chief executive officer of the Order has broad based powers which could allow him to suspend a camp charter for any violation of the C&R, Ritual, National Policies, Articles of Incorporation, state and Federal law. The National Encampment as the supreme authority of the Order may by a vote of the delegates suspend a Camp charter or directs the Commander-in-Chief to suspend or revoke a charter. CinC Orr, Dec II, 117th, 115

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5. Footnote 55 The Division Council has no power to increase the charter fee or per capita dues when fixed by the Division Encampment. CinC Weeks, Dec. XIII. 11th, 31

6. Article XIII Section 4. The provisions of Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Council of Administration shall establish the Department per capita dues to be levied on Camps-at-Large.

Reasoning: Having completed the review of the C&R it was apparent that no specific directive was present in the document, which stated that Per Capita Tax had to be paid by a Department for a Camp which was under suspension. Further once the Department Commander has issued a suspension order

the affected Camp may have no other business other than addressing the issue which led to the suspension, and the Camp no longer is allowed representation at the Department Encampment until all issues have been resolved. This effectively means that the Camps status in the Department is put on hold.

Opinion: A Camp which is under suspension has no representation at the Department Encampment nor status in the Department Encampment until such time as it has acted to fulfill its reporting and Per Capita obligations. Therefore, the Department is not required to payout Per Capita funds to the National Order for a Camp under suspension.

3.9 Assistant National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC

I consult regularly with our National Counselor concerning the National Regulations.

3.10 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC

The most current version of the National Regulations is posted to the Order's web site, including all amendments adopted at the 140th National Encampment. Awaiting the publication of that Proceedings, so the annotations can be added, including Policy statements of the Encampment, Official Rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and Opinions of the National Counselor.

3.11 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert C. Seal

During the 2020-2021 term the SUVCW issued 411 Eagle Scout Certificates, with 395 certificates issued by Department (DESCC) and Camp (CESCC) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators, and 16 certificates issued by the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator (NESCC). This represents an increase of 173 more Eagle Scout Certificates issued than during the 2019-2020 term.

Implementation of the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Program varies widely between Departments with some demonstrating active participation in the Program and others reporting few or no certificates issued. Most notable are the Department of New York which issued 155 certificates, the Department of New Jersey which issued 60, and the Department of Pennsylvania which issued 41. The Department of Georgia and South Carolina issued 27 certificates, the Department of Indiana issued 21, the Department of Kentucky issued 20, and the Department of Chesapeake issued 12. Sixteen Departments reported issuing 1 to 10 certificates, and six Departments reported issuing zero certificates. The Departments of Florida and New Hampshire did not have a DESCSC and did not report issuing any certificates.

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.

In February 2019 the Boy Scouts of America allowed girls to join the Scouts BSA Program. Some of those young women have now earned the rank of Eagle Scout and have been recognized by the SUVCW for their achievement. Thank you to National Quartermaster Brother Jim Lyon for revising the Eagle Scout Certificate to remove the word "his" from the certificate to make it suitable for issuing to all Eagle Scouts.

One issue that needs to be resolved is an effective method for the NESCC to have changes made to the "Eagle Scout Program" section of the SUVCW National Website. I have emailed multiple requests to the National Webmaster over the past year providing updated DESCSC lists as well as changes needed on the webpage itself, but as of today none of those changes have been made. Scouts, Scouters, and parents who seek recognition for new Eagle Scouts rely on an accurate list of DESCSCs to identify the appropriate SUVCW contact when requesting a certificate. The current list on the website is badly outdated (January

20, 2020). One or two revisions to the DESCC list are required each year because DESCC contact information frequently changes which makes timely updating of the website necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the NESCC for the 2020-2021 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 more than sufficient compensation.

3.12 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.

I am pleased to have had the honor of serving as the National GAR Highway Officer, and especially proud of the GAR Highway Officers as they are doing a great job of watching over their signs placed and coming up with new ideas of marketing them and using GPS Coordinates and using Google Earth.

Below is a list of all Department Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officers and their reports to follow:

Charles L. Beal, PCC, Dept of California and Pacific

Gary F. Parrott, PDC Dept of Colorado and Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana & Utah)

Wayne Wehrheim, Dept of Illinois (No email)

William R. Adams, Dept of Indiana

Dan Rittel, Dept of Iowa

George E. Maple ,Dept of Mass

Bruce Sirak, Dept. of New Jersey

Matthew Hereford, PCC Dept. of New York

Peter J. Hritsko, PDC Dept of Ohio

Dane DiFebo, PCC Dept of Pa

Alan Head, PCC Dept of Rhode Island no email

Dept of California and Pacific

Last year I conducted an inventory of the reminding GAR Highway signs in Los Angeles and Kern Counties in the State of California.

I located the two GAR Highway signs along Route 14, just North of Highway 58 in the Town of Mojave/Mohave, Kern County. Both signs are adjacent to each other along Route 14, one facing the northerly traffic direction and the other facing the southerly traffic direction.

I located the GAR Highway sign along the southerly traffic direction on Route 14 near Lake Palmdale in Los Angeles County that CalTrans replaced in 2019.

Finally I located the GAR Highway sign at the junction of Route 14 with Interstate 5 (I-5) in Los Angeles County that CalTrans replaced in 2019. This sign can only be seen if you are driving southbound on I-5 under the transition ramp of Route 14.

I have determined GPS coordinates of these signs so it will be easier to track in the future using programs like GoogleEarth.

I have posted photo copies and a Microsoft Excel database file (location listing and coordinate positions) of all of the GAR Highway signs in California and Nevada along with historical data files in my Dropbox folder under the "GAR Highway Officer" folder.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z2cjiu58vkgxg6v/AADVyUSWjwXq0M--zHG0VONa?dl=0>

Dept of Colorado and Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana & Utah)

Since the last report submitted, the Department of Colorado & Wyoming - Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- conducted personal inspections of several portions of the G.A.R. Highway (US-6) in Colorado, Nevada and Utah (all 5 signs are in good condition);
- continued research and gathering of information on the history of the G.A.R. Highway within the territory of the Department; and,
- continued interaction and exchange of information with other G.A.R. Highway Officers;

Future projects include continued research, presentations and dissemination of information regarding the G.A.R. Highway within the jurisdiction of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

Dept of Illinois

No Email to contact

Dept of Indiana

GAR Highway Officers Activity Report from December 31, 2020 – June 5, 2021

I am pleased to continue to report that signage on the entire length of the GAR Highway, US 6, are in excellent condition across Indiana from East to West.

In my last report to the 134th Annual Department Encampment last June, I reported that all previous issues with signs had been resolved. All signage at this time remains correct and in excellent shape. This makes 2 years with no issues and indicates the attention INDOT has given to maintaining the signage. I again wish to thank Brother Tom Schmitt who provides updated reports on the US 6 signage in the Eastern half of the State.

Those driving on US 6 through Indiana will see that Indiana continues to proudly proclaims US 6 as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Dept of Iowa

As with numerous other activities across the country this past year, nearly all of the events in which I usually participate were cancelled or postponed due to COVID concerns. Like the lyrics to the old Willie Nelson song, I just can't wait to get on the road again, and I hope to do so as things are beginning to get back to "normal".

I was notified by the Iowa DOT in June 2020 that both General John Corse Bridge signs along Highway 6 in Iowa City had been vandalized and needed to be replaced. Both signs, made and installed by the Iowa DOT, have since been replaced at a cost to the Department of Iowa of \$363.52.

I traveled Highway 6 across Iowa in September 2020 and confirmed that all the other previously existing GAR Highway and Civil War General Bridge signs were still intact.

Dept of Mass

There was no sign when you enter Massachusetts on 6E from Rhode Island.

On 6 East, I was able to locate 11 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern end of the highway.

On 6 West, I was able to locate 12 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern beginning of the highway. The additional sign on 6 West is on the Sagamore Bridge.

Several of the signs are not easy to spot as they are behind poles or foliage. A few towns have markers for both directions on the same side or in the center of the highway, making it harder to spot them unless you are looking for them.

Two towns have markers memorializing the highway for other groups.

Fairhaven has signs indicating it is Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway.

Barnstable has signs indicating it is the Korean War Veterans Highway.

These are both worthy groups and I do not believe we should fight to remove the signs that they have put up.

Dept. of New Jersey

No Report submitted

Dept. of New York

There is nothing new to report from my office at this time.

Dept of Ohio

It has been a hard year to communicate with the Cities that Rt 6 runs through in Ohio due to the COVID19 (coronavirus) and everyone working from home or being layed off. As of June 2, 2021, most of the restrictions are in the process of being removed.

I have visually inspected all signs that I placed in the N.E Ohio Communities:

Vermilion-2 signs, Lorain-2 signs, Sheffield Lake-3 signs, Avon Lake-2 signs, Bay Village-2 signs and 1-sign in downtown Cleveland at the Solider and Salior Monument and they all are in good shape, standing proudly.

12/14/2019 the Department of Ohio James A. Garfield Camp #142 Voted Yes to my request of purchasing one GAR sign per year for a city or township that would themselves purchase one sign and have them placed at each end of the their corp boundaries within that city or township. This would be for the cities and townships that have smaller budgets to help them sponsor the GAR Highway sign in their community with the point of just getting them placed.

I wrote a letter to the Mayor of Rocky River that is in Cuyahoga County asking them again if they would buy 2 GAR Signs. The last time I communicated with a previous Director of Public Safety Service Ms Mary Kay Costello a couple of years ago. Ms Costello mentioned that bicycle signs were a top priority at that time and didn't know where our GAR sign would fit into their project at this time, maybe at a later time. Being there is new leadership I thought it be good time to resubmit a request of these signs to be placed on US Route 6 which is called the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. I am waiting for their response .

I also wrote another letter to the City of Huron that is Erie County asking them if they would be willing to purchase a GAR sign. Knowing that the coronavirus COVID 19 has placed a great deal of strain on all local government municipalities with their budget. I explained if the city of Huron would purchase one sign and The James A. Garfield Camp #142 Sons of Union Veteran of the Civil War would donate one sign asking the City of Huron to install both . They have said they don't like a lot of signs up in the city.

I will be continuing to contact other townships, villages and cities asking them to place GAR Highway signs, along with educating them on it's history.

I have GAR Highway signs for sale that are of the original specs. Reflective vinyl laminated 24" X 18" 1 sided on .08 garage aluminum for the cost of \$140.00 per sign Plus S/H.

For any question regarding GAR Highway sign please Contact me at hritsko@centurytel.net.

Dept of Pa

I have nothing to report at this time.

Dept of Rhode Island

NO Email to Contact

3.13 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

It has been an honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2020-2021 administrative year. This is my eleventh consecutive term serving in this appointed office, and I am constantly reminded of the privilege it is to serve in this capacity. I deeply regret that I will not be able to join you and our Sisters in the Allied Orders in Frontenac, MO, this year.

It was a challenging year. Two major wildland fires threatened our community in the fall of 2020. We were under mandatory evacuation orders from August 19 to September 3, when the Hennessey Fire was burning east of town, and from September 27 to October 9, when the Glass Fire burned portions of our community and part of our property. We opted to stay to assist firefighting crews with their work, and to set up our ranch as an anchor point for their operations. My SUVCW records, including those of the GAR Records Program, were safely packed in the truck, in the event conditions should change and force us to evacuate. Digital records were backed up to the cloud for safekeeping. Needless to say, the fires and their aftermath, including prolonged power, phone, and internet outages, took a toll on my productivity in 2020. I have a lot of catching up to do!

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts identified in our catalog rose to 10,866 this year. This is an increase of forty-one Posts since last year's report. The additions were primarily in Kentucky and Oregon. Proceedings of Department Encampments from these states have recently come online, and the information they contain contributed greatly to our understanding of the history of the GAR in those states. There are undoubtedly still dozens – if not hundreds – of Posts yet to be identified, particularly those that existed prior to 1879. Continuing research is helping to reconstruct that period in the organization's history, but we still have a long way to go.

Nineteen of our thirty-one Departments have identified a Department GAR Records Officer or the equivalent on the Form 49. 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 the remaining Departments fill in that blank space on the Form 49 with a name!

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations.

3.14 National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette

I have the honor to submit the following reports of the National Graves Registration Officer and the National Committee on Graves Registration.

As of today, we have 806,883 records in the database, of which 794,204 are active and 12,679 have been deleted as duplicates or false records. We have 780,447 Union soldiers registered and 20,910 Confederate soldiers registered. We still have not been able to transfer the Confederate records to the SCV but we are no longer allowing them into the system. We have 5,054 registered submitters, of which most have entered at least one name into the database, and 68 administrators.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail and I held a Zoom meeting recently with our developer Ken Rahn to discuss several areas of concern and fixes. This resulted in 4 action items being identified: 1-the submittal of submitter records with fake information; 2-login problems; 3-adding HTTS/SSL to our web pages to protect passwords via encryption and 4-rewriting the system in a more modern language which will result in a new web site with more robust architecture.

Status:

1-Ken will investigate implementing an email verification system to cut down on the number of BOT generated accounts. So far none of the bogus accounts have caused any problems but the potential exists for malicious code to be transmitted via an added record.

2-Ken is actively looking into why the system is not recognizing legitimate login attempts. The password/log in system has not been changed recently and the system is not producing any error messages in the error log causing Ken to conduct a line-by-line audit of the code. He hopes to conclude his review in the next few days.

3-It was decided that we will employ Let's Encrypt to encrypt our data stream. I will be looking into this further and report on my progress at the National Encampment.

4-Ken will be researching which languages and architecture best suits our current needs and will also best position us to avoid costly upgrades in the future. When finished he will submit a written analysis and justification for his proposed changes along with cost estimates.

In addition to the above action items, Ken was able to make 2 quick fixes: the results of an Admin search were not returning the correct total number of records found when more than 35 (the correct total now is shown) and after selecting a record and returning to the results list the system would return you to the top of the list. It now returns you to the last record selected.

I continue to regularly receive email messages asking me to add, modify or delete records or to answer questions about our system. I continue to research records that have blank fields or incorrect information. In addition, I am compiling notes for improvements to the instruction booklet. I hope to have a new draft out to the committee for review shortly.

3.15 National Guard, Shane Milburn

No report

3.16 National Guide, Brian D. McManus

As SUVCW National Guide, I have the following to report:

I attended the 2021 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, and the Stephenson Memorial ceremony.

I will be in attendance at the National Encampment to fulfill my duties as National Guide.

3.17 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

Thank you for your continued trust in my appointment as National Historian and Chairman of the Sons' History Committee.

The past year has provided more challenges than we have seen in over a century, yet the new

technology available has opened brand new opportunities for research and the sharing of our history.

I developed a powerpoint presentation on the History of our Order. Now through Zoom meetings it is possible Brothers across America can see this free program. The Houston, Texas Camp was the first to ask for this presentation.

Brothers, Officers and Camps and Departments have used the periods of lockdown to research areas of interest. Our Banner column has tried to share information with our general membership. I have written over 40 columns and I am pleased that several of our committee have added several more.

Commander Pierson and his Counselor Mark Day have sought historic records on ritual and the use of seals. The Department of Georgia sought information on Posts and Camps within their Department. I was pleased to send information on the Union Soldier's Colony at Fitzgerald, GA. The new Department of Alabama sought information on the old Department of Alabama as well as what they should be saving for the future. Even our London Camp –at-large has inquired about Union veterans in England.

Fortunately covid forced my retirement so I have been able to conduct a lot more research online. I discovered several large deposits of GAR Records that Dean has now added to the GAR Records project.

Our late Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr asked me to be a co-administer to The GAR Facebook group and I have tried to share information on a frequent basis.

The number 1 inquiries continues to be for family history, was my father/grandfather a member of the Sons or GAR? Of course, in 99% of the cases we don't know. The need for current records remains so that future applicants will know if today's members were Sons.

3.18 National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor, PCinC

No report

3.19 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin L. Martin, PDC

The Board of Officers of the Pennsylvania Commandery at their March meeting voted to become the host of the 2021 annual Congress. The Congress will be held on October 23 and 24, 2021, at the Union League of Philadelphia.

Recommendation: The MOA regarding the Springfield Lincoln Tomb Ceremony between the SUVCW and MOLLUS has now been in place for ten years. MOLLUS wishes to continue the joint event but a review of the memorandum should be considered based on our ten years of experience with an eye toward any adjustments if any are deemed necessary. In addition, we need to verify that the Lincoln Tomb Committee provided its expense report in accordance with the MOA.

3.20 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ, PDC

The National Membership-at-Large currently has nineteen brothers, including one new member since April 1, 2021. This represents a gain of two over the March 31, 2020, annual report. Brothers are located in Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, and Spain.

It has been my privilege to serve the Order as the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator for the last sixteen years. I look forward to continuing as NMALC for the foreseeable future.

3.21 National Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl, PCinC

The Twelfth Edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised has been published with new sections covering Virtual meetings. I am a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians and in the process of joining the American Association of Parliamentarians. This should be completed by the time of the National Encampment.

3.22 National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin J. Frail, PDC

It is my honor to have served as the National Patriotic Instructor for the 2020-2021 term. From October to today, I have issued three (12) National Patriotic Instructions, all of which have been forwarded to the National Webmaster for inclusion on the website. Since October, I have also issued nine (9) Memorial University certificates from this term year and six (6) back dated ones. We have also had three (3) additional Brother who has submitted lessons, yet to complete the program.

I have worked with the Promotions and Marketing Committee, Signal Corps and Memorial University Redesign Committee over the past ten (10) months in many different Patriotic manners. I am extremely pleased to say that in assisting these committees we have used social media via the Signal Corps to pass on vital Patriotic Information, not only to the Brothers of the Order, but those outside of the order. In working with the Promotions and Marketing Committee the Order has been invited on multiple podcasts, with myself doing 2 interviews for History Things Podcast. I am honored to be taking a vital role in the redesign of Memorial University to ensure that the education system within the SUVCW is the best it can be.

Recommendation 1: An addition to the National Patriotic Instructors handbook that includes announcements regarding Half Mast notifications. These announcements should be communicated from the NPI to the Council of Administration (CofA) and Department Patriotic Instructors (DPIs) with the request that the notification be forwarded to Department Officers (DO) and Camp Patriotic Instructors (CPIs).

Recommendation 2: An addition to the NPI Handbook that states the NPI shall send a quarterly message to DPIs promoting the use of Memorial University and encouraging DPIs to send a like message to DOs and CPIs.

Form 42 can be found in Appendix 7.2

3.23 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 session of the 117th Congress (from 19 January 2021 through 22 July 2021), relevant to the purpose and objects of the Order. During this period, I have reviewed over 8,100 federal bills and resolutions. Unless otherwise noted below, each measure is awaiting action in a House or Senate Committee.

Brothers may be particularly interested in legislation denoted with an **asterisk (*) and in bold print**.

BATTLEFIELDS, MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS, AND HISTORIC AREAS

- ***H.R. 671*** – This legislation would require the Department of Interior to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating 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.

- *H.R. 1164* – To require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Emancipation Memorial from Lincoln Park in the District of Columbia.
- *S.366* – “*Confederate Monument Removal Act.*” This bill would require the removal from display in the U.S. Capitol, of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America.

MISCELLANEOUS PATRIOTIC AND OTHER LEGISLATION

- *H.R.51 and S.51* – “*Washington, D.C. Admission Act.* This legislation would provide for the admission into the United States the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. H.R.51 passed in the House on 22 April 2021 and was sent to the Senate, where it is awaiting action, along with S. 51.
- *H.R.85* – *The “Old Glory Only Act.”* This bill would prohibit the flying of any flag other than the U.S. flag over United States diplomatic and consular posts.
- *H.R.127* – *The Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act.* This bill establishes licensing and registration requirements for firearms (including antique firearm displays and military-style weapons). It would also prohibit certain ammunition and large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- *H.R.307* – Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include the KIA, MIA, and POW acronyms on headstones and markers furnished by the Department of Veterans affairs.
- *H.R.503* – “*Woman on the Twenty Act of 2021.*” This will would require \$20 notes to include a portrait of Harriet Tubman, beginning in 2023.
- *H.R.672* – *The “Rejecting and Eliminating the Foul Use of Symbols Exulting Confederate Principles Act (REFUSE Confederate Principles Act)”.* This legislation would direct the NPS to establish a grant program providing funds for the removal and replacement of Confederate symbols.
- *H.R.1320 and S.475* – *The “Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.”* This bill would establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a Federal holiday. Passed by the Senate on 15 June 2021 and by the House on 16 June 2021. Signed into law by the President on 17 June 2021 (PL 117-17).
- *H.R.1522 and S.780* – To provide for the admission of the State of Puerto Rico into the Union.
- * ***H.R.1526*** * – To require flags of the United States of America to be domestically made. This bill would make it a crime, punishable by a \$1,000 fine for *anyone* to purchase “a flag of the United States that has not been 100 percent manufactured in the United States. . . .”
- * ***S.Res.148*** * – A resolution recognizing the importance of paying tribute to those individuals who have faithfully served and retired from the Armed Forces of the United States, designating April 18, 2021, as “Military Retiree Appreciation Day,” and encouraging the people of the United States to honor the past and continued service of military retirees to their local communities and the United States. This passed by Unanimous Consent in the Senate on 14 April 2021.
- *H.Res.323* – Recognizing the enduring cultural and historical significance of emancipation in the Nation’s capital on the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s signing of the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act, which established the “first freed” on April 16, 1862, and calling upon the House of Representatives and Senate to pass the Washington, D.C. Admission Act.
- * ***H.R.2806*** * – *Honoring All Veterans Act.* This bill would establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs as follows: “To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise to care for those ‘who shall have borne the battle’ and for their families, caregivers, and survivors.”
- *H.R.3005* – Among other things, this bill would require the removal of statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America, as well as busts of Roger Brooke Taney and others, from display in the United States Capitol. This bill passed the House 285-120 on 29 June 2021 and was sent to the Senate for action.
- * ***H.Res.441*** * – This resolution recognizes on Memorial Day, 31 May 2021, the denial of full participation in their government through statehood by active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia.

- *** H.Con.Res.37 *** - This concurrent resolution honors the men and women who paid the ultimate price of the Nation's freedom and recommits the people of the United States to remember and renew the legacy of Memorial Day.
- **H.R.3818** – To modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Illinois to improve accessibility to the Lincoln home
- **H.Res.517 – Original Slavery Remembrance Day Resolution 2021.** This resolution supports the designation of a “Slavery Remembrance Day” on August 20, 2021, and condemns slavery and its progenies.
- **H.R.4365** – To preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery. No further details available on this bill, as of 23 June 2021.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- *** H.J.Res.19 and S.J.Res.18 *** – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the Twenty-third Amendment to the Constitution. This proposal would forbid residents of the District of Columbia from voting for presidential electors, who in turn vote in the electoral college for the President and Vice President.
- **H.J.Res.42** – This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that a new state may only be admitted into the Union upon a vote of two-thirds of each chamber of Congress.
- **H.J.Res.51 and S.J.Res.20** – 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.

REPORT ON STATE LEGISLATION – ASSIST. NATL. LEGISLATIVE OFFICER STEVE HAMMOND

Monitoring legislation in the following states: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia, with plans to expand next year.

The State of Maryland reviewed proposals to prevent disturbing graves in National cemeteries, but no legislation was passed. There has been very little other activity, of interest to the Order, in these respective state legislatures, primarily due to COVID-19 issues.

3.24 Asst. National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC

No report.

3.25 National Washington DC Representative, Steve Hammond, PDC

I have not had much to do in the past year due the COVID issues. For the second year in a row, the Department of Defense cancelled the Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, therefore we could not appear at the cemetery for the annual placing of flowers. I was forced to cancel the orders of flowers for the CinC to place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

I hope I can continue to support the CinC in future years.

3.26 National Webmaster, Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC

Since my last report, the role of National Webmaster has seen ups and downs. I have, to the best of my abilities, tried to keep the website up to date with the most current General Orders and more. I know I have failed at times, but I continue to press on. Recently, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration, I have begun work to remove Personally Identifiable Information from the website to better

protect our Order and the Brothers in it from internet scams, such as spoofing, phishing, etc. As a member of the Communications and Technology Committee, I concur with their work to put out regular information around National Holidays that will keep our Brotherhood informed about the increased potential for such scams at this time.

Overall, the website has been primarily in "maintain" mode, and not "build" mode, as we still look forward to the work of the Website Redesign Committee to roll out a new and improved website in the coming months. I must take this opportunity to inform you that when that roll-out takes place, I desire to step back from my role as National Webmaster in favour of someone more familiar with the new web environment we will be using. My children are also getting to an age where getting too much time available on a real computer is difficult at best. To that end I have the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: The National Webmaster be given the ability, moving forward, to request aids/assistants to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief that will have credentials help him with basic tasks. The job of the National Webmaster is often feast or famine, and there are times when urgent items are needed to be posted at I and my predecessors have been unavailable, or spent time from moments to hours away from our families putting out fires. Having a team waiting in the wings will greatly improve the Webmaster's ability to keep the site current.

Recommendation 2: The appropriate committee examine the role and job description of National Webmaster to ensure that it is made up-to-date as we move forward to the new website so that it can be approved at the 2022 National Encampment. At this time, there are portions of the job description that are customarily handled by the National Signals Officer and not the National Webmaster. This is because in the past the two offices were nearly inseparable. It is time to examine this and update it accordingly.

Thank you for allowing me another year to serve in this capacity. I look forward to any way I can be of assistance to the Order in this area in the future.

3.27 National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

Since the last National Encampment, I continue to assist the National Webmaster on the National SUVCW website.

Also assisted in the Facebook monitoring and reported any issues to the National Webmaster.

- No Recommendations:

3.28 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 occasionally.

3.29 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Ed Krieser, PCinC

No report

3.30 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James B. Pahl, PCinC

Serve as support for our National Treasurer.

3.31 Assistant National Treasurer #2, Michael A. Paquette, PDC

No report

3.32 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

No report

3.33 Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC, Daryl V. VerStreate, PDC

No report

4.0 National Standing Committees

4.1 National Committee on Program and Policy, Michael A. Paquette, SVCinC

See the report of the SVC-in-C 2.2

4.2 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC

The committee shall consist of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, who shall serve as chair, and four Brothers appointed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Chair

- Walter E. Busch, PDC webusch@hotmail.com
- Members
- Kevin P. Tucker, PDC ktsuv@outlook.com
- Dean A. Enderlin, PDC enderlin@sonic.net
- Richard A. Davis arwallace@fuse.net
- Benjamin J. Frail, PDC CivilWarFan@msn.com (as of 1/19/2021)

Aides

- Clyde Getman cjgetman@juno.com

While I have some incidentals to this report recorded below, the main thing is that I make the following two recommendations.

Recommendation 1: The state of Missouri at their department encampment passed the below petition to create a national website to have all our information on form 61s and 62s either available to the public or to members. I have been asking for something to be created since 2012 and an answer such as this puts it in the Memorial Officer & Committee's hands to do it, while giving the national webmaster oversight.

These files are especially needed by the grants committee and for member use. It can also something the public could find beneficial and helpful and perhaps encourage members and the public to fill out these forms to further our goals. I recommend that this or a similar method be implemented by our organization. The petition/resolution states:

A Petition to National SUVCW

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to provide a functioning website for the chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials (hereinafter called Memorials Officer) to create and maintain our monuments records.

Whereas, one of the solemn duties of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the protection of Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic monuments; and,

Whereas, the National Organization has created forms, currently Form 61 and Form 62, to record information and to provide grants for the repair and care of monuments deemed important by the Order; and,

Whereas, national committees and departments dispersing grants for the preservation and repair of these monuments and others in the Order are in need of such information on a regular basis; and,

Whereas, the Department of Missouri has a webpage created that not only lists, but also provides the entirety of the Form 61s and Form 62s submitted by the Department of Missouri that any person may access and download; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer can create and maintain for each department a webpage of its own listing the Form 61s and 62s, while beginning to train some committee members and department memorials officers to add their own forms; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer assures the National Organization that many of these Form 61s and 62s can be online within the next year;

Whereas, one web provider's plan allows unlimited storage for items that could be used for this program and/ or extended for other needs of the Order; and,

Whereas, this site could have its information available to either the public (recommended) or members only; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer strongly recommends this course of action as necessary and the most effective and efficient way further to discharge the duties of his office; and,

Whereas, a such a site and domain can cost as little as \$500/year;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to authorize the national webmaster to set up an account with the Memorials Officer as an editor of the site so that the work of establishing a file system of our collected Form 61s and 62s can begin and that expenditures for this come from the general funds of the Order.

Recommendation 2: I received a request from Hugo A. Gardea, Architect, Historic Preservation and Fine Arts Officer, Region 7, Public Buildings Service (7PCD), General Services Administration (GSA), for information about the Santa Fe NM Courthouse Kit Carson Monument and whether we as the heirs of the GAR own the monument or can the federal government do something with it as the Santa Fe Mayor

wants it removed. As it is on federal grounds, the mayor has no standing other than that of a citizen to demand such. I submitted the documentation to C-in-C Pierson before my January report, who passed this along. Documentation, which was submitted to the Council of Administration, supports that it was owned by the GAR and never transferred to anyone else. We, therefore, should own it. The GSA would really like to know by letter/e-mail whether or not we take the position that we own the monument. I am making no specific recommendation that we either own it or don't own it as there are implications both ways, especially potential costs. I am making the recommendation that we take a stand on it at this encampment and have the next Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, or the Civil War Memorials Officer inform the appropriate people at the Courthouse of our decision.

Records of Civil War Monuments – Compared from Last Year

The following update of monuments by states reflects all files submitted as forms 61s &/or forms 62. There are many that are just form 62 files and only have basic information on them. The requirement that when a new monument is given a grant by the grants committee that the grantee file a form 61 at least on completion of the monument is often not being met.

STATE/LOCATION	July 2021	Aug 2020	Gain / Loss	Last Soldier Markers	Notes
Alabama	1	1	0	0	
Arizona	5	3	2	0	
Arkansas	14	12	2	0	Note 1
Australia	1	1	0	0	
California	65	65	0	0	
Colorado	6	4	2	0	
Connecticut	6	5	1	0	
Delaware	1	1	0	0	
Florida	5	5	0	0	
Georgia	28	20	8	0	
Hawaii	1	1	0	0	
Idaho	10	10	0	0	
Illinois	141	135	6	1	
Indiana	16	15	1	0	
Iowa	294	214	80	83	
Kansas	16	15	1	0	See Note 1
Kentucky	16	12	4	0	
Kazakhstan	1	1	0	0	
Maine	7	6	1	0	
Maryland	4	4	0	0	Note 2
Massachusetts	48	46	2	0	
Mexico	1	1	0	0	
Michigan	224	222	2	0	
Minnesota	2	2	0	1	
Mississippi	3	1	2	0	
Missouri	553	556	-3	4	Initial Survey Completed! -Stray Files

					Removed
Nebraska	6	6	0	1	
Nevada	6	5	1	0	
New Hampshire	20	19	1	0	
New Jersey	9	7	2	0	
New Mexico	1	0	1	0	
New York	43	40	3	0	Note 3
North Carolina	12	12	0	0	
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	
Ohio	52	51	1	19	
Oklahoma	5	5	0	0	
Oregon	5	2	3	0	
Pennsylvania	34	29	5	0	
Rhode Island	46	46	0	1	
Scotland	1	1	0	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	0	
South Dakota	1	1	0	0	
Tennessee	9	8	1	0	
Texas	4	4	0	0	
Utah	1	1	0	0	
Virginia	18	9	9	2	
Vermont	1	1	0	0	
Washington	15	13	2	0	Note 1
Washington DC	4	1	3	0	
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	
Wisconsin	35	35	0	2	
Wyoming	2	1	1	0	
Total	1802	1658	164	114	Note 4

NOTES:

Note 1: A spreadsheet of known monuments has been created for these states. 254 Monuments in Arkansas; 277 Monuments in Kansas; and, 12 in Washington State.

Note 2: 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments Report, listing monuments, digitized

Note 3: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book digitized in addition to files

Note 4: Forms 61 & 62s that have been sent in and are not considered monuments are included in some of the department's records.

We have over 70 monument books digitized to help our members research particular monuments (ex. – Indiana's Andersonville Monument Dedication book), 6 monument company catalogs, list of existing Civil War cannons with markings, or review the guidelines for 3 other agencies for placing monuments. They are available on my Google drive and some are also on the Missouri website. Department monument officers and other necessary SUVCW officials can request access to my google drive files for all states and these books by e-mailing wbusch0906@gmail.com

Monuments & Memorials Project webpage on the national site has the following broken links: Kentucky, Nebraska, and New York. They have been reported to the national webmaster. It also needs a little updating and I hope to work on links and adding new departments after this encampment.

The following members should be recognized for submitting 5 or more monuments this year. Tom Gaard – Iowa just sent me 80 more monuments plus some last soldier markers from Iowa; and, Jay Rarick - Chesapeake for 5 monuments and 2 Last Soldiers.

4.3 National Committee on Communication & Technology, Tim McCoy

During my 2020-2021 term as chair of this committee, I supported a wide range of communications needs across the Order and between members of the Council of Administration. This included establishing and managing a Zoom account for use by all National elected officers and National Committee chairs. Log-in information is available on request from the Communications & Technology chair. Work has also begun on revising and updating the National Policy on Electronic Communications, which was last revised in 2008, and will continue past the 2021 National Encampment. Along with National Webmaster Brother Harry Reineke and my predecessor Brother Jamie McGuire, we successfully addressed a series of web hosting issues with LGAR and SVR that arose when our hosting platform, which they share with us, suddenly changed our FTP address in May 2021. I also worked closely with the Committee on Memorial University to address a number of questions related to the interface between the SUVCW website and the website being developed for Memorial University.

I thank all members of this Committee for their support and availability during the 2020-2021 term.

The heavy lifting of this Committee over the past year centered on the issues of 1) protecting the National and Departmental leadership from annoying email spoofing, and 2) conducting a range of maintenance measures for the National website.

1. National and Departmental Email Security

Background-Avoiding Email Scams

Email-based scams (spoofing, phishing, and hacking) are nothing new to SUVCW Brothers. Email spoofings, such as those that have over the past year targeted the personal email accounts of some Brothers, are defined as efforts “to make the email headers look like they are coming from a person or company you might trust. This involves mimicking the email address of the sender. It may also involve creating an email format that looks similar to the perceived sender.” The ultimate goal is often to get the recipient to send money, reveal personal banking details, etc.

Many Brothers are already aware of how to verify the authenticity of suspicious emails by clicking on the email address of the sender(s) to see that it conforms with known email address(es) for the sender. We also know to use common sense when considering the likelihood that a Brother would suddenly, and otherwise out of character, send a request for money or other sensitive information.

There is no perfect solution to such spoofings, which are not unusual and often occur in conjunction with major U.S. holidays. Fortunately, there are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce the chances of falling for such attacks. These range from simple and cost-free, to more complex and costly. As an example of the cost-free, Brothers can use Google searches using questions such as “how do I stop email spoofing”, or “what is phishing” to find extensive useful information on sites owned by Microsoft, GoGuardian, and many others. In the coming year, the SUVCW Signals Corps plans to disseminate, especially around major holidays, awareness-raising information to Brothers about how to avoid spoofing, phishing, and hacking attacks.

The increasing frequency of such scams over the past year raised questions about the security of personal contact information for the National and Departmental leadership that, until recently, was posted on the SUVCW National website. Concerns were further heightened when, as mentioned above, a hacker broke into the database of another heritage organization and then shared the database’s contents, including email addresses, with media outlets and others.

Protecting Individuals' Personal Email Addresses

An important concern linked to recent spoofings of Brothers' email addresses is that, using an individual Brother's name and creating an email address to accompany it, the spoofer was able to know to whom they should send their emails. This information was likely gleaned from the list of National officers, Committees, and list of Department officers on the National and Departmental websites. Once such information is in the public domain, there is very little that can be done to ensure with certainty that such spoofings won't repeat in the future.

To guard against future such attacks, during a special meeting on June 30, 2021, the Council of Administration directed the National Webmaster to remove entirely the PDF lists of National officers and committees and Department officers from the National website and replace them with lists that do not include personal email addresses and telephone numbers.

In the near term, the Communications & Technology Committee will help ensure email security for the National leadership by maintaining 'generic' SUCVW email forwarding addresses (e.g., "CinC@sucvw.org", "CofA@sucvw.org", "SignalsOfficer@sucvw.org", etc.) that are hosted by the GoDaddy platform on which the National website is also hosted. Such addresses can only receive emails. They cannot send emails. SUCVW currently is using 60 of 100 such forwarding addresses that GoDaddy makes available to us free of charge. The current addresses cover members of the Council of Administration (in some cases there are individual addresses and in other cases the recipients are grouped), all Past CinCs, the Quartermaster, Treasurer, Executive Director, The Banner, the Signals Officer/Signals Corps, and several other groups/subgroups of the National leadership. There is enough room left to cover National Committee chairs, but not all Committee members nor Department officers. To add forwarding addresses will require paying a fee for each email address that is added.

GoDaddy has informed me that, at some point over the next year, it will end its free email forwarding service, citing security issues that I have myself begun to see, and migrate all such users to a new platform that will be more secure, but will come at a cost. We are therefore looking at a possible alternatives that can avoid such charges, while also recognizing that SUCVW may have to pay fees in the future to maintain generic email addresses for National officers and Department officers.

2. National Website Maintenance

Over the past year, Brother Harry Reineke has performed a herculean task in maintaining and updating the SUCVW website, rarely complaining and always complying, even in the face of an increasing number of multiple urgent requests that must be balanced with other priorities. As he and I recently reminded our Sisters in the LGAR, SUCVW is a volunteer organization and neither he nor I is a technical expert who masters topics such as the intricacies of website hosting platforms, FTP addresses and HT access files. Thanks to Harry and with support from other Committee members, the SUCVW continues to provide a uniquely valuable service to Brothers and the public as we look ahead to launching soon a new website (see report of the National Special Committee on Website Redesign).

In June and July 2021, the National website experienced a series of glitches that put it out of action for short periods of time. Each time, Harry and/or I was able to address the problem and ensure that the website was again "live". By working with GoDaddy, the website hosting platform, we determined that an extensive malware infection affecting hundreds of pages of the website was responsible for the glitches. I purchased an upgraded security package for the website and GoDaddy successfully ran an extensive analysis and cleaning of the website to remove the malware.

The GoDaddy team that ran the cleaning operation advised the following as measures that need to be taken by SUCVW to avoid re-infections: a) update our website; b) change our passwords; c) change our database password; d) run a virus scan on our personal desktop/laptop; e) backup our site; and f) remove old/unused installations of content management systems, themes, or plugins. GoDaddy further

recommended that our website developer review the HT Access Files and their configuration.

Our current website and the one that preceded it that is still in the public domain contain many pages that list detailed contact information (email addresses and telephone numbers) for Brothers going back as far as 2007-2008. As long as these pages are publicly accessible, they present an opportunity for further email spoofing / scams such as those I have mentioned above. Going through every page of the old website and determining what information should stay in the public domain versus what should be removed will be a time-consuming task and will need to involve Brothers who are familiar with the old website and can guide newcomers like myself.

RECOMMENDATIONS

#1. Considering the increasing workload and technical considerations associated with updating and maintaining the SUVCW website, the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint an ad-hoc committee to explore the feasibility of SUVCW outsourcing these functions to a professional entity.

#2. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the Communications & Technology Committee to identify Brothers who can serve as aides to the Committee in identifying material on the previous SUVCW website that should or should not be maintained in the public domain.

#3. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the Communications & Technology Committee to identify and recommend to the Council of Administration an optimal solution for protecting sensitive personal information maintained on SUVCW databases.

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.

PROPOSAL #1

(This proposal is from the C & R Committee)

Glossary of Terms Used in the C&R on page 14.

Note: This change adds two terms with appropriate definitions to the list of terms used in the C&R.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS. Add – **Articles of Incorporation: Our Federal Charter as granted in 36 USC Section 200301 et seq.** Add – **Virtually: Use of interactive video conferencing or other electronic means including internet-based telephonic means.**

PROPOSAL #2

(The Virtual Meeting Policy Committee submitted a lengthy report, very broad in scope, recommending several changes to the Regulations relating to electronic meetings. The C&R Committee evaluated the Report and submits the following changes.

Chapter I, Article IV, Section 1 (See C&R page 32)

Note: This proposed change adds two paragraphs to this section and clarifies that all camp meetings must be in person meetings; except it allows electronic camp meetings if a state of emergency is declared by a government entity. Also, the camp commander may allow a limited number of Brothers to attend the meeting by electronic means if he determines they could not attend otherwise. Camp Committee meetings may be held electronically at the discretion of the chairman.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Chapter I, Article IV: Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective Bylaws.

(a) All such meetings shall be in person. The Camp Commander may allow a limited number of brothers to attend virtually, by way of interactive video conferencing or other such electronic means, including internet-based or telephonic means, should he find, a brother would not otherwise be able to attend a meeting in person. The Commander shall ensure the method used allows full participation of the brothers attending virtually. In the discretion of the Committee Chair, committee meetings may be held as electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings.

(b) When a state of emergency exists as the result of a declaration by the President of the United States, the Governor of a State, Territory or Possession, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents a Camp from meeting, the Department Commander may allow the Camp to meet virtually through the issuance of a Department Order.

PROPOSAL #3

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter I, Article VII, Section 1 (See C&R page 36)

Note: This change adds a new paragraph to this section clarifying the camp commander has a duty to sign the camp Bylaws and forward them to the camp secretary each time they are modified.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1 (k) Sign the Camp's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Camp Secretary.

PROPOSAL #4

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter I, Article VII, Section 4 (c) (See C&R page 37)

Note: This change to the Regulations adds two new paragraphs to the list of duties assigned to the camp secretary clarifying the disposition of camp Bylaws every time they are modified.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 4 (c) (13) Sign the Camp's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Department Commander for approval once they have been signed by the Camp Commander.

(14) Forward a copy of the Camp's Bylaws signed by the Department Commander to the Department Secretary each time they are modified and no later than 45 days after receiving the approved Bylaws from the Department Commander.

PROPOSAL #5

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter I, Article XIV Section 1 (See C&R page 46)

Note: This proposed change clarifies the procedure and disposition of camp Bylaws that are modified or amended.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. Camps shall adopt Bylaws subject to the approval of the Department Commander.

All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Camp Bylaws shall be submitted to the Department Commander for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations and Department Bylaws. **Camp Bylaws shall be signed by the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary.** No Bylaws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved **and signed** by the Department Commander. ~~in writing~~—Any provision of a Camp's Bylaws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations, or Department By-laws is null and void. **Each time the Camp's Bylaws are modified, the Camp Secretary shall send a copy of the Bylaws signed by the Department Commander to the Department Secretary no later than 45 days after receiving the approved Camp Bylaws from the Department Commander.**

PROPOSAL #6

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois)
Chapter II, Article II Section 1 (c) (See C&R page 53)

Note: In proposal #24, later in this report, the Department of Illinois wants to change the name of the Past Camp Commander badge to "The Iron Cross of the Order". If this proposal is approved a person who has served ten years as a camp secretary/secretary-treasurer and received the rank of Past Camp Commander would be authorized to wear The Iron Cross of the Order.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 1 (c) 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. **Upon receipt of the rank of Past Camp Commander, said Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be eligible to wear the Iron Cross of the Order.**

PROPOSAL #7

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter II, Article III Section 1 (See C&R page 54)

Note: This proposed change adds two paragraphs to this section as paragraphs (a) and (b) and renames the existing paragraphs (a and (b) as paragraphs (c) and (d), and clarifies that all department meetings must be in person meetings; except it allows virtual department meetings if a state of emergency is declared by a government entity. Also, the department commander may allow a limited number of Brothers to attend the meeting by virtual means if he determines they could not attend otherwise. Department committee meetings may be held virtually at the discretion of the chairman.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. 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.

(a) All such meetings shall be in person. The Department Commander may allow a limited number of brothers to attend virtually, by way of interactive video conferencing or other such electronic means, including internet-based or telephonic means, should he find, a brother would not otherwise be able to attend a meeting in person. The Commander shall ensure the method used allows full participation of the brothers attending virtually. In the discretion of the Committee Chair, committee meetings may be held as virtual meetings.

(b) When a state of emergency exists as the result of a declaration by the President of the United States, the Governor of a State, Territory or Possession, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents a department from meeting, the Department Commander may allow the Department to meet virtually through the issuance of a Department Order.

PROPOSAL #8

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter II, Article VII Section 1 (See C&R page 56)

Note: This change adds a new paragraph to this section clarifying the department commander has a duty to sign the department Bylaws and forward them to the department secretary each time they are modified.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. (k) The Department Commander shall sign the Department's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Department Secretary.

PROPOSAL #9

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter II, Article VII Section 4 (See C&R page 58)

Note: This change to the Regulations adds two new paragraphs to the list of duties assigned to the department secretary clarifying the disposition of department Bylaws every time they are modified.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 4. (n) The Department Secretary shall sign the Department's Bylaws each time they are modified and forward them to the Commander-in-Chief for approval once they have been signed by the Department Commander.

(o) The Department Secretary shall forward a copy of the Department's Bylaws signed by the Commander-in-Chief to the Executive Director each time they are modified and no later than 45 days after receiving the approved Department Bylaws from the Commander-in-Chief.

PROPOSAL #10

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl, Esq.)
Chapter II, Article XIII Section 7(b) (See C&R page 68)

Note: This proposal allows The Department-at-Large Encampment to be conducted virtually if the SUVCW National Encampment is being conducted virtually.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 7(b) At the site of the National Encampment, on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order, prior to 8:00 a.m., an Encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. If the Commander-in-Chief is absent from the Department-at-Large Encampment the next ranking officer will call the encampment to Order and preside over the Department-at-Large Encampment. **If the National Encampment is conducted as a virtual meeting, the Encampment of the Department-at-Large shall also be conducted by virtual means.**

PROPOSAL #11

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter II, Article XV, (See C&R page 71)

Note: This proposed change clarifies the procedure and disposition of department Bylaws that are modified or amended.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Chapter II, Article XV. Each Department shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Regulations, and subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Department Bylaws shall be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval as to consistency with the

Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Regulations. **Department Bylaws shall be signed by the Department Commander and Department Secretary.** No Bylaws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved **and signed** by the Commander-in-Chief. ~~in writing.~~ Any provision of a Department's Bylaws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Regulations is null and void. **Each time the Department's Bylaws are modified, the Department Secretary shall send a copy of the Bylaws signed by the Commander-in-Chief to the Executive Director no later than 45 days after receiving them from the Commander-in-Chief.**

PROPOSAL #12

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois.)
Chapter III, Article II, Section 1 (See C&R page 73)

Note: In proposal #25, later in this report, the Department of Illinois wants to change the name of the Past Department Commander badge to "The Silver Cross of the Order". If this proposal is approved a person who has served ten years as a department secretary/secretary-treasurer and received the rank of Past Department Commander would be authorized to wear The Silver Cross of the Order.

The C&R Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal.

Section 1. A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment. **Upon receipt of the rank of Past Department Commander, said Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be eligible to wear the Silver Cross of the Order.**

PROPOSAL #13

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter III, Article III, Section 1 (See C&R Page 74)

Note: This change clarifies that National Encampments are to be in person with the exceptions mentioned in Chapter III, Article III, Section 3 of the Regulations.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. There shall be an Annual Encampment at such time and place as the body may delegate, of which due notice shall be given by publication in General Orders. **All such meetings shall be in person without any virtual attendance unless otherwise provided in this Article.**

PROPOSAL #14

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter III, Article III, Section 3 (See C&R Page 74)

Note: This change will permit National Encampments to be held by virtual means during a state of emergency.

The C&R Committee recommends approval 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, Territory or Possession, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents the body from meeting, the Commander-in-Chief may suspend or cancel a Meeting of the National Organization or a National Encampment, **or call for such meeting to be held by virtual means**, 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 #15

(This proposal is from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail.)
Chapter III, Article VII, Section 3 (See C&R Page 78)

Note: This change adds four new paragraphs to the job description of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief allowing him to accept On-Line applicants for membership and issue them membership cards

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3: **(h) Issue membership card and transfer card (Form 4) to online applicants having complete membership applications. Include contact information for the prospective Department Junior Vice Commander with the membership card and Form 4 when sent to applicant. (Membership application and supporting documents to be returned to applicant for filing by Department or Camp that accepts the transfer. Departments/ Camps will process applicant as any other Brother requesting transfer to the Department or Camp.)**

(i) Forward membership applications along with supporting documentation received from online applicants and accepted by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to the prospective Department Junior Vice Commander. (Signed membership application and supporting documentation to be filed with Camp Secretary or Department Secretary dependent upon which organization (Camp or Department) ultimately accepts the applicant's transfer.)

(j) Forward a copy of membership applications received from online applicants and accepted by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to the Executive Director for inclusion in the Banner subscription list. (Executive director will add new applicant to national database.)

(k) Forward monies received with online membership applications and accepted by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to the National Treasurer. (Funds received from online membership applicants and processed by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will be retained by the National Order, i.e. no portion of the monies will be sent to Department / Camps.) Applicants noted above may be applying for membership as a new Regular member or Associate. No Juniors or Junior Associates may join the Order using the online membership process as they must join directly through a Department or Camp to substantiate parent or guardian consent to supervise the Junior or Junior Associate at Camp and Department functions.)

PROPOSAL #16

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter III, Article VII, Section 17 (See C&R Page 84)

Note: This change provides a job description for an Assistant Executive Director. If approved the existing Section 17 will be renumbered Section 18 and the remaining sections of this article will be sequentially renumbered.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 17. The Assistant Executive Director, an independent contractor, shall work with and under the direction of the Executive Director. With the permission of the Executive Director and the Commander-in-Chief, the Assistant Executive Director may act on behalf of the Executive Director should the need arise. The Assistant Director shall:

(a) Coordinate with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations, as they maintain contact and liaison with the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and other patriotic and hereditary organizations including, but not limited to, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as that committee may request.

(b) Attend meetings of the Council of Administration and the National Encampment of the Order.

He shall be entitled to address the Council of Administration during their meetings as a non-voting member.

(c) Forward all invoices received to the National Treasurer.

(d) Provide the numerical strength in a membership report to the Council of Administration quarterly, and share the membership report with appropriate National Officers.

(e) On June 30 each year, provide the National Treasurer with total membership for fiscal year ended June 30.

(f) Coordinate with the Chair of the National Program and Policy Committee and with the National Webmaster to ensure the latest edition of all forms used for reporting to the National Organization and various Departments are available on the National Website.

(g) Receive and process the annual reports and per capita tax of the various Departments and Camps at Large.

- a. Enter data from the reports into the National Membership Database.
- b. Forward per capita remittances and Form 49's to the National Treasurer.

(h) On or about June 5th, provide notice to Department Secretaries who are delinquent in the submission of the annual report and per capita payment, with a copy of such notice to the Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer, National Secretary, and the Commander of the appropriate Department(s).

(i) No later than June 20th of each year, notify the Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, National Secretary, and National Treasurer of all delinquent Departments and Camps-at-Large of the Order, that the Departments and Camps are not in good standing, listing the specific deficiencies for recommendation of potential department suspension.

(j) Receive and maintain one copy of every regular, associate, junior, junior associate, and honorary membership application entering data from the membership application into the National Membership Database.

(k) Process and issue all new Life Membership cards and certificates.

- a. Enter data from new Life Membership applications into the Life Membership database.
- b. Quarterly, provide a list of new life members to the Editor of the *Banner* and the National Treasurer.

(l) Maintain the *Banner* mailing list and provide the same to the Editor, Printer/Mailing contractor each quarter at the date requested.

- a. Maintain current information for each non-member subscriber as changes are received.
- b. Provide replacements to Members who have received damaged copies.
- c. Respond to inquiries from Members who have not received the *Banner*, verifying their membership status and current mailing address through the National Database and/or Department Secretary, and providing copies where appropriate.
- d. Print labels and mail copies to all "out of country" *Banner* members and subscribers.

(m) Maintain the National Database of all Members and non-Members.

- a. Provide timely updates to the database for changes such as, new members, address changes, dropped members, changes to member status and current offices held by members at the National level. The database information is

updated/changed from various sources such as, correspondence including USPS mail from individuals, reports from Camps, Departments, etc., and from email and phone contacts.

- b. **Crosscheck information received from various reports (Camp Status Reports Form 30, Annual Reports Forms 27 and 35 and Form 49 etc.) against information currently in the database and information received in Department rosters thus assuring that all members are being reported and proper per capita is paid.**

(n) Maintain communication with the appropriate officials of any subsidiary corporations of the Order.

(o) Prepare a report of Assistant Executive Director activities for the Council of Administration at the pre-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting each year.

(p) Receive and process all communications directed to the Order by way of the USPS, email, private package delivery and/or telephone and received at the National Headquarters, including change of address information received directly from a Brother of the Order.

(q) Provide notification of the death of a Brother (as reported by Form 30 or other suitable notice) to the National Chaplain, Editor of the Banner, and the Department as needed. Report deceased Life Members to the National Treasurer.

(r) Provide all Department Commanders annually a roster of National Members-at-Large Camps to allow Departments to contact subject Members and invite them to join a Department within reasonable travel distance to an individual's residence.

PROPOSAL #17

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1 (See C&R Page 91)

Note: This change divides this section into two paragraphs(A) and (B) and adds new language to paragraph (B) that permits the Commander-in-Chief to allow a limited number of Council of Administration members to attend Council meetings virtually.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. **(A)** The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief.

(B). The meetings of the Council of Administration held immediately prior to and then immediately after a National Encampment, along with the meeting held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania each November in conjunction with the observances of Remembrance Day shall be in person. **The Commander-in-Chief may allow a limited number of members of the Council of Administration to attend virtually, by way of interactive video conferencing or other such electronic means, including internet-based or telephonic means, should he find, a brother would not otherwise be able to attend a meeting in person. If the provisions of Chapter III, Article III, Section 3 are in effect, then these meetings may be held virtually. Any other meeting of the Council of Administration may be held virtually in the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.**

PROPOSAL #18

(This proposal is from the Special Committee on National Encampment Credentials.)
Chapter III, Article X Section 1 (See C&R Page 96)

Note: This change will allow national committee chairman to conduct committee meetings virtually, and this proposal adds the National Encampment Credentials Committee to the list of standing national

committees. At present it is a special committee. Proposal #19 is a job description for this committee.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, **Encampment Credentials**, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Military Affairs, 1Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance, Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, and Vision and Planning. **In the discretion of the Committee Chair, committee meetings may be held as virtual meetings or provide virtual participation to in-person meetings.**

PROPOSAL #19

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris)
Chapter III, Article X, Section 20 (See C&R page 96)

Note: This proposal is a job description for the National Encampment Credentials Committee. It will be Section 20 and the current Section 20 will become Section 21.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 20. The purpose of the National Encampment Credentials Committee is to process registrations for the annual National Encampment and determine the number of Brothers eligible to vote during the National Encampment. Duties are as follows:

- 1. Chairman, National Credentials Committee shall**
 - a. Receive all pre-registrations to the National Encampment and enter them into the Credentials Access Database (usually January – July).**
 - b. Maintain a working list of all pre-registered brothers by Department.**
 - c. Receive from the Executive Director all Department Form 49's and verify all credentials of the pre-registrations against each Form 49 to ensure proper credentials of all brothers who are eligible to vote.**
 - d. Provide reports to the Council of Administration, as required throughout the year.**
 - e. Keep the Commander-in-Chief apprised of issues with the number of delegates and any Departments delinquent in providing a Form 49 one month before the National Encampment.**
 - f. Prepare a report to the host Department's National Encampment Host Committee of all brothers pre-registered, by department, in alphabetical order. Email the report to the Department's Host Committee no later than 7-10 days after the deadline of receiving all pre-registrations. (The Host Committee will use this list to make the name tags for all pre-registered brothers.)**
 - g. Mail all checks received from pre-registrations to the National Treasurer, as necessary (usually around 30 at a time).**
 - h. Request a copy of the current BIGS (Brothers In Good Standing) Report from the Executive Director to ensure accurate numbers for each Department by July 30, but no sooner than July 20.**
 - i. Ensure that the Credentials Committee Table is set up and open for business at 4:00 PM the Thursday before the National Encampment. The Credentials Table should remain open according to the meeting room's availability stipulated in the**

hotel contract. The Credentials Table should reopen on Friday morning of the Encampment by 7:30 AM and remain open throughout the entire day until the Commander-in-Chief concludes the meeting for the day. The Credentials Table should reopen by 7:30 AM on Saturday and remain open until such time as the voting for National officers occurs. Once all voting has concluded, the Credentials Table shall close.

- j. Receive all brothers with proper Delegate Forms and Membership Cards at the Credentials Table to register for the National Encampment. The Chairman should make every reasonable effort to ensure that every eligible voting brother will be seated at the National Encampment. If a brother does not have the needed documents, a committee member should direct the brother to the head of his Department Delegation for assistance in obtaining the proper forms.
 - k. Maintain a report of brothers present by Department to be read before the election of National Officers occurs to ensure all Departments are accurately represented. This report should not be read until the doors of the meeting room have been secured so no brother may enter during voting.
 - l. Prepare the National Encampment Credentials Committee End of Encampment Report and send it to the National Secretary.
 - m. Prepare an alphabetical list of all attendees and send it to the Assistant National Secretary (Proceedings) for the Transcriptionist.
 - n. Prepare the next year's pre-registration form and send it the Editor of the Banner for the Spring Edition of the Banner. The Department Host Committee for the next National Encampment may also request this form for their website.
2. Members of the Credentials Committee shall:
- a. Assist the Chairman with all the functions needed to run the Credentials Table. Members of the Credentials Committee are needed during the National Encampment, from Thursday through Saturday, until after election of National Officers has concluded.
 - b. Assist the Committee Chairman in setting up the Credentials Committee Table and opening it for business by 4:00 PM the Thursday before the National Encampment. The Credentials Table should remain open according to the meeting room's availability stipulated in the hotel contract. The Credentials Table should reopen on Friday morning of the Encampment by 7:30 AM and remain open throughout the entire day until the Commander-in-Chief concludes the meeting for the day. The Credentials Table should reopen by 7:30 AM on Saturday and remain open until such time as the voting for National officers occurs. Once all voting has concluded, the Credentials Table shall close.
 - c. Receive all brothers holding a proper Delegate Form and Membership Card at the Credentials Table to register for the National Encampment. Credentials Committee members should make every reasonable effort to ensure that every eligible voting brother will be seated at the National Encampment. If a brother does not have the needed documents, he should be directed to the head of his Department Delegation for assistance in obtaining the proper forms.
 - d. If there are not enough Credentials Committee members present at the time of the National Encampment, aides to the committee may be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief so the committee can perform the duties assigned to it. In the event the Commander-in-Chief is not immediately available the Chairman of the Credentials Committee may appoint aides to the committee subject to approval by

the Commander-in-Chief when he becomes available.

PROPOSAL #20

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter III, Article XI Section 1 (See C&R Page 108)

Note: This change will allow National Special Committee Chairman to conduct committee meetings virtually.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. Special committees may be created by action of National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined. **In the discretion of the Committee Chair, committee meetings may be held as virtual meetings or provide virtual participation to in-person meetings.**

PROPOSAL #21

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee.)
Chapter IV, Article X (See C&R Page 111)

Note: This change will allow the chairman of a hearing council to conduct a disciplinary hearing virtually.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Article 10. Upon appointment of the hearing council, the hearing council shall elect a chairman. The hearing council shall then convene within 90 days **The Chair may allow the hearing to be held virtually or provide virtual participation to an in-person hearing.**

PROPOSAL #22

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl at the request of Brother Loren Bures) Chapter V, Article II (See C&R Page 119)

Note: At the last National Encampment Chapter III, Article IX, Section 1 (See C&R Page 92) was amended to change United States Department of Defense to United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This proposal will bring this Article of the Regulations into conformity with the change made at the last National Encampment.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Article II: The National Encampment shall assess a per capita dues on each Brother reported in good standing at the end of each calendar year.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 #23

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (G) (See C&R page 123)

Note: This proposal seeks to change the name of the War Medal to "Bronze War Service Cross" and add campaign service, or expeditionary medals and combat action ribbons that qualify for this medal. Currently the Council of Administration determines what medals, badges and ribbons qualify for the War Medal.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (G.) ~~War Medal.~~ **Bronze War Service Cross** Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war or military

conflict as defined by the Council of Administration, and received one or more ~~Campaign Ribbon/Medal Campaign, Service, or Expeditionary Medals; or one or more Combat Action Ribbons, Badges, or Medals~~ as defined by the Council of Administration. A Form DD214 or DD215 official documentation from the Brother's uniformed service's personnel center/ bureau noting the award of the ~~campaign or service Ribbon/Medal, Campaign, Service, or Expeditionary Medal; or of the Combat Action Ribbon, Badge or Medal~~ must accompany any application for the ~~War Medal. Bronze War Service Cross~~. Entitlement is determined by the Brother's Camp at a regular meeting of that Camp. A bronze bar naming the war or conflict in which the Brother served may be attached to the ribbon of the medal. This bar may not be attached to any other Badge of the Order. If the Council of Administration decides to stop issuing the bronze bar denoting a conflict/war Brothers may substitute up to three (3) **official** military lapel pins denoting such service. Only the bar or the lapel pin may be used; not both.

PROPOSAL #24

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (L) (See C&R page 124)

Note: This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Camp Commander badge to "Iron Cross of the Order" and authorize its use by Brothers have served ten years as a camp secretary or treasurer and been given PCC honors.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (L). ~~Past Camp Commander Badge. Iron Cross of the Order. Commonly referred to as the Past Camp Commander Badge.~~ Brothers who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term, **and a Camp Secretary and/or Treasurer who has been granted the rank of Past Camp Commander** are authorized to wear the ~~Past Camp Commander Badge Iron Cross of the Order~~ and use the suffix PCC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon of the membership badge, without top bar and the drop shall be the Iron Cross of the Order. A miniature ~~Past Camp Commander Badge- Iron Cross of the Order~~ with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

PROPOSAL #25

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (L) (See C&R page 124)

Note: This proposal will add a new Paragraph M to this section of the Regulations which will allow a Camp Secretary or Treasurer who has been given Past Camp Commander honors to wear a modified Past Camp Commander Badge; but not use the suffix PCC with his name. It will require a new letter for the current Section 3 M and sequential relettering for the remainder of Section 3.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 L. Past Camp Commander Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term are authorized to wear the Past Camp Commander badge and use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon of the membership badge, without top bar and the drop shall be the iron cross of the Order, with the insignia of the Order affixed in the center of the iron cross. A miniature Past Camp Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

Section 3 M. PCC Honors given to Camp Secretary or Treasurer for 10 years' Service. Brothers who have served at least 10 years as a Camp Secretary, Camp Treasurer or Camp Secretary/Treasurer and have been awarded PCC honors by their Camp are authorized to wear a modified Past Camp Commander badge, but may not use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon of the membership badge, without top bar and the

drop shall be the iron cross of the Order in bronze, with the insignia of the Order affixed in the center of the iron cross. A miniature of this badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

PROPOSAL #26

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (M) (See C&R page 125)

Note: This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Department Commander badge to "Silver Cross of the Order" and authorize its use by a Brother who has served ten years as a Department Secretary or Treasurer and been awarded PDC honors.

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (M). ~~Past Department Commander Badge.~~ **Silver Cross of the Order.** Commonly referred to as the 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 and/or Treasurer who has been granted the rank of Past Department Commander may wear the ~~Past Department Commander Badge~~ **Silver Cross of the Order** and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for Department officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order, with jewel. Departments may authorize, without cost to the National Organization, a top bar of sterling silver, on which may be inscribed the name of this Brother. A device may be attached to the top bar, being the symbol of the department as adopted by that Department - usually being a Corp badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge, nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. A miniature with and a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

PROPOSAL #27

(This proposal is from the C&R Committee)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (M) (See C&R page 125)

Note: This proposal will change the current Paragraph N to Paragraph O in this section of the Regulations which will allow a Department Secretary or Treasurer who has been given Past Department Commander honors to wear a modified Past Department Commander Badge; but not use the suffix P.D.C. with his name. This change will sequentially reletter the remainder of Section 3.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 3. **N. 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 may wear the Past Department Commander badge and are entitled to use the suffix P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for Department officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order, with jewel. Departments may authorize, without cost to the National Organization, a top bar of sterling silver, on which may be inscribed the name of this Brother. A device may be attached to the top bar, being the symbol of the Department as adopted by that Department - usually being a Corp badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge, nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. A miniature Past Department Commander Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

Section 3 **O. PDC Honors given to Department Secretary or Treasurer for 10 years' Service.** Brothers who have served at least 10 years as a Department Secretary, Department Treasurer or Department Secretary/Treasurer and have been awarded PDC honors by their Department are authorized to wear a modified Past Department Commander badge, but may not use the suffix

P.D.C. in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for Department officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the sterling silver cross of the Order but in bronze, with jewel. Departments may authorize, without cost to the National Organization, a top bar of bronze, on which may be inscribed the name of this Brother. A device may be attached to the top bar, being the symbol of the Department as adopted by that Department - usually being a Corp badge or other such symbol as deemed appropriate by the Department. Such device shall not extend beyond the edges of the ribbon of the badge, nor shall such device cover more than 50% of the ribbon of such badge. A miniature Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

PROPOSAL #28

(This proposal is from the Department of Illinois)
Chapter V, Article VI Section 3 (N) (See C&R page 125)

Note: This proposal seeks to change the name of the Past Commander-in-Chief Badge to "Gold Star of the Order"

The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.

Section 3 (N). **Gold Star of the Order. Commonly referred to as the** Past Commander-in-Chief Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Commander-in-Chief or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the **Past Commander-in-Chief badge Gold Star of the Order** and are entitled to use the suffix PCinC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have the ribbon as prescribed for National officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the gold star of the Order, with jewel. A miniature Past Commander-in-Chief Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in width may be worn in accordance with Article III.

PROPOSAL #29 This proposal is from Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris and Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl.)
Chapter V, Article XIII (See C&R page 136)

Note: This proposal adds a new paragraph to this article as Section 2 and classifies the two existing paragraphs as Section 1 and Section 3 This new paragraph provides a written description of the Seal of the Commander-in-Chief which has been in use for many years.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Section 1. The seals of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded for the National Organization with the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and for the Departments with the words "Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Section 2. The seal of the Commander-in-Chief shall consist of three parts. The inner part shall be the intertwined letters S, U and V contained in a gold circle on a blue background, then a gap in blue, all surrounded by a wreath in gold accented in blue, with a cannon as if crossed behind with the tip of the muzzle and the breach showing from behind the wreath. There shall be an eagle in gold accented in blue perched on the top of the wreath. This is similar in appearance to the drop of the member badge. Surrounding this inner part will be a white background and a field of twenty-five red stars surrounding the inner part. Plus, at the top there shall be a blue star with eleven of the red stars cascading down to the right and eleven of the red stars cascading down to the left of the blue star plus three red stars at the bottom where there is a gap to the right and left of the bottom three stars due to the projection of the breach of the cannon. The outer part shall be a gold banner, the top of the banner stating "SEAL OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF" in blue letters, the bottom of the banner stating "SONS OF UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR" in blue letters.

PROPOSAL #30

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl.)
Chapter V, Article XVIII (See C&R page 137)

Note: This change clarifies that the most current edition of Robert Rules of Order are the governing rules.

The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Article XVIII. **The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meetings of our Order and its elements in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution or Regulations of this Order, except as in the Ritual and herein otherwise provided. For the purpose of Roberts Rules of Order and otherwise, the National Regulations shall be deemed the bylaws of the Order.**

4.5 National Encampment Site Committee, Kevin P. Tucker, PDC

No Report

4.6 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Frank C. Avila, PCC

This report covers the period from April 2021 through July 2021, inclusive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to dampen activities of the SUVCW. However, most of the Allied Orders were able to attend the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony on 17 April 2021 in Springfield, Illinois. Many of the same attended the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Our next event is the National Encampment of the SUVCW from 5-8 August 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri. The latest information the Fraternal Relations Committee has is that Brothers will be joined by the ASUVCW, and possibly the LGAR and DUV.

There have been no other activities and I have no recommendations.

4.7 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

Commander-in-Chief Pierson and Brothers of the 140th annual encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is my honor to present this report on the activities and achievements of the standing Committee on GAR Records.

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2020-2021 Administrative Year

GAR Records Blog: Following Yahoo's phase-out of groups in 2019, our committee searched for an alternative to serve as our communication hub and file archive. In December 2019, we set up an invitation-only GAR Records blog on Blogger, which we have been using since that time. It has served our needs for the time being, and with some reconfiguring, we hope to use it more frequently.

Department GAR Records Officer: Since the adoption of the revised SUVCW Form 49 in March 2020, we have seen steady gains in the number of Departments reporting the appointment of a GAR Records Officer. The office is now a line item on the form, even though it has been in existence since 2004. Twenty-nine out of thirty-one Departments are now using the updated form. Nineteen reported the appointment of a Department GAR Records Officer this year, up from the seventeen reported last year.

The following table shows the status of Departments who have and have not confirmed their GAR Records Officer (as of July 2021). Our thanks go to all the Departments who have filled the office!

Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer

Department	Reported Form 49	Department
Alabama	Joel S. Mize	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	Hank Cullinane	North Carolina
Florida	(Vacant)	Ohio
Georgia & South Carolina	William H. Miller	Oklahoma
Illinois	Steve Aarli	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Bruce R. Kolb	Rhode Island
Iowa	Daniel F. Rittel	Southwest
Kansas	Blair D. Tarr	Tennessee
Kentucky	(Vacant)	Texas
Maine	(Vacant)	Vermont
Massachusetts	(Vacant)	Wisconsin
Michigan	Gary L. Gibson	

* Using old Form 49

Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:

The following table presents the status of pending National Encampment and administrative actions. Results of completed actions may be found in our previous annual reports.

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
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. Considered 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. Awaiting update to the National website.

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:

1. 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.]**
2. 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.]**
3. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections. **[STATUS: Same as above.]**
4. 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:

1. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records. **[STATUS: Sections of the handbook are in preparation, with limited progress this year.]**
2. 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:

1. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records. **[STATUS: Requires further committee discussion.]**
2. 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.]**
3. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

For more information, please see the annual report of the National GAR Records Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations.

4.8 National Committee on Graves Registration, Henry Duquette

See Report of the National Graves Registration Officer 3.14

4.9 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC

See the report of the National Historian 3.17

4.10 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

No report

4.11 National Committee on Membership, Bruce D. Frail, JVCinC

No report.

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.

No report.

4.14 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, PCC

2020-21 Year Actions:

5 different events of Records found on various websites. Notification was given to the respective Department for possible purchase or donation.

Future Suggestions:

1. Need more guidance for legal actions for items that are legally still property of the respective Departments.
2. Need possible funding / partnership funding for obtaining items or records.
3. Possible new members for committee added, would like one person from each Department to be member to be able to handle respective areas.

Request update on National SUVCW website of National Committee names and contact information, as many are out of date.

4.15 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC

The committee received eight applications, two of which were incomplete. From the remaining six applicants, the following were selected to each receive a \$2,500 SUVCW Scholarship.

Brother Jaeger Held

Compliment- Chapman Camp #2, Dept. CO & WY
Continues attending Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA

Brother Avery Frantz

General U. S. Grant Camp #3, Southwest

Continues attending Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

4.16 National Comm. on Promotion and Marketing, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

I have the honor to report as Chairman of the Committee on Marketing & Promotion. Most Brothers should be seeing an increase in production of podcasts, video Interviews and videos on our new SUVCW YouTube Channel, as Covid-19 restrictions have been easing throughout our great nation. We will be getting back to work on several video and audio projects, several of which had been postponed due to Covid-19. The public has responded very well to these productions, and we have seen new membership applications come across because of them. I would like to thank the members of the Marketing & Promotions Committee for their input into the creation of the SUVCW YouTube Page and wish to point out Brother Rodrick Fraser for his management of this page.

Marketing & Promotions development of the YouTube Page provides, for our Brothers, a location on the internet where they may send in their videos, audio recordings and pictures for use in the creation of marketing and promotion presentations which are designed to increase our membership. Over the past year we have seen an increase in its use, and we have received several new members due to its content. We believe that being able to control our own internet creation outlet and storage location such as the SUVCW YouTube Page has, and will continue to, greatly increase our brand awareness.

We wish to announce a project where Brothers, Camps and/or Departments can write new or older articles to be offered to dozens of weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual publications for their use to increase our Brand and name recognition. Please contact the Marketing & Promotions email coordinator for details on this project and its awards and prize structure.

Recommendation #1: That the National Committee on Marketing & Promotion be issued a SUVCW.ORG email address for the above ability for Brothers to contact the M & P Committee Coordinator. (end of Recommendation)

We have outlined the Fundraising donation structure and will be offering the Draft Copy to the Council of Administration Meeting. This fundraising outline includes incentives for any one of 12 different donation levels, this number is expandable if needed. These donation levels are based on Civil War Corps numbers and their associated emblems. The basic incentives will be Corps emblem pins of the numerical donation level achieved.

Recommendation #2: Create donation incentive Corps emblem pins and have casted the first two levels with funding of the National Committee on Marketing & Promotions. Future levels to be determined for funding, (i.e., 5% of each donation goes into a donation fund to support the fundraising project, donation levels and their incentives.) (end of recommendation)

We will be presenting a Marketing plan which incorporates scholarships in the coming months, again targeted to be presented at the National Encampment in August 2022, this scholarship program was thought of due to the scholarship donation the SUVCW received in 2020. Much debate on the subject took place and through that discussion we believe this is an untapped resource for the SUVCW. I will attempt to get a Draft ready to present to the Council of Administration Meeting at Gettysburg 2021.

Blood Drive Contest: winner None, no reports submitted.

Food Drive Contest: Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Department of Rhode Island with 300 pounds of food donations given to the Coventry Rhode Island Food Bank. Camp#3 will receive a \$500.00 research grant and the Department of Rhode Island will also receive a \$500.00 research grant for use with American

Civil War Ancestor. The Camp will also receive a Blue Streamer with Bronze print stating "2021 SUVCW Food Drive Winner".

I again would like to thank all the Brothers of the National Committee on Marketing & Promotion. I would also like to commend the following Brothers who have given greatly of themselves every time the committee has reached out: Brothers William E. Johnson, Christopher Workman, W. Faron Taylor, Benjamin J. Frail, Roderick Fraser, D. Michael Beard, Jim Pahl and Jim Lyon.

4.17 National Comm. on Vision and Planning, Donald D. Palmer, PCinC

The activities of the National Committee on Vision & Planning during the 2020-2021 administrative year was focused on research and preparation of a report compiling accomplishments relative to the strategic plan associated with Vision 2020. Now that 2020 has come to a close, it's important to reflect on what worked and what didn't over the past decade to help define organizational plans and strategies for the next decade. The research was conducted and a report was recently completed. This report details successes and failures relative to goals on organizational growth, historical research, education, preservation, marketing & promotion, communication, technology and financial strategies.

The committee will also be defining the approach for development of a new strategic plan for the current decade. This will likely include feedback from the general membership as an initial step in the process. The goal will be to have a draft plan to present to the Council of Administration for review and approval by the end of 2021.

4.18 National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Jerome Orton, PDC

The last known widow of an Union soldier was Helen V. Jackson who died on December 16, 2020 at age 101 in Marshfield, MO. She was the widow of James Bolin, Co. F, 14th MO, Cav. She was a widow for 81 years. The CinC was notified immediately upon her passing, allowing the related General Order to be published in a timely manner.

There was a wonderful article about the life of Helen Jackson in the April edition of "Civil War Times". The Sons of Union Veterans was mentioned several times.

There are 2 known "real sons" as members of the Sons of Union Veterans. Brother John Oliver of the Tennessee Department and Brother William Pool who lives in Missouri. I have not heard that they died but letters sent to them are not returned.

The Daughters of Union Veterans according to their website have 3 "real daughters" one of which is Brother Pool's sister.

There are only about 5 "real daughters" that are members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The last known "real son" of the Sons of Confederate Veterans died about 2 years ago.

I have kept in touch with a number of families of the "real sons and daughters".

There is a member of our order who is a nephew of a Union veteran. That also is a first generation descendant.

SUVCW member, Tim Pletkovich, edited a book, "Civil War Fathers, Sons of the Civil War in WW II". Copyrighted in 2007 this book tells the tales of some of our "real sons and daughters".

In hindsight I should have kept a list of all those who were recognized since this project was started 1981.

5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021), James G. Ward, PDC

NSCOHI Overview:

1. The goal of the NSCOHI can be visualized by the “Patriot Record System (PRS)” of the “Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)”, describing nineteenth-century Veterans instead of eighteenth-century Veterans. Obtaining and putting out for bid the SAR PRS specification (adjusted for SUVCW ancestors with qualifying service, and SUVCW regular Members) would provide the Council of Administration with a specific cost and expense proposal. Current estimates are that desirable as the result may be in advancing the SUVCW mission, available funding not otherwise spoken for is not in hand.
2. I thank NSCOHI Members Campbell, Dupre, Knight, Stiles, as well as Aides. In addition, I thank Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Frail for arranging a virtual meeting 5/28/21 with Brother Duquette, Brother Martin, and GR vendor Kenneth Rahn, Jr.
3. **NSCOHI Recommendation 1. The National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (NSCOHI) recommends it be allowed to expire as scheduled with the conclusion of the 2021 National Encampment (NE).**
4. One aspect that SUVCW has been providing Brothers and the public is the Graves Registration (GR) database and internet access. Each entry is a Union Veteran with qualifying service that was buried in a known grave. While a tangible and meaningful service, not all Union Veterans with graves are known, and not all Union Veterans are buried in findable graves. If NSCOHI is re-appointed, the immediate plan is to store the NSCOHI database in currently unused GRC server storage space. A short-term challenge is that the GR server uses “mySQL” whereas the NSCOHI laptop uses MS “Access” db. A plus is there are 2,000 or so volunteers on record that have assisted with GR.

NSCOHI Recommendation 2. If the NE 2021 renews the NSCOHI:

The members be:

- A. **A Brother with information technology skills to compile and manage a database and related storage (such as Microsoft “Access”, “mySQL” or MariaDB, Microsoft Excel, etc.), compile and manage code for internet access fed by the database used, obtain and manage server and server access for internet access, peripherals to create and distribute deliverables, and related software, hardware, etc.**
- B. **A Brother with data acquisition, organization, storage, and presentation skills from SUVCW Members, Camps, Departments and the National SUVCW. In other words, the data entered in a database**
- C. **A Brother with specification and contract acquisition, invitation, creation, and evaluation skills to interface with vendors for skills not available from NSCOHI Members or Aides.**
- D. **A Brother with financing, investment, and development skills, able to effectively communicate justification and make requests for operating funds, as well as to explore creation and implementation of mechanisms to partially or fully complement NSCOHI operating budget funds.**

- E. A Brother with reporting and communications skills to keep constituencies and partners effectively informed and motivated.**

The aides be:

- F. An aide with genealogy and information technology skills**
- G. Brother Henry Duquette**
- H. Brother Kevin Martin**
- I. Brother Bruce D. Frail**
- J. Other aides as necessary or helpful to advance the NSCOHI mission and therefore the SUCW mission**

The chairman be:

- K. If the National Encampment renews the NSCOHI and no other Brother stands for chairmanship, and if it is the pleasure of the incoming Commander-in-Chief, Brother James Gearey Ward as chairman.**

The budget be:

- L. A conditional NSCOHI budget of \$4,000 be approved, conditional on an itemized spending plan provided by NSCOHI to the National Treasurer by or before the November 2021 Council of Administration meeting.**

End of NSCOHI Recommendation 2.

NSCOHI Mission

Part One: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mission is to remember and cause to be remembered Union Veterans of the Civil War, including accurate related history. The SUCW mission is advanced if the SUCW is and is perceived to be a reliable and primary source of information regarding UVCW for researchers and the public.

Part Two: The NSCOHI Mission is to advance the SUCW mission by (1) considering creation of a listing of Union Veterans of the Civil War with qualifying service who are direct (grandfather or great-uncle) of regular (hereditary) SUCW members, (2) considering whether creation of a searchable database of (1) is feasible, preferably online, (3) considering whether a listing of generations between UVCW in (1) and regular (hereditary) members is feasible, searchable and online, and (4) other related considerations.

Junior Vice Commanders at every level charged with recruiting new regular members and processing their applications are potential beneficiaries. So are Patriotic Instructors at all levels, charged with historical presentations. So are SUCW members.

5.2 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, Tim McCoy

During my 2020-2021 term as Chair of this committee, I played catch up as I familiarized myself with the status of the SUCW website redesign in an effort to re-ignite a process that stalled in 2020 because of the Covid-19 epidemic and other considerations. As the SUCW website is our organization's primary face to the outside world, including potential new Brothers, the importance of maintaining an updated and user-friendly website cannot be overstated.

Efforts included lengthy conversations with the immediate past committee chairman, the National Webmaster, the National Committee on Promotions & Marketing, and New Valley, the company selected by SUVCW in 2019 to design a new SUVCW website. I also discussed specific website considerations related to Memorial University with the chairman and other members of the CinC-Appointed Committee on Memorial University.

Work on a new SUVCW website began in late 2019 and continued through early 2020, by when New Valley had completed the major design work for the new website. Critical questions then arose about how/where Memorial University will be hosted, as well as how Memorial University fits into the overall objective of the education section of the SUVCW website. These questions are in the process of being resolved by the CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University.

Additional questions arose regarding how to identify content to be retained and migrated from the existed, and even previous, SUVCW website(s) to the new website, versus content to be archived and removed from the public domain. One example of this are the extensive contact lists for past National and Department officers from the previous website that remain accessible to the public. Identifying all such information is a time-consuming task and requires the eyes and expertise of Brothers who are familiar with both the current and the previous websites and their contents. Concerns were also raised by New Valley about specific hand-coded items, such as a directory of hundreds photographs of Civil War ancestors, GAR meetings and early SUVCW gatherings, that can be transferred from the old site to the new, one item at a time only.

I nevertheless aim to launch the new website no later than December 31, 2021, and preferably sooner. To achieve this goal, I plan to proceed with New Valley Media and Brothers to review content of both the old websites and the new website, and in selecting 2-3 Brothers to undergo training so that any one of them/us can make website revisions as needed, under the supervision of the National Webmaster. Ideally, these Brothers will be Signals Corps members.

Well in advance of the launch of the new website, I propose to organize a special Zoom call for Council of Administration members to introduce the new website, allowing time before launch for any changes that might be needed. Brothers are asked to keep in mind that websites are “living” creations that can and should be updated as needed. Therefore, the launch of a new SUVCW website should not be contingent on the new website being perceived as “100 percent” complete. Adjustments can be made after launch to reflect better our preferences and include new information.

5.3 National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States, Dexter Bishop, PDC

The following report is provided to the Commander in Chief for his review and his consideration. This past year has demonstrated the need to reach out to our veterans. Due to the pandemic veteran’s Homes were locked down for more than a year in most states. With the passing of many of our veterans and the effects of being alone due to inactivity the SUVCW must reach out as soon as possible and be there for our veteran population.

Recommendations

- I. Make the Special Committee on Veterans a permanent committee

tasked with the following:

- Gather and coordinate the veteran’s activities from each department.
- Share all information with departments, camps and individual brothers.
- Provide a standard series of programing and recommend that each department and camp appoint a brother in charge of veteran affairs.

- Develop resources for referral purposes at the national, state and local levels.

Recommend that each department develop a program based on the series developed at the national level. A focus on reaching out to the Soldier Homes located in their state appears to be fertile ground.

1. Provide a monthly program. (Using individual presenters and Digital presentations)
2. Start a camp.
3. Start a Civil War Round Table.

5.4 National Special Committee on negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day, PCinC

As the Committee has previously reported a contract has been signed with the ASUVCW for the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

The Committee will engage the other Allied Orders about contracts once the location has been determined for the 2023 and later Encampments

Beyond these two items there is nothing else to report until such time as we determine the location of the 2023 National Encampment.

5.5 National Special Committee on Monument Protection (2021), Mark R. Day, PCinC

No report

5.6 CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Michael A. Paquette, SVCinC

No report.

5.7 CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credential, Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC

National Encampment Pre-Registration

There are 183 Brothers preregistered for the National Encampment in St. Louis, MO. I am still expecting a few stragglers as the U.S. Mail appears to be running 5-7 days past the postmark. I will honor any Brother's preregistration postmarked on or before July 17, 2021.

I did receive 4 preregistrations for the Daughters and contacted each one of them to let them know they needed to preregister with their own Preregistration Committee.

Coming off the year we had last year, with the Covid-19 Pandemic, this looks to be an above average encampment. It will be extremely nice to see all the Brothers this year. We do have some new Brothers attending the National Encampment and I look forward to meeting them in person. Credential Committee for Upcoming National Encampment

The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC, Chairman
Thomas J. Brown, PDC, Committee Member

Walter E. Busch, PDC, Committee Member
Bruce Laine, PDC, Committee Member
Harry Reineke, IV, PDC, Committee Member
Cameron Lowery, Committee Member

5.8 CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy (2021), Loran Bures DC

Recommended Proposals and Policies

1. Actions of the National Encampment are final and do not require additional action by Departments or Camps to effectuate. 23 USC Sec 200304(a)(1), Constitution Article V Sec 2a.
2. Any provision of a Camp's By-Laws which is inconsistent with the Regulations is null and void. Regulations Chapter I, Article XIV, Sec. 1. Therefore, an action by the National Encampment that amends the Regulations automatically takes effect without further action by the Camp.
3. The Constitution already acknowledges the ability to use electronic means to deliberate and vote at the Council of Administration. Constitution, Art. V, Sec 2b.
4. The Regulations, Department bylaws, and Camp bylaws must be specifically amended to allow electronic meetings. RONR (12th ed.) 9:30.
5. A Brother who attends a meeting by electronic means is "present" at that meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and voting rights under the Regulations. RONR (12th ed.) 9:31.

Proposal:

Chapter I, Article IV, Section 1

Note: This change will add three new paragraphs to Section 1 of this Article which will allow Camps to conduct electronic meetings.

Section 1. **a.** Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective ~~By-Laws~~ **bylaws.**

- (b) Camps, Camp Councils, and any Camp Committees shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings if all the provisions in paragraphs c. and d. of this Section are met, provided that Camp bylaws may specifically restrict or prohibit electronic meetings.**
- (c) The Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman, as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers participating in such meeting and desiring to vote are in good standing and entitled to vote.**
- (d) The Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman, as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers attending the meeting by electronic means have an opportunity to express their opinion.**

Comments to Proposal:

6. Meetings of the Order are preferably held in-person to encourage fraternity and communication. However, to facilitate participation by as many Brothers as possible, use of electronic means of attending meetings, including internet-based or telephonic, may be used, as a supplement to in-person attendance or when necessary, as an alternative to in-person attendance. Experience during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates that the business of the Order can continue in emergency situations using electronic meetings, but also that many Brothers who because of age, infirmity, weather conditions, or distance would otherwise not be able to attend a meeting are able to participate when electronic means are made available.

7. The “form of government [of the Order] must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members . . .” 36 USC Sec. 200304(a)(2). Therefore, the Order must encourage as broad a participation as possible by Brothers, and not limit participation only to those Brothers who have internet access, phone access, or who are able to meet in-person, because imposing any such exclusive conditions to participation disenfranchises some of our Brothers.
8. The language of these changes is permissive, not mandatory, so that the Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman ultimately decides whether to hold a meeting that is wholly or partially electronic.
9. Camps have the right under Section 1.a. to amend their bylaws to prohibit or restrict electronic meetings.
10. Robert’s Rules of Order provides for the conduct of electronic meetings but note that the bylaws of the organization must first allow electronic meetings. RONR (12th ed.) 9:30-31.

Proposal:

Chapter II, Article III, Section 1

Note: This change will add three new paragraphs to Section 1 of this Article which will allow departments to conduct electronic meetings. If adopted, the identifying letters of paragraphs (a) and (b) will be changed to (e) and (f).

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, Department Councils, and any Department Committees shall be permitted to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings if all the provisions in paragraphs c. and d. of this Section are met, provided that Department bylaws may specifically restrict or prohibit electronic meetings.

(c). The Department Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman, as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers participating in such meeting and desiring to vote are in good standing and entitled to vote.

(d). The Department Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman, as the case may be, must ensure that all Brothers attending the meeting by electronic means have an opportunity to express their opinion.

~~(a)~~ **(e).** 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)~~ **(f).** 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.

Comments to Proposal:

11. Meetings of the Order are preferably held in-person to encourage fraternity and communication. However, to facilitate participation by as many Brothers as possible, use of electronic means of attending meetings, including internet-based or telephonic, may be used, as a supplement to in-person attendance or when necessary, as an alternative to in-person attendance. Experience during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates that the business of the Order can continue in emergency situations using electronic meetings, but also that many Brothers who because of age, infirmity, weather conditions, or distance would otherwise not be able to attend a meeting are able to participate when electronic means are made available.
12. The “form of government [of the Order] must be representative of the membership at large and

may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members . . .” 36 USC Sec. 200304(a)(2). Therefore, the Order must encourage as broad a participation as possible by Brothers, and not limit participation only to those Brothers who have internet access, phone access, or who are able to meet in-person, because imposing any such exclusive conditions to participation disenfranchises some of our Brothers.

13. The language of these changes is permissive, not mandatory, so that the Department Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman ultimately decides whether to hold a meeting that is wholly or partially electronic.
14. Departments have the right under Section 1.b. to amend their bylaws to prohibit or restrict electronic meetings.
15. Robert’s Rules of Order provides for the conduct of electronic meetings but note that the bylaws of the organization must first allow electronic meetings. RONR (12th ed.) 9:30-31.

Proposal:

Chapter II, Article XIII, Section 7. (b)

Note: This change will provide for the Department-at-Large Encampment to be held in the same fashion as the National Encampment (in person or by electronic means).

Section 7. (b) At the site of the National Encampment, on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order, prior to 8:00 a.m., an Encampment of the Department-at-Large. **If the National Encampment is conducted as an electronic meeting, the Encampment of the Department-at-Large shall also be conducted by electronic means.** At this encampment delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. . . .

Proposal:

Chapter III, Article III, Section 3

Note: this change will expand Section 3 of this Article to allow the Commander-in-Chief with the approval of the Council of Administration to call for conducting a National Encampment electronically during a state of emergency.

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, Territory or Possession, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents the body from meeting **in-person**, the Commander-in-Chief may suspend or cancel a Meeting of the National Organization or a National Encampment, **or call for such meeting to be held by electronic means**, 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:

Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 2

Note: this change will add a new subsection at the end of Section 2 of this Article which will allow the Council of Administration to conduct electronic meetings.

- 1. In the discretion of the Council Chairman, Council of Administration meetings may be held as**

electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings.

Proposal:

Chapter III, Article X, Section 1

Note: this change will add a sentence at the end of Section 1 of this Article which will allow standing committees to conduct electronic meetings.

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Program and Policy, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Live Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Military Affairs, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, EBay Surveillance, Scholarships, Promotions and Marketing, and Vision and Planning. **In the discretion of the respective chairman of the committee, committee meetings may be held as electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings.**

Proposal:

Chapter III, Article XI, Section 1

Note: this change will add a sentence at the end of Section 1 of this Article which will allow special committees to conduct electronic meetings.

Section 1. Special Committees may be created by action of the National Encampment and shall be for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Their duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined. **In the discretion of the respective chairman of the committee, committee meetings may be held as electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings.**

Proposal:

Chapter IV, Article 10

Note: this change will add a sentence at the end of Article 10 of this Article which will allow disciplinary hearings to be conducted by electronic means.

Article 10. Upon appointment of the hearing council, the hearing council shall elect a chairman. The hearing council shall then convene within 90 days unless all parties agree to a later date, and shall give at least ten days' notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for hearing. The hearing council shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue. A party to the issues may submit their evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing. **At the request of the accused, the hearing council shall conduct the hearing by electronic means or provide electronic participation to an in-person hearing.**

Proposal:

Chapter V, Article XVIII

Note: This change will revise the language to conform to language preferred in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th ed.), 2020. ("the meetings of" is stricken because, just as the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations address more than just conduct in meetings, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised also addresses more than just conduct in meetings.)

1. **The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the meetings of our Order, Camps, and Departments in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations.** and its elements except as in the Ritual and herein otherwise provided.

Recommended Policy on Electronic Meetings:

1. Meetings of the Order are preferably held in-person to encourage fraternity and communication. Experience during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates that the business of the Order can continue in emergency situations using electronic meetings, but also that many Brothers who because of age, infirmity, weather conditions, or distance would otherwise not be able to attend a meeting are able to participate when electronic means are made available. Therefore, to facilitate participation by as many Brothers as possible, use of electronic means of attending meetings, including internet-based or telephonic, may be used, as a supplement to in-person attendance or when necessary, as an alternative to in-person attendance, as permitted by the Regulations.
2. Whenever a meeting is scheduled with an electronic component, Brothers of the Department, Camp, Council, or committee, as the case may be, should receive adequate notice of the meeting via email or via the U. S. Postal Service for those Brothers without an email account, with an invalid email account, or who are otherwise unable to receive email, so that they can determine how they will attend the meeting.
3. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Ed.)* addresses electronic meetings. RONR (12th ed.) 9:30-36. Electronic meetings are authorized by Regulation. Further details of electronic meetings can be addressed by Policy.
4. Whenever an electronic meeting is held, the Commander or meeting chairman should:
 - Cause or direct the sending by email to every member of the body to meet reasonable notice of the meeting time, the URL and codes necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, and, as an alternative and backup to the audio connection included within the Internet service, the phone number and access code(s) the member needs to participate aurally by telephone.
 - Cause or direct scheduling Internet meeting service availability to begin at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting.
 - Require members to identify themselves as required to sign into the Internet meeting service, and to maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, and to sign out upon any departure from the meeting before adjournment.
 - Require each member to be responsible for the member's own audio and Internet connection; no action of the meeting shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
5. While voting procedures may be adapted according to the available technology used, including unanimous consent when applicable, the integrity of the voting process must be maintained, including but not limited to assuring that only qualified members vote, assuring that unqualified persons do not vote, the secrecy of any ballot vote is maintained, the accuracy of the vote determination, and allowing members to abstain.

Observations to the C-in-C and CofA:

16. There is an inconsistency in spelling "By-laws" or "By-Laws" throughout the Regulations. The Charter refers to "bylaws." Being that the Charter is the ultimate authority for the Order, it is recommended that all references in the Constitution, Regulations, and Ritual be changed to

- read “bylaws.” (Submitted to C&R Committee on April 30, 2021 and acknowledged as received.)
17. There is an inconsistency in referring to the “Charter” and the “Articles of Incorporation” throughout the Regulations. 36 USC 200301(a) identifies the enabling legislation as a Federal Charter. Note also the language of Regulations Chapter 3, Article I. This is probably a result of the conversion from the original form of incorporation to a Federal Charter in 1954 and a failure to update the Constitution and Regulations accordingly. It is recommended that all references to the “Articles of Incorporation” in the Constitution and Regulations be changed to read “Charter.” (Submitted to C&R Committee on April 30, 2021 and acknowledged as received.)
 18. Regulations Chapter III, Article VI, Section 2 appears to be missing the word “way” after the word “limiting.” (Submitted to C&R Committee on April 30, 2021 and acknowledged as received.)
 19. Replace the use of the word “blanks” with the word “forms.” “Blanks” is an archaic term that leads to confusion. (Submitted to C&R Committee on April 30, 2021 and acknowledged as received.)
 20. Chapter IV uses a different numbering system than the rest of the Regulations, in that its subcomponents are numbered with Arabic numerals instead of Roman numerals.
 21. The Charter refers to subordinate organizational documents as “constitution and bylaws.” However, the Constitution refers to “National Regulations,” and not to bylaws. It is recommended that a General Order or Policy be issued stating that the National Regulations are deemed to be the bylaws referred to in the Charter.
 22. The transcription of the Charter on the SUVCW website is inaccurate and should be updated. A word (“a”) is missing in the second sentence of Sec. 200304(a)(2) before the term “self-perpetuating.”

Reference Appendix

Review of Meetings & Voting Requirements and Authority to Act in Governing Documents

Charter: 36 USC Sec. 200301-200313

Sec. 200303. Membership

1. (a) General. – Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provide in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

Sec. 200304. Governing Body

1.0 (a) National Encampment. –

1.1 (1) The national encampment is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

1.2 (2) The national encampment is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large.

1.3 (3) The meetings of the national encampment may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

2.0 (b) Council of Administration. –

2.1 (1) During the intervals between the national encampments, the council of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program,

and activities of the corporation. . . .

3.0 (c) Officers. -- . . .

3.1 (2) the manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

Sec. 200309. Records and inspection

1. Records. – The corporation shall keep -- . . .

- (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national encampments and council of administration.

There are no other clauses in the Charter relating to meetings or voting.

Constitution

Article V. Organization

1. Section 2a. The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be vested in the National Encampment. . . .
2. Section 2b. 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.
3. Section 3. The National Encampment shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting.

Article VII. Membership

4. Note 10 to Section 2(a): . . . No Encampment may operate at any level (Camp, Department or National) if the number of associates present is greater than 49% of the total attendance. . . . NC Pahl, Op I, 121st, 22.
5. Section 2(c): . . . At no time during a meeting of a Camp, Department, or the National Organization shall business be transacted if the number of Associates in attendance exceeds forty-nine per cent (49%) of the total attendance then present at said meeting.

Article IX. Amendments

1. All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, upon prior approval by some Department, not later than forty days preceding the meeting of the National Encampment, and such proposed amendment shall be published in general orders preceding such meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Encampment, and 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.

There are no other clauses in the Constitution relating to meetings or voting.

National Regulations

Chapter I Camps

Article I Formation

2. Note 17 to Section 1: Camps in the Order will be those as outlaid in the Constitution and Regulations and will not be on-line or "Virtual Camps". CinC Martin, G.O. 14, 136th, 388.

Article II Membership

3. Note 23 to Section 1: Regardless of the balloting method used a majority of the Brothers present is required to approve or reject a candidate. Ritual of the Order, General Instructions #10.

Article IV Meetings

4. Section 1. Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective By-Laws.
5. Section 2. The number of Brothers necessary for a quorum shall be determined by Camp By-Laws.
6. Section 6. A Camp may change its location from one town to another by a two-thirds vote of the Brothers present at a stated or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that thirty days' notice by mail has been sent to all Brothers that such action is to be taken, the result of such action to be approved by the Department Commander.

Article V Officers

- Section 2. . . . A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except member of the Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. . . .
- Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in September, and the first meeting in January, inclusive, by a person designated by the Department Commander who shall make report thereof upon the prescribed blanks furnished to him. Said dates of election, and installation to be fixed by each Department and become part of the Department By-Laws. . . .
- Section 5. A Camp may by a two-thirds vote first giving five days' notice by mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from six consecutive regular meetings without due cause and such vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies.

Article XIV By-laws

1. Section 1. Camps shall adopt By-Laws subject to the approval of the Department Commander. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Camp By-Laws shall be submitted to the Department Commander for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations and Department By-Laws. No By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Department Commander in writing. Any provision of a Camp's By-Laws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, Regulations, or Department By-Laws is null and void.

Chapter II Departments

Article I Formation

- 3 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. . . .
- 4 Section 4. Departments may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of such Departments shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to each Camp and past Department Commander thereof by mail at least thirty days prior to any vote. Vote may be by mail ballot or at a Department meeting. . . .
- 5 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. . . .

Article II Membership

- Note 44 to Section 1(a): All delegates and alternate delegates to a National Encampment must be elected to such office at their respective Department Encampment. . . . CinC Pahl, General Order 10, Dec X, 126th, 182.

Article III Meetings

- Section 1. 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. . . .
- Section 2. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise stated in the Department By-laws.

Article V Eligibility of Officers

23. Section 1. . . . No Brother shall be eligible to election to the office of Department Commander who is not present and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment.

Article VI Election of Officers

24. Section 1. The Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates to the National Encampment shall be elected at the annual Encampment by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, unless the Department By-laws provide for the Australian system of balloting, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Department Council, delegates, and alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. . . .

Article XIII Department-at-Large

25. Section 7. (b) At the site of the National Encampment, on the morning of the first opening day of the National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief will call to order, prior to 8:00 a.m., an Encampment of the Department-at-Large. At this encampment delegates to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be elected. . . .

Article XV Bylaws

26. Each Department shall adopt By-laws consistent with these Regulations, and subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. All amendments, alterations, or deletion of Department By-laws shall be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for approval as to consistency with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Regulations. No By-laws, amendments, alterations, or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Commander-in-Chief in writing. Any provision of a Department's By-Laws which is inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, or Regulations is null and void.

Chapter III National Organization

Article III Meetings

27. Section 1. There shall be an Annual Encampment at such time and place as the body may delegate, of which due notice shall be given by publication in General Orders.
28. 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, Territory or Possession, or local government officials who have the authority to declare a state of emergency which prevents the body from meeting, 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.
29. Section 4. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Article IV Election & Appointment of Officers

- ▶ Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), National Quartermaster, and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Council Members, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but one nominee for an office, they may be elected by viva voce vote.

Article VIII Council of Administration

- ▶ Section 1. . . . Non-voting members of the Council of Administration shall have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council
- ▶ Section 2. Without in any limiting [sic] the generality of the foregoing language, it shall:
 - (i) Six members of the Council shall be a quorum, but a less number may meet and transact business provided a majority of those present shall vote in the affirmative on the questions to be decided, and six members by personal vote or in writing over their signatures shall assent to any final action taken.

Chapter IV Discipline

Article 10. . . . The hearing council shall then convene within 90 days unless all parties agree to a later date, and shall give at least ten days' notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for hearing. . . .

Article 13. (a). All Brothers of the SUVCW when summoned shall attend as witnesses before any hearing council and their testimony shall be taken on their honor as Brothers. Their testimony may be provided by written deposition if the Brother lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the Brother is otherwise unable to attend in person.

Chapter V General Regulations

Article IV Voting

- (a) Section 1. Proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.
- (b) Section 2. Absentee voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further absentee voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.

Article XIV Ritual

- (a) The Ritual of the Order is hereby made a part of the Regulations of the Order and all matters not inconsistent herewith.

Article XVIII Rules of Order

- (b) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of our Order and its elements except as in the Ritual and herein otherwise provided.

Chapter VI Amendments, Alterations and additions

Article I Repealing Clause and Amendments

- (c) Section 2.
 - (a). All proposed amendments to these Regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically to the Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and the National Counselor and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to be considered. Any proposed amendments received less than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment cannot be considered until the next succeeding National Encampment.

- (b). Amendments originated by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations shall not be subject to subsection (A).

(d) Section 4. The National Encampment may waive the time constraint in Section 2 by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote at the National Encampment.

(e) Section 5. The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular National Encampment by a two-thirds vote of all Brothers present as reported on the roll of the Encampment.

5.9 CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Rev. Peter Preble, PCC

No report.

5.10 CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC

Previous to the disbandment of this committee last October, much of the Introduction to the SUVCW course had been forwarded to the previous National webmaster for placement on the new National website. The committee was reappointed in late November with the addition of two new members. I conferred briefly with Aides JVCinC Bruce Frail and Webmaster Tim McCoy on December 2nd.

After briefing the National webmaster (via a January 10th Zoom meeting), emails were exchanged with both aides discussing objectives and how best to expedite a redesigned MU online. A 3-way Zoom meeting on March 6th established JVCinC Frail as designer of the new Memorial University webpage. The new Introduction course was forwarded to him. A committee Zoom meeting on July 22nd resolved some design and format issues with the new webpage, which can be viewed at: <https://www.suvcwmu.org/> This page will be linked seamlessly to the national website. Brothers and visitors should check back often for additions to the course catalog and reference library.

Meanwhile, the committee has continued with its charter and has begun to develop a basic leadership course, alluded to in the SUVCW's 2020 Vision statement. Committee members have reviewed the Leadership course used by the Department of Wisconsin and will use this as the foundation for the new national basic leadership course. The course is designed to enhance skills and knowledge in several key areas: leadership and team building, recruiting and retention, techniques for acclimating members, recognizing and solving problems, and understanding group dynamics. Each will include a power point briefing, handouts, recommended readings and quizzes.

Thanks to all committee members and aides for their selfless service to developing the SUVCW's professional development program and its accessibility.

PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, chair
PCinC Mark Day
PDC Kent Peterson
PCC Benjamin Frail

Aides:
JVCinC Bruce Frail
PDC Tim McCoy

5.11 CinC Appointed Committee on Liability Insurance, Jerome Kowalski, Chaplain Emeritus

The very first thing that struck me when I began to examine the documents concerning the Insurance Policies of the SUVCW - is that we are listed as an "Entertainment" entity, rather than a Heritage organization. That no distinction or indication is made that we have Members and Associates. That contents owned by the Order in the possession of the Quartermaster and National Treasurer are not covered under the existing policies. That the SVR, and Foundation are not named as Additional Insureds on the policies. I have submitted applications to get quotations for various companies that will provide broad coverage for all Departments and Camps. These quotations are not yet in my possession. In the meantime, we have insurance - as we have had in the past, and it is correctable, affordable and in place.

Today, 7/23/21, we received notification from our current carrier that most of my inquiries have been addressed. Thanks to National Treasurer Michael Beard we have the answers to many of the questions I have raised, and I am sure that before long all will be explained, and by Gettysburg all should be perfectly in order.

Liability Committee Recommendations;

1. With the approval of the CofA, the CinC sends a letter to our insurance carriers informing them of the fact that our membership is divided between those who have ancestry that goes back to the Civil War, and Associates who are also part of the membership who do not have such ancestry.
2. Because the SVR has legal permission to conduct the events at the Lincoln Tomb and Gettysburg - that they be added to our policies as an Additional Insured. All are members of the Parent Organization, but this will avoid confusion - if there is a claim.
3. For the same reason the Foundation should be named as Additional Insured.
4. Clarification on the Officers and Directors policy - are all elected and appointed officers covered, or only the elected ones. This item is not clear in the contract, and it is better to know now than at the time of a claim.
5. Finally, requesting information on the submission of requests for Certificates of Insurance for all Departments and Camps, for all parades, meetings and instructional presentations. Can a blanket Certificate be issued, and for an additional premium - Additional Insured certificates be issued.

The first four items should not have any cost/charge associated with them. Item 5 is in question, and could result in a 50 or 75 dollar charge per individual item.

5.12 CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning, Bruce Frail, PDC

It is my honor to complete this report to the 2021 National Encampment on the actions of the C-in-C Appointed Committee on National Headquarters Planning. We have had a very active 9 months since our reappointment in November of 2020.

We have identified and outlined the requirements for our current needs at the National Headquarters and our future needs at the National Headquarters. The proposed plan for the current needs has been approved and is being financed by the budget of the National Committee on Marketing and Promotion. This phase of the outlined requirements has been in action since 1 June 2021.

We have purchased an upright book scanner (Cyzr 16 Pro) which has been received and installed onto the computer network at the National Headquarters and at last check is working as expected. We have located an additional 100 plus square feet of storage space within the National Civil War Museum which we have been paying for and was not available to us, we are in the process of correcting this issue.

We have been working with two universities (Radford and Penn State) to design and begin an unpaid internship at the SUVCW National Headquarters, I am proud to announce this internship is up and running and we have a very efficient intern. After this internship was started, we had a Brother step

forward to offer funding to support this internship to enhance the experience not only for our intern but also to the order, this Brother wishes to remain anonymous, which he will. But he has my thanks and gratitude.

The internship will run through December of 2021, but our intern has made mention that she wishes to continue through July 2022. We will apply for another intern for the Spring 2022 semester.

With our new scanner equipment and our intern, we have begun our digitization project of the National Headquarters, which is designed to reduce the amount of storage space needed, recall documents easier and quicker and provide for more space to be able to expand our HQ services. Small steps Brothers, but all moving forward.

We have been working with the National Treasurer, the National Committee on Marketing & Promotion, and the National Quartermaster to develop a fund-raising structure and incentive system that hopefully will be announced during this National Encampment.

With the implementation of this fundraising system, we will be able to target our goal for the future development of the SUVCW National Headquarters. I look forward to serving in whatever capacity moves this project to completion and recommend the following.

Recommendation #1: Have this committee made a standing committee. (if we truly wish to see a stand-alone National Headquarters Building, which could include a digitization center, research center/library, archives as well as other items which have been talked about over the past 20 plus years, we need this committee to get it completed).

Recommendation #2: That our future National Headquarters Building be named the Brother Charles E. Kuhn Jr., PCinC, National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I would like to thank all the Brothers of this committee for their work, time, and devotion to this project, they have proven to be the axle to this wheel, Thank you to the Committee; Brothers Mark R. Day, John M. McNulty, Dane A. Difebo, Michael Paquette and David Demmy. I would also wish to express my thanks to the following Professor Dr. Sharon Roger Hepburn (Radford), Brother Professor Dr. Theodore J. Zeman (Penn State, Abington), Professor Dr. John Rogers Haddad (Penn State, Harrisburg).

6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1 Department of Alabama, Howard Poarch, DC

Since our last report there have been several things of significant interest within the Department.

1. We held our 1st Encampment on June 12th and it was very well attended and we enjoyed having CinC Pierson in attendance.
2. In early June our department passed the 100-member mark.
3. We have established a reference library for historical department records at the Winston County Archives located in Double Springs, Alabama. As the documents grow the library may be moved to a more central location.
4. At the Encampment we established a Speakers Bureau so the Department could make available speakers for the various camp and school presentations. As you can see from the attached listing, we have made significant progress in the past month.
5. The officers of Adm David E. Farragut, Camp #5 were installed on July12th. Hopefully the Charter will be received soon. A local newspaper has published the formation of the camp.

6. We have attempted to contact the GAR Records National Officer several times but have received no response.
7. We are a business and should have a business model for development and expansion which would include advertising. In an attempt to properly grow we have added the following to our business model and hope that this will be discussed at the National Encampment.
8. We have committed to film our first video on August 14th. The title is 'Feeding the Civil War Soldiers' and will be presented by Brother Barry Spink, a member of our department. Another member, a retired history teacher, feels he can present the video at his old school. We are planning other video presentations. The presentations will run from 10 to 15 minutes and will be posted on our various camp Facebook accounts. There is also a large number of possibilities for longer videos.

Significant Discussion Item:

The National business model should consider the following:

Since our camps are dispersed over a considerable area it is important that the Department make available video presentations for their meeting as well as being available for school presentations. To be able to provide these videos the Department must spend significant funds.

I believe the National organization should budget limited funds to support our expansion efforts while we continue to search for private funding.

We have an excellent opportunity to reach potential members and approach schools

6.2 Department of California & Pacific, Frank C. Avila, DC

This report covers activities of the Department of California and Pacific from April 2021 through July 2021, inclusive.

The Department of California and Pacific is composed of 14 Camps, represented by over 300 Brothers throughout the West, and including dual members in the East, and Canada. As restrictions on in-person gatherings, due to COVID-19 pandemic, are slowly being relaxed in our area, Camps are also slowly returning to more activities.

Camps continue to hold regular meetings, some in person, and some via virtual means. Since our last two Department Encampments have been "virtual" we are looking forward to an in-person Encampment next year.

Most of our Camps participated in Memorial Day observances in one form or another this past May. These included private ceremonies, placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans, and individual Brothers paying respect at their local cemeteries. We are all eagerly waiting for the "new normal" when we can interact – in person – with the public, by way of our living history events, Camp displays, school educational programs, and at reenactment gatherings.

Finally, I want to specifically recognize the special work of two Brothers in the Phil Sheridan Camp #4: Daniel R. Earl (PCC) and Rick T. LaRosa (CC) for their work making a recruitment video tied in with the meaning of Memorial Day. Their video can be found at <http://www.suvpac.org/camp4.html>.

I have no recommendations.

6.3 Department of the Chesapeake, Roger Leturno, DC

The Department of the Chesapeake includes 15 Camps (including 1 at-large Camp) and a total membership of 410 Brothers. Since our last report, and my assuming command in April, the Department

has sponsored and participated in a wide-range of activities, all designed to honor the service of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

The 134th Department of the Chesapeake Encampment was held 17 April 2021. The Encampment was conducted in accordance with the Ritual and Ceremony of the Order modified for a virtual environment. Department Commander Jay Rarick was Presiding Officer and PCinC Mark Day represented the National Organization. 35 Brothers attended.

No controversial matters were discussed and officer elections were uncontested. As of the Encampment, 89 SUVCW ROTC Awards were confirmed for presentation at 84 high schools and 5 universities. 42 candidates were forwarded to Camps for new membership. Several awards were presented to deserving individuals to include the Richard C. Schlenker Award of Merit to Secretary Treasurer D. Michael Beard and the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to President Karen Sue Lewis Lyddane, Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1 (Detached), Virginia. The Department voted in favor of forming a committee to determine the feasibility for hosting a future National Encampment.

Rather than focusing on individual, Camp-related activities, this narrative highlights Department actions for this reporting period:

1. Shortly after assuming command, the Department Commander held a virtual "round table" discussion with Camp Commanders for the purpose of establishing lines of communication among leaders.

Introductions were made. Discussions focused on planned activities and events, membership, SUVCW Youth programs, timely submission of reports, and what the Department could do to support Camps. The meeting was very successful and a consensus was reached to meet quarterly. The Department Commander held a separate meeting with Department Officers to discuss roles and responsibilities, Camp Commanders concerns, and ideas for improving the Department.

2. Memorial Day observances were conducted throughout the Department over the Memorial Day weekend in compliance with General Order #17 Series 2020-2021, 10 May 2021, Observance of Memorial Day. A collage of these events was forwarded to the Banner for publication in the summer issue.

3. The Department of the Chesapeake has a good relationship with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Officers of the Department and Tent met at a local winery for an award ceremony followed by discussion on joint activities. For the 160th Anniversary of the 1st Battle of Manassas, Department Commander Leturno, PinC Day, Department Auxiliary President Day and Elizabeth Van Lew Tent #1 President Lyddane presented a wreath at Patriots Monument, Henry Hill, Manassas Battlefield Park in remembrance of the Union soldiers who fought in the battle.

4. The Department of the Chesapeake established an Exploratory Committee tasked to determine the practicality for the Department hosting the 2024 National Encampment. The committee will provide its recommendations to the Department Commander for review prior to briefing the 2022 Department Encampment.

5. The unidentified remains of Civil War soldiers discovered in 2015 at the Riverfront Park in Fredericksburg may soon have a permanent home. Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park posted to its Facebook page that ground-penetrating radar indicated a proposed location that would work to bury the remains. John Hennessy, the park's chief historian, stressed the work to determine a suitable gravesite is still in preliminary stages. If the site is determined to be acceptable, a burial date will be set with an announcement of a ceremony. The Department and local Camp are working with the NMPS for inclusion in the ceremony.

6. The Department is in preliminary discussion with Camps to organize an April 2022 Bi-Centennial event in celebration of Ulysses S. Grant birthday. 7. With the lifting of COVID-19 related restrictions, Camps in the Department have begun

transitioning their meetings from virtual to physical. Several Camps are offering both options for safety and to maximize attendance.

8. National Memorials Database: The Department of the Chesapeake is in complete agreement with and commits its support to the Petition of the Department of Missouri for the improvement and expansion of the National Memorials Database (NMD). At present, the NMD is maintained by the National Memorials Officer out of his own pocket. While the National Memorials Officer is to be commended for his substantial efforts, this is not a sustainable situation. Access to this repository, currently, is neither convenient nor straightforward. As the Department of Missouri's Petition states, the protection of Civil War and G.A.R. monuments is one of the solemn duties of the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, the maintenance and upkeep of an NMD is crucial to documenting such monuments and their condition. As Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake, I make the following recommendations for consideration at the National Encampment:

A. That the National Technology and Communications Committee and the National Webmaster be instructed to evaluate and prepare a Webpage, similar to that currently being set up for Memorial University, which can be tied to the National Website containing the Monuments and Memorials Data Base.

B. That initial funding and budget for upkeep be provided by the National Order to establish and maintain a National Memorials and Monuments Data Base that is available to the Membership via a link on the National Website.

9. With the approval of CinC Pierson to conduct lobbying activities, the Department of the Chesapeake is preparing an action plan to contact members of the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorates the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America (A.K.A. the Naming Commission). Our activity is limited to posts within the Department footprint (Lee, Pickett, A.P. Hill and Pendleton). The Department of the Chesapeake will engage the Commission when it's carrying out consultations in local communities where these installations are located. Engagement will focus on "educating" committee members and other key stakeholders about Union heroes whose names could be considered for the renaming of these installations. We are developing a list of suggested names to submit at the appropriate time. The list will be well-researched, with each name having attached to it relevant biographical information that would support our advocating for his/her name to be chosen, as well as any possible "skeletons in the closet" that could somehow disqualify the person (e.g., General Thomas' family, though they disowned him, enslaved people). Simultaneously, we are reaching out to other groups (e.g. S.A.R., VFW, Allied Orders, USCT-focused) to develop alliances that will strengthen our overall objective of ensuring that Civil War-era

US Armed Forces names are in the mix and ultimately are recommended by the Commission. This initiative is keeping with the Order's purpose "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865;"

Should other Departments wish additional information on the practices and approaches being used by the Department of the Chesapeake, please feel free to contact us

6.4 Department of Colorado & Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana and Utah), David Haake, PDC

No report

6.5 Department of Columbia, Loran Bures, DC

Department Website

Our Department website (<https://www.suvpnw.org>) went live on January 15th. The second build went live on April 26th which added "Our Union Ancestors" page. This page lists the qualifying Union ancestor, along with their unit(s), for 151 of our Department Brothers and Auxiliary Sisters. Brothers and Sisters have been submitting biographies for their ancestors. On June 4th, a new section was added to our website. "Recognizing Future Leaders" promotes awareness that the SUVCW recognizes Eagle Scouts and deserving ROTC and JROTC cadets, and the ASUVCW recognizes Girl Scout Gold Award recipients. Since then, we have made minor improvements and added additional content.

The third build will add a catalog of the monuments and memorials with approved Form CWM-61s on file. The catalog prototype has been designed, and we are in the process of populating the catalog. We expect the third build to go live within the next 30 days.

GAR Monument in Newberg, Oregon

As a result of a windstorm in October 2020, the top 52 inches of the GAR monument in the Friend's

Cemetery was broken off. A Form CWM-61 was filed, and a Form CWM-62 was submitted to assist with the cost of restoration. The grant provided from the Civil War Memorial Fund covered the cost of raising the broken section of the obelisk, pinning, and epoxying the sections together which was accomplished on March 31st. The finish work was completed by the Brothers of Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 on July 17th, which involved masonry work, new lettering, and a fresh coat of paint which was funded by the Camp.

Department Newsletter

The inaugural issue of "The Columbian", our Department newsletter was published on May 14th. The newsletter is intended as a way to share information and happenings within our Department. It features news from the Department, our Camps, the SVR, and our ASUVCW Sisters, along with items of interest. The second issue was published on July 3rd. "The Columbian" is available on our website.

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 2020 Encampment a goal was announced of a total net increase of at least 10% in membership by April 1, 2021 (a net increase of 13). I am pleased to report that our total net membership increase was 20% as of April 1, 2021 (a net increase of 25). All four of our Camps experienced an increase ranging from 8% to 35% – our largest Camp experienced the 35% increase, going from 51 to 69 Brothers. At our 2021 Encampment a goal was set for a total net membership increase of at least another 10% by April 1, 2022 (a net increase of 15). To date our net increase has been six.

Department Encampments

Our 2021 Encampment was conducted on May 22nd as a hybrid encampment with the in-person portion at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, Washington. Our 2022 Encampment is scheduled for May 21st in Chehalis, Washington.

6.6 Department of Connecticut, Frank Niederwerfer, DC

This report covers the activities of the Department of Connecticut from April 2020 to May 2021. The Connecticut Department has four active Camps and around 75 members. This past year Camp activities were very limited due to covid 19 restrictions in the State of Connecticut.

Some of the Camps conducted regular zoom meetings throughout the pandemic with the Alden Skinner Camp #45 actually resuming regular meetings at the GAR Hall in Rockville during the fall of 2020.

Nine members of the Alden Skinner Camp, PCIC Ed Norris and Ken Buckbee of the Huxford Camp attended the Connecticut Department meeting on April 10th. Outgoing Commander Hank Cullinane conducted the meeting. A review of the different Camps activities showed that most activities were curtailed during the pandemic. The Alden Skinner Camp was able to conduct our Grave Dedication and Flag placing programs at local cemeteries in both 2020 and 2021 on the Thursday before Memorial Day. Three Connecticut Department members also participated in one of the few Memorial Day Parades held this year. Connecticut Commander Frank Niederwerfer and Alden Skinner Commander Dan Hayden gave talks about the local soldiers during the ceremony.

The New England Civil War Museum was able to stay active during the pandemic by upgrading the displays in the museum including cataloging the entire research library. The last business conducted at the meeting was the installing of the new officers.

I would like to recognize the work of Alden Skinner Commander Dan Hayden during the pandemic. He led an impressive overhaul of the New England Civil War Museum located in the Rockville GAR Hall. Also would like to mention Huxford Camp Commander Ken Buckbee for organizing Camp Huxford and adding new members.

6.7 Department of Florida, Michael Urell, DC

For the most part members of the Sons are less reluctant to meet together and physically get out into the community.

Other major developments include a pending resolution of a long standing situation involving a black Civil War soldier's grave stone in a Florida State Park. Though nothing has been finalized, it seems that the tombstone will be properly seated in a well maintained area soon.

Camp 4 in St. Cloud has arranged for the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education exhibit to appear at the Centennial Park in St Cloud on October 26th. It will present the Sons with the opportunity to honor our veterans and to give the Sons recognition.

Camp One is planning a dual ceremony at Lakeside and Roseland Cemeteries in Lakeland. A headstone dedication and a last CW Veteran ceremony are planned. The revamped SVR will be heavily involved in the ceremony and all are looking forward to a great day.

6.8 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Michael Reither, DC

It is my pleasure to submit a Commander's report for the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

- The 14th Annual Encampment of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina was held at Kennesaw, GA on 27 March 2021. We had a very good in-person and virtual attendance which fostered good will and Brotherhood among our members.
- As Department Commander, I have a goal to recruit new SUVCW Brothers in South Georgia and open a new camp there. We are targeting the Columbus, GA area where military personnel (Fort Benning) are located.
- Brother Eric Peterson (PDC, SVR 7th Military District commander) has retired and moved to South Dakota. The Department celebrated his retirement during our Encampment. Brother Jim Bryja (Kennesaw Mountain #3) will take over command of the local SVR 14th Corps HQ Guard.
- The Brothers of the Department continue to support the DUCVW (Dept. of Georgia) and LGAR James Tharp Circle (Roswell, GA).
- As Covid-19 restrictions are lifted in Georgia this year, our camps are resuming public-facing and traditional patriotic events. For example:
 - o Marietta Independence Day Parade
 - o Living history events at Pickett's Mill Battlefield Park
 - o Memorial Day at local cemeteries
- The Eagle Scout program is very strong in the Department. A new Department Eagle Scout Coordinator (Rik Born), who has strong ties to the Scouting community, was appointed this year and has energized the program.
- The Department continues to slowly but steadily grow in membership.

6.9 Department of Illinois, Joseph Hutchinson, DC

I was elected Department Commander on May 22, 2021 at the Annual Department Encampment held this year at Petersburg, Illinois following a memorial ceremony at the gravesite of Dr. Benjamin Stephenson that had been postponed from April. Our Department is growing the number of Camps in the Chicago area to accommodate the Brothers who live in the north east part of the State to enable them to attend meetings closer to their homes. Many of the Brothers are keeping dual memberships. Our total Department membership is around 210 with ten Camps: General George A. Custer Camp #1 (Chicago & NW Illinois), General Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 (Chicago), General John A. McClernand Camp #4 (Springfield), Captain Frank Reed Camp #24 (Tuscola), John A. Logan Camp #26 (Rockford), General E. F. Dutton Camp #49 (Sycamore), Colonel John C. Bryner Camp #67 (Peoria), Colonel Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 (Belleville), U S Grant Camp #1863 (Schaumburg), and Old Glory Camp #6165 (Chicago). I

have attended all my home Camp meetings. Due to COVID, my Camp as well as most Camps in the Department held Zoom meetings since the beginning of the pandemic in March, 2020. As Dept. SVC, I installed my Camp's officers in November 2020. As restrictions ease, Camps are able to hold in-person meetings and events again. The Department of Illinois bid a sad farewell to two past Department Commanders. PDC Dan Hans (2001-2002) passed away at age 81 in Florida on April 8, 2021. After retiring to Florida several years ago, he joined General Eugene A. Carr, Camp #5, Ocala, FL, last serving as Patriotic Instructor. PDC Terry Dyer (2010-2011) passed away March 21, 2021 at age 74. He was a charter member and first Commander of Logan Camp 26 in Rockford. He was instrumental in the planning of, and the driving force for the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson gravesite improvement project at Rosehill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. A celebration of life was held at Memorial Hall in Rockford on June 3, 2021. Due to local restrictions, there had been few, if any, public events of any kind in my area. This has been the case elsewhere in Illinois for most of 2020 and the first half of 2021. Brothers have held small group ceremonies at cemeteries and have continued their work on graves registrations and headstone cleaning, restoration and replacement. In Peoria, there was a drive-through Memorial Day remembrance at Springdale Cemetery for the second year in a row to reduce the chance of COVID spread. Signs were posted at the locations of various veterans of interest from the Revolutionary War to present throughout the cemetery. I was able to attend a rededication ceremony of a restored World War II Honor Roll plaque at St. Mark's Catholic Church on May 31. To help promote education about the Civil War, I have presented a program via Zoom in May to the Peoria County Genealogical Society on how to identify Civil War ancestors from photographs and how to do research. I have a couple more presentations on the calendar, one in August and one in November for other local genealogy societies as well as a presentation that will take place before the Scottish Rite Masons on November 14 during their Veterans Day dinner to promote Civil War knowledge, the SUVCW and a couple of local projects in the works. I have assisted my wife with walking tours in sections of Springdale Cemetery in Peoria put on by the Peoria Historical Society. They included several local Civil War veterans of note. I am also a member of the Central Illinois Civil War Dance Society and will be performing with the group at a band concert by the Peoria Municipal Band in August. Our dances show how people of the 1860's (including soldiers) courted and entertained themselves. Also in August, I will be in Chicago at Rosehill Cemetery to rededicate a large number of new headstones acquired and installed by the combined efforts of Custer Camp 1, Sheridan Camp 2, US Grant 1863 and Old Glory Camp 6165. In Peoria, I am assisting a group in efforts to erect a monument to approximately 50 Civil War veterans interred at Moffatt Cemetery in Peoria. This cemetery was abandoned in the early 1900's and destroyed in the 1950's. Few of the interred were ever moved. The present buildings and paving are covering their graves. This monument is part of a larger project to remember the 2500+ Peorians interred there as well as to spotlight former slave Nance Leggings-Costly also interred at Moffatt. She the first slave who was freed by a court case presented early in Abraham Lincoln's law career. Prior to being elected Commander, as Senior Vice-Commander I produced the Department newsletter, "The Railsplitter". Without the participation of all those who wrote articles and sent in pictures, it would have been a very thin and boring publication indeed. Also as DSVC, I chaired the Dept. Bylaws Committee who reworked the bylaws to better reflect language in the National C & R and to accommodate new committees, hopefully to promote more participation. I am also the Department of Illinois Real Sons Liaison. Brother William Pool, of Bolivar, MO is the one of only two remaining Real Sons on the national roster. Br. Pool has been a member of Bryner Camp 67 since 2003. His health is somewhat fragile due to advanced age. He has not been to Peoria in recent years. Br. Pool turned 96 on January 13, 2021. We had received the sad news that his wife of 70 years had passed away late last year and Br. Pool contracted COVID at the funeral. Fortunately he recovered. The Camp sends regular newsletters and birthday greetings and coordinates communications with the Departments of Missouri.

6.10 Department of Indiana, Dennis C. Hutchinson, DC

Fraternal Greetings from the Department of Indiana and the Boyhood Home of our Great Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln!

It is my pleasure to submit to you a report of activities from the Department of Indiana over the last year

(July, 2020 through June, 2021). I was truly honored and humbled to have been re-elected to a second term for the office of Department Commander, on June 5, 2021, at our 135th Annual Encampment. This year marked the 73rd 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 217 brothers. This is a net increase of 9 brothers from the year 2019. Some camps have returned to in-person meetings while others are still meeting via Zoom. Some camps are planning to have Hybrid meetings (in-person and Zoom) to include those members living at long distances from the meeting place. Generally attendance has been very good since meeting virtually and the work of the camps has continued to a satisfactory degree.

A new appointed office position has been created called "Social Media Signals Officer". This person coordinates and maintains the Department of Indiana's Social Media sites.

Below is a list of departmental activities since July, 2020:

- August 22, 2020: Ben Harrison Camp #356 held a birthdate commemoration ceremony for Indiana's President, Benjamin Harrison at the Crown Hill cemetery. He was born August 20, 1833.
- August 31st, 2020: The John Auten Camp #8 presented a program on the GAR and the SUVCW to the South Bend Area Genealogical Society (SBAGS). The program was presented in conjunction with Sister Beth Thurston, President of the Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 LGAR. Beth Thurston presented a History of the LGAR and the Women's Relief Corp (WRC) of which she is the National Chaplain.
- September 5, 2020: The Ben Harrison Camp #356, John W. Foster Camp #2 and the 27th IN SVR held a headstone dedication ceremony for Sergeant, Jacob H. Hocker, Co. D, 3rd BN PA INF at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN. The descendants attended and the event had very good media coverage. The Department of Indiana Commander presented the ceremony.
- September 19, 2020: The brothers of the William P. Benton Camp #23 and Champion Hill Camp #17 participated in a ceremony to bury Pfc. Louis Wiesehan at the Goshen Cemetery in Richmond. Wieshan is a Marine who was killed in action at Tarawa, during WWII. His remains were recently found.
- September 26, 2020: Champion Hill Camp #17 and Ben Harrison Camp #356 worked in a Huntington cemetery to pull, reset, and clean two Civil War Union Veteran headstones and to install two new headstones for Civil War Union Veterans who did not previously have military headstones.
- October 7, 2020: Champion Hill Camp #17 presented information about the SUVCW at the Huntington County Library for the Genealogical Society.
- October 9, 2020: Champion Hill Camp #17, Ben Harrison Camp #356 and the 27th Indiana SVR participated in a dedication of U.S. 20 as the Indiana Medal of Honor Highway in front of the Civil War Monument in Angola, Indiana. The event had good TV coverage as well as by the newspaper.
- December 5, 2020: Members of the Ben Harrison Camp #356 and Co. D, 27th Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve participated in the re-dedication ceremony at Williams Creek Cemetery in Indianapolis. Volunteers spent countless hours in order to save this cemetery from destruction. The ceremony took place to thank the volunteers and salute the veterans who were buried there. Descendants and family, plus the American Legion and representatives of all branches of the military and representatives from the City of Indianapolis participated. Wreaths were placed on the graves of the veterans as their names were read. The members of the 27th IN SVR fired three

volleys and TAPS was sounded.

- March 2021: Champion Hill Camp #17 – at the request of the Huntington County Historical Museum research was done on Brig. Gen. Richard Slack's wooden secretary box that was carried by him during the first years for the war. It is inscribed with his name and regiment. The information found was then placed with the box at the display site in the museum. This civil war artifact was found last year in California and the finders felt it belonged back in Indiana in Slack's hometown.
- April 17, 2021: Members from Ben Harrison Camp #356, John W. Foster Camp #2 and Champion Hill Camp #17 participated in the Grave Rededication for Pvt. David Minnick Co. H 30th Indiana Saunders Cemetery, at Daleville, Indiana. The descendants of the Soldier were in attendance.
- May 8, 2021: Ben Harrison Camp #356 held their annual grave cleaning at Williams Creek Cemetery.
- May 8, 2021: John W. Foster Camp #2 - Participated in the Lincoln Pioneer Village Heritage Day in Rockport, IN. The Camp presented a Civil War living history with tent, muskets, accouterments and etc. for the public. 2 members were on hand to inform the public of the SUVCW with brochures and a John W. Foster Camp #2 Banner.
- May 22, 2021: Ben Harrison Camp #356 provided a Color Guard detail for the National Society of Daughters of the Union in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- May 20, 2021: Members of Champion Hill Camp #17 attended the Veterans Wall Dedication in Allen County Indiana as a part of the Memorial Day ceremonies.
- May 27, 2021: William P. Benton Camp #28 planted American flags on graves at the Earham cemetery.
- May 30, 2021: Ben Harrison Camp #356 - (True Memorial Day and Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Day) Planted American flags at the Bethlehem and Highland cemeteries.
- May 30, 2021: William P. Benton Camp #28 held the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Goshen cemetery in Richmond, IN.
- May 30, 2021: David D. Porter Camp #116 - members of the Camp came together for a private celebration at Maplewood Cemetery in Valparaiso. Camp commander and treasurer were present. The Camp Commander read General Order #11 and gave a short speech.
- May 30, 2021: John B Anderson Camp #223 members put out American flags and laid a wreath for John B. Anderson in Springer Cemetery. In Lawrence County at Hamer Cemetery (Spring Mill State Park), and at the Red Cross Cemetery, and in Washington County at Martinsburg Cemetery. The Camp joined the VFW Post 2021 of North Vernon for services in Jennings County at the Vernon Cemetery.
- May 30, 2021: Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 performed a Last Soldier Ceremony for Tipton County, Fairview Cemetery, Tipton, Indiana. They honored Pvt. James Marshee Hoover, Co. B, 139th Indiana Infantry, as the last Union soldier buried in Tipton County. This is the 8th Last Soldier ceremony that Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1 has completed. Involvement from local Boy Scouts and SVR in the ceremony. He was appropriately honored on the true Memorial Day.
- May 31, 2021: William P. Benton Camp #28 held Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Soldiers Hill and Veterans Field of Honor in Earham cemetery and later participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony

at the Wayne County Veterans Park.

- May 31, 2021 – Camp #17 held its Memorial Day Ceremony at the Monument City Cemetery in Polk Township, Huntington County. It unveiled a new sign at the monument that has all the soldiers names who died in the Civil War inscribed on it as the monument itself is facing some weathering.
- June 5, 2021 – 135th Annual Encampment took place in person and with Zoom for those who could not attend. We had 25 members attending as well as Jim Lyon, PDC representing the National Organization.

6.11 Department of Iowa, Dennis L. Sasse, DC

The Department of Iowa's membership stands at 109 members, including 8 life members and 1 junior member.

Our Department Encampment was held on April 10, 2021. Due to continuing concerns about the COVID virus, the Encampment was held via Skype. Members from three of Iowa's five camps participated. Two of our camps have been conducting regular camp meetings either fully or partially online via Skype or Zoom.

Members of the Department of Iowa have been very active in graves registration research and helping to acquire gravestones for Civil War veterans whose graves have gone unmarked. Special recognition goes to Brother Mike Rowley (Dodge Camp #75), who continues to find and mark graves across Iowa, and to our Department Graves Registration Officer, Brother Roy Linn (Kinsman Camp #23), who, along with wife and ASUVCW member Linda Linn, continues to track down information for the national database and spearheaded a special project around the Col. Kinsman Monument in Council Bluffs to research and document unmarked graves in that area and acquire gravestones.

Brother William McAlpine (Kinsman Camp #23) of Spencer, Iowa, has been working to start a new Camp in that town which will serve the northwestern part of the state.

Members of the Camp Guard for Kinsman Camp #23 have been able to restart most of their annual activities. The Guard was able to provide educational programs for three area middle schools this spring and participate in several community events. The Guard will be participating in a gravestone dedication ceremony on July 31 for Samuel Welty, a Civil War soldier (Co. D, 92nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry) who settled in Walnut, Iowa, after the war.

Recently, the Department installed and dedicated a memorial plaque on the GAR Building in Redfield, Iowa, to honor Margaret Morrison. Margaret, who passed away earlier this year, was instrumental in saving and restoring the GAR Building several years ago along with helping to manage a local military museum in the building. Margaret was a good friend to the Department of Iowa. She arranged to let Dodge Camp #75 use the GAR Building for annual Camp meetings and helped our GAR Highway Officer to acquire signs marking the GAR Highway near Redfield - Redfield is located along the historic route of U.S. Highway 6. She will be missed.

6.12 Department of Kansas, Kirk Nystrom, DC

The Department of Kansas and its 6 SUVCW Camps completed the following for 2021:

- Completed all steps to approve and initiate a new SUVCW Camp in Kansas;
The John N. Eckes Camp No. 10 in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas,
Held Initial Solemn Meeting to Present the Charter with Kansas Department Officers
- Department 2nd Qtr Treasurer's Report presented and distributed to Camps
- Bro Robert Boyd authored several issues of the Department News Letter – Sunflower Picket

- Placed Flags in May at gravesites of our Brothers in Blue across the State of Kansas
- Held Memorial Day Ceremonies to honor our departed dead
- The Department of Kansas and its 6 SUVCW Camps continued offering regular meetings with social distancing, and Zoom options when possible
- Camps continued presentations and speakers on Civil War topics, but with Social Distancing
- Provided explanations regarding IRS approval of the 501(c)3 Status for the National SUVCW
- Successfully Offered our 2021 Department Kansas Annual Encampment via Zoom
- Submitted Form 49 – Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers
- Continued Working to Enhance our Social Media Presence for Awareness of the Order
- Continued Recruiting of New Members
- Continuing Efforts of Maintaining Members and Collecting 2021 dues

6.13 Department of Kentucky, David Jones, DC

During the past quarter the Department of Kentucky held its annual Department Encampment in Richmond, KY on May 15, 2021. I was elected as the Department Commander and Bros. Michael Flynn and Todd Early, were elected to serve as as the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders. Bro. Bruce Fortin PDC was elected to succeed himself as our Secretary/Treasurer. Following my installation by CnC, Brian Pierson, I appointed two special committees which are as follows: A Membership and Welfare Committee, which is a continuation from my predecessor, Bro. Chris Workman, and is charged with maintaining communication amongst the membership by publishing a Department newsletter and addressing the needs of any brother that may become known to it. The second, is a National Encampment Committee to study the feasibility of the Department of Kentucky hosting a National Encampment in the future.

In May, the Camps of the Department of Kentucky participated in several Memorial Day Observances across the Commonwealth including: A headstone dedication and interpretive sign unveiling at the Berea Cemetery on May 29, 2021 hosted by Camp No. 5. A Memorial Day program at Fort Duffield Memorial Cemetery on May 31, 2021 hosted by Camp No. 1. Brothers from Camp No. 1 also participated in a Decoration Day Twilight service at the New Albany National Cemetery in New Albany, IN on the evening of May 31, 2021. Brothers from Camp No. 5 participated in a Memorial Day Observance at the Lexington Cemetery on May 31, 2021. Brothers from Camp No. 2 participated in a Memorial Day Observance at a local cemetery.

The month of June was a particularly busy one for the Department with several headstone dedications taking place, these include: Peter H. Baumann headstone in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY conducted by Camp No. 1 on June 5, 2021. John R. Lobb headstone in Hammonsville Cemetery in Magnolia, KY conducted by Camp No. 1 and Camp No. 5. Jonas A. Curtis headstone in the Linden Grove Cemetery in Covington, KY conducted by Camp No. 3 on June 26, 2021. Several Brothers from across the Department participate in a historical marker dedication for Col. Orlando H. Moore at Tebb's Bend Battlefield in Campbellville, KY on June 26, 2021. Willis Corbit headstone in Old Onton Cemetery in Webster County, KY on June 27, 2021 conducted by Camp No. 1 and 2.

In addition to the headstone dedication members from across the Department participate in events commemorating Juneteenth, these included the cleaning and re-dedication of Gen. Gordon Granger's grave and monument in the Lexington Cemetery. Brothers also participated in the annual Juneteenth Jubilee at African Cemetery No. 2 in Lexington, KY were several veterans of the USCT are buried.

In July, Brothers from Camp No. 2 participated in a headstone dedication with Brothers from the Department of Indiana for Lewis C. Ragland in the Parker Cemetery in Evansville, IN. On July 20, 2021, Brothers from Camp No. 5 presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Montgomery County High School JROTC, who assisted in the clean up of a cemetery in Montgomery County that is resting place of several USCT veterans.

As you can tell from the above events, the brothers of the Department of Kentucky are busy making up for time lost during the pandemic and have been hard at work to fulfill our mission to honor our ancestors who gave so much to preserve our Union. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

6.14 Department of Maine, Peter Redman, DC

The Department of Maine reports 3 camps in good standing. One camp, Chamberlain Camp #69, has been under suspension since March for failure to file IRS form 990, and no resolution has been reported yet. This leaves the Department with 60 Brothers in good standing, which is four more than reported on our Form 35. CC Howard Black of Chaplin Camp #3 reports a potential of 5 new members in the works.

At the 139th Department of Maine Encampment in June, Col. C. S. Douty Camp #11 had its charter formally signed by then DC Larry Bonney. Brother Bruce Frail was our National Representative for this year's Encampment. The Department also voted to endorse a resolution to create a standardized SUVCW grave marker flag for deceased Brothers who are not veterans. (A copy is provided with this report.)

Plans are now underway to attend the Maine Bicentennial Parade that was canceled last year due to the COVID pandemic. With the State of Emergency lifted on June 30th for the State of Maine, plans resumed for the parade to occur in August.

The Department has continued to financially support Wreaths Across America. Also, PDC Larry Bonney, PDC Morris Berry, and Brother James Bonney plan on attending the dedication ceremony for the new Maine Monument on the Third Winchester Battlefield in Virginia this September.

All reports and filings have been made on time.

Resolution in Support of a Standardized Design for SUVCW Grave Marker Flags

WHEREAS, different designs for SUVCW memorial flags suitable for grave marking have been offered by other Departments and commercial flag sources, and

WHEREAS, Brother Howard Black of this Department offered a standardized design to the Council of Administration over a year ago, and nothing has resulted from his submission,

It is RESOLVED that the Brothers of the Department of Maine, meeting in Encampment on June 19, 2021, hereby support the making of a uniform SUVCW grave flag in the design of a miniature Camp flag that is currently being pursued by Quartermaster James Lyon, as reported to us by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail.

6.15 Department of Massachusetts, William Naughton, DC

As you are aware, the Department of Massachusetts lost its sitting Commander, Stuart Chambers, this past March who passed away from Covid 19. This was a great blow to the Brothers in this Department as "Chip" Chambers was not only a great friend and Brother, but a valued and experienced leader. He is greatly missed.

Also lost to the Department in March was another long-time leader, Brother Peter Rotando. Peter served the order for many years and was a Camp Commander and Department Officer. Peter served as a Central Massachusetts firefighter and Chaplain for nearly half a century.

On a better note, the Department did charter a new Camp in March. Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54 in Boston. This Camp is wasting no time in performing the work of the Order with a planned renovation of the G.A.R. burial plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Boston.

In this year's annual budget, the Department was able to reallocate funds which had gone unspent from last year's budget because of covid restrictions and cancelled events, for Camp projects that would assist Camps in performing SUVCW mission-related projects.

We established an application process where the Department Council reviewed proposals and allocated the funds. These allocations should assist Camps in not only carrying out the work of the order, but also will present opportunities for favorable publicity to make these projects highly visible to the public. It is hoped that such publicity will lead to enhanced recruiting opportunities.

Since the Department Encampment at the end of March 2021, and with the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions in the state, Camps in Massachusetts have begun resuming "normal" activities including in-person Camp meetings, Memorial Day observances and other activities.

- We participated in Memorial Day observances at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn, at Hope Cemetery, Worcester and the Training Field in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

- On Memorial Day, the Department and the 1st Military District, SVR performed a Ceremony of Rededication at General Frederick W. Lander's gravesite at the Broad Street Cemetery in Salem, Massachusetts.

In June, the Department and the 1st Military District, SVR performed a Ceremony of Rededication at the restored Civil War monument in Shirley, Massachusetts, 130 years after it was dedicated.

- On July 17th, Brothers participated in a ceremony at "The Wall That Heals", a scaled replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which was visiting Nahant, Massachusetts. Brothers also volunteered for guard duty at the Wall overnight.

I look forward to an active year with Brothers in the Department of Massachusetts participating in public events, accomplishing projects, and recruiting new Members

6.16 Department of Michigan, Nathan L. Smith, DC

Current Membership and Camps Status

As of the Annual Report dated May 2, 2021, the Department of Michigan has 452 Members including Associates, and Junior Members. The Department of Michigan currently stands at 22 Camps including a Camp-At-Large. Many camps as of this date have started to return to having meetings and holding events. Many have expressed how nice it is to meet in person after the Covid-19 pandemic affected meetings and events last year.

National Encampment in Grand Rapids

Preparations by the Department of Michigan to host the 2022 National Encampment are underway. The planning and preparations are being spearheaded by PCinC James Pahl whom I know will make sure every detail is planned accordingly. The planned dates are August 11-14 and it will be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

Graves Registration Records and Software Update

At the Department Encampment our Graves Registration Officer had reported that the Department of Michigan's graves registration database now holds 76,757 records of which over 1,400 had been added in the past year alone. The GRO, Signals Officer and Technology Committee sought approval and were authorized by the Encampment to upgrade the graves registration database software thus allowing for a better and smoother format

6.17 Department of Missouri, Gary L. Scheel, DC

The Department of Missouri, which includes the State of Arkansas, has been a year of lingering covid affects upon the Department. Some of our camps have met in person, some have met using a combination of in person and zoom, some have met strictly using Zoom.

On 5 June, we met for our annual Department Encampment at the Missouri Civil War Museum located in Jefferson Barracks in Lemay, MO. Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson honored us with his presence.

The following officers are now serving the members of the Department of Missouri as of 5 June 2021

Commander: Gary L. Scheel
Senior Vice Commander: Robert Amsler, Jr. PCC
Junior Vice Commander: Bryan Bradford, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer: Edward Krieser, PCinC
Council
Randal A. Burd, Jr. PDC
Dale Crandaell, PDC
Robert AuBuchon, PCC

We have twelve Camps in the Department. There are nine in the State of Missouri and three in the State of Arkansas. We recently installed the officers of the newest camp in Arkansas, Isaac Murphy Camp #2. Arkansas has enough camps to form a department and it is our hope, by the time of our next Annual Report the Department of Arkansas, SUVCW will be a reality.

We have two-hundred and ten members in the Department of Missouri which includes Arkansas. This count includes the six new members from the new Arkansas camp the Isaac Murphy Camp #2. Our membership has been somewhat reduced this year. Twelve members were dropped from the roles and six members have entered into their great reward on the other side. The members who have died are as follows: James Sylvester Cunningham, Tiger Camp #432; Alan Wayne Heidbreder, Tiger Camp #432; John Hardin Chance, Tiger Camp #432; Donald Lee Roussin, Sr., Fletcher Camp #47; Larry Leslie Von Behren, Grant Camp #68, and David Richard Busch, Grant Camp #68. All of these Brothers are missed.

Members of our Department have participated in many of our National projects. Members of our camps have contributed to the National Grave Registrations, Grand Army of the Republic records, Monument and Memorial projects, Eagle Scout Recognition, ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program. We offer a scholarship to the top ROTC Award winner and a History Selection . Both scholarship recipients are awarded \$200.00 each.

Our National Encampment Host committee has been working very hard on the upcoming encampment this coming August. They all are doing an exceptional job. We are looking forward to all of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. attending the Encampment.

Our Programs Committee is working on a program for April 2022 at Shiloh National Military Park. The plans are to have a ceremony in the cemetery and one near the Missouri Monument. The weekend in April has not been decided yet.

We have several members of the Department who are active in the Central Regions of the Allied Order of the G.A.R.

I would like to thank Past Department Commander Sumner Hunnewell for all of his hard work this past year as Department Commander. He was always willing to come and participate in any camp function. He even came to my camp and helped to clean and reset a VA marker for a Civil War Veteran. He has set the bar high as a Department Commander and is a credit to our Order.

Enclosed is a Petition the Department of Missouri would like to present at the National Encampment.

The Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to provide a functioning website for the chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials (hereinafter called Memorials Officer) to create and maintain our monuments records.

Whereas, one of the solemn duties of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the protection of Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic monuments; and,

Whereas, the National Organization has created forms, currently Form 61 and Form 62, to record information and to provide grants for the repair and care of monuments deemed important by the Order ; and,

Whereas, national committees and departments dispersing grants for the preservation and repair of these monuments and others in the Order are in need of such information on a regular basis; and,

Whereas, the Department of Missouri has a webpage created that not only lists, but also provides the entirety of the Form 61s and Form 62s submitted by the Department of Missouri that any person may

access and download; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer can create and maintain for each department a webpage of its own listing the Form 61s and 62s, while beginning to train some committee members and department memorials officers to add their own forms; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer assures the National Organization that many of these Form 61s and 62s can be online within the next year;

Whereas, one web provider's plan allows unlimited storage for items that could be used for this program and/ or extended for other needs of the Order; and,

Whereas, this site could have its information available to either the public (recommended) or members only; and,

Whereas, the Memorials Officer strongly recommends this course of action as necessary and the most effective and efficient way further to discharge the duties of his office; and,

Whereas, a such a site and domain can cost as little as \$500/year;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to authorize the national webmaster to set up an account with the Memorials Officer as an editor of the site so that the work of establishing a file system of our collected Form 61s and 62s can begin and that expenditures for this come from the general funds of the Order.

6.18 Department of Nebraska (with North Dakota and South Dakota), John Surman, DC

Brother Bruce Frail and I worked together to determine that an application for admission to our Shiloh Camp was based upon the identity of an incorrect Civil War soldier's record and that the application should be denied on that basis. We provided the applicant with a correct date of death for his correct ancestor and suggested a few records for men that may have been his actual ancestor – sticky matter but handled to my satisfaction.

Our Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas held our Department Encampment on April 10th in Wahoo, Nebraska again as an in-person and virtual meeting. National CinC Pierson did the honors of installing our newly elected officers. The Department again tabbed me to be their Department Commander. Our afternoon guest speaker had a presentation on the importance and protection of the ports of Charlestown and Savannah to help commemorate the 160th anniversary of the firing on Fort Sumter.

We again distributed the ROTC awards to the instructors for presentations to the cadets in late April since COVID-19 limited in person attendances other than to immediate family members.

As a prelude to Memorial Day the Department placed the three (3) Civil War headstones in the Stella, Nebraska cemetery on the previously unmarked graves. Four Camps participated in Memorial Day ceremonies.

Living History Civil War camps were held at several locations and I managed to attend the one in June in Wahoo during their observance of their sesquicentennial celebration. We held public ceremonies for an additional nine (9) Last Soldier medallions on the graves of Nebraska's Last Union Soldier Buried in the County thus far this spring. We have 19 completed thus far and have had partial success in locating and including the descendants of these Civil War soldiers. Most ceremonies had newspaper coverage.

A large contingent of our Department Brothers were present at our PDC Bill Dean's funeral on July 9th in Talmage. His funeral was patterned after the G.A.R. funerals of the past and I had the honor of speaking on behalf of the Department at his grave.

6.19 Department of New Hampshire, Michael C Shklar, DC

The last quarter has seen the beginnings of what President Harding referred to as a "return to normalcy".

The first half of this quarter was, sadly, a continuation of 2020. The Department conducted a “virtual” encampment, which generated an unfortunately low turnout, though only one camp was wholly unrepresented. By consensus, given the limited attendance the existing slate of officers remained at their posts in anticipation of a more appropriate gathering next year.

It should be noted that most camps continued to meet in some form during this period and all have now returned to regular meetings.

As the quarter progressed, and significant numbers of Brothers received covid vaccines, the threat of the epidemic has receded and with it a loosening of restrictions from the civil authorities both in New Hampshire and adjoining states. Thus, over the last month members of the 12th NH Volunteer Infantry SVR have participated in events in Shirley, Massachusetts . Over the July 4th weekend SVR units from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont converged in Brandon, Vermont for their parade. The following day a detachment from New Hampshire marched in the parade in Belmont, VT. Camps have also engaged in activities surrounding Decoration Day, including at least one parade in Lebanon, NH, and at least one camp (my own) hosted an event for Juneteenth This was, perforce, organized quickly as the National Holiday became the law only a couple of days before the event! Efforts by another camp to obtain funds for a gravestone repair in Manchester have also met with some success as a direct result of the organization having 501(c)(3) status.

We do anticipate a rather active summer, as the region continues to move forward and fairs and other events resume. I do not anticipate a truly “normal” year, as events even for the Glorious 4th have not yet resumed as the advance planning required could not be accomplished given the uncertainties prevalent during the last months.

Many brothers are looking forward to reuniting for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, and there is great relief in the ranks ant again being able to see our Brothers from whom we have been separated during the last many months.

6.20 Department of New Jersey, Gary DeSiver, DC

The New Jersey Department encampment was conducted June 12th. SVCinC Michael A. Paquette attended the encampment. Due to New Jersey restrictions on restaurants from Covid-19 and concerns for the health of our brothers, the Department encampment was conducted virtually. We look forward to returning to an in-person encampment next year.

The New Jersey camps have been meeting on their normal quarterly or bimonthly schedule during the past quarter. Most of the meetings have been virtual. The in-person meetings have been conducted in accordance with applicable CDC guidelines.

We have provided recognition certificates to 79 Eagle Scouts during the past quarter. This effort has been led by PDC Rob Meyer.

We are improved our communications with our Brothers within the Department. This included updating the Department website, Camp websites and the Department Facebook page. In June, we published our first Department newsletter in many years. We intend to publish several newsletter issues in the upcoming year.

James S. Stratton Camp 82 has resumed band rehearsals. They are rehearsing new music for Remembrance Day. They intend participate at the monument ceremonies, parade and Saturday night ball.

6.21 Department of New York, Brian Castler, DC

Activity by the “Rally ‘Round the Flag” Committee is continuing 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 Department Web Master has been keeping the Department web site up to date and has been continuing to work on the mass e-mail list. This effort has been severely hampered by a number of incorrect e-mails.

The Department newsletter, "The Volunteer", 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.

In July 2020, the 77th New York Volunteer Infantry Monument was vandalized at Congress Park in Saratoga Springs, New York. A "Go Fund Me" page was started by the Col. George L. Willard Camp #154 to raise funds for the restoration. The campaign raised, to date, over \$12,000.00.

I attended, via ZOOM, the National Encampment on October 24th, 2020, with several Department of New York Brothers.

The 2020 Department Annual Midyear meeting was held via Zoom on November 14th, 2020 with 16 Brothers present.

In December, several Camps participated in "Wreaths Across America" at cemeteries across New York State. The mission was to place wreaths on veteran's graves including GAR graves and plots.

The Quarterly Departments Commander's Report was submitted on April 14th, 2021.

On April 21st, 2021, I conducted a pre-Encampment meeting via ZOOM.

On May 15th, 2021, via Zoom, I conducted the 138th NY Department Annual Encampment.

The annual Fundraiser Raffle was held at the above encampment. This year two (2) raffles were held. One raffle was the traditional Raffle. The other raffle was "an original design scrap quilt in the Civil War-style, created using reproduction fabric, and blocks typical in the mid-nineteenth century often used in quilts as signs of the Underground Railroad (queen-size)". This was done to generate more ticket sales and brought in almost three times the normal income.

The Colonel Marshall Lefferts Camp #7, New York City, NY, was welcomed as the newest camp to the Department of New York.

The Department's Recruitment and Retention Committee has been working to increase membership. There first activity has been targeted advertising on Facebook.

The Department retrieved the Departments archive materials from the former Departments Archivist and now has everything stored at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. The Materials are currently being sorted, audited, and repacked in archival type boxes.

On April 27th, the National Park Service held a virtual ceremony of President and General Ulysses S. Grant's 199th birthday. Wreaths were presented by the White House, the National Park Service, the Sons of Veterans of Civil War (by the Oliver Tilden Camp #26), the Ulysses S Grant Family, and the Grant Monument Association.

This year's Memorial Day activities were held on 2 days by many camps, with May 30th, (Decoration Day) falling on Sunday and Memorial Day falling on the next day. Camps observed the current social distancing guidelines at the activity(s) they participated in.

At the 127th Annual Encampment of the Department of New York in 2010 it was resolved that the Grave of Major General George H. Thomas (The rock of Chickamauga) in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY be maintained by the Department. These efforts were headed by the Col. George L. Willard Camp, #154. The work of restoring the monument and reconstructing the ornamental cast-iron fence, replacing the broken and stolen finials, removal of a large Beech tree that towered dangerously over the Kellogg Family Plot, raising a descriptive bronze tablet of General Thomas off the ground, and placing directional Signage to the grave site is now 100% complete.

On 31st July 2021 (the anniversary of Thomas's birth in 1816) there will be a re-dedication of the gravesite by the Willard Camp, Cemetery Association, and Friends of Oakwood Cemetery at 11:00 am.

6.22 Department of North Carolina, Robert A. Crum, DC

Department Encampment

Our May 1, 2021, we conducted our 14th Annual Department Encampment using Zoom due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. It was attended by two National Officers, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette and Henry C. Duquette, PDC, National Council of Administration. Encampment business was conducted, there was an election and appointment of officers, and officers were installed by the Senior Vice 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 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 and photo about this service is to appear in the Summer 2021 Banner and in the Historical Journal for MOLLUS. 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 109 members with 23 new members. We only lost 6 members in the past year with 2 by death, 3 Honorable Discharges and 1 dropped by General Discharge. We have five Camps in Good Standing. Our Department JVC is doing a great job processing and forwarding new applications. Even during these trying times, our Department is working to maintain and increase membership.

Strategic Placement of Camps

I compared the location of members with respect to their Camps and explored where Camps might be located to facilitate easier attendance and the potential for Camp members to be more active with their Brothers. Camp No. 2 met at the Commander's house for years at a more remote location outside the Charlotte metropolitan area. Camp No. 2 will begin meeting at a library in a suburb of Charlotte (a major metropolitan area) with the hope of establishing the possibility of giving them more potential for people attending meetings and hope for growth. Camp No. 6 is active and growing. They voted to move their Camp from the smaller community of Lexington to a larger population center where we have several members, which is in the Winston-Salem/Greensboro area. Their hope is to be able to grow more by being in a larger population center.

New Camp Being Organized and the Need for More

There are large areas in the state of North Carolina where we have no Camps, and there is great potential for growth in those areas. I recently agreed to the Organization of a new Camp at Cary, which is in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill metropolitan area. It's in the largest metropolitan area in the state with a number of universities, museums, historic sites and a National Cemetery with Union soldiers. The Camp in Cary will be the Maj. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 and may be applying for their Charter no later than September 2021. There was once a Camp in the mountainous western part of the state in Asheville and there is a need for a new Camp there. This area is a growing with transplants from areas where people probably have Union ancestors, and there are also long-term residents in the mountains whose ancestors "went over the mountain" to join the Union Army of the Tennessee. Another larger metropolitan area with potential for growth is on the coast in Wilmington. I've been talking with a couple Brothers to see whether they will organize additional Camps but have no agreements, yet.

Patriotic Instruction

Form 41 was filed by our deadline. Patriotic Instruction continued earlier in the year by some Camps using Zoom and others meeting in person. All Camps are now meeting in person and continuing Patriotic Instruction at their meetings.

Graves Registration

The Department Graves Registration Officer, who is also the National 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, and we have members searching the state looking for unidentified graves and discovering there are a lot never brought to anyone's attention. He has also enlisted one of our Brothers to assist in expediting this work.

Website work by our Department Signals Officer

Our Department Signals Officer was doing a great job updating the Department website and including more information about the Department, contacts, Camp Officers, and activities in the Department. He was doing this at no expense to the Department. However, the vendor made changes complicating our use of their system. Therefore, we're exploring changing our vendor and our website and the cost of doing so. The Department Officers recently met by Zoom and discussed the need to be active on Facebook. Four out of our five Camps have Facebook pages. Our Department doesn't, so our Department Officers agreed that we need to set up and maintain a Department Facebook page in the coming months.

Electronic Meetings and Camp Meetings

We conducted our Department Encampment on Zoom in May. Three out of our five Camps were meeting via Zoom earlier in the year, and I attended all Zoom meetings for Camps No. 1, 2 and 6. Now all Camps are meeting in person. The Department Officers continue to meet periodically via Zoom.

6.23 Department of Ohio, Richard A. Davis, DC

The year 2020-2021 was a challenging one for our country, for the State of Ohio, and for the Department and its constituent Camps! At least one Brother and one sister of the Auxiliary in the State passed away due to "COVID-19", and a number of others suffered the disease, but survived. (I and The Department offer sincere condolences to the families and individuals who suffered illnesses or, even, losses!)

Many of our traditional activities, public celebrations, and other events were cancelled or otherwise curtailed, thereby limiting chances for our Camps and individual members from participation in many events, whether "living-history", educational, celebratory, or whatever. If, as hoped, the health-situation in the State actually improves, perhaps more travel and in-person get-togethers will be possible in the near future.

All installations of Camp officers were completed (about half via computer) -- the vast majority by Br. Michael Spaulding (now PDC), with others conducted by other officers of The Department.

In order to allow access to Department financial accounts, and so on, Br. William Schulke was appointed, early in the year, to be Department Assistant Treasurer, empowered to act in the case the elected Department Secretary / Treasurer is unable to do so.

As directed by the 2020 Department Encampment, the then-Commander sent letters and other communications to one State Representative and one Federal Representative to encourage the restoration of a posthumous confirmation of a battle-field commission by General Benjamin Butler at the Battle of New Market Heights to Milton Holland, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at that event. The only known mention of the battlefield-commission is in Holland's memoirs, and the Department of Defense has not been presented nor found in available records any confirmation, so will not proceed further in this matter.

The Department of Ohio comprises 16 Camps plus 17 Members-at-Large, with a total of 445 members in good standing (420 members, 19 associates, 6 junior members, and 0 junior associates). There was a

net-loss of 13 since June 2020. Eight of these were brothers who "...shuffled off this mortal coil...": David Arthur Britton, Carl E. Cornell, Stephen Ray Hill, Charles Horr, David R. Johnson, Jerald "Butch" Potter, William "Bill" Radabaugh, and John A. Wallace. (*Requiescat in pace!*) Two MAL members transferred to actual camps.

With respect to recruiting: Br. Randy K. Snyder, DJVC, sent supplies of recruiting-brochures to all JVCs of all Camps in the State. He solicited ideas from members of a Special Committee on Recruiting that was appointed by now-PDC Spaulding and shared these appropriately. He facilitated applications and referred seven potential members to Ohio Camps, and he passed on one received from the National JVC to the Department Secretary / Treasurer for potential At-Large Membership.

Sadly, since the end of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, there has been a palpable lessening of interest in said war, and in those who actually brought said war to its conclusion. The Department GAR Records Officer reported no inquiries for information related to the Grand Army of the Republic nor for presentations on the GAR to the Public. (Of course, in the last year, meetings of historical societies, genealogical organizations, and suchlike, have been virtually eliminated [or replaced by so-called "virtual" meetings], events have been cancelled, and museums, historic buildings, and libraries have been shuttered.)

Likewise, there were no requests for funding from the Department Monuments and Memorials Fund. On the other hand, PC-in-C Robert Grim, long involved in encouraging the protection of Civil War monuments, memorials, and artillery-pieces in Ohio, reported that two bills with this intent are working their ways through the State Legislature.

Unfortunately, all in-person ROTC awards ceremonies in the State seem to have been canceled this year because of COVID-19.

The Department Historian continued to add information, documents, and images of the Department and Camp activities, ceremonies, and events to the history-notebooks / archives of the Department.

Department Graves Registration Officer Kent Dorr reported that 3319 new Ohio burials were added to the National Database, bringing the Ohio total to 82,080 (out of some 465,000) – 20,000 more than any other state.

Department Eagle Scout Coördinator Mike Spaulding, PDC, reported that, what with COVID-19 restrictions, it has been a real challenge for Scout troops and Eagle Scout candidates in Ohio. (One estimate is that the number of the latter is down 90% from a "normal" year!) Nonetheless, three Eagle Scout Certificates were issued in the State during the year. (One troop, however, reports a backlog of 10 scouts waiting for Eagle Courts of Honor.)

Three issues of "The Buckeye Bugle" were issued by Editor (now DSVC) Ronald Ivan Marvin, jr. -- Summer 2020 (12 p.), Autumn 2020 (17 p.), and Spring 2021 (16 p.). The Department newsletter continues to be a most-valuable source for information on Camp- and Department-activities, and on a wide range of Civil War topics.

The Encampment of the Department of Ohio was held in-person at the Clintonville Woman's Club in Columbus, Ohio, on 05 June 2021, with 46 brothers from nine Camps in attendance. Br. Peter J. Hritsko, jr., PDC and member of the National Council of Administration, represented C-in-C Brian Pierson, and Br. Hritsko performed the installation ceremony. I was honored to be elected Department Commander. Other elected Officers include Department SVC Ronald Ivan Marvin, jr., Department JVC John M. Huffman, jr., and PDC Michael Spaulding was elected to the Department Council (joining ongoing Council Members Kerry Langdon, PDC, and Shane Milburn, PDC). Jonathan Davis, PDC, continues as Department Secretary/Treasurer.

On 17 July 2021, the traditional memorial-service commemorating The Battle of Buffington Island was

conducted in Portland, Ohio. Said Battle, an episode of John Hunt Morgan's raid into Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, was the only significant Civil War battle to take place in Ohio; it occurred on 19 July 1863. Four area SUVCW Camps organized the event, with support from The Department of Ohio, several units of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ohio History Connection (formerly The Ohio Historical Society), and some local organizations. As Department Commander, I attended and spoke briefly.

For more information, please, visit the WEB-site of The Department of Ohio (which is in the process of being re-designed and updated, including the addition of Proceedings of the Department): <http://www.ohiosuv.com/page2.htm>

6.24 Department of Oklahoma, Jeffrey Kennedy, DC

1. Department Status

1. The Oklahoma Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a relatively small department, with 44 members and three camps: **Jeremiah Smith in Oklahoma City, Indian Nations in Tulsa, and Sgt. Jacob Overturf in Broken Arrow.**

2. An additional Camp has been proposed for the Lawton, OK area. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the contact succumbed. All momentum and interest for this camp dissolved.

3. As reported by the Oklahoma Camps, a total of 16_new SUVCW members have been accepted for membership in the Oklahoma Department in 2020-2021.

2. Activities

- The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the modification or cancellation of many 2020 Departmental/Camp activities. In 2021, Camps have held a mix of in-person and virtual Camp meetings, but are now meeting in person.
- A 2020 State Encampment planning meeting was held during the Pandemic virtually in early spring, with the June Encampment held via electronic communications in June.
- Members of all three camps honored their ancestors on Remembrance Day in November 2020. 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 Department provided Color Bearers for the State DUVCW Convention in Oklahoma City on May 15, 2021.

- Brothers of all three camps participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Tulsa and Oklahoma City on May 31, 2021. Oklahoma Veterans Commission graciously provided indoor space for the ceremony on a rainy day in Oklahoma City on May 31, 2021. Local NBC, CBS, Fox News, and Telemundo affiliates covered the ceremony.
- The 2021 State Encampment was held in person in an outdoor venue with Federal, State, and Local CDC guidelines observed. This Encampment marked the Observance and the 20th anniversary of the birth of the “Department of Oklahoma – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Only two of the original “Signers” of the Department Charter were alive and present Carl Fallen, PDC, PCC and Mike Rusk, PDC, PCC.
- Contributions and pledges have been received 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 restoration of four pedestals topped by cannonball stacks. A \$500 contribution has been received from the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. Sufficient funding has been obtained to complete the project.
- Despite the Pandemic, the JROTC ribbon and medal was presented to a Cadet at a High School Air force Program at the School’s award Ceremony in 2020.
- The Department received recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution for Exemplary Patriotism and received a certificate.
- A flag recognition program was encouraged and exercised. The Department have recognized (12) Families and business for their patriotism in displaying the American Flag in the honorable manner.
- The Department has participated in Gun Show Recruitment on a quarterly basis. This is an effort reach out to the community to get more exposure and encourage membership applications.
- The Department initiated an outreach program made over 150 contacts with military veterans throughout the Oklahoma area sent out Christmas Cards to sailors stationed on the USS Tulsa.
- The Department will provide Honor Guard Detail to honor Pvt. William Lacey, 1st Kansas Colored Infantry at the Thomas Smith Preservation Project by the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band in Oklahoma in August 2021.
- The Department is currently in the process of cleaning Civil War veteran’s headstones and painting gate at the Frisco Cemetery in Frisco Cemetery, Yukon, OK.
- Brother’s Brian Pierson (C-n-C) and Jeff Kennedy (PCC, DC) served as representatives as National Commander-in Chief of the SUVCW and Jeff Kennedy served as National Color Bearer at the 65th Annual Lincoln Tomb

Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

- Brothers who served in Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan War campaigns, were presented and has received the Military Medal and the War Medal from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

3. **Personnel**

- Brother Brian Pierson, PDC (Jeremiah Smith Camp #1) currently serves as Commander-in-Chief for the National SUVCW 2020-2021.
- Brother Jeffrey Kennedy, DP, PCC (Jeremiah Smith Camp #1) currently serves as Color Bearer for the National SUVCW 2020-2021.
- Brother Craig McKinley (PCC, PDC) received the National DUVCW Historic Preservationist Pin and a Certificate for his diligent work in arranging for restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors monument in Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Brothers lost during 2020-2021 included: Bernie Cooper (PCC, PDC) , Bob Cleaver, Johnny M. Manley (PCC, PDC), Jim Orebaugh (PCC, PDC), Carl D. Smith III and Gary Dean Tucker Sr.

6.25 Department of Pennsylvania, John Gipson, DC

No report.

6.26 Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin Frail, PDC

The Department of Rhode Island has nothing to report at this time.

6.27 Department of Southwest, John R. Conrad, DC

Each of the three Camps in the Department has conducted quarterly meetings, all in person with Picacho Peak Camp #1 conducting its May meeting with additional Zoom attendees, as well. All Camp meetings have been well attended.

All Department Officers and Camp Commanders met by Zoom on May 1 to discuss initiatives and interests for the year. Several committees were developed to investigate various issues and actions. Similar Zoom meetings are planned for September and January.

All 3 camps participated in Memorial Day activities, including grave decoration, parade participation, and memorial service participation.

General U.S. Grant Camp #3 has established a scholarship program for JROTC cadets in Northern Arizona. It has also set up a mentoring program for new Brothers.

The Department is investigating monument and memorial opportunities at sites with a significant Civil War connection or cemeteries with numerous Union gravesites. We are also working with Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson to repair or replace the flagpole at the GAR/Soldiers plot.

The Department is also participating in the Missing in America Project, which seeks to provide appropriate

military burial honors for veterans who have died and whose remains are still in mortuaries unclaimed and unburied. See attached brochure for more information; there are actually over 1,000 identified Civil War remains yet to be buried!

The Department requests that the National Officers and the Council of Administration consider the current policy on graves registration, and the stance that the graves registration database only allow known gravesites to be entered in the database. In the past. It was possible to enter information for a deceased veteran with known death information (date and place), even if the place of burial was unknown. That has been changed so that such information can only be entered at the SUVCW Find-A-Grave virtual cemetery. The current policy was adopted when cemetery visitation was the primary form of research; now there are many on-line resources allowing much broader research. We believe that compiling that information and making it available for future Brothers to continue the research is important, and the best place for information on Union Soldier graves and potential graves is in the SUVCW Graves Registration database.

6.28 Department of Tennessee, David DuBrucq, DC

The Department of Tennessee is composed of six camps and includes the state of Mississippi. A good part of our annual activities had been curtailed due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. As our year progressed, the restrictions have been eased to some degree, allowing us to become more active in our respective communities.

Camps have resumed in-person meetings in most cases and our annual Department Encampment, held in April of this year was an in-person event. This has increased interest and participation as well as fellowship in our Department.

Our Camps have been active in the replacement of grave markers for Tennessee's Union Civil War Veterans and several headstones have been either cleaned and reset or replaced entirely. Additional work in this effort is in progress or in the planning stage. Brother Richard Holmes, Commander of McTeer Camp 39 was awarded the Department's Charles Henry Engle Jr award for his work in this area.

Participation in Memorial Day observances and Fourth of July activities resumed. One of our Camps sponsored a "Little Patriots Parade" which was attended by local children, parents and city officials. Other observances included a Virtual Memorial Day Service at Stones River National Battlefield and local civic observances. Camps also participated in Civil War shows in both Tennessee and Mississippi.

Our Camps and SVR Units have done educational programs at various locations for both homeschool and public school students. As we continue to progress to a more normal environment, we will increase our participation in civic, educational and patriotic events.

Recruiting, although somewhat difficult during the pandemic, has been continuing and several new members have been added to our ranks.

6.29 Department of Texas (with Louisiana), William A. Pollard, DC

No report

6.30 Department of Vermont, Maurice Cerutti, DC

The Department of Vermont held its Encampment on May 22, 2021. I was a Virtual Vermont Encampment using Zoom.

The following officers were elected:

Maurice Cerutti – Commander
Franklyn McNight – Vice Commander
Wade Johnson – Jr Vice Commander
Bruce Amsden – Secretary
Francis Owen – Treasurer

The officers were installed by Kevin Tucker – member of the Council of Administration. Bruce Amsden was awarded the Award of Excellence for his work in retrieving the Department Charter, creating the reports that lifted the suspension for failure to report, and efforts to save camps from suspension. The award is a beautiful engraved copper flask. Kevin Tucker spoke of the SVR. Vermont is the only New England state not having SVR members. Kevin organized a visit to Vermont by members of the Massachusetts and New Hampshire SVR. They marched in the Fourth of July Brandon Vermont parade with Ripley Camp Commander Dan Celik on July 3. The Department of Vermont presented ROTC awards to North Country and Spaulding High Schools as well as Norwich University.

6.31 Department of Wisconsin (with Minnesota), John R. Decker, DC

I have the honor to report on the following activities within the Department of Wisconsin subsequent to the 2020 National Encampment.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

A successful 138th Annual Department Encampment was held in person on July 5, 2021, with the Department Vice Commanders moving up in grade (DSVC to DC, and DJVC to DSVC), and the re-election of the Department Treasurer and Department Secretary. Three new appointed offices were created and filled: Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and Department Recruiting Officer. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail, PDC, installed the officers and initiated five Brothers. A show of hands poll indicated a substantial number of the Brothers in attendance have completed the Memorial University Program.

The Encampment also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum for the conservation of the saddle of Col. Henry Harnden, the commanding officer of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry.

LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

Dedication ceremonies for Last Soldier markers scheduled for the summer months of 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. In each of these cases, the markers had been purchased by third parties. Two of those ceremonies were rescheduled for July 12, 2021, with the newly-minted Department Commander presiding. Local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars furnished color guards and firing squads. In both cases, descendants of the honored veteran participated.

Department officers did not allow the program to stall. Department Commander Brian D. McManus, PDC, conducted small dedication ceremonies in 14 Wisconsin counties, with markers purchased at his expense, and Department Senior Vice Commander John R. Decker conducted small ceremonies in 10 additional Wisconsin counties, with markers he purchased. Plans are being developed to complete dedication ceremonies for the remaining Wisconsin counties before deer hunting season.

Dedication ceremonies have now been conducted in 60 of the 71 Wisconsin counties in which burials of Union Civil War veterans are known to have occurred. Col. William Coleville Camp #56, the sole Camp in the State of Minnesota, is conducting research to ascertain the identities and burial locations of each Last Soldier in its counties.

PANDEMIC ADAPTATIONS

The Department of Wisconsin continued its support of its Camps through the timely updating of its excellent web site, and by maintaining the publication schedule and varied content of its superb quarterly magazine, the *Dispatch*. As conditions permitted, the Department continued support for Eagle

Scout and ROTC recognitions.

Camps exercised their autonomy by responding to the pandemic in a variety of ways. Five of the seven Camps either switched to remote-only meetings through Zoom, or other on-line platforms or to hybrid meetings, on their customary schedules. Two Camps discontinued monthly meetings, but maintained contact with Brothers through emails and phone calls.

While school and museum programs necessarily were curtailed, all seven Camps conducted limited public programming, such as memorial and gravestone dedications, and public observances for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Wreathes Across America Day, and Independence Day. Camp #1 was unable to host its traditional mid-winter gathering for the Department, but instead held an on-line meeting, complete with a keynote presentation by an expert on the treatments received by President Lincoln's family for their many medical ailments. More than 100 people attended.

Among the commemorations was one conducted by Camp #1 for the 150th anniversary of the first interment of a Civil War veteran at the Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee, an event attended by out-of-state descendants of the veteran. Camp #2 had the honor of leading the Memorial Day observances for the City of Madison. Past Camp Commanders served as master of ceremonies and chaplain, and the current Camp Commander gave the principal address.

Camp #2 also participated in a joint Independence Day observance with the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution at the grave site of Wisconsin's last surviving Revolutionary War veteran (also the father of a Civil War veteran) that included the public reading of the Declaration of Independence. At the request of the family, the Department and Camp #2 conducted the funeral of a recently departed Brother of the Camp using the Rituals and Ceremonials of the Order.

Camp #15 captured the first place award for non-commercial floats in the Waterford, Wisconsin Independence Day parade. To the delight of the spectators, Brothers in Civil War uniforms aboard the float fired twenty musket volleys along the parade route.

PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

Completion of Last Soldier marker dedications and collaborations with veterans' organizations and posts, and with other patriotic, reenactor, historical, and genealogical organizations and the Allied Orders will be emphasized. To better assure our Camps comply with IRS requirements, PDC McManus has been assigned to monitor information return filings and to otherwise supervise actions to help assure maintenance of efforts to retain tax exempt status of the Department and all Camps. The newly-appointed Department Recruiting Officer will assist Camp Junior Vice Commanders and Recruiting Officers in the recruitment and retention of Brothers.

6.32 National Department-at-Large, Matthew O'Neil, DC

No report

7.0 Appendix

7.1 Financial Statements, D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer

**Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information**
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
*Year ended June 30, 2020
with Independent Auditor's Report*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2020

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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, 2020, 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, 2020, 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 16 and 17 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
December 7, 2020

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2020

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 276,583
Inventory	20,392
Prepaid expense	18,669
Other current assets	1,877
Total current assets	<u>317,521</u>
Certificates of deposit	131,780
Investments, at fair value:	
U.S. Savings Bonds	42,708
Mutual funds	756,492
Total investments, at fair value	<u>799,200</u>
Fixed assets:	
Furniture and equipment	30,081
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(23,926)</u>
Net fixed assets	<u>6,155</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,254,656</u>
Liabilities and net assets	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,227
Deferred revenue	<u>111,848</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>115,075</u>
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions:	
Designated	375,038
Undesignated	764,543
Total net assets	<u>1,139,581</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,254,656</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, 2020

Revenues:	
Per capita dues	\$ 138,946
Registration and application fees	4,660
Quartermaster sales	33,247
Shipping and handling	4,352
Banner subscriptions	64
Donations	57
Special events	65
Investment income	23,092
Other	11,629
Total revenues	<u>216,112</u>
Expenses:	
Officer allowances and per diem expense	14,684
Executive director	19,040
Cost of quartermaster sales	22,849
Shipping and handling	5,323
ROTC program	10,947
National encampment	9,112
Banner, printing, and web page	64,737
Ceremonies	231
Special projects and memorials	192
Life member payments to camps	350
Awards, grants, and donations	12,456
Accounting and professional fees	22,205
Office, telephone, and postage	11,751
Rent	10,600
Insurance	4,266
Depreciation	2,876
Miscellaneous expense	1,881
Total expenses	<u>213,500</u>
Change in net assets	2,612
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	<u>1,136,969</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	<u>\$ 1,139,581</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, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 2,612
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities	
Depreciation	2,876
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(5,200)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expense	(12,458)
Inventory	6,152
Other current assets	(1,256)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,714)
Deferred revenue	6,705
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(9,283)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Purchase of fixed assets	(4,308)
Sales of certificates of deposit	45,438
Net purchases of investments	<u>(18,967)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>22,163</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,880
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>263,703</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 276,583</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2020

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, 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 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.

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 \$10,400. As of June 30, 2020, the Council of Administration designated \$45,468 for these purposes.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

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, 2020, the Council of Administration designated \$35,710 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 2020. 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, 2020, the Council of Administration designated \$256,469 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, 2020, 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, 2020, the Council of Administration designated net assets of \$37,391 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 dues 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.

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, 2020, SUVCW has approximately \$1,208,000 of financial assets, including approximately \$277,000 of cash and cash equivalents, \$132,000 of certificates of deposit, and \$799,000 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.

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.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Subsequent Events

In preparation of the accompanying financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events through December 7, 2020, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

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 2023 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:

- 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 fair value measurement level of the asset or liability 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.

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3. Investments (continued)

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, 2020:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. savings bonds	\$ -	\$42,708	\$ -	\$ 42,708
Mutual funds	756,492	-	-	756,492
Total investments, at fair value	\$756,492	\$42,708	\$ -	\$799,200

The total return on certificates of deposit, U.S. Savings Bonds, and mutual funds for the year ended June 30, 2020 is summarized as follows:

Interest and dividends	\$17,892
Net realized and unrealized gain	5,200
Total investment income	\$23,092

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4. Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of the changes in fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2020
Furniture and equipment	\$ 25,773	\$ 4,308	\$ –	\$ 30,081
Less accumulated depreciation	(21,050)	(2,876)	–	(23,926)
	\$ 4,723	\$ 1,432	\$ –	\$ 6,155

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, 2020:

Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$249,916
Contributions	–
Investment income and net appreciation	6,903
Lifetime memberships reimbursed	(350)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$256,469

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.

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6. Endowment (continued)

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, 2020, have been designated for the following purposes:

National headquarters	\$ 45,468
Preservation	35,710
Life membership	37,391
Permanent	256,469
	<u>\$375,038</u>

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8. Functional Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated among program and management and general based primarily upon direct charges and were as follows during 2020:

	Program	Administrative	Total
Officer allowances and per diem expense	\$ 14,684	\$ –	\$14,684
Executive director	9,520	9,520	19,040
Cost of quartermaster sales	22,849	–	22,849
Shipping and handling	5,323	–	5,323
ROTC program	10,947	–	10,947
National encampment	9,112	–	9,112
Banner, printing, and web page	64,737	–	64,737
Ceremonies	231	–	231
Special projects and memorials	192	–	192
Life member payments to camps	350	–	350
Awards, grants, and donations	12,456	–	12,456
Accounting and professional fees	–	22,205	22,205
Office, telephone, and postage	–	11,751	11,751
Rent	–	10,600	10,600
Insurance	1,706	2,560	4,266
Depreciation	–	2,876	2,876
Miscellaneous expense	1,881	–	1,881
Total functional expenses	\$153,988	\$59,512	\$213,500

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Combining Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2020

	General Fund	National Headquarters Fund			Permanent Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	Life Membership Fund	Total Before Interfund Eliminations		Interfund Eliminations	Total
		Preservation Fund	Headquarters Fund	National Fund				Eliminations	Eliminations		
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 202,790	\$ 17,845	\$ 9,205	\$ 10,713	\$ 13,166	\$ 22,864	\$ 276,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276,583	
Due from other funds	-	3,813	36,231	-	-	9,807	49,851	(49,851)	-	-	
Prepaid expense	8,469	10,200	-	-	-	-	18,669	-	-	18,669	
Inventory	20,392	-	-	-	-	-	20,392	-	-	20,392	
Other assets	1,877	-	-	-	-	-	1,877	-	-	1,877	
	233,528	31,858	45,436	10,713	13,166	32,671	367,372	(49,851)	-	317,521	
Certificates of deposit	116,246	-	-	15,534	-	-	131,780	-	-	131,780	
Investments, at fair value:											
U.S. Savings Bonds	-	-	-	42,708	-	-	42,708	-	-	42,708	
Mutual funds	523,979	36,472	-	191,521	-	4,720	756,492	-	-	756,492	
Total investments, at fair value	523,979	36,472	-	234,029	-	4,720	799,200	-	-	799,200	
Fixed assets:											
Furniture and equipment	19,598	10,483	-	-	-	-	30,081	-	-	30,081	
Less accumulated depreciation	(14,896)	(9,030)	-	-	-	-	(23,926)	-	-	(23,926)	
Net fixed assets	4,702	1,453	-	-	-	-	6,155	-	-	6,155	
Total assets	\$ 878,455	\$ 69,783	\$ 45,436	\$ 260,276	\$ 13,166	\$ 37,391	\$ 1,304,507	\$ (49,851)	\$ 1,254,656		
Liabilities and net assets											
Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$ 3,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,227	
Due to other funds	33,206	-	-	3,807	12,838	-	49,851	(49,851)	-	-	
Deferred revenue	77,807	24,315	9,726	-	-	-	111,848	-	-	111,848	
Total liabilities	114,240	24,315	9,726	3,807	12,838	-	164,926	(49,851)	-	115,075	
Net assets:											
Without donor restrictions	-	45,468	35,710	256,469	-	37,391	375,038	-	-	375,038	
Designated	764,215	45,468	35,710	256,469	328	-	764,543	-	-	764,543	
Undesignated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total net assets without donor restrict	\$ 764,215	\$ 45,468	\$ 35,710	\$ 256,469	\$ 328	\$ 37,391	\$ 1,139,581	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,139,581	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 878,455	\$ 69,783	\$ 45,436	\$ 260,276	\$ 13,166	\$ 37,391	\$ 1,304,507	\$ (49,851)	\$ 1,254,656		

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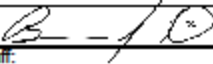
Combining Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2020

	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 dues	\$ 98,291	\$ 23,925	\$ 9,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,800	\$ 138,946
Registration and application fees	4,660	-	-	-	-	-	4,660
Quartermaster sales	33,247	-	-	-	-	-	33,247
Shipping and handling	4,352	-	-	-	-	-	4,352
Banner subscriptions	64	-	-	-	-	-	64
Donations	22	-	35	-	-	-	57
Special events	-	952	-	-	-	44	65
Investment income	15,220	5,040	529	6,876	95	44	23,092
Other	5,932	-	-	-	-	33	11,629
Total revenues without donor restrictions	161,788	29,917	10,494	6,971	65	6,877	216,112
Expenses:							
Officer allowances and per diem expense	14,684	-	-	-	-	-	14,684
Executive director	-	19,040	-	-	-	-	19,040
Cost of quartermaster sales	22,849	-	-	-	-	-	22,849
Shipping and handling	5,323	-	-	-	-	-	5,323
ROTC program	10,947	-	-	-	-	-	10,947
National encampment	9,112	-	-	-	-	-	9,112
Banner, printing, and web page	64,737	-	-	-	-	-	64,737
Ceremonies	-	192	-	-	-	-	231
Special projects and memorials	-	-	-	-	-	-	192
Life member payments to camps	-	-	-	350	-	-	350
Awards, grants, and donations	5,156	-	7,300	-	-	-	12,456
Accounting and professional fees	22,173	-	-	-	32	-	22,205
Office, telephone, and postage	6,758	4,925	-	-	68	-	11,751
Rent	-	10,600	-	-	-	-	10,600
Insurance	4,266	-	-	-	-	-	4,266
Depreciation	2,444	432	-	-	-	-	2,876
Miscellaneous expense	1,760	121	-	-	-	-	1,881
Total expenses	170,401	35,118	7,300	418	263	-	213,500
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(8,613)	(5,201)	3,194	6,553	(198)	6,877	2,612
Net assets, beginning of year	772,828	50,669	32,516	249,916	526	30,514	1,136,969
Net assets, end of year	\$ 764,215	\$ 45,468	\$ 35,710	\$ 256,469	\$ 328	\$ 37,391	\$ 1,139,581

See Independent Auditor's Report

7.2 Form 42, National Patriotic Instructors Report, Benjamin Frail, DC

 <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT</p>						
<p>Annual report Report Deadline July 30, 20</p>						
National Patriotic Instructor Signature: 						
CinC or by direction the Chief of Staff:						
<p><i>INSTRUCTIONS: Complete form and send to Commander in Chief for inclusion in National Encampment Reports. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Fill in box or write narrative as applicable. Do not fill in shaded boxes.</i></p>						
<p>KEY: Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.</p>						
		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How Many Civil War History Education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic responsibility?					
2	How many Civil War History Education conducted via living history or other venues?					
3	How many Flags given or sent to military troops?					
4	Armed Forces Day Participation?					
5	Memorial Day Participation?					
6	Flag Day Participation?					
7	July 4 Participation?					
8	Remembrance Day Participation?					
9	Veterans Day Participation?					

10	How many Community Events involving Patriotic Holidays?					
11	How many Patriotic/Americanism Essay Contest Participation?					
11a	Number of Schools Participating?					
11b	Number of Youth Groups Participating?					
11c	Number of Students Involved?					
11d	Scholarships Awarded if any?					
12	How did you promote the SUVCW throughout the Order? (continue on page 6 if necessary)					
13	Did Members wear and display member Badges at events?					
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the Community, businesses, and Schools?					
15	Did you promote Patriotic Holidays participation in the National Organization and to the Departments?					
16	Did you support the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards Program?					
17	Did you support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet Program?					

18	What events or functions did the NPI participate in by showing how important Patriotism/Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 6 if necessary)					
19	Did National include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?					
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?					
21	Were Patriotic Instructors appointed in all Departments?					
22	If not, how many were appointed? Which Departments did not have PIs appointed? (use page 4)					
23	National Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at National Meetings?					
25	How many Departments submitted Annual Reports? List those that did not on page 4.					
26	How many members enrolled in Memorial University?					
27	How many completed Memorial University?					

28	How many MU Certificates presented at Department Encampments?					
29	How many MU Certificates presented at National Encampment?					
30	Did Departments receive monthly Patriotic Instructions from the National PI?					
31	Did Camps receive monthly National Patriotic Instructions from the Department PI?					
32	Assess communication from National PI to Department PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary):					
34	Assess communication from Department PI to Camp PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary):					

35	Recommendations Department and Camp PIs to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):
36	National PI recommendations to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):

No.	Narrative Continuation

Minutes from the Council of Administration Meetings

October 25, 2020 Meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration

MINUTES

October 25, 2020, Teleconference

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on October 25, 2020 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 Brian C. Pierson
SVCinC Michael A. Paquette
JVCinC Bruce D. Frail
National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis
National Treasurer Michael Beard
National Quartermaster Jim Lyon
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Edward J. Norris

CofA Member Henry C Duquette
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV
CofA Peter J, Hritsko, Jr.

CofA Member Kevin L. Martin
CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker

Voting Members Excused:

Non-Voting Members Present:

National Counselor PCinC Donald Darby
PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor
PCinC Donald D. Palmer
PCinC Edward J. Krieser
PCinC Andrew Johnson

PCinC Donald Martin
PCinC Stephen Michaels
PCinC Mark R. Day

Guests of the Council of Administration:

National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.
National Signals Officer Tim McCoy

OPEN ITEMS FROM PRE 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

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: Continued]

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] [P&P will be supplied suggested language for starting point]

[ACTION: 2021 Encampment]

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, CinC to appoint committee]

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 Day, Darby, Michael Paquette, and Kevin Tucker and Faron] [ACTION: Committee 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: Form 3 Revised, Needs Posted]

6. 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] [ACTION: C&R Committee, Review]

2) 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] [ACTION: Pending]

3) 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: C&R Committee, Pending]

7. 5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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: Review Forms sent by National Treasurer for outside Fund Raising, Action items to be continued but Committee not to be re-appointed]

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDEPENDENCE, OHIO OFFICER AND DEPT REPORTS

8. Commander-in-Chief Shaw

Recommendations:

1. Special Committee on Monument Protection **[ACTION: To be appointed by CinC]**

2019 GETTYSBURG OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

9. Brother Preble - Section 3.6

I would like to make the following recommendation for two awards to be included in the Awards and Recognition Policy:

The Chaplain William Corby National Chaplain Award - This award may be presented by the National Commander, upon recommendation of the National Chaplain, to any Department or Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in the Department or Camp. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the National Chaplain no later than 45 days prior to the National Encampment. **[ACTION: P&P Committee, Completed]**

The Jerome W. Kowalski Chaplain Award - The Jerome W. Kowalski Chaplain Award may be awarded by a Department Commander, on the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a camp chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his camp. Recommendations are to be made no later than 45 days prior to the Department Encampment. **[ACTION: P&P Committee, Completed]**

2020 ZOOM CONFERENCE OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Commander in Chief

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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

3. The National Encampment Credentials Committee should be made a standing committee and a job description be developed.

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

Recommendations from Junior Vice Commander in Chief

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.

[ACTION: Programs & Policies Committee]

Recommendations of National Signals Officer

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).

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend that this go to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, CinC to appointed Committee]

Recommendations of National Executive Director

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.
[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee]

2. Consideration should be established for a backup person to carry on duties at National Headquarters in the event the National Executive Director were to become unable to perform duties and responsibilities
[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee]

Recommendations of National Eagle Scout Coordinator

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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee]

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. National Secretary J. Davis stated he will again email these out to the National officers.

Charitable Foundation Merchandise Licenses Reviewed

[ACTION: Motion to approved by Jr. Vice CinC Bruce Frail, seconded by PCinC Edward, Norris with sweatshirts limited to number in stock. Passed]

Department and Camp Licenses Reviewed **[ACTION: Passed]**

National Membership-at-Large dues for 2021 **[ACTION: Motion that no change in dues, seconded. Motion passed].**

Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships). **[ACTION: Motion that reimbursement remain the same for 2021, seconded. Motion passed].**

Discussion on the Electronic Boardroom. **[ACTION: It was decided to continue to use current system]**

National Photographer Contract **[ACTION: PCinC James Pahl to review the contract]**

Executive Director Contract Reviewed. **[ACTION: Motion to approve and seconded. Passed, CinC to sign]**

Encampment Ribbons: **[ACTION: Motion made that 300 ribbons to be ordered, seconded. Passed]**

Benediction: National Chaplain

Adjournment:

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

January 30, 2021 Meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration

MINUTES

January 30, 2021, Teleconference

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2021 and those online 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 Brian C. Pierson
SVCinC Michael A. Paquette
JVCinC Bruce D. Frail
National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis
National Treasurer Michael Beard
National Quartermaster Jim Lyon
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Edward J. Norris

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CofA Peter J, Hritsko, Jr.

CofA Member Kevin L. Martin
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PCinC Stephen Michaels
PCinC Mark R. Day

Guests of the Council of Administration:

National Chaplain Rev. Peter Preble
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OPEN ITEMS FROM PRE 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

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: Completed but next Banner hopefully will have article on questions regarding our 501c3 for departments and camps]**

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] [P&P will be supplied suggested language for starting point]**
[ACTION: 2021 Encampment, Open to C&R Committee]

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, CinC to appoint committee]

ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS

5. 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2) 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] [ACTION: Skelton by Springfield CofA]

3) 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: C&R Committee, Coordinate with QM on feasibility]

6. 5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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: National Treasurer to look at individual funds and report by Springfield.]

2020 ZOOM CONFERENCE OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Recommendations Commander in Chief

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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

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- a. Department bylaws must be signed by the Department Commander and Department Secretary.
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[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

3. The National Encampment Credentials Committee should be made a standing committee and a job description be developed.

[ACTION: The Committee Concur and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policies]

9. Recommendations from Junior Vice Commander in Chief

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.

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- 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.

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[ACTION: Programs & Policies Committee, Draft by Springfield]

10. Recommendations of National Signals Officer

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).

[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend that this go to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, CinC to appointed an CinC Committee] Request that National Signals Officer Tim McCoy comes up with a proposed job description for this committee by Springfield]

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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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee, Springfield]

2. 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

[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee, Springfield]

12. Recommendations of National Eagle Scout Coordinator

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.

[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee, Continue]

CURRENT REPORTS COMMENDATIONS

13. Recommendations of CinC Pierson

1. a CinC-appointed committee be tasked to explore SUVCW awards policy with respect to these three topics.

Due by Springfield COA meeting. **[ACTION: CinC Committee to be appointed]**

2. The C&R Committee determine if there is a conflict between Articles 8 and 18, and if so, recommend revised C&R language. Due by Springfield COA meeting. **[ACTION: Assigned to Assist. National Counselor]**

14. Recommendation of SVCinC Paquette

Recommendation: The Order should consider purchasing a Zoom subscription to be used by the CofA and National Committees to conduct virtual meetings. The subscription should remain active until in-person meetings are allowed by state and local governments again. **[ACTION: Seconded by Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Frail for funding to come out of General Fund. Passed]**

15. Recommendations of JVCinC Frail

Recommendation #2: That the name and mailing address of the current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be removed from the Form 3 and the email address (jvcinc@sucwv.org) put in its place with or without the mailing address of the Executive Director's office, with a notation to use the current mailing address of the current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. **[ACTION: P&P]**

Recommendation #3: Place the current mailing address of the Junior Vice Command-in-Chief on the Membership Page along with a directory of current Department JVCs contact information or a statement on the Membership Page to go to the Department Website to locate that Department Officer's contact information.

[ACTION: P&P]

16. Recommendation of Executive Director Demmy

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Recommendation:

Define [set] the application dues on form 3 at \$80 for first 6 months of the year and \$40 for second 6 months of the year. Currently there is no defined dues on form 3 and a few applications arrive at national without a remittance since it is not spelled out in the instructions. Also, multiple calls and emails arrive requesting our fee schedule so the application may be completed and submitted. Totally poor way to operate: requesting new personnel to join our grand organization and then we do not publish the rate schedule on form 3; however, it was on the former form 60.

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Actually, it is not much different than the recruit who joins in December and pays the form 60 value of \$30 with his application and 2 months later, his camp is requesting new year dues of perhaps \$30-\$60, all within 90 days.

[ACTION: P&P Committee, combined with Item 9]

NEW BUSINESS

Hritsko – Running for JVCinC

CofA Member Peter Hritsko, Jr. gave his intent to run for Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 202 National Encampment in St. Louis.

Benediction: National Chaplain

Adjournment:

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

April 17, 2021 Meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration MINUTES

April 17, 2021, Springfield, IL

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm on April 17, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

Voting Members Present:

CinC Brian C. Pierson	CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker (Zoom)
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CofA Member Immed. PCinC Edward J. Norris (Zoom)	

Voting Members Excused:

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Guests of the Council of Administration:

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National Credential Comm. Chair Joseph Hall (Zoom)

ITEMS FROM 2018 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REPORTS

PCinC Mark Day's Recommendations:

1. 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: 2021 Encampment, Open to C&R Committee]

2. 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, CinC to appoint committee] See Report, motion by Frail for \$2250, seconded by Lyon to cover needs found within the report, funding from Marketing and Promotions.

ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS

3. 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[ACTION: Coordinate with QM on feasibility, Continued]

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[ACTION: National Treasurer to look at individual funds. See Reports for draft, keep open and provide feedback to committee. This is also in seeking grants].

2020 ZOOM CONFERENCE OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Recommendations Commander in Chief Norris

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[ACTION: The Committee Concurs and recommend this be sent to Programs and Policy Committee, Springfield. P&P will include in 2021 National Encampment Report, CinC to cover possible language. Open and looked at zoom].

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April 2021 REPORTS COMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation:

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[ACTION: P&P Committee, combined with Item 9. Motion by Frail that to set amount at either \$40 or \$20, seconded by Norris. Passed].

CURRENT REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS

CinC Pierson

13. Guidance on liability insurance requirements in general

[ACTION: CinC to appoint a committee to look at this issue].

14. Guidance on receiving directed donations (such as the one on scholarships).

[ACTION: Tabled].

15. I have recently received a request from the Dept of Illinois for a \$2,000 grant for the B.F. Stephenson plaza I would ask for the COA to consider a larger grant (such as we did for the Eagle Scout project at Gettysburg a number of years ago).

[ACTION: Motion by JVCinC Bruce Frail to approve up to \$4000 or what is available of what is left of the special projects fund pending clarification, seconded by Kevin Martin. Passed]

National Quartermaster James Lyon

16. Would the National Elected and members of the CofA like to have yellow/gold ties?

[Action: Motion that the National Quartermaster produce the yellow/gold ties, seconded. Motion passed]

17. Would the CofA like to have a miniature of the War Service Badge, this would be a change to the C&R.

[Action: Request to have the C&R Committee review and present to the National Encampment].

SVCinC Paquette

18. I would like to discuss the modification of two elements in Forms 3 and 9; Eagle Scout and ROTC information during the Council Of Administration meeting in Springfield. Additionally, we should discuss the future of the "About Our Organization" document.

[Action: CinC Brian Pierson moved that to remove ROTC and Eagle from Form 30, seconded by SVCinC Michael Paquette. Voted 3 yea to 1 Nea. Motion passed].

INTRODUCING the SUVCW LETTER

19. **[Action: Turned over to Marketing and Promotions as a publication, include on review schedule and review by P&P and Programs and Marketing].**

National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC

20. **Recommendation:** On Form 12 following the statement, "HAND-WRITTEN, INCOMPLETE, EARLY, OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED" insert the following line:

"Do not send applications via Certified or Signature Confirmation Mail"

[Action: Motion approved to update form].

NEW BUSINESS

PCinC Norris has a bundle of National Encampment Ribbons remaining. **[ACTION: Motion that they are sent to the National Quartermaster for sell at \$1.00 each, seconded. Motion Passed].**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

National Encampment Credential Committee Chairman Joseph Hall reports that we have 43 pre-registered, normally at this time 60 to 70. Commander in Chief to send reminder.

Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Adjournment: 10:30 pm

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

August 5, 2021 Meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration

MINUTES

August 5, 2021, St. Louis, MO

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 8:00pm on August 5, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

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National Credential Comm. Chair Joseph Hall
DC Frank Avila, Dept of California & Pacific
Nat. Membership at Large Coord. Alan L. Russ

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEFPIERSON COMMENTS

Busy year and fast moving, thanked all for their dedication. Thanked PCinC Norris for his service last year.

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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MINUTES

August 23, 2015, Richmond, Virginia

[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] [ACTION:Report, defer action till web site updated.]

3) 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: Coordinate with QM on feasibility, Deferred to Gettysburg CofA Meeting]

9.Guidance on receiving directed donations (such as the one on scholarships).

[ACTION: Group with Item 3, Marketing and Promotions, then to P&P]

**2. 5.8National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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: National Treasurer to look at individual funds. See Reports for draft, keep open and provide feedback to committee. This is also in seeking grants, discussion on awards for donations. Corp badges to be used. Deliver complete by Gettysburg CofA]

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3. [Action: Turned over to Marketing and Promotions as a publication, include on review schedule and review by P&P and Programs and Marketing]. [Continued ACTION: Incoming CinC to assign to P&P].

CinC Pierson

4.Guidance on liability insurance requirements in general

[ACTION: Report Given during Encampment with discussion of coverage. Report by Gettysburg and craft guidance to Departments and Camps,incoming CinC]

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Executive Session:** CinC Pierson asked visitors to leave the room so the Council of Administration could go into executive session. One item was discussed and motion voted for approval, the executive session was ended.

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration**

MINUTES

August 23, 2015, Richmond, Virginia

5. Dept of Massachusetts has issue to IRS of 501c3 status stating that IRS states system declares all departments and camps are 501c4.[ACTION: Discussion, incoming Commander inChief to address issue]

Benediction:Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Adjournment:10:15 pm

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC
National Secretary

Note: The heading date and location was not changed on pages 2 and 3 by the National Secretary. The minutes are correct about the actions that took place.

Electronic Boardroom Voting

SUMMARY OF ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM DECISIONS FOR 2020-2021

Updated July 11, 2021

MOTIONS

The following motions of the Council of Administration were presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom. These are the motions since the 2020 National Encampment. The motions, with the resulting actions, are summarized below:

Motion 01 Motion Passed November 6, 2020

Motion by Brother Kevin Martin and seconded by Brother Harry Reineke IV for Approval of the Monument Protection Policy.

Motion 02 Motion Passed November 11, 2020

Motion by Brother Harry Reineke IV and seconded by Brother Kevin Martin to award Brother Joe Hall a MSA with Gold Star for the great work he did in preparing and executing the National Encampment.

Motion 03 Motion Passed November 23, 2020

Motion by Brother Kevin Tucker and seconded by Brother Edward Norris that we proceed with this high-resolution graphics upgrade, and contract with artist Conor Napier to create and deliver to us ".png" formatted graphics for the ten Membership Badges described, for which the SUVCW will pay him \$35.00 per graphic delivered.

Motion 04 Motion Passed December 27, 2020

Motion by Brother Kevin Martin and seconded by Brother Harry Reineke IV to approve setting the Auxiliary's fee at \$700.00, which is the same as the last three encampments.

Motion 05 Motion Passed January 3, 2021

Motion by Brother Bruce Frail and seconded by Brother Harry Reineke IV to allow a Department of the SUVCW to sign the amicus curiae brief in support of the South Carolina Heritage Act and to also support the National Organization of the SUVCW to sign the amicus curiae brief in support of the South Carolina Heritage Act.

Motion 06 Motion Passed February 21, 2021

Whereas Brother David McCann, a member of Westport Camp #64, has donated \$5,000 to the SUVCW Scholarship Program

Whereas the SUVCW has a policy to award annually two \$2,500 scholarships,

MOVE the Council of Administration approve two additional scholarships of \$2,500 each be made available and awarded at the convenience of the Scholarship Committee by fiscal year end June 30, 2022.

Motion 07 Motion Passed March 15, 2021

It is moved to grant the license to Br Welch as representative of Gen PH Sheridan Camp.

SUMMARY OF ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM DECISIONS FOR 2020-2021

Motion 08 Motion Passed May 11, 2021

Motion to approve a license for New Jersey Camp 73 to sell the informational signs in two sizes, 18x21 and "speed limit sign size".

Motion 09 Motion Passed May 29, 2021

Where as the National Headquarters Planning Committee has been working to start a internship program at the National Headquarters in Harrisburg in order to complete the already approved phase one of the Headquarters proposal, and

Where as we now have a Intern who has submitted an application, and

Where as we now have a direct donation offer to cover all the expenses of this Internship through December 2021.

I move that we accept this directed donation in the amount of \$5,750.00 and that we administer the funds to support and pay the fees of the Internship and to provide the Intern with a stipend, reimbursement of expenses and the remaining funds to be presented to her as a grant for future educational purposes as the directed donation requires. All payments would be made by the SUVCW from this directed donation under the guidelines of the University's Internship Advisor..

Motion 10 Motion Passed July 11, 2021

MSA w/ GS nomination for Brother Henry Shaw.

General Orders 2019-2020 Series



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General Order #1

Series 2020-2021
25 October 2020

Administration

1. We have just concluded an extraordinarily challenging year in our Order's history due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the unprecedented cancellation of the 139th National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia, and the subsequent accomplishment of the National Encampment via interactive video technology. On behalf of the entire Order, I extend our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris for his outstanding leadership during this difficult period.

a. All Brothers who attended of the 139th "virtual" National Encampment are entitled to receive a special National Encampment ribbon. Attendance shall be verified by the official roster of attendees who signed into the National Encampment. This ribbon may be requested from PCinC Norris. Please send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to: Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Dr. Lancaster, MA, 01523-1959.

2. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Elizabeth Rock, 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 truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year in honoring our Boys in Blue.

3. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 35 Greenfield Drive, Bethel Acres, Oklahoma. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvvw.org. Text or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 703-989-9296. Please, no routine calls after 2230 hrs Central 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 shall 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 correspondence for the Order shall be sent 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, Mark Hale, PDC. He can be reached by email at markhale101@msn.com and phone 770-900-5415.

8. 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 140th National Encampment in 2021.

9. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

10. 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.

11. 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@suvcw.org and phone number is 440-967-8002.

12. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr., PDC, 4300 Covell Road, Clyde, NY 14433; his email is rotc@suvcw.org and phone number is 585-305-9475.

13. 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@suvcw.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.

14. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the permission granted in PCinC Norris' GO #21 for Departments and Camps to conduct virtual or electronic meetings is hereby extended until the next National Encampment. Departments and Camps are encouraged to hold in-person meetings and events in order when able to do so, considering the safety of their members and complying with local, county, state and national rules and guidelines.

15. The following National Special Committees are appointed:

- a. National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (through 2021), Chair James Ward

- b. National Special Committee on Website Redesign (through 2021), Chair James McGuire
- c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (2021), Chair Dexter Bishop
- d. National Special Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders (through 2024), Chair Mark Day, PCinC
- e. National Special Committee for Monument Protection Policy (through 2021), Chair Don Shaw, PCinC

16. The following CinC appointed committees are appointed:

- a. CinC Appointed Committee on Electronic Forms, Chair Mike Paquette, SVCinC
- b. CinC Appointed Committee on Encampment Credentials, Chair Joe Hall (note: this committee will transition to a standing committee per the vote of the National Encampment)
- c. CinC appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Chair James McGuire
- d. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Chair Peter Preble

17. All Departments, Camps, and Brothers are strongly encouraged to recruit, retain, and return members. A growing Order is a healthy Order. This will be a focus area this year.

- a. Recruiting enables our Order to persist by bringing in new blood. Each of us knows someone we could ask, a brother, son, cousin, uncle, or friend who could be a potential member or Associate.
- b. Retention enables our Brothers to continue to remain with us in fraternity. Everyone should feel able to contribute in a meaningful manner as his situation permits. There are enough projects, issues, and other needs in the Order and in our local, county, state and national communities for twice the number of our membership.
- c. Returning our former Brothers who have left the Order under honorable conditions re-establishes the bonds. Each may have left for a different reason, but we still value the time they were with us. Invite them back and make it easy for them to rejoin our ranks.

18. I encourage any Brother interested in serving in a national position or committee to volunteer. There are many Brothers who will support and assist you as far as you want to go.

Ordered this 25th Day of October, 2020

Brian C. Pierson

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Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis

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National Secretary
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General Order #2

Series 2020-2021
26 October 2020

Award of Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star

1. The Commander in Chief and the Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War take great pleasure in awarding the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother James McGuire, Department of Rhode Island for meritorious achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. During the period of March 2020 through October 2020, Brother McGuire served well and above the call of duty in ably assisting Departments and Camps with interactive video technology and spent countless hours setting up and conducting the 2020 virtual National Encampment, ensuring that the mission and business of the Order continued despite the serious disruptions resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother McGuire reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 26th Day of October, 2020

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Attest:

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General Order #3

Series 2020-2021
2 November 2020

Veterans Day

1. The Congressional Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states that we “cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country patriotically in any war.”

2. Originally called Armistice Day to recognize the sacrifices of those who had served in the First World War, it was changed in 1954 to Veterans Day. On the 8th of October of that year, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a proclamation which read in part,

“Whereas, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day:

“Now, Therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Thursday, November 11, 1954, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain. I also direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on Veterans Day.

3. Many of our Brothers are Veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard. I’m sure we’ll soon have our first Brother from the Space Force. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War joins America in wholeheartedly thanking you for your service.

4. SUVCW Departments and Camps and Sons of Veterans Reserve units are encouraged to participate in their local communities’ Veterans Day services per state and local regulations regarding the ongoing pandemic. All Brothers are encouraged to display the flag of the United States publicly and properly.


5. Please send photographs and write-ups of your Camp's activities to the National Signals Officer at signalsofficer@suvcw.org and to the Banner Editor at banner@suvcw.org.

Ordered this Second Day of November, 2020



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General Order #4

Series 2020-2021
13 November 2020

Remembrance Day

1. Although this year's official Remembrance Day ceremony and parade at Gettysburg have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our duty to honor the memory of President Lincoln and of the Union servicemen of 1861-1865 can never be cancelled.
2. Originally known as "Veterans' Night" (Ritual and Ceremonials, Official: 1920- '25- '26), for over a century, the Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have observed Remembrance Day in order to commemorate the anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 19 November 1863. The Gettysburg Address is ranked among the greatest speeches in American history. In a mere ten sentences, it clearly and compellingly expressed America's national identity and purpose. It remains relevant to this day.
3. Despite the challenges we face, we are resolute in our determination to faithfully continue our honorable tradition this year. We will continue to laud the memory of President Lincoln. We will continue to commemorate our veteran ancestors who prevailed through the grave perils of battle and of disease. We will continue to be visible patriots. We owe them this.
4. Therefore, on this Remembrance Day, Saturday, 21 November 2020, each Department and Camp is urged to conduct or participate in an appropriate patriotic service as its particular circumstances permit, being mindful of the health and welfare of our Brothers, and in accordance with local and state pandemic restrictions or orders.
5. Many Brothers, mindful of their duty, have already resolved to travel to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day. This is to be commended. An unofficial ceremony and wreath-laying will take place at the Albert Woolson monument on 21 November at 11:00 in the morning.
6. All Brothers are strongly encouraged to display the flag of the United States publicly and properly.
7. Please send photographs and write-ups of your Department's, Camp's and SVR Unit's Remembrance Day activities to the National Signals Officer at signalsofficer@suvcw.org and to the Banner Editor at banner@suvcw.org.

Ordered this 13th Day of November, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Pierson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a stylized 'P'.

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan C. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'D'.

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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General Order #5

Series 2020-2021
20 November 2020

Award of Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star

1. The Commander in Chief and the Council of Administration of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War take great pleasure in awarding the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Department of Rhode Island for meritorious achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. During the period of March 2020 through October 2020, Brother Hall served well and above the call of duty in assuring the success of the first-ever virtual National Encampment. He relentlessly coordinated with each Department to ensure the specific requirements of this Encampment were fully understood. He ensured that each Department was able to be represented by its full complement of delegates. He made sure that if a Department's delegate could not attend, that the appointed alternate had the correct information to attend and was registered. Furthermore, his efforts in checking in registered attendees ensured a smoothly running National Encampment, ensuring that the mission and business of the Order continued despite the serious disruptions resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Hall reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 20th Day of November, 2020

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General Order #6

Series 2020-2021
6 December 2020

IRS Determination of 501(c)3 Status

1. Per Internal Revenue Service Letter 4167C, dated 23 Nov 2020, the Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)3. This recognition also extends to the subordinate organizations on the list we provided in 2017, in other words, Departments, Camps, SVR Military Districts and SVR Units on that list are now recognized as 501(c)3 organizations.
2. Per the IRS letter, “for federal income tax purposes, donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You’re also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522. Because IRC Section 170(c) describes your subordinate organizations, donors can deduct contributions they make to them.”
3. For Departments, Camps and SVR units that were organized after 2017, and for new organizations, they will be added to the SUVCW group exemption. The National Treasurer must annually submit information to the IRS, removing units that no longer meet the definition and add new units. This report is due each year 30 days before the end of the Order’s accounting year.
4. Please note that The IRS website that lists charitable organizations is not current and does not yet include the SUVCW. The IRS is behind updating the site due to COVID-19. This may impact such things as matching grants from employers. It is not known when the IRS will get the website updated, but it is being monitored, and we have made inquiries.
5. The SUVCW National Organization and all subordinate SUVCW organizations are to follow the direction regarding lobbying and political advocacy for 501(c)3 organizations provided in General Order #35, Series 2019-2020; paragraphs 2, 3, 5, and 6 remain in full effect. The guidance in GO #35 regarding 501(c)4 organizations is no longer applicable, specifically that in paragraphs 1 and 4.
6. This is the successful culmination of a rigorous, years-long process with the IRS that began with a vote of the National Encampment in 2015. Thanks are owed to our previous Commanders-in-Chief and to our National Treasurer and his predecessor for perseverance in a rigorous process

with the IRS, to the Council of Administration for advice, expertise, and hard work throughout this process, and to the Departments and Camps that updated their bylaws to be in accordance with IRS regulatory guidance, thus enabling them to be granted 501(c)3 status under the National Organization's umbrella.

7. This determination opens a new chapter in our illustrious Order's history. As we mutually work to implement it, more guidance will be forthcoming.

Ordered this 6th day of December, 2020



Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Order #7

Series 2020-2021
9 December 2020

National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation

1. Whereas the 2020 National Encampment voted to abolish the existing Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy (August 2017) in order to be able to develop a policy regarding the protection of war memorials and monuments that is appropriate for the current conditions in the United States; and,
2. Whereas the Special Committee for Monument Protection Policy diligently and thoughtfully developed a draft policy and presented it to the Council of Administration for review and approval; and,
3. Whereas the Council of Administration carefully reviewed the draft policy and subsequently voted to approve it;
4. Therefore the National Policy on Monument Protection and Preservation attached to this General Order has been adopted as the official policy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding war monument protection. It will be published on the SUVCW National Policy web page.
5. This policy builds upon the solid foundation of earlier General Orders, policies and resolutions on this critical topic. It clearly articulates the Order's position, provides a basis for engaging the public with a unified message, and allows the ability for a flexible response for different conditions and situations.
6. The new monument protection policy intentionally does not take a position on the status of the Confederate battle flag; therefore, the SUVCW is officially silent on this issue.
7. All Brothers, Camps and Departments, Camps shall follow and refer to this policy, especially when communicating with members of the public, government, or press.

Ordered this 9th Day of December, 2020

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Special Message #1

Series 2020-2021
20 December 2020

Monument Protection Policy

Dear Brothers,

Having received some questions and comments from our fellow Brothers on the SUVCW's National Policy on Monument Protection, as well as having heard of some posts on social media that misunderstand what the policy says and means, I would like to take a few minutes to offer some thoughts for your consideration.

Today, our great nation is faced with anti-patriots who have been and are illegally destroying private and public property. They have pulled down statues of Union Civil War heroes and even of President Lincoln. They have attacked monuments and memorials to great Americans from every period in our history.

In this context, the 2020 National Encampment directed that our National Policy on Monument Protection be updated in order to be relevant to what has been going on today. Our National Policy on Monument Protection was carefully written with this goal in mind. The introductory paragraph is the keystone for the rest of the policy.

“The Sons of Union Veterans condemns the criminal vandalism or unlawful destruction of monuments dedicated to the memory of American Soldiers from all wars as a breach of faith and duty to our ancestors, and to the principles of freedom they fought to preserve and pass on to their descendants.”

I want to emphasize that it is the policy of the SUVCW to honor American veterans, as defined by Federal (Public) Law, from ALL wars. Anyone who says otherwise is flat wrong.

Some Brothers have asked, “because the policy doesn't specifically mention Civil War monuments, are we no longer defending our Civil War heritage?” I assure you that our great Order remains as fully dedicated as ever to preserving and teaching the true history of the Civil War. We aren't retreating on any front. We aren't bowing to political correctness. We have chosen the best strategy to fight to preserve our nation's history.

Far from abandoning support for monument preservation for any one era or side, we have

expanded our reach to all American Veterans of all wars. That is clearly in line with our charge give to us in our Congressional Charter. Thus, the policy has more of a desired goal of helping to keep green the memories of all our veterans, the things they did, qualities they possessed, and what they stood for. It also combats "cancel-culture" right across the board, better than did the former policy.

If we decide to support legislation to protect monuments, any monuments, we are encouraged to do so by this policy! If we want to oppose the lawful attempts to remove monuments, any monuments, we are encouraged to do so by this policy! If we want to call for prosecution of criminals who maliciously destroy monuments, any monuments, we are encouraged to do so by this policy!

On a related topic, a number of Brothers have expressed their concern regarding the outside commentary in social media and other venues regarding this policy. To this, I would encourage you all to read the policy itself; you will see that such comments are uninformed and baseless. Brothers, I hope you found this special message helpful in explaining the real background, intent, and impact of the National Policy on Monument Protection.

Thank you for all the great work you do to keep green the memory of the Boys in Blue! Every day you make me more and more proud to be a member of our great Order!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Brian C. Pierson
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General Order #8

Series 2020-2021
16 December 2020

Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore on 14 Dec 2020 at the age of 91.
2. PCinC Moore, life member #240, organized the Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1 of Kokomo in 1982 and served as Camp Commander, Department Commander of the Department of Indiana, and ultimately as Commander-in-Chief in 1993-1994. An active member and leader in many educational, civic, religious and heritage organizations, PCinC Moore exemplified the ideal of service before self and remains a model for us all.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PCinC Moore.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 16th day of December, 2020

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
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Attest:

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General Order #9

Series 2020-2021
2 January 2021

Passing of Union Soldier Widow Helen Jackson

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on 16 December 2020, at the age of 101 years. She had been a resident of Webco Manor Nursing Home in Marshfield, Missouri for many years.

2. Helen Jackson married Private James Bolin, Company F, 14th Missouri Cavalry, on 4 September 1936. He was 93 years old; she was 17. Her father had volunteered her to stop by his house each day and assist him with chores as she headed home from school. Bolin did not believe in accepting charity and, after a period of time, asked Helen for her hand in marriage in order to provide for her future by leaving her his Union pension. She accepted and Bolin recorded the wedding in his personal Bible. Bolin died in June 1939 and Helen never remarried; she never applied for the pension.

3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of her.

4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2021

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
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General Order #10

Series 2020-2021
16 January 2021

Passing of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Lucille Streeter

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Woman's Relief Corps Past National President Lucille "Peaches" Streeter on 16 January 2021.
2. PNP Streeter served as the WRC National President in 2018 during which she championed the conservation of an Indiana Civil War regimental battle flag in the GAR Memorial Museum in Springfield, Illinois. She was the long-time Coordinator for the Southern Memorials Project and for each Memorial Day decorated the graves of the Civil War soldiers, whom she lovingly referred to as her "Boys in Blue", with wreaths and flowers. For many years she dedicated her effort to serving the WRC Department of Michigan. PNP Streeter leaves an admirable legacy of selfless service and patriotism that is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PNP Streeter.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 16th day of January, 2021

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Attest:

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General Order #11

Series 2020-2021
27 February 2021

Appointment of National Counselor

1. Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day is hereby appointed National Counselor. PCinC Day brings a wealth of expertise, wisdom and dedication to the position. He will well serve the Order.
2. A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby for his superb knowledge, sound advice and excellent counsel while serving as National Counselor.

Ordered this 27th day of February, 2021.

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General Order #12

Series 2020-2021
12 March 2021

Licensing

1. Recently a question has arisen regarding the licensing requirements for items bearing the wording “Sons Union Veterans” and/or the acronym “S.U.V.”
2. The National Counselor has provided an opinion that the National Organization has the “...Constitutional obligation to manage and control the use of names and acronyms commonly or traditionally associated to its own, and to ensure the quality and consistency of the SUVCW’s public image. Such a course of action would allow for the continued issuance of licenses to the subordinate camps, departments, and units of the SUVCW...” per Constitution and Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 14, and subparagraphs thereto.
3. Therefore, in order to maintain the ability to manage and license products which project an image of the SUVCW to the public and to ensure the quality of such products, I rule that the name “Sons Union Veterans” and the acronym “S.U.V.” shall be added to the official list of badges, emblems, seals, coat-of-arms and/or other symbols of our Order that must be authorized or licensed for use or reproduction per the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 14, paras (c) thru (e).

Ordered this 12th day of March, 2021.

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
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Attest:

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General Order #13

Series 2020-2021
18 March 2021

Liability Insurance

1. All Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to have liability insurance for the property. The liability insurance shall be in accordance with state regulatory requirements. The liability insurance shall include the respective Department and the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as protected organizations.
2. All such Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property shall provide a copy of their policy summary to the Executive Director annually upon the renewal of the policy.

Ordered this 18th day of March, 2022.

Brian C. Pierson
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Attest:

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General Order #14

Series 2020-2021
13 April 2020

Lobbying

1. **Introduction.** GO #35, Series 2019-2020, dated 14 August 2020, was a prudent measure to keep the SUVCW from any inadvertent violations while the 501(c)3 status of subordinate organizations was still under review by the IRS. The IRS has since granted that status, and the Order has had sufficient time to investigate and understand the rules for lobbying to develop long term guidance for Departments, Camps and SVR Units.

2. **Revocation of GO #35.** Therefore, the aforesaid GO #35 is hereby revoked and replaced with the following guidance regarding lobbying.

3. **Status of the SUVCW.** The National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are now considered 501(c)(3) entities.

4. **General Rules on Lobbying and Definitions.** In general, a 501(c)(3) organization can do a limited amount of lobbying (attempting to influence legislation), but too much could jeopardize its tax-exempt status (i.e., it cannot be a substantial part of its activities).

a. Legislation includes action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council, or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions, public referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure.

b. Legislation does not include actions by executive, judicial, or administrative bodies.

c. 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.

5. **Scope of Permitted Lobbying.** The National Organization, subordinate Departments, Camps, and Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Districts and Units are permitted to undertake a limited amount of lobbying as long as the subject of the lobbying is directly related to one of the six purposes stated in the SUVCW's Congressional Charter (36 USC, Chapter 2003, §200302), and in

particular to the following:

- To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865.
- To assist in every practical way in preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members.
- To cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country in any war.

a. The following limited lobbying activities are allowable activities for Departments, Camps, and SVR subordinate units once the CinC has granted his written permission (see paragraph 7, below):

- 1) The encouragement of members and non-members to write letters;
- 2) Conduct educational meetings to inform the public about planned projects and events. Education sessions for current legislative leaders and potential candidates for elected office may be conducted as long as the information is offered to all parties and candidates without partisanship;
- 3) prepare, and distribute educational materials or otherwise consider public policy issues in an educational manner that does not jeopardize our tax-exempt status;
- 4) Testify at public hearings;
- 5) Provide research, analysis, and commentary;
- 6) Join amicus curiae briefs (additional permission is required on a case-by-case basis).

6. Restrictions and Prohibitions. Lobbying shall remain nonpartisan. It is prohibited to conduct or engage in political campaign activities to intervene in elections to public office. The Johnson Amendment to the 1954 Tax Code applies to all 501(c)(3) organizations, not just religious 501(c)(3) organizations. This includes, but is not limited to the following restrictions:

- a. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, contribute or otherwise donate funds to any political campaign;
- b. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit raise funds for candidates in any manner;
- c. At no time will any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit publicly support or oppose any candidates;
- d. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps, or SVR subordinate units post

partisan political messages on any social media platform (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Reddit, Imgur, Gab, etc.) or on organizational websites;

e. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps or SVR subordinate units engage in ad hominem criticism of public officials, or give the appearance thereof (including but not limited to attacks on one's personal characteristics or one's status or qualifications);

f. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps or SVR subordinate units connect, compare, or assess the organization's position on an issue(s) with voting recommendations for or against candidates for office in any election(s). This prohibition includes but is not limited to making and/or distributing voter guides for or against candidates;

g. At no time will the National, Departments, Camps, or SVR subordinate units, during an election, compare the organization's issue position with that of a candidate.

7. Permission to Lobby. Prior permission of the Commander-in- Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans must be obtained before any Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit conduct any lobbying efforts whatsoever.

a. Requests for permission must be made in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, a duplicate copy to be filed with the National Executive Director, National Treasurer, and National Counselor in writing or by electronic means. No lobbying activities will take place prior to receiving the Commander-in-Chief's written permission under penalty of suspension. Copies of the aforesaid written requests and permissions will be maintained on file by the Executive Director and National Treasurer.

b. Once the lobbying activity has been completed, the Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit which was engaged in a lobbying effort shall report to the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

- 1) Who was contacted and on what date(s);
- 2) What was discussed, and any other relevant information concerning the lobbying activities, including how many hours were spent;
- 3) The report shall include copies of any written communications to and from the party(s) which were lobbied;
- 4) For in-person (face to face) meetings, a synopsis of the conversation(s) shall be attached.

8. Rights of Brothers as Private Citizens. Brothers are free to communicate as private citizens with their local, state, or national representatives on any legislation; however, in this case, they must refrain from mentioning or otherwise implying they are representing the SUVCW, nor may they use letterhead of the SUVCW National Organization, Department, Camp, or SVR Military District or Unit.

9. Penalties for Non-Compliance. As the failure of a Department, Camp, or SVR subordinate unit to comply with this order may jeopardize our 501(c)3 tax exempt status, the National Organization must practice prudence and take action for the good of the Order against any subordinate body which fails to follow this General Order, namely suspension as well as any other actions as necessary to ensure the Order retains its 501(c)3 tax exempt status.

Ordered this 14th Day of April, 2021



Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
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Attest:

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General Order #15

Series 2020-2021
14 April 2020

Clarification of Guidance in the Constitution & Regulations Regarding Issuance of Membership Cards

1. It has been discovered that there is conflicting guidance in the Regulations of the Order regarding whether the Camp Treasurer or the Camp Secretary has the responsibility to issue membership cards, specifically:
 - a. Chapter I, Camps, Article VII, Elected Officers Job Descriptions & Duties, Section 5, Camp Treasurer, paragraph (d) states “Issuing membership cards to Brothers upon receipt of annual dues.”
 - b. Chapter V, General Regulations, Article VII, Membership Card, Section 1, states, “Each Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate upon payment of his dues, will be issued by the Camp Secretary an official membership card certifying that the Member, Junior, Associate, or Junior Associate to whom it is issued is in good standing, having paid his dues for the period indicated thereon.”
2. Whereas, although in many Camps the offices of Secretary and Treasurer are shared by a single member, in other Camps, these same offices are held by different members;
3. Whereas each Brother in good standing is entitled to a membership card, which are issued upon payment of annual dues;
4. Therefore, it is ordered that the office of Camp Treasurer has the responsibility to issue membership cards upon the receipt of annual dues.
5. This General Order will remain in effect until such time as a National Encampment votes to update the Constitution & Regulations.

Ordered this 14th Day of April, 2021

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General Order #16

Series 2020-2021
15 April 2021

**Passing of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past National President
Michelle Langley**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of ASUVCW Past National President Michelle Langley on 10 April 2021 at Interlaken, New York.
2. PNP Langley was a member of the D.G. Caywood Auxiliary #72, Department of New York. She joined the ASUVCW in 1987 and served three different terms as the Department of New York's Department President before being elected National President of the ASUVCW in 2004. At the time of her passing, she was the Department of New York's Treasurer. Her legacy of dedicated service for over 33 years is a testimony to her dedication to Civil War history, education, and preservation, and is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends our sincere condolences to the Auxiliary.
4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PNP Langley.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 15th Day of April, 2021

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General Order #17

Series 2020-2021
10 May 2021

Observance of Memorial Day

1. Greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)
2. Whenever our gaze alights upon the Stars and Stripes flying proudly in the breeze, we should never fail to recall with solemn pride how many of our countrymen have made the ultimate sacrifice for their flag and for their fellow citizens. Since the War for Independence, it is estimated that approximately 1,065,000 Americans have died in wartime service to the United States. Over 40,000 remain missing in action to this day.
3. No generation of Americans has been spared the responsibility of defending freedom. Today, in these troubled times of pandemic and unrest, we too must be ever more resolved to preserving the ideals for which our veteran forefathers fought and died.
4. General John Logan's famed General Order #11 established a day to commemorate those who died serving the United States in its greatest trial. General Logan knew that the living must never forget the sacrifices of the dead who had given their all so that America itself could live. To this day, Memorial Day is the most sacred of our country's secular holidays.
5. Forty years ago, at the height of the Cold War, in his Presidential Proclamation of 24 April 1981, President Ronald Reagan built upon General Logan's foundation, stating, "Their sacrifice demands that we, the living, continue to promote the cause of peace and the ideals for which they so valiantly gave of themselves." President Reagan challenged us to not only remember our war dead, but to actively uphold the American ideals for which they fought.
6. Both General Logan's and President Reagan's messages remain as important today as when they were written. General Logan foresaw the bitter day when our fellow citizens might slide into indifference. President Reagan foresaw the grim time when our fellow citizens might fall into bland apathy or hateful ideology. Both of them exhorted us to keep that from happening.
7. As the heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, we in the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War have a unique connection to Memorial Day unlike any other organization in the country. It is a connection that we generously and proudly share with our friends in other patriotic and veterans'

organizations. It is our cherished duty to continue to actively exercise our stewardship of this most venerable day.

8. Where others may treat Memorial Day merely as a day off for recreation, we will continue to observe it faithfully. We will continue to honor our American veterans who have answered the final muster. We will remain unswerving in promoting loyalty to our country. We will continue to resolutely uphold our rights and freedoms. We do this out of love of our country, out of love of our friends and brothers, and out of love of our God-given rights. Can we do no less?

9. All Departments and Camps are requested to observe Memorial Day with an appropriate public ceremony in a suitable location, and all Brothers are requested to display the flag of our nation at half-staff from their homes until noon, then raise them to full height, as is tradition. For flags that cannot be lowered, a black streamer may be flown directly beneath the finial.

Ordered this 10th Day of May 2021



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General Order #18

Series 2020-2021
11 May 2021

Definition of So-Called “Paper Camps”

1. A question has arisen whether the prohibition in General Order #14, Series 2016-2017, of so-called “paper Camps” or “virtual Camps”, likewise prohibits virtual meetings that have been authorized in subsequent General Orders.
2. It was found that the term “paper Camp” has not been explicitly defined in National Regulations or other official governing documents; however, it has been used in common practice for a number of years.
3. Therefore it is deemed necessary at this time to formally define “Paper Camp” as used by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:
 - a. A “Paper Camp” (including a so-called “Virtual Camp”) is hereby defined as a subordinate organization of a Department that exists solely as a shell entity, with no substantive existence. The characteristics of a “Paper Camp” include the following: it does not conduct Camp business or other meetings by approved means (when no national emergency or other circumstance prevents such activity and/or meetings, whether live, virtual, or hybrid live-virtual) for an extended period of time as determined by the Council of Administration; it does not elect officers per regulations (of which evidence includes but is not limited to reporting the same names on required reporting forms for an extended period; it does not participate in Department Encampments; and it does not hold activities or participate in programs to promote the goals, principles, and objectives of the Order.
 - b. The term “Paper Camp” shall not include Department Camps-at-large or National Camps-at-large.
4. “Paper Camps” by their nature undermine the principles of the Order; therefore, they remain prohibited and are subject to suspension or surrender of charter.
5. The SUVCW’s prohibition of “paper Camps” and the aforesaid GO #14 shall not be construed to ban or inhibit the use of electronic means to conduct and/or supplement live meetings, activities, and/or events currently permitted by the SUVCW due to the Covid-19 pandemic, or any provisions

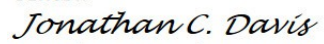
in the forthcoming national policy on virtual meetings.

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Pierson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long tail on the 'n'.

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan C. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long tail on the 's'.

Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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General Order #19

Series 2020-2021
7 July 2021

**Passing of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past National President
Janice Harding**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of ASUVCW Past National President Janice Lee Harding, aged 84 years, on 2 July 2021 at Parkville, Maryland.
2. PNP Harding was a Life Member of the James A. Garfield Auxiliary#1, Department of Chesapeake. She served as the Department of the Chesapeake (formerly Department of Maryland) President on several occasions and was the National President of the Auxiliary in 2009. PNP Harding's energetic devotion, sincerity and love of the Allied Orders was evident to all who knew her and she took pride that she shared her birthday with that of President Lincoln. Her legacy of dedicated service is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends our sincere condolences to the Auxiliary.
4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PNP Harding.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 7th Day of July, 2021

Brian C. Pierson

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Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis

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National Secretary
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General Order #20

Series 2020-2021
13 July 2021

**Passing of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past National President
Cynthia Brown**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of ASUVCW Past National President Cynthia Brown, 11 July 2021 at Methuen, MA, at the age of 84 years.
2. PNP Brown was a Life Member of the Gilman E. Sleeper Auxiliary # 60, Department of New Hampshire. A three-term PDP from Massachusetts, she was elected National President of the Auxiliary in 2002 in Springfield, Illinois. She was also a member of the Woman's Relief Corp, Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War 1861-1865, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the American Legion Auxiliary and was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel. PNP Brown's integrity was evident to all who knew her. Her legacy of dedicated service is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends our sincere condolences to the Auxiliary.
4. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PNP Brown.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 13th Day of July, 2021

Brian C. Pierson

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Commander-in-Chief
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Attest:

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General Order #21

Series 2020-2021
23 July 2021

Wear of Recognition Button and Buttonhole Decoration

1. A question has arisen whether SUVCW recognition buttons and buttonhole decorations intended to be worn as lapel pins (described in Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3, paragraphs P and Q) may be worn in lieu of the full-size or miniature Badge of the Order on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1).
2. In accordance with the considered opinion of the National Counselor, it is hereby ruled that the recognition button and buttonhole decoration (described in Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3, paragraphs P and Q) shall not be worn in lieu of the official Badge of the Order on those occasions where the Badge of the Order is required (Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1).

Ordered this 23rd Day of July, A.D. 2021

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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General Order #22

Series 2020-2021
26 July 2021

Ruling on Department Requirement to Pay Per Capita Dues of Suspended Camps

1. A question has arisen regarding Departments' responsibility to pay Per Capita for Camps which are under suspension.
2. To address this question, the National Counselor conducted a thorough review of the Constitution & Regulations and found the following:
 - (1) There is no specific direction stating that a Department must pay the Per Capita Tax for a Camp which is under suspension.
 - (2) Furthermore, once a Department Commander has issued a Department Order suspending a Camp, that Camp may conduct no other business other than addressing the issue which led to the suspension.
 - (3) A Camp which has been suspended has no representation at nor status in the Department Encampment until such time as it has acted to fulfill its reporting and Per Capita obligations.
3. After reviewing the C&R the National Counselor issued an opinion that Departments are not required to payout Per Capita for Camps under suspension.
4. Therefore, in accordance with the National Counselor's Opinion, it is ruled that a Department is not required to pay Per Capita to the National Organization for a Camp under suspension. However, once the Camp has forwarded its reports and Per Capita and the Department Commander lifts the suspension, the Department is obligated to forward the required Per Capita to the National Organization.

Ordered this 26th Day of July, A.D. 2021

Brian C. Pierson

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General Order #23

Series 2020-2021
27 July 2021

Revocation of Charter of Camp Charter, Department of Ohio

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered:

1. Whereas the Department Commander R.A. Davis of the Department of Ohio has requested revocation of the following Camp charter: McClellan Camp #91, Alliance, Ohio; and
2. Whereas the Camp was suspended by then Department Commander Michael Spaulding per Department Order #8, dated 21 May 2021 for repeated and persistent failure to comply with regulations pertaining to IRS reporting, while taking no action to address the issue;
3. Therefore, in accordance with the National Constitution, Article VI, Section 2, the request of Department Commander Davis is approved, and the Charter of McClellan Camp #91 is hereby revoked.
4. Members and Associates of McClellan Camp #91 who are in good standing may have transfer cards issued so that they may join another Camp of their choice.
5. In accordance with National Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5, officers and members of McClellan Camp #91 are reminded that all Camp property and assets shall be turned over as soon as possible to the Department Commander, acting as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief to collect and hold all such property in trust for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Department Commander will provide a detailed report to the Commander-in-Chief when this has been accomplished.

Ordered this 27th Day of July, A.D. 2021

Brian C. Pierson

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General Order #24

Series 2020-2021
7 August 2021

Annual Awards

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered that the following awards be made at the 140th National Encampment in Saint Louis, Missouri:

1. Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio. For many years, Brother Shaw has served well and above the call of duty, ably orchestrating the annual Remembrance Day program in Gettysburg, one of the signature events of the Allied Orders. He travelled to Gettysburg several times each year to coordinate the arrangements with the National Park Service, city government, and civic organizations. Due to his steadfast efforts, the Remembrance Day ceremonies have flourished. Furthermore, Brother Shaw's leadership as Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee has ensured that the Sons of Veterans Reserve has remained strong and active. The actions, ability, and dedication of Brother Shaw reflect great credit upon himself and the SUVCW.
2. Meritorious Service Award: Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia; Jaeger Held, Department of Colorado & Wyoming; Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont; Howard Poarch, Department of Alabama; John Edelman, Department of Ohio; Howard Black, Department of Maine; John Conrad, Department of the Southwest; Michael Rowley, Department of Iowa
3. The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award: Wanda Langdon, NP, ASUVCW; Caren Cleaveland, PNP, DUVCW; Sarah Meyer, PNP, DUVCW.
4. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award: James Pahl, PCinC; Andrew Johnson, PCinC
5. Certificate of Recognition: Frederic Lynch, Department of Ohio; Stephen Ball, Department of Ohio; Gray Brewer, Department of Colorado & Wyoming; Michael Rusk, Department of Oklahoma; Raymond Wozniak, Department of Georgia & South Carolina
6. Chaplain William Corby Award: Dean Collins, Department of Wisconsin; Samuel Lundy, Department of New York; Clark Brucht, Department of Pennsylvania; Ed Lane, Department of

Kentucky; William Andrews, Department of Oklahoma; Robert Winters, Department of Indiana

7. David R. Medert Award: Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky

8. National Aide Award: Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky; Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia; Robert Welch, Department of Illinois; Timothy O'Neal, Department of the Columbia; Nicholas Kaup, Department of Illinois

9. Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award: Major General William T. Sherman Camp #93, Department of Ohio

10. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award: Department of New York

11. U.S. Grant Cup: Department of Alabama

12. Under Forty Award: Department of the Chesapeake

13. Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter):
Camp: Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City, Dept of Michigan
Department: Department of Georgia & South Carolina

14. Joseph S. Rippey Award: Private John N. Eckes, Camp #10, Winfield, Department of Kansas

15. Horace Greeley Award:
Camp: General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, Department of PA
Department: Department of the Columbia

Ordered this 7th Day of August, A.D. 2021



Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis
Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Opinions From The National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson did not request any opinions during 2020-2021 from National Counselor Donald E. Darby, PCinC.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day was appointed National Counselor on February 27, 2021 and he issued five Opinions.

Counselor Opinion #1



Mark R. Day
National Counselor
March 11, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor Opinion regarding the issue of licensing name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V. the following is offered.

Research: I reviewed the following pertinent documents and sections of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations

1. Our Articles of Incorporation (amended Charter 1998) Sec. 200306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges, which states “The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right to use the name “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.
2. Chapter V Article VI Section 14 Sub para (c) Page 130 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, which discusses the duplication of images, badges, emblems, and seals. That section states “a Camp or Department’s use of images, badges, emblems, and seals. They may be used for Department Flags, Camp Flags, letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, business cards, and other materials necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Organization and not available on the National Website, nor to embroidery of any badge, emblem, or seal or the production of decals or other similar devices.

Copyrighted forms and literature available from the national Website; when used for official business of the Order may be locally produced.”

3. Chapter V Article VI Section 14 Sub para (e) Page 130 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations also states the following: “Departments Camps, and current officers and former officers may not authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War except as explained in sub para’s (c) & (d) appearing on that same page.”.

Reasoning:

1. In my research, related to issue of licensing the name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V., I found that the only specifically protected name for our organization, per the 1998 amended charter, is Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Therefore, that is our brand as legally recognized by Congress.
2. In discussions with others who are well versed in the SUVCW’s Constitution and Regulations as well as it traditions it was pointed out that the law is never strictly black and white and perhaps it could be argued, that the term “Sons Union Veterans” could be seen as a widely used and publicly recognized derivative of the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. However, the fact remains that the 1998 amended charter does not grant proprietary use of the name Sons Union Veterans and that pursuing the addition of that term to the charter would most likely fail to produce a positive outcome. Likewise, the pursuit of a trademark for the name Sons Union Veterans / S.U.V. could prove unsuccessful because of legal cost.
3. The SUVCW does have a long history of issuing licenses to subordinate units within itself and has authority to monitor and administer the Camps and Departments regarding the symbols, badges, etc. as defined on C&R pg. 130 Sub para (c). A possible course of corrective action could be the adoption of the term Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V . The basis for adopting the terms would be to fulfill the National Organizations Constitutional obligation to manage and control the use of names and acronyms commonly or traditionally associated to its own and to ensure the quality and consistency of the SUVCW’s public image. Such a course of action would allow for the continued issuance of licenses to the subordinate camps, departments, and units of the SUVCW, it

would not limit or constrain entities outside of the SUVCW from using the name Sons Union Veterans or the acronym S.U.V. The protection of those terms, if it exists at all, lies in a Grey space of the law and could be difficult to defend.

Opinion:

- 1. Action could be taken via a ruling to add the name Sons Union Veterans and the acronym S.U.V to the Orders list of adopted and forms, rituals, or other items supplied by the National Organization found in Chapter V, Article VI, Section 14, Sub para (C), Sub para (d) and (e) . If this were done, it would have the effect of keeping in place, at least within the Organization the requirement to gain a license. It would buy time to formulate a better policy or regulation.**
- 2. This would settle the question of wither or not a request to put SUV on a cap, originating from a Camp or Department would need license and bring you us back to the matter of approving the Illinois Kepi license request.**

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
PCinC Mark R. Day
National Counselor

Counselor Opinion #2



Mark R. Day
National Counselor
June 15, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a possible conflict between the Department of New Jersey's By-laws and the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to wit:

1. Are the New Jersey By-laws in conflict with the provisions for holding elections of officers annually during the required annual Encampment.
2. Is the Department of New Jersey properly submitting a Form 49 each year as required by the Regulations?

After reviewing the Department of New Jersey's current By-laws, which were approved by PCinC Shaw on 6/27/2019. I find them in compliance with the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations.

1. Department of New Jersey By-laws Article III (Meetings) states that all meetings of the department will be held in accordance with the National C&R. *While there is no clear or specific language the statement provided in the By-laws does establish, that the Department Encampment must be held annually as required in the Constitution and Regulations.*
2. Department of New Jersey Article IV (Officers) states that Officers of the Department shall be elected to one-year terms in accordance with the C&R. *This statement also suffices to fulfill the requirements set for in the Constitution and*

Regulations for election of Department Officers.

Investigation – I spoke with SVCinC Paquette and Brother Joe Hall who is Chairman of the Encampment Credentials Committee to determine exactly what had occurred during the recent New Jersey Encampment. Two things came immediately to the forefront in these discussions.

1. The Department of New Jersey has a tradition of its Commander serving two terms. *This is fine if the formalities of holding the yearly elections are carried out. In the case of New Jersey SVCinC Paquette was able to state emphatically that the elections had been held in accordance with the C&R and that he had been the installing officer at the last three Annual Meetings of the Department of New Jersey. Therefore, the procedures were properly followed and there is no conflict.*
2. The Department of New Jersey had not always filled a form 49 that was filled out and signed for the current year. On at least one occasion the Form 49 from the previous year had been filled. *This does present a problem for the Credentials Committee and is not proper in accordance with our regulations. Just because the Commander was still the same in year two, a new Form49 should have been filled out and submitted for the current year. I have been told this practice has been corrected and the current Form 49 will be correct when submitted.*

Opinion:

The Department of New Jersey's By-laws are in compliance with the National Constitution and Regulations and actions have been taken to correct New Jersey's Form 49 issue. However, a question remains to be answered. Are other Departments conducting business in a similar manner and how can we mitigate any potential problems.

Actions to be considered for inclusion in any potential ruling by the Commander-in Chief,

- 1) the departments are reminded that when officers are going to serve for two consecutive terms they must still be elected and installed annually, and that no Commander can serve more than three consecutive terms.

- 2) Departments must file a new properly filled in, signed, and dated Form 49 for the current year following their Annual Department Encampment, regardless of the fact officers are remaining in leadership of the department for a second term. This is particularly necessary to ensure the proper credentialing of the delegates, identified on the Form 49 to attend the national Encampment in a specific year.

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Mark R. Day PCinC

National Counselor

Counselor Opinion #3



Mark R. Day
National Counselor
June 28, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a possible conflict between the C&R and a proposed By-laws change being discussed by the Pennsylvania Department Annual Encampment on June 26th 2021 to wit it was proposed to amend the Pennsylvania Department By-laws to include the awarding of the honorary title Emeritus and making provision to create an attachment to the membership badge, which would recognize a Brother for long term service in the office of Secretary or Treasurer.

Investigation, research, and initial action:

1. An initial review of the C&R did not provide a clear answer to the question, and it was thought the C&R was mute on the subject. An opinion was offered and the CinC initially ruled that a suspended device, such as those currently used by Past Department Commanders in some department, which would not be attached to the actual ribbon drape but rather from the top bar could be produced.
2. Following the verbal opinion and verbal ruling by the CinC subsequent review and conversation with the assistant National Counselor for the C&R and other individuals lead to the discovery of a prohibition of such devices on the Membership Badge (Large) which was in a section of the C&R that discussed the wearing of miniature and large medals for dinner dress and other formal occasions and as a result had been overlooked. With this new information it was obvious that the initial verbal opinion and the CinC's ruling were out of order.

- a. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article VI (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (a) provides the following description of the membership medal, “The badge of the Order consists of a top bar in bronze, inscribed with the words "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war." The ribbon shall be as specified below. The drop shall be the insignia of the Order in Bronze...” The C&R is specific as to how the membership badge should look.
 - b. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article IV (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (c) includes the following guidance, “Stars **or other devices may not be worn on the full-size badges of this Order, unless specifically allowed in this Article**, such as the gold meritorious service star, the silver star of an honorary Member, SVR devices, etc.
 - b.i. This provision found in sub para (c) seems ill positioned in the C&R, as it is buried in a lengthy section which describes the manner of apparel and wearing of miniature / large medals for dinner dress and other formal occasions. It would be better if this information were moved to sub para (a) and made part of the description of the Membership badge. This misplacement of information about the appearance and manner of the membership medal was a contributing factor in the initial, now invalidated opinion and CinC ruling.
3. Additionally, it was discovered that a provision already existed in the C&R which provided for recognition of a brother who had been granted Emeritus Status by their department by allowing him to continue wearing the Department Membership Badge as an expression of honor.
- a. Chapter V (General Regulations) Article VI (Badges and Medals) Section 2 sub para (b) states, "All elected Department officers, while holding office **or having been granted emeritus status by his department encampment a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side.**”

Opinion:

1. Based on the information which has been discovered, the initial verbal opinion offered is no longer valid and both it and the initial verbal ruling by the Commander in Chief should be ruled out of order and invalidated.
2. The Pennsylvania Department should be informed of this error and told that the changes to the By-laws involved with production of any sort of device to be attached to the membership medal are not permitted by the C&R unless approved as a change to the C&R by the National Encampment.
3. That the amendment, which they passed, to create an attachment for the membership medal must also be ruled out of order, therefore making it necessary to rescind that amendment from their by-laws.
4. That the Pennsylvania Department Leadership be advised of the existence of the already prescribed method of Honoring a brother they have granted Emeritus status.

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Mark R. Day PCinC

National Counselor

Counselor Opinion #4



Mark R. Day
National Counselor
July 22, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor Opinion regarding a clarification of the propriety of wearing of the Recognition Button and the Buttonhole Button in lieu of the Badges of the Order during the Official Duties of the Order and its meetings the following is offered:

Research: I reviewed the Articles and Sections of the Constitution and Regulations pertaining to the wearing of Badges and found the following pertinent points.

1. Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 **Officers, Members, Associates, Juniors, Junior Associates and Honorary Members of the Order, while in Camp, Department or National Encampment, on parade or while performing other duties of the Order (other than while performing tasks involving manual labor), shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order upon the left breast.** Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. Should the individual desire, he may also wear badges, awards and decorations awarded to him by U. S. Government and military officials, patriotic and hereditary societies, and foreign governments.
 - a. The precedence for wearing addition medals to the Badge of the Order is provided in a precedence table found in Chapter V of the C&R
2. Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 sub paras P and Q –

- a. Sub para–P. Recognition Button. Brothers may wear the Recognition Button, which shall consist of a reproduction, in miniature, made of bronze material of the Official Badge of the Order. It shall not exceed 11/16 inches in height or 9/16 inches in width.
- b. Sub para–Q. Buttonhole Decoration. Brothers may wear a buttonhole decoration consisting of a red, white, and blue rosette not exceeding 5/8 inches in diameter. The central circular disk is divided into four segments, more than half the area devoted to opposing segments of blue alternating with white and the band to be composed of alternating red and white.

Reasoning: The review of the C & R’ regulations regarding Badges:

1. Clearly found they stated that the Badge of the Order was required to be worn by all brothers, while in Camp, Department, or National Meetings as well as while performing other duties of the Order except for while engaged in a task that involved manual labor i.e., grave marker restorations, cemetery cleanings, and other such work.
2. There was no reference at all which allowed for the wearing of the Recognition Medal or The Buttonhole Button in lieu of the Badge of the Order.
 - a. The Recognition Button and Buttonhole Button were intended for use as a way to be recognized as a brother in daily life outside of the meeting room or other official function
3. There was no mention of whether or not the Term Badge of the Order referred to the physical Badge or to an embroidered or printed Badge, such as that which might be on a Jacket or Shirt.

Opinion: Wear of the Badge of the Order is required for official functions and duties, as stated in Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1 of the Regulations, with the exception noted for manual labor, and the neither the Recognition Button nor the Buttonhole Button may be used in lieu of the Badge of the Order.

Counselor Opinion #5



Mark R. Day
National Counselor
July 23, 2021

In answer to a request by the Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for a Counselor's Opinion regarding a Departments responsibility to pay Per Capita for Camps which are under suspension.

Research: A thorough review of Chapter II (Departments) of the Constitution and regulations revealed the following instances where the term Per Capita appears

1. Section 10. When a Department fails to file their annual report and pay the annual **per capita** dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the charter of the Department shall automatically be suspended; the Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including all Department PDC's and Past Department Commander and Department Commander; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.
2. Article II Section 3. A Camp which fails to pay its **per capita** dues or other indebtedness or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Department Encampments.
3. Footnote 52 The C&R only empowers a Department Commander to suspend a camp charter for failure to pay **per capita** dues and/or file quarterly reports and other reports required by the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief as the Chief executive officer of the Order has broad based powers which could

allow him to suspend a camp charter for any violation of the C&R, Ritual, National Policies, Articles of Incorporation, state and Federal law. The National Encampment as the supreme authority of the Order may by a vote of the delegates suspend a Camp charter or directs the Commander-in-Chief to suspend or revoke a charter. CinC Orr, Dec II, 117th, 115

4. Footnote⁵³ The C&R only empowers a Department Commander to suspend a camp charter for failure to pay **per capita** dues and/or file quarterly reports and other reports required by the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief as the Chief executive officer of the Order has broad based powers which could allow him to suspend a camp charter for any violation of the C&R, Ritual, National Policies, Articles of Incorporation, state and Federal law. The National Encampment as the supreme authority of the Order may by a vote of the delegates suspend a camp charter or direct the Commander-in-Chief to suspend or revoke a charter. CinC Orr, Dec II, 117th, 115.
5. Footnote 55 The Division Council has no power to increase the charter fee or **per capita** dues when fixed by the Division Encampment. CinC Weeks, Dec. XIII. 11th, 31
6. Article XIII Section 4. The provisions of Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Council of Administration shall establish the Department **per capita** dues to be levied on Camps-at-Large.

Reasoning: Having completed the review of the C&R it was apparent that no specific directive was present in the document, which stated that Per Capita Tax had to be paid by a Department for a Camp which was under suspension. Further once the Department Commander has issued a suspension order the affected Camp may have no other business other than addressing the issue which led to the suspension, and the Camp no longer is allowed representation at the Department Encampment until all issues have been resolved. This effectively means that the Camps status in the Department is put on hold.

Opinion: A Camp which is under suspension has no representation at the Department Encampment nor status in the Department Encampment until such time as it has acted to fulfill its reporting and Per Capita obligations. Therefore, the Department is not required to payout Per

Capita funds to the National Order for a Camp under suspension.

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
2020	Brian C. Pierson	Georgia and South Carolina

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
140th	2021	August 5-7	St. Louis, Missouri

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