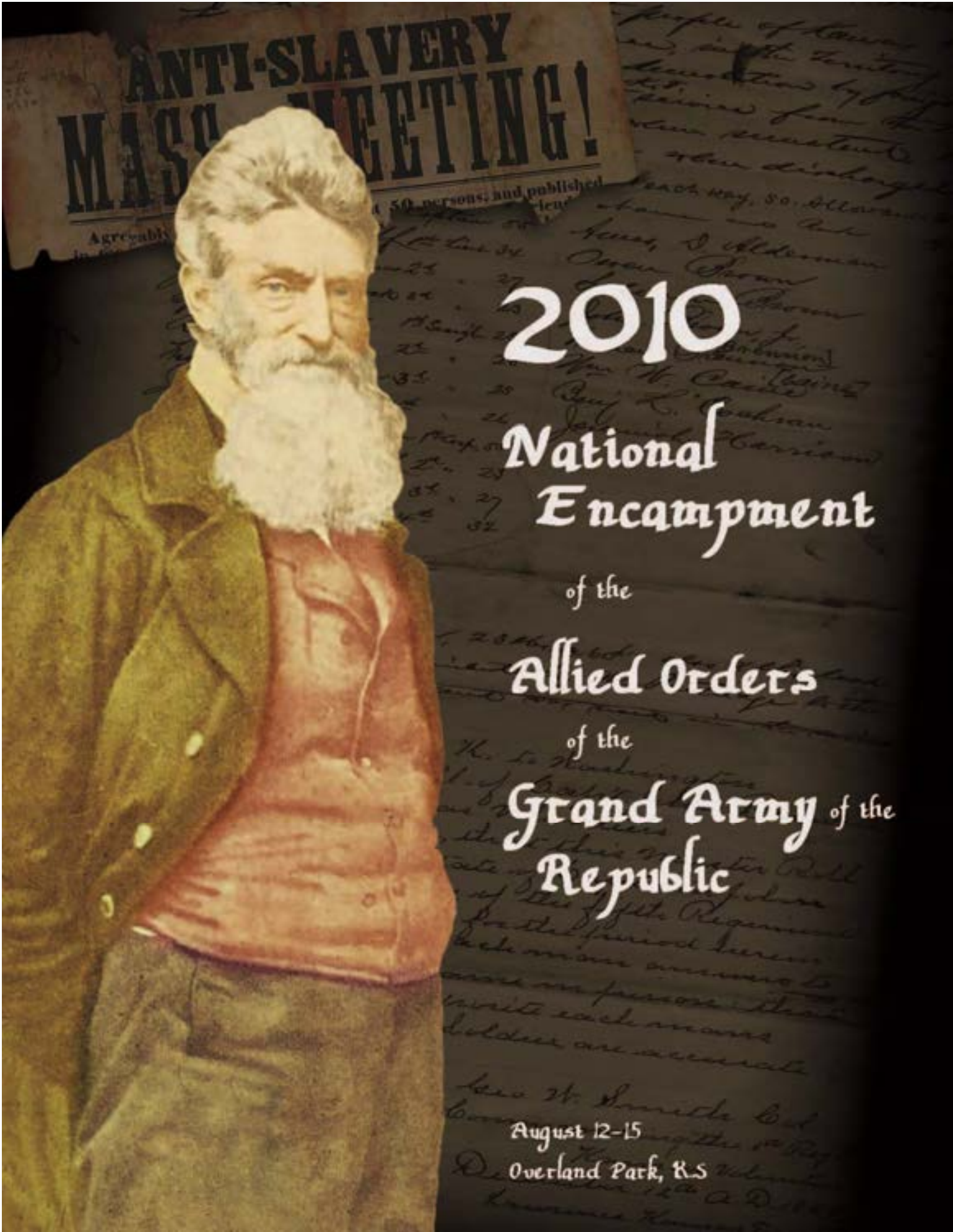


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**ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT
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August 12, 2010

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Welcome, Brothers and Sisters, to where the Civil War began!

On behalf of the Department of Kansas and its Brothers, it is with great honor and joy that I welcome each and every one of you to Kansas. As the sesquicentennial of the Civil War will start next year, we in Kansas are coming to the end of our sesquicentennial of the Border Wars of "Bleeding Kansas," where it all began. During the time from 1854 thru 1861, many people from back East came to Kansas to help keep it a free state and gave their last full measure for freedom. It is sad their efforts could not stop what was to become the greatest war fought on our soil.

In the years leading up to the Civil War, many of the legends of the Civil War passed through Kansas Territory. These included Sherman, J.E.B. Stuart, Armistead, and many more. With Fort Leavenworth, Fort Scott, Fort Riley, and Fort Dodge, along with numerous other smaller forts, and the need to protect the Santa Fe and other trails, the frontier outposts saw many of the soldiers who would later serve on both sides during the Civil War. It is in Kansas where Stuart and John Brown first crossed paths at the Battle of Black Jack in 1856.

The Border Wars continued into the Civil War, giving rise to Quantrill, "Bloody Bill" Anderson, Kansas Redlegs, and many others. Kansas was an active area during the war, with the third largest cavalry battle taking place just 60 miles south of here at Mine Creek on October 25, 1864.

After the war, former soldiers, seeking the cheap land of the Westward expansion, flowed into Kansas. The state would become known as the "Soldier State" in the years to come.

Again, welcome to Kansas, where the Civil War began!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

James R. Knopke, PDC
Department Commander

"To perpetuate the memory of the *Grand Army of the Republic* (G.A.R.) and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865"
Organized 1881 - Legal heir of and representing the Grand Army of the Republic

KANSAS REMEMBERS

ERCELLE E. SPEAKS, PNP

JUNE 5, 1916 – MARCH 9, 2010

and

DEAN K. SPEAKS, PDC

JULY 25, 1957 – MARCH 8, 2010

In a period of two day in March of 2010, Kansas lost two long-time members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. On Monday, March 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past Department Commander Dean K. Speaks passed away at his home in Salina, Kansas. In less than twenty-four hours, his mother, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Past National President Ercelle E. Speaks joined him in the arms of their Savior.

Both had devoted much of their lives to the Allied Orders. Brother Dean was directly responsible for the re-establishment of the Department of Kansas, SUVCW, in 1996. He served as National Membership at Large Coordinator in the 1990's, and was awarded the "Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award" as the "National Member of the Year" in 1996. Dean was one of the first brothers of the Department of Kansas to be awarded "Emeritus" status.

Sister Ercelle served in many posts at both the Department and National level with the LGAR, culminating with her service as National President in 1994-1995. The Kansas LGAR had previously honored her with the naming of its newest circle as the Ercelle Speaks Circle in Johnson County, Kansas.

It had been the dream of Brother Dean and his mother that Kansas would host a National Encampment. Dean was looking forward to being at this very encampment to renew old acquaintances. There would not be a Department of Kansas, nor this encampment within the Kansas borders if Brother Dean had not had a vision.

We will miss them both, but, as long as there is a Department of Kansas, they will always be with us. As we attend this National Encampment, and as we walk among our Brothers from throughout this country, know full-well that Brother Dean's and Sister Ercelle's spirits are walking here with us.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF Leland Justin Webb

(August 5, 1846 - February 21, 1893)

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans 1890-1891

Leland J. Webb holds the distinction of being the first Camp Commander for Old Abe Camp 16, Kansas, and one of only two National Commanders-in-Chief for the Sons of Veterans/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be elected from Kansas. Webb was both a Civil War veteran and the son of a Civil War officer.

He served a number of positions in his Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post and served as Aide de Camp to GAR Commander-in-Chief John P. Rea. He was responsible for introducing the resolutions recognizing the Sons of Veterans, USA by the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1884, he served as the first Camp Commander of Old Abe Camp 16. He was elected 3rd Grand Division Commander doubling membership and camps in one year. He served as Kansas Division Commander in 1886. He served in several national positions including Judge Advocate General. Leland Webb was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans in 1890 and served with distinction.

The following was published by the Headquarters Commandery of the State of Kansas, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, on December 25, 1893, as a memorial to Leland J. Webb.



IN MEMORIAM.

"Companion LELAND JUSTIN WEBB departed this life at Topeka, Kansas, on the 21st of February, 1893, in the forty-seventh year of his age. He was the oldest son of Companion Colonel William C. Webb of Topeka. He was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on August 5, 1846. In 1853 he went with his parents to Wisconsin, where he passed his boyhood days.

"While a mere boy, Companion LELAND J. WEBB, in October 1861, enlisted as a drummer in Company H, 16th Wisconsin Vol. Inf., and in that and other regiments served in the Union army continuously until his final discharge by reason of the close of the war on July 15, 1865. The last seventeen months of his service was as a Private in Company E, 1st Illinois Light Artillery. He participated in some sixteen engagements during his military service, among them being the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Tupelo, the Siege of Corinth, Guntown, Holly Springs, and Nashville. After removing to Kansas, he served for six months in the 19th Regiment Kansas Cavalry, Col. Samuel J. Crawford.

"In 1868 he located at Fort Scott, Kansas, where in December, 1869, he was admitted to the bar. He removed to Columbus in Cherokee county, in 1870, and was shortly afterward elected first mayor of that town. In 1871 he went to Cowley county, and in 1876 was chosen a Representative in the legislation from that county. In 1880 he removed to Topeka, where he engaged in the practice of law until his decease.

"The patriotism and loyalty of Companion LELAND J. WEBB was the priceless heritage of two centuries of his family history. During the last ten years of his life he was active and prominent in the Orders of Sons of Veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic, and Sons of the Revolution. He was a Past Commander of Lincoln Post No. 1, and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. He joined the Kansas Commandery of the M.O.L.L.U.S., in June 1887, as a member of the Second Class.

"In the family circle he was a devoted husband and loving father. He was a faithful friend, and cherished never-ending gratitude toward all at whose hands he received kindly offices.

"In the death of Companion LELAND J. WEBB the Kansas Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion has lost a valued member, whose service in behalf of his country, and of the patriotic orders to which he belonged, and as a citizen of Kansas, deserves the highest regard and the lasting affection of his surviving Companions and Comrades."

HONORING THE MEMORY OF

William Howard Russell

(November 24, 1867 – August 31, 1950)

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans 1895-1896

William Howard Russell was born at Livermore, Pennsylvania on November 24, 1867, the son of James Alexander and Elizabeth Servilla Beham Russell. His father had been born at the family farm on the banks of the Conemaugh River near Livermore on October 9, 1829. James served in Company A of the 54th Pennsylvania Infantry (Militia), which saw service in the pursuit of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's 1863 raid of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

James Russell brought his family to Kansas in the spring of 1879 and settled on a claim southwest of Rush Center. Upon arrival James taught school and engaged in farming, eventually winning appointment as postmaster of Rush Center. He died February 2, 1904. He had been a member of Dahlgren Post No. 474, G.A.R., at Rush Center.

William taught for three years in the Rush County schools, and became manager of the Prairie Lumber Company of Rush Center. He began to read law, and was admitted to the bar at LaCrosse on November 20, 1888. He soon gained a reputation for the successful prosecution of violators of the prohibition law in the county. He formed a partnership with his younger brother, Frank.

In the span of his life he would be the Attorney and President of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of LaCrosse. He served as President of the Southwestern Kansas Bar Association, and was active in the affairs of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and Masonic Lodge at LaCrosse.

Russell joined the Sons of Veterans in 1891 as a member of Tim McCarthy Camp No. 223. He rose rapidly in the ranks; Russell served on national committees, including chair of Constitution and Bylaws, which oversaw the revamping of the Order's Constitution. In 1895 he was elected as Commander-in-Chief at the Sons of Veterans Encampment at Knoxville, Tennessee. He had been serving as Division Commander in Kansas at the time.

He married Bertha Ellen Smith on Christmas Day, 1895. They had seven children: Howard, Grace, Guy, Winifred, Donald, Everett, and Bertha.

William H. Russell died at LaCrosse, Kansas, on August 31, 1950, at the age of 82. He is buried at the LaCrosse Cemetery.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF William Washington Nixon

(February 26, 1846 - March 17, 1944)

Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic 1940-1941

William Washington Nixon was the only Kansan to serve as the National Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been elected to that post at the Seventy-fourth National Encampment at Springfield, Illinois in 1940. He was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Samuel and Jane (Steele) Nixon. The day was Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1846, a fact that gave him his middle name. Because of his age, William did not enlist until January 30, 1864, as a private in Company I, 2nd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. He arrived in Grant's army just before Cold Harbor, and served at Petersburg. Nixon was stationed at Farmville, Virginia, at the time of Lee's surrender, and was discharged at Philadelphia on January 29, 1866.

Nixon made one visit to Kansas before settling here for a lifetime. In the Spring of 1866 he and three other young veterans made their way by water from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Kansas City, then on to Topeka. But Nixon backtracked to Iowa where he remained until 1869, when he returned to Pennsylvania. There he married Sarah Hope at Mansfield, Pa., on July 20 of that year. The couple moved to Iowa, starting a family. They settled in Jewell County, Kansas in 1879, on a farm in northeast Buffalo Township - a son still farmed it at the time of Nixon's death in 1944.

Sarah Nixon died on April 1, 1884. William remarried on June 11, 1885 to Maria E. Jones at Bridgeville, Pa. She died in 1927. With both wives, he had a total of eight children. William retired to a home he purchased in Jewell in 1903. His interest in the Grand Army of the Republic was very strong. He joined in 1880, a member of the S.R. Deach Post No. 58 of Jewell, Kansas. At its strongest, the Deach post had 154 members. Nixon would be their last member. He was the Commander of the Department of Kansas in 1934-35, and again in 1943. He attended encampments and reunions faithfully, including the 75th reunion at Gettysburg in 1938.

His election in 1940 meant that he would preside over the Seventy-Fifth National Encampment in 1941 at Columbus, Ohio. But his service would not end there. Longevity meant serving in other positions, and at the time of his death he was the National Judge Advocate General.

On the completion of his term as National Commander, a reception was held in his honor at the Memorial Building in Topeka, on April 5, 1941, as well as a parade and dinner at the Hotel Kansas. Martin Phillips, the commander of Capitol Post No. 1 of the American Legion, was master of ceremonies, while Mrs. Grace Wanner, the president of the Woman's Relief Corps and secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, both Department of Kansas, made the arrangements. Five other Kansas Civil War veterans were present: J.P. Fair of Mankato; W.E. Applegate and George Ellis of Topeka; Charles Wingrove of Clay Center; and A.T. Williams of Chapman. An address was delivered by the Honorable William A. Smith, a justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, who represented Governor Payne Ratner.

Among the gifts presented to Nixon was a copper plaque described as bearing his war record. This may be the plaque placed along his military gravestone, which actually commemorates his term as National Commander. He also received a silk lounging robe and an album containing prints of famous paintings.

William Washington Nixon died at his home in Jewell on March 17, 1944, at the age of 98. The services were held at the Methodist Church in Jewell. The American Legion presented a full military funeral at the Wallace Cemetery. The tributes summed up his life - farmer, banker, good neighbor, devout Christian, ideal father, kind friend, brave soldier, the patriot and patriarch of Jewell. He was the last soldier of Jewell County.

At the time of the 1941 reception he commented on what he thought about the war then raging in Europe. "There's nothing today that compares with the Union Army. It's just a machine fight now - a war of machines. They aren't doing any real fighting. I wish the world were at peace."



“BLEEDING KANSAS” 1854-1861

In 1854, the United States Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Authored by Senator Stephen Douglas of Illinois, the Act introduced the concept of popular sovereignty to the soon to be settlers of Kansas Territory. While the issues of division and sectionalism certainly existed long before 1854, Kansas Territory would quickly see a battle on the ground between the divergent ideals of slavery and free soil.

As soon as the act was passed, settlers from north and south made their way to the plains of Kansas. To northerners, the Missouri Compromise of 1820 had clearly stated that lands north of the 36 degree 30 line would prohibit slavery. Kansas Territory was north of that line and northerners should not have to re-argue and or fight for that area. Both sides clearly feared an uneven balance. To Southerners, Kansas was a great opportunity. In 1820, Missouri had entered the Union as a slave state, while Maine had been introduced as a free state. While all Missourians did not support slavery, were aware that having a free state to their west was dangerous to the continuance of the institution in any regard. Similarly, Missourians were aware that they would be bordered on three sides by free states, Illinois, Iowa and now Kansas if it were to become a free state.

As the migrants began to come, they came from every region, but the early advantage in coverage and influence went to the northerners and in the case of Lawrence, Kansas, the New Englanders. An early territorial election was held and when over 2000 more votes were cast than the territory had citizens, Kansans screamed foul. Not to mention, the election was won by pro-slavery candidates primarily. Kansans believed that Missourians had come over voted and returned to their home state. Free-staters called the new legislature (although it was certified by the President and U.S. Congress) a “bogus legislature” and set up their own.

Small acts of random violence poured over into larger ones and by 1856, Kansas was becoming an increasingly dangerous place to live with communities being attacked by armed groups intending to persuade the other side to leave.

In the summer of 1856, pro-slavery forces surrounded Lawrence, followed by the beating of U.S. Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts after he gave a vitriolic speech on the floor of the senate about his southern colleague Andrew Butler. When Butler’s nephew Preston Brooks attacked Sumner whose speech was entitled “The Crimes Against Kansas,” each side had their respective view bolstered. In Kansas Territory, this violence and seeming heavy handedness by Southerners infuriated one settler who felt like free-staters were being abused, killed and evicted. His name was John Brown and in May 1856, he committed his most heinous act, marching down the banks of Pottawatomie Creek and murdering 5 pro-slavery settlers. A Missouri army of 30 men pursued Brown and on June 2 a battle occurred at Black Jack Creek along the Santa Fe Trail. Brown, using a ruse captured and defeated Missouri forces under the command of Henry Clay Pate. Violence continued that summer until August when over 250 Missourians came to Brown’s hometown Osawatomie and burned the town, and killed several men including Fred Brown, son of John Brown.

Violence continued off and on for four more years with both sides committing violent acts. Kansans, like Brown would raid into Missouri, liberate slaves. This was a violation of the Fugitive Slave Laws and would of course anger Missourians who deemed the slaves not as people but as property. Missourians would respond with raids of their own into Kansas Territory. Other incidents that got national attention included the Marais des Cygnes Massacre of 1858 in which 11 unarmed free-staters were marched to the banks of the Marais des Cygnes and shot. While only five of the men died, the event was again shocking and made national headlines. John Greenleaf Whittier’s poem about the event was printed throughout the nation.

Finally, the free-state side began to emerge and by 1859 a fourth and final attempt at a state constitution without slavery was successful at Wyandotte. This constitution and government was not probably successful because of compromise among the varying groups but because most southerners had left the territory.

In the meantime, old John Brown of Osawatomie had taken his war against slavery back east and with the help of eastern backers known as the Secret Six attempted to start a slave rebellion at Harpers Ferry, WV (then Virginia). Brown was captured and sentenced to be hanged at Charlestown on December 2. On the very day of his hanging, an Illinois lawyer made a visit to Kansas and was ironically giving a speech that evening. Abraham Lincoln told his Kansas audience:

“Old John Brown has just been executed for treason against a state. We cannot object even though he agreed with us in thinking slavery was wrong. That cannot excuse violence, bloodshed and treason. It could avail him nothing that he might think himself right. So, if constitutionally, we elect a President and therefore you undertake to destroy the Union, it will be our duty to deal with you as old John Brown has been dealt with.”

Kansas entered the Union as a free-state, the 34th, on January 29, 1861.

Compiled by PDC Kenneth E. Spurgeon

Welcome to Kansas!

August 2010

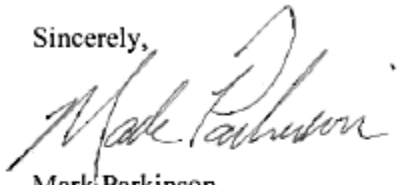
Greetings Friends:

On behalf of the Great State of Kansas, it is my honor to welcome you to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2010 National Encampment.

As you know, Kansas played a crucial role in the Civil War. Our original settlers proudly answered President Lincoln's calls for troops with 19 regiments and four artillery batteries. After the War, Kansas was proud to become home to thousands of Civil War veterans.

Again, welcome to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2010 National Encampment. Thank you for your tireless efforts to preserve the memory of this pivotal era of American history.

Sincerely,



Mark Parkinson
Governor of the State of Kansas

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Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dear Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Welcome to the great state of Kansas and the city of Overland Park. We are honored that you chose Kansas as the location for your first national convention. It is a pleasure to bring you greetings on this occasion. I hope that your time here is both enjoyable and memorable.

On behalf of the state of Kansas, I welcome the opportunity to share with you the vibrant and unique history that surrounds the state of Kansas and its role in the Civil War. This history exemplifies the spirit of Kansas, *Ad Astra per Aspera* - "To the Stars through Difficulties." My own great-grandfather came to Kansas from Ohio in 1856 armed with a six gun, a bible and a flatbed press. He stood on a hill in Oskaloosa, Kansas, watching as Quantrill's Raiders burned the city of Lawrence during the days of Bleeding Kansas. Eager to help spread the word of such events back East, he founded the state's second oldest newspaper, the Oskaloosa Independent, which is still in operation today.

I hope you enjoy your time in Kansas as these three organizations come together to remember and honor the Grand Army of the Republic and your ancestors who fought to preserve our Union. This convention promises to be a unique and valuable experience. Thank you for all that you do for your communities and our nation.

With every best wish,

Sincerely,



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Mr. Jim Knopke
Encampment Committee Chairman
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Dear Men and Women of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army Republic:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome and commend the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army Republic for their commitment to promoting virtue in our nation through remembrance and respect for the men and women of the Civil War who dedicated their days to securing the Union and the blessings of liberty for each of us.

Since the mid 1880s, the SUVCW, the ASUVCW, and the LGAR have diligently sought to preserve the memory of Civil War veterans and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. You continue the tradition of honoring our military men and women through your programs of recognition for ROTC students; by volunteering your time to serve veterans; and by teaching patriotism to children.

We are deeply honored that you have chosen Kansas as the site of your national convention and hope you will take the time to explore all that Kansas has to offer.

Our state, referred to historically as *Bleeding Kansas* because of its central role in pressing the nation to the brink of the Civil War, has many historical sites which will be of interest to your members. Among them: the John Brown Museum of Osawatimie, Kansas, Mine Creek battle site in Linn County, and the Quindaro Ruins of Wyandotte County (a multicultural city founded and dedicated to the purpose of assisting slaves across the Missouri River and on to freedom).

I wish you all the best for a successful convention, and future success as you endeavor to keep the memories of our national heroes vibrant and relevant for generations to come.

With Warm Regards,



Sam Brownback
United States Senator

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Greetings!

On behalf of the Governing Body and citizens of Overland Park, I am pleased to welcome the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are honored that you are holding your National Convention in Kansas for the first time. I want to thank each of you for traveling to this wonderful Midwest community.

It is inspiring to know that your organizations strive to preserve the memory of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union. We all benefit when organizations and their members are committed to sustain our historical roots, and I applaud your work in community activities, teaching of patriotism, and caring for our veterans.

I hope you will all enjoy your visit to Overland Park and that you will find time to take advantage of the many attractions our city has to offer.

Best wishes for an outstanding convention, and thanks for coming to Overland Park.

Sincerely,



Carl Gerlach
Mayor

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Proclamation

Whereas, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) was established in 1866 as an organization of Union veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas, the five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic have been associated with the G.A.R. since their various inceptions; and

Whereas, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are meeting in Overland Park on August 12-14, 2010; and

Whereas, neither the Grand Army of the Republic, nor any of these three Allied Orders, has ever held a National Encampment within the border of the State of Kansas.

Now, therefore, I, Carl Gerlach, Mayor of the City of Overland Park, Kansas, do hereby proclaim August 12-14, 2010, as

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Days

in Overland Park, and encourage all citizens to join in honoring the memory of those who fought to preserve the Union.

Done this 1st day of August, 2010.



Carl Gerlach

Carl Gerlach, Mayor

Marian Cook

Marian Cook, City Clerk

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

National Officers

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2010 National Encampment Schedule

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010		
1 – 8 PM	On-site Registration	Foyer
1 – 5 PM	World War I Museum Tour	Meet in Lobby
8:30 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	Quail IV
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010		
8 AM – 7 PM	On-site Registration	Foyer
8 – 8:40 AM	Memorial Service	Salon E, F
9 AM	Joint Opening	Salon E, F
9:30 – 11:30 AM	Business Session	Salon E, F
11:30 AM – 1 PM	Lunch	
1 – 5 PM	Business Session	Salon E, F
5:30 PM	PCinC and PNP Dinner	ASUVCW President's Suite
7 – 8:30 PM	Campfire	Pavilion
8:30 -10 PM	Courtesy Hour	Pavilion
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010		
7 – 8 AM	SVR Breakfast	Pavilion
8 AM – Noon	On-site Registration	Foyer
8:30 – 11:30	Business Session	Salon E, F
11:30 AM – 1 PM	Lunch	
1 – 5 PM	Business Session	Salon E, F
5 – 6 PM	Department Officers Seminar	Quail Creek IV
6:30 – 10 PM	Allied Orders Banquet	Ballroom
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010		
7 AM	Non-denominational Church Service	Salon E
8 AM	Council of Administration Meeting	Quail Creek IV
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday	Vendor/Display Room opened	Quail Creek I, II, III

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2009-2010 National Officers



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Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2010 National Encampment Schedule

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010		
9 AM	Exemplification of Ritual and Opening of Encampment	National President's Suite
11:45 AM	National Officers Luncheon	National President's Suite
1 – 3 PM	Registration	Foyer
1 – 5 PM	World War I Museum Tour	Meet in Lobby
1 PM	National Officers and Missouri Delegation	National President's Suite
3:30 PM	Institute and Install Illinois Officers	National President's Suite
6 PM	PNP Meeting and Caucus	National President's Suite
6 – 9 PM	Registration	Foyer
7 – 9 PM	School of Instruction	National President's Suite
7:30 PM	National Council Meeting	National President's Suite
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010		
8 AM	Memorial Service	Salon E, F
8:30 AM	Joint Opening	Salon E, F
9:30 AM	Ritualistic Opening & Exemplification of the Ritual	Salon A, B, C, D
10 AM	Business Session	Salon A, B, C, D
11:45 AM	Adjournment – Delegates Luncheon	
12 Noon	Delegates and Club Luncheon	
1 PM	Greeting Committee to SUVCW	Salon E, F
1:30 PM	Afternoon Business Session	Salon A, B, C, D
2 PM	Patriotic Instructor Presentation	Salon A, B, C, D
3 PM	Dedication of the National Flag	Salon A, B, C, D
5:30 PM	PCinC and PNP Dinner	National President's Suite
7 PM	Campfire	Pavilion
8:30 PM	Courtesy Hour	Pavilion
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010		
7:00 AM	Department Presidents Breakfast with National President	National President's Room
8 - 9 AM	Registration	Foyer
9:00	Business Session	Salon A, B, C, D
12 Noon	Lunch	
1 PM	Business Session	Salon A, B, C, D
2 PM	Election of Officers followed by Installation of Officers	Salon A, B, C, D
	Closing of the 124 th Encampment	
6:30 PM	Allied Orders Banquet	Ballroom
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010		
7 AM	Non-denominational Church Service	Salon E
9 AM	Meeting – Old and New Council	National President's Room
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday	Vendor/Display Room opened	Quail Creek I, II, III

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

2009-2010 National Officers



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Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic 2010 National Encampment Schedule

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010		
3 – 5 PM	Registration	Foyer
1 – 5 PM	World War I Museum Tour	Meet in Lobby
7 – 8 PM	Registration	Foyer
6:30 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	Headquarters
7 PM	Budget Meeting	Headquarters
7:30 – 10 PM	Advisory Council	Headquarters
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010		
8 AM	Memorial Service	Salon E, F
9 – 11:30 AM	Business Session	Salon G, H, I
11:30 AM – 1 PM	Lunch (on own)	
1 – 4:30 PM	Business Session	Salon G, H, I
5 PM	Dinner (on own)	
5 PM	Past National Presidents' Dinner	Pres. Knopke's Home
7 PM	Campfire	Pavilion
8:30 PM	Courtesy Hour	Pavilion
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010		
9:30 AM - Noon	Business Session	Salon G, H, I
Noon – 1:30 PM	Friendship Lunch	Headquarters
1:30 – 5 PM	Business Session	Salon G, H, I
2 – 3 PM	Completing Greetings	
3 – 4 PM	Elections and Installations	Salon G, H, I
4 – 5 PM	Closing and Advisory Committee	Salon G, H, I
6:30	Allied Orders Banquet	Ballroom
Immediately following Banquet	Member Appreciation Get Together	Headquarters
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010		
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Sons of Veterans Reserve 2009-2010 General Staff



Brigadier General Robert E. Grim

Rank	Name
Commanding Officer	Brigadier General Robert E. Grim
Deputy Commander	Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
Chief of Staff	Lt. Colonel Robert M. Petrovic
Adjutant General	Colonel Donald E. Darby
Judge Advocate General	Major James B. Pahl
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6 th District Commander	Lt. Colonel David E. Allyn
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Greetings,
Memorials,
Advertisements,
and
Announcements

WELCOME

129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

124th National Encampment, Auxiliary to the SUVCW

124th National Encampment, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

from the

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

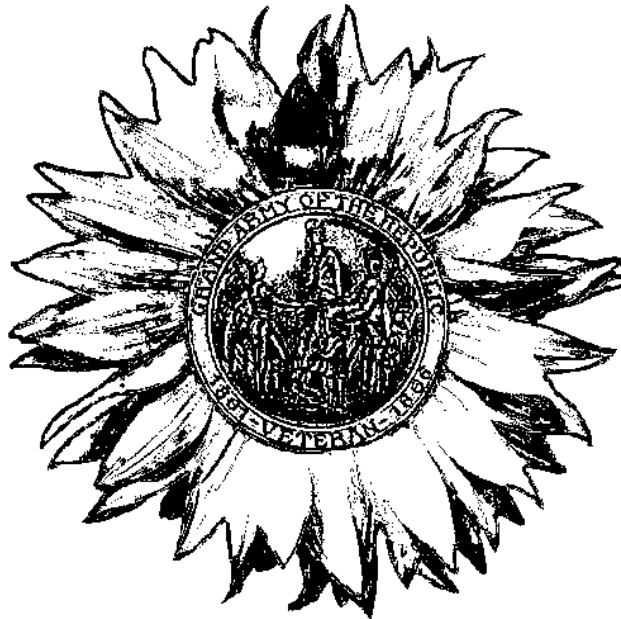
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Wounded at Wilson's Creek
August, 1861



Greetings to the **Brothers** and
Sisters of the **Allied Orders** of
the **Grand Army** of the **Republic**

Cpl. Patrick Coyne
Camp No. 1 - Dept. of KS
Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
Wichita, KS

Patrick Coyne, First Kansas Volunteer
Infantry, Wounded at the Battle of Wilson's
Creek, Springfield, MO, August, 1861



Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill
Battery G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery
Medal of Honor Recipient

Greetings to the Brothers and Sisters
of the
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
and
best wishes for a successful encampment
from

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Department of Kansas

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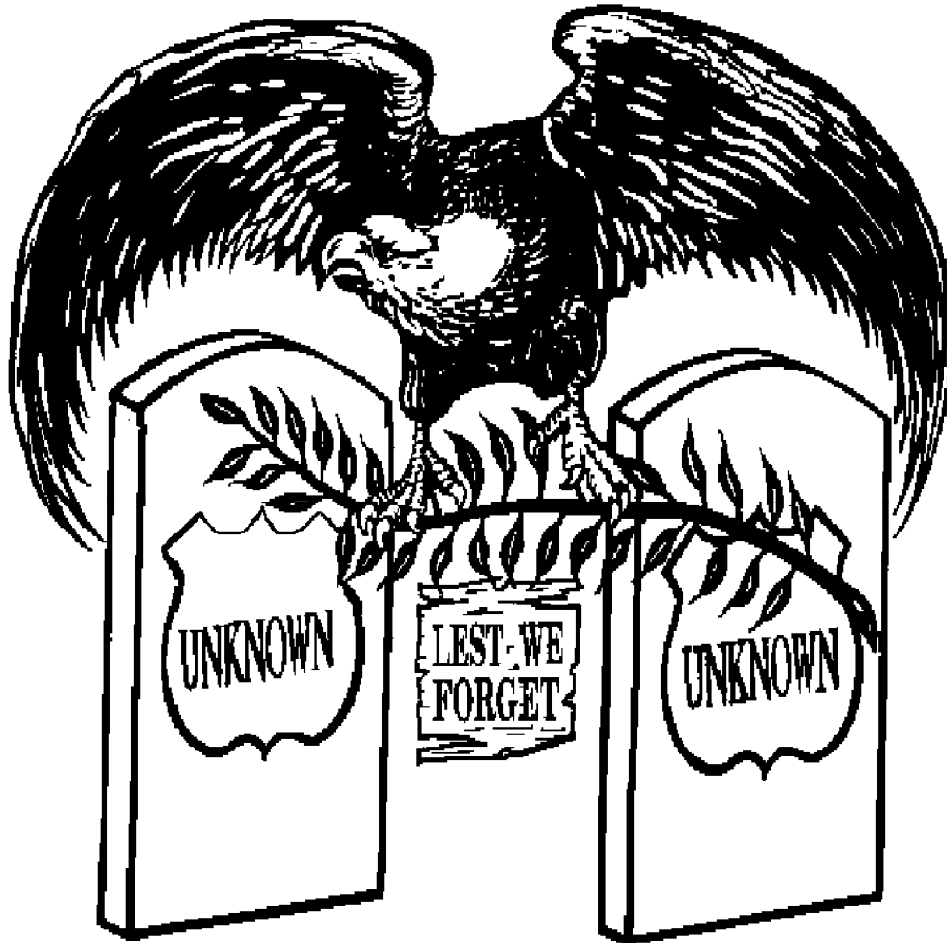
150 years ago, "Bleeding Kansas" set the stage for the Civil War.

Greetings to the Brothers and Sisters of the
Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
and
best wishes for a successful encampment

from



Old Abe Camp No. 16
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Topeka, Kansas



**IN MEMORY OF THOSE
KNOWN ONLY BY GOD**

Greetings to the

129th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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 124th National Encampment, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Remembering My Ancestors Who Served



Captain John Donald Russ
 U.S. Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
(Father)



Colonel George Henry Russ, Jr.
 U.S. Army & USAR, Spanish-American War, WWI
(Grandfather)

CIVIL WAR



Private George Henry Russ
 Co. I, 28th New Jersey Infantry
Ezra Griffith Post No. 139, Dept. of Penna., G.A.R.
(Great grandfather)



Private Henry Camp
 Co. A, 71st New York State Militia
U.S. Grant Post No. 327, Dept. of N.Y., G.A.R.
(Great-great grandfather)

Captain Joseph L. Crowell
 Co. I, 28th New Jersey Infantry
(great-great-great uncle)

Sergeant David T. Reese
 Co. B, 14th Pennsylvania Infantry
 Co. A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry
(great-great-great uncle)

Private Jacob Rees
 Co. K, 194th Pennsylvania Infantry
Lou Morris Post No. 47, Dept. of Calif. & Nevada
(great-great-great uncle)

Ancestors Who Served in Earlier Wars and Conflicts

War of 1812

Private Nathan Camp (g3 grandfather)

Private Thomas Raymond (g4 grandfather)

Revolutionary War

Private Edward Crowell (g4-grandfather)
 Private Joseph Lee (g4-grandfather)
 Private Amos Rust (g4-grandfather)

Private James Crowell (g5-grandfather)
 Captain Samuel Ransom (g5-grandfather)
 Private William Sanford (g5-grandfather)

Private John Hickok (g5-grandfather)
 Private Josiah Raymond (g5-grandfather)
 Private Ira Stephens (g4-grandfather)

French and Indian War

Ensign Moses Brockett (g6-grandfather)

Sergeant John Hickok (g5-grandfather)
 Captain Daniel Rust (g6-grandfather)

Private John Whitney (g6-grandfather)

King Phillip's War

Surgeon John Brockett (g8-grandfather)

Captain Joseph Lathrop (g8-grandfather)

Private Enoch Lawrence (g8-grandfather)

King William's War

Lieutenant Enoch Lawrence (g8-grandfather)

Other Colonial Conflicts

Ensign Nathaniel Bunnell (g7-grandfather)

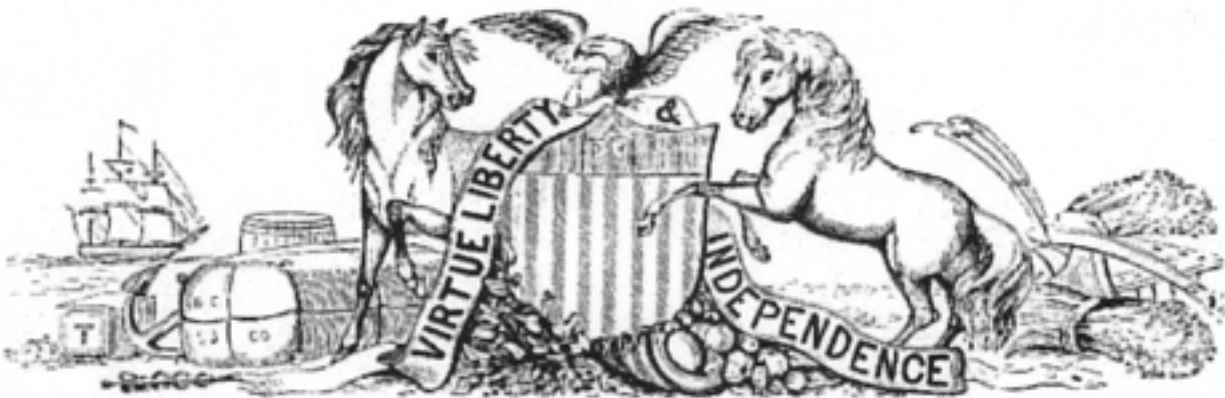
Captain John Grannis (g7-grandfather)

Alan L. Russ, PDC

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Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas

GREETINGS TO THE ALLIED ORDERS



Deborah

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AND
GEN J.F. HARTRANFT #15

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CO. K 7TH PA.
VET. VOL. CAV

AND

JOHN R. BAKER
CO. E 87TH PA. INF

Greetings and Best Wishes to the Allied Orders on Your Encampment in 2010

Remembering Our Civil War Ancestors



Private Conrad Bockmier
Co. K, 64th Regiment, NY Volunteers
(Jim's Great Grandfather)



Pvt George W. Dittmore
Co. A, 13th KS Volunteer Infantry
(Barb's Great-Great Grandfather)



Pvt. Frederick Samuel Mosier
Co C. 13th KS Volunteer Infantry
(Barb's Great-Great Grandfather)

James R. Knopke, PDC
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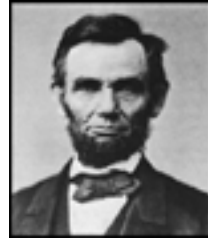
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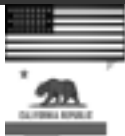
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“Greetings & God bless all Brothers & Sisters”

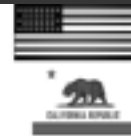
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Civil War Encampment



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**IN MEMORY OF HENRY C. COPELAND
1840-1895**

HENRY COPELAND WAS THE 5TH OF 10 CHILDREN OF JOHN C. AND DELILAH EVANS COPELAND. HE ARRIVED IN OBERLIN, OHIO IN 1843 WITH HIS FAMILY. HE WAS EDUCATED IN OHIO, ATTENDING THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT (HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT) OF OBERLIN COLLEGE IN THE LATE 1850's. HE WAS 19 WHEN HIS BROTHER JOHN WAS HUNG AT HARPER'S FERRY IN 1859. AND LIKE JOHN, HE ALSO EMBRACED THE FAMILY VALUES HIS FAMILY HAD INSTILLED- A COMMITMENT TO FAMILY, FREEDOM, INTEGRITY, COMMUNITY AND GOD. BUT UNLIKE JOHN, IT SEEMED HE HAD CHOSEN A LESS RADICAL WAY TO FIGHT THE INJUSTICE OF SLAVERY. HENRY WOULD CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM BY JOINING WHATEVER ANTI-SLAVERY MILITARY FORCE HE COULD.

DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE WAR JOHN BROWN, JR. RAISED A COMPANY IN OHIO AND BROUGHT THEM WEST TO JOIN THE 15TH KANSAS. HENRY CAME ALONG AND SERVED AS A FIRST LIEUTENANT IN Co. D OF THE FIRST KANSAS COLORED MILITIA FROM AUGUST 1862 TO MAY 1863 WHEN THE COMPANY WAS OFFICIALLY MUSTERED INTO THE UNION ARMY, AND HE WAS REFUSED A COMMISSION BECAUSE OF HIS COLOR.

HENRY OFFICIALLY JOINED THE RANKS OF THE US MILITARY AS A MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT BATTERY, US COLORED LIGHT ARTILLERY, BUT HE HAD TO SURRENDER HIS SHOULDER STRAPS TO DO SO. HE ENTERED AS A PRIVATE BUT WAS SOON PROMOTED TO FIRST SERGEANT. IN THE FALL OF 1864 THE BATTERY WAS CALLED TO ACTION TO AID IN THE DEFENSE AGAINST GENERAL STERLING PRICE'S INVASION AT THE BATTLE OF THE BLUE. THE BATTERY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY MUSTERED INTO SERVICE UNTIL DECEMBER 1864, AFTER THAT IT SPENT ITS ENTIRE TERM OF SERVICE AT Ft. LEAVENWORTH AND WAS MUSTERED OUT ON JULY 22, 1865.

AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER, HENRY CAME TO LAWRENCE AND WORKED AT HIS TRADE AS A CARPENTER. HE WAS A CIVIC-MINDED MAN AND RAN FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE IN 1880. HE WAS A WELL LIKED MAN AND CAME CLOSE TO WINNING THE ELECTION. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR) AND SERVED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE SAM WALKER POST #365 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS. HENRY DIED ON AUGUST 10, 1895 AT THE AGE OF 55.

THANK-YOU TO SHARON RAMCZK FOR SUPPORTING SGT. SAMUEL J. CHURCHILL ,CAMP No. 4, LAWRENCE, KANSAS, ON BEHALF OF HER GREAT GRANDFATHER HENRY COPELAND.



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CO H 83RD RD PA. INF.



PVT. SILAS NEVEL
CO F 143RD PA. INF.

**In Memory of my ancestors and those who
fought so bravely alongside of them.**

Robert L. Wandel
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4
Lawrence, Kansas



PVT. JACOB NEVEL
CO F 149TH PA INF
(BUCKTAILS)
KILLED AT GETTYSBURG



PVT. JAMES A. NEVEL
CO F 143RD PA INF
ARM AMPUTATED
AT PETERSBURG, VA.

In Memory of our Ancestor:

SGT ISAAC D. ROBBINS

26th Indiana, Inf. Co . K. /146 Ind. Inf. Co. G .

Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas 12/7/1862, Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi 1863, Battle of Stirlings Plantation / Fordoche Bridge, Louisiana, 9/1863. P.O.W. Camp Ford, Confederate Prison, Tyler, Texas, 1863-64.

Born: 3/7/1843 Manchester, Indiana,

Died 11/5/1909 Aurora, Indiana ,

Buried: Rising Sun, Indiana at Cedar Hedge Cem.



Isaac D. Robbins Descendants – Direct line

Dept. JVC: Tim P. Reese, PCC, Dept. CA. & Pac. -

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In memory of our Ancestor:

PVT MONTRAVILLE ROBBINS

68th Indiana Infantry, Company K. 1862-1864 - Battle of Chickamauga - 9/1863.

Born: 8/21/1840 Cincinnati, Ohio – Died: 3/17/1917 York, Nebraska

Descendants – Collateral line

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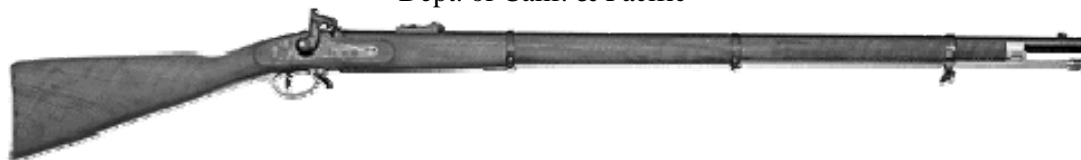
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GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Our very best wishes to the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Orders
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We carry on the traditions of those who came before us.
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In Memory of
Albert A. Morey, PCC & Ralph M. Elliott

+

Captain Oliver A. Tilden
Co. E, 38th New York Volunteer Infantry.
Killed in Action at Chantilly, Virginia, on September 1, 1862

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ON THE OCCASION OF OUR 129th ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS, 12-15 AUGUST 2010

FROM PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF ANDREW M. JOHNSON OF THE GREAT
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT WHOSE ANCESTORS SERVED IN:

29th Indiana Infantry Regiment – **George Annis Bennett** who perished at Andersonville Prison
Camp.

111th New York Infantry Regiment – **George Wesley Bennett** who survived wounds at
Gettysburg and returned to Michigan.

112th New York Infantry Regiment – **Wesley Bennett** who died of fever in the Peninsula
Campaign of 1862.

IN MEMORIAM TO OUR ANCESTORS

Pvt. Richard Teller

Co. G 108th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. John Teller

Co. D 83rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Charles Meservey

Co. G 69th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. John Becker

Co. D 32nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. John M. Davis

Co. F 24th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Hanson V. Love

Co. H 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry

Pvt. Anderson Callahan

Co. I 40th Kentucky Mounted Infantry

Pvt. William W. Callahan

Co. I 40th Kentucky Mounted Infantry

***“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid
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James F. Bond, 69th New York (Fighting 69th)
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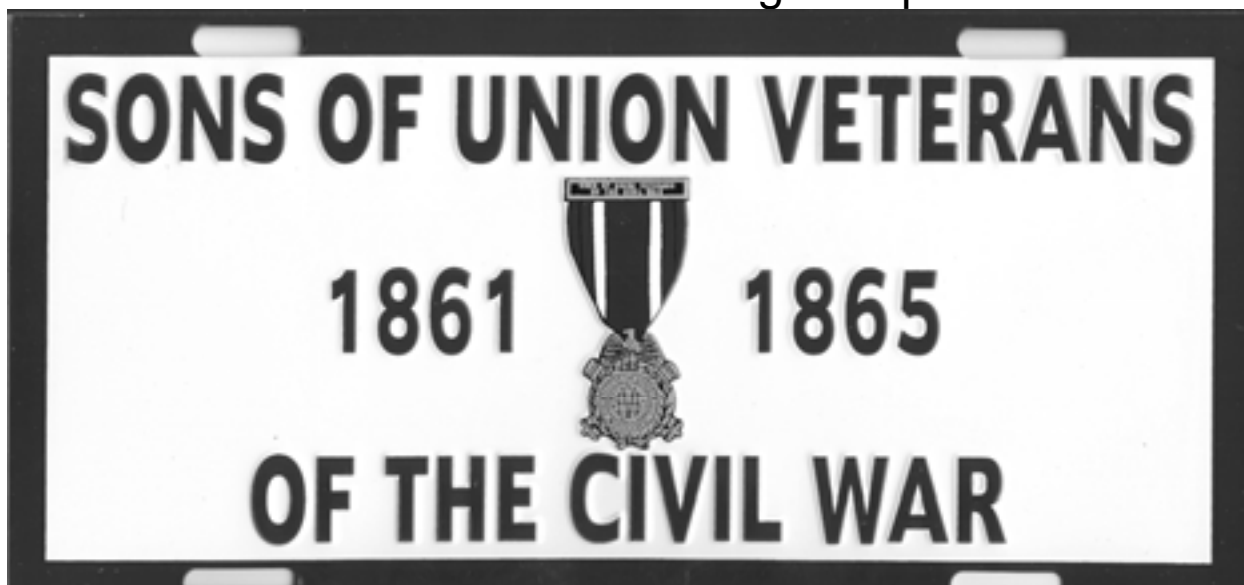
**IN MEMORY OF MY RELATIVES
WHO SERVED THE UNION IN THE
WAR OF THE REBELLION**

Pvt. James H. Houston	Co. D, 15 th PA Cavalry	Gt-Grandfather
Pvt. James Ellis	Co. C, 11 th NJ Infantry	Gt-Grandfather
Hosp. Steward Robert B. Ewing	29 th PA Militia Infantry	Gt-Grandfather
2 nd Asst. Engr. J. Buchanan Houston	USS San Jacinto, USN	1 st Cousin (3R)
Maj. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton	Cav. Corps, Army of the Potomac	1 st Cousin (4R)
Brig. Gen. Augustus J. Pleasonton	PA Militia	1 st Cousin (4R)
Lt. Col. George P. Houston	U.S. Marines	1 st Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Thomas B. Dickey	Co. H, 3 rd DE Infantry	1 st Cousin (4R)
Pvt. A. Scott Ewing	Co. D, 50 th PA Militia Infantry	1 st Cousin (3R)
Pvt. S. Neeper Ewing	Co. G, 1 st PA Infantry Battalion	1 st Cousin (3R)
Pvt. William S. Moffitt (Roll of Honor)	Co. A, 8 th MD Infantry	1 st Cousin (3R)
1 st Lt. James W. Johnston	Co F. 77 th PA Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Maj. John Johnston	2 nd KS Cavalry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Surgeon David D. Kennedy	133 rd PA Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Thomas Houston	Co. I, 25 th IL Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Maj. Samuel Houston	25 th IL Infantry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Lt. Col. David W. Houston	7 th KS Cavalry	2 nd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Daniel H. Buchanan, Jr. (Roll of Honor)	Co. C, 36 th IL Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Cpl. William C. Buchanan	Co. C, 36 th IL Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Samuel H. Dickey	Co. C, 124 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (3R)
Capt. William C. Dickey	Co. A, 29 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (3R)
Pvt. Nathan P. Harsha (Roll of Honor)	Co. E, 70 th OH Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Maj. George M. Houston	2 nd MO Cavalry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Camillus Houston	Co. B, 100 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. John J. Houston (Roll of Honor)	Co. I, 55 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. Robert M. Houston	Co. B, 100 th PA Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. John J. Imbrie	Co. I, 55 th PA Militia Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)
Pvt. William W. Stewart (Roll of Honor)	Co. A, 105 th OH Infantry	3 rd Cousin (2R)

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David W. Demmy, Sr.
Chaplain – Treasurer
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Harrisburg, PA**

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National Executive Director





To Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-In-Chief,
and
Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, National President,
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
and all of our Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders
of the Grand Army of the Republic,
We offer Greetings and Best Wishes for a Memorable
2010 National Encampment.

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PRIVATE ARTEMUS C. STEVENS

Artemus C. Stevens lived in Andrew, Iowa, during the time of the Civil War. He was married to Amarthia Ann, and they had ten children. Of the ten children, two of his sons fought in the Civil War for the Union: Jonas and Jamier.

Jonas was the first son of Artemus. He enlisted and was mustered into Company I, 5th Regiment, Iowa Infantry, on July 17, 1861. He died June 1862 in a military hospital near Farmington, Mississippi. A copy of his military orders indicates that he died of burns as a result of drying out gun powder, which exploded. Dr. O.M. Bryan was the Army Surgeon who attended him. He was buried at the Corinth National Cemetery in Corinth, Mississippi. No pictures are available of Jonas.

Artemus was extremely upset upon receiving the news that his oldest son, Jonas, was killed. Artemus became so grief stricken and inconsolable that he was determined to enlist and also fight against the South. A month later, on July 28, 1862, at Andrew, Iowa, Artemus enlisted in Company I, 31st Regiment, Iowa Volunteers. Seven months later, the father, too, gave his life for the Union cause. A letter sent to his wife from Captain John Downing, dated at Walnut Hill, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and the U.S. Adjutant General records show Artemus died on the hospital ship "Nashville" on March 19, 1863, of chronic diarrhea at the beginning of the siege of Vicksburg.



Jamier, second son of Artemus, volunteered as a substitute, a practice which was common in those days. For a sufficient consideration, usually \$200, a man drafted to military service could pay a substitute to go for him. Jamier took the place of Abraham Beck. On October 3, 1864, Jamier enlisted for one year in Company E, 10th Regiment, Iowa Infantry. On August 15, 1865, he was mustered out of service and was given his rifle musket at Little Rock, Arkansas.

This write-up is from documents from his great-great-great grandson Wayne T. Nighbert, Sr. a retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant and Department of the Army Civilian employee, and a member of Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4, Department of Kansas, SUVCW.

IN MEMORIAM

Private Hartley Graves
Company D, 145th Pennsylvania Infantry

-and-

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National Commander Leo F. Kennedy
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Wounded 6 May 1864 at battle of the Wilderness and 19 Sept.
1864 at the 3rd Winchester.
- Capt. Hezekiah Hammer** Co. K, 55th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Grand Uncle
Wounded 2 April 1864 with the loss of an arm at Petersburg, VA
- Pvt. Gordon Hammer** Co. A, 86th Regt. Ohio Infantry 1st Cousin (2R)
4th and 13th Ohio Cavalry
- Pvt. Joseph Deber Hammer** Co. D, 142nd Regt. PA Vol. Infantry 2nd Cousin (3R)
Wounded on 1 July 1863 at battle of Gettysburg and died of
wounds on 9 Sept. 1863.
- Pvt. Daniel R. Hammer** Co. H, 55th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry 2nd Cousin (3R)
Killed in action.
- Pvt. Samuel I. Hammer** Co. H, 55th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry 2nd Cousin (3R)
- Cpl. Isaac Ling** Co. D, 138th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Grand Uncle
- Pvt. William H. Ling** Co. D, 138th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Grand Uncle
Taken prisoner by Confederates on 9 July 1864 at Monocacy, MD
- Pvt. Christian Harr** Co. D, 149th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Grand Uncle
Wounded on 18 June 1864 at Petersburg, VA
- Pvt. David Trish Crist** Co. A, 99th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Grand Uncle
- Pvt. Jacob G. Varner** Co. A, 107th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Great Grandfather
- Pvt. John R. Varner** 13th Regt. IN Vol. Infantry Great Grand Uncle
Killed on 11 July 1861 in the battle of Rich Mountain, WV
- Pvt. Stephen R. Varner** Co. H, 54th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Great Grand Uncle
Wounded on 5 June 1864 at Piedmont, VA
- Cpl. Thomas Griffith Walker** Co. I, 91st Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Great Grandfather
Co. I, 171st Regt. PA Vol. Infantry
- Pvt. Cyrus D. Horner** Co. B, 56th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry Great Grand Uncle
- Pvt. Garret Ream** Co. B, 29th Regt. IN Vol. Infantry Great Grand Uncle
- Cpl. Samuel J. Smith** Co. F, 21st PA Cavalry Great Grand Uncle
- Pvt. Jacob C. Stineman** Co. F, 198th PA Vol. Infantry Great Grand Uncle
- Pvt. James P. Mitchell** Co. H, 55th Regt. PA Vol. Infantry 3rd Cousin (2R)
Died as a prisoner of war in Confederate prison at Andersonville,
GA on 17 Oct. 1864.

IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY

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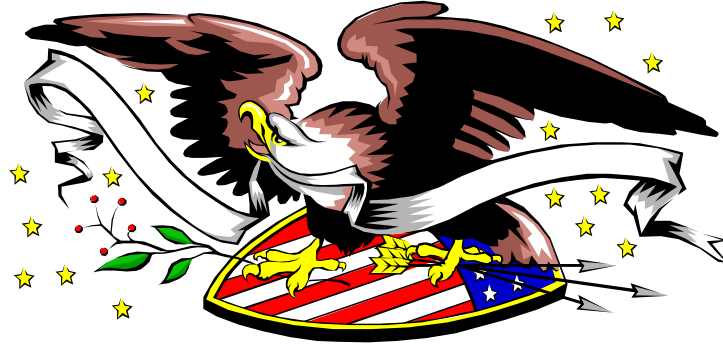
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REMEMBERING OUR ANCESTORS WHO SERVED

John Henry Culley III and Matthew John-Lawrence Culley recognize with pride their brave joint Union Army lineal ancestors, Private Zachariah Taylor Goldsmith, Company H, 6th Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, and Private John Pate, Company D, 2nd Arkansas Cavalry Regiment. They also recognize with pride the heroic Union Army lineal ancestors of Matthew John-Lawrence Culley's mother, the late Karen Sue Wyatt Culley (D.A.R.), who were Private Walter Charles Wyatt, Companies D and F, 8th Kansas Infantry Regiment; Private Henry Gonser, Company A, 38th Ohio Infantry Regiment; Private Issac Weaver, Company B, 16th Ohio Infantry Regiment; and Private George W. B. Teffte, Company G, 3rd Missouri Infantry Regiment.



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Special remembrance is directed to our great Grandfathers
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IN MEMORY OF

Great Grandfather Peter Hans, PVT, Co. K., 3 NJ Cav.

Great Great Uncle Albert Hans, PVT, Co. K., 3 NJ Cav.

Great Great Uncle Samuel Rinker, SGT, Co. G., 67 PA Vol. Inf.

Great Great Uncle Peter Rinker, CPL, Co. G., 67 PA Vol. Inf.

**Daniel W. Hans, PDC
Department of Florida**

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BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A SUCCESSFUL ENCAMPMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC



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SCHALL FAMILY

The Schall Family thanks Commander Kennedy for his dedicated and enthusiastic leadership during his year in office. He inspired us all to be better.

William Braden Schall was a life-long member of Joseph Hooker GAR Post 7 in Reno County, Kansas, and his wife Sophia was a Vice-President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Our Grandmother Florence Reed Schall carried on the tradition of the family in being a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. Captain Absalom Schall was GAR Post #209 Commander in Lawrence, Kansas.

IN HONOR OF

Sgt. William Braden Schall	Co. B, 11 th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry
Cpl. John S. Dunmire	Co. B, 11 th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, killed at Vicksburg, 1863
Sgt. Willis T. Reed	Colvin Battery, 1 st Illinois Light Artillery, 107 th Illinois Volunteer Infantry
Cpl Andrew Jackson Schall	Co. H, 67 th Pennsylvania Infantry, wounded at 2 nd Winchester, prisoner at Belle Isle in Richmond
Capt. Absalom Schall	Co. K, 11 th Pennsylvania Infantry, wounded at 2 nd Bull Run, and the Wilderness
Pvt. Joseph Berlin	Co. K, 11 th Pennsylvania Infantry, 90 day term

Cousins

Pvt. Achilles Collins	Co. D, 3rd Kentucky – died 3 November 1862 of Disease
Pvt. John F. Collins	Co. F, 2 nd Kentucky – killed at Antietam
1 st Sgt. Rufus S. Collins	Co. G. Kentucky Volunteers
1 st Lt. Sidney F. Collins	Co. C, 3 rd Kentucky Infantry
Pvt. James Knox Polk Collins	Co. G, 19 th Kentucky
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Pvt. Henry Brinker	Co. C, 11 th Pennsylvania Infantry
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Pvt. Samuel R. Shaull	65 th New York Infantry
Pvt. David Milton Shaull	Co. C, 20 th Ohio Infantry

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The Department also extends greetings and thanks to the leaders of the Allied Orders:

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We in the Department of Florida look forward to working with all the Allied Orders toward our goals.

With Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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On The occasion Of Their 2010
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Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary Number 52

Power/Dunlavy Camp #3, Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sends best wishes and congratulations to the Allied Orders on the occasion of the 2010 National Encampment. We hope that all Brothers and Sisters in attendance have a productive and harmonious Encampment.



In memory of our Camp namesakes, Albert Power and James Dunlavy who were both awarded the Medal of Honor. May we, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, always remember the sacrifices you and our ancestors made to preserve the Union during the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865.

**The Department of Maryland Welcomes The Allied Orders
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Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier, Arlington national	Grand Army of the Republic Monument	Monument to the African American Soldier of the Civil War
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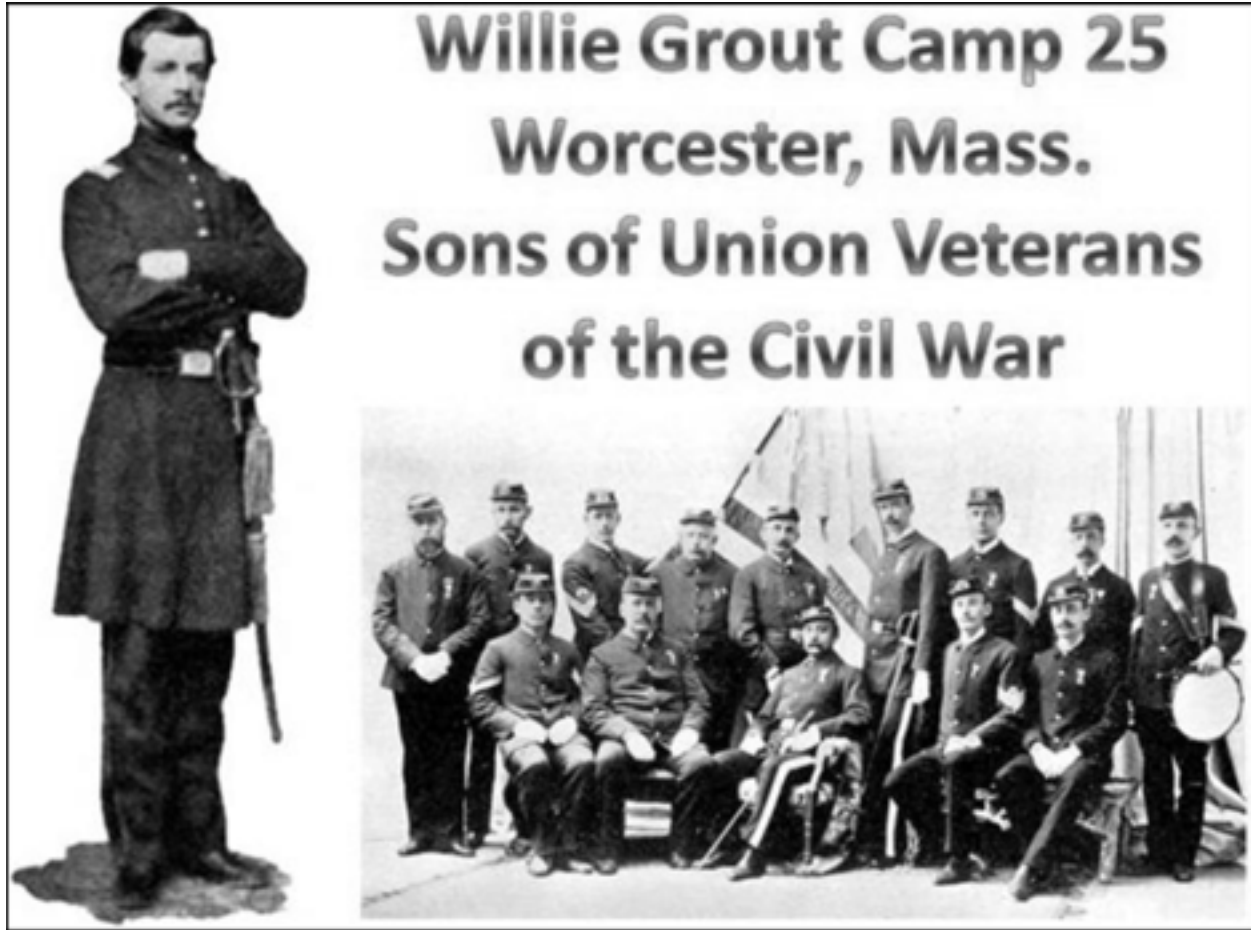
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Willie Grout Camp 25, Department of Massachusetts extends their appreciation for an outstanding year under Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy and all of our national officers and committee members.

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**In Honor of
Emelia J. Campbell's
Union Ancestry**



Relatives of
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Ira E. Angus – 10th Michigan Cavalry
(Farrier; wounded thrice)

John H. Appleton – 17th Indiana Infantry
(Wilder's Lightning Brigade)

George W. Duryee – 4th Michigan Infantry
(Died of disease at Nashville, Tenn. - 1865)

Alexander Oakes – 1st Arkansas Cavalry (U.S.)

Bennett Tiner – Benton Co., Ark. Home Guard (U.S.)

Jonathan E. Wolf – 18th Iowa Infantry
(Member, Dept. of Kansas, G.A.R.)

Relatives of
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National Press Correspondent

Andrew Davidson – 4th Wisconsin Light Artillery
(Artificer; engaged during battle between the *Monitor* & *Merrimac*)

Ole Davidson – 27th Iowa Infantry
(Died of disease at Memphis, Tenn. - 1864)

Elling Ellingson – 15th Wisconsin Infantry
(The Scandinavian Regiment; seriously wounded at Stone's River, Tenn. - 1862)

Niels H. Ellickson – 6th Iowa Cavalry
(Injured in battle with Sioux at White Stone Hill, Dakota Territory - 1863)

In Memory of

National President
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Granddaughter of
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James H Bevington 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery Died on Mississippi River

Franklin Corbett 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry Died Andersonville Prison

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William S Newcome 148th Pennsylvania Infantry Killed North Carolina

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THE ORR FAMILY

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Lorraine Orton, PDP-WRC and Jerome Orton, PDC, SUVCW

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Pvt. George L. Woolsey

Co. B, 179th N.Y. Inf.

Landsman

Judson Perrington

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In tribute from their g-g-grandson

*Lee D. Stone, PDC
Life Member, SUVCW*



In Honor and Memory Of
Great Great Grandfather's

William Benjamin Britton
Co. F 7th Illinois Infantry



Isaac Winner

Co. H 13th Kansas Cavalry

Albert Alonzo Graves

Co. B and G 52nd Indiana Infantry



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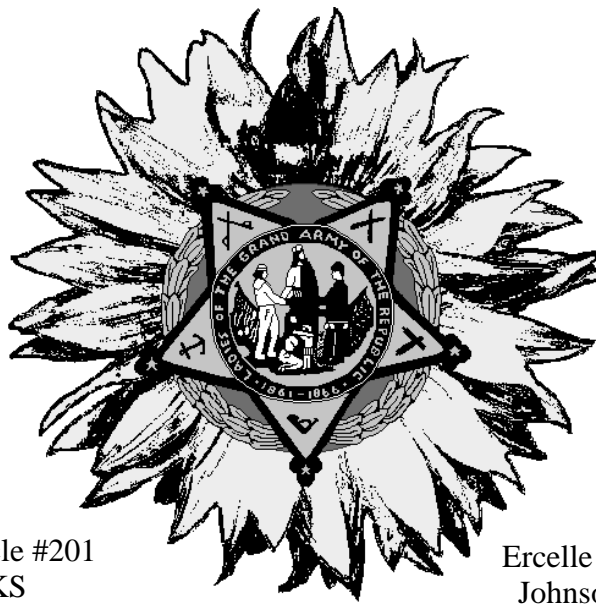
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And best wishes**

**Barbara Knopke
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**Ladies of the Grand Army
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With Gratitude to the Department of Kansas
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The Encampment Committee

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**In Memory of Pvt. Otto Becker (1832-1862)
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(Union Army)

1st Lt William H. Sherman	Co F,	1st MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
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Pvt Harvey Harper	Co H,	12th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Timothy Sargent	Co F,	14th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Pvt George Sargent	Co F,	14th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Sgt Robert Harper	Co A,	15th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
1st Lt George H. Brewster	Co F,	18th MI Vol Inf	3rd Cousin (5R)
Pvt Elmore F. Lewis	Co H,	19th MI Vol Inf	GG Grandfather
Pvt Horace Buell	Co K	23rd MI Vol Inf	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt Hiram L. Brewster	Co G,	25th MI Vol Inf	3rd Cousin (5R)
Pvt Daniel P. Sherman	Co I,	27th MI Vol Inf	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Nathan Pemberton	Co H,	28th MI Vol Inf	GGG Uncle
Sgt James Buell	Co M	3rd MI Vol Cav	6th Cousin (4R)
Pvt Francis B. Lewis	Co D,	4th MI Vol Cav	GGG Uncle
Pvt James H. Lewis	Co D,	4th MI Vol Cav	GGG Uncle
Pvt John Buell	Co K	5th MI Vol Cav	6th Cousin (4R)
2nd Lt Andrew Guilford	Co K,	8th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Capt Franklin Sherman	Co A,	10th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
Pvt Nelson C. Sherman	Co H,	10th MI Vol Cav	1st Cousin (4R)
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Pvt Isaac S. Pound	14th Michigan Battery		GG Grandfather
Pvt Eliphalet Pemberton	14th Michigan Battery		1st Cousin (5R)
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1st Lt Julius Octavius Buell	Co E,	1st Colorado Vol Inf	4th Cousin (6R)
Bvt Brig Gen Thomas W. Sherman	3rd United States Artillery		6th Cousin (4R)
Maj Gen Don Carlos Buell	Army of the Ohio		4th Cousin (6R)
Col George Pearson Buell, Jr.	15th United States Infantry		4th Cousin (6R)

(Confederate Army)

Pvt James Brewster	Co K, 11th KY Vol Cav	3rd Cousin (4R)
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Department of Rhode Island

SUVCW

Wishes to congratulate fellow Rhode Islander

Commander in Chief Leo F. Kennedy

For his outstanding service to the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War.

His actions have been in the highest standard of our
organization and show that he truly & deeply cares for
the Boys in Blue.

From the Camps of the Department of Rhode Island

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In Honor of



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Morton Seth Eddy
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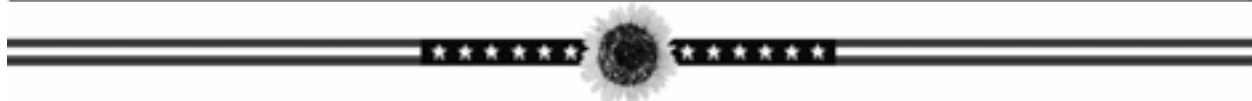
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HONORING MY KANSAS ANCESTORS

**ERICK
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My great-great-grandparents



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Greetings and Best Wishes to the
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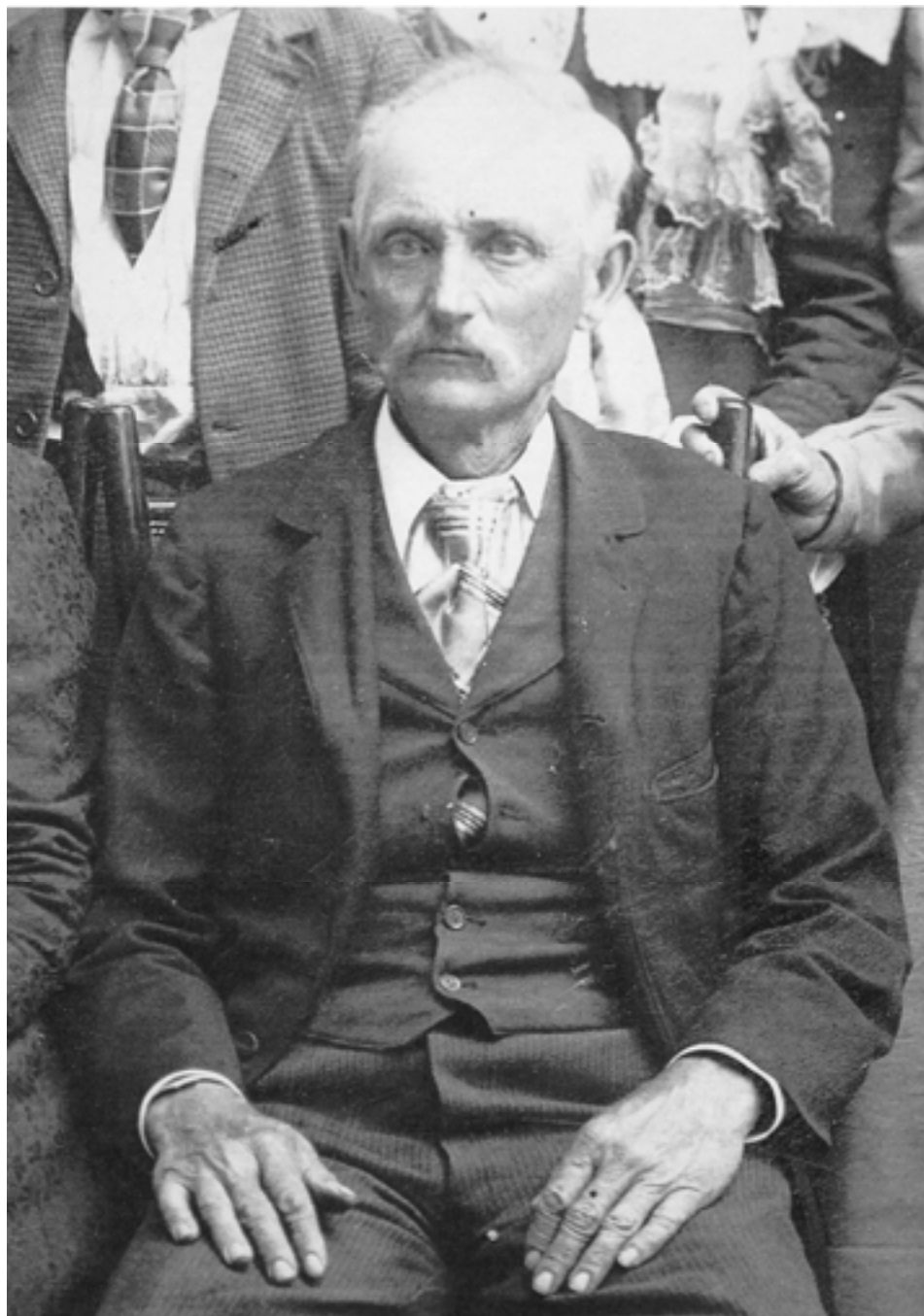
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during the Sesquicentennial .**

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Successful Encampment**

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There's so much to do that we would like to hear what *YOU* are interested in! Please come by our table in the Display Room and complete our survey to tell us what would make your 2012 visit to Los Angeles special.

The 2012 National Encampment in Los Angeles – we're looking forward to your visit!

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND
ALL THE ALLIED ORDERS ON THE 2010 ENCAMPMENT
OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

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We hope you enjoy your time in Kansas. As the sesquicentennial of the period known as “Bleeding Kansas” draws to an end, and we approach the start of the Civil War sesquicentennial, we look forward to seeing everyone at the 130th National Encampment next year in Virginia. We congratulate the Department of Maryland for being selected to host the Encampment in an area so rich in Civil War history.

Again, thank you for your support, and we will see you in Virginia.

Your 2010 National Encampment Committee:
James R. Knopke, PDC, Chairman
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Roy A. Lafferty, PDC

Voting Strengths and Election Results

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Voting Strength

Department	Strength	Allotted Delegates	CinC	PCinC	Dept Cdr	PDC	Delegates	Alternates	Voting Strength Present
California/Pacific	423	18							
Colorado/Wyoming	75	4							
Connecticut	57	3							
Florida	142	7							
Georgia/So. Carolina	88	5							
Illinois									
Indiana	201	9							
Iowa	170	8							
Kansas	128	6							
Kentucky	81	4							
Maine	93	5							
Maryland									
Massachusetts									
Michigan	531	22							
Missouri	225	10							
Nebraska	70	4							
New Hampshire	94	5							
New Jersey									
New York	529	22							
North Carolina	72	4							
Ohio	477	20							
Oklahoma	55	3							
Pennsylvania	891	37							
Rhode Island	102	5							
Tennessee	133	6							
Texas	97	5							
Vermont	49	3							
Wisconsin	230	10							
NMAL	65	4							
CAL	184	8							
TOTAL									

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Votes cast for office of: _____

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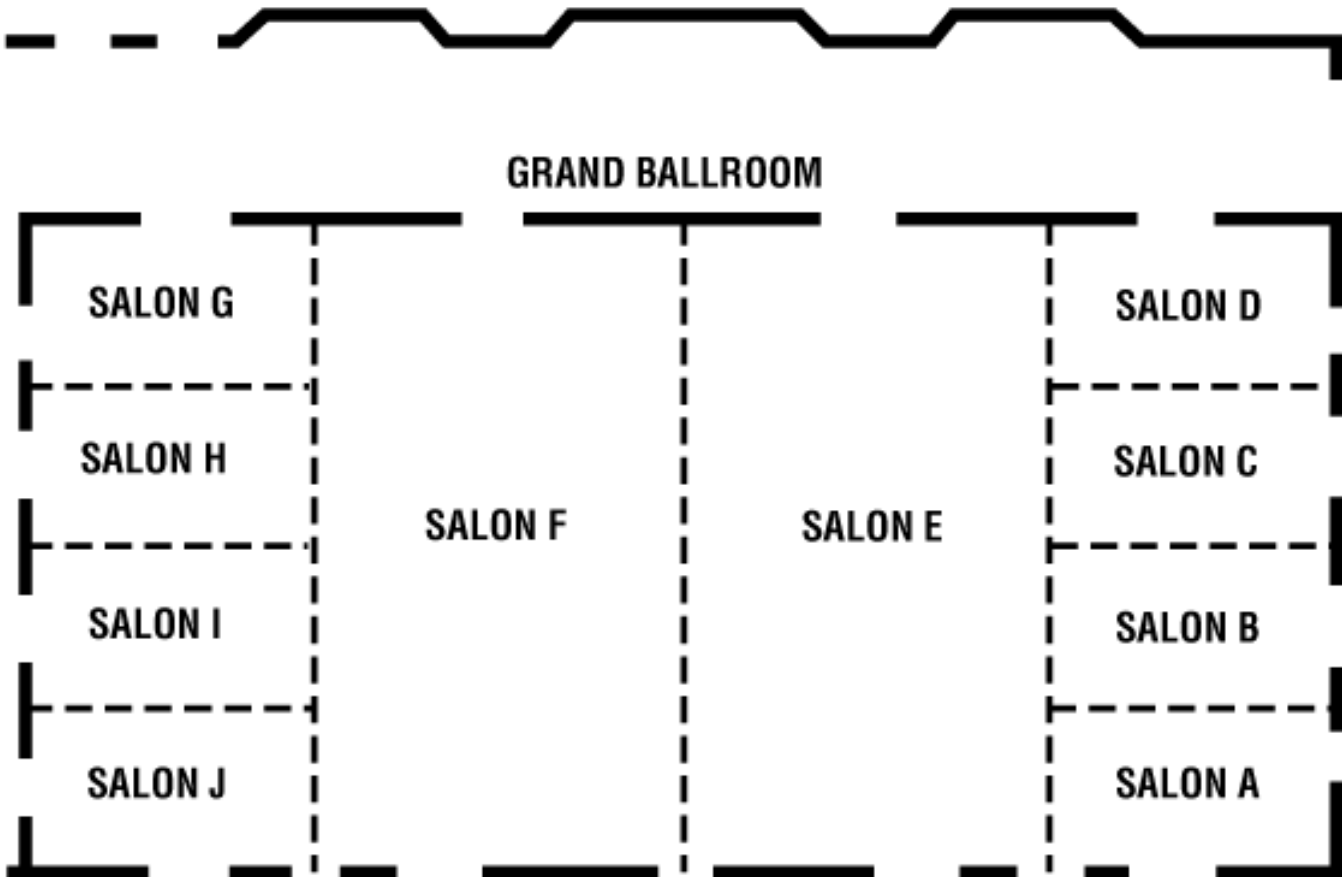
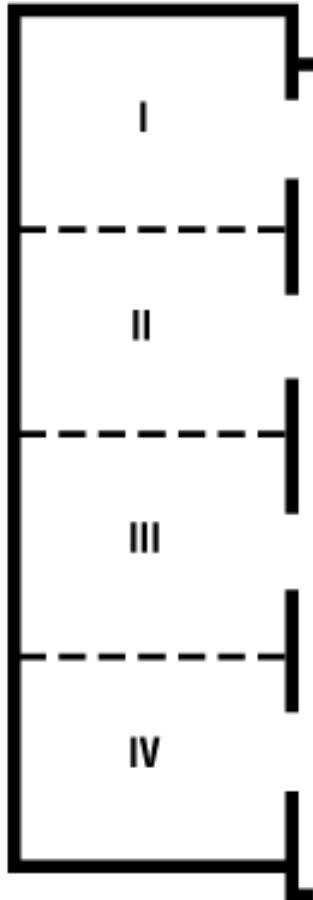
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Why a Candle?

Why Black Crepe on the Charters and Seal?

Why the vacant chair?

Why Sing?

Amazing Grace

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Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Taps Brother Terry Iseli

Closing Remarks National Chaplain SUVCW

On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Drest in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
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7 PM
August 13, 2010

Overland Park, Kansas

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Presentation of Colors ... Department of Kansas Guard

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National Anthem Anne Jaster, PDP
ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

Invocation Jerome Kowalski
SUVCW National Chaplain

Welcome to Kansas Jennifer Knopke
Kansas LGAR

“Bleeding Kansas” Lecompton Players

Closing Prayer Beth Ann Null
LGAR National Chaplain

Closing James R. Knopke, PDC
Kansas Department Commander, SUVCW

Retiring the Colors Department of Kansas Guard

The Star Spangled Banner

*Oh! Say can you see,
by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed,
at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets’ red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled
banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free
and the home of the brave.*

Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

*All are invited to stay for the
Courtesy Hour immediately following this program.*



Allied Orders
of the
Grand Army of the Republic
BANQUET



6:30 PM
August 14, 2010

Overland Park, Kansas

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies	William C. Vieira, PDC <i>National Chief of Staff, SUVCW</i>
Presentation of Colors	Department of Kansas Guard
Pledge to the Flag	Don Martin, PCC <i>SUVCW National Patriotic Instructor</i>
Invocation	Jerome Kowalski <i>SUVCW National Chaplain</i>
Greetings from Kansas and Introduction of Dinner Entertainment	Thomas E. Schmidt, PDC <i>Kansas SUVCW</i>

DINNER

Tribute to Fathers	Jennifer Knopke <i>LGAR</i>
Tribute to Mothers	Maxine Larson <i>LGAR</i>
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	William C. Vieira, PDC <i>National Chief of Staff, SUVCW</i>
Benediction	Linda Kronberg <i>ASUVCW National Chaplain</i>
Retiring of the Colors	Department of Kansas Guard

Menu

Salad

House Salad

Entrees

Roasted Sliced Pork Loin,

*black peppercorn encrusted, with sherry glaze,
served with vegetable medley and bread service*

Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast Dinner,

*pan-fried with Marsala Sauce,
served with vegetable medley and bread service*

Dessert

Starbucks Freshly Brewed Coffee

(regular and decaffeinated)

Dinner Music

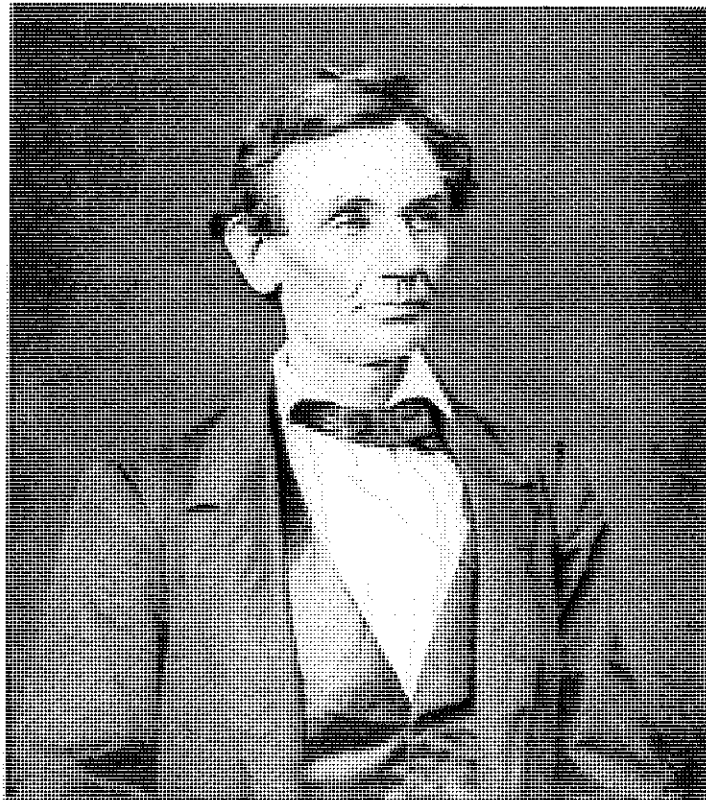
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
129th National Encampment, Overland Park, Kansas

August 12-15, 2010

"If I went west, I think I would go to Kansas..."

Abraham Lincoln, March 17, 1860



Abraham Lincoln, photographed during the campaign of 1860
Library of Congress

1860-2010

The Sesquicentennial of the Election of Abraham Lincoln

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Commander-in-Chief National Encampment Minutes - 2010**

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The 129th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we will now come to order. Filling some vacancies first of all, filling the Guard will be Ben Frail.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have the vacancy with the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has moved to that position. And I've asked Brother Alan Russ to fill in as the acting Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Those spots are full. Guide and Guard, the Color Bearer, if you would please assist and check credentials to determine that all are eligible to remain. Please have your cards out Brothers.

Encampment

(chatter)

Ben Frail, Acting National Guard

Commander-in-Chief, I find all are entitled to remain.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I can't hear you at all.

Ben Frail, Acting National Guard

I find all Brothers here are entitled to remain.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance.

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Color Bearer, present the colors please.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Do you want me to pledge it to our flag?

Encampment (in unison)

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, upon what principals is our Order founded and for what duties are we responsible?

Encampment (in unison)

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, in annual session, to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct and our deliberations be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, and ever keeping in mind our duty of our country, our Order, and to ourselves. The National Chaplain will please open the Bible and evoke the divine blessing.

[one rap *]

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Heavenly Father, 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 integrity and purity its free institutions for all coming times. 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 principals and objects. 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 and all things with your special mercy. Give us your aide in conducting the business for which we are assembled. So bless us in charity and justice, peace and harmony shall remain and flow from us. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

By the virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 129th Annual Encampment of the National Organization, Sons of the 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 and persons qualified to enter.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Before we get started, there's a couple of quick announcements and I want to do them all now before I forget and then I get yelled at later, and it just doesn't work.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

At 11:30, we're going to break for lunch. I would ask all

the Department Chaplains to please meet with the National Chaplain over in this corner. At the lunch, same time in a different corner, and this guy, apparently we're going to ask for all Past Commander-in-Chiefs be available for a photograph. Are there any actual auctioneers in the house?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm not kidding. Does any, anybody actually do any auctions?

Indistinguishable

I do pie auctions ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You're out.

Indistinguishable

... for (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You're an auctioneer?

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) but I've got it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well, please see the National Treasurer at the break. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Now, the National Secretary, please call the roll of the Officers of the Encampment.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy?

Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, James R. Hanby. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brad Schall?

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Secretary Don Palmer is here. National Treasurer, Rich Orr?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration Member, Tad Campbell?

Tad Campbell, Council of Administration

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration Member, Bob Petrovic?

Robert M. Petrovic, Council of Administration

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration Member, Perley Mellor?

Perley E. Mellor, Council of Administration

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration Member, Ken Freshley?

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration member, William Vieira?

William C. Vieira, Council of Administration

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Council of Administration member and Past Commander-in-Chief, David Medert? National Aide-de-Camp, Joseph Hall?

Indistinguishable

He's presently dealing with security.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. That's what he's here for. National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, Garry Brewer? National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski?

Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain

Here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Chief of Staff William Vieira?

William C. Vieira, National Chief of Staff

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Civil War Memorials Officer, Kevin Tucker?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Counselor, Robert Grim?

Robert E. Grim, National Counselor

Here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Assistant National Counselor, James Pahl?

James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

For the Blue Book. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert Petrovic?

Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Banner Editor, Steve Michaels?

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

Here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott?

Gary E. Parrott, National GAR Highway Officer

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce Frail? I know he's here, too.

Indistinguishable

Not in the room, but he's here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Yeah. National Historian, Robert Woltz? National Liaison to Cathedral Of The Pines, Perley Mellor?

Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral Of The Pines

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Liaison to MOLLUS, Keith Harrison?

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ?

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

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Patriotic Instructor, Donald Martin?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Signals Officer, Ken Freshley?

Ken L. Freshley, National Signals Officer

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Washington D. C. Representative, Andrew Johnson?

Andrew Johnson, Washington D. C. Representative

Here, sir.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Webmaster and Secretary for Proceedings, Ken Freshley.

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster & Secretary for Proceedings

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Color Bearer, Jerry Sayre?

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Guard, Keith Karcher? National Guide, Ed Norris?

Ed Norris, National Guide

Present.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Sir, the roll has been called.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The appointment to the Encampment Committee on Credentials is going to be Walter Busch as the Chair, Bruce Laine, Tony Brown, Joe Hall, and Earl MacIntosh*. The recognition and introduction of guests I'm going to start with the Commander-in-Chief of Mollus. If Brother Harrison would join?

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Thank you, very much, Commander-in-Chief Leo. We appreciate being here. First of all, I'd like to have all the members of the military order, the Loyal Legion of United States, that are, that are currently here, please stand up. Sir, this is a, a delegation to you to bring greetings and hopefully that you'll have a very I hate the word harmonious, but a, a good encampment and enjoyable. And on behalf of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, we do have a gift for you. You can open it.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

It's basically the place where Johnston and Sherman signed their infamous treaty.

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Yes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother Harrison. It's you know we've known each other for a long time and it's, it's great to see so many Brothers from the MOLLUS in here as well and I'm glad

you're all considered a delegation because the friendship is always been there. Is Jim Knopke in the room? And there he is. The Host Committee please, Brother Knopke.

James R. Knopke, Department of Kansas Commander

Good morning. And on behalf of the Department of Kansas, welcome to the Soldiers State. Brother Leo asked me to say a few words this morning and I think I've already exceeded my quota.

Encampment

(laughter)

James R. Knopke, Department of Kansas Commander

But, but before I go, I would like my Committee to stand. Well, Tom's already standing. Tom Smith, Past Department Commander, Alan Russ, Past Department Commander, and Roy Lafferty, Past Department Commander. If you folks need anything, these are the people you go to and we'll see if we can't make it happen for you. Once again, welcome to Kansas.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Jim asked me to give everybody his cell phone number so if you need anything later on.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No, my, my personal thanks to, to the Department for all your hard work and what is really looking like a great a great Encampment. Announcements for the Encampment. The Encampment will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules Robert's Rules of Order, the 10th Edition. They may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment body present and voting. Brother James Pahl will serve as Parliamentarian. So you can pick on me a little less, if you don't mind.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Officers, other than the Commander-in-Chief's Report, shall not read their submitted written reports unless there's an addition to the report. All Officer Reports with recommendations have been provided in the pre-printed reports. there may be one exception to that and I apologize. The Chairmen of Standing Special Committees will cite the page on where their report is located, state whether there are or are not any additions. Recommendations from the Standing Committee will be voted on as they arise. When speaking on an issue at the Encampment, no person shall speak more than twice on any issue. Each time not to exceed five minutes. Exceptions being

granted by a two-third vote of the Encampment. Except the person making the motion may answer questions and also rise up two minutes to close the debate. Which privilege is not cancelled by action ordering the previous question. The Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to limit debate on a particular issue, included but not limiting to, designating the maximum number of speakers allowed to speak as to each side of the question. Cell phones should be turned off please or set to vibrate. While cell phone conversations, please conduct outside of the room. At the sound of the gavel, prior to the election of Officers, anyone outside the room will not be allowed to enter until that session is done. All discussions will be conducted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. The general voting shall be the use of your voting card, which they didn't give me one.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

But the Commander-in-Chief reserves the right to use other forms of voting, included to but not limited to, private ballot, rising, or roll call as deemed appropriate. While motions, amendments, substitutions, or other actions initiated from the floor, other than procedural motions or corrections of spelling or typographical errors, may be requested by the National Secretary to be put in writing for final reading before the Encampment votes on the matter. And that would be legible writing, please. Encampment Committees shall only consider matters properly referred to them by the Commander-in-Chief after receiving them from 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 to be recognized by the Chair, please use one of the available microphones. I'm not sure if the last one is turned on. I know this one is. Please use your name, announce your name your Department, and your current office, and salute the Chair. Any requests for funds from Special Projects Funds or other such funds of the Order are to be submitted in writing to the National Treasurer prior to noon on Saturday. That's tomorrow. With complete information as to what the project is, who is chairing the project, the address for which the award may be mailed, if approved. All such requests will then be presented to the National Encampment for consideration. The Chair entertains a motion to adopt these rules.

Indistinguishable

So moved.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're, we're going to test the voting card theory here, okay? Giving you a heads up.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

As a point of order don't we need a Credentials Report before we can vote on anything?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You will be getting a Credentials Report soon, but this one you can vote on.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I just, just to clarify

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I appreciate that, yeah.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor? Thank you. All opposed? Thank you.
Carried.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Would you do the introductions of the Past Commander-in-Chiefs, please?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Thank you. We will call the roll of the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs. Richard L. Greenwalt, 1978 - 79. Gordon R. Bury, 1986 - 1987. Richard O. Partington, 1987 - 88. Lowell Hammer, 1991 - 92. Elmer F. Adkinson, 1992 - 93. Alan Moore, 1993 - 94. Keith Harrison, 1994 - 95, with voting card even.

(chuckle)

David R. Medert, 1995 - 96. Alan R. Loomis, 1996 - 97. Richard Orr, 1997 - 98. Andrew Johnson, 1998 - 99. Danny Wheeler, 1999 - 2000. Edward Kreiser, 2000 - 2001.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

George Powell, 2001 - 2002. Robert Grim, 2002 - 2003. Kent Armstrong, 2003 - 2004. Stephen Michaels, 2004 - 2005. Donald Darby, 2005 - 2006. James Pahl, 2006 - 2007. Charles Kuhn, 2007 - 2008. David V. Medert, 2008 - 2009. The roll of Past Commanders-in-Chiefs have been called.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I recommend applause for these gentlemen who have lead this Organization in such a great way to where we are today

and hopefully I haven't messed it up.

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Now that I just had you all sit down, I am going to say that while we've had a memorial service, I would request that Brothers rise for a moment of silence while we remember those Brothers of our Order who have passed on to their eternal rest.

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Secondly, I'd also like to honor any of our and in this assembly who have served our country in the Armed Forces, so when I hit the gavel, those that have served in the Armed Forces, please remain standing.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Walt, do you have a initial report from the Committee?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going give you one second.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Currently we have a hundred and seventy-five ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry. Who are you?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I'm sorry. My name is Walt Busch. I'm the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. And I'm pleased to report we have a hundred and seventy-five members present at this time. Includes one Commander-in-Chief, thirteen Past Commanders-in-Chief thirteen Department Commanders, fifty-one Past Department Commanders seventy-five Delegates. We still are listing twenty-three people as Alternates that can be switched over at any time

that we get their Department Chair to come over and change them over.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother, and we will ask for a an update later on tomorrow probably. I would like to comment that I think the Committees issuance of those shirts are wonderful. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter & applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. The appointment of the remaining Encampment Committees will be this. Constitution and Regulations: Chair will be Brother Bob Grim, Don Darby, Brad Schall, Charlie Kuhn. Resolutions: Chair will be Tad Campbell, Perley Mellor, Robert Petrovic, Ed Norris. Officers Reports: Ken Freshley, Chair, Alan Russ, William Vieira, Gene Mortorff. Fraternal Relations, there's going to be an interesting event occurring later on today where we're going to receive the delegation from the Auxiliary in mass. We don't need fifty-seven Guides, but we will need some assistance to get the Officers in and when that happens I am tomorrow going to reciprocate and bring all of you. No. Just, kidding.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

But I will need a Delegation tomorrow over to visit them. So I will lead the Delegation with Brother Freshley and Richard Greenwalt. The response to that, I would ask Colonel Johnson to please do that. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Brother Tad Campbell will be the Chair, Jim Knopke, and Gene Mortorff. I would ask you to assist with that response, Brother Grim. That may happen actually at the same time. I'm not a hundred percent sure yet. We're going to figure that out. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Perley Mellor is the Chair, Brother Steve Hacket. And the response if they do attend would be Colonel Johnson again, please. I don't think the Women's Relief Corps is here, but if someone would show up, William Vieira will do the visitation Chair with Brother Jerry Sayre. Response, Brother Pahl. If you are the Chair of a Visiting Committee and going over to visit, please see me first, and I'm dropping this on you so I don't forget. It's not my fault any more. But I have a gift for you to bring with you, please. We're going to begin with Officers Reports. I will temporarily vacate my chair and I will ask the Senior Vice to take over the Encampment.

Encampment

(chatter & laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, it has been my honor to represent the Order this past year. One cannot truly expect to know what is about to happen once an Encampment ends and somebody has actually elected you to the Command position. It involves a great deal of pride, some frustration, a great deal of honor, a little aggravation, and some sorrow. But the greatest sense of respect for all that we do. I had the opportunity to visit many of the Department Encampments and enjoyed each of them. The pride that was shown by Brothers of the Order while they explained their projects, toured GAR Halls, or walked Battlefields was immense. We are, my Brothers, in good shape. When we look at the Order, we see an increase in new Camps and an increase in Membership. However, with the economy in such poor shape, we have lost some Brothers that have been hard hit. We, as an Order, are all linked by our ancestors actions upon a battlefield. In a crisis, we need to support Brothers in need. Our ancestors did not walk away from their Brothers and neither should we. It could be one of us needing help some day. Charity is important. Brothers, the Officers of this Order have been outstanding in their work. The efforts to promote the Order and to teach our ancestors rolls in the rebellion were fully handled by the Officers and I am proud to call each one of them a friend. When the Offices of, when the Officers of the Order were asked to represent the Order in any way, in any location, they jumped to do so and did great work. The successful representation of the Sons is always important, but in the next few years, we, we will talk about the men we are descended from. It becomes critical to represent the Order in this strong, positive way. There is one exception to this, and this is when the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was unable to stand to his elected post. My personal thanks go out to Brother Alan Russ for his exceptional work in taking over the responsibilities of the Chair of that Program and Policy Committee. I am honored to report that we have awarded two Sons Scholarships. One to Brother Shayla Pierson* of the Charles Devens Camp 19, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And the other one to Brother Brendan Hevelick* of the Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp 6, Camp-at-Large in Oregon. The report from the Committee stated this was a difficult task with may great applications being presented. This is a good sign that we're able to honor the best for their hard work. My thanks go out to Brother Ertell and the Scholarship Committee for everything they've done to ensure these. Many of you know my passion with the National Grave Registration projects and it's almost equal to my passion for the Monuments and Memorials Projects. This year we've had some ups and downs, but the projects move onward with the resounding

wave as the Sesqui-Centennial arrives and Brothers it's here. It's here now. We need to move on these projects to ensure positive actions, remembering our ancestors and what they did. With the Sesqui-Centennial, it's our opportunity to speak loudly about the action of our ancestors, standing side-by-side to protect our nation. Our ancestors took forth a path that no one could really perceive the ending outcome. Yet, with the strength of character, they fought to preserve our America. One America. These next years, the Order needs to tell our ancestors stories and we seem ready to be able to do just that. A set-back in the Order was the loss of Past Commander-in-Chief Charles Corfman. Chuck and I had talked in Louisville last year and discussed several important issues of the Order and I listened to him a lot along the way, so, I do miss him and I know the Order does as well. In addition to the loss of Brother Corfman, other Brothers of the Order have passed on. They will all truly be missed. My thanks go out to Brother Chaplain Jerry for all of his hard work, for all of his prayers, and for the passion he holds for the important position of National Chaplain. I have for years, heard of flowers being placed at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D. C. I was excited to be able to place a wreath on that monument this year, honoring such a great man, such a great leader. But I was called and informed the event was cancelled due to the second largest snow storm in weeks, closing D. C. I was disappointed. I was honored to be sent two photographs of the event as they shoveled their way up the Memorial, and a wreath was placed by I believe four of the Brothers dressed in clothing that was typical of New England in the winter. And a photo of someone skiing down the Memorial.

Encampment

(laughter)

Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy

However, the Lincoln Tomb Service in Springfield, Illinois went well. Great attendance and great weather. I encourage you all to try to make this event, honoring the President that took the decisive actions and stood to preserve the Union. This ceremony this year went very well. It was a little bit of a change from what was done in the past and I suspect we're going to see more changes. Yet, the honor that is done there is something you need to see. On another note, I can express gratitude and admiration to Brother Don Martin and the success of the National Patriotic Instructor's position. The Patriotic message is each month and its activity on the Memorial University are truly inspirational. I will tell you, I don't think I would want to run that Memorial University Program. Thank you. It builds our Organization. The message is telling of our ancestors, of their events, and the actions they took

part in. The reading of their letters. If we hope to get younger Brothers involved, we need to teach them not all that we know, but all that our ancestors did. And while there are many things I could continue to report on, I will say the Order seems to be in great shape. I thank you all for your support over the past year. Allowing me to speak on behalf of the Order has been the highlight of my life. As I end the year, I want to say that I was honored to attend and participate in one event that has truly brought the Memorial Services in Washington D. C. Both the National and the true Memorial Day Services. They brought forth more of what we honoring our ancestors directly, remembering all of their sacrifices in the day that they held in high esteem. These ceremonies were incredible. So, remembering the fellow Veterans that sit in this Organization, and remembering what we do on Memorial Day, all ties in as well. The efforts of the Sons on that weekend showed how important and how impassioned that we are about our honoring our ancestors. Our ancestors. Brothers, thank you so very much for all that you have done for the Organization and allowing me to stand here for a year. Not here, but around the country. Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, very much.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I'm serving the microphone back to you, sir.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Senior Vice Commander, Charlie Kuhn from Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that all subsequent Officers Reports be ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-in-Chief's Officers Report and all subsequent Officers Reports be submitted to the Committee on Officers Reports for recommendation, approvals, and report back to this body tomorrow.

Indistinguishable

And you should ask for a second.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Do what?

D. Brad Schall, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I do what Leo has just suggested.

Encampment

(laughter)

Indistinguishable

Second.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

He's asking all in favor, hold up your voting cards, please.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Hold your voting cards up. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And he wants to know if there's anybody opposed?

Encampment

(laughter & chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

He's going to carry that motion, and then he's going to say that he's going to give it back to me.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

And now I give it back to, Motion carried, back to Leo.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That was fun. has there been any written report from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

Indistinguishable

I have not received any.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Schall?

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Keith and I won't be able to reach this. Commander, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall. My report stands as is. I would like to add two things to it. Since that report was done, we have received twenty-three more memberships. They continue to go in for the next Junior Vice Commander. I got seven in the mail the day I left and I'll let him do that one. Thank you very much.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So the report that stands as is with, with additions.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The National Secretary.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

I just my report stands as is. I just wanted to add a couple of things. One comment is I did include all of the electronic board room votes from the Council Administration in the report so you can see those votes. The second thing, since the report was submitted, there've been some changes to the new Camp formation. Since that time, we have approved and signed the Charter for the James Wellstead* Camp Number 3, Department of Nebraska, with a date of rank of August 12, 2010. And then we also have approved the Form 51 formation of a new Camp for the General George Stoneman*, Jr. Camp Number 18 in Riverside, California. And we just received the Form 51, the new Camp formation paperwork for the General J. P. S. Goben* Camp Number 503 in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, of which we hope to sign that paperwork here today. So those are the changes in my report. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Treasurer, do you want to report now?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Could the Guide and the Flag Bearer please come up and assist the Color Bearer? Please assist in passing out some paperwork.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Both of the Appendixes are stapled together, so there should only be one total complete package for each person. Does everyone have a copy of the Financial Report now?

Indistinguishable

No (indistinguishable).

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. I'll wait. While they're passing those out, there are a couple of additions and changes to the written report that's in your packet. One I have put a copy of the SS-4 Application into an envelope for each Department, which has blocks on there, prefilled, where mistakes are normally made. You're getting one copy for the Department. It will be up to the Department then to provide those to whatever Camps need to apply for them. I would warn you, if you already have an EIN Number, please, do not apply for another one. We actually have one Camp with eleven EIN Numbers which are currently active with the IRS.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And they have them on multiple accounts with different banks. So they have a real mess to deal with, cause the banks are saying they can't change it, the IRS is saying you have to change it, and they want a report for every one of those eleven EIN Numbers from that Camp. The other thing is, and I don't remember if this was in the report. I know I sent it out to Council Administration. Everyone here should be aware that we do have, each Camp and each Department does have to file an electronic Form 990, it's called 990-N Postcard with the IRS annually. If you have not filed one in the last three years, and it was due by the 30th of June, err by the 15th of May rather, the IRS has given an extension to the 15th of October. If you have not filed by the 15th of October, on the 16th of October, you will lose your non-profit status. Those whose fiscal year runs the same as the National's and ended, and their fiscal year ended on June 30th rather than December 30th, and must file the Postcard by November 15th. If it is not filed and you have not filed in the last three years, you will lose your non-profit status on November 16th. Now what does that mean? Well one it also means you will be disassociated from the National Organization as far as the IRS is concerned. In order to get that back, you will have to file for a change to non-profit status, even though it's a 501(c)(4) and not a 501(c)(3), and it will cost you a filing, a non-refundable filing fee of seven hundred and fifty dollars. So it behooves you to get those in. We have seventy-three Camps that as of the 23rd of July, according to the IRS, had not filed. Now we do know some of those Camps have been disbanded. The Departments that have Camps impacted by this in the packet that I have for the Department, is a list of all those Camps who are currently in danger of losing their non-profit status. It's going to be up to the Departments to get the Camps to file. I'm not going out there and contacting seventy-three Camps and try to beat people over the head to do their jobs that they were elected to do. The Financial Reports you have in your hand, the first Appendixes is last years' Budget verses actual. If you open it, the first page, the very first line should tell you we have problems. We've budgeted ninety-seven thousand dollars for per capita income and we had roughly sixty-nine thousand dollars of per capita income. I'm not going to go through this line by line. The bottom line is, we expended fifteen thousand five hundred and fifty-eight dollars more from the General Fund than we took in. This is the fourth or fifth year in a row that we have done this. We cannot continue to spend the reserve to

balance our budget. We have likewise had to use reserves and / or transfer money from the General Fund to balance the GAR Fund because it's not generating enough income for everything that everybody wants to spend out of that fund. The Permanent Fund we had a number of CD's that were still earning five to six percent interest. They all came due last fall. They've been replaced with CD's, temporarily I hope. They're earning between one and a half and two and a quarter percent interest. As a result, the amount of income being generated by the Permanent Fund does not meet the expenses of that fund. One of the outcomes of that is we were unable to transfer any of the per capita that National is due on the Life Members. We have first obligated to pay the reimbursement on those Life Members who joined under the program number two that were contractually promised a twelve dollar a year reimbursement. You can figure out at your own interest rates even a five hundred dollar cost for Life Members isn't coming anywhere near generating twelve dollars a year in income. So we're taking a loss on it. The ones that joined under the first initial program and the Council of Administration sets the reimbursement. This past year it was at six dollars. And again we need a six percent return minimum just to break even on those Life Members. The Council Administration is looking at this and looking at other ways that we can generate income and how we invest it. But that's a long-term issue. The short-term is, we could not transfer those funds and three, what is it, roughly four hundred Life Members at eighteen dollars a piece is what, eight thousand, nine thousand dollars that was not put into the General Fund because of that. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund continues to grow. This is a dedicated fund for promoting the Order. We have not been using it except to pay the recruiting expenses of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It's sitting there unused and it does grow each year. When we get to the budget tomorrow there will be some proposals to make changes to that. National Headquarters Fund just balances. It, it zeros itself out. If there's any question on any particular line items in here, please ask. Civil War Memorials Preservation is this past year was two dollars of each person's per capita. Went to that fund in order to fund the Grants that are issued by the sub-committee of the Council of Administration. Civil War Heritage Defense Fund is a fund that we established to pay for legal fees primarily to cover any expenses dealing with recouping GAR property or anything related to the Deed of Conveyance. However, this year because of some issues we had with the IRS the Council of Administration did vote to expend fifteen hundred dollars from that account to pay an attorney to assist us with resolving those issues with the IRS. And I can say, thanks to

Max Newman's work Brother Bruce Gosling, I don't know if he's here. We have resolved those issues, at least as far as I know. The last correspondence we had from the IRS was that they received all the reports and they received all the payments that they had asked for and they were doing a final review of the case and we would hear from them in ninety days. And that was about we're over the ninety days and haven't heard from them. We're probably close to a hundred and twenty days and haven't heard anything back. So I'm assuming everything is satisfied. Also what's not in the report Brother Newman has completed his duties regarding the audits, the 2009 audit is complete. The 2008 audit is complete. Our audits are now all up-to-date. The only thing that needs to be audited is the year that just ended, and that will be going to the auditor as soon as I get back home. We also started last year, last November, the Council of Administration authorized the formation, the Canadian Civil War Monument Fund. I am sure when that Committee reports, you're going hear more about that. To date, we've had eleven hundred dollar contribution to that fund. And the Lincoln Tomb Fund is a separate fund we maintain from when there was a separate association that managed the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. We've taken that over but we've chosen to keep the funds separate primarily because the money that goes into that account is contributed not only by us, but MOLLUS also contributes to that because it is a joint venture and gets technically, it would get a little bit more complicated doing accounting work for both us and MOLLUS if we just folded that into our General Fund. The Blue - Gray Ball Fund if there's any questions with that is, that's the Ball that takes place in Gettysburg and generates the money we donate to the National Park Service. And then the Past Proceedings Fund which we have not used. The second Appendix is the change in our fund assets. We're not broke by any means but I would point out to you, even though the total here is somewhat over seven hundred thousand dollars, that everything on here with the exception of the three hundred and forty thousand dollars in the General Fund is restricted. That means it's available only for specific purposes. Or in the case of the Permanent Fund, the principal is not available under any circumstances. We cannot touch that. The two hundred fifteen thousand dollars in the Permanent Fund is there. What it generates we can spend, in, it, what it generates in income, but the principal in untouchable, unless we dissolve ourselves as an organization and then it would be up to the Bankruptcy Courts what happens to that money. Any questions? The budget will be presented tomorrow. I haven't even finished making the changes yet. So, Commander-in-Chief?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I have one question, Rich.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Permanent Fund. We're still continuing to add to that every year?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The Permanent Fund we add the life membership application fees.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We add any donations that are made directly to it.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

By our Constitution, any bequests go into that fund unless they are designated for something else.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

So we do add to it. When, last year we added about ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

In other words, it ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... five thousand dollars.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So in other words it, it, not a portion of every members annual per capita goes to that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Not at all.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Orr, can you, can we take that Permanent Fund and invest that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so we're not ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... stuck with ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We, the only restrictions on that that are in the Constitution is that it, if, even if we invested in stock, it must be invested in stock that has generated dividends for at least five consecutive years. Other than that, we can invest it in any form that we want. That's the only restriction.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There used to be other restrictions, but we removed them.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania. T-Bills are okay for an investment on that, correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

T-Bills are okay for an investment, but they're not generating much more than what we're getting on the CD's.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I don't know what they're doing right now but I mean, I, I thought they were higher than what the CD's were in time.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Any other questions? Okay. Just want to say I do have a packet up here with all the information. It's in my report for each Department. So if, if the Department Commander or the Department Secretary / Treasurer you stop up, I'll give you the packet with your information in it. It includes everything that's mentioned in my report that you are going to get.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Proceeding to the National Quartermaster, Danny.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

(Indistinguishable) my report, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I can't hear you.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster. Just to let you know, everything is in my report. It's complete.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Bob Petrovic from the National Council Administration.

Robert M. Petrovic, Council of Administration

Bob Petrovic. My report stands in the program, sir. No additions to it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Garry Brewer, National Camp-at-Large.

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) Garry.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. National Chaplain.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Nothing further to report, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We heard that.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Banner Editor, Brother Michaels?

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

Nothing to report, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Ken Freshley, please come up here.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

National Chief of Staff, Brother Vieira?

William C. Vieira, National Chief of Staff

Commander the National Chief of Staff is abiding by the report of (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National War Memorials Officer, Brother Tucker.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Nothing further to report, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We may not be picking these guys. Seriously, if you don't say it into the mic. Nothing to report, I got. Brother Tucker, thank you. National Counselor, Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, National Counselor

Nothing more than what's in my report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I stand today to object to an Opinion issued by the National Counselor. It's on Page 24 of your packet, Opinion Number Eight. May an SUVCW Camp be formed outside the United States? The answer is no. According to the Opinion, he cites an opinion

of mine. Mine is United States Territories or Possessions. Yes, a Camp can be formed outside the United States on United States Property in foreign countries: counselor locations, embassies, and military bases. And so with that addition to Opinion Eight I would ask that the Committee on Officers Reports in their review, take this into account as, so that they can make a proper report back.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We will refer it to the Officer Reports. Thank you. National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Brother Petrovic? hold off for just a second. No, Brother Darby, go ahead. You, you, you talking about this issue or something different?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The, the issue that just came up
Commander-in-Chief, Leo F. Kennedy

Please.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. (chatter)

Encampment

(chatter & laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

The one question I do have Commander-in-Chief is, these are Opinions of the National Counselor. Have these been accepted by you as a ruling? And if so, then we need to vote on those rulings to ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

This remains as an opinion.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. That's what I needed to know.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Not all of them do, but this does.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sit down.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

National Eagle Scout Coordinator, Brother Petrovic?

Robert M. Petrovic, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

No additions to my report, Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. GAR Highway Officer, Brother Parrott?

Gary E. Parrott, National GAR Highway Officer

Nothing new to add to my report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We got it. Thank you. National Graves Registration. Is

Brother Frail in the room?

Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer. Nothing further to report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Cathedral of the Pines Liaison, Brother Mellor?

Perley E. Mellor, National Liaison to Cathedral Of The Pines

Nothing further to report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Nothing. Thank you. Liaison of the MOLLUS, Brother Harrison?

Keith Harrison, National Liaison to MOLLUS

Nothing more to report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Brother Russ?

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

Alan Russ, Past Department Commander of Kansas, National Member-at-Large Coordinator. This is a lot shorter than what we thought it was going to be. A correction needs to be made to the Index at Table of Contents at the front that refers to Page 31. The actual report is located on Page 100. And nothing further to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Martin?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. My report stays as submitted. One thing I would like to highlight though, cause I did find it a little disturbing myself, was out of around two hundred and sixty-five Camps, only a hundred and twenty-two Camps participated in Memorial Day services. That's only forty-six percent of our Camps participating in Memorial Day. And I think that's something that we all should work on in Department and Camp level to increase this, especially as we are looking at the 150th Anniversary. This is something we should all work towards. The other one was, only thirty-three percent of the Camps participate in Veterans Day services. And that's something else I'd like to encourage all Departments and Camps to work toward.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. That's not your patriotic message for the morning, is it?

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Nooo.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander, Michigan. I just have a question for the Patriotic Instructor. Please through you to our Brother. How many reports did you receive?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

From the Departments?

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

For Departments and Camps. I was just curious.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I received from Departments, a report from every Department except five.

Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan

Okay. Okay. Because I was just wondering what you were basing your numbers on is all. Okay. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California & Pacific

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California & Pacific

Phillip Caines, Department, Secretary / Treasurer, Department of California and Pacific. Also Secretary / Treasurer for the General W. S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2 of Los Angeles, California. I would like to report personally to the Patriotic Instructor and to the Brothers present that as was mentioned before, one of our divisions is spinning off to become its own new Camp. The General Stoneman* Camp Number 18. That division held its own Memorial ceremonies in Riverside, California this year as part of their preparation.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. National Signals Officer, Brother Freshley?

Ken L. Freshley, National Signals Officer

Nothing to add, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Washington D. C. Representative, Brother Johnson?

Andrew Johnson, Washington D. C. Representative

My report, Page 32, nothing to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Back to Brother Freshley as the National Webmaster. Same?

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster

Nothing to add, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, very much. Are there any reports that I have not called other than the Council reports? (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The GAR Sesqui-Centennial Report, Brother Orr?

Richard L. Orr, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander-in-Chief, as a correction to the report from the GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee and, and it pertains to the language (chatter) The language for the proposed Coin Act, the name of the foundation is not complete. Should be Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation. The word "charitable" I believe was left out of there. Brother Grim had pointed it out to me and that change needs to be made.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Council of Administration #2?

Perley E. Mellor, Council of Administration

Nothing further to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration #3?

Tad Campbell, Council of Administration

My report appears on Page 17. Nothing further to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Council of Administration 4. Brother Freshley?

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Nothing to add, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Council of Administration #5?

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

This was already referenced. I apologize. with Brother Petrovic. We've already had that. And Council of Administration #6, William Vieira?

William C. Vieira, Council of Administration

Commander-in-Chief, my report is found on Page 19. There are no additions.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Before we go into the communications, does the Patriotic Instructor have a prepared patriotic message he might be able to deliver at this point?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Yes, I do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Then would we do that, please. (chatter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

As citizens of the United States, we have a lot of rights. We have a natural right to life, liberty, and property. We have the Bill of Rights. And in case some of you don't know, we also have the right to remain silent.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

But while having rights, there's a problem that we as Americans often forget. Because with each right, there's a responsibility. And many of us are more than happy to say, yeah, this is my right. I had this. I have that. But where's the responsibility come in? I want to look at the flag in this context. Criminal penalties for acts of desecration to the flag were contained in Title 18, United States Code, prior to 1989. The Supreme Court decision in Texas -vs- Johnson, July 21, 1989, held the statute unconstitutional. This Statute was amended with the Flag Protection Act of 1989, imposing a fine and up to one year in prison for knowingly mutilating, defacing, physically defiling, maintaining on the floor, or trampling any flag of the Unites States. The Flag Protection Act of 1989 was struck down by the Supreme Court Decision, Unites States -vs- Ikeman in June 11th, 1990. But of course knowing that our flag stands and symbolizes our Country. Knowing that brave citizens have died and fought for our Country and flag. Knowing that white represents purity and innocence. Knowing that blue represents hardiness and valor. Knowing that red represents diligence, perseverance, and justice. And that each star represents a state where most of us were born and call home. Then surely, no responsible person would knowingly mutilate, deface, physically defile, or maintain on the floor, or trample upon Old Glory.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. We're going to go over to communications right now. Brother Palmer?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay, the bulk of the communications that I have received this year have been requests for renewal of merchandise licenses that the Council of Administration has granted. Those are renewable every two years. I received those from seven Departments and twelve Camps. As well as well as the Charitable Foundation. So I'm not going to read all of those. I did receive a letter requesting for new merchandise. Sidney Camp 41

would like to start selling flags for departed Brothers and Civil War Veterans of the Civil War and have a sample at the Council Meeting for approval if this is okay. At the Quartermaster Store level, I will have a sample of Station Banners at a better price to have in stock in the store if the Council approves. Yours in FC&L, Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW National Quartermaster. That is on the agenda for the Post Encampment Council Meeting as well as all the other handling all the requests for merchandise license renewal. I did receive an interesting communication from Susan Jamison regarding Past National President Florence Spring. And she requested that I read this at the National Encampment. "Greetings to all members of the ASUVCW." This was originally went to the Auxiliary, but she requested that this be read at the, the Sons as well. "As most of you may know, on July 21st, 2009 Past National President Florence Spring was taken from us to be reunited with her parents in God's garden. Our family was devastated. In addition to her five children and other family members, Sister Florence also left behind all the members of the Sons and Auxiliary, whom she also considered to be her family. She loved this Organization and did all she could within her power to nurture and support it for over fifty years and made many life-long friends amongst its members along the way. You can imagine our shock and hurt when no members of this Organization ..." And this is referring to the Auxiliary. "... other than the few who took a part in her funeral service attended our mother's funeral. We are at a loss to know why this had occurred. About six months later, I started to undercover the reasons why this terrible injustice had occurred. Certain members of the Auxiliary took it upon themselves to spread the word that members of the Sons and Auxiliary would not be welcome at the funeral service. Our shock turned unbelievable hurt ..." "... to burning anger that ..." someone... "... something of this nature had ever taken place. We as a family discussed it amongst ourselves and realized that we needed to write this letter to all members to say that this was not the truth. The only truth to be told is that all members of the Sons and Auxiliary would have been welcomed with open arms and deeply appreciated for taking their time to pay their love and final respects to our beloved mother and fallen Sister who hailed this Organization so close to her heart. In closing, we would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to clear this unfortunate occurrence. As our hope that by bring this situation to light, it may hopefully prevent another grieving family from having to go through this in the future. Yours in FC&L, the family of Sister Florence Spring." That concludes the communications.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Unfinished Business. Do we have any Unfinished Business to be presented? Nothing from my right. Nothing from my left. Anything from the floor? Okay, great. Reports of the National Standing Committees. National Committee of Americanization and Education, Brother Martin?

Donald Martin, Americanization and Education Committee

Nothing else.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Nothing, nothing else to add?

Donald Martin, Americanization and Education Committee

I have nothing.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Communications and Technology?

Ken L. Freshley, Communications and Technology

Nothing more to add, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Constitution and Regulations? (chatter) We're going to hold Constitution and Regulations until after the reviews of anything that's assigned to it. National Encampment Site Committee, Brother Houston?

James H. Houston, Jr., National Encampment Site Committee

Commander-in-Chief, Jim Houston, Department of Ohio. I have one correction which I was reminded of in my Report. I think it's on Page 41 or so. And that has to do with basic cost of the rooms at the 2012 National Encampment. I think it was stated in there as ninety-one. Unfortunately, it's ninety-nine. That's all. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Fraternal Relations, Brother Campbell?

Tad Campbell, Fraternal Relations Committee

My Report appears on Page 22. No additions.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Grave Registration? Is your Report the same as ... ?

Bruce D. Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

Leave it the same.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Committee on Legislation. Is Brother Earl here?

Daniel R. Earl, Legislation Committee

My Report's on Page 45 and nothing further to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Forty-five. Thank you. Lincoln Tomb Observance, Brother Petrovic?

Robert M. Petrovic, Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

My Report stands as submitted, Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Committee on Membership, Brother Schall?

D. Brad Schall, Membership Committee

Nothing further to report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Military Affairs Committee, Brother Atkinson?

Elmer F. Atkinson, Military Affairs Committee

Nothing further to report at this time.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Program and Policy, Brother Russ?

Alan L. Russ, Programs & Policies Committee

Nothing to Add

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Remembrance Day, Brother Atkinson?

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

Nothing to add, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. (chatter) The Committee on Scholarships, Brother Ertell?

Indistinguishable

Not here. (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Brother Petrovic at the Chair.

Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund

No additions to report, Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. (chatter) Reports of the National Special Committees. All right. Real Sons and Daughters. Is Brother Letzring here? No? Committee on Fort Donelson, Brother Stefany?

Jerome L. Orton, Real Sons and Daughters Committee

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. You have a report?

Jerome L. Orton, Real Sons and Daughters Committee

Commander-in-Chief the Report remains the same as it is. However, I do want to report that I do have some cards I would like the members of the Encampment to sign so that we could send to these Real Sons and Daughters cause it would make these older people very happy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right and Brother Orton, where were you going to have the cards

Jerome L. Orton, Real Sons and Daughters Committee

I will bring 'em this afternoon and there's about ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Jerome L. Orton, Real Sons and Daughters Committee

There's about forty cards.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Forty?

Jerome L. Orton, Real Sons and Daughters Committee

yes, Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, thank you.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Fort Donelson Brother Stefany?

Stuart Stefany, Special Committee to Fort Donelson

This is Stuart Stefany, Past Department Commander of Illinois, Fort Donelson Committee. previously we've had problems in Illinois with the politics Governors and ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Stuart Stefany, Special Committee to Fort Donelson

It's been very difficult to get the attention of our Representatives or Senators, but we have just, within the past two weeks, had a break though. we have a State Representative who is writing up a Resolution for the Fort Donelson and that's going to be coming up for a vote in November.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Excellent. Thank you very much, Brother. Committee on Headquarters and Archives, Brother Kuhn.

Charles E. Kuhn, Headquarters and Archival Committee

other than the fact I want to thank the Brothers of this Organization for allowing us to do this for the last two years, this is our final report. There's nothing new to add to the report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. The Canadian Veterans Recognition Monument. I know Brother LeMay's not here. Brother Heath?

Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument, Robert E. Heath

May I ?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument, Robert E. Heath

Robert Heath. I'm with the National Member-at-Large Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and also a member of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee. One of the things that I would like to ask the those assembled here, all the State Department Commanders. We really need resolutions

from those Departments in support of this project. At this point in time, I think the only ones that we have are from the Department of Pennsylvania and from the Department of New York. And I know that there are a number here from people representing Texas and Iowa Illinois and so on and so forth, Rhode Island, Wisconsin. We really need those and if you need to, you can stop and look at the monument on exhibit. You will see the Resolution signed by the Department of Pennsylvania. So you could use that as a format and just make whatever necessary changes as it pertains to your state. And we'd really appreciate that. There's also a papers on that desk, or on that table, that directs you to where to send them. So thank you very much.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. Want to pause for just a moment here and I apologize. (chatter) Okay. On the Reports that were just talked about, the Standing Committees and the Special Committees, if you had recommendations you needed to bring that up at that point. So I'm just going to refer it back real quick. Okay. The first one we see after everything that's been read is the National Scholarship Brother Ertell, did you have a recommendation on that? (chatter) Okay. That's Page 59. There's four recommendations on that their report. Is there anybody from that Committee present?

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Yeah.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Would you want to bring those recommendations up?

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please. The recommendations in these Reports need to be, be taken care of as they're brought up so, we'll do one at a time please.

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Gene Turner, Past Department Commander, Oklahoma.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Gene.

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Recommendation number one, that an applicant must have been a member of SUV or Allied Orders for a period of at least six months prior to March 31st application deadline.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any recommendations? Any objections? (chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Without a motion ... Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

James Pahl acting as Encampment Parliamentarian. Brother Kennedy I move you that any recommendations from Committee that do not require amendments to Constitution and Regulations be adopted by this Committee upon the announcement of the resolution by the chair unless objection be filed that it be adopted upon the sound of the gavel.

Indistinguishable

Second that motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and we have a second. All in favor? Opposed?

Encampment

(laughter & chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So the recommendation you had is the applicant must be a member of the Sons or Allied Orders for a period of at least six months prior to the March 31st application deadline. That's your first. Correct?

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Object.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have an objection.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I'm going to object on two grounds. First ...

Indistinguishable

Name?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. As far as many of the applicants for this scholarship only learn of our Organization when they start looking for scholarships. It was second, it was never the intent to exclude anyone from applying for the scholarship. We never had a requirement that you had to be a member. We later instituted a requirement that you had to join once they received the scholarship. We're changing the entire philosophy of the scholarship program by making this if we adopt this recommendation. And Commander-in-Chief, I therefore move you that we do not concur this recommendation.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and we have a second not to concur with this recommendation. Any comments?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. adding to what Rich said, I believe the term "member" is another problem, too, because of the fact that it's, you know, the, maybe you have no ancestry so there could be associates so I concur with Rich's appraisal of this.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any other comments? All in favor of the motion of not approve item number one, raise your cards. Down. For approval? Thank you. Motion fails.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well the motion passes, the item, or recommendation fails. Number two, please.

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Number two, that the scholarship application be modified to include the applicant's initial date of membership in the SUVCW or Allied Orders.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That would become moot by the motion number one. Continue to three please.

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Number three, that the scholarship application provide space for the applicant to include information about their involvement in the SUVCW or Allied Orders activities.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, you could leave it blank or you could fill this out. I mean if you're a member of the Order, you can certainly fill that out. Are there objections?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please, number four.

Gene D. Turner, National Committee on Scholarships

Number four, that the SUVCW Website information and application for the scholarships be modified to reflect these changes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. (chatter) Memorial Grant Fund, Brother Petrovic. Your recommendation please. This is Page 60, Brothers.

Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund

Bob Petrovic, Chairman, Memorials Grant Fund. Committee recommends that the maximum amount of a grant be five hundred dollars.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That's bringing down from one thousand to five hundred. Correct?

Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund

That's correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, D. Brad Schall

(Indistinguishable). Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander. The wording added is "up to five hundred dollars"? Is that correct?

Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund

No, it's up to five hundred dollars.

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, D. Brad Schall

Up to.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To a maximum of five hundred, correct?

Robert M. Petrovic, Civil War Memorials Grant Fund

That is correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Up to a maximum of five hundred. Okay. (chatter)

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. I think the language should basically be as it is, up to a thousand dollars rather than up to five hundred dollars. They can always object to less, err, approve less than a thousand, but it should just remain the way it is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So the objection is that it should remain as is, up to a thousand dollars. Comments, Brothers?

Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, Department of Illinois. I am opposed to setting a limit of five hundred

dollars because there are situations where an Encampment or that Committee might decide that some cause is worthy of a thousand dollar contribution. We should not change what we have done in the past and set of limit of one thousand and reduce it down to five thousand ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Jerome W. Kowalski, Department of Illinois

... err, five hundred. when we have something good, let's not reduce it to something less good, but leave it where it's at.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, my objection is the motion if you, if you please, rather than just an objection. So (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Okay. Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So we having discussion next?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We are having discussion. And you are?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

In response to Chaplain Kowalski's statement just now, it was five hundred dollars up until the last Encampment, and then it went to a thousand. And we had operated for seven or eight years, I think, under the five hundred dollar, which allows more Camps to apply for it and you know, if we're going to do the history thing, other than last year, it was five hundred dollars.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Danny?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief. my feelings are, is that last years I understand we ran out of money and there were more applications that would like to have some. And therefore, we eliminated some Camps from doing some good work. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania. I

believe the wording is "up to". Correct? "Maximum of". That means that the Committee needs to use a little bit of discretion on what they give for. It doesn't mean you have to give a thousand dollars. Even though, if you put a maximum of a thousand dollars, everybody's going to apply for a thousand. Doesn't mean you're going to have to give a thousand. I mean, the Committee can give two hundred and fifty, or a hundred and fifty, or five hundred, you know, and we have in the past done that if I recall correctly.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Where we've had Camps that have forty thousand dollars already raised and need another ten thousand, they want a thousand from us or five hundred, we'll give them two hundred fifty, so ... That's just my two cents.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Tucker?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Kevin Tucker, Civil War Memorials Officer. We just passed this last year. Five hundred dollars wasn't enough to make an impact in a lot of projects. And we had this same discussion last year and passed it. It doesn't have to be a grant of a thousand dollars. It can be a grant of a thousand dollars if it's warranted. we're, this year we didn't have any restoration projects or, or we had one restoration project coming into I think it's May. And all, all the sudden a splurge of new monuments came forward. maybe they're, maybe that's a different funding situation that we need to address. But right now, five hundred dollars doesn't make a big impact. It hardly makes any impact, you know. it's seven or eight years at, at five hundred dollars. How much has inflation gone up in that time? it's something to consider. They still have the option of reducing it to five hundred, but I would recommend that we keep the wording the way it is. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other comments? Please re-read the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Keith, just so I make sure, your motion was to leave it at the one thousand dollars, up to one thousand dollars. Correct? So you're opposing the recommendation to reduce it to five hundred?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So the motion is to keep the (chatter) Right, to not concur with the recommendation. To keep things as is. So to not concur with the recommendation, all in favor, raise your cards. Opposed? Thank you, Brothers.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The motion the recommendation fails. It remains at a thousand dollars.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The motion carries. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, for those who don't know, we're, this is all being recorded. This is verbatim. Ever read these things? A hundred years from now, they're going to read this thing and they're going to say, "well that really never passed", or whatever, so we have to be very clear on what we say on here because the future's going to look at it. Or also look at it and say, "who in the heck was that guy who kept getting up talking all the time?", so ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Your report, your report is got seven recommendations and fourteen parts it appears.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

A lot of recommendations.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. That's Page 63 - 64.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Sixty-three and 64. There was actually a photograph or a, a drawing of the projected facility, but in light of the room and volume of material here, I agree we would save a tree.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I don't think we did.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Oh well.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. please.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

You, oh you want me to go ahead?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

The Committee has determined that land should be procured, we think that a building should be built, land should be procured in a Civil War relevant area for the facility. This should be at a significant Civil War site since the National Encampment approved the recommendations of the long range planning committee at the 127th National Encampment. Consideration should be taken as to the location of the residence of the Executive Director while determining location of this facility. It is the opinion of the Committee that now is probably the best time to invest in land due to the down-turn in the real estate market. Bargains can be had and it would prove as an investment in the future even if we chose not to build a building at a later date.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any objections?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Objection.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, and also Past President of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrate's.

Encampment

(laughter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I object to this. If this is passed, this places an affirmative commitment to the Order to search for and purchase land, at a time when the budget is in the red, at a time when the economy is tanked, at a time when many Brothers are struggling to make ends meet and feed their families. I therefore move that the entire report of this Encampment Committee be tabled until such future date that the Order can financially begin to look at this.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have motion ...

Indistinguishable

Point of order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. We have a point of order.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

You cannot table to a date uncertain, we know we have an annual meeting. Anything tabled at an annual meeting automatically dies when that meeting ends.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

First of all, we can't hear. It's not being recorded on the microphone.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

That is exactly my intent.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, the improper form is tabled, is a tabling to a time uncertain. Which is what you did.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes sir.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

So you, you can just table it. You can't table to a time uncertain.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I move to table.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

And to not take and for the Brother's information as Parliamentarian, if it is not taken back up during this Encampment it dies.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That's correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So we have the second was made on the original motion. Do we still have that second? We do. Okay. (chatter) We have a second on the second. So. Okay. Okay.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I tend to disagree with this, but in light of the fact that the budget is what it is, I think it would be foolish to let it totally die. I think it's something that needs to be revisited every year. And we become in a position where it's financially sound for us to do it. Personally, I think this is

the right time to buy real estate. This is when people make money. People who have money like we do, three quarters of a million dollars. Okay. If anybody wants to figure that out, that's seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Whatever. You know. Two hundred and some thousand we can't touch, but, you know, we could buy twenty acres, you know. That saying now the rates are down. Land is cheap. Now is the time to buy. It will never get any cheaper than this. I think if we're going to do anything, I would like to revisit it. I would revisit it on an annual basis.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, this is my second time. Charlie, some of that information you just said is totally incorrect. Yes, we have three quarters of a million dollars total assets. Only three hundred and forty-three thousand of that is available for, that is not restricted in one form or another. The rest of it cannot be just invested in anything. It can't be used to buy property. And thirdly, we're already committed to using more than ten percent of that reserve to balance the budget for the coming year. We're thirty-five thousand dollars out of balance.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That is correct. That's why I would like to see it revisited, yearly, until we decide what we want to do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Thank you, Brother. Any other comments?

Eric Graff*, Department of Wisconsin

Commander, Eric Graff* from Wisconsin.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Eric.

Eric Graff*, Department of Wisconsin

I would just like to remind everybody that I believe our ancestor tried to have a University in the past and looking back into our history, I feel like that we missed an opportunity then. And I'd hate to see it happen again.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

I'm Christopher Chapman, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. And I'm going to move to amend the motion on the floor that this be tabled until the Encampment next year.

Encampment

(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

No, it's been tabled. I'm moving to amend that motion and vote, the Brothers can vote on the amendment on the table. It's

been tabled.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right now there's nothing, this (indistinguishable), so. There's a, there's a motion and a second right now to table this. We haven't voted on it. That's just, you have to, you can argue for or against that.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
Commander-in-Chief, I would argue against it on the premise that it needs to be tabled until the next Encampment. And we can readdress it. And if our financial picture changes then it can be viewed at that time. But I, I think the Brothers here ought to consider tabling it for a year.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother from, what did you say, Texas?

Encampment

(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
Georgia.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

Georgia. I'm sorry. I would, I'm sorry. It's a southern state, what can I say?

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Would you consider changing the word "tabled" to "revisited annually"?

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The problem is when you use the word table, that means when we leave this Encampment it dies. It's done.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
Well if it's tabled ...

Past Commander-in-Chief, Charles E. Kuhn

That's (indistinguishable).

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

If it's tabled without a date certain, that is correct. If we table it with a date certain to revisit, I got, I can amend the language ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, Brothers. You cannot table unless you want to bring it up this afternoon or tomorrow.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Then I'll readdress my language and, and move that it be taken off the agenda for this Encampment, placed on the agenda

for next year's Encampment, and revisited at that time.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. I will second that.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Point of order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Encampment

(laughter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, now acting as Parliamentarian. A motion to table cannot be amended.

Indistinguishable

Call the question.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

I call the question.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Actually sir, technically it's also un-debatable.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you and ...

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

All the more reason to call the question.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

As lunch is approaching, we will un-debate it. okay, the motion is to table or not to table. The motion is to table. We have a second on it. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed, raise your cards. It fails.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Huh?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That motion failed. Correct?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That motion failed. Correct.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

All right. I will make a motion that in light of the budget, the way it is, that we revisit this on an annual basis, keeping this report active till that time.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Who made the second, please? I know. I was kidding. Okay. We have the motion. We have a second. Comments?

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief.

This, you can bring up anything you want at any Encampment, so are you voting to force ourselves to do this or are we just need to not vote and let Charlie get up and do this every year? it, it seems like kind of a waste of time to vote on it when anyone can bring it up anytime.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's a new motion Charles, so I guess you got to start over.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

This, this is my comment, though.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

We, we have a motion and a second, so the reason I say that, okay, is that this report dies with this Committee. All the recommendations go out and that's two years worth of work, you know that people have already studied this and looked at it and spent a lot of time. What, in reality, we know that if it's not in the verbatim transcript here, it will be bypassed next year and something will happen. Maybe I won't be here. Maybe somebody else will not be here. And it will never be viewed again and that'll be the end. It will be swept under the carpet and we'll still be in a small office in Harrisburg in the National Civil War Museum going what are we going to do with all our artifacts and records.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Do we have ...

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. The concept of making certain that it's brought up is just that. If we don't, it will be gone and it will never be addressed. And yes Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, we can bring up anything, but if we don't ensure that we do it will not get done. So that's the intent of the motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Commander-in-Chief, Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain, Department of Illinois. I'm going to suggest that we keep this,

because when the budget is raised, I'm going to propose that those of us who can afford to in their estate, amend their wills to leave a bequest not only to the foundation or a specified account, but to the general account. If those of us who could afford it would leave five percent of their estate, we would be able to buy that land possibly by next year or the year after. But if we kill the idea and don't keep advancing it, it'll never happen. If we have negative thoughts and presume that we cannot do it, I assure you we will not do it. But if we can put our minds to something like this, then we cannot fail.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. Wasn't the first motion to adopt a concept of we should get some land some place. There was it, too, not specific enough? Shouldn't future motions, maybe next year or the year after, focus on a specific plot of land so you can see what the deal is? I don't think we should be able to adopt a concept, but an actual deal when it comes forward. I think that's what the, the Committee should work on rather than putting their suggestions together to, that we should have one close to some place and, and do all that, but come up with a specific plot of land that's for sale that we can buy and a way to buy it.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Well that ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, this, the port of, point of information. This Committee dies at the end of this Encampment, so, that's it. I mean, we can't continue on unless this body would vote to continue the Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Any other comments? All right. The motion is..

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The motion is to revisit this next Encampment. All in favor?

Indistinguishable

We have a second?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There was a second on it, yeah. All opposed? Passes.

[one rap *]

PCinC Robert Grim

Commander, I move that we extend the life of this Special Committee for one more year.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. We have a multiple seconds. This is to continue the Committee for one more year. Same Committee make up? Okay. Any comments?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Commander-in-Chief, I would offer an amendment to that motion and that is that the Committee come back with an estimated cost. Because I think that when you realize it's going to cost you six to seven million dollars to do this, and then how we're going to get that money to do it.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

we have a second, a couple seconds. Okay. On the addition to the motion, any comments?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

It's going to be expensive doing it. I'm not denying that at all. But the thing is, if we do it in stages, you know, we ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That, that's what you report back next year on. That's what we're asking for is ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, well ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. I ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Costs of construction costs are going to go up, I mean, so if we wait ten years to do it, you know, regardless if what I say this is what I say it is this year, you've got to understand it'll be inflation.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly. Any comments on that on the addendum to the

motion? Just voting on the addendum to have it come back next year with cost figures. Just that part of it. All in favor? Opposed? (chatter) Okay. It passes.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

On, on the motion itself, to extend the Committee one additional year, to report back at the next Encampment, all in favor? All opposed? Passes.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations, Charlie, you have the Committee for another year.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers. It's eleven thirty-seven. We're going to we're going to break for lunch. Return here at one o'clock. The Womans Auxiliary's going to visit us at one o'clock so please be on time.

Indistinguishable

Commander-in-Chief, if I may? would all the members of the Sons of the Revolution, not the Sons of the American Revolution, but the Sons of the Revolution please meet outside the doors here for about two minutes right after we in recess. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And Brothers, don't forget about the Chaplains, don't forget about the, the Past Commanders-in-Chiefs. Okay. Chaplains, Past Commanders-in-Chiefs. If you're both, run between the three of them, okay?

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

(break for lunch)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I hope everybody had a good break, a good lunch. We've got a few things to catch up on, but just before that I think I'm, okay, we're going to have some visitations.

Indistinguishable

Commander, sir, the greeting station of the Auxiliary of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are here.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And how many escorts would we need?

Indistinguishable

We will need two escorts, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Can I get two escorts to assist at the door, please?

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

Indistinguishable

Commander, sir, may I have the privilege of introducing the National President of the Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ms. Nancy Hilton.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And welcome. Please.

Indistinguishable

Commander, may I have the honor of presenting Ms. Anna Frail who the Department President of the Department of Rhode Island.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I've heard of that place. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Indistinguishable

Commander, I have the honor of presenting Danielle Michaels,

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

If someone would provide an escort please, and an introduction?

Indistinguishable

I would like to introduce Ms. Virginia Twist, National Vice President.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome. And the rest of the delegation is not going to need introductions? Come on in, please.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Indistinguishable

Commander, I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Arlene Rudebusch, Past National President, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 to 1865.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Welcome. Please.

[one rap *]

(Ladies singing "Lollypop Guild" from Wizard of Oz)

Encampment

(laughter, applause, and chatter)

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, President

Good afternoon, gentlemen. The ladies here assembled have worked very hard on a lot of things this year. But we have some Sisters who have brought to my attention a couple of Brothers that are in this room that deserve some special attention. We think that they should be publically acknowledged for some of the things they do. First of all, our Site Committee and 125th Anniversary Committee wishes to thank those who participated in the Apple Bees Donate For Dollars. Thank you so much. That money will go to our next year's special 125th Anniversary Encampment and it was an easy way to work. We have something special though. There's a couple of Brothers that have been called out. That have gone over and above what is required. And they brought out the true meaning. This one says, "Honorable mention to a Brother of the Year, for your endless support to the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and your personal belief in the true meaning of the words fraternity, charity, and loyalty, given this 13th day of August, 2010", and it goes to the Department of New York, Past Department Commander Jerome Orton.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, ASUVCW President

And there is another Brother. This nomination came from a Past National President. When we say that he was the best, we really mean it. This gentleman has stepped above and beyond the call of duty on many accounts. This reward is going to the Department of our Commander-in-Chief. Can Brother Bruce Frail

please come forward?

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and laughter)

Anna Frail, ASUVCW

Good afternoon, gentlemen. Leo, on behalf of our great and wonderful State, the Auxiliary, I would just like to wish you a harmonious Encampment and we're all going to have fun here in Munchkin Land.

Encampment

(laughter, applause, and chatter)

Nancy Greenwalt Hilton, ASUVCW President

We've had a great year and I want to thank the men of this National Organization for giving us a Commander-in-Chief who has so preached unity, sisterhood, brotherhood across this great nation. The fraternal relations that we've had throughout this country this year have been phenomenal. It's because you chose Leo to be your Commander-in-Chief. It's hard working with a bunch of women, and we know it.

Encampment

(laughter, chatter, and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Ladies, thank you so very much. And if I could possibly find somebody. Andrew Johnson, please.

Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. And welcome to the Sisters of the Auxiliary. Beautiful are the sweeping prairies of our beloved Kansas. Fresh and fragrant are its flowers. Bright are the blossoms that adorn its spacious fields. But no blossoms are brighter or lovelier than those of our Sisters of the Auxiliary. Joined with us to celebrate the lives and deeds of the Boys in Blue, we cherish you in brotherly love and earnestly pray that your deliberations here will be harmonious and productive. You are assured of our continuing love and support as we jointly work together for a united and better America.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sister Arlene, please.

Arlene Rudebusch, DUVCW

Good afternoon, gentlemen. I am an Auxiliary member. However, I am also a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans. I served as National Secretary at our Convention a couple of weeks ago and was asked by our new National President, Pat Kotteman, to send her regrets that she could not be here and to give you this gift of her condolence, I guess.

Encampment

(laughter)

Arlene Rudebusch, DUVCW

And I might say that the Daughters have not always enjoyed the close companionship that the Auxiliary has, but there are younger, and I use that term figuratively because of ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Arlene Rudebusch, DUVCW

... but, those of us that have husbands that are involved in the SUVCW who see no reason why we shouldn't be having more harmonious relationship and we're working toward that. I know we enjoy a very good relationship with the Sons in Nebraska and we hope that that will continue to come to National also. And we wish you all a very harmonious and productive convention, I mean encampment, excuse me, and that it's all so very enjoyable for you. And thank you very much.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you so very much.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The response, please, Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

We want to welcome you to this Encampment, and even though we may not have had the same close relationship with the Daughters that we've had with the Auxiliary, we certainly appreciate all the great work that the Daughters of Union Veterans do. And we share many of the goals and activities that your organization participates in. And we want to wish you and all the members of your Organization the very best for not only what you are doing now, but what you're planning to do in the future. And we hope to see you again at our next Encampment. Thank you very much for being here.

Arlene Rudebusch, DUVCW

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

(Ladies singing "We're Off to See the Wizard" from Wizard of Oz)

Encampment

(laughter)

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(applause, applause in unison, chatter, and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're going to continue with the reports please. The National Committee on Remembrance Day Brother Atkinson, you'd said that the report was all set. There's actually some recommendations there. If you want to address that, Bud?

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

No, I'll (indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well, you, you either have to or it fails. You have a recommendation. (chatter) I apologize. What's the page number again, Bud?

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

What was, what was that? The ...

Indistinguishable

Page Number 58.

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

Page Number is 58.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

58. Thank you. Okay.

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

Okay. You've all reading in the papers and all about the gambling coming up to Gettysburg. We've been having quite a coverage on it in the papers in Philadelphia. And there's a lot of the organizations that's coming out and against this. And including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, and quite a few other ones. Gettysburg is one of those little birthplace and all, and it's something that I think it is inappropriate to bring gambling in on us. What we, what we'd be bringing in a lot of different people that gambles and all, which I don't think we're looking for at Gettysburg. And it's my opinion that this Organization, let it go on record, and recommend that these gambling does not come to Gettysburg. Now from what I could find out, some of the people up there said it's going to go through. Others say it's not. The idea that I can get off of most of them, the Gettysburg Hotel will stay the same that it is. The building down below it will be tore down and that's where the gambling hall's going to be. So this is within a half of mile of the, the battlefield. And my personal opinion is it does not belong there. So it's up to you people here today what we do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So you made the recommendation that the Sons of Union Veterans at the National Encampment take the steps to make known to the proper authorities the opposition to such a desecration

to the hallowed ground of Gettysburg. Correct?

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

That's correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That's a second. Okay. Any comments?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Object.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have an objection.

Elmer F. Atkinson, Remembrance Day Committee

He, he was the one that get me to change my mind to a little bit. It's up and this is where we'll and I don't think we need gambling in Gettysburg.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And who are you?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department, Past Commander-in-Chief. Also a member of Gettysburg Camp 112. This is the second time we've been around on this deal with the gambling in Gettysburg. The first time they had proposed to put the gambling casino across from where the Windom Hotel is at the intersections of Route 30 and Route 15, which was further away from the battlefield at the time. It was within a mile of East Calvary Field. Now we're back looking at the Eisenhower Inn site and they're talking about possibly, I guess the casino portion itself will be down in the area where the sports center is there at the Eisenhower. I don't know if you're familiar with it, but it sets down below the area there and the hotel would be rooms for rent, you know, or hotel rooms. I'm opposed to it. This Organization taking a stand on it is a very heated issue right now in Gettysburg. And it seems like every time I turn around, the people there that are up in arms aren't even the people who live there. There's a serious tax consequence right now in Adams County. The town of Gettysburg has over half of the properties removed from the tax base. Over half. That means people who live in Gettysburg are paying twenty-five and twenty-six mils. It's outrageous. They reassessed the property in this county and my home being one of them they went from a half assessment to full assessment. All right. Which we

allowed by ballot. But their object was, they said, well we're going to reduce the millage if you allow us to assess it to full value. And which they did. But they haven't assessed in ten years. They came out, in the county, and there's such an uproar now that they have signs, tax oppression and everything all over the county. My assessment on my home went from seventy-one thousand dollars to half a million.

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(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

My taxes more than doubled. With the casino coming in, that's going to help some tax relief to the area. I'm in favor of the casino coming in. But more so than that. Okay? This is a very heated discussion. I encourage every Brother to stand there as an American citizen and, and, and, and argue his point. But I don't think that this Organization should be embroiled in it. It's going to alienate a lot of Brothers in this Order that are in favor of it. I know that in this room, there's a number of people who are in favor of that casino being there. And not just from, from the Pennsylvania Department. There are other battlefields where there are casinos. Another famous battle that was decided the same time as the Battle of Gettysburg was the Battle of Vicksburg. There are casinos in Vicksburg. That has not affected that battlefield at all. You know, the man owns a property. The man that owns the property and the man that's putting this forward has backed the community. He has given large donations to the fire companies, to the emergency services of the county. He's provided a lot of money for a lot of charities. This is his property. He owns it. He's paid for it. He wants to develop it in the way he wants to. This is not on the battlefield. This is two miles from the battlefield. I just don't think that this Organization really needs to get mixed up in the middle of it and it needs to be a local issue rather than, than a national issue. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks, Charlie.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

And I move that we reject the amendment of the ... or reject the recommendation of the Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah there, there's a motion on the floor already to, what was the exact ...

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(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. There was motion to concur, so you oppose the motion?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I oppose the motion, yes, I oppose the motion to concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Steve Hammond Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. I'm also a member of the Anna M. Ross Camp Number 1, Department of Pennsylvania. I'm also like Charlie, a native of the town of Gettysburg. And I'm also a realist. There are financial issues that are involved here. Right now I agree with Charlie. The man owns the property, it's not on the battlefield. We have said this is sacred ground. Then define for me or define for the people of Gettysburg the line where sacred ground stops and non-sacred ground begins. If they try and build it on a another road, it's going to be, oh well, that's the road that Jeb Stewart withdrew on. You know. The, the entire town is, is just surrounded by sacred ground. And where does it stop? The town has, and, and I personally oppose putting a casino there. But I agree with Charlie. I don't think that this Order should take a stance on it. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Eugene Mortorff, Department of Maryland Commander. however, I live in Adams County, Pennsylvania. And like Charlie I also rise hoping that we, that we reject this recommendation. even though it's not a nationally a political issue, it locally it's very much a political issue. and, and I don't have normally have a problem with anyone in this room. As in fact, I encourage that if you feel strongly one way or the other to personally send a letter of one way or the other to whoever you wish. But, that, to have the National Encampment get involved in a political issue like this I don't bodes well. It, it's not on the battlefield. It just isn't. I mean, you know, as far as what, if you was to ask anyone who lives in Gettysburg or in Adams County if this is "the battlefield", they would say no. You can't even see it from where most the people are on the battlefield. If you could, if you could stand any place, including on top of Little Round Top, and you could see it, I'd be totally against it. But this is going to damage, you know, not having it is, is I think wrong as far as the, the community of, in Adams County is concerned.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brother. Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, acting as Parliamentarian. I'm a little confused by your ruling. Ask for clarification. By the rules of the Encampment, as I understand them Brother Kuhn's motion is the current motion on the floor. To reject the recommendation. We are acting ad-seriatim. The recommendation was made. An objection was filed. That leaves the floor open to motion. Brother Kuhn has made that motion. you were indicating the opposite. And I'm asking you to clarify that please.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly. The report was read with a recommendation. A motion to approve and it had second to it.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That was I would move, I, as a point of order that that motion was out of order by the rules of the Encampment. We are acting ad-seriatim. It would have been approved at the sound of gavel unless a challenge or objection had been made so, if we're going by Roberts Rules of Order ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So then effectively, there's no motion on the floor at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

No, effectively, the motion on the floor is Brother Kuhn's, to reject the committee's recommendation.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I did not receive a second on it though, did he?

Indistinguishable

Yes it did.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Who, okay. All right, so the motion is then to reject the

...

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

The Committee's recommendation.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... recommendation from the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

That is my understanding, Parliamentarian and procedure-wise.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And I appreciate your assistance.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Thank you, sir.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

Douglas McMillin, Department of Pennsylvania

Douglas McMillin Department of Pennsylvania and Commander of Gettysburg Camp 112. This subject, I was afraid was going to come before us just because it is such a volatile issue and so near and dear to all of our hearts as Civil War Historians and the organization that we belong to. And I have to admit that as much as I am personally deeply opposed to the casino coming into Gettysburg, I have to agree with Charlie that this issue has political ramifications in that town and nationally, that as an apolitical organization, we simply cannot get involved with this particular fight. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brother. Brother Darby?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. As much as I hate to admit this, I agree with Charlie.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) The thing is, you know, everybody, I think it, it becomes a moral issue of whether you like gambling or not. Not, if you've ever been to the Eisenhower Inn, if you stand at the top, you can barely see the sports area where it is now. If they're going to tear that down and put the, it, you're not going to be able to see it. If you're going to complain about this, then you'd better start talking about the McDonald's across the street and the little gift shops down there because they're, and the high school, don't forget about the high school.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

You know, you, I don't think we need to, to be getting into this dog fight. Okay. That's it. And I'm not from Pennsylvania. (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I just would like to say I...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

This is Charlie Kuhn again.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm in favor of every Brother that opposes it, opposing it. But, and exercising their right. That's what's great about

this country. We all can agree to disagree and ... (chatter).
And ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

You know? And, and that's, that's what's great. You know. And I want the Brothers to exercise their right if they if they think it's wrong, go and protest it. If they think it's right, go in, in favor of it. But the National Organization as a whole should not, as an organization be involved in this.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Chaplain Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska, Chaplain. As a man of God, I oppose gambling in any form. Having said that, I do not believe that it was the members of the GAR or this Order's intention to dictate morality to anyone on any issue. It's not our place.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. And to the back.

Indistinguishable

(applause)

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

In the back, please.

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado & Wyoming

Gary Parrott, Past Department Commander Department of Colorado and Wyoming. As you all know, I am an SOB. And so the left side of me says the rebels want to desecrate whatever the Union had. However, on the right side of me, the heart of my heart, knows through all the research that I have done for the Grand Army of the Republic and trying to reassemble our lost history, I have come across numerous references in the old proceedings of the Grand Army of the Republic books that were published from the 1800's until the mid 1900's. Numerous times, our ancestors that were actually members of the Grand Army of the Republic wrote letters to their legislators and their congressmen, and even the President of the United States, and opposed to putting up Confederate monuments in certain parks, like Arlington, downtown Washington D. C. Those would be today considered politically incorrect because we weren't sensitive, they were not sensitive to the other side. However, those were our ancestors, my ancestors, that voted yes to oppose any sort of desecration to the battlefields that our ancestors fought on. So I have to rise and In support of saying no on the casino.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Junior Vice Commander Brad Schall. Am I voting on why I'm opposed to gambling in Gettysburg or am I voting on I'm opposed to this Organization sending a letter in support of no. Which of the two am I voting on?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That, that's the latter one you are. Okay. Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I'm Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. I rise to a point of order again to the statement made by our Brother Commander of the Gettysburg Camp. That this is a political issue that the Order doesn't have anything, should not have anything to do with. We are allowed, as a group, to participate in public debate. What we are not allowed to do is in Court, endorse candidates to public office. That is the political item that we're not allowed to become in. So public debate of items that may or may not have impact on a community, we are very welcome to participate in. It's only the public election of elected officers we cannot get into.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

May I speak?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Keith Rockefeller, Chaplain, Shiloh Camp Number 2, Department of Nebraska. I am a pastor and I want to raise two questions. First of all, as a group, do we have the right and do we have the moral imperative to stand against things which damage peoples' lives and to take a moral stand? And we know for various statistics what gambling does. The lives are ruins, the families that are torn apart, the children that are abused, the problems with alcoholism that arise, the number of people who are in various levels of recovery from addiction. And as an organization, do we want to remain silent either way while someone attempts to push something in a community that which we hold dear, that destroys lives? And so, I acknowledge whatever the decision of the SUV is, but I will vote against any kind of putting of gambling in. I recognize a person's right to do so, but I also recognize the right of a person to take a loaded 357, put it to their head with a loaded round in there, and blow their head off. And I do not believe we should be remain silent

about practices which ruin lives.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other comments?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

What was that, Charlie? Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Brothers I rise in support of the motion to not concur. We're not voting on whether or not, we're not voting to support or not support gambling. That's not the issue. The issue before this body is whether or not we as an organization will take a stand. Within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Department of Pennsylvania has a very good working relationship with a number of politicians at the State level. They have been very helpful to us. I guarantee you, if we jump into this foray, we are going to lose a lot of that support. This body taking action will probably be more harmful to our own interests within Pennsylvania than it is going to help us. Are we going to cut our nose off to spite our face? That's what it comes down to.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Last chance. Any more comments? Thus, my friends, we will vote. Motion is made to reject the recommendation to support, to write a letter trying to read this. To make known our to proper authorities the, our opposition. So the motion has been made to reject that. All in favor? All opposed? It carries.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. National Committee on Education and Leadership, Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, National Education and Leadership Committee

Bob Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief. Page 74. Our Committee has three recommendations. One, we recommend that the Memorial University be administered by the Standing Committee on Americanism and Education and that the National Patriotic Instructor, who serves as Chairman of that Committee, serve as the Director of the Memorial University. The National Patriotic Instructor has performed this duty for the past year with great success.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You've heard the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I would, because this requires changes

to the job description for the Patriotic Instructor and changes to the Regulations, I would move you that we concur and that it be forwarded to the Committee on Program and Policy for modify the job description of the National Patriotic Instructor and report that back to this Encampment at a later time. And it also be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to make the appropriate changes there.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Who made the second? There's a second. Brother Don?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, Patriotic Instructor. I would like some clarification on what you mean by the Administration. What exactly are you looking at with that?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Basically our thought there, and of course this be in the job description detailed a little better maybe. But our basic thought was that the Patriotic Instructor would be the person who would be responsible for updating the questions, the person who would be responsible for seeing there's certificates and pins and this type of thing is prepared and the presentations are made and the detailed work of making the thing work.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

What about the Committee though. In what terms, so just in kind of a support role or what's needed then?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. The Patriotic Instructor's in charge of that Committee and ...

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Right.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

... he can have the Committee do whatever functions he wants dealing with the administration of it.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

All right. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any other comments? All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Our second recommendation, we recommend that the National Treasurer include an amount of two hundred dollars each year in the SUV CW budget to pay for the cost of pins, certificates, and other miscellaneous expenses associated with administering the Memorial University.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Yeah, we would modify the recommendation in that the funds should be from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Commander Chaplain Marc, Nebraska. last year I brought up this question and yes, we've had a year now. Is two hundred dollars enough to administer this?

Encampment

(chatter)

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

How much did we spend last year?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

Last year we had to buy the pins and of course we have enough pins to last for three years. the Certificates normally run basically a dollar a piece. And postage and this type of thing is involved. And I think two hundred dollars is ...

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Well the Committee's comfortable with this figure?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

I think so, yeah.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Thank you, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, would that, would that require a change in the Regulations to allow the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund to be, whatever, to the money come from that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, well, but, but it isn't going to change anything in the C & R? Or the Regulations about it? What it was defined for?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The answer was that this was looked at and it's going to be addressed later on in the budget to make that money available and it was going to be out of that account without any problem.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And our third recommendation that this Special Committee be discharged since the task for which it was created has been completed.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Okay. Battle Flag Preservation Committee, Brother Norris?

Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation

Ed Norris, Battle Flag Preservation Committee. My report can be found on Page 75 and there is no changes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The Memorial Day Report ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Peterson's not here? Is ... If Brother Peterson's not here, I didn't know he

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And what page is that on, Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The recommendations are on 75. The report starts on like 74. These are all pretty much cut and dried.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well seeing as you're up there, you want to read 'em?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I'll read 'em for ya'. to have the Commander-in-Chief issue a General Order encouraging all our Brothers, all our members, families, co-workers, friends, and members of other organizations become more involved in this program.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition? I'm assuming by "Commander-in-Chief", he means the one tomorrow afternoon?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Encampment

(laughter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Continue.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

To encourage each Department to appoint a Brother to serve as a coordinator within their respective Department to assist in this matter.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We talked about this before. This actually creates a job.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. Okay. All right. Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

To encourage all Departments, SVR Units to set up informational tables at events they attend during the year to provide information to those who attend the event and gather signatures.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That is to encourage.

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

To encourage all our members to make contact with their Congressional Delegation and encourage them to support this effort in Bill S-70.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That's all there is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie. The before we get to the Civil Sesqui-Centennial, let's back up for just a second to the GAR Sesqui-Centennial. we had the report earlier, but it had recommendations. Rich, which page was that, please?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Recommendations are on 67.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The first recommendation is that we continue to pursue the Grand Army of the Republic Commemorative Coin with Congress.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we continue to pursue the Commemorative Stamp with the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee and the United State's Postal Service.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

A separate committee be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to plan, devolve, and implement a commemorative event on or about 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois or thereabout and our Sister Orders, the Allied Orders of the GAR, be invited to participate in all level of the planning and implementation where the scope of this Committee, being the existing Committee, be expanded to include such an event and the Committee authorize to seek participation in the other Allied Orders.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

That's the recommendations adopted by 2008 and 2009 National Encampment be implemented this year, including but not limited to, the Special Sub-Committee of the Communications and Technology Committee, to assist the National Webmaster with the requisite changes to the GAR Post Information. The website be modified as approved by the 2008 National Encampment.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Each Department submit a plan to determine what records exist within its service area with GAR records, where those records are, and accessibility of those records. Said plan to be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief no later than July 15, 2016, and implemented as soon as that compilation of exstamp* (sic), of exstamped (sic) GAR Records is compiled. That should be 2016. That's supposed to be July of next year. That should be 2011 and implemented as soon as possible so the compilation of exstamped (sic) GAR records is completed by the 2015 National Encampment. And a note, this was adopted previously at a 2009 and it has not been implemented.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Say again?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No Department submitted their report that was due the 10th of July.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, that commete..., completes the report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. The Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee. Brother Beard is not here. The report is.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander. Please read ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please remind me of the page we're on please.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Thanks, Brother. Yes. The report is, this starts, begins on Page 64, Brothers.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Chairman Mike Beard was not able to join us for our Encampment. He has tasked me with getting results on the recommendations from the Committee. To that end, Brothers, last night I took the opportunity to speak directly to the C of A, probably out of order. No protocol on my part. I just wanted to make sure we got done what we needed to get done and that, at that conversation last night, the C of A made some recommendations to me. I have slightly reworded the recommendations of the Committee. Although substantially it's the same. I have been told I need to read the entire recommendations for you. I will tell you first what I'm going to tell you. Then I'm going to tell you, then I'm going to ask you to vote for them. First, We ask for four requests. One, approve the definition of a Signature Event. Two, approve the process for selection of a Signature Event. Three, approve a Sesqui-Centennial medal for sale to SUVCW Brothers. Four, approve for sale a bar, commemorating Signature Event participation. That's what we would like our assembly today to come to. Let me first mention and refer to recommendations for the National Encampment for the Signature Event. I was suggested that some of the verbiage be crafted a little bit, to go a little softer on the GAR, so some of that's been removed. I, it, it, the amended report reads as follows, Commander. The Special Committee for the Sesqui-Centennial recommends a page on the National SUVCW Website to advertise and promote SUVCW Sesqui-Centennial Signature Events. The Committee recommends Signature Events, in quotes, be defined in, as an event meant to educate its members and the public on the legacy of the valued work done by all United States Military Forces between 1861 and 1865, with the following characteristics. One, a direct connection with the Civil War Sesqui-Centennial. Two, be of National or State significance. Three, not have any sponsors or co-sponsors that would prove embarrassing to the SUVCW. Footnote one: I have reworded this a little bit, gentlemen. This definition is meant to discourage the SUVCW from associating with events that denies slavery as a central cause of the Civil War. Speak despairingly of the cause to preserve the Union or of President Abraham Lincoln, the United States Military Forces, and the Grand Army of the Republic. Next point, four, not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. Five, present the United States and its Military Forces in a positive

manner. Finally included, a SUVCW Camp or Department as a sponsor of the event in some manner.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That is your first recommendation, correct?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

That's the first recommendation. Yes, sir. The sponsoring Camp, those are the criteria for a Signature Event. The sponsoring Camp or Department would be allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event. Camps and Departments seeking to have a Signature Event recognition and approval as follows. This then is the process for approval. It first starts at Camps. Camps would submit proposed Signature Events through their Department Commander, and must have the Department Commander's approval. Then it goes from the Department, up to the Committee. The Department request would describe the event and outline how it meets the intended definition of Signature Event. Fifth, next. The Department Commander will submit the request to the National Sesqui-Centennial Committee for approval. The National Sesqui-Centennial Committee will submit a proposed Signature Event to the Council of Administration for approval. Upon, upon Council of Administration approval, the Committee will post the event through the SUVCW Webmaster, to the SUVCW Sesqui-Centennial Events page, and notify the sponsoring Camp or Department. Next, the approval process would be in writing using e-mails, supplemented as necessary with verbal phone or in-person communications. Finally, documentation of each Signature Event will be recorded by the Committee and presented to the Council of Administration annually so a permanent record of these events may be preserved. That is the process. First it starts with the Camps, Department, Sesqui-Centennial Committee, and then the C of A. Therefore the four points for recommendation approval of the definition of a Signature Event. Two, approval of the process for the Signature Event. And I'll move on the medal. Gentlemen, you want to open a bag of worms, start talking about making a medal.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, hold on, hold off for just a second.

Indistinguishable

First recommendation would be a change in the website.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right. Let's, let's take these one at a time. The first recommendation was the page on the website. Correct? They're not numbered. It's difficult to (indistinguishable).

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The second one is the recommendations for the Signature Event and the definition of a Signature Event?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Going from Page 64 to 65.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Slightly modified, yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. And ending at the last point to include a, a SUVCW Camp or Department as a sponsor of the event in some manner?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. That's the second point. Okay. Any opposition?

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Objection.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Commander. Gary Parrott, Past Department Commander Department of Colorado and Wyoming. A question in regards to the footnote. The definition is meant to discourage the SUV from associating with events that deny slavery, etc., etc. Is that prohibition (sic) or just discouraging? Cause I'm looking at the SCV, the UDC, the Order of Confederate Rose has a source of money to fund a project. Or do, are we going to be eliminating them from participating?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

That's, that's a wonderful question. The Chairman, Mike Beard, put that in there in order to give the Order some room to independently work as, as particular Camp and Department necessary. There are some SVC groups we will not work with. And we know who they are and we don't want to work with 'em. We don't want to be handcuffed to having to work with them. We'd like the ability to say no, we don't necessarily have to. There are some that we will work with. For example, the Department of Texas has recently submitted has submitted a request for a Signature Event approval based on Twig's Surrender to be held mid-February of next year and that is in conjunction with an SCV Camp and we think they're good fellows and they're

going to work well with us and reflect us well. So this, this, this footnote was added by the Chair's discretion to give us a little wheeler room on gentlemen, we need to be realistic and not be forced to work with everybody and I think it, it stands good direction.

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Commander, I withdraw my objection.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Please.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

I would have a question. Mark Day Maryland Department, Taylor-Wilson Camp, Lynchburg, Virginia. I have to work with the SVC on a regular basis, UDC and other people being down there in Virginia. Who defines who is a group that we will not work with? Is there going to be a list?

Encampment

(laughter)

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

I think that that's very ambiguous.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

And who determines this particular point. Is it determined by the local committee? I mean this is, this is a big, big gray area here, gentlemen, and, and I'm not really all that happy with that much gray.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander, may I address that question, please?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander, to address that question, there are enough process steps from the Camp to the Department to the Sesqui-Centennial Committee to the C of A to, to whittle through and ensure that our order is, is received in a good order. And that any lack of a better word, gentlemen, I, just that anything that doesn't look good for us or work for us not be approved. So there are enough stops in there, Brother, I think to not have to be tied to a list and yet give us enough room to do what we deem necessary and appropriate on the day-to-day drive of our Order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, when you, when you read the definition, it says in, from associating with events. Not with organizations. So it's not so much associations with other organizations, it's an event that may, you know, be prove embarrassing to the SUV CW, as the definitions thereof. So I don't know if you want to readdress that?

Indistinguishable

Go ahead, Mark.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Well the only, the only problem that, that I really see here is that for a local group that's wanting to do an event, that is trying to work in close cooperation, as the gentleman from Colorado was pointing out would he, to, say it says something as simple as, I'm trying to do a monument. So, if you're doing a monument in, in Virginia, we're going to have SCV people involved. We're going to have UDC people. We have Sons of both of who are involved in fundraising and a lot other things. I mean, and then I submit this whole package to this nebulous entity above me. Right?

Indistinguishable

Okay.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

No, the, the Camp sent it to the Department. The Department sends it on and then, but, how do, you know, at any point in there, at the will or whim of any individual person who may not, the entire project could be scuttled as a Signature Event. Now don't get me wrong, it, we're not that doesn't stop me from having an event, it just would not be allowed to be a Signature Event. However, I think that the idea of branding our events as Signature Events during the 150th Centennial Sesqui-Centennial, is, is highly desirous. So, I again, you know, I'm not, I'm torn on this and I just want to make the point that, that just seems to be a lot of ambiguity in this for the people who are trying to organize such an event.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Not have any sponsors or co-sponsors that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW. Heck, that could mean the President of the United States. We'd not know who it's going to be.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm serious. I obviously it may not be Obama or somebody else, it might be somebody else. It might be a total idiot up there. You know. It could be anybody. you know, I think that whole line, that one line, could be removed totally. Other than that, I like the thing, the, the program here and I, that, that the one that, that's eliminating sponsors and co-sponsors that might be embarrassing. You don't know who's going to be embarrassing.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Are you making that a motion?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

well, there's already a motion on the floor to object.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So you make the addendum ...

Indistinguishable

Objection's (indistinguishable).

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I will move you that we accept that as a whole with the exception of that not have any sponsors or co-sponsors that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have a second, a motion and a second on the floor. Any other comments on that?

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I re... (indistinguishable) the whole concept of ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you are?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

I'm sorry. Don Martin, National Patriotic Instructor. I think it'd be real good to leave this out because I think this is really defining and the footnote is it's, yeah, kind of, could become problematic in trying to accomplish what we're accomplishing, so ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brother. All right. All in favor of approval with the removal of that one section ... That was your motion, Charlie. Correct?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Approval of that, with the removal of not have any sponsor or co-sponsor that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW with the footnote included, raise your cards. Against?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Great, thank you.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Thank you Brothers. You should have been at the Committee meeting. Here we go.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Commander-in-Chief, a point here, before our Brother continues ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

...um... if I may?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you are?

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Doug Fidler, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee.

Indistinguishable

I know (indistinguishable).

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

In the report that the Committee submitted last year, there were actually two other purposes that the medals served that are not being addressed here and I just want to ensure if that, you know, if that's going to be the case or (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We can only address the report's that's in front of us, are the two last recommendations. If something passed last year and hadn't come to fruition, then speak to the Chair and ask him to promote that ...

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Well ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... if it was approved.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

... he asked. I'm not sure that it's been addressed. That's the problem.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

You know, from last year?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. Bringing up an old business, I would probably get to that later today or first thing in the morning.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

I'll, I'll wait till then.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Have we approved?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We did. Go to the third item.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Third item. And this is where the medal comes in gentlemen. Approve a Sesqui-Centennial Medal for sale for the SUVCW Brothers. And the fourth item, which is related to it, to approve for sale a bar commemorating Signature Event participation. Some of the issues that will probably be discussed on, on the medal is, who gets it, and who wears it, and what happens to it? Is it purchased by anybody? And then who does the design? Who stands in front of the Licensing Committee? And who buys it, and who pays for it, and who manages the sale of the process? Since my meeting last night with the, with the Council of Administration, I have added the following to the Committee's summary, and have actually resolved some of this. But I'll read it anyway gentlemen. Following approval as a Signature Event, the Committee recommends a Memorial Medal and associated devices denoting participation be appointed for sale to SUVCW members. The medal approval process will conform to all National Order standards and the requirements. As funding for this medal and attached events specific bars are pending, the Committee is open to source options. Potential funding options include the National Quartermaster or the SUVCW Foundation to arrange for the production and management of the items sale. Another option is for the Camp or Department to underwrite the cost and manage the process. This morning I have visited with the SUVCW Foundation and we'll meet within this afternoon. They are receptive to funding and working with the design process. So we have found a champion to help design work through the approval process and fund.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you want to are you asking for approval now ...

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

I am.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... or are you going to send it to them to come forward with the request for approval once the medal is ready to be seen?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

I am open to suggestions, Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm waiting to hear from you. (laughter)

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

I would, I would like to have it done. I think the cart before the horse. So, so let's put the horse before the cart.

Let's approval the medal for sale and the bar for sale, and then go to ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Approve on the medal?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

If approved. And then from there ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sure we'll approve on the concept before the actual (indistinguishable). Correct?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Yes, because the concept is presented in, in, in the report is, is an example as a kind of, as a default medal and I'm sure there's some possibilities of approaching it. The issue on who gets the medal. Any, any member of the SUVCW may purchase the medal. And then when you participate in an event, should the event, which to fund the bar attach, attachment Manassas / Gettysburg to be added as a bar to the medal. But that would be a purchase by participants. The medal would be for sale to everybody. It's the intent that, that the medal money, money driven from the medal sale go directly into the Order and not anybody's pockets. I recommend sir, the Committee recommends that we approve a Sesqui-Centennial Medal for sale and the associated bar.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition? Please.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

George Powell, Department of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief. Not opposition sir, but, but a question. if you have other sponsors, are they going to want to be able to purchase this medal?

Indistinguishable

Why not?

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. Why not? That's, but then you're selling it. Then we're getting into tax problems again. where, we're selling it to non-SUVCW members. And you've got it, it says Sons of Union Veterans, yeah, right on the medal. I don't know. I say, I'm not objecting to this. I think it's a good idea. But I got questions about the tax purposes, responsibilities.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Yes. After our conversation last night, please, Rich.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. The problem is the terminology we're using. We don't sell the medal. We make it available for a minimum contribution or a minimum donation. Whatever, we ultimately set as the minimum price, that these would be made available for, the wording that

has to be used on anything that goes to anyone other than a Brother in this Order, who wishes to purchase it is, it is available for a minimum contribution of x amount of money. They're free to make much more of a contribution if they so wish. But in order for them to obtain the medal, they have to make a minimum contribution. That then is not a sale. We are giving them something in return for their contribution or donation.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Does that need to be in the recommendation here?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That, the recommendation needs to be re-crafted to get rid of sale, purchase, or anything of such nature in order to avoid us having to pay income taxes.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

All right, then, then, Commander-in-Chief, I would put forth a motion to say just what Richard just said with the ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

... so that we go ahead with this, but that the Order is protected from tax problems.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So you don't want to wordsmith it yourself?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

No, no, no, no, no, no.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So you put forth that motion of what he just said ...

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Exactly.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Ed Kreiser said that's what I heard and that's what we'll do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have a motion and a second.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Speaking on this issue alone?

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brothers.

Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin J. Frail

Brother Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin J. Frail

Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island. Two questions about the Special Events. Who is to recommend Signature Events be to be defined as? Who has the final say in what a Special Event is and is not? I as a member of (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The Council of Administration will be the ones to do that.

Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin J. Frail

The Council..., and, also I had a second question. I'll come back to it if I think of it.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, through you to Brother Rudy. Have they come up with a form to fill out for, to do a Signature Event yet cause Gettysburg Camp's going to do one for the Sesqui-Centennial of the battle.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Is that going to be something the Program and Policy is going to have to handle? To design a form for this, or are you going to let the Committee design the form?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The Committee can design it, but Programs and Policy's going to have to approve.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Look at it, yes. Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. And they would really prefer that I think.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. Okay. The sooner that probably gets done, then I can go ahead and put my paperwork in.

Encampment

(chatter)

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander, Blair Rudy of Texas, Department of Texas. The Committee did not generate a form. I am opposed to a form. I think a form is too limiting. I think we're going to see a wide range of, of applications. And as long as the points are addressed in the application I don't, not necessarily sure that a form is necessary.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yet they maybe want to be a way to trace this so that everything is documented, so, if someone were to make that motion about making sure there's a form to document it and, you know ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother, all you do is say, make a letter, a letter.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Is that you again, Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that all we'll require to apply for this will be a letter to the Sesqui-Centennial Committee explaining what you're going to do, when you're going to it, and where you're going to do it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

(second)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Multiple seconds. Comments? (chatter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, Patriotic Instructor. In terms of a form versus a letter, I think some kind of format and, for people that are like me, that like to have that, okay, what are you looking for. The other thing is for Department Commanders, a letter, and if you've ever read people just writing about things versus following a format, if you've got a lot of this to go through and you have to pick out every little detail, well where's this at, well where this at, it's a hassle. Where if you have some kind of a general form, okay, well here's your addressing this point in this paragraph, here's your addressing that point. I would make it a whole lot easier to process than just a general letter.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. you, are you on a different subject or this subject?

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Well Jim Braden, Department of Iowa Commander. Just a point. I don't recall us voting on the last portion about the approval process, that that was approved as you know, further recommendation that, that we voted up through the medal, but I don't recall us voting to approve the approval process itself.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We finish this and we'll take a look at that. I thank you very much.

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Okay, and I do have a question on that once we go forward with that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly.

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Harrison?

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. The directive in terms of what has to be addressed is there already. I don't think it needs to be elaborated any further than the top of Page 65. If each one, each and every one of those points area addressed, then you've addressed the issues. There's your, there's your points to address.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

[one rap *]

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

This here's Doug Fidler, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee, present and member of the Committee, and probably former.

Encampment

(laughter)

Douglas K. Fidler, Department of Tennessee

As in Air Force trained form maker, I will be happy to create something that, that I am willing to submit for, you know, future approval that I think will deal with all that we're talking about, so ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Again, Commander I address that concept of the letter versus the thing. Is one again ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you are? You are?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Don Martin, Patriotic Instructor.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Again this is, part of this would be to make it an ease of process in terms of looking at it as Department Commanders and also C of A. Because once again, you might have the guidelines here, boom, boom, boom, but doesn't mean people are going to write a letter saying, one, here's this, two, here's that. And it could stream-line it and make it a whole lot easier if you can see exactly where these things are coming one at a time versus dissecting a whole letter.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster

Commander, Brother Ken Freshley, National Webmaster. I would like to see some type of organized application and not to be selfish, but there's a lot of stuff on my plate, and for me to read through a bunch of letters trying to pick out what's what and what needs to be put on the website, makes it a little difficult for me, so I would like to see some type of organized application. Whether it's a form or application.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Robert W. Davis, Department of Ohio

Commander, Robert W. Davis Department of Ohio, immediate Past Department Commander. I know from past experience dealing as Senior Vice Commander in the Department, and with the Monuments and Memorials, and etc., the forms, you've got to have forms. You can look at this packet now, Camps and Departments later, not going to know what that says. It's not going to get passed to everybody. Forms, when you have it down there what's your event is, where it's at, what it's about, etc., the form gets submitted. It's a lot easier to read that form piece by piece by piece. We can't rely on that to read it and know what it says down the road.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Point of order. Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, acting as Parliamentarian. We're engaged in a debate without a motion on the floor. Either someone make a motion ...

Indistinguishable

There's a motion on the floor.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

What motion is on the floor. I must have missed it then.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To accept a letter for the award, not one ...

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I missed that motion. I apologize.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It was actually a second on it as well.

Don Gates, Department of Texas

Commander, Don Gates, Camp Number 18, Department of Texas, Camp Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sure.

Don Gates, Department of Texas

I would like to point out that as with most processes, and this is a fairly lengthy processes for approval, that as persons wishing to have a project or a, in this case an event approved, they are going to make an effort to discover and understand the form of the letter or whatever the requirement is to be turned in, that was, will allow that they get it approved. If it goes up to the Camp Commander and the Camp Commander looks at it and it's a bunch of gibberish, it's going back. And that's the way it should be. There should be no need for crating lengthy forms and in this case, they could be very complex forms, because there may be a need to, and whoever, a lot of different types of events that might be considered syndicate, or, Signature Events. Thank you, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Any other comments? Okay. Wasn't sure. then the, the motion on the floor made by Brother Kuhn and multiple seconds was to accept a letter for the awards stating the information on the event. All in favor? All opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Opposed have it.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Anybody want to make a motion?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Committee on it Civil War Sesqui-Centennial be instructed to develop a very simple form that's simply going to be bullet, space, bullet, space, to provide the required information and a place on the bottom of the form for the requisite signatures for approval. Uh... and then submit that to the Program and Policy for final approval.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and multiple seconds. Comments? All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It passes. Thank you, Brothers. All right. What was the part we missed now? I'm sorry.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

I believe this, Commander, Blair Rudy, Department of Texas.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

I believe the part that we had missed was the process from Camp to Department to the Committee, to the C of A, from a process of approval.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Where was that on this page? okay. It's right above the Sesqui-Centennial Medal? Okay. Do you want to read it, or ...

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Read the process again, sir?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

you'd already ...

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

The process is Camps submit proposed Signature Events to the Department Commander. Then from the Department Commander it goes to the National Sesqui-Centennial Committee for approval. The National Sesqui-Centennial Committee will submit the proposed Signature Event to the Council of Administration for its approval. Upon Council of Administration approval, the Committee will post the event through the Webmaster, to be posted on the website and notify sponsoring Camp or Department. The process would be used including e-mail, voicemail, verbal mail, and an in-person communications. Documentation of each Signature Event will be recorded by the Committee and presented to the Council of Administration annually so a permanent record of the events may be preserved.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

That's the process.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

James Braden, Department of Iowa

it's not so much opposition.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Identify yourself sir?

James Braden, Department of Iowa

James Braden Department Commander, Iowa. just a point of clarification. In the approval process it starts with the event, and goes to the Department. The question I have, that's not particularly addressed in here is, if the Department is already for it and has approved it, as a Department as an event the Department would support, if for whatever reason it didn't, doesn't get approved up the chain, is the Department still allowed to support that event as a Sesqui-Centennial Event at a Department level without the National approval. Just a point of clarification.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Blair Rudy, Department of Texas. If I may address that please?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

It does, this does not limit any Camp or Department from supporting any event. It limits, this is meant to define a Signature Event sponsored by the National Organization. Any Camp can do what they like. But they then don't have that inherent, let's, endorsement from the National Order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

James Braden, Department of Iowa

Jim Braden, Department of Iowa Commander. I just want to understand that because if the Department has given their backing and they have, have already allowed for, or given the tentative go ahead to for instance, our Department, we're going to develop our own medal and devices that we want to use to encourage things. Our Sesqui-Centennial Committee is already moving along the path fairly well. And I just want to understand that, if for whatever reason we didn't get approved at National, that we would still be allowed at the Department and at the local Camp level to continue to support the event

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Department of Iowa, James Braden

...With whatever devices we had.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Not ...

Department of Iowa, James Braden

Not the National medal, I understand, but with whatever things that we had worked with the event to provide, so ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Department of Iowa, James Braden

That was just my question. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Please.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Jeffrey Albanese Department of New York Commander. I just have a question. Is the Department allowed to be the source of the event or does it have to start with a Camp?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No, I believe the concept was it could start at the Department or the Camp.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Okay cause it, its, cause the way this is written, it says Camps would submit proposed event, Signature Events. It never says anything about the Department doing the proposal. I mean, my Department, we're thinking of doing a proposal. No Camp is involved.

Encampment

(chatter)

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

I mean up at the top it says a sponsoring Camp or Department, which would seem to indicate that, but ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

... when it talks about the process, it starts out with the Camps.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

it says Camps and Departments seeking to have a recognized, you know, would need the Committee's approval and I think that would just circumvent that component, go right to the

...

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

So the Department would be allowed to be the actual ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. Yes.

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

... initiator?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Clearly encouraged.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Sir, I'm Chaplain Rockefeller from Shiloh Camp Number 2, Department of Nebraska.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

just a point of clarification. Nebraska and Iowa are involved in a number of activities together. if multiple states are involved in such a project, would the proposal have to originate with one of the states or would it be possible for them to jointly submit an application for a Signature Event? How would that be addressed when there's more than one state involved?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, it doesn't seem to be listed in here, but a Signature Event would indicate, well, do you have a ...

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Gentlemen, my thought on this and our Chairman's thought on this is, let's keep his simple, gentlemen and everything that makes sense. If the Department wishes to present this forward, then you just on the form that you gentlemen are going to make us do, just at, at the line that says Camp, n/a, and then on Department, put Iowa, Nebraska, Alaska, whatever you want to put.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We don't have yet have a Department of Alaska, but thank you.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any other comments?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Would you alter this recommendation to also include Camps-at-Large to report directly to the Committee please?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander Blair Rudy, Department of Texas. Absolutely.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I appreciate it more than you know. Any other comments or

questions? All in favor, cards? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, Brother Grim and I were discussing this while part of the debate was going on. The Commander for the Department of Iowa mentioned that the Department is creating its own medal for events. I just want to inform each and every one of you here that if you create a medal and you make it available to anyone other than a Brother within the Order, it must be approved under, by the Council of Administration before you can issue it. You only have the blanket authority to create something that is offered only to the members of your Department. Or your Camp. You cannot offer it to another Department. You cannot offer it to another Camp, which is Camp level, and you cannot offer it to the public without the approval of the Council of Administration, of the design of the product.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Orr. All right. We're going to go to Department Reports. Several Departments have issued reports with recommendations.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Starting on Page 77. When I read your Department, if the Department Commander is here and has no recommendation, that would be nice to hear.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California & Pacific

(Indistinguishable) the Cal..., Department of California has nothing to add.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Department of California & Pacific

You're welcome.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No report has been received from Colorado or Wyoming. Is there anyone here to give a report? Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut, Edward L. Wittkofski

Department of Connecticut Department Commander Edward Wittkofski. Department of Connecticut's report stands as it. No recommendations.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Florida? Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Florida, Theodore H. Golab

Ted Golab, the Senior for Department of Georgia and South Carolina. I'll get back and I'll talk to the Commander and find why we didn't submit a report. Sorry, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Illinois? Indiana?

Department of Indiana

There's no changes at this time.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Iowa?

Department of Iowa, James Braden

Jim Braden, Department of Iowa Commander. Our report will stand as published.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas has nothing to add sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

No recommendations from Kentucky, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland it report stands as it is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts has no report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Michigan?

Department of Michigan

No additions or recommendations on our report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir. Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri has nothing to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry, I can't ...

Department of Missouri

Nothing else to add.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska, no recommendations. The report stands as is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire has no reports (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you sir. New Jersey? New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York has (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you sir. North Carolina? Ohio?

Department of Ohio, Charles S. Reeves

Commander Chuck Reeves Department Commander. Nothing to add to Past Department Commander Davis' report. But we did submit a resolution. Has that gone to the Committee on Resolutions or where does that stand?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's sitting right here with the Secretary. Has not yet gone to the Resolutions Committee.

Department of Ohio, Charles S. Reeves

Okay. That will come up at a later point?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Just verify we have it before the end of the day, please.

Department of Ohio, Charles S. Reeves

Thank you very much.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. (chatter) Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Commander, the all we have is three Camps in the Department of Oklahoma who participated in parades, Veterans Day, Memorial Day observances around our new GAR Monument in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Nothing to report sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Rhode Island? Camp Providence Plantations.

Sorry.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Frail, Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. We just want to make sure that Brother Palmer has our recommendation for the Constitution and Regulations change? Okay?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Come up with a yes.

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

That one would be for the revenue cutter?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Correct. Thank you very much.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Texas?

Harold L. Sickler, Department of Texas

Harold Sickler, Commander, Department of Texas, no changes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brother. Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Tennessee has no report at this time.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Very good, Brother. Thank you. Vermont? Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Commander, sir, the Department of Wisconsin has no changes and no recommendations, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Camps-at-Large? All right. I guess there weren't as many recommendations as we had originally thought. Brothers, we have a few things left before we go into new business so we're going to take a break.

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

(break)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers, we've got a couple things we're going to do. First of all, we're going to start with some Resolutions and I'm going to sit down for a little while.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. So we're going to go through some Resolutions. I have two categories of Resolutions here. One set is basically requires action by this Encampment. Or potential action by this Encampment. I will read those in detail. And then the second set are Resolutions in support of candidates for offices. I will mention the Department and the candidate they are supporting. However, I not, will not read those in detail. They will all be forwarded to the appropriate committees. So, since we kind of ended with questions from the Department of Rhode Island, let's begin with the Department of Rhode Island. So first Resolution, the delegation of the Department of Rhode Island moves to change the preamble of the National Constitution and Regulations from, "We, the descendents of Soldiers and Sailors and Marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865" to "We, the descendents of Soldiers, Sailors, or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865". This change is needed to recognize all the members of the Unites States Armed Forces that served in the American Civil War 1861 to 1865, as the membership requirements of the GAR and our Organization per Article III of the Constitution and Regulations as the Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed Forces. And then there's a reference to the website a quote founded in Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866 by Benjamin F. Stephenson, "Membership was limited to honorable discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or the Revenue Cutter Service who had served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865."

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well there's a problem with this Resolution because Article IX of our Constitution says, "All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief upon prior approval of 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." And I don't believe this one was submitted and I'm pretty sure it was not published in the General Order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thus it does not fulfill the requirements. It is out-of-order.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Also from the Department of Rhode Island we did at the Department's Annual Encampment vote to ask the National Encampment for a ruling on whether or not someone who has not been a Camp Commander can be voted in as a Department Senior Vice Commander. And if they can be voted in, can he serve as Department Commander if the sitting Department Commander vacates his office?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Constitution and Regulations.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Also from the Department of Rhode Island, we wish to place on the floor as a Resolution the following: to change the two-to-one ratio of members needed for each Associate to one-to-one while keeping in place all of the other ratio restrictions. Camps are losing possible Brothers because we have our maximum of Associates allowed by the number of lineal Brothers. I know of at least five men who join right away in Rhode Island alone if the ratio was changed. This will not affect the maintenance and control of the SUVCW by lineal Brothers, while allowing the SUVCW to grow.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I apologize. Constitution and Regulations.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay, from the Department of Iowa. Whereas the legacy of heroism and sacrifice made by the Union Army during the American Civil War is one of that is difficult to equal. And, whereas the legacy is not limited to natural born citizens of the United States. And, whereas it is a fact that over sixty thousand men whose nativity was Canada fought in the Union Army. And furthermore, over a thousand of these brave men fought in the illustrious ranks of regiments from the State of Iowa.

Therefore, in justice to those citizens and immigrants from our neighbors to the north, Canada, it is only right and just that they too should be honored. Thus, it is with great pride the Department of Iowa extends its support to the creation of a monument of proper size and dignity upon Canadian soil to commemorate the deeds and sacrifices made by those born in Canada and served in the Union during the Civil War.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Constitution and Regulations.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

A Resolution from the Department of Maine. Whereas our Order's Eagle Scout Award is given as a recognition of achievement presented at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. And, whereas the document reflects the professionalism and high standards of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the public. And, whereas the Eagle Scouts perform many hours of community service and deserve a quality recognition of their work. And, whereas the quality of the current Eagle Scout Award is so poor, that Brothers are reluctant to present them due to poor quality copying rather than having the awards professionally printed. Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Maine meeting in Encampment on April 24th, 2010, ask the National Quartermaster be directed to have all awards and presentations professionally printed to maintain quality and high standards as established by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and that all current poor quality stock be destroyed. Hereby approved at Waterville, Maine 24 day of April, 2010.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sunday, Council of Administration.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. As a Resolution from the Governor Dennison Camp Number 1, Department of Ohio, and supported by the Department of Ohio. Be it resolved by the Officers and Brothers of Governor Dennison Camp Number 1, Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, opposing the removal of the portrait of the President Ulysses S. Grant from the face of the fifty dollar Federal Reserve Note. Whereas United States Representative Patrick T. McHenry representing the 10th

Congressional District of the State of North Carolina has introduced House Bill 4705 requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign the face of the fifty dollar Federal Reserve Notes to include the likeness of President Ronald Wilson Regan. And, whereas House Bill 4705 is being co-sponsored by the following seventeen Representatives. There's a list of names. whereas eight, House Bill 4705 has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. And, whereas President Ulysses S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio and grew up in Georgetown, Ohio and served the United States with distinction during the Mexican War and became the first person since President George Washington be elevated to the rank of General of the Army after successfully leading the Union Military Forces to victory in the Civil War resulting the preservation of the United, Union of States while showing mercy toward the military forces of the defeated Confederate States of America. And, whereas President Ulysses S. Grant was elected President of the United States in 1868 with nearly seventy-three percent of the electoral votes and was re-elected for a second term in 1872 with over eighty-one percent of the electoral votes, thus demonstrating that he was a very popular President during a very challenging period of reconstructing the defeated Confederate States of America. And, whereas President Grant's image has graced the fifty dollar bill for over three quarters of a century, the removal of his image from that currency will serve to diminish his contribution to our heritage and will make it more difficult for current and future generations to understand and appreciate the significance of the American Civil War. Whereas we have no objection to honoring President Ronald Wilson Regan, we submit that Congress should honor him in some way other than the proposed House Bill 4705 since that Bill will strip President Grant of an honor already bestowed upon him by the American people. And we urge that members of Congress be reminded that President Grant's legacy and its importance to the preservation of the United, Union of States. Therefore it is resolved that this Resolution is adopted on this 27th day of April, 2010 of the 188th Anniversary of the birth of President Ulysses S. Grant and a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their support and this Resolution and submission at a 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War seeking their support of this resolution. As I mentioned, it did receive the support of the Department of Ohio.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

From the Department of Florida. The following Resolution and proposal is being brought before the members of the Department of Florida at their 15th Annual Encampment, June 26, 2010, and is accepted. The Department of Florida also requests that the following Resolution and proposal be addressed in the business agenda of the SUVCW National Encampment. Since the online internet application page three, part five, of the instructions regarding lineage does not now presently require the provision of documents to prove the applicant's lineage. And as such, how does the SUVCW confirm or verify an applicant's eligibility in accordance to the Corporate Charter, Section 200303 where a member is identified as a male blood relative, and in the Constitution, Article III, where a member is identified as a male descendent? And the online internet application page three instructions at part five would seemingly dismiss any need to provide proof by the applicant of his lineage to this Union ancestor. And as lineage is a primary requirement for the classification of a member in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we as officers would be obligated by the Corporate Charter to request, when deemed necessary to do so, documents of proof to verify or confirm an applicant's or member's lineage. Be it now resolved that the documents to prove an applicant's lineage are necessary to confirm eligibility of an applicant classified as a member under the Corporate Charter Section 200303 by the Officers within the SUVCW. Therefore, the Department of Florida proposes that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strike the words quote, "but is not required" end quote, from the on... its online internet application form, page three, part five instructions regarding an applicant's lineage and in doing so, maintain the integrity of its primary membership requirements cited in the Corporate Charter Section 200303 and its Constitution Article III. Submitted under seal this 26th day of June, 2010.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Constitution and Regulations.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

From the Department of Maryland. Monument proposal. Whereas there is a significant need for funding both monument restoration and new monument construction. Whereas the SUVCW is not the primary body responsible for all monument preservation, but in conjunction with other organizations and committees. Whereas the current system to fund memorial programs is limited

to grants of five hundred dollars and a thousand dollars from the SUVCW Monument Committee or the SUVCW Charitable Committee. And, whereas these amounts are meager in view of the actual costs that are associated with such project. Now it be resolved that the National Monuments and Memorials Committee continue as the vehicle for distributing funds to various applicants. Be it further resolved that the National Monuments and Memorial Committee be supported with additional revenue via 1) a capital funding program supported by the National SUVCW in which a) members of the SUVCW would be asking a yearly letter to pledge an amount of fifty dollars to a hundred and fifty dollars to support Memorials and Monuments; b) the National SUVCW would seek to solicit corporate donations for this cause of restoring Civil War monuments. First adopted at the 122nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland and revised at the 123rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions.

[one rap *]

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Sorry, Brother Commander. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I just have a question on a point of order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

The Resolution from the Department of Maine, you assigned to the.... I'll think of it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

C of A ?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

The COA. that'll be after this Encampment is finished.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

So that Resolution can't be voted on by this Encampment if you do it that way. Either ...

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(indistinguishable)

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

... has to be ruled out-of-order or given to one of the other Committees.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The Resolution as presented does not fit the criteria it could be brought up on the floor in a different fashion or it's going to be recommended to the COA for action that way.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

But it has to be disposed of first. I think that to recommend it to the COA as a Resolution, would nullify it immediately. So you'd have to rule on it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Cause there is, the C...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

COA meets Sunday morning.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

After this Encampment. But that Resolution is for this Encampment to vote on, is it not?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer. Brother Tucker the problem is that this bears on the financial well-being of the Order and our Charter and our Regulations specifically place the financial well-being of the Order in the hands of the Council of Administration. And it solely their responsibility to be responsible for the finances, other than setting the per capita rate which is set by the National Encampment. And that's why, since it does bear on, and when you're talking about destroying several hundred dollars worth of printed certificates plus the cost that will, significant increase in cost to have them professionally printed, that bears on the financial well-being of the Order as you'll see when we get to the budget.

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Brother Commander, I don't disagree, but I'm just talking about the process. What Brother Orr just mentioned certainly should be part of the discussion, but the process for taking care of that Resolution, I feel if you give it the, to the Council of Administration, you're denying the Resolution to the to come before the body.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We'll redirect it to the Resolutions Committee for recommendation. Okay?

Kevin P. Tucker, National Civil War Memorials Officer

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. Another resolution from the Department of Maryland. it's the Maryland, my Maryland proposal. The following Resolution was proposed, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Department of Maryland at its 123rd Encampment held on April 24th, 2010 at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Whereas the State of Maryland played a pivotal role in, a crucial role in the American Civil War, literally brother-against-brother, sister-against-sister, and father-against-son, this war helped define our nation. The State of Maryland offers a strong and unique perspective on this national tragedy. Whereas not to honor and commemorate Maryland's rich history would be irresponsible. Failing to recognize Maryland's contribution to this critical part of our nation's history would do grievous disservice to our native Marylanders who lived through a tumultuous 1860's, and to present day Marylanders and all Americans. Whereas other states have already started programs to honor our forefathers who lived through this era, the Federal Government is making plans for a National Sesqui-Centennial Commission. The State of Maryland had a bill pending to create a Sesqui-Centennial Committee Commission to commemorate this historic period in our state, and the bill was withdrawn without even a vote. Whereas our brave forefather, forbearers deserve that Maryland's history is preserved and taught to our people today and future generations. Now be it resolved that the delegates of the 123rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland urge their elected officials in the State of Maryland to create a Sesqui-Centennial Commission to commemorate the Civil War. Be it further resolved that a further resolution be adopted by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans at their 129th National Encampment in August in Overland Park, Kansas urging the State of Maryland to create a State Sesqui-Centennial Commission for the Civil War.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

A third Resolution from the Department of Maryland. The Honor and Remember Flag Resolution. The following Resolution was proposed, seconded, and unanimously passed by the Department of Maryland at its 123rd Encampment held on April 24, 2010 at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Whereas since the Revolutionary

War, more than one million members of the United States Armed Forces have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty to preserve our freedom. And, whereas the current service flag and service lapel pin authorized under U. S. Code Title 36, Subtitle 1, Part A, Chapter 9, 901, also identify the Section 176 of Title 36 U. S. Code, stipulates their display only during the periods of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged, for the duration of such period of war or hostilities. And, whereas there is no officially recognized national symbol to be displayed outside of period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged, that it acknowledges and honors members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died in the line of duty. And, whereas the Federal Charter and Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War purports itself as dedicated to cooperate in honoring all of those who have served our country patriotically in any war. And, whereas the Honor and Remember Flag will serve as a daily reminder for all Americans during peace time and war to acknowledge the ultimate price of freedom and will give comfort to the families who have lost ones during the military service. Now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in its 123rd Encampment assembled in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia on April 24th, 2010 supports establishing the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc. as an official national symbol to recognize and honor members of the U. S. Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, and urges the United States Congress to adopt this flag as its, as a national symbol. And it further resolved that we entreat the consideration of the National Encampment to join in with us in support of establishing the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc. as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the U. S. Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty, and that they urge the United States Congress to adopt this flag as a national symbol. Hereby signed and attested this 24th day of April, 2010 in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia by the Department Commander on behalf of those Brothers of the Department present and in good standing.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Resolutions Committee.

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. Now I'm going to go through the Resolutions presented by Departments supporting candidates for national office. From the Department of California and Pacific

Resolution for Brad Schall candidate for National Commander-in-Chief. Resolution from the Department of Missouri supporting the candidacy of Don Palmer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Resolution from the Department of Maryland supporting the candidacy of Gene Mortorff for National Secretary. Resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania supporting Richard Orr for National Treasurer and supporting the candidacy of Gene Mortorff for office of National Secretary. Resolution from Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12 of the Department of Rhode Island supporting the candidacy of Brother Bill Vieira for Council of Administration. Resolution from the Department of Connecticut supporting the candidacy of Perley Mellor for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Also from the Department of Connecticut supporting the candidacy of Bob Petrovic for Council Administration. From the Department of Colorado and Wyoming Resolution passed supporting the candidacy of Brad Schall for Commander-in-Chief. Also from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Resolution passed supporting the candidacy of Don Palmer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Resolution from the Department of Massachusetts supporting the candidacy of Perley Mellor for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. From the Department of Kansas, Resolution supporting the candidacy of Brad Schall for Commander-in-Chief. Also from the Department of Kansas, a Resolution supporting Don Palmer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. From the Department of New Hampshire, a Resolution supporting the candidacy of Perley Mellor for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. And that concludes the Resolutions.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Before we start on new business, I'm going to ask one more time. Any old business to come out? Any old business? If not then Brother Bruce Frail in the room? come on up. Come up (indistinguishable). You weren't in the room earlier when the girls came in and sang to us, and I thought it was lovely, but they do want to give you this award for your support to the Auxiliary and your personal belief in the words of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. So, thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We're fortunate enough to have a few Charters to look at, and the first one ... (chatter) Department of Tennessee, McKire* Camp 39. Brothers from the Department of Tennessee will come up please. Could someone please ask, you are, okay. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department of Pennsylvania, George Kribs* Camp 276. Any

Brothers here from the Camp? Well come on up.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department of Nebraska, Camp Wellstead*, Camp Number 3.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay, for those Camps that just received their Charters, the center section of those Charters where the Department Officers sign and has the information of the, affixing the Department Seal. If you want to calligrapher that did the rest of that Charter to do that, she does that, she'll fill that in free of charge if you want her to do that, or you can just take care of that yourself. Or if you find any mistakes, we can fix them, so, anyway ... There you have it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Very good. I think that we're going to start with new business from before. Is there any new business to be brought before the Encampment?

Bruce Butgereit, Department of Michigan

Bruce Butgereit, Past Department Commander, Michigan. I guess I'd like to share an observance given the conversation we had with the Sesqui-Centennial. We had an earlier report from the National Patriotic Instructor that a number of our Camps are not participating in the one Signature Event that we have every year, and that is Memorial Day. We probably didn't give too much time talking about it because most of us here probably do participate, so we just assume that the report is a report and we go on to the next thing. I would also like to see, or, I'd like to see our National Encampment to be more of a motivator, something to invigorate us to go back to our Departments and our Camps feeling inspired. We had a vigorous discussion over the Sesqui-Centennial, what type of badges we're going to create and wear and how we're going to get our different events approved, etc., etc. We give about twenty-five minutes to that, and we gave about two minutes to Memorial Day. So, my observance is, or my hope is, that we leave here and go back and talk about Memorial Day and the other things that we are responsible for with the same enthusiasm that we talked about the Sesqui-Centennial. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that the National Treasurer be instructed to create an account for anyone who

wishes to donate towards the National Headquarters and National Archives.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
Second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

A fund for that purpose.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Piece of paper accounting.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander-in-Chief, for the record Chris Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. I seconded this motion. We spent a lot of time this morning discussing whether or not we should have a National Headquarters and an Archives. I know we've tabled the issue of whether or not we're actually going to proceed with that. Or not tabled, we put it off till next year, to revisit it. Brothers, if we're going to try to do this, we do need to set an account up and we need to start trying to do some fund raising. We talked about the question of whether or not there'd be an endowment. If people would give money. Well you know what if we don't have an account for people to give money to, we'll never going to see whether or not we have the money to do this. I'll take one step further and, and I'm sure most of the Brothers here know this, the Sons of Confederate Veterans have a National Headquarters. They're in the process of fundraising to have a museum or, excuse me, The Museum of the Confederacy. They're building their Archives. They're building their Headquarters. And it, it just stands to reason that this Organization should at least be attempting to do the same. If not succeeding in doing the same. And the people that we represent, the soldiers we represent, deserve no less. So I would ask you to support the motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Charlie Mabie, Commander, Department of California and Pacific. I hate microphones. This is one of those things that might be opening up a can of worms, but the last two years I've come before this microphone and have said we need to enter the 21st Century with our forms and our paperwork and our certificates. And there've been many excuses or reasons given why we can't even look into this.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. There's a motion on the floor is that the Treasurer create an account for line item, I guess, for, he did say account, for funds donating towards the National Headquarters. Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, Department of Ohio. I would, I believe that this is a bit premature and that the report that is supposed to come to this body next year to explain where the land is, how you're going to pay for it, and everything like that. If that's adopted next year, then it may be more in line to have that account set up next year. Because if it comes up next year and everybody goes, now we're not going to do that, are we going to return the money? Is it going to be stuck there forever? And how are we going to deal with it? So, I would suggest that this is a bit premature by one year, and we wait until we get the report from the, that was tasked of the Committee for next year.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

There was a question, am I making a motion? No I'm not. I'm just saying that I don't think this is a good idea at this time.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, National Treasurer. First I will answer and it was my intent to get up here and say that so my Brother Darby's questions. When you create a specific fund for a specific purpose, that is a restricted account. Any money that is donated to that account, has to be used for that purpose and that purpose only. If we go ahead with this, and there are donations and we don't build the National Headquarters, the money either lays there forever, doing whatever it does, and we can't touch it, or we have to return it to the donors with interest.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Chris Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Again, just, just to respond to that, all of that is true. But it still goes back to the question, if we don't build a National Headquarters and an Archives this year, and we don't build it next year, and we don't build it the year after that, at some point in the future, we are going to need a National Headquarters. We are going to need an Archives. This is not something that we're not going to do as an Organization. This is something that we're going to have to do eventually. And I

understand this economics situation. You know, a lot of the members are going, how can we commit to purchasing land? How can we commit to purchasing and trying to build a Headquarters if we don't have the money? And it's kind of the chicken and the egg debate. If we don't start trying to raise the money, we're never going to have the money to do this. And if we never have the money, we're never going to build the Headquarters. And if start raising money and we can't build a National Headquarters if this Organization reaches the point that it never needs a National Headquarters, I think worrying about paying back interest is going to be the least of our problems. Because if we don't need a Headquarters, we're not going to exist. It's just my opinion. Um... but gentlemen, if we don't get started on this, it's not going to happen.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brad?

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brad Shall, Junior Vice. Question of the National Treasurer. If we reworded that to be, a feasibility study for the purpose of a future National Headquarters, would that then meet the criteria?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

That would re-characterize the fund and the money could only be used for that purpose. So, if you want to characterize this fund that it's to be used to study the feasibility, then that is the only thing that that money can be used for.

Indistinguishable

Combine them.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

You combine the two and you're right back to where you were before. In either case, it's a restricted fund. And by, and when it's a restricted fund, you can only use it for the stated purpose for which the fund exists.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Question Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain. How should we do it in such a way that we could put money into the Treasury now to be used any way necessary? For the feasibility study or the ultimate construction? How should it be worded?

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard L. Orr

It's all restricted. Basically, you're just asking people to donate money.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

If once you earmark it, it's restricted. You can't, it

would have to go into the General Fund as a general donation. Period. Anything else, if you say it's for this purpose, it's for this purpose, or this purpose, it is restricted.

George L. Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief

George Powell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Richard, can we do something like this? That it's for the National Headquarters with the proviso that at the end of ten years, the money has not been spent, that it is automatically transferred to the General Fund? Give us ten years to get started. If we can't do it by then, then the money goes into the General Fund.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

To be honest, I don't know enough about all the IRS Regulations to say that you can do that with a fund. We would need to get someone here who is a non-profit tax expert in order to answer that question in its entirety.

Indistinguishable

Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief who used to be a tax attorney. Now he sits on the Bench and I don't do that anymore. But I would like to point out to the Brothers if you do make a donation and restrict that donation to a specific fund, you lose the ability to tax deduct that on your income tax return. Only general donations are deductible. If you restrict the donation, you may lose the ability to deduct that on your own income tax return and lose the benefit of that for tax purposes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief and, and to Rich Orr. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I believe not only with the losing the tax deduction, but if a someone bequeaths that money for a specific, a building, land, whatever, that stops. You were talking about the assessment or the feasibility study. If they contribute ten thousand dollars for the feasibility study, you only spend five for it, that five sits there forever because it can only use, be used for a feasibility study. And if your five thousand dollars over, you can't switch that then to the building or the land or whatever. It's stuck there forever, so that's why I think we're premature and waiting three hundred and sixty-five days is probably the best way to look at this.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief again. Jim through Commander-in-Chief to you. That means that any donation even

made to like the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's fund, is specified as that, it's non-tax deductible?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

You're in danger of that. You'd have to consult your own tax advisor.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

So any, any, okay, even if you donated it to the GAR Fund, that's, it's the same thing, or the ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The, the ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The only, unless we make a general donation to the general fund, that's the only thing it's for?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Charlie, the GAR Fund, because we have characterized it to be operated under the rules of which apply to a 501(c)(3) Organization is tax deductible. Senior Vice Fund is questionable. Civil, the Civil War Preservation Fund is questionable. The ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The Civil War Defense Fund's questionable.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Blair G. Rudy, Department of Texas

Commander, Blair Rudy, Department of Texas. may I, might, ask if a line item in the budget would be sufficient to, budget a pigeon hole fund, just a budget line be established for this? On the budget for the Building and, and the needs for the new building? And not make it a fund? Keep it in the General Fund. Make it a budget item? Would that be sufficient to help capture some of that and funds intended for that purpose?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

If you do anything that designates, whether it's a fund or if it's a contribution and cause it's, I want this for this purpose, that's restricted. That, there is no way around it. The IRS is very strict on, for people giving you money for a specific purpose. It is done so that you can't use it for something else. And what they are very, very concerned about right now, and if, there is a publication that the IRS puts out about every three weeks for non-profit organizations that you can subscribe to, that are constantly in there. Taking money that is given to you and using it for operating expenses. They are getting all over non-profits for doing that. When you get, you get, you get something that is donated to you for a specific

purpose, you have to segregate it, you've got to report it on your audit, it, as a restricted money, and you can only use it for that purpose.

Blair G. Rudy, Department of Texas

Commander, another question to that. Do we have funds being donated to our Order now that are sequestered in such a manner that they must be reported separately?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Blair G. Rudy, Department of Texas

It's an onerous project?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

pretty much.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Blair G. Rudy, Department of Texas

Just like forms?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I mean, we're ...

Blair G. Rudy, Department of Texas

Yes, sir. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right now, right now, I think we have eleven different funds, ten of which are restricted.

Robert W. Davis, Department of Ohio

Robert Davis, Past Department Commander for Department of Ohio. Gentlemen, I for one, let's wait till next year, come back, tell me what lands you have available for how much, and I will donate some money. Before you do that, I'm going to not donate a penny if it's not going to go for precise purposes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other comments? The motion is, for the National Treasurer to create an account for monies donated for the National Headquarters. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion fails.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Charlie Mabie, CA and Pacific. As we were, I think there's a great need for us to look at entering the 21st Century in all of our forms and our certificates. We've heard earlier about

printing. People don't like the quality. The someone says, well why would we then throw them out if we still wanted to use them? Well, no one's going to buy a spoiled piece of chicken off the meat counter. No one's going to buy a bruised apple. So does it, a lot of it doesn't make any sense. The money that is spent for printing, for storage, for insurance for storing these products. The shipping goes up. The Post Office is always increasing the shipping. It seems like almost yearly now. I think that the forms should be available online. Including, there's ways to make fill-in pdf membership forms and different things. The lines been brought up before says what if someone has a very poor quality Dot Matrix printer? If you have a working Dot Matrix printer, you need to be on the news or ...

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(laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

... in the Smithsonian. Number one. Because a forty-dollar ink jet printer makes things look really, really nice. Eagle Scout Certificates, all these things can done. A national format could be made in both color and black and white printing. If it's a revenue enhancement issue I think these things could be administered through our National Website with a yearly password, with a small fee, gives you access to it. Restricted so people we can control who has access to it. Someone else has brought up about the integrity of the system. And, or about our membership. And I really understand the importance of integrity of our membership. But what is to be gained by someone faking an Eagle Scout Certificate ...

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(laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

... or printing out, I am a member of the, you know, Melvin Q. Watchpocket Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans? That will not get you a cup of coffee, a discount on your auto insurance, or anything. So I don't, I can't believe, envision people faking those types of things. So, I look at the overall cost of what things are. And we talk about budget. And I think that something that we should really look strongly at. I would move that we, or would ask maybe that one of the Committees looks at this and gets back to us because now we're going on the third year that this has been brought up from the floor and all we hear is that there's less and less money. I think this also goes into The Banner. In the Department of California and Pacific, probably five years ago, ninety-nine percent, or a hundred percent of our Newsletters were printed out, mailed to people. What we collected per capita didn't even cover printing and postage. We lost money. In the Department overall, every

single Camp in my Department puts out an electronic pdf Newsletter. In my Camp of twenty-four members, twenty-three get 'em electronically. Somebody who doesn't own a computer gets a courtesy of printing 'em out. The Banner, you could go to the library and pay a few cents and they'll let you print it out in most municipalities. We could perhaps print 'em out and send 'em to people who really need to have 'em. Maybe they want to pay an extra fee to get a printed copy. But I just think that an awful lot of money could be saved and less could be printed when you see what the bottom line is, what is paid for that. I mean, I love having The Banner and I like to cut out the ones, the articles that have to do with my Department and save 'em, but I don't save them all and that, that's a huge printing cost. I just think there's some things that we need to look at. Look at it strongly and we probably could save tens of thousands of dollars a year. I mean, The Banner alone. But yet what you could save alone from having the other forms and things done. It puts us all on an even keel. Also the fact that they're available nationally, you know what the quality is as opposed to the existing situation where Departments and Camps are making their own. It's not legal, but they're making their own Certificates, their own Eagle Scouts, their own Memberships, and sending those things out. And you've lost complete control over it anyway.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Some of the items ... Oh stay there. Some of the items you talked about actually came up at the Council of Administration meeting last night and some things are prepared and are online right now. You actually had me following you, and agreeing with you to some sorts, until you started talking about the Membership Certificates to which I have a personal disagreement with. I don't think that we should have those online. I think people would actually use those and not be members and that would irritate me. But none the less they, there are a number of things that are available online and we did talk about this last night. But let me ask you a question. Well how long have you been a member of the the Order?

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

About five, seven years.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Somewhere in there.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You probably didn't see when we had The Banner used to be produced on some newspaper material basically. And it was not such a, a great item. The Banner, I think that we share, we all

share today is something that's very worthy. It's a great document. I think it shows a lot of a lot of what we do and it's produced with some quality. And, and I'm worried about somebody, and I get mine online as well. I honestly do. But I'm worried about people not, who'd be checking their e-mail? And not downloading it? Not reading it? Okay? That's our way to get our message out. So while I believe part of your message, I also disagree with part of the other one. You were almost going to make a motion, then you retracted it. And you made it a recommendation. You know what, if you need to, if you want to, if you want to act on it, make a motion would help so we could debate it. If you want to just make that as a statement, I'm okay with that as well.

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Regarding the certificates and all forms that currently that you have to order through the Quartermaster, not The Banner, but just the forms and certificates. I move that we make those forms available electronically, whether it's with a safeguard or a password or a fee that you pay. But some way that we have control over it. But they're available electronically online to be completed and printed out.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We have a motion and we have a second. Excellent. Thank you. Comments?

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Mark Day Maryland Department. I think, the first question I would this impact, or what is the impact of this on the Quartermaster's sales? While those forms may not seem like much, how much of that, I realize that some of the income that comes into the Order comes through the Quartermaster Store. So one of my questions is, what portion of our income out of the Quartermaster's Store is based on sales of these forms? Before we go cutting off our nose, I think we ought to know what those numbers are. Secondly, when it comes to, I rather agree with you on some of the things like the Eagle Scout Certificate, some of that stuff. But I would not want to see Membership forms or any of them more of the documents we use for our reports or some of that necessarily because I think it would lead to fraud. I'm I was in the military for twenty-four years and I know for a fact that they had to pass a law in this country because people go out and buy medals and put 'em on and walk around and make believe that they're somebody who's done some service in this country, and, so people could do that. And I think they're a lot of people out there would do that sort of fraud and I think that would be a problem. Lastly it, with The Banner, there's a

certain sense of prestige that comes to an organization if it has a printed magazine like that. I belong to many other organizations as well, and I believe as you just said, whoever it was that said it, that magazine is one of the finest magazines I get, and it only comes out four times a year. But it's a very, very useful and very, very valuable to me and I've used it as a recruiting tool and I would hate to see that go away. And, and so I'm speaking against the Brother's motion ...

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(chatter)

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Or against the Brother's suggestion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, he, he extracted The Banner from that. He's only talking about forms and certificates. Okay? The Banner remains as is.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

They're not but I'm still I'm still against pending knowing more about what it would cost us out of the Quartermaster.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Remember, for sales, you have to actually pay to print in order to sell, so Brother?

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Commander Gary Parrott Past Department Commander Department of Wyoming and Colorado, or Colorado and Wyoming.

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(laughter)

Gary E. Parrott, Department of Colorado and Wyoming

I rise in support of for a few of the times to be in support of Charlie Mabie's motion. The reason is, is that when you fill out the forms, you also have the availability of calligraphy, handwriting programs. So you can have those beautiful looking names as signatures and they're legible as opposed to real signatures and handwriting. So for that, and only that reason, I support Charlie Mabie's motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Pennsylvania. Brothers, I hold in my hand a blue POS that we are selling. It is the most disgusting looking thing I've ever seen. We're charging thirty cents to our Brothers for that. That, that's a disgrace. That's an outright disgrace. I'm sorry. It is a POS. Anybody know what that means? POS. That's what it is.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

My printer could do better than this. Okay? Everybody's printer. Put it on you could get, you could get that fancy paper that stuff that looks like antique paper and have it printed.

Indistinguishable

Parchment.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, parchment, and put it on there. You know, I mean it's, I mean it's so poor of quality in here it's, oh yeah. I, did, we should have had every one of those certificates, every one of the forms, we should never, should not, if it's on an eight and a half and eleven piece of paper, we should be able to download it off the internet and print it out. And I agree. Charlie did make the statement in there it needs to be in a protected area for this kind of stuff, so you got to have a password to get in and only members can get in to get it.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jerry?

Jerome L. Orton, Department of New York

Commander-in-Chief, through you and to Brother Orr. Why don't you tell that, everybody here, how we got that nice Certificate from, that had Augustus P. Davis on it and all that? That was found in the vault at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when David Orr was going through all that. And I would hate to see that Certificate on the internet. That is a treasure of our Organization and it shouldn't be on the internet. And I said, Brother Orr can tell you how his father found it for our Organization. And thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Don, I believe you're next.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander in Chief Don Darby. the, as we learned last night in the C of A Meeting, the big killer for, that Danny spoke about, was mailing all that paper around. All right? We charge, if you make an order, we charge three dollars and something, but whatever it is for mailing. Well, if you order four hundred of the little membership you know, the, the little tri-fold thing? We go in the hole. All right. So they, okay, maybe, and if you're putting it in, you know, we're, to, to put it on the internet doesn't mean you're doing yahoo.com so or, you know, where everybody in the world can get in it. You're, you're putting it in a restricted area and you can even, I guess we can do the Animal House Double Secret Probation area.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

Yeah. So, so any way, you, you know, you can put those, the form that, that, that Danny just held up and, and those membership forms ...

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

I didn't hold that up.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald E. Darby

... in the, you know, the double secret probation area. And to put the rest of the forms of, you know, the tri-folds that we have, put 'em out where everybody else can get 'em. One, it's saving you money in shipping. It's saving you in time. If you need one, you're not sitting there waiting for, and God knows Danny gets it to you quick. I'm not giving you that. But, he's not going to do it as quick as I can hit enter, print. Okay. So I think putting those day-to-day forms that, the tri-folds, we're going to save ourselves a lot of money. We're going to save ourselves a lot of time. And a lot of aggravation. That's my two cents.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Steve?

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Steve Hammond ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Steve then Danny, okay?

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Steve Hammond Past Department Commander, Department of Maryland. (chatter)

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(laughter)

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

But one of the, one of the statements that Brother Mark brought up about, yes, people are falsifying membership in the U. S. Military service and those sort of things. They get a benefit from that. I have yet to find out any sort of benefit or any sort of money or any sort of retirement I get from my membership in the SUV. And I will be very honest with you, I can tell you there are a damn big number of GAR members out there who fought in every battle in the Civil War and were wounded at every one and never even saw a service. I think we should be putting these certificates out there that we can use. We're just aren't that big of a draw for fraud. I honestly believe that. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother Danny?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yeah. Danny Wheeler Past Commander-in-Chief, but right now I represent the Quartermaster. Gentlemen, I know you held up a piece of paper. You said it was lousy. So forth. Those came to me a long time ago. They've been in stock a long time. Since then, we've done a lot of work on certificates. One of the things I'd like to hold up is the tri-colored certificate. And I want you to take a look at it. You will notice that it has the red, white, and blue in it. If you don't have a printer that's color, you're going to have a black and white flag. Don't tell me that doesn't look good. Now let's go over the bottom left hand corner, so you can all see. You'll notice that it has the seal and it has a ribbon on it. I personally do those and put 'em on every one of 'em before they go out. Can you do that on your printer? If you can, it's sure a better of a printer than I got. Now, let's go to the tri-colored. This certificate, which we've all made off an original. This I got made after I became Quartermaster. I know you can't print these off of your printer, unless you have a color printer. I also believe that sooner or later, if you don't have the card stock, you're going to be putting 'em on something that isn't right. These two certificates, I truly believe, needs to say in the Quartermaster's Store. What you do with the rest of your certificates is fine with me. Now I was told that, yes, we had some Boy Scout Certificates that went out that was real bad. Now to defend what happened, we had a new printer, six months old, and all the sudden it just kicked out on me. I didn't know it kicked out. The certificates, a few got sent out. And I told anybody that had 'em, to send 'em back and they would get new ones. I have the new ones on the thing. They've been that was for the last three or four months. They're in great shape. They're a real good quality. And there again, I think you're going to get bad quality. Even with our licenses on these certificates, I have heard from many members, and I have seen it myself. Where people have taken one, they buy one from me and then they copied 'em. And the quality goes down. It's up to you guys. It doesn't matter to me. We can make it up in the Quartermaster's Store. Trust me.

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

This is my second and last time. I'm Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's your third.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

on this issue, it's the second one. I will give Danny this. The two documents he held up, they are very good. What I did say, was anything you can fit in an eight and a half by eleven piece of paper. Those things are very large. The one, the one, I bought for my grandson and had it calligraphied. It is a beautiful document. That's the second one he held up and that is, It is what size is that, Danny? That's bigger than even legal. That's like ...

Indistinguishable

Eleven by seventeen.

National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler

Eleven by fourteen.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, eleven by fourteen. You, I don't know of anybody's printer that can print that. But I'm, I mean, like the eight and a half by eleven, the brochures we put out. Those brochures ought to be free, guys. I mean, we're trying to get members and we're charging Camps to get a brochure to give away so they can get a member. That doesn't make sense to me. You know, that should be free. There's a motion on the floor. I shut up.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie. Danny?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Second time. Danny Wheeler, Quartermaster. Gentlemen just wanted to bring up one point, was that, with the eight and a half by eleven, be sure that you got a colored copier and stuff if you do it. Don't make it look bad. That's the main thing. Because that's what I'm worried about. I have seen some of this stuff. And I would like to point out that even if you put it on a computer, and we do have some things on a computer that's done in the Quartermaster's Store. There's still a limit. Instead of printing 'em. So I still have to carry some of these products, where we have Brothers who, they either don't have printer. They don't have a computer. Or they just don't want to do it. They want to order from the Quartermaster Store. So, I still have to carry some of these products, regardless. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Danny. Anybody else? Thankfully no. Okay. The motion on the floor is, it, just want to make sure I got it, Charlie.

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(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To place the forms and certificates of the Order online for electronic download.

Indistinguishable

And if appropriate, to have 'em in a restricted protected area.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. In a restricted, if appropriate ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brothers, that's the motion.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander-in-Chief, briefly. Chris Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Can, I would move that we divide that motion into two parts. One, for all the documents, minus the certificates. And have a second motion for the certificates. Because I think that's going to be a sticking point for a lot of the Brothers who may not want the certificates on line, so, I would move that we actually amend the motion and make it a separate motion for the certificate and a separate motion for all other documents.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So you're making a request to amend the motion?

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(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Yes sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Define the question.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

In reality Jim Pahl, the parliamentary procedures person here ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry. Who are you?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Is he allowed to are we allowed to split the decision on this or not, Jim?

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

He looking in his book.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

With the approval of the original movement of the motion, it can be done.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I will give approval for that. I mean, that's fine with me.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, Parliamentarian. It's not in my quick handy reference guide, but if memory serves me correctly from having read through the big one as I put myself to sleep every night ...

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(laughter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

... that if you're bifurcating and splitting the question into two parts. And you can do that and vote on each part separately.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. we're going to vote on whether we want to separate this. The, the question in front of us now is, for forms and certificates that are online, to download them electronically for use within the Order. If appropriate, have them in restricted areas. We're going to vote to separate forms and certificates and keep the rest of that verbatim. So, all in favor of the amendment to separate forms / certificates, raise your cards.

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(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All opposed? Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Charlie, for clarification, I will put forward that when I say certificates, I mean membership, ROTC, Eagle Scout.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Whatever other ones that we have.

Encampment

(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

And also including the ones that are, well, we're talking about the ones that currently are available. I'm saying eight and a half by eleven. Not the larger ones. That's a different issue. Everything that's available that's eight and a half by eleven.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Danny's first.

Danny L. Wheeler, National QuartermasterWheeler

Danny Wheeler, Quartermaster, again. Gentlemen just to clear something up. The eight and a half by eleven is that blue one that was held up. There is no other certificates that are eight and a half by eleven. They're all eleven by fourteen. eight and a half by fifteen. Well the eight and a half by eleven's, I'm sorry, we do have two of 'em and those are the Boy Scout and the ROTC. And I don't really know why we, if we let 'em print those, they're going to, I'm telling you, they'd better be on a colored printer. Because guys'll put 'em on black and white. I'm telling, I'm serious.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Danny. Brother?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Chaplain Marc, Nebraska. I, point of information, would somebody please clarify for me other than the certificates that Charlie mentioned, what do we have that's not already available on the internet?

Encampment

(chatter)

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Or, isn't this just a moot point?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No. There is a list of things that are not available, this very moment, online.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, okay, the following items are not available online. The Promotion and Advertising pamphlet. Letterhead. I'm just going to skip all the certificates. The Ritual is online. Delegate Cards are online. That's all the paper items that aren't online that are not certificates. There's letterhead and I would object to putting letterhead out there that anybody can get. And the promotion pamphlet, which we've talked about last night at the Council of Administration meeting, putting it online and make it available to be downloaded. Everything else is a certificate. That is not out there right now. It's not that we haven't been putting them out. Other than the things that has been felt we need to protect in order to protect the integrity of the Order. Danny?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Commander, Danny Wheeler again, Quartermaster. Just wanted to make a point. The ROTC Certificate. Go ahead and print 'em off, but you're still going to have to get the medals from me.

Encampment

(laughter)

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

And as far as the forms that you just read off Brother Orr, even with those forms online, we still get orders in the Quartermaster's Store for them. Case in point.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Joe?

Joseph S. Hall, Jr, .Department of Rhode Island

Joe Hall, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. Part of the problems, and I just want to bring this up as a, a probably a moot point, but whatever. Part of the problems with the forms that are already online available for us to print, we cannot download. And part of that problem is, if we're filling out some of the forms that are required from the National Organization ...um... some of them, when you start filling 'em out online in the pdf format, and you happen to switch from page to page, all the data goes away. Okay. Those are very difficult to work with. I'd rather have them in either a word format or something I can better use. pdf is not working. Those need ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Department of Rhode Island, Joseph S. Hall, Jr.

Those need to be looked at. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you Brother Hall. Brother Tucker?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker Department Commander from Massachusetts. I just a friendly amendment that we add the Membership Cards to the certificates also. Those shouldn't be generally available. They're on an eight and a half by eleven sheet.

Indistinguishable

Not any more.

Encampment

(chatter)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

So those are not going to be among the, the items downloadable?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Mabie?

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Hopefully this is the last time. I really, I enjoy the passion that I'm hearing up here and I'm hearing from the back it, and I'm glad that, they, hopefully for those who do not or are technology challenged or don't want to deal with it can probably order things from the Quartermaster special order. And I understand people keep on talking about black and white. Some people are going to cut corners. Some people are going to cut

corners because they don't have any integrity. And I understand that. But from a realistic standpoint, I don't know how many Eagle Scout Certificates we hand out nationwide. But, if my Department alone hands out a thousand of 'em and if I ask, can you tell me how much money did you make off of 'em from Department of California and Pacific? Not to say that we're printing all one thousand of 'em somehow within our Department. But the issue is, if you match up what we're had, new Camps, Certificates, Membership, all these things, and you try to do a dollar line analysis that we brought in four hundred new members last year let's just say. And if you turned around and said hold it, we didn't get four hundred orders from National, from the Quartermaster to get those things. I understand that people who might want to cut corners and get a Sharpie marker or run it in black and white or do it cheap on their office thing or whatever it is. But for the Brothers who have integrity and are doing it the right way, if you're a Camp that's only collecting on the Department level, three or five dollars a head and you have ten members per capita and you have fifty dollars to spend that year and you want to send out fifty Eagle Scout Certificates with postage and all that, good luck. Plus your membership and all that. I'm just trying to find a way that we can keep, there's ways I think we can keep the quality up. We can only hope, and even if paying for a licensing for ten dollars a year to have access to these forms, the Quartermaster may make more money off that if every Camp in the country pay ten dollars as opposed to the Camps that haven't placed an order with them in ten years. I just think it's an opportunity for us to look at. If it doesn't work in a year, you can throw it out and go back to something else.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother?

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Jeff Albanese, Department Commander, Department of New York. I'm, I'm a little confused. We started talking about the bad quality of the certificates, and now we're talking about printing 'em online. How is that going to make the quality better? It's totally confusing to me now. We, we started out holding up a certificate and calling it a POS, and it was bad quality. And now we're talking about printing 'em online. Does that make sense?

Encampment

(chatter)

Jeffrey Albanese, Department of New York

Plus, plus I also think we need to know what the impact is on the income to the Department, I mean, to the National before we make a decision on something like this. I also don't

understand, we have, what the definition of certificate and form is. It's very, I think it's a bad thing to vote on something like this haphazardly.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Keith Rockefeller, Shiloh Camp Number 2, Department of Nebraska. We were talking earlier about a deficit that we're running. And I grant that a couple thousand dollars or whatever the savings would be by us individually printin' 'em off. It may not be that much. But I know from real life, if I don't have to spend fifty-five bucks, that goes somewhere else I need to spend it. And so my concern is, if this will save the Department money so we can pay, move closer to the black and get back in the black in some ways, isn't that to our advantage to do so and save the shipping and handling costs? And just that alone would make me inclined to vote for the measure.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

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(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right Brothers. We have chatted for a while, haven't we.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So the motion is, now in two parts. The first one we will deal with is, make available forms online electronically to download and if appropriate, in restricted areas. The forms are undefined as to which ones they are. Some are already in that, in that fashion. Do you want to define which ones ...uh...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All in favor of placing the forms online electronically, and if appropriate, into restricted areas, raise your cards. All opposed? Motion carried.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of having certificates online electronically, and if appropriate, in a restricted areas, raise your card. All opposed? Motion fails.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Continuing along with new business. Steve, if this has anything to do with printed paperwork ...

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I challenge that vote. I'd like to get a count.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

On the last one?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Yes. Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Certainly. All right. Once again, we're going to ask, raise your cards and I'm going to ask the Color Bearer and the Guide, if you would please do a count. All in favor ...

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, acting as Parliamentarian. The motion actually is to appeal the decision of the chair. It does require a second. It is not amendable. It is debatable, but speakers may only speak once. Majority vote is required. So we're voting to whether or not to uphold your decision.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We have a motion and a second. Thank you. Okay. Any comments? Okay. All in favor of doing a recount on that vote?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I apologize.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

If they vote yes, they're voting to not sustain your decision. If they vote no, they're voting to sustain your decision.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, may I?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable) voting?

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian. The impact of the vote.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

If you vote yes to sustain the decision of the chair, the matter is dead. If you vote no to overturn the decision of the chair, then your decision is overturned and would require a revote on the issue.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

The motion is to appeal. Yeah, I excuse me. I'm sorry. To vote yes is to overturn your decision and declare that, that we need to re-vote. To vote no is to uphold your decision. Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So, if you want to revote this, vote yes. Don't. No more. That's it. All in favor, hold up your cards. All opposed?

Encampment

(laughter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Steve, please.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Commander, what was your decision as to the vote?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The decision is that my original vote carries and the certificates are no.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Go ahead, Steve.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, Department of

Maryland. I would like to request that the Council of Administration, in the Saturday meeting or the subsequent Sunday meeting, excuse me. Or subsequent meeting thereafter, reconsider its decision four years ago to reject the proposal of Honorary Membership for Ed Bearrs. I feel that Ed has done a great deal to support the memory of the members of the GAR, the memory of their history, the memory of what they did. Ed will be a, a twice, well, he'll be a, a featured speaker next year. It would be very nice if we could give the award to him at that time. I have heard proposals for some other individuals for Honorary Membership and I feel, if this Organization chooses to present Honorary Membership to anyone, Ed Bearrs is a fine candidate and I hope the membership supports me. Thank you.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and we have a second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

I move that the Council of Administration considers Honorary Membership for Edwin C. Bearrs.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers, the motion has been made and seconded to bring before the COA on Sunday, the question of Honorary Membership for Ed Bearrs.

Steve Hammond, Department of Maryland

Yes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks. Any other comments? Rich, you on that? Or Jim?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Who knows Ed Bearrs from this room? Knows who he is? Raise your hand. Every hand in this room should be up. For those of you who ever watched the movie watched the series, PBS Series Gettysburg, he's one of the commentators. Ed Bearrs is a highly decorated Marine veteran. He was shot up pretty bad at Guadalcanal. He got a Purple Heart, Bronze Star. He was the Chief Historian for the National Park Service for many, many years and he's considered one of the greatest authorities on the American Civil War in this country today. He has donated tremendous amounts of time to many of the civic organizations, Confederate and Union, regardless, to perpetuate the memory of the men who fought and died in the American Civil War. It would be, it, just so you know who we're voting for here.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie.

George L. Powell, Department of Pennsylvania

George Powell as Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. A question to the National Counselor. Can the National Encamp..., I don't remember off the top of my head and I don't have my copy of the C & R with me. Can the National Encampment grant Honorary Membership?

Robert E. Grim, National Counselor

The provision in the Constitution says that the Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration. And with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant Honorary Membership to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order. The National Organization, Department, and Camps shall not impose the per capita tax, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to The Banner. So the Encampment does not have authority to grant Honorary Membership.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski. I'll bet we didn't grant him membership in the past because he was eligible to join, could have joined, should have joined, never did join cause he's out fifty weeks a year doing tours and talking about the Civil War. He spends two weeks a year at his daughter's home. That's number one. Number two, he's a very old man. He has not got a whole lot of time left. And the vote by this assembly would show how we feel about that man in a positive way.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Is there still a motion on the floor?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes there is.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Thank you. I'll wait.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. It may not be what we wish if he in fact is eligible, we cannot do it, period, without violation, violating our Rules and

Regulations.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other comments on the a decision? All right. The motion is to bring forward to the COA Meeting on Sunday, the question of Honorary Membership for Ed Bearrs. All in favor, raise your cards. All opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

James Pahl, acting as Parliamentarian. I stand before you to raise a point of order that I had may had been in error.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

As to Mr. Tucker's motion.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

If I understand now correctly what Brother Tucker was referring to, and what was your motion sir?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

(Indistinguishable) a re-count.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

For a re-count. That is under Roberts Rules of Order, what's called formally a division of the assembly. It does call immediately for a re-vote and to that be physically counted by tellers as to what the vote actually was. (indistinguishable)

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. I appreciate that.

Past Commander-in-Chief, James B. Pahl

Thank you. Yes, thank you. Okay.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Phil Caines, Department of California and Pacific. standing as a Past Camp Commander of General W. S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2 in Los Angeles, California. I do ask the assembly's forgiveness for the fact that I'm trying to follow

after Charlie, number one, and being from California and Pacific. number two, I am talking about an item of printing of local production and ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Could you do me a favor.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

dubious quality.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother, do me a favor. If you're going to bring up something about a different matter, let me get this vote done and then I'm going to go right to you. You're going to be the last thing we do today. Trust me.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Sounds good.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brothers, we're going to revisit the issue brought up originally by Brother Mabie. After we split the question, the question remained, for certificates. To have certificates available online, electronically, if appropriate, in restricted areas. We're going to ask you to hold your cards up. We're going to ask these two gentlemen to do a count please. All in favor, all in favor of having the certificates online, electronically, and in a restricted area, raise your cards. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And opposed? Yes is seventy-nine. No is sixty-eight. So the original was reversed and the certificates are now online. Thank you, Brothers.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Again, Phil Caines General W. S. Rosecrans Camp Number 2, Los Angeles, California, Department of California and Pacific. the item of printing that I wanted to bring to your attention Brothers is our survey that we would like to ask everybody to please fill out and give us your comments on regarding the Encampment, National Encampment in 2012, in Los Angeles. if you go into the Display Room, we have a table there you can see these big full colored (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on. Click your mic or something. It just went off.

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Come up to this one, please.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Phillip L. Caines, Department of California and Pacific

You, you can see the big full-color version of the survey with all of its very prettiness in on the table, but these are the surveys we'd like you to mark down and, and give us some of your comments on. We want to try and make sure that 2012 is worth you're coming all the way out to California for. And so we want your input. we're not trying to short-change the folks back in Virginia. Goodness knows we're all going to be out there. I can't keep my wife and daughter away from the idea of going out there to the east coast. But when you come out to the west coast, we do want your input on that, so. You get a chance, either go in, there's a box, that the forms there, or if not, talk to some of the folks from the Department of California and Pacific and we'll be glad to get you one. We want your input. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-ChiefDarby

Leo?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-ChiefDarby

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Just an announcement. SVR Breakfast, 7:00 tomorrow morning in the tent outside. There are no at-the-door sales. Okay? If you haven't paid for it, you ain't getting it now. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we are going to, I'm not going to be able to do it right now apparently. Go ahead.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers. A few of the Departments haven't picked up their packets, actually, quite a few. If there was someone here from these Departments, the Department Commander, the Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Vice Commander, or whatever, who wants to take responsibility for these, please come up and get them. I don't want to take 'em back home. Georgia and South Carolina? Kansas? I know they're here.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Maine? Missouri? New Hampshire. There's nobody here from

New Hampshire? New Hampshire? yeah, he's here. I know there's nobody here from New Jersey. North Carolina? And the others are Wisconsin? Vermont? okay. The rest are the Camps-at-Large and I don't think there's anybody here from any of the Camps-at-Large. Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The C and R Committee is going to meet as soon as we break, over here please. We're going to recess till the morning and our time in the morning is ...

Indistinguishable

Eight-thirty.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Eight thirty. Eight-thirty. Thank you. All right.

Indistinguishable

Resolution? What (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Resolution Committee, over here please. Okay?

[three raps ***]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

See you this afternoon.

[one rap *]

(end of day 1)

[three raps ***]

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well good morning.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. A couple of quick announcements before we start. When we break for lunch, which I'm hoping it to be around 11:30 if the Department Chaplains would please meet.

Indistinguishable

I'll chaplains

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All Chaplains, please meet over in this corner. please remember to pick up your banquet tickets. They're available at the Registration Table. And if you have not had the opportunity to sign that photo in the back, please do so.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

If I could have one Brother from the Host Committee come up to visit us for just a moment.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

What we're going to do this morning we're going to start with a little bit of hopefully positive you know, toward the end of my career here. we're going to make these steps and we're going to give out an award or two. The first award, I have two awards for the Marshall Hope Award. The Marshall Hope Award is given out to the most outstanding newsletters. I have for a Camp and one for a Department. And I would love to have the Brothers from the Department of California with The California Column. What an outstanding newsletter. I will tell you. I look forward to, first of all, I will say when I took a look at newsletters, I was receiving some place around in total, a hundred and fourteen I received this year. So I got to read a lot and I learned a lot about many things going on in the many Departments. There was one Department who had an article written about a Rhode Islander which I appreciated a lot. You didn't get the award, but I did appreciate the try.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

but it was very interesting at how it all tied in. So I, and, and I really do appreciate it. But the Department of California, would you send a delegation up this way?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And the Camp newsletters, I will tell you were incredible to read as well. finding out not only what's going in every aspect of the Order. To know what monument register... I'm sorry, grave registrations are, are being done, where services are being performed, and what activities are being done in the in the communities was incredible. I don't believe there's anybody here but The Union Volunteer, the newsletter of the Colonel Edward Baker Camp 6, Camp-at-Large in Oregon. The Editor was Randy Fletcher and we're going to get that award to him. Unbelievable newsletter. And thank you all for sending them in.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Staying with the awards, for just a moment. There are a

number of awards that the Commander-in-Chief had the opportunity and to pass out a number of, you know, a number of awards that I don't have to actually concur with anybody else. But there is a, there is an award with the Meritorious Service of Gold Star that is required that the Council of Administration review and approve. And there is two there were a couple of applications that came in, I will say that. And of the applications we got, of the recommendations we got, there were two that were deemed worthy for all the hard work that they have done for this Order. So, if Tom Gaard of Camp 75, Department of Iowa, is present?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And the second one Brother Bradley Quinlin from Camp 1, Department of Georgia / South Carolina. Is he in the room? Come on up.

Encampment

(applause)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, Department of Michigan. Also recipient of the Gold Star Brother Award. I think that if these Brothers receiving one of the highest awards the Order can bestow, the record should reflect, and if you could put on the record some of the accomplishments and why these Brothers receive this award.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And to do that, I'd actually have to read the award itself because I did honestly forget to print that up on this. So let's bring the two Brothers back up and I will read the awards. You actually have the synopsis to what work they did to achieve this award. My apologies.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Bradley Quinlin of the McPherson Camp 1, Department of Georgia / South Carolina for dedicated work in identifying Civil War Unknown Soldiers and in doing so, perpetuating the memory of the Boys in Blue who saved the Union 1861 - 1865. He worked in several cemeteries to uncover some unknowns that had previously been unidentified and he was able to, to work with these projects and we now have a proper headstones, proper identification, and proper marking on our ancestors graves, so ...

Indistinguishable

Forty-three (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Total of forty-three.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander-in-Chief? Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Excuse me. If I may also interrupt briefly. I'm Chris Chapman. I'm the Camp Commander for McPherson 1. Of the Brothers who don't know, in addition to that project Brad was also on Who Do You Think You Are and was actually able to provide some information on the great-great grandfather of Matthew Broderick and actually transformed an unidentified into an identified. And Brad's goal, just for you all, and I think he'll, he'll meet it, is to identify the two hundred remaining unidentified soldiers in Marietta National Cemetery. So this is not a, an easy project, but Brad is very, very diligent and we're just real proud of you, Brad.

Bradley Quinlin, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Thank you, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

As, as we all are, so, thank you. Brother Gaard, for the many hours of hard work and dedication in locating, documenting photographing, and restoring the Iowa Civil War Monuments as well as getting new ones erected. Your commitment to educate members of the Order and involvement with protecting the monuments and memorials clearly demonstrates your pride in our heritage. His work you know, we all try to, we all try to go out and re..., record monuments. We try to get money to do restoration. But when you've exceeded this, this is what happens. He works so hard and diligently at these projects, that it's all come to fruition and this the, these monuments in Iowa were previously has not been recorded, so, we appreciate all of your hard work and thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

David M. Lamb, Department of Iowa

Commander-in-Chief?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please, Brother.

David M. Lamb, Department of Iowa

Yes. I'm David Lamb. I have the honor to be the Camp Commander in Tom's Grenville Dodge Camp 75 in Des Moines, Iowa.

When I first started with this Order about a year and a half ago, Tom was one of the first people I met. And within about three weeks, he had informed me of a situation that existed at the Vicksburg National Battlefield Monument, where one of the Iowa monuments to Lt. Colonel Francis Herron's division had been vandalized. And this vandalism had occurred apparently something like twenty-five years ago. Someone stole the four bronze plaques off of the monument. And it had been sit being derelict for that period of time, until Tom happened to find out about it and brought that to our attention. We were just in the process of, of forming the 49th Iowa, a Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Through Tom's efforts, that gave us our first mission, to raise the funds to restore that monument. And on January 12th of this year, I was able to send them a check for three thousand eight hundred dollars to restore that monument. That's the type of work that Tom's been doing for us all.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brothers. We'll do one more I think before we go back into new business, that I've been trying to avoid for a little while. The U. S. Grant Cup. Interesting, the U. S. Grant Cup is given to a Department with the largest percentage of growth within your Department. And when we sat down and looked at the information we had available at the National Headquarters, we had a tie. So, with two Departments, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina and the Department of North Carolina. Now I'm not sure how that happened.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thirty-five percent growth. Thirty-five percent. If I could have the Department Commanders, please come up?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're going to go back into new business. And before we go into new business, the Charitable Foundation would like to make a, a report. Do you want to do that now, Bob?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes. A few years ago, we formed the Sons of Union Veterans Charitable Foundation and one of the projects that we're very proud of is what we call the Lincoln Fellow Program, where people can make a donation of two hundred and fifty dollars and they receive what we call a Bronze Medal and they become a Bronze Fellow Lincoln. And for five hundred dollars, it's a Silver Medal and a Silver Lincoln Fellow. And for a thousand

dollars, the person becomes a Gold Fellow. And today, we'd like to make a couple presentations and recognize a couple of those people who have become Fellows. Robert Roser, Jr. Is he here with us this morning?

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Michael Paquette, is he here? Okay. Well, Robert Roser, Jr. has become a Silver Fellow. And making the presentation over here is the Chairman of the Board of Directors Bob Petrovic.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And also at the Silver level is Stephen Hackett.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Now the Foundation has been very successful in having Fellows, and so we decided this year that we would like to create a new position for those people who would like to contribute more than a thousand dollars. So we now have what we call the Sentinel Fellow. And if you make an additional two hundred and fifty dollar contribution above the thousand dollars, you become a Bronze Sentinel. If you make a five hundred dollar contribution, you become a Silver Sentinel. And for an additional thousand, you become a Gold Sentinel and you receive a Sentinel attachment that goes to the ribbon of the medal that you're awarded. And when we informed one of our Gold recipients that we just created this award, he says, well here's five hundred dollars.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Engle, would you step forward? He is our first Silver Sentinel.

Encampment

(applause)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Now, if we could get all of the Lincoln Fellows in the room to stand so the Encampment can see how many participants we have with us today. Fantastic. Thank you, gentlemen.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Back to business. We're going to start with the report from the COA.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

I guess to be more specific, these are the proceedings from the Council of Administration Meeting from Thursday night, which didn't go on as long, it went on long enough, but not as long as we were anticipating, so that was a good thing. So I'm going to go through the key items here. Some of it's going to get a little bit lengthy because I think there were amendments to amendments to amendments of motions here, so. Anyway, Commander-in-Chief Kennedy introduced Past Department Commander Blair Rudy, who presented recommendations from the Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy ruled that the recommendation should be brought to the floor of the National Encampment. He also noted that a medal must be made available for review by the Council of Administration before approval could be granted. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy introduced Past Department Commander Tim Downey from the Department of Kentucky. Let's see. Who recommended Ms. Gaye Clark* for honorary membership. Motion by Council member Bob Petrovic. Second by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler to delay action on this recommendation until a post Encampment Council of Administration meeting. Executive Director David Demmy presented his report to the Council of Administration and highlighted his recommendation to drop the requirement for Camps to submit Form 22. Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr. Second by Council member Perley Mellor to send this recommendation to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for review. Motion passed. Past Department Commander Alan Russ, acting Program and Policy Committee Chairman, presented the report from his Committee on the subject of revisions to Forms 50 and 53, which are New Camp Formation forms. The Committee recommended the modified version of Form 50 be adopted and Form 53 be eliminated due to redundancy. Motion by Council member Bill Vieira. Second by Council member Tad Campbell. Motion passed. On the subject of revisions to Form 55, the Committee recommended that, and that's the Charter Application Form. The Committee recommended the modified version of Form 55 be adopted. Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr. Second by Council member Bob Petrovic to approve the recommendation but request an additional page be developed to include information on dual members. Motion passed. The results of the review of the Awards and Recognition Policy were presented. Motion by National Treasurer Orr. Second by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler to change the award period dates as recommended. Plus exchange National Executive Officer to National Executive Director. Motion passed. Motion by National Treasurer Orr.

Second by National Quartermaster Wheeler to accept the Awards and Recognition Policy recommendations with the specified amendments. Motion passed. A discussion was held regarding the intent of the term "member" relative to the V. S. Stephenson*, Davis, Linder, and Under Forty Awards. National Treasurer Orr offered his opinion that the member mean, that member means member in terms of the, the Organization what, what the Organization considers a member and not Brother. Motion by Council member Vieira. Second by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall that the Council of Administration stipulate that member means Brother. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy nullified this motion and ruled that this question should be brought before the National Encampment. Let's see. National Grave Registration Officer Bruce Frail presented recommendations from the Graves Registration Committee on the request to permit archives.com to place a link on their website to allow users access the SUVCW Graves Registration website. Motion by National Treasurer Orr. Second by National Quartermaster Wheeler to deny this request. The motion passed. Committee requested that a line item account be established for the development of maintenance of a new data base in Graves Registration Committee expenses. Motion by Council member Vieira. Second by Council member Mellor to approve and set a cap at five thousand dollars for start-up. Motion by Council member Ken Freshley. Second by National Orr to amend the original motion all up to ten thousand dollars. Motion passed. Motion by National Treasurer Orr. Second by Council member Vieira to amend the original motion to require the Committee to include maintenance costs which would continue over time. Motion passed. The original motion as amended passed. The Committee requested that it be allowed to make changes to the Graves Registration Handbook without Council of Administration or Program and Policy Committee review and approval. Motion by National Quartermaster Wheeler. Second by National Treasurer Orr to approve the recommendation for appendices only. Motion passed. Recommendation was made by Council member Petrovic to put a limit on funds allocated from the Civil War, a recommendation was made any way, to put a limit on funds allocated from the Civil War Memorials Grant Fund at five hundred dollars. Commander-in-Chief tasked Brother Petrovic to propose revisions and submit to the Program and Policy Committee for review. Department of Maryland Commander Gene Mortorff requested time during the one of the National Encampment business sessions to give a short presentation for plans for the 2011 National Encampment. Commander-in-Chief granted five minutes. Mark Day from the Department of Maryland noted that Taylor Wilson Camp received two thousand dollars from the National Organization to support their project and expressed

his thanks. He also noted that letters will be sent requesting support for the Chaplains Museum in Lynchburg, Virginia. National Treasurer Orr began his report by noting the Organization is spending a lot of money on postage associated with materials that can be downloaded from the National Website. In some cases, spending more on postage than the value of the mailing. Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl noted that the National Quartermaster can increase prices on merchandise without Council of Administration approval. National Treasurer Orr presented the proposed accounting policy for the National Organization. Motion by Council member Vieira. Second by National Treasurer Orr to adopt the accounting policy as proposed. Motion passed. On the subject of investments, National Treasurer Orr noted that a Sub-Committee of the Council of Administration or a Financial Advisor is needed to develop an investment strategy in order to increase revenues. Motion by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Schall. Second by National Quartermaster Wheeler to establish Sub-Committee to investigate investment options and report at the November Council of Administration meeting. Motion passed. The proposed budget for 2010 - 2011 administrative year was reviewed. Motion by National Treasurer Orr. Second by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall to adopt option two as the budget. Motion by Council member Petrovic. Second by Council member Mellor to amend the original motion by moving the Council of Administration per diem up to Commander-in-Chief representative reimbursement. National Treasurer Orr offered a friendly amendment accepted by both Brother Petrovic and Brother Mellor to add another two thousand five hundred dollars, bringing the total representative reimbursement to three thousand five hundred dollars. Motion passed. Motion by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Schall. Second by Council member Petrovic to amend the original motion to add five thousand eight hundred and thirty-two dollars to the Civil War Monuments Fund Reserves. Motion passed. The original motion passed as amended. National Treasurer Orr noted that the IRS will begin dropping non-for-profit organizations that don't file their 990-N by the specified dates. This includes two Departments. National Treasurer Orr requested an allocation of funds from the Special Projects Account to cover expenses associated with a display case to house the artifacts that once belonged to A. P. Davis. Motion by National Quartermaster Wheeler. Second by Council member Mellor to grant this request. Motion passed. In attempt to reduce costs associated with The Banner, Banner Editor Steve Michaels presented several scenarios. These scenarios range from reducing pages to fewer issues per year to greater use of the internet. With no further business to come before the

Council, Commander-in-Chief Kennedy asked National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, To close, to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The item that was talked about for the definition of who can receive some of these awards, three awards in particular, we're going to send to a Committee and have them come back with a recommendation rather than debate this for what could be arguably for hours like we did the other night. So how's the Constitution and Regulations Committee doing today?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Indistinguishable

Sounds like we're going to be busy.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There you go. It will come back hopefully we might take a break this morning and let them start to meet. we'll see. Brother Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief there are other (indistinguishable) ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You are who?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania Department.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

There are other awards. Two other than the A. P. Davis and the, what is it, Conrad Linder, that we were talking about at the C of A Meeting? There's also the Cornelius Whitehouse Award. There're some other awards where the word member is used. Maybe they'd better look at that also.

Indistinguishable

In the report, that was, you know, when they used the term member was specifically brought up in the paragraph of those three, but you're right. It covers all of 'em really.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right. I'm not sure that the Constitution and Regulations Committee's going to review every we'll (indistinguishable).

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I mean, there's, there's, there's five awards. There's like five awards. I mean, it's ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. If you could give a list of the five you see, we have three, but some of them are intentional to be limited supposedly, and some are a little more broad based. So that's what we want to try to get a definition on.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No, thank you. All right, Brothers, we're going to continue with New Business. Do we have any more New Business to come before the Encampment?

Daniel W. Hans, Department of Florida

(chatter) Dan Hans, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida. This is a special day for one of our members who is, who's present today. Our Past Department Commander, Buck Custer, is celebrating his 80th birthday.

Encampment

(applause, chatter, and singing "Happy Birthday").

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any additional New Business?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. Question on per capita. Are we going to cover that a little bit later or not? Or is that under New Business?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well it is under New Business. But if you want to bring it up now, we'll go over it now.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Brother Orr, if I stand correct, stand correctly, we had to take thirty-five thousand dollars out reserve, or thirty thousand, well more than, we took a big chunk of money out of reserve to keep us afloat this year, correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Actually, because of the action of the Encampment yesterday, I went back up and made a phone call last night (indistinguishable).

Indistinguishable

Can't hear you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, National Treasurer. Charlie, after the actions just taken yesterday regarding the certificates and other items that the Quartermaster sells, I made a phone call last night to our

bookkeeper, asked her how much money we actually come in for those items during the past fiscal year. taking, assuming that two-thirds of that would be lost, that meant a decrease of forty-two hundred dollars in income through Quartermaster sales. so we're now at roughly forty-three thousand dollars spending more than we have coming in.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so that means that, we took it from reserves this year to cover it. Correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

And that's been going on for several years, so that means that will continue, that process will continue every year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The year that we just closed, we spent approximately fifteen thousand more than we took in. The year before that, it was fourteen thousand. The year before that was fourteen thousand. To put this more in perspective, if we had to balance this with a per capita tax increase, we have fifty-eight hundred members paying per capita tax to make up forty-three thousand dollars. That's a nine dollar per capita tax increase. A fifty percent increase just to balance this year's budget, leaving very little for additional growth and expenses in coming years.
(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I don't know what motion to make here to solve that. Nine bucks would solve the problem but that, we're going to lose half our members if we do that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well we're not ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That, this years' (indistinguishable).

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

My budget does not propose an increase this year. That was why the discussion on looking at different ways that we can invest our resources to generate more income. That's the purpose of establishing the Sub-Committee that the Council of Administration did. We, the thing that we do need to know and why I'm, I am perfectly up-front with where we're at. The Brothers here need to know that something's got to be done. we are spending, well, spending forty-three thousand dollars over what we take in. That's what, about fourteen percent of our reserves and it certainly drops us below the three year reserve threshold that is recommended by most non-profit accountants. That you have a minimum of three years and preferably a five year reserve. being enough reserve to cover all your expenses

for that period of time. So we're falling below that threshold as well. Which subjects us to comments in our audit that we may not be financially stable.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

All right if we would all, if every Brother in the Order would get one new member, that would probably solve the problem wouldn't it? One new member or Associate. One, one new Brother.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well if we double the number of Brothers that we have ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... then you add fifty-eight hundred, and fifty-eight hundred times eighteen dollars, yeah, that's going to, that's, you know, that's an additional seventy-thousand dollars, eighty thousand dollars a year in per capita.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you very much.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And over here, please?

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward Senior Vice Commander, Department of Florida. some of the delegates were asking if we could take steps to change those, the large, the substantial percentage of restricted funds into unrestricted funds? That doesn't exactly solve our problem because there's still assets that we have a shortfall of income versus expenses, but, it would address our financial structure and it might address once we find some better income producing ways for these monies, that might address income in the future. I'm not sure if that's something that should be made into a motion? I'll be happy to do that if somebody wants me to do that.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We can re-characterize some of the funds. The budget isn't here right now. It's out being printed. The proposed budget. when we actually go over the budget, one of the things in there is to re-characterize the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund and use that to cover some of our expenses. Other than that, I think we cannot re-characterize the Grand Army of the Republic Fund because of the terms under which we have solicited donations to that fund which is that it be operated under the restrictions which are applicable to a 501(c)(3) Organization. We cannot touch the permanent fund. The Civil War Memorials Fund, how are you going to re-characterize it? I mean, that's what we use for grants. The Lincoln Tomb Fund we can't do anything with because that's a joint fund with MOLLUS. In

actuality even though we administer it that also contains monies that belongs to MOLLUS. Trying to think what the other funds are. We are proposing to eliminate the Past Proceedings Fund, which really never had money put in it other than from our reserve fund. It's just a bookkeeping nightmare and it just means more cost because it's another fund that has to be audited even though we haven't spend anything out of it in three years.

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The Heritage Defense Fund.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The Heritage Defense Fund, that's one that can be re-characterized. What we're proposing suspending the per capita the fifty cents out of each per capita payment that goes into that fund, so we, all we're going to garner is the fifteen thousand dollars or so total that's in the fund. Put it into the General Fund and at two percent interest, what's it going to generate? Three hundred dollars.

Indistinguishable

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I mean, our problem is our expenses, when you really get down to it. Our single largest expense is The Banner, to produce The Banner, it costs us roughly forty-five thousand dollars a year. the next single largest expense is the National Headquarters, and that is only that way because it includes the contractual the cost of the contract we have with the Execute Director to provide those services. And I would dare say that the way things are now, you're not going to have a candidate for Secretary who's going to take on all that work. Be a full-time, employed full time and still do everything that Brother Demmy does. It's not physically possible to do it, let me put it that way. Cause I know, even though he's contracted only to work, what, twenty hours a week? He's putting forty and fifty hours a week into the job.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jerry?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski. Something I eluded to yesterday is the possibility of those of us who have been blessed economically, to allocate part of our estate to the Sons of Union Veterans. Not in a prescribed fund, but in rather the general account or The Banner account, or the building account or maintenance account. You would simply instruct your attorney to allocate five percent or ten percent of your total estate before your heirs get it. Another way to do it is you can

purchase, and I'm an insurance man so I know a tiny bit about this. A single premium life insurance policy, for say three thousand, five thousand, ten thousand dollars. Based on your age and the condition of your health, that might buy ten, fifteen, twenty-five thousand dollars upon your death, which would go free of your estate into the Sons to pay that shortfall that we had this year and we'll have in coming years unless we organize better. The other thing is something for you to think about when this discussion comes up with The Banner, that I love getting The Banner hard copy. I want to continue getting the hard copied Banner and I'm willing to pay to get that. Some of us cannot afford to pay because we haven't had jobs because of the tough economic times. Let's get that e-mail. But those of us who can afford to pay for The Banner, possibly we kick in ten bucks a year additional to pay for that hard copy Banner. Those are just ideas from somebody who's sitting next to you thinking about it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother Jerry. Brother Vieira?

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

Commander, Bill Vieira, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. And I'm willing to take the chance of becoming the most unpopular man in this room right now.

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(chatter)

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

We have not had a per capita increase in quite some time.

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Eight years.

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

Eight years. Within that eight year period of time, our expenses to operate have increased considerably. We're now paying more to operate our National Office. We're paying more for copies. We're paying more for virtually everything because prices have gone up for virtually everything. I am going to make the motion that our national per capita be increased by five dollars.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I will second that motion.

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(chatter and laughter)

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

This will assist us ...

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Thanks.

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

... in reducing this deficit ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on a minute, Brother.

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

... by nearly half.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. So we have a motion and we have a second.

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(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... to increase the national per capita by five dollars. Correct? Brother?

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

That it correct, Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And we had a second on that. Comments?

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(chatter)

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Jim Ward Senior Vice Commander, Department of Florida. To intensify the competition for most unpopular person, if we're running nine dollars per member in arrears, we should raise it to ten dollars additional.

Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to sit down. Brother?

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Mark Day, Lynchburg, Virginia and Maryland Department. In the last two years, our Camp has graciously covered the expense of a couple of Brothers because they can't afford what we're asking now. And I can't imagine that we're the only people that are in that position. And five dollars to me doesn't seem a big deal. But I know that a few of the Brothers that I have who have not, who don't have jobs, who have lost their jobs in the last year or two and have not been able to find jobs. And especially some of my older Brothers. I have one Brother in my Camp who had worked for somebody for forty years and they let him go and he has not been able to get a job and so he has just applied for his Social Security because he cannot get employment. That, those kind of hardships I think that we just have to take that into consideration here. I'm not standing here to say I won't support five dollars. I don't think I could support ten.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander, Chris Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. Junior Vice. There's a Starbuck's in this hotel. And I'd be willing to bet that the majority of the Brothers here, at least one time this weekend, has gone to Starbucks. That's what we're talking about. One cup of coffee for each one of us to keep this Organization alive. We know we're in hard economic times. I mean, the fact that the Organization is suffering a shortfall is proof positive. But when I look around and I think about the sacrifices that our forefathers made the battles they fought, the deprivations they endured five dollars seems to be not that tough of a pill to swallow. So I would propose that we do, I rise in support of increasing the per capita five dollars for this year. I would also ask the Brothers here to consider that we go ahead and decide at some point in the future, be it next year or two years, that we step it up to ten dollars to, to soften the blow a little bit. But the bottom line is, something has to be done and something has to be done pretty quick. And I would ask the, the Brothers here to support the five dollar increase but also strongly consider either we're going to have to come back and do this again next year or two years, or we go ahead and say let's do five this year and five in a year or two. And get this under control. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. There's two more in front of you.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. We can throw money and stuff. I'm not saying not to support the five bucks. But just to constantly throw money at an issue without looking at the structural issue is actually ludicrous. And if we do not ...

Encampment

(applause)

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

If we do not tie an increase of the budget, or increase of per capita into the requirement that we in fact look and evaluate our structural condition in terms of how we are spending money it just does not make any sense. Plus too, our Camp lost members due to inability to pay. And if we just continually raise money, it's just going to reduce our membership. And I think that that doesn't make a bit of sense. You know, and again, most of you people are in states right now that are suffering economics bad conditions. And I'm certain a lot of your legislatures are also looking at, let's raise taxes,

let's raise taxes, let's raise taxes. But very few of them want to look in terms of what they're spending and how they're spending it. Let's not get into that situation. We need to look in terms of how we're spending before we start to continually raise taxes. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker Department Commander from Massachusetts. I agree with Brother Keith. I think the Brother Orr had said that the issue is expenses. It's probably also that we're not getting much return on our investments. And therefore, income is an issue. I think our responsibility as leaders in the Organization is to make sure that the least able members can still afford to be members. I'm opposed to this. I think if most members if you polled them, would rather pay for a subscription to The Banner and keep their dues down, where they have a choice and they can download it off the internet rather than continue with forty-five thousand dollar a year program that they're forced to pay in to. I would be opposed to that. I would support a subscription for The Banner and oppose the increase in per capita.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Please.

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Chaplain Marc, Nebraska. I agree with Brother Keith also. However we have to remember, we haven't had a per capita tax increase in eight years. We're not keeping up with inflation. We can't cover that with our investments. I would put forward, I'm probably one of the poorest Brothers in this room. I get six hundred and seventy-four dollars a month in Social Security. But if we have, I, I don't want to see us in the red. I mean, if we have to do something about this that if it was indicated that our expenses justify an increase in the per capita tax, I would support that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Don Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Camp Commander for Camp 18, Department of Texas.

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Closer to the microphone.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, just a little closer, sir. I cannot hear.

Don Gates, Department of Texas

Don Gates, Camp Commander, Camp 18, Department of Texas.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Don Gates, Department of Texas

I too agree that it's necessary to be fiscally responsible at this time. And I would support an increase in the overall, in the per capita rate, once we've determined that we have fully reviewed the budget and determined that those items that have, may have a limited interest, for example have, receiving a copy of The Banner in hard copy where there may be well, many people who would receive it in as electronic form. Where those things have been addressed first before we go ahead and say now it's time to raise the per capita. Raising the per capita is the easy way out without looking hard at where the money's going and making sure that people are paying for what they get and they're aren't pay for what somebody else gets. That's my own, only point. Thank you, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm a former National Treasurer. I can attest that a lot of the problem is the return on the investments that we are getting. or not getting actually. Commander-in-Chief, I move at this time that we table to a time certain this question, to be brought back up off the table at the time that Brother Orr has a chance to present the budget to then Encampment. This gives Brothers a time to mull over this question. But then to have in their hands the hard copy of the budget, they can look at it line by line, see the adjustments that we've made and then at that time, bring that back off the table and consider it. And I so move you.

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Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion to table. We have a second on it. Requires an immediate vote. And we're going to say all in favor to table, please raise your cards. Opposed? The motion is tabled. Coincidentally, the Treasurer's Report just arrived.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody have a copy now? Thank you. I'm going to turn this over to our Treasurer, our beloved Treasurer.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers, what you have in your hand is the budget, with

the modifications that made by actions of this Encampment through the end of yesterday. I would first make this request. If anyone has any other intentions of proposing any expenses, that they be brought to the floor before we really take up this budget because if there's more expenses to be added to this, it'll change the budget. All right. If no one does, let me start out with this. While we're charging eighteen dollars a year per capita, you note on the first line it says per capita fifty-eight hundred and thirty-two members at eleven fifty. first I want to explain why that is. For the past several years, we have been allocating portions of the per capita to certain funds in order to cover those expenses. We allocate money to the National Headquarters Fund, which is five dollars and fifty cents of your per capita to cover those expenses. We were allocating two dollars per year to the Civil War Memorials Fund, in order to try and help balance the General Fund expenses. This year, we've cut that to one dollar. The last time we raised per capita, one dollar of that raise was designated for the Civil War Memorials Fund. The other dollar had been characterized for that fund by the Council of Administration. So the Council of Administration simply reversed the one dollar that they had authorized to be contributed to that fund. We're still putting in the one dollar that the National Encampment has deemed to go into that fund. I will get into a little more details of that. We've suspended the fifty cents that went into the Civil War Heritage Fund as I mentioned earlier. So the five fifty and the one dollar is the, is the eighteen dollars a year per capita. One of the big things as Brother Tucker mentioned, our income is significantly down. We had about eight or nine CD's that came due last October and November that we're still earning between six and seven percent interest. They've been replaced with CD's that are earning anywhere between one and a quarter and two and a quarter percent. That was a significant hit on our income. We have always conservatively invested. Except for some mutual funds that we recovered from the Department of Oregon that had been escheated to the State of Oregon. And Brother Pahl successfully recovered those a number of years ago. We still maintain those mutual funds that's sort of been money that's there. It's about forty thousand dollars and it goes up and down, the same as any other mutual fund account. We do not generate any income from that fund because it's set up that any income it generates is automatically reinvested. Other than that, everything we have is invested in U. S. Savings Bonds or CD's. Extremely conservative. This is why the Council of Administration voted to set up a Sub-Committee or an Advisory Committee to the Council to determine ways that we can invest

the monies that we do have available, to gain more income to offset some of the expenses that we have. The one of problems that we have and I mentioned it with my financial reports for last year. Because the Permanent Fund is not generating enough money to cover the per capita tax that is due to the National Order on Life Members, three hundred and ninety-nine Life Members are, there's no money going into the General Fund on those three hundred and ninety-nine members. Which is roughly seventy-two hundred dollars that is lost to the General Fund. previously we've been budgeting for years, thirty-five thousand dollars a year income from the Quartermaster. As I said earlier, the result of the actions of the Encampment yesterday, putting all the certificates online rather than sales to the Quartermaster, will cost us a little over four thousand dollars. I've decreased the amount here by four thousand dollars on the Quartermaster sales from thirty five to thirty-one hundred. The Banner subscription generally run us the seven hundred dollars a year. Camp Registration Fees, I'm not sure what the total is. I know Walt's been sending me money for the past several months. usually we're around fifteen, sixteen hundred dollars. we had two new applicants last year for Camps. We had been budgeting income of three hundred dollars for those, but we are not having that many new Charters come in. So that's been reduced to a more realistic amount. Webpage services is exactly what we've brought in last year. We had absolutely no donations to the General Fund last year and that's why it's zeroed out. National Membership-at-Large ...

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(indistinguishable) will be one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There will be one. I didn't know what it was when I did the budget. So that's a plus. Again, the interest on the General Fund that's invested is estimated to be six thousand dollars for the year. Leaving us with a hundred and eight thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars in income. However, if you look at the expenses, we need to use thirty thousand five hundred and sixty-five dollars of Reserve from the General Fund in order to balance off the expenses. On the expense side, the Quartermaster expenses are what they are. We have to buy the things to sell it. We were having no dies made this year for any new medals. Shipping and handling is what it is. There is a new item. I know it's great for the Brothers to use PayPal. But, even though we charge the same price for the item sold through PayPal, every purchase on PayPal costs us thirty cents plus three percent of the total including shipping. So we take a hit with every PayPal order that is placed by any Brother in the organization. And that has to be added in then

to the cost of the goods sold through the Quartermaster and recover the expense against the sales. Commander-in-Chief expense is maintained at seventy-five hundred dollars to cover his, all of his expenses including all of his travel. And believe me, that doesn't come anywhere near covering it. National Secretary, Treasurer, and Quartermaster, we've maintained those at two thousand dollars for about the past ten years. One of the things that have been done in order to help out this budget, we've moved the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief recruiting expenses from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund to the General Fund, which is three hundred fifty dollars, primarily for postage and telephone. We reduced the amount of money for representatives of the Commander-in-Chief attending Department Encampments and other events that he cannot make from seven thousand dollars to thirty-five hundred dollars. We've eliminated the Council of Administration per diem for attending the Council of Administration meetings. And, all the members of the Council of Administration will now have to absorb all those costs themselves. The National Encampment Host Committee remains at a thousand dollars. Past Commander-in-Chief jewel is increased. Yes, Kevin?

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Sorry, Brother Orr. Kevin Tucker Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. Sorry, just looking at the front of this, you have Quartermaster sales as thirty-one thousand?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Then you have Quartermaster expenses at thirty thousand, and three thousand for shipping. I ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I don't believe we, we have a loss from the Quartermaster.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I didn't say we had a loss from the Quartermaster. I said we had a decrease in income. What you, ...

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

No, I'm just talking about the, what you're budgeting. You have, you have thirty-one thousand in sales and thirty-three thousand in expenses.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

And I also have twenty-five hundred dollars in Quartermaster shipping and handling as income.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Okay, you're still, I still believe he made more than ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, Bro...

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

... five hundred.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother, Brother Orr. Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania. Through you to Brother Tucker. Also, some of this expense were for things that they purchased which were in volume, which they will have in inventory to, which will be carried into next year and the year after maybe or whatever. So that, part of that expense of thirty thousand dollars was to have badges made, which is like a number

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Okay. But this is a proposed budget. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

This is a proposed budget.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I'm (indistinguishable) ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

But if you start cutting the Quartermaster expenses ... I, I mean, I'll give you an example. We just had to purchase tie tacks. We had a minimum order of a hundred and fifty tie tacks. It will take us five or six years to sell a hundred and fifty tie tacks, but we had to pay for that right now. So it had to be expensed even though the income isn't going to be there for several years.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

But, but where this is a proposed budget, could we not buy the tie tacks and hold off?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

If you want to tell the Quartermaster you want him to cut what he's handling, sure. I mean, you, if you want, if you want Danny to cut the items that he carries, and that one item I will tell you right now that we've been working on we are almost out of ties. The red ties are going to cease to exist simply because we can't afford to carry two. And we will, we're going to renew the blue ties with a new design on them. But, we still have a minimum purchase that we have to make. It's not that big, but ...

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

A hundred ties.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

A hundred ties. It still takes us a while to sell a hundred ties and probably aren't going to sell a hundred ties in a year. So, the problem is that, Danny right now has about forty-five thousand dollars worth of inventory at his house. Because of we have to buy in bulk in order to get a better price

and then it takes a long time to recover that money. Danny?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster. Gentlemen, I just want you to know and I need Brother Orr's help on this. I keep figures and he keeps figures and my figures are usually close to his, but his are better than mine. But anyway I'm showing last year's sales was about thirty-... I just want to go back to last year was thirty-nine thousand dollars. Okay. Out of that thirty-nine thousand dollars, I believe Rich you told me back about a month or two ago that we were showing about a five thousand dollar increase for the year. Is that correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We, you had about a five thousand dollar increase. Right. But that five thousand dollar increase was being completely taken up by the flags that we sold. The Camp Flag and Department Flags and since that was a ...

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... new item, when I did do this estimate, I cut down the number of blue flags and Department and Camp Flag that we would be selling. Figure that those that really were going to jump on it already had.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

But I did want everybody to know we did show those kind of figures. It did show about five thousand dollars over costs.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Okay. So it doesn't look as bad as it does on this paper, but then I also realize what you're doing. You're taking off the flags and your taking off I'm trying to think.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Took all the certificates off.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Well yeah, the certificates ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Which at least, I took ...

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

... which is at least forty-four hundred dollars.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... two-thirds of the certificates off.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

I would like to say though there's a member here today that decided to buy ten of the four dollar certificates to take home instead of printing 'em and I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother?

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Florida. regarding the previous discussion, I think one of the things that's missing here is a balance sheet that would reconcile the effect of inventory changes going forward and in the back. Do I understand in rough terms that our net worth basically is decreasing about x amount of dollars each year for the past several years?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

yes. And this budget will decrease, as it stands right now, will decrease our net worth thirty-eight thousand three, two hundred and twenty-five dollars this year.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The three large items on the expenses, obviously is The Banner. That was forty-two thousand dollars last year. But budget item has been increased three thousand dollars because of postage is going to go up the first of the year and we need to cover additional postage on at least two issues of The Banner. we still have to, we have to pay for two audits this year. The Fiscal Year 2008 audit was just completed and Max had not received the bill yet when he left home, which will be about four thousand dollars. And we have the 2009 audit to be done for the fiscal year that just ended. That is a reduction of eight thousand dollars over the previous year's budgeted amount for that. Accounting Services, that's a reduction of thirteen thousand dollars over last year's budget. We have a bookkeeper who is doing that work for us far below the going rate as Brother Mellor will attest to since his wife does that type of work and we are only paying her twenty-three dollars an hour. which is about two-thirds of the normal rate for somebody that's doing the type of work that she is. Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Orr, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief. Through you to Steve. The reason I was standing in line back here, last time I had a question based on The Banner. When you deal with printed matter, the higher the volume of printed, the cheaper it gets. I mean, obviously you're paying for set-up initially, all right, so if half of our members take The Banner online, that means the individual cost of The Banner is going to go up per copy.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Because if you, if you print ten thousand Banners, it's going to go down to so many cents a Banner, you know, it's (indistinguishable) ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I (indistinguishable) off ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

... reduce ridiculously.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I (indistinguishable) the top of my head and Steve can correct me if my figures are wrong. Each issue of The Banner, we pay a design company twenty-two to twenty-three hundred dollars to do the layout.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Which would remain regardless.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Which would remain constant.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

If we, if we only print one copy, it's going to cost us that twenty-two hundred dollars. We then pay somewhere ... Steve, what is it? About eight thousand dollars to have it printed? But the initial setup cost of that is like four thousand dollars even if we only print one copy?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. So you've got, you're up to six or eight thousand dollars for one copy.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

One issue if you only printed one copy.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The paper is, in the whole mix, paper is relatively cheap.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. Correct.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

and you're, the more copies you do, have printed, the lower the cost per copy ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... because you're spreading your fixed costs over more copies.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. But what I was trying to get across is the fact

that even though half would go to the online version, it isn't going to save us half the money.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(Indistinguishable) per copy...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

You're still going to have a huge chunk for initial setup, for print set, for print setup, for layout, for all the other things, you're still going to have a big chunk. And that's, that's when you brought The Banner here, that's why I was wanting to get up here.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

My estimates from the numbers that Steve has given me and what we've been paying, if fifty percent of the Brothers took it electronically, we would, we might save twenty-five percent of the cost of The Banner.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right, that sounds about right then.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. Those are the expenses out of the General Fund. the GAR Fund, those things have been fixed, the income of of Patriotic Instructor a PO in there of two hundred and twenty-five dollars even though we had absolutely no money generated from Patriotic Instructor's Fund that this year. The thirty-eight hundred dollars from the Blue / Gray Ball is a pass through. You know that's generated from the Blue Bay, Blue / Gray Ball account at the Remembrance Day and that is what we donate to the National Park Service. We did have a hundred dollars in donations last year to this fund and I've kept that at the same. Interest is an estimate there. And we now are buying all of the wreaths for Remembrance Day and the MOLLUS and the Ladies' Organizations are reimbursing us. Primarily because we get a better price when we walk in and Charlie tells her we want seven wreaths as opposed to seven individual organizations ordering their wreaths. It also means that we know they're there. Um... we have removed the scholarships from the General Fund and the GAR Fund. Don't get too upset with it yet. The Lincoln Memorial is the wreath for Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln Tomb, that is our combined ceremony with MOLLUS and we have some agreements with them with, which require us to contribute our portion of the expenses. Everything for Remembrance Day is there. We did keep a thousand dollars in here for special projects. Grant Tomb, again that's the wreaths for Grant Tomb, and the donation to the National Park Service is a thirty-four hundred dollars which we've generated last year. The thirty-eight hundred dollars in the income is estimated what it will be this year. Brother Don?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I was just looking under the SVR under the expenses. I think you can save yourself a hundred dollars because we don't, the postage and mailing are no longer an expense because we don't do that anymore. So you can save yourself a hundred bucks there.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Not much, but ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I do have a question for you on that. Is the liability going to go up? The insurance?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It, for whatever reason, it has not gone up the last two times I've paid.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well we, we paid three hundred and thirty-five dollars last year.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I don't believe so. I think ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Or was it three fifteen? It was either three fifteen or three thirty-five. It might have been three fifteen and I built, built roughly a ten percent increase in there.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, yeah, I don't think it will go up. I ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

But, you know, that, the insurance, the streamers that we just ordered for that is going to be like three twenty-four, so basically you ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

So, right on the button.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... saved yourself a (indistinguishable) bucks.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Mark one dollar. Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, hey, you know we're, we're how much in the hole? So that, that two fifty dollars for the postage and mailing, that can be zeroed out.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. I will zero those out.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

There's one you missed Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

What did I miss?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

and we've not been billed for it and the guy jumped me Memorial Day. That's for the carriage for Mr. Lincoln. That's two hundred and fifty bucks. That is the big, that, he jumped me, says I've not been paid in several years. I said have you submitted a bill? Well no. I said well then that's why you've not been paid, you know?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

So we, we paid him for Memorial Day, you know but at the Remembrance Day Parade has not paid their, their bill for that. He's been basically he realized at this point he has donated the past year.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I said those years are closed. But so we just took the hundred dollars from him, that he saved, and put it towards the carriage.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well plus we have to add another hundred and fifty, so what that's going to mean is, the ..

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The, the printing cost, I usually donate that for the program at Wilson Monument.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That's donated in my part. I, I very rarely, was that, the printing, is that budded, is that for the Ball? For the Cards?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

No, that's all under the Blue / Gray Ball budget.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

This is only what's actually at Wilson Monument.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay another thing that I would like to see us do, and it's another expense but you know, if you're going to do something, you really sometimes have to pay. We really should afford to have a Porta Potty put at the formation area.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I mean, it, it's a little rough sometimes if you've gotta go, you know, and there's nowhere to go.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Do you have a price?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I would have to get you a price on that. It's something that's been brought up to me by a number of people, particularly the women that are in the parade.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well you've got a hundred under miscellaneous expenses. If we go, for this year if we go over it, the, there's not much we could do about that. But we can always charge it under the miscellaneous expenses.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

All right. That'll mean a change in money transfer from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund of at least thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars, on that fund. The Permanent Fund I've broken this out a little bit differently. because a lot of the Brothers think that that forty-one hundred and twenty dollars in income is available to cover the expenses of the fund. It is not. Honor Roll Contributions, the National Membership-at-Large new member fees and Life Membership fees are designated to go to the fund. They are restricted. They become part of the principal immediately. And they cannot be used. It's the only thing in this fund that we can use under the term's that's set up in the Constitution are, is the income generated from the fund, which is approximately seventeen hundred dollars for this past year and I don't anticipate much of a change next year. Expenses, we have two groups of Life Members that we have to pay out reimbursement. two hundred and thirty-two Brothers who joined under the original program and this reimbursement rate is set by the Council of Administration. We have been paying it at six dollars a year for the past number of years. I, in order to not run a negative amount in this fund I recommended to the Council of Administration that this be set at four dollars and that will be taken up tomorrow. The second program, we are contractually obligated to pay a reimbursement to those fifty-eight Brothers of twelve dollars a year, which will come to six hundred and ninety-six dollars. Anyone who has become a Life Member since December 31st of 2001 receives no reimbursement from this fund. All the money goes into the principal of the Permanent Fund and that's where it

stays. We do have expenses of new Life Membership Cards and some postage to mail those out and Life Membership Bars. bottom line is this will give us a net gain of forty-six dollars in the Permanent Fund. Plus the forty-one hundred and twenty-dollars in restricted income. As you can see, seventeen hundred dollars doesn't come anywhere near covering the per capita that is owed to the General Fund on those Life Members. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund was established probably fifteen, eighteen years ago for the purpose of promoting the Order. When it was first established, the registration fee, the five dollars which is really a misnomer because if you read the Regulations, if you're charging more than a ten dollar administration fee, you owe half of what you're charging to National Order. Ten dollars is a minimum and half, and it says half of the registration fee comes to National. So if you're charging somebody a twenty dollar application fee, you really owe National ten dollars on that person. We don't have any way of tracking it, so you're on your honor system whether or not you pay it. That money was designated to go to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. Plus the interest in donations generated on that fund. Out of this we have, we've paid for advertising for membership recruitment and we've paid the expenses of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to run new membership recruitment program. We have not purchased advertising in nine or ten years now. Danny, I think you were the last one that did it or ...

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

(indistinguishable)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

So it's what? Ten years ...

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

(indistinguishable)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

... since you were Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

(indistinguishable)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

you did, okay, so, Jim, you were the last one to purchase that.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Which is nine years. All right. So one of the proposals is to re-characterize the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund. Since this was restricted by this body and the donations that we have received have been expended to cover the purpose of the fund because donations have been very minimal. They've been in

the order of twenty-five to fifty dollars a year and that's all that's been donated into this. We can re-characterize this. We, the Council of Administration did not want to do away with the fund because we think there's still a purpose here. We need to re-visit why we're not using this in some other manner to promote the Order. However for the time being, to balance the budget they'll be some changes here because the GAR Fund is going to go to thirty-two fifty and that means need to have five thousand seventy dollars of the Reserve, of which there's about thirty-four thousand dollars in this fund. Five thousand seventy dollars of that will be used to pay the scholarships. We're moving both scholarships to this fund. We have been using this to fund the Memorial University and then transferring thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars to the Grand Army of the Republic Fund so that that money does not need to be transferred out of the General Fund which is what we had been doing. National Headquarters, as it was said five dollars and fifty cents of your per capita goes to that fund. We do have some income. I am projecting changing the Mutual Funds so that we take the money that is being generated there in dividends, rather than re-invest it, use it because we need it. And that's the five hundred dollars approximately. And so, the all the expenses we have, well there's a couple of lines there don't have anything in them because they're past. Our rent is paid through January of 2011, at which time we will need to pay the rent for the following year. We make one annual payment for our rent so it becomes a pre-paid expense and for the purpose of the cash in and cash out we have to expense it here, our bookkeeper expenses one twelfth of that ninety-two hundred dollars every month, or four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents I think it is. Telephone and internet, and we have both at there and I will tell you this, this may be low. Pennsylvania Utility Commission just approved a rate increase for Verizon for both telephone and internet services. Verizon claims it's only going to be a three to four dollar a month increase. I've yet to see one of their increases be what they say it's going to be. We just paid the insurance for this year and anticipate the insurance is not going to go up much next year because we did have an increase this year and that's on the furniture and our liability insurance there. Decreased the amount of money in this budget for purchasing of equipment and furniture for the National Headquarters. Things do wear out. Things do need replaced. Brother Demmy keeps accumulating paper and we need filing cabinets to put it in, so we have to buy that and we do have the Post Office Box, that rental is two hundred and twenty dollars this past year, and it's another one of the fees that the Post Office is raising.

from what I've been able to find out from the Post Office, it will be two hundred and fifty dollars and that is due in November. But anyway, we, basically we'll have a net gain in the National Headquarters Fund which really amounts to the earnings on the Mutual Fund Stock. Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund, as I said, we reduced the per capita contribution here from two dollars to one. Being at fifty-eight hundred and thirty-two dollars. At the Council of Administration meeting, it was proposed that we use fifty-eight hundred and thirty-two dollars of the reserve that is in the Civil War Memorial Fund. That is fifty percent of the reserve roughly, so that we can continue to offer grants of totally roughly eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. I don't know that anybody's going to want a twenty-four dollar grant. I don't know that it's worth doing the paperwork for a twenty-four dollar grant. So we would have a net gain in that fund of twenty-four dollars. But it's really not a net gain, it really just means we're going to use less of the reserve. But the motion was to use fifty-eight hundred and thirty-two dollars from the reserve, so I have to put it that way in the budget. Civil War Heritage Fund, we are suspending the fifty cents per year per capita into that account, so it's only going to generate the interest that we have on that. We do not anticipate any expenses. Canadian Civil War Monument Fund, this was created by the Council of Administration last November at Gettysburg. This is strictly donations towards the Canadian Civil War Monument. There's no real way of gauging what those donations will be. There may be miscellaneous expenses by the Committee in an effort to raise funds. Again, that's going to come out of the eleven hundred dollars that are currently in that fund. So there's no way of gauging what they're going to spend. And they know what's there and that's pretty much it. Lincoln Tomb, we did make money on it this year. However, we are making a, and I say we the Committee, which is a joint committee between MOLLUS and the Sons, and Keith Harrison as Commander-in-Chief in his infinite wisdom thought it would be great to appoint somebody that's a member of both to represent MOLLUS. And, I get this e-mail and he says, Rich, can you do this? Aye, why not? So ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Bob Petrovic and I have been working on this. We are making a number of changes and I don't want to steal Bob's thunder since he's the... he's saying go ahead. All right. The result is we're going to use a hundred dollars from the reserve and there's about four thousand dollars in reserve for

this fund. We are involving more local organizations. I guess that's the best way to put it. Bob's already approached the Boy Scouts. When he leave here, he's going to Springfield to firm up some information with the Boy Scouts in Springfield. And we are also contacting the Girl Scouts, asking them to participate in the event. As a result of this, you will see the line item there for Boy Scout Patches. Any boy who participates, or girl, if the Girl Scouts agree to participate, will receive a patch for them to wear on their uniform at our expense. Each troop, pack, or whatever, will also receive the same streamer that every SVR Unit will receive for their flag and each participant is going to receive the ribbons. And we did them this year Bob's wife, Cher, has redesigned those and she's done a really fantastic job on them. They're going to be black with gold print on them. And Bob has a print-out and I have a print-out, but our print-outs aren't in color. Except for the Boy Scout Patch. That part's in color. Use a lot of black ink to print out a twenty-four inch black streamer with gold printing on it, so, we didn't want to really waste all that ink. So they are available if you want to see them. So the end result is that's still a wash. It's not, the only expense to us is the twenty-two hundred dollars that we contribute from the GAR Fund. Blue / Gray Ball Bud Chairs that along with his wife, Margaret. Tickets sales, that estimate, that is what they sold last year. The expenses are same as what they were last year ...

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The bottom line is, with this will generate thirty-eight hundred dollars that will be transferred to the GAR Fund and then in November of 2011, be presented to the National Park Service at Gettysburg. And over all, we have a net gain of five dollars. A number of years ago, I'm not sure if it was the Encampment or the Council Administration, created a Past Proceedings Fund. This was funded entirely with money from our reserves to pay for printing of past proceedings. We still have four past proceedings that have not been printed. However, maintaining a fund and having it audited, that really has no money in it all it does is tie up eleven thousand dollars that we don't have available for anything else, and no expenses. Still paying for this as part of the audit doesn't make sense. So in this budget, we're proposing that Past Proceedings Fund be terminated. If and when we print those past proceedings, they will simply be covered under the General Fund by using reserve funds which is all this was doing anyway. The bottom line is the net difference in income is a misnomer because that actually

includes the forty-one thousand four hundred and seventy bill, dollars in reserve funds are being used. The bottom line is, this budget, while the net change in assets are a negative thirty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars. I had said earlier forty-three thousand was being reused when, reserve and that was off the top of my head because I didn't have this in front of me. And it's actually forty-one thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars of reserve funds being used to balance this budget. Commander-in-Chief, I would move you, one, that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund be re-characterized to allow us to use the funds for purposes other than promotion of the Order, and Past Proceedings Fund be terminated.

Encampment

(Indistinguishable) second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and someone made a second I believe?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We have a second. Comments? Please?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, through you to Brother Orr, the Past Proceedings Publication was in fact passed, I believe, in Massachusetts. Or no, I'm sorry, in Nashua and at that time, but first off, those four proceedings that haven't been published do we have them or have they not yet been done anything with?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There was indication that two of them may be able to recover. The other two, we do not have at this time.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. I know that at a Council of Administration meeting, in Gettysburg, and a few years ago, we gave those individuals a time-limit to have those turned in and if not, we would issue a one page, we had the Encampment, here are the officer elected, so, because this is one of the things that's keeping us from being a 501(c)(3). So one, that should already been done. If you can recover the two, great. But my initial thing is, print the one sheet and be done and then come back later, so we can constitute the 501(c)(3). The second thing is, when we voted in Nashua, we said that those past proceedings had to be in the, for those of you who've been around for a while, the little small five by seven bound up stuff.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Let, let me ask you a question. while I understand the concept of what you're talking about, we're talking about

zeroing out that part of the budget right now and then if available in the future, we're going to reallocate the money.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well what I, what I'm trying to say is ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Instead of in the future reallocated, one, publish what you got. The one page thing. If the other stuff shows up, rather than spend the extra expense of doing the binding, the little five by seven thing, put it on a CD. We go from like we've done here, a couple thousand dollars to publishing the proceedings, I'll say that three times quickly.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

And to put it on a nine cent CD. And, and that way we're not going to have to put, you know, you make the two that have to go to, to Washington, and the rest of us get a CD. We save a ton of money over eleven thousand dollars in the future that we may need. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brother Kuhn?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department, Past Commander-in-Chief. Rich, do we want to include the Civil War Heritage Defense Fund in your motion also?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We weren't doing away with the fund, we're just not funding it this year.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We get ourselves straightened out, The purpose of that fund I'll try yelling a little louder here.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

He was attempting to....

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

He was attempting to hold that account to a zero for this year and possibly reallocate the money in once we've got a better balance on the budget.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, I, just wondered.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother?

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

James Ward, Senior Vice Commander Department of Florida. for Brother Orr just to fully understand the proposed budget, if I understood you correctly and looking at what's listed here, is about seventeen eighteen thousand dollars being spent by our Officers at the National level and your comment was that there are essentially donations in-kind or off-budget expenses that they are funding themselves. Would you say that approximately an equal amount of that amount is that kind of in-kind or fifty percent? How much are we asking our National Officers to pay off-budget out of their own pocket?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I could speak personally to that. When I was Commander-in-Chief, it, Commander-in-Chief's allocation was five thousand dollars and my out-of-pocket expenses for the year were a little over eleven thousand.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

We're an additional two times.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Well it was, I was hundred and, higher, I paid an equal amount plus out of my own pocket. This past year, I charged eighteen hundred and some dollars against the two thousand and I probably had another six or seven hundred out of my own pocket. I mean, I don't know what Leo spent over and above his, this, this year. I'm sure it's several thousand dollars. I know Danny I reimbursed him his whole two thousand dollars and I think he gave me almost three thousand dollars worth of receipts. Don nineteen hundred, Don? And I, and I know you had more expenses than that. I don't, I don't know much. All I can do is tell you that the National Officers, it's costing out of their pockets to fill these positions.

James G. Ward, Department of Florida

And may I ask one more question? so, under their, the IRS 990, are we declaring such things as donations in-kind?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We don't declare them as donations in-kind, but I know I certainly take it as an income tax deduction. And any Officer can.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. So the motion on the floor, the Senior Vice Account be reallocated and the termination of the Proceedings Account. The money could be allocated out afterwards from the General Account, Charlie, you got a comment or you just walking ?...

Encampment

(laughter, chatter, and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, all in favor, cards please? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion passes. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I got it. Are there any other suggested changes to the budget as presented?

Charles S. Reeves, Department of Ohio

Commander, my name is Chuck Reeves Commander, Department of Ohio. Question for the Treasurer. On your original page on the income from the General Fund, I notice that Banner advertising it's zero. Is that because The Banner cannot accept paid advertising?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It is.

Department of Ohio, Charles S. Reeves

Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers we do, The Banner cannot, we cannot except paid advertising for one simple reason. Well two reasons really. If we accepted as payment, we then have to declare it as unrelated business income and that means we have to pay income taxes on it, which pretty much would negate any money we receive from the advertising. And it changes the rate at which we can send The Banner. We can't send it at a non-profit rate. So what we've done with the Printer it is, Steve?

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The advertising fees are paid directly to the printer. He sells the advertising and he reduces our cost accordingly. So we still benefit from it, but we don't have the hassle of one, having to send things at commercial rate for postage. So it saves us several thousand dollars a year in postage. And we don't need to pay income taxes on it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

David C. Schleeter, Department of California and Pacific

Commander-in-Chief, I'm Dave Schleeter. I'm Past Camp Commander in Department of California and Pacific. There's one item that's always mystified me about the fees involved in the Encampment, is that the registration fee is so low. I've been a member of many other organizations and attended their conventions. Thank you. And the registration fees have been much more realistic as far as the expenses of those conventions have been. And I think we could, among the members here, I would say that they're probably the more affluent members of the Organization, and I think we could well afford to raise that fee by a great magnitude and increase the income to the Organization.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander Kevin Tucker, Department Commander from Massachusetts. I have a question and then I want to make a motion. Question for Brother Orr. I noticed in the Council of Administration Report on Page 7, it says *fifteen generate 2010 motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Tad Campbell to expend sufficient funds from the general reserve fund and secure a five PnCnC Jewels to be recorded as pre-payments on the book and to be distributed at the next five National Encampments to be at the National Quartermaster in, an engraved one presented. so that money's been transferred and yet it is also a line item here for the jewel on the on the proposed budget.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

There is a reason for that. We have ordered them and since each one of those is hand-made, our supplier has not supplied any except the one for Leo this year. So we don't have the other four. We haven't paid 'em. So that's why the item, line item is still there for next year as well. Because we will have to, and, we'll have to expend that next year. That will leave us then with three in reserve. And the reason we did that was because the price of gold is going up significantly. This year's Past Commander-in-Chief Medal had a hundred and fifty dollar increase in it. I have budgeted another hundred dollar increase for next year because the increase in price in gold. You have to remember that Past Commander-in-Chief is one ounce of ten carat gold, then hand carved.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

I still don't think I'm clear on that, so, it looks like you've spent the money for the next five, but ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We bought, we have not spent, it's been approved to spend it out of the reserve, but we have not spent it because we don't, we ordered them, but we haven't received them so that money hasn't been spent.

Department of Massachusetts, Kevin P. Tucker

When, and do you know when you're receiving them?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

We have no idea. To be honest, Danny can tell you. We were sweating on having the one for Leo because I think Danny even received it what, a week and a half before you left home? Two weeks?

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(chatter) That's why they have not really been expensed. Otherwise, that would have shown in last year's budget as an expense and then they'd have been in inventory and we would not need to expense one next year.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

And, and my motion, I move that The Banner be made available to members to download online.

Indistinguishable

It is.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

And any member that wishes to have a printed copy ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Let me finish. And any member that wanted, wants a printed copy, be charged a subscription sufficient to cover the cost of printing. And that that line item, that forty-five thousand dollars, would cover the shortfall in the budget.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So your motion is that to have The Banner available online. Any Brother wishing a printed copy to pay the cost, to cover the cost of printing.

Indistinguishable

And mailing.

Indistinguishable

Printing and mailing.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Is that correct?

Department of Massachusetts, Kevin P. Tucker

That is correct. Yes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Let's get a second on this before we go any further.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We have a second over here. Okay. All right. Comments please Brothers.

Encampment

(chatter)

Jerry R. Sayre, Department of California and Pacific

Jerry Sayre, Past Department Commander, California and Pacific. What, you know, they were making some comparisons to, with the problems we have in Washington. There's no seven hundred dollar hammers in here. Okay? It comes down to one thing. We pay more or we get less. Where you find it. Where you try and cut a hundred here makes no difference. You could come up with all kinds of inventive ways of saying, okay, Life Members pay their fee one year. That will offset one year and the next year we're right back here doing it again. It comes down to, we pay more or we get less. Thank you, Brother.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Chris Chapman Junior Vice, Department of Georgia and South Carolina. I'm going to rise in opposition to the motion. We just talked about that the advertisers in The Banner go through the printer. Well if I'm an advertiser, and half of the membership is not going to get my advertising and you reduce your circulation, you run the risk of all the advertisers that are currently in The Banner now pulling out. Also, there's a lot more to The Banner than just a newsletter. The Banner is a way for you individual Brothers to go out and after you've read The Banner, give it a friend who's not yet a member. Give it to your local library for recruiting. If you're just reading your Banner and then throwing it in the trash you and your organization are not getting all you can out of The Banner. We need, in my opinion, to be circulating The Banner more. We need to be trying to find advertisers to help this Organization as well as help whatever organization or entity they represent. But I'm going to tell you right now, if this goes, if The Banner goes online to a significant amount of people, most of your advertisers are going to pull out. I've got my own business and I would have, I wouldn't have no reservations about putting something in The Banner. I would certainly explore it for the mere purpose of helping this Order. But it, when I look at spending an advertising dollar, if it's only going out to a few hundred people, or one or two thousand people, then I'd take

a long hard look at the cost of it. I think we'll be cutting off our nose to spite our face by restricting The Banner because we're restricting advertising of this Order and we're restricting recruiting opportunities. And at the end of the day, gentlemen, and I'm going to step beyond commenting on the current motion briefly. The biggest problem here is we need to recruit. And The Banner is a recruiting tool. I agree, the budget is not full of fluff. The only way we're going to bring in more money is raise the dues or bring in the membership. And The Banner is, is something we've already got to do that. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. one other question. While I don't like buying a pig in a poke ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Can you get closer to the mic, please?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

While I don't buy, a pig in a poke, I'd like to know what that dollar amount is. You know Brother Tucker came up and said, we're gon..., his motion was that we pay, the people who want it in hard copy pay for it. What's the price per issue? The ten bucks an issue ... Okay. And I think ...

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable) ten dollars (indistinguishable).

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... there was some misunderstanding on Brother Tucker in, wherever he is, he can corr...

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. He can correct me. There, there was no intent on his part to do away with The Banner. His intent, when he said put The Banner on the website, and right now there's portions of The Banner on the website, not the entire thing. Putting it on the (indistinguishable) ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The entire Banner is on the website.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's all on the website?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. We'll give you the address afterwards.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Anyway, he's not wanting to put it on there, doesn't

make it go away and so it, I think there was some misinformation that he wanted to do away with The Banner and put it strictly on, on the web. And I don't think that was his, the intent of his motion. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

Commander-in-Chief, Bill Vieira, Past Department Commander, Department of Rhode Island. I'm going to stand in opposition of this motion and this is the reason why. I think we might need to think about how we're going to reword this. Right now, we've had this issue on, we've been talking about this for a long time. Some of us gents don't have internet or willing to do internet. Usually some of the more senior members of our Organization who might not be technologically savvy and they get the hard copy of The Banner. They pay for that already out of the per capita. That was established eight years ago as eighteen dollars. And part of that, they get four issues of The Banner. So now, we're making this we're having this issue and I had earlier made a motion to increase the per capita by five dollars. We tabled it and there was some opposition that we can't increase it. Considering those older gentlemen and some of us other members that can't afford it. Now, in this motion, they're going to have to pay for that subscription over and above what they're already paying for the subscription. They're paying ten dollars a year. Now they're going to pay twenty dollars a year. Which is even greater than the proposal of what we're having, that was tabled earlier for how much the increase that was in per capita. So I'm going to stand in opposition of this motion in a way that is expressed right now.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department. here again, I can remember the day and time we didn't get four Banners a year. Sometimes we'd get one. Sometimes we'd get two. I can remember 'em coming in a newspaper format

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) Well, it used to fall on the responsibility to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to publish The Banner and sometimes they would and sometimes they wouldn't. Since then, we've appointed a permanent Banner Editor. Steve Michaels. I think he deserves a huge round of applause for that.

Encampment

(applause)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

We do have a first rate publication. That, that, that publication, I don't know about you guys, but I like to have the hard copy. All right. I like to hold that in my hand. It's on slick paper. You know, it's got that shiny paper. It looks nice. It's a well thought out product. That is really the only thing we get for our eighteen dollars. In reality. I mean, what, what else do we get, Jim?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) But the point is, the eighteen bucks, that's all we really get as an Organization for ourselves out of the eighteen we pay into National. That's that Banner, and there are Brothers of this Order that look forward to getting that in the mail every month.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

For us to cut that in any way, shape, or form, I, I'm against that. I, I'm against that. That's all I have to say.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Brother Commander Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts Commander, once again. I actually receive The Banner four times a year and think it's an excellent organizational magazine and I would certainly miss it if I couldn't have it. And I would certainly pay for the privilege of holding the shiny piece of paper in my hand, just like just like our Past Commander-in-Chief. However, to impose a we're talking about increasing the per capita. And my motion, the intent of my motion is to stay that off, sweep it back. One of the ways we can do that is offer people a choice of getting The Banner or not and still being able to afford their dues. I will, in my conversations with the Department of Maine. There's nobody here from the Department of Maine. They don't have much money. The last time that the that an increase in the per capita happened that brought it up to eighteen dollars, the Department of Maine sent a resolution, cause they couldn't afford to come, they sent a

resolution the following year asking that it be pulled back because they were going to lose half their members. It was ruled out-of-order. They lost half their members. They're telling me again, they have no money and we're going to impose a per capita increase on them. What is our responsibility is to facilitate members activities to facilitate members being part of this Organization and it's, I agree, it's worth it to me to pay the subscription cost or to pay the price for The Banner, but not at the cost of losing members. You know that one of our, one of the Brothers talked about it as being a recruiting tool. Well, you're going to have to recruit all the people that you lost because they couldn't afford the per capita. You're giving them a choice this way. All of us that came up and spoke and said, you know, that we want to keep the Banner, we should be willing to pay for it. And, and I know that the, and by the way, The Banner is not the only thing we get from our dues as you can tell by the budget. We get a lot more than that. We're going to have to either give up something or make an increase in the per capita. I suggest giving people the choice of giving up something or those of us that really like it, you pay a little bit, a few bucks a year for a subscription. People that can't afford the subscription, can download it. They can have their Camp download it. They can have their Brothers download it. They can still get it, and you know, if our investments come back, maybe we can revisit it and bring it back up again. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Yes ...

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, Department of Wisconsin, Banner Editor. I'd like to expand a little bit about the, what the Brother from Georgia / South Carolina had said earlier about promoting the Order. Gentlemen, we're going into a major Civil War anniversary. The Civil War Sesqui-Centennial. Most of us were not active in the Order when the Centennial came around. But everything that I've been able to read about the Order was, we were grossly underrepresented, unprepared is a better way of putting it. We're talking about cutting the expense of printing The Banner. As a couple of Brothers had mentioned earlier, it's, they use it to promote the Order. If you'll look at the budget, we're expending no money on promoting the Order. Any promotion we do, or we're putting on the internet, we've been relying on recruiting people largely via the internet, over the last couple of years, because we have not expended any money on pamphlets, on magazines, on

informational brochures. Anything that we can, of quality, that we can put out there to the public. The Auxiliary, as financially strapped as it is, a couple of years ago put out a color pamphlet. We talk about the Senior Vice Commander Fund. There are a couple of us in this room. Gary Gibson one of 'em. Patriotic Instructor at National, who is responsible for a fund that he had to raise during his term of office. We don't use those offices like that anymore. Perhaps we should. Advertising in The Banner, gentlemen, some of you are better off than others. Some of you are well-connected, better than others. Please consider advertising in The Banner. At least at this early stage, we hope that it'll still be in print. We need to think about promoting the Order and as many of you have used The Banner that way, it serves a purpose. Not just to sit on the shelf or sit on the coffee table. But put it in dentist's offices. Places where you frequent. To spread the word of the Order. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're going to limit this to two more speakers. Okay? Brad please?

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander. I have thought about this issue greatly. And I'm trying not to 'cause I could probably speak to it for a long period of time. So I'll try to be as concise as I can. I have every Banner I ever received. The paper that I used to get is now so colored, I can't hardly read it. I has the memories of many men who set in this room with me over a great number of years, that are no longer here. The Banner represents to this Organization a lot more than a printed booklet that comes out four times a year. It means really the heart to the greatest share of our members that are out throughout the Camps and Departments in the country. I think there are things within The Banner that we can change to reduce the cost, but it's going to have to be over a two or three year period of time. Including that of which getting people used going to the internet, and then making that as a personal decision for them. If that's the way they want to do it. The per cost of the publication is another one. For those here, it behooves all of us to go back to our Camps and our Department, and we need to tell those Camps what we're facing. And one of the choices is The Banner and the modification of it. And then I think we need to bring that feedback, back to this Encampment next year and not make any decision on whether to

eliminate it, all go to electronic. But put within those people who you are going to vote later on today to find ways to reduce the cost so that we can more efficiently use that income for our General Fund. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to take you as the last speaker. I apologize.

Charles S. Reeves, Department of Ohio

Okay. again, Chuck Reeves Department of Ohio, Commander. I rise in opposition to the motion to go electronic. After twenty-five years in the publishing industry you still get set-up costs. There are all sorts of costs that'll never go away simply by saying we're going to do it electronically, unless you hire a stenographer to just publish a black and white without pictures, without everything. It's absurd to even go that route. So I rise in strong opposition to this. So I can't be as eloquent as those before me, but you're making a very big mistake if you think this is going to do anything to increase the popularity or the, the scope of this Organization. Gentlemen, there are many things we have to do and one of 'em I'm afraid, that you're going to have to bite the bullet and raise your membership fees. We face the same problem in the Department of Ohio. We came up with a budget, just a couple of bucks, hundreds, a thousand dollars short income versus expenses. But our dues are, pitifully small. I think we're paying four dollars to the Department. And if you can't afford a couple of more, at the Department level, and that's the argument we get. Then I guess, Brothers, some of us are going to have to separate from the Organization. We cannot continue this Organization on a basis of we can't afford it. No. You can't afford not to go forward.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We're now going to vote on the motion. The motion is, The Banner be available online. Any Brother wishing to have a printed copy of The Banner will be paying for it with the costs. All Brothers in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. Brothers opposed? Motion fails.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, I would like to take a ten minute recess. And then we're going to have a visitation. So please try to be back in about ten minutes so we can do our visitation.

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we're going to start with a visitation. How many escorts do we need?

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

We need four escorts.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Can I have four Brothers to assist at the door, please?

Indistinguishable

We're going to need one more, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

One more Brother to the door, please.

Encampment

(chatter)

[three raps ***]

Indistinguishable

May I have the honor of presenting Barbara Knopke, the President of the Ladies of the GAR?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please bring her up.

Indistinguishable

May I present Nancy Conway, Past National President of the LGAR?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Indistinguishable

I'd like to present Janice Corfman, Past National President. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Indistinguishable

I'd like to present Phyllis Houston, Past National President.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Indistinguishable

I'd like to present Opal Nelson, (indistinguishable) Past Department and (indistinguishable) National President.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please. (chatter)

Barbara Knopke, LGAR President

(chatter)

Encampment

(laughter)

Barbara Knopke, LGAR President

I want to welcome you to Kansas. I hope all of you from other parts of the United States have enjoyed your time here. That we have exceeded your expectations. That you've learned a lot about Kansas. I wasn't born here, but my heart is here. It is a wonderful state with tremendous history. And I hope you're able to take some of that back with you. I have to commend the Host Committee for their excellent work and their accommodations. And I don't say that just cause my husband was the Chairman.

Encampment

(laughter)

Barbara Knopke, LGAR President

But they, they've done a wonder job and, and we appreciate it. The Ladies are quite happy. It's really been quite uneventful, other than me, going down, but our Organizations share such a great history and a love. Working with Leo this year has been wonderful as Dave last year. It's a family and we need to remember that and work together and remember the glorious Boys in Blue and the women who fought in the Civil War to keep this country whole. So, thank you for everything you do. Thank you to this wonderful man here who actually helped save one of our Sisters a year or so ago. He was wonderful. So, thank you, Leo. My token of appreciation a little reading on your trip back and thank you for a great year. It's been wonderful working with you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It has been wonderful and I thank you much. (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Grim?

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

President Knopke, it's my privilege to welcome you to our Encampment. And I appreciate the kind remarks about our Commander-in-Chief. He doesn't get those very often.

Encampment

(laughter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) But we do thank you and the other Ladies who have joined with you today to come and visit with us. I've always had a special proud in my heart for the Ladies of the Grand Army because my mother was a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army and at one time, she was the National President. And quite frankly, if it hadn't been for her, I would not be in the Sons of Union Veterans. She's one that twisted my arm and talked me into taking her to a Department Encampment one time. Said I need a chauffeur to take me there, and once I got there, well ... (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Grim

But we enjoy every time that the Ladies come and meet with us. And we certainly hope that you have a very successful Encampment. And we definitely want to thank you and especially your husband, Jim, for the fine work he's done in, in making this Encampment possible for us here in Kansas.

Barbara Knopke, LGAR President

Great. Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sister Janice would like a word, please. (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter)

LGAR Nancy Conaway

Thank you. It's a pleasure for me to come into your meeting today and I want to give you a little history of me. Not everything that I've done, but I've been a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for fifty-five years.

Encampment

(applause)

LGAR Nancy Conaway

And this is the fiftieth National Encampment that I have attended. So you ...

Encampment

(applause)

LGAR Nancy Conaway

So, I just appreciate the fact that I got into the Ladies and, we, we, you know, associated with the Sons and the Auxiliary. And that we in Ohio at one time, had all five organizations together. So this is a big part of my life. And I, when I got to last year, I thought, I have to go and make it fifty years. And then I'd, from then on, I don't know. I've never been a public speaker. Not even back when I really could speak, but it's just I'd just like this opportunity to tell you how much not only the Ladies, but the Sons, the Auxiliary, and the Relief Corp mean to me. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Janice Corfman, LGAR Past President

I'm sure that a lot of you remember Betty Koch. She was the one, I think that really started this tradition of all of the Past National Presidents coming to greet the gentlemen and the Sons. And this is why we still do it. We want to carry on this. Even though our numbers of Past Nationals have dwindled a bit in attendance to our National, hopefully we'll get a few more coming back. But this is why we still do it and we come to greet the Sons. Because they're an extremely important part of even our Organization. Also I would like to thank the Jerome over here for the service yesterday. I really appreciate it. The Sons was a intricate part of Charles' life. And I know that most of you knew him, knew much, how important it was to him to have a group like you have today. When he first started attending, there wasn't even half this many at National. And this is how you have grown over the years, since the 70's. And it's, it's just heartwarming to see so many of you. And thank you again for the memorial yesterday to my husband. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(chatter)

Encampment (in unison)

(APPLAUSE)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I realize the agenda says we're going to take a break at eleven-thirty. We're going to push on a little bit further if you don't mind. Charlie, I'm, just give me a minute. We're going to push on a little bit further and then we're going to start back a little bit later. I've got to do a visitation over at the Auxiliary and I don't want you guys to start without me cause I'm afraid what'll happen.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief,

So we're going to start back at one fifteen this afternoon. So if we get about another twenty minutes going, I would appreciate that. Brother Kuhn?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania Department, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would move you that we accept the budget as published by the Treasurer.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I'm going to object.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. We have a second, to accept the budget as presented by the Treasurer. The Treasurer is now going to get up and I'm going to step back and listen to this one.

Encampment

(laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers, traditionally we present the budget. The budget is not adopted by the Encampment for one good reason. Not that you do not have the right and the authority to adopt that budget, but if this Encampment adopts the budget, that means the Council of Administration has no leeway to make any change ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I would like to amend my motion to refer the budget to the Council of Administration.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All Brothers in favor of the motion, please raise your cards. Brothers opposed? Motion passes.

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I make a motion to return the motion on the per capita to the floor.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to return the motion on the per capita. That was an increase in per capita to five dollars additional five dollars per Brother. The motion is back on the floor. We're going to do something a little different. We're going to limit the amount of speakers on this. We're going to take three for, three against. So have in decision what you're going to say when you get, and if nobody gets up, I am also okay with that. But three for or three against and then we're going to make some decision on this. Okay? The motion is back off the floor.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I call the question ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The question has been called.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

(indistinguishable) that is not a motion?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That is not a motion.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief James Pahl, Parliamentarian. For a point of education of the Brothers, to yell call the question from the floor, without being recognized and at the microphone, means nothing. The appropriate motion under Robert Rules of Order is to call the previous question. If there is a second, then that requires an immediate vote to terminate debate.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I move the previous question.

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll second it.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All right, Brothers, we're going to vote on the ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To terminate the question ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To terminate debate rather. To terminate debate. All in favor? Cards up. All opposed? Debate is ...

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... terminated. Now we're going to vote on the question. The motion was rather, to increase the per capita, the National per capita by five dollars. To increase the National per capita by five dollars. All in favor? Opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, Brother.

James C. Kiger, Department of Kentucky

Yeah, I see that we've dodged the bullet, which I'm very happy for. But I feel very strongly that the Council of Administration needs to come up with a long-term plan that we can live with for the next ten or fifteen years. Which means both cost and reducing costs if necessary. So I would propose that, or make a motion that at next year's convention, or if seeing fit before that, that we have a plan submitted that we can look at that will take care of this problem in, for the long term.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Indistinguishable

Who are you?

James C. Kiger, Department of Kentucky

Jim Kiger.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

so Jim, your motion is, you would like to see a financial plan submitted at least before the next Encampment.

James C. Kiger, Department of Kentucky

Or at, before or at.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And there was a second. Debate?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Department of Pennsylvania again. Question to you. I thought you had agreed to appoint a Committee to come up with that plan, didn't, at the Council of Administration?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The Council of Administration was set to appoint a Committee, so this would fall to that, yes.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

They would be the ones who would come up with this plan.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. That's, and that's so the motion's kind of a moot point, in this case.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It is not, and because the body is saying they want it within ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, that's okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... that one year period. Okay. So ... Brother?

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Dave Sosnowski I think one thing we're missing though is we're looking at cutting expenses or raising per capita. I think we have to look at other ways of raising funds. I don't know what they are, but ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

If I said you were the first one to say that this, this weekend, I'd be lying, so yeah, I agree with you. Brother?

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief Department of Michigan. To Charlie's point, we are directing the Council Administration, not necessarily the Committee, but it's the Council of Administration's responsibility to come up with this plan. Secondly, it involves not only cutting, potentially cutting costs, potentially you're raising dues. But also, while potentiating fundraising. Whatever it takes, it, the Council of Administration is now charged by this Encampment to devolve a, a plan to bring back to us if not at the next Encampment, but before.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Keith Rockefeller, Past Junior Vice Commander, State of

Nebraska. I'm also a member of the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry Civil War Reenacting Group. The key problem I see is, we're dropping the numbers across the board. Both in the SUV and the reenacting groups. And until we reverse the decline in these different areas, we're going to have problems. So we need to be recruiting, we need to be cross recruiting. Most of the men in the Sons of Union Veterans, Veterans, SVR in Nebraska, are recruited out of the reenacting units. Particularly the First Nebraska. But we need to be branching out to the reenacting units, getting them into the SUV and the SVR and building up. Hopefully this Sesqui-Centennial will help, but I've been a re-enactor for fifteen years and when I started out, we were putting thirty gun, thirty men with rifles out. We can barely get six. How are we going to address the problem in the SUV when we're declining in numbers unless we bring that up? And so I ask that we double our efforts to reach out. Another resolution I'd like to make is even see if we can pass a hat and if we have five bucks each, at least do something token to try and even help right now if we could. But we need to be bringing people in. And I apologize for any extra talking, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No. Thank you very much. In the back please.

Steven Westlake, Department of Illinois

Steven Westlake Past Department Commander Department of Illinois. This is actually for Brother Orr. I see there's on the line item for General Funds, zero for donation. Am I correct to assume that Brothers that do make a donations it is a tax exempt item? A deduction is what I meant. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes Brother. We have rulings from the IRS going back to the first one which is, I believe June 11th, 1943, that any contribution to the SUV is tax deductible. There is zero on that budget line item because we had zero donations to the General Fund last year. Any donations that are made to the General Fund would be over and above what we are budgeting.

Steven Westlake, Department of Illinois

And who do we make that to? Who, where would we, anybody here that would like to make that, where would we ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Anybody who wants to make that donation, you just make to me. It'll go into that fund.

Steven Westlake, Department of Illinois

And I would like to suggest Brothers those who are able and those who care to consider a donation cause it will go directly right away, it will go right into the fund immediately. Correct?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes.

Steven Westlake, Department of Illinois e

So Brothers, I'd like for those who, of you who are able to consider that donation. Cause we're all Brothers. and let's like the lady said, we're all family. it's our history. It's our heritage. and those who are able let's let's do that. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. And also we had talked during the last break and I believe that we are going to pass the hat after lunch for anyone who wishes to make donations into that. So we're going to do that right after we come back from break, so thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I, Commander-in-Chief, actually what I got to say is a couple of three different things here. Where is the fourth one?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Your name, sir?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

My name is Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Department. First being, I had the opportunity to attend the closing program for the National Jamboree 100th Anniversary with Boy Scouting this past year. And it was a grand time and, and Brother Mortorff was with me and we went down there. And we went into a tent down there and there were all kind of organizations in there that recognize Boy Scouting. And the one that was vacant from there were the Sons of Union Veterans. They had the Legion there. They had the Mormons there. They had the VFW there. They had all these organizations that support Boy Scouting, but the Sons had nobody there. I would move you that for the next National Jamboree which is going to be in 2014 I believe.

Indistinguishable

2013.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Bechtel Summit in West Virginia, that the National Organization provide a booth there from Brothers donating their time and energy to go there to man the booth, to make our Organization known to those Boys. That's the first part.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Is there, is there a motion? That's why I ask. Was there a motion on the floor and somebody said no.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

What is, what is the motion that's on the floor?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

To establish ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes. To establish a Committee ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... you know, with the to come up with a long range financial plan (indistinguishable) ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

But we haven't voted on that one yet? Okay.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

He started off talking about the meeting, yeah, you know and ... Brad, is that what you're going to talk about?

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

By chance, I'm going to talk about the motion.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brad Schall as Junior Vice Commander. While the motion is a long-range plan, there were two things voted on there that Thursday night at, at the Council of Administration. One of them was to set up a Committee to review the finances and how to invest the Sons funds. I would encourage anybody in this room who has a financial background or know someone within the Sons that has a financial background or expertise, please talk to somebody on the Council of Administration and recommend them. Second thing is that part of that equation is grant funding. we have a total expertise on the Council of Administration about the size of a gnat that knows how to do that. We need a lot of help. so someone within this Organization, if you know somebody or you yourself has an ability to do that, please tell somebody on the Council of Administration so we can put you to work. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Any other comments? Yes, Brother Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. the one thing that I think, in with the grant funding that Brother Schall just brought out. I believe that all the audits have been done for the treasury. Is that correct? In the past up, we're all up, caught up with that?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

(indistinguishable)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We should now, if we do the one page thing for the proceedings, that'll take care of the two things that will allow this Organization to move on to being a 501(c)(3), which it gets us government grants or at least opens the door wider for us to get grants. So I, since the Council is, is already tasked with the financial outlook of this Organization, that they expedite getting that 501(c)(3) taken care of before the next Encampment. I'm not making a motion on that, but it, it needs to be, all our paperwork needs to be where it's supposed to be and then we wait for the government to do the 501(c)(3). Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It takes about six months to do it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Any other comments? All right. The motion is, have a plan submitted before or at next year's Encampment to deal ... sorry? (chatter) All in favor, hold up your cards please? All opposed? Please have a financial plan. Passes.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Charlie, please. We got the first part, Charlie.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I will, I will remove that last motion because the Department of Maryland has informed me since that falls within their jurisdiction, they have already got a committee working on that for next year. It's in West Virginia. The Department of Maryland is, covers West Virginia. So they're already providing a booth there. Second part of my thing. Coming onto the Sesqui-Centennial of the Civil War, there will be many large reenactments. It would behoove us to have recruiting booths at each of those reenactments. They should be manned by people volunteers of whatever area they are from. I know Gettysburg is

going to have one. We're going to put a booth out there at Gettysburg. it's going to be four or five days of sitting out there in a tent, but I think that we can gain membership from that. There should be some sort of a format established for a recruiting booth, too. Things that people see when they go there or what they can expect. Maybe a some way to have a laptop there so there so they can research to see if their ancestors served with, you know, they have the discs that National Park Service has of a listing of all those who served and find out maybe that, you know, they did serve and then further research would prove more interesting to them. So I guess I'm making a motion to establish a Committee to oversee recruitment at National's Reenactments and National Sesqui-Centennial events.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on a second. The motion is to develop a Committee to oversee recruitment. Um...

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right. And during the Sesqui-Centennial. We have a Sesqui-Centennial Committee? Who's the Chair of that, Charlie?

Indistinguishable

(indististinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Michael Beard. Okay. Right. And then we also have ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I was going to say ... We have the Camp, Department, and National Junior Vice Commanders to do recruiting. So you want to task somebody else to do a job that's effectively already assigned? And I'm not going to ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Maybe I should remove the motion and basically just say that we encourage all those units that are, exist and in those areas to actively recruit at those, have a booth at those. That's kinda what I guess I should be saying.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. So you withdraw the motion?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I withdraw the motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you want to promote have the Order promote through par..., perhaps newsletters, The Banner that these are opportunities we might be able to use to increase membership?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Absolutely.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I thought that ...

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Absolutely.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... was what you were saying. Okay.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Absolutely.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The last piece I had to say. Brothers, the ultimate solution to our financial crisis is recruitment. If we had twenty thousand members right now, there would not be a budget crisis.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

If every Brother recruits one member, our Organization would have fourteen thousand members tomorrow. That would solve the problem.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, very much. All right. Hold on. Don hold. In the back, please?

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

Commander, Blair Rudy, Department of Texas.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Blair G. Rudy, Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee

May I address Brother Charlie's issues about recruiting at Signature Events? Charlie, there will be a place on the form for will you have a recruiting booth. And I would assume that any Camp or Department that sponsors a Signature Event will engage in and be, and be part of the deciding factor whether they're approved or not. If you're going to want to have a Signature Event and not recruit, my guess is you're going to have trouble getting it approved. So, I'm assuming that there will be there will be a spot on the form for a recruiting booth. And if it's not checked, that may challenge their ability to get approved. So, I think we can, with the Committee, can work with that, with that suggestion to do that. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. Brother Darby.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother?

Marc Witkovski, Department of Nebraska

Chaplain Marc, Nebraska. Like many of us, I started out as a re-enactor and I still am. And I got a form here that we came up with, we use within Nebraska because not only do I belong to a reenacting unit, we also, that unit belongs to a battalion. That unit belongs to the First Federal Division. And when we go to these Signature Events, I have this little form here that has interest in the Sons. Interest in reenacting. Interest in the Daughters. Interest in the Auxiliary and interest in our local roundtables. And if anybody wants a copy of these, you, you can make all the copies you want. I'll have plenty of them here to give out.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. And before any of us gets up, this is going to be the last thing we do before we break for lunch. Just saying ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Oh, I apologize. There will be one more thing before we break for lunch, besides that. Go ahead Brother.

Indistinguishable

Okay. Returning to per capita, a related issue, will be the amount charged for Life Membership. I'm going to propose that, that the increase, I believe it's five hundred dollars now? Is that correct?

Encampment

(chatter)

Past Commander-in-Chief, Richard L. Orr

Five hundred and it's two-fifty if you're over sixty-five.

Indistinguishable

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Indistinguishable

Five hundred or two-fifty if you are over the age of sixty-five.

Indistinguishable

I'm going to propose that that be raised to seven hundred and fifty dollars and concurrently, that the way that that is handled with regards to reimbursing the Camps be streamlined so there's one reimbursement to the Camps and the Camps are not overlooked in getting reimbursements for Life Memberships.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. So the motion is, do we increase the Life Membership to a total of seven hundred and fifty dollars. Is that universal or is that ...

Indistinguishable

frankly, I think it's, simpler is better. But if you guys want to keep a different system ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You're the one making the motion.

Indistinguishable

I'm making the motion for one system. Keep it simple.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Keep it, one, one system, seven hundred and fifty dollars. Okay. And the Camps as far as the reimbursements, the Treasurer is sort of already addressed that. You want to talk about that now or ...

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Handle the motion (indistinguishable).

Indistinguishable

I'll split that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Indistinguishable

I'll split it. I'll just mention that that would be a good

...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Indistinguishable

... concurrent ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So we, we have a motion and a second on the floor right now for, increase Life Membership to seven hundred and fifty dollars as split. Okay? Comments? Brother?

Charles D. "Buck" Custer, Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief, Buck Custer, Past Department Commander, Department of Florida. I'm an old person and I have a hard time remembering who I am and where. But

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(laughter and chatter)

Charles D. "Buck" Custer, Department of Florida

because of my age, I'm thinking that I believe we do presently have a system where at age, was it sixty-five, it becomes half?

Indistinguishable

Right.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Charles D. "Buck" Custer, Department of Florida

I would suggest that that system be continued. Not seven fifty. I'm eighty. I'm not going to pay seven hundred and fifty dollars for the few years that I have left. I believe that at age sixty-five, it should be fifty percent of the seven fifty. And perhaps age eighty, it should go down to twenty five percent.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You might have been doing good to that point.

Indistinguishable

I would accept that as a friendly amendment.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Which parts, please?

Indistinguishable

Okay. So, what I, the motion as amended now is ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Get a little closer to the mic please?

Indistinguishable

As I understand it, the motion is, seven hundred and fifty dollars. Half of that for persons over sixty-five. Can we hold it at that? Okay. I'll hold it at that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Okay. So who made the second? And you agree?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There was originally a second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right, you agree to this amendment to that original motion?

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. You do. Okay. So the motion now lies that Life Membership is seven hundred and fifty dollars. Over the age of sixty-five would be one half that. Comments? All in ... All in favor? Opposed? You going to make me count?

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Cards down. Gentlemen. All in favor, please hold your cards up.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All opposed? (chatter) By four votes, the motion fails.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers, we're going to have an auction. And I have no idea where this is going, so I'm turning it over to Rich.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion the Bible will be closed for the auction and we concur. Chaplain?

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain

Remain seated. (indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Brothers, actually the National Quartermaster and I discussed doing this quite a number of months ago, before we realized what our financial situation was, so this really has nothing to do with that. thirteen years ago this past July 1st, there was an event in Gettysburg which was termed "The Last Reunion". there was a re-interment of an unknown Civil War soldier who his body had been exposed along the railroad track, because of the erosion. as part of that, the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and this Organization paid for the last surviving widow of the, of a member of the Army of the Confederate States of America. And one of the two last surviving widows of a Union Veteran. The travel to Gettysburg to have a reunion. there was a luncheon in which they were the guests of honor of the two organizations. All of their expenses were paid. the Union widow by us, the Confederate widow by the Division of Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And I am saying the Division because the National Organization of Sons of Confederate Veterans refused to have anything to do with this. As part of that the gentleman who at the time owned Heritage Specialties in Fort Meade, Florida, struck a commemorative medal. it is one ounce of sterling silver. with a blue and gray ribbon on it. one side has the name of Daisy Anderson, who was the widow of Private Robert

Anderson, United States Colored Troops for the Union. And the other is Mrs. Alberta Martin who is the widow of William J. Martin, Company K, 4th Alabama Infantry. A total of one hundred and twenty-five medals were struck. Fifty were sold to us. Fifty were sold to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The gentleman who struck them retained twenty-five. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, the National Organization returned forty-nine of the fifty that they received and they were subsequently destroyed. We, at the time, made available to those Brothers who participated in the event, the medal at our cost. We have a few of those left. We've been holding them simply because we knew they were going to become collectibles, and to that end, I will tell you this. They have been going on e-Bay anywhere between three and six hundred dollars. there's a gentleman who owns Civil War Medals, over CWM, cwmedals.com who estimate the value between four and five hundred dollars now for these medals because of their rarity. We are going to auction off one today. And we are, well, we were asking that the starting bids start at a hundred dollars. we are only auctioning off one at this time. Depending on how things, how things go with this, in the future years we may, we may auction additional ones off, but we're not going to flood the market with them and cause the value of these to the Order to drop. I will now turn it over to our auctioneer.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Along with the medal is a copy of the program pamphlet that will go with that medal. So, if I can give that to our auctioneer as well. Please.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That's the original pamphlet.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Tim Graham, Auctioneer

Now look. I'm a member of Civil War Veterans Historical Association. We are the collectors of the Civil War memorabilia. Medals, badges, everything. These are impossible to get. No matter what the value is, it's not important. The money goes to us. So, Brother Orr gave you a number. Forget it. I'm going to squeeze a lot more out of you.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Tim Graham, Auctioneer

My name is Tim Graham and you've seen me up here before.

And if you haven't before, well, you should remember. Now listen ... You don't get the first bid. I do. One hundred dollars from me. (auction continued)

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Tim Graham, Auctioneer

Going once. Going twice. Four twenty-five. Sold. Four twenty-five.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers. We're going to break for lunch. We're going to come back here, please, at 1:15.

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

(break for lunch)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers. Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We're going to start with the Patriotic Instructor coming forward.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

A former student of mine brought this piece of paper in to me one day and said I think you'd like to see this, Mr. Martin. And what it is, it says, What Does the Pledge of Allegiance Mean? And so that's what we'd like to talk about today.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

I pledge.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

That's a promise that we're making.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Allegiance.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

My support, my love, devotion, loyalty. My pride.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

To the flag.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

A red, white, and blue star spangled banner, whose broad stripes and bright stars symbolize our land and freedom.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Of the United States of America.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

An independent nation of fifty self governed states, bound in brotherhood, to principals of equality, justice, and humanity.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

And to the republic.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Is a government of the people, by the people, for the people. And whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

For which it stands.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Our flag, which represents a proud history and on whose rippling folds we look with pride, wherever it weighs.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

One nation.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Our country, united in freedom and dedicated to the human goals of peace, security, and happiness.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Under God.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Acknowledging the loving presence of our supreme being. Creator of all we survey.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

Indivisible.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Unified, in an unbreakable bond of fellowship, through citizen responsibility.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

With liberty.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Liberty is God given but hard won. Granted only to those who are willing to guard it and defend it.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

And justice.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Equal and exact.

Jerry R. Sayre, National Color Bearer

For all.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Each and every one of us. So we're sitting here, listening to our debate about The Banner, finances, and I heard a lot of people talking, Brothers, saying fraternity. I heard Brothers talking helping out other Brothers who can't afford their membership dues and so forth. I heard loyalty. And we are loyal. I also heard a number of Brothers mention charity. The fact that, hey, I'm willing to pay for my Banner. If so with the spirit and with this generosity and this charity I'm hearing, I'd like to pass around a hat, or as it is, a bag, and those of us who were thinking or saying, hey, you know what, I could pay for my Banner. I could afford that. I'd like you to, if you feel so, please go ahead and we'll make this donation not for The Banner, it's just a general donation for the Order. And I'll start and I'm a school teacher, so ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Give us some idea of how much The Banner costs per year.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

we're talking about the four issues, about ten dollars a year.

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Twelve.

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Twelve if you're, if you're not a member. So, you know, if you can afford that, and say hey, you know, I helped cover mine. Again, we're not paying for your Banner, but with that generosity and that charity in mind is, is what I'm asking.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We're going to finish the Awards for the Memorial University and many of you have heard me say that Memorial University I think is one of the, the best programs that we actually have started of recent times. It takes what we know as a basis, and allows us to actually go forth, and learn a lot more, and to hopefully present this and talk about this when we do our Encampments. When we do our living history programs. When we do our visitation. So this program, and I encourage as many people to do the Memorial University as possible and no, I have not yet. I will start now that, well, after today's over. Okay? I will do the Memorial University. It is important. So,

we have some awards to give out. When your name is called, please come up over here. Bill Naughton from Charles Bond Camp 104, Massachusetts. Joseph Marti of the Shull... Sheridan Camp 4, California. Mark Hale, the Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3, Georgia and South Carolina. Alan Russ, I've heard that name before. Michael Virts the Irish Brigade Camp 4 in Maryland. And George Huttick of the Fort Donelson Camp 62 in Tennessee. Jon Lickey of the Bryner Camp 67 in Illinois. Sigmund Rickland* of the Curtenius Camp Guard 17 in Michigan. Eugene Mortorff, Maryland. Brian McManus, the Pier Badger Camp 1, Wisconsin. Kerry Langdon of the General William Lytle Camp 10, Ohio. Kimber Smith, of the Joel Searfoss Camp 273 in Pennsylvania. R. A. Davis of the General William Lytle Camp 10 in Ohio. If you would please come up this way.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Donald Martin, National Patriotic Instructor

From my add we have a hundred and twenty-four Brothers who have registered for the University. We have fifty-eight Brothers who have graduated from the University.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Lane D. Smith, Department of Kansas

Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes?

Lane D. Smith, Department of Kansas

Lane Smith, Camp Commander, Franklin Camp Number 5 in Olathe.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes.

Lane D. Smith, Department of Kansas

We have a gentleman in our Camp that would like to attend, he and his wife, the banquet tonight. Need two tickets. If there is anyone who would not be attending, and have two tickets available, I'd appreciate you letting us know. He and wife would like to attend.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Lane D. Smith, Department of Kansas

Thank you.

Indistinguishable

In regards to Memorial University, I went online to try to

sign up for this and it seems to me, and I used to have my own computer store years ago. I couldn't figure that out, how to set up that account and stuff like that. Is there anybody out there that could help me, cause I'd like to do it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, certainly. Brother Freshley would love to help you with that. but we know there's been some, some complications on starting the Memorial University and all good projects have a learning curve where we need to evaluate and make our changes. And we're doing just that. So, if these things occur, please let us know so that we can try to address that, make it, this basically available for all Brothers in a very easy to use format without giving you the answers. Thank you.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sorry. Sorry. Brothers, the Founders Award is recognition that is presented a maximum of once per calendar year to a group or individual who performs outstanding service in the memory of Union Civil Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines. The Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the Council of Administration presents this recognition. A permanent plaque with the name of the recipient is maintained at the National Headquarters. No member of the Sons or any organization which is part of the Allied Orders of the GAR is eligible for this award. So this year we had a number of outstanding nominations. And after a great deal of review, the Council of Administration has agreed to give two awards this year, both the same situation. The situation is this. The Carnegie Free Public Library and the 9th Pennsylvania Reserves of a reenacting group, for their efforts in restoring the Captain Espy GAR Meeting Hall. One of the only, one of only a few remaining in intact. GAR Meeting Facilities and with a Post last surviving member died in 1937, they sealed the room. Everything remained there for half a century. Books, bullets, archives, drums, chairs, pictures, documents, all gathered dust. Until the room's rediscovery in the 1980's. The recent restoration included installation of museum quality climate control systems, which ensures the items will remain protected. This room is one of the richest and most intact of a half dozen remaining GAR Posts in the nation. So these two organizations, the Carnegie Free Public Library and the 9th Pennsylvania Reserve Re-enactors are going to receive the Founders Award this year. I don't believe there's a representative from either. Is there in the room a representative from either? Okay. Then we will, we will get those over to them. Yeah, you want to show it, please? Each one will be receiving one of these plaques. All right. And these will be on display at the National

Headquarters.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have three National Aides. Brothers who have recruited more than five Brothers into the Order. If present, when your name is called, please come up. Brother Paul Hadley of the Department of Nebraska for recruiting nine new Brothers to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Merle Rudebusch of the Department of Nebraska for recruiting five new Brothers to perpetuate the memory.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Douglas Fidler of the Colonel Robert Byrd Camp 8, Department of Tennessee, for recruiting seven new members.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The Augustus P. Davis and Conrad Linder Award is presented to the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership during the fiscal year and this year it was seventy-two new Brothers. It goes to the Department of Michigan. Brother Shaw?

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There is an award that unfortunately I do not believe the Brother is here, but there is going to be someone to pick it up. the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award. The award was created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore and it's been issued each year to a Commander-in-Chief's choice of the most outstanding Brother during his tenure of office. It has been my very great pleasure to meet dozens of Brothers this year who are doing splendid things to help save the Union and promote the Order. Remembering the men that fought the Civil War, our ancestors, is truly an important part of belonging to the Order. And when leaders of the Civil War pass, the GAR showed respect and admiration for a lost comrade. As time passes, some of these graves or monuments fell in disrepair. Such was the case of an American Hero in the Union General and a President of the United States. Through the efforts of this Brother, the Tomb of President Ulysses S. Grant has been restored to the status that it should be. The grave of a hero of our country. The award

goes to Frank Skatero* of the Department of New York. If someone from New York, please come up.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And I think we have one more. The Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award was created in 1994 by Commander-in-Chief Allen Moore. It has been issued each year to a Camp Commander-in-Chief's choice of the most outstanding Camp during his term of office and for overall and long-term service to their community, to the Order, and dedication to the GAR. Ceremonies for honor, winners of the Medal of Honor and, which leaves the formation of a new Camp of the Order, keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue. This year's recipient and I will tell you I've been to their ceremony this year which impressed me immensely. The Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Department of Maryland. Someone from that Camp will come forward.

Encampment

(applause, applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. By putting it off long enough, we have to actually get back to business.

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Roy Lafferty, Department of Kansas. We have four Brothers who need to pick up their banquet tickets.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Am I one of them?

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

no.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Their names?

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Christopher Chapman?

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Right here.

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Floyd Barrer*?

Indistinguishable

Not here.

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Brian Glass*?

Indistinguishable

He's not here.

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

And Richard Schauer. S - C - H - A - U - E - R.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you, do your records show that they are present or

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Hmmm...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Undetermined?

Roy A. Lafferty, Department of Kansas

Yeah. I ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All right. Thank you.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Commander-in-Chief, maybe this would be a good time to make the presentation?

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Well first off my name is Eugene Mortorff. I am running for National Secretary but I'm here right now as the Chairman of the 2011 National Encampment Host Committee. we are ...um... very pleased that we were selected and we are very pleased to invite you all next year to the grand old State of Virginia. It's where it's going to be held in Reston, Virginia. We already put some packages out there so a lot of this information is already out there available to you. It's a very nice hotel on a par or a golf par than we've had from over the years. The room rate, we got a very reasonable ninety-three dollars, so that's very very nice, too. There is free transportation to and from Dulles Airport. Try to fly into Dulles, not Washington, because it's going to be an expensive transportation trip roundtrip from Washington D. C. What, if Dulles which is the larger airport, where most people would fly in, it will be free transportation back and forth. we've got a couple things happening on the Thursday before. One is we've arranged to have Ed Bearrs of the PBS Series, Civil War. He'll be giving two tours of the Manassas Battlefield one on Thursday morning and one on Thursday afternoon. That evening, he will be giving a presentation at the hotel. I believe he's going to be speaking on the impact, the political impact of the GAR immediately following the American Civil War. So that should be a pretty good little talk. There will also be on Thursday for those in your families or in your party who aren't that interested in the Civil War or

Manassas Battlefield, there will be a trip to Washington D. C. be a bus trip with the registered tour guide. They will spend the day seeing the sites of D. C. and going to all the big places. Oh, we're hoping to also have that bus be able to be at Arlington National Cemetery at the same time that we'll be inviting the Chief of Staff to YRA fest..., Tomb of the Unknown Civil War dead in Arlington. So if we could have everyone kinda like merge there at the same time, that would be nice. There will also be a special Campfire that evening. the Campfire, I can tell you where it was we were signing some contracts right now. we're looking at a Civil War Magic Show and along with some period music. That type of thing. A little bit of fun. At the Banquet we're looking at signing the lady who played the piano for the PBS Series, The Civil War. If you remember how beautiful the piano music was there. So we might be serenaded with we eat with some renditions by her. I want you to come early if you possibly can. Washington D. C. and Virginia area is so close. I've listed all the this is the Civil War folks. The Department of Maryland is where it was fought. It was fought ...

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Georgia, too. And it was fought in other places.

Encampment

(chatter)

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

But the heart and soul of the Army of the Potomac and the Army ... You know, this is where it was fought. Gettysburg, Gettysburg and those of you who didn't come up seventy-nine miles, lots going on. So we want to thank you all. We do have some recommendations for the Department of California. That, that one is, and I think I already mentioned this to one person over there, the National Encampment Committee. They're an amazing group. I spent some time at the hotel with them, watching them negotiate prices and what we're going to do and, why I'll tell you want man, that, if there's any committee in this Organization that is doing your work for you, the National Encampment Committee is one of 'em. My recommendation to the Department of California is, whatever they say, do it because it's the right thing. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Brother Heath. Please.

Robert E. Heath, Canadian Union Veterans Monument

Thank you Brother Commander-in-Chief. I asked the Brother

if I could speak for just a few moments and I'll try to keep it really short because I know how busy you are. But, one of the things that I have noticed, and this may upset some of my Brothers here, but I one thing that we do have, both of our great countries, is freedom of speech, freedom of opinion, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly. One of the things that I'm concerned about, and I notice that each trip I have made now, is that for whatever reason we seem to have a guilt complex about one of the major and main noble causes of the Union victory. And that was, as per President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the abolishment of slavery. Now I don't think, this is my opinion, unbiased of course, but I do not think that we need to feel ashamed or have any guilt about the two noble causes of the, of the Union victory. That is the preservation of the Union of States and the abolishment of slavery. Now from a Canadian perspective, of course, it means a lot to me. Because we have the underground railroad moving over thirty-five thousand fugitive slaves up into Canada. And so I think that that's something we should not feel guilt about and we should not be in some way politically correct pushed into a position where actually cannot publically make both kinds of statements. If our good friends to the south don't like it, well, I guess they can come up with a good reason for their position and that's up them. But I really truly am concerned about it because I see my country, where our history has been changed. People are busy trying to get rid of all the warts in your history. And the schools are forgetting, they're removing a lot of information from our educational system. I suspect the same thing is happening in this great country. So as a patriot of both countries, because my mother was an American Citizen, I'm half American. I was an American Citizen until I was age twenty-six years of age. But I'm proud of my country. And I think the Union, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have no reason not to stand up for those two noble causes. I'll just close by saying that, well, next year the Encampment is in Virginia and I understand that they'll be some tours of Arlington National Cemetery. That if you get there, please go and have a look at the Canadian Cross of Sacrifice that sits in Arlington National Cemetery. We gave this monument to the United States because of sixty-five thousand American boys coming up into Canada and serving with our Armed Forces. At risk of losing their citizenship during World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. So if you get an opportunity, I know Brother Kuhn has been there. In fact, he took a picture and sent it to me. I have never been there and hopefully if the good Lord's willing and I'm around next year, I will likely try to make it and go there myself. Again, thank you and God bless

this great Organization.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Have we any other new business to come before the Order?
I'm not going to ask twice.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Yes. Sort of.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, before I make these motions, first through you to Brother Russ. What is the current application fee and dues for the National Membership-at-Large?

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

application fee is ten dollars, dues thirty-one.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay. And this current internet application fee is thirty-five as I understand it?

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

It is the same.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

It's the same. All right. According to the Regulations, this body is supposed to set three things. The internet fee, application and dues, the NMAL application fee, and the NMAL dues. I'm going to make these motions because over the past year, I've had no less than two dozen complaints from various Camps and Departments, that the National fees for joining in this manner are less than their Camp dues. It does two things. I means that someone who joins through the internet is getting, for some Camps a pretty reduced rate of dues for the first year. And because the NMAL application fee and dues are less, it encourages those to join the National Membership-at-Large rather than join their local Camp, even though technically they can't do that, there are still some on the roster who live in Departments and they have registered as National Members-at-Large. Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the combined application fee and dues on the, for internet applications be raised to forty-five dollars. And that the National Membership-at-Large dues be raised to thirty-five dollars and the application fee then remain at ten, making that a combined of forty-five also.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. Comments? Brother Russ.

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

Yes. Alan Russ, PDC of Kansas and NMALC. With the Encampment raising the per capita by five dollars, yes, I support the motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other comments? All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion carries. Thank you, Brothers. Rich, you have another one?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

that was all.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. (chatter) Charlie?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. For the good of the Order this is not a voting item. It's a little point of information. Twenty-thirteen in Gettysburg, on June the 29th, we will be holding a Commemoration Ceremony to dedicate the commencement of the Battle of Gettysburg. It will be Saturday before the first. The battle was actually fought the first, second, and third, but it will be the Saturday before that. It will be the Sesqui-Centennial observance for the community. We already have our application in to the National Park Service. It will take place at the Peace Light Memorial. The location where the, the old Boys in Blue and Gray came to shake hands and reminisce the stories of old for many times. We're figuring on inviting the President. We're figuring on inviting the Governor and Senators and Congressmen and all kind of people. So it's planning to be a big one, so please mark your calendar. It will be the Saturday before the 1st of July in 2013. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Any other new business? Well you're fortunate enough today to have an opportunity to listen to another auctioneer, limited time.

Encampment

(chatter)

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

The Auxiliary recognized my powers, has decided to let me present this Son Sword to you. It goes to the Auxiliary. I get nothing out of it. It, but, they over there, understand raising

funds. (chatter) Come over and see me and we will get you a ticket. Tickets are ten dollars each. It goes to the Auxiliary.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any questions?

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

It's a Son Sword made by Ames. The blade is blank. You could send it to Ames. They could put your name on it or they etch it with the standard etching if you wanted to. If you are not available to pick it up this evening, if you're leaving, put your name, complete address on the ticket. It will be shipped to you. I will personally take care of that. Any questions? Come over and get a ticket.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Tim Graham, Department of Ohio

The drawing is this afternoon.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any other new business?

David Sosnowski, Department of Pennsylvania

Yeah, I'd like to bring up that we had the photograph to be for your autograph on it and please come back and sign it if you haven't signed it cause I'm going to put the glass on that and after that, it's all done.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's now or never. Thank you. Any other new business? Committee reports. We'll go with the Constitution and Regulations first. Brother Grim.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, we have two reports. One is the Constitution and Regulations Encampment Committee Report and one is the Standing Committee. And we're going to do the Encampment Committee first. Yesterday we were assigned two or three items here for consideration. One of them is from Department of Florida and they were concerned about the format of the application form on the internet. That's not really a change in the C and R, so we're going to refer that over to the Standing Program and Policies Committee and let them see if they can do anything with the form on that.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, I would move you that the recommendations of the Encampment Committees be taken up ad-seriatim where is, there is no objection they be approved at the sound of the gavel.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor? Cards. Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carried. Thank you. (chatter) Is there any problem with the movement to Program and Policy?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And we have one from the Department of Iowa that's expressing appreciation for the Canadian Memorial. And here again there's no change to the C & R so we're recommending moving that to the Canadian Union Veterans Special Committee on the recognition of that monument.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And then we have one from the Department of Rhode Island. Says we did at the Department's Annual Encampment vote to ask the National Encampment for a ruling on whether or not someone who has not been a Camp Commander can be voted in as Department Senior Vice Commander. And if they can be voted in, can he serve as the Department Commander if the sitting Commander vacates his office. This doesn't require a change in the Regulations. The rules say that he could be the Senior Vice Commander, but he could not be the Department Commander. And so that's our ruling as the National Counselor. And if you read the Regulations, they're pretty clear on that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Then the second proposal from the Department of Rhode Island. Says we also wish to place on the floor as a Resolution the following: to change the two to one ratio of members needed

for each associate to one to one, keeping in place all the other ratio restrictions. Camps are losing possible Brothers because we have maximum of Associates allowed by the number of lineal Brothers. While this of course would require a change not only in the Regulations several places, but it would require a change in the Constitution. And we have requirements on the filing dates for this and it was not filed forty days before the Encampment, was not submitted to the National Counselor, was not submitted to the Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, and was not submitted to the Commander-in-Chief. So we rule it as not being appropriate for this Encampment.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Out of order.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

That concludes the work of the Special Encampment Committee on Constitutions and Regulations. And now we will go to the Standing Committee and if you would turn your material on Page 37. This is the report of the Standing Committee on the Constitution and Regulations. If you look at proposal number one, this is Amendment to Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 3, by adding the bold highlighted wording. This change means members are being reinstated will not be required to pay the per capita or dues for the period during which their membership was lapsed. They will pay a reinstatement fee of ten dollars plus the current per capita assessment and the Committee moves that we adopt this proposal.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Parliamentarian. We cannot act ad-seriatim on Amendments to the Regulations. They have to be affirmatively voted on.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I move that.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

In spite of the motion, earlier (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

That does not apply in this situation.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you are?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That motion has been made. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

I second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Proposal number two, on page 37. Amend Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 4, by adding the bold highlighted wording. And this is a situation where the Color Bearer was inadvertently left off of the list of Officers who are next in line in a Camp. And the Committee moves that we adopt this proposal by adding the Color Bearer.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. All in favor? Opposed? Glad to see the Color Bearer voted for it.

[one rap *]

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. On that very first motion we did, did we do the second portion of Article 2? Where he talks about the reinstatement just not payment of dues, but it talks about lost (indistinguishable)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah. We were voting, we were voting on the entire proposed change.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, but we didn't read, you didn't read the whole portion of it.

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Well, I didn't ...

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

You, you read the first portion it (indistinguishable).

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

I didn't read the whole thing. I just read the ...

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Up to the point of in debt? Up, up to the point of hire
indebit ... I can think of the word. the last portion of the
first ...

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

... first bolding, so ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Treat this as a separate one.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Well we'll, we'll vote on Section B by itself.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Just want to make certain on it, doesn't get missed.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

All right. If you go back to Page 37, Paragraph B of
Section 3, bold highlighted. The reinstatement of a Brother
after he has been dropped for non-payment of dues does not
restore past honors or offices lost when the Brother was
dropped. Nor does the time lost count on calculating the
Brother's number of years of service. And the Committee
recommends that.

Indistinguishable

(indistinguishable) second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Now we have a second. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, on Page 38, proposal number three. This is to Amend
Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 1 by adding the bold highlighted
wording. The proposed wording in Paragraph A was included in
the '94, '97, and 2005 versions of the C & R, but was apparently
removed sometime in either 2006, 7, or 8. This change will
correct that situation and override the National Counselor's
Opinion Number 10, issued April 13th, 2010. The new Paragraph B
will place a restriction on Department Encampments similar to
what already exists for the National Encampment.

Indistinguishable

I second.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And the Committee moves that we adopt this change.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) the line please?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The language is they're, well of course we'll renumber Paragraph A, but the basic language in that Paragraph A is, at the end of the proposal, it says, the well, I guess we better read the whole thing for you. The membership of the Department Encampment shall consist as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders, and Past Camp Commanders in good standing who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy, has served to the end of that term. The sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders, one Delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership, and one additional Delegate for every ten Brothers or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual next preceding the Encampment. And then we add, and its own elective and appointed officers, except aides. And in Paragraph B, no member of the Department Encampment or Special Meeting shall represent more than one Camp at any Department Encampment or Special Meeting. And if you turn the page over, we have a Paragraph C. Any Brother serving as Camp or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Commander with his voting privileges as Department, at Department Encampments. And all we're doing there is changing the Paragraph to Paragraph C.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. Brother Pahl?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. In Section A, the bold section reads, and its own elective and appointed officers, "except aides". I move you to amend this to strike the words, and appointed.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to strike the word, and appointed.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

If I may speak to the motion. We are a representative organization. Appointed officers would allow a Commander to pack an Encampment and they would have automatic credentials when everyone else has to be elected or they're here by virtue of other elected office. The National Encampment does not allow this. The appointed officers have to have credentials independent of being an appointed officer. I believe that this, if we kept it, an appointive may violate our Charter as a representative organization.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

we have a motion and a second. Any other comments?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) I completely concur with what Jim has said. And after having been the National Counselor to eleven Commanders-in-Chief, and Jim's probably been Counselor through at least an equal number. We would he's saying perhaps. I'm saying point blank. We would violate our Congressional Charter which requires a representative form of government by allowing appointed officers that have automatic credentials.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion ... (chatter) to approve that proposal (chatter) the striking (chatter) and appointive (chatter). We've, approved the, and appointive. So now we're going to I'm sorry. We (chatter). Yeah. We've stricken that. So we're approving that Article 2, Section 2, Membership Section A, B, and C. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries. Thank you.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay on Page 39, proposal number four. Amend Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 1 by adding the bold highlighted wording. This changes the recommendation for the Program and Policies Committee and will add the Eagle Scout Coordinator as an optional Department officer. And if you read through that Section 1 of that paragraph, the only thing we're doing is in the next to the last line, we're adding Eagle Scout Coordinator

as one of the Department Officers if he's put in by the Department By-Laws. (chatter) And we make a motion, we move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Carries.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay, on that same Page 39, proposal number five, this is amend Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 3 to bring the Regulations into equality with the way that we actually do things. This will require the Department Secretary to send the election reports to the Executive Director rather than the National Secretary. If you look at the proposed change, the next to the last line there, we're striking out, National Secretary, and inserting the word, Executive Director. And the Committee moves for this change.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Carries.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

On Page 39, proposal number six at the bottom, amend Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 6 by adding the bold highlighted worded. And here again, this is a recommendation from the Programs and Policies Committee that the Patriotic Instructor actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day. And on the next page, Page 40, you see Section 6, Paragraph A. The Department Patriotic Instructor shall actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day. And then we read number, Paragraph B. (chatter) we move that we adopt this change.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second? We have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Second. All in favor? Opposed? Carries.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

On Page 40, proposal number seven, amend Chapter 2, Article 5, by adding a new Section 14 which is in bold highlighted wording. This change was recommended by the Program and Policies Committee. This change requires the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator to compile statistical information on the number of Eagle Scout Awards presented and transmit the information to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. And Section 14 then is, the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator shall facilitate the distribution Eagle Scout Certificates within the Department and compile statistics on the number of Certificates requested and the number of Certificates presented and transmit this information to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. And shall perform such other duties as pertained to his office. the Committee moves that we adopt this change.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

On Page 40 proposal number eight. Amend Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 6 by adding the bold highlighted wording. This change was recommended by the Special Committee on Education and Leadership. The change makes the National Patriotic Instructor, the Director of the SUCV Memorial University. And Section 6 says, the National Patriotic Instructor shall serve as Chairman of the National Standing Committee on Americanization and Education, and serve as the Director of the SUCV Memorial University, and re-letters Paragraph B. The Committee moves that we adopt this change.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion and second. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

And proposal number nine on Page 40, amend Chapter 3, Section 5, by adding a new Section 22, which is the bold highlighted wording. This new section was recommended by the Program and Policies Committee. This change requires the National Eagle Scout Coordinator to keep statistical records about the number of Eagle Scout Certificates presented. Section 22, the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advantage of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout and maintain statistics of requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and maintain statistics on the presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates, and perform all such other duties pertaining to his office. And the Committee moves that we adopt this change.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

Okay. The Committee has two other proposals which are not in your packet. These are proposals that were presented to us by the Military Affairs Committee to amend the SVR or Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations, so I'll read these to you. The first proposed change is to revise Article 2, Section 1 to reflect in that's the wrong one. We have two changes. One of them is to add Kansas to the 4th Military District. And the Committee moves that we make that amendment to the SVR Regulations.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Carries.

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

We want to amend the Awards Section of the SVR Regulations to change the regulation from the Green Unit Citation to the new White with the SVR Logo on it. And the Committee moves that we accept that military proposal.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

[one rap *]

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) That concludes the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. Committee on Resolutions. Brother Campbell?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on a second. I'm sorry. Brother Kuhn?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania Department. I believe there was another piece of information that should have probably gone to the C & R Committee, and that was from the Council of Administration about the wording on the Awards. That was forwarded to this body here and then was supposed to either be settled here ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

... and then the wording needed to be written by them.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Well, the Committee fortunately hasn't been dismissed.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

The Standing Committee has not.

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, I will move you that this issue be presented to the Standing Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We believe it has been and that's where it is, at the Standing Committee, so it'll be brought forth next year after they review it.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Then there's no need to do a motion. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. (chatter)

Encampment

(chatter)

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

All right. Tad Campbell Past Department Commander, California and Pacific. We had five resolutions that were referred to the Resolutions Committee. The first is from the Department of Maine. Whereas as our Order's Eagle Scout Award is given as a recognition of achievement presented at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. And whereas the document reflects the professionalism and high standards of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the public. And whereas Eagle Scouts perform many hours of community service and deserve a quality recognition of their work. And whereas the quality of the Eagle Scout Award is so poor that Brothers are reluctant to present them due to the poor quality copying rather than having the awards professionally printed. Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Maine, meeting in Encampment on April 24, 2010 ask that the National Quartermaster be directed to have all Awards and Presentations professionally printed to maintain quality and high standards as established by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and that all current poor quality stock be destroyed. The Committee recommends that as this is a change to forms and also destruction of existing SUVCW property, that it be referred to the Post Encampment COA Meeting.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yes I do have an opposition to it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

What might that be?

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. It is a moot point at this time because of we voted yesterday to put it all on the internet.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Not for the destruction of the past forms.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Not, you're correct. The destruction of past forms, yes. But the first portion of it would be a moot point.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well we can't refer half the report.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm sorry. What?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, we were going to bring it to COA tomorrow just to handle that portion of it.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

That's good. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Danny Wheeler, Quartermaster, New York. Hey, just to let you guys know, that thing we had a problem with the printer. It wasn't caught, which was my mistake. We immediately rented a printer and had 'em made. The problem as far as I'm concerned, was taken care of. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts

Kevin Tucker, Department Commander from Massachusetts. just to Charlie's point. The first point is not moot because people can still order them through the Quartermaster. So it's, it's both parts are still germane. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother. With no motion, we were going to continue that to the COA Meeting tomorrow.

[one rap *]

Indistinguishable

Thank you.

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Second resolution from the Department of Ohio. Opposing the removal of the portrait of President U. S. Grant from the face of the fifty dollar Federal Reserve Note. Whereas U. S. Representative Patrick McHenry representing the 10th Congressional District of the State of North Carolina has introduced House Bill HB 4705 requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign the face of the fifty dollar Federal Reserve Note, which includes the likening, or to include the likeness of President Ronald Wilson Regan. And whereas HB 4705 is being co-sponsored by ... I'm not going to read all of their names. By seventeen Representatives from various states. Whereas HB 4705 has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. And whereas President Ulysses S. Grant was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio and grew up in Georgetown, Ohio and

served the United States with distinction during the Mexican War and became the first person since George Washington to be elevated to the rank of General of the Army after successfully leading the Union Military Forces to victory in the Civil War, resulting in the preservation of the United States while showing mercy towards the military forces of the defeated Confederate States of America. And whereas President U. S. Grant was elected President of the United States in 1868 with nearly seventy-three percent of the electoral votes and was re-elected for a second term in 1872 with over eighty-one percent of the electoral votes, thus demonstrating that he was a very popular President during a very challenging period of reconstructing the defeated Confederate States of America. And whereas President Grant's image has graced the fifty-dollar bill for over three quarters of a century, the removal of this image from that currency will serve to diminish his contribution to our heritage and will make it more difficult for current and future generations to understand and appreciate the significance of the American Civil War. Whereas we have no objection to honoring President Ronald Wilson Regan, we submit the Congress honor him in some other way than that proposed in HB 4705 since that Bill will strip President Grant of an honor already bestowed upon him by the American people. And we urge that members of Congress be reminded of President Grant's legacy and his importance to the preservation of our United States. Therefore it is resolved that this resolution, be sent to the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their support and submitted to the 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, seeking their support of this resolution. And we concur with this with the recommendation that a letter be drafted and sent to the appropriate Representative probably Patrick McHenry of the 10th District.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition? No?

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Maryland

Robert Moore, Department of Maryland. What, isn't this moot? Didn't, didn't they already drop that Bill?

Encampment

(chatter)

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Maryland

Because I'd heard back in around May timeframe, it'd been dropped.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have no idea. Brother?

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Sir, I just object to some of the wording. As I recall from history, the rank of Five Star General, General of the

Armys not, General of the Army did not exist until 1943. Therefore the highest rank General Grant obtained was Four Star General.

Encampment

(chatter)

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

Lieutenant General's Three Stars. I've seen, I have seen photos of him with four stars, but not five. So I was just wondering about the wording, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Indistinguishable

Who are you (indistinguishable)?

Keith Rockefeller, Department of Nebraska

I am Past Junior Vice Commander, Keith Rockefeller, from the great State and Department of Nebraska.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Encampment

(chatter)

Daniel R. Earl, Department of California and Pacific

Dan Earl, California and Pacific. Chair of the National Committee on Legislation. As of yesterday, this legislation was still active. Seventeen co-sponsors, one in the minority party. Its chances of passing before the end of this year are nil. It, just won't pass. But it still is active Bill as of yesterday.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. If this does go through, which I think it will be in terms of not, no objection, sending it to one Representative does squat. At least it should be going at least to all the seventeen people who signed on with the darn thing, if not all the Representatives.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any other comments?

Edward L. Wittkofski, Department of Connecticut

This is Ed Wittkofski Department Connecticut, Department Commander. I'd recommend also that letter be addressed to the Committee, the Chairman, and all the members of that Committee responsible.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

If you'd made that recommendation, do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. All right. Brother?

Eric Grafton*, Department of Wisconsin

Comment on the, comment on the Eric Grafton*, Wisconsin. I'd also like if you could put that form letter, or a form of that letter, on the website so that people could download them and mail them as well.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. On the motion to send it to the appropriate Representatives All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

And we have a resolution from the Department of Maryland. Whereas there is a significant need for funding both monument restoration and new monument construction. Whereas the SUVCW is not the primary body responsible for all monument preservation, but in conjunction with other organizations and committees. Whereas the current system to fund memorial programs is limited to grants of five hundred to one thousand dollars from the SUVCW Monument Committee or the SUVCW Charitable Committee. And whereas these amounts are meager in view of the actual cost that are associated such projects. Now be it resolved that the National Monuments and Memorials Committee continue as the vehicle for distributing funds to various applicants. Be it further resolved that the National Monuments and Memorial Committee be supported with additional revenue, via 1) a capital funding program supported by the National SUVCW in which a) members of the SUVCW would be asked via a yearly letter to pledge an amount of fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars to support memorials and monuments, and b) the National SUVCW would seek to solicit corporate donations for this cause of restoring Civil War monuments. And the Committee concurs with this resolution. And recommend that we only had actually one recommendation that the corporate donations would be better received with the, if we're able to get the 501(c)(3) status for the Organization.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm not objecting to adopting this. I'm going to object to part of the language. pertaining to the grants, which we offer, it's up to one

thousand dollars. It is not five hundred or one thousand. It's not one or the other. And there is no ceiling placed on grants by the Charitable Foundation. So the language as it is in the original resolution is incorrect. So I would I would move you that the language be corrected to what is actually the case.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And we have a motion on the floor to change the wording to fit the appropriate needs. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Multiple seconds. Don?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

I really believe that since we've been told that we're in dire straits financially, I believe that mailing out a forty-five cent letter asking for money would cost the Organization five hundred dollars. I would ask that the first portion of that be that possibly an annual request or statement be made in The Banner and that would save us approximately three thousand dollars if it's fifty cents a first class letter and that's what I would ask that this modified to say.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

So basically that's a motion to change.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I was hoping you were going to say that.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You wanna, try to make an addendum to the first motion?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'll accept it as a friendly amendment (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Brother?

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Mark Day, Lynchburg, Virginia, Maryland Department. co-writer of the resolution.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thanks.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

The idea here and I understand what Darby what was just said about the cost. I believe that if you put it in The Banner, as much as I love The Banner I don't know that just putting it in The Banner is enough. I think that actually

sending a letter is a much stronger signal and will, will get more response. That is how ninety-five percent of all other charitable organizations would do this, by sending a letter. And it also would signify how important this is to us. Of our, our Order is about honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic the Boys who died between 1861 and 1865. There are monuments that's all over this country that are crumbling. I've seen some things here this weekend that address that, this is a huge endeavor. The amounts of money that we, we have available to us are, are miniscule in regard to the actual problems that we have. And if we as an organization really believe in what we're preaching, then we're going to, then we should support the idea of raising raising this money, giving more money to our grants. This is a way of bringing in some money that might actually help alleviate or take care of some of these other problems we're having with raising funds. And also, every monument we fix, every newspaper article that goes in, anything that these, this that is garnered from that, is positive publicity for this Organization, especially during the next five years, that would help get our name in the paper and get more members into this Organization.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Charlie Kuhn, Past Commander-in-Chief. In reply to Don's statement, I know for a fact, in Pennsylvania, we did do a mailing. do you recall that, Rich? We raised let's say five thousand dollars for the Department just by sending letters out to every member.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

There was a reason for that.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Pardon me?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

There was a reason for that.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, we were trying to raise funds.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

No, we got twenty-five hundred dollars off of one Camp. (indistinguishable)

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, well, okay. But I'm saying, if don't ask, you aren't going to receive. The point is, it is proven fact that when you send in, send a letter out to somebody and if it's properly crafted, properly written, with an envelope to send the money back in, and it's stamped already and addressed, and the whole thing is set up, then all they gotta do is take their money and

stick it in the envelope and mail it back, or write a check and mail it back. And they're going to send money in. Like Brother Day said, every charitable organization does it. And we were shocked at Pennsylvania. I thought it was going to be a m..., a total waste of money, but we actually made money on it.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Charlie.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, my second time around. We've just went from spending three thousand dollars in postage to six thousand dollars in postage because now you're, Charlie's just said we're going to put a return envelope in it. If we're sitting there telling our members that we're broke. We just increased their per capita five dollars, I and God knows I think monuments and memorials is the best thing we ever do, it, well, the exodus will start by the door. Okay? If you put it in The Banner, that's the official voice of and journal of, of this Order and that's where it should go and we save six grand.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Department of Kansas, Bill Stilley

Bill Stilley, from the Franklin Camp Number 5, in the great Department of Kansas. As been said, this is an extremely important aspect of this Organization, to preserve in the next five years, the crumbling of our memorials. And two hundred dollars, five hundred dollars, and a thousand dollars is not enough for most monuments. And we've got to commit and get behind this or we're going to lose in the next ten to twenty years, many of these monuments. And if it costs us three thousand or five thousand dollars, we need to commit to that to bring in more funds. At least, put an envelope in The Banner. If we don't, if we're not going to do a mailing, at least make it convenient for people to send back the contributions. But I really think the letter is the most effective way and then target the corporations to bring in more money. But we need to be behind this and improve and make it a much greater emphasis in our Organization or Order.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Robert H. Moore, II, Department of Maryland

Robert Moore, Department of Maryland. Just got a question. Is it possible to put not only an envelope in The Banner, but one of the cardboard inserts like you see in some of the magazines, and would that be more effective in cost?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, that tends to be a little more expensive than you think when you start doubling up the envelopes, place to stick, and then the cardboard and everything. You're costs start to go up at that point, but ... Brother?

Eric Grafton*, Department of Wisconsin

Eric Grafton, Wisconsin. I work in the print industry and another money saving technique is possibly put it in The Banner. using the database, find out people who did give, and then send a letter to the people that did not. Therefore, skipping sending out huge mailing.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Sure. Thank you very much. No further comments. Please re-read the motion.

Encampment

(chatter)

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Rather than re-read the whole thing, we're going to change one of the whereas. It'll read, Whereas the current system to fund memorial programs is limited of grants up to one thousand dollars from the SUVCW Monument Committee or the SUVCW Charitable Committee. And then we're also going to, on the subsection a) Members of the SUVCW would be asked via a yearly letter or, via a insert into The Banner to pledge in the amount of fifty to a one hundred and fifty dollars to support memorials and monuments.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Don, was yours, yeah. Was your recommended a friendly amendment was that a insert into The Banner?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Just an insert in The Banner. I didn't know where this hundred and fifty, two hundred dollar, that, did not,...

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Were you saying insert it in The Banner or put it into The Banner?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Put into The Banner, not, not an insert, but a ...

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

(indistinguishable). There, there is a difference. I had insert and you meant to ...

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Just a little section ...

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Print. Okay.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

... section, there.

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter)

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Brother Leo?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yes, sir.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Could I just Mark Day, Lynchburg Maryland Department. Could we have at least a quarter page? Because if you put an advertisement sized insert, other, unless it's large enough to be noticed, just simply putting something in The Banner is just giving lip service to this. So please make sure that it's at least, you know, I mean, I'd love to see you do it as a page but I know how much a page costs. But if, it's (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

That, that is all be typically left up to the Editor of The Banner based on what is going into The Banner at time and ...

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Well ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And it's almost impossible to say, we can't guarantee anybody a certain size. The interest might be to say, if available, to use that size.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Well as this is basically a directive of the National Encampment to the, to the COA and The ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

... Banner, then I'd make a motion we add ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion on the floor.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

Okay, then (indistinguishable) ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You can ...

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

... make an amendment to the current motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Mark Day, Department of Maryland

That we say that the insert will, the printed aspect will be no less than one quarter page.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. No less than one quarter page. Does the original person making the motion accept that?

Encampment

(chatter)

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander-in-Chief Chris Chapman, Depart...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on for just a moment please.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Yes, sir.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, before I answer that question, Brother Michaels, where are ya? I can't see.

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

Right here.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Oh, he's right there. We used to put the appeal on the wrapper. do we have the wrapper committed for all four issues for the year that, or can we use space on, and the reason I'm saying the wrapper is not to declassify the importance of it, but if we put it in The Banner itself, many of the Brothers aren't going to cut it out and use it as a clip out and then send in their contribution, whereas on the wrapper, they don't care about cutting it up. and we've done that in the past. We didn't do it this year in any of the issues. Is ...

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

(indistinguishable)

Indistinguishable

... do we have enough space that we can do that in two of the issues in the next year?

Stephen A. Michaels, National Editor of The Banner

We can do that, sir.

Indistinguishable

So then I, I would accept that as a friendly amendment with the addition to that, that we actually designate it to go on the wrapper of, of The Banner in two issues for next year.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Indistinguishable

Now there's a question that hasn't been answered and that's who's responsible for submitting that to The Banner. Or is that the Editor's job to compose this?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Rich says, and I quote, we can work that out.

Indistinguishable

Okay. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Thank you.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Commander, that was my ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

... comment and ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Christopher E. Chapman, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

... suggestion as well, so ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. (indistinguishable)

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander. could I make a friendly amendment to the friendly amendment?

(indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable) one friendly amendment.

D. Brad Schall, Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

One of the options of reducing the expense to The Banner that was presented to Council of Administration the other night was the outside covering The Banner. Therefore, my friendly amendment would be, if it is available.

Indistinguishable

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You accept?

Indistinguishable

Yeah, I accept that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Indistinguishable

That is acceptable.

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

We're re-writing this proposal. Just hold on a moment.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. Brother Campbell's going to read this one more time. Please pay attention.

Encampment

(laughter)

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

All right. The newest modification on the subsection a) would be that, Members of the SUVCW would be asked via a yearly letter to pledge an amount of fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars to support memorials and monuments and that, that pledge would be solicited in The Banner, on the wrapper, if available.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, Brothers. All in favor? Opposed? Thank you. It passes.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

All right, next resolution from the Department of Maryland. Whereas the State of Maryland played a pivotal and crucial role in the American Civil War, literally brother against brother, sister against sister, and father against son, this war helped define our nation. The State of Maryland offers a strong and unique perspective in this national tragedy. Whereas to not honor and commemorate Maryland's rich history would be irresponsible. Failing to recognize Maryland's contribution to this critical part of our nation's history would do a grievous disservice to our native Marylanders who lived through the tumultuous 1860's, and to the present day, Marylanders and all Americans. Whereas other states have already started programs to honor our forefathers who lived through this era, the Federal Government is making plans for a National Sesqui-Centennial Commission. The State of Maryland had a bill pending to create a Sesqui-Centennial Commission to commemorate this historic period in our state and the bill was withdrawn without even a vote. Whereas our brave forbearers deserve that Maryland's history is preserved and taught to our people today and to future generations. Now be it resolved that the Delegates of the 123rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland urges the elected officials in the State of Maryland to create a Sesqui-Centennial Commission to commemorate the Civil War. Be it further resolved that a further resolution be adopted by the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans at their 129th National Encampment in August in Overland Park, Kansas, urging the State of Maryland to create a State Sesqui-Centennial Commission for the Civil War. The Committee concurs with the

resolution and recommends that the National Organization send an appropriate letter to the appropriate official or officials in Maryland.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(chatter)

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

And also from the Department of Maryland. Whereas since the Revolutionary War, more than one million members of the United States Armed Forces have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty to preserve our freedom. And whereas the current service flag and lapel pin authorized under U. S. Code Title 36, Subtitle 1, Part A, Chapter 9, 901, also identified as Section 176 of Title 36 U. S. Code, stipulates their display only during periods of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged for the duration of such period of war or hostilities. And whereas there is no officially recognized national symbol to be displayed outside of a period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged that acknowledges and honors members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died in the line of duty. And whereas the Federal Charter and the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War purports itself as dedicated to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country par..., patriotically in any war. And whereas the Honor and Remember Flag will serve as a daily reminder for all Americans during peace time and war, to acknowledge the ultimate price of freedom and will give comfort to the families who have lost ones, lost love ones during military service. Now therefore be it resolved that the Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, supports establishing the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember Incorporated as an official national symbol to recognize and honor members of the U. S. Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty and urges the U. S. Congress to adopt this flag as a national symbol. And it is further resolved that we entreat the consideration of the National Encampment to join with us in support of establishing the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember Incorporated as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the U. S. Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty and that they urge the United States Congress to adopt this flag as a national symbol. Initially the Committee was completely confused by this resolution because none of us knew

what they were talking about. So I did some overnight research, found out that the service flag and the service lapel that are currently authorized is the Blue Star Flag. Everybody knows what that is and how that works. This would function the same. It would be authorized in the same instances as the Blue Star Flag with the exception that it would not have to be war time and it would be to honor any deceased veterans and so we recommended concurrence with that and that the we draft a letter of support and send it to the appropriate officials of the U. S. Congress.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Objection.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection, (indistinguishable) say it? Any objections?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania. Commander-in-Chief, when I represented you at the Maryland Department and the gentleman who founded the Honor and Remember Flag Incorporated was there and made a presentation. I spoke to him afterwards and I asked for some information which he reluctantly gave me after he told me I could go on his website and buy it.

Encampment

(chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I went back, because I thought this was a great idea. And as some of you know, I serve on the Board of Directors of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh. And I took it back there to our CEO and the Executive Vice President. He Executive Vice President happens to be a Reserve Army JAG Officer. He did a little research on this and he found out the reason Congress has not taken any action on it, even though a number of states have, and the reason the Department of Defense is opposing this is because the Honor Flag Incorporated refuses to agree to give up the copyright and patent on the flag. So that if this was adopted by Congress as a National Emblem, every flag that is sold, they would get a royalty on it. And that is why it has not moved anywhere. And therefore I rise in opposition to supporting this effort.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Don Darby.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby. I agree with Rich that

no one should make a profit on the blood of my brothers.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of opposing this, raise your cards. And all for?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Fails.

Tad Campbell, Committee on Resolutions

Thank you. That concludes our report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And that report is concluded. Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Freshley. (chatter) Okay. Rituals and Ceremonies Report. I'm sorry. Officers Reports.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Afternoon Brothers. There is nine recommendations in the Officers Report. The first one is on Page 6. It was from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It's not highlighted. It's right near the top. It say, it starts out with, I recommend that we do away with the dual application process. We need only one application and then it should be directed to the Department Junior Vice Commander, and not the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Committee has recommended to forward this to the Program and Policy Committee.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The second is the National Secretary, Page 9, and it continues to Page 10. The first one is, there's two of 'em he has. First one is, last year, this office developed a matrix showing the various forms that are submitted to the National Organization cross-referenced with the National Officer that should receive them. It was developed in response to the large number of forms that was sent to the wrong officers, which in

some cases led to the forms being lost. It was distributed to the Department Secretaries and the feedback was positive. I received a number of requests for this matrix in the past year from the new Department Secretaries who recently assumed their offices. It is recommended that this matrix be placed on the National Website so it can be easily accessed. We concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The second recommendation, It was discovered that there were several items that were referred to the Program and Policy Committee. Some dating back to 2007, that were apparently lost in the transition between administrations. In the past it was left up to the various committees to transition their actions to the next administration. In light of this situation, it is recommended that a tracking system be developed by the National Secretary to make sure actions are referred to the various during the administrative year and / or the nation Encampment and are not lost is in transmission. We concur with that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

[one rap *]

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The next one is from the National Treasurer, Page 14, on the bottom of the page. Previous action of the National Encampment restricting the New Brother Application Fee to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund be repealed and those fees be apportioned by the Council of Administration to one or more of the restricted accounts. We concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

I think the (indistinguishable) the changes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

My apologies. Make that a motion.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

I make that a motion.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. You speaking on that, Brother?

Indistinguishable

No, sir.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I move to amend that to read that the fees be apportioned by the Council of Administration to one or more of the..., strike the word restricted.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. We have the motion on the floor to accept do you (chatter). We have amendment on the motion. Do you accept that amendment?

Encampment

(chatter)

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Yes, we accept that.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Good. Thank you. All in favor of the amendment, I'm sorry. Yeah, all in favor of the amendment, raise your cards. All opposed? That passes.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All in favor of the motion for the entire change for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund, raise your cards. And opposed? Thank you.

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The second one is on top Page 15. The job description of the Camp Secretary be amended to, by adding Number 13. Update the EIN information and status report on or before February 1st and August 1st of each year, submitting the update to the Department Secretary by means of acceptable, by a means acceptable to the Department and the format prescribed by the

National Treasurer. We concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

You make a motion to concur?

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

I make a motion to concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do we have a second? Multiple seconds. All in favor?
Opposed?

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Carries.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

This is also on Page 15, Number 3. The job description of the Department Secretary be amended by adding Number 14. Update the EIN information for each Camp within Department by March 1st and September 1st of each year, submitting the information to the National Treasurer electronically or by other means acceptable in the format prescribed by the National Treasurer. I make a motion to concur.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?
Carries.

[one rap *]

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The last one is Number 4, and as much as I did not give prior notice to the Commander-in-Chief, National Council and Chairman of the C & R Committee within the timeframe specified in the C & R regarding the abolishment of the Past Proceedings Fund, it is recommended that unless this body waives the prior notice as provided in the CR, C & R, that thereby abolish the Past Proceedings Fund. This can be accomplished by replacing the current language with reserved and thus avoid the necessity of numbering the subsequent sections and changes the references to sections. We were going to refer that one to the C & R Committee because it was not according to the C & R, it says it's supposed to be in within a certain timeframe, so we didn't know how to handle it past that point.

Encampment

(chatter)

Bob Helig*

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, Bob Helig*. I would, I

would move you that the, as provided in the provisions of the C & R, the time (indistinguishable) for notification of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Councilor be waived so we can go ahead and get rid of this one.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and second to waive the restriction on time to get this brought forth to this body, the forty days prior, to make it available for completion today. That requires a two-thirds vote. So we're going to ask for a count. Brothers who approve, raise your cards please.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All opposed? Should have gone there first.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Passes.

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Commander, in light of that, we then make a motion to concur.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion. Do we have a second?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

A motion and multiple seconds. All in favor? Opposed? Carries. Thank you Brothers.

[one rap *]

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

The next one is on Page 24, it's in reference Opinion Number 8. Can a SUVCW Camp be formed outside of the United States? My opinion is no. In accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution states, the several constitute body of the Order shall be as follows, second of state organizations known as Departments fit eligible's from states where no Departments may exist, may become Members-at-Large attached to the National Headquarters. The use of the term State clearly defines the formation of Camps to the United States. An opinion was issued by Past Commander-in-Chief Jim

Pahl when he was National Councilor and confirmed by the 115th National Encampment. That is in agreement with my opinion. We concur.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any opposition?

Indistinguishable

Yes.

Indistinguishable

Well I do, aware I'm waiting.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Frail?

Bruce D. Frail, Department of Rhode Island

Bruce Frail, Department of Rhode Island. Clearly if you, and I know this is going to cause some trouble, but different countries use state as a way to define territories, including the Soviet Union. I know it wasn't meant in this form, but you can't say that because it says state, it meant the United States either. We're having questions about membership, but we also want to limit membership. How do you balance that off with trying to get membership?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, my opinion ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And you are?

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, National Councilor Former National Councilor, Past Commander-in-Chief. My opinion as adopted by the 115th was United States, its territories and possessions. And that's where the objection (indistinguishable) is now admitting, omitting the territories and possessions. And I move that we re-reinstate that language.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. We have a motion and a second to reinstate that language. (chatter)

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief

As the National Councilor who wrote that opinion, I might mention that Jim is quite correct in that U. S. Territories and U. S. Possessions are generally considered as part of our states and in my full opinion that is correct. We were trying to constrain our opinions to as small a space as possible on the cost printing of the pages and somehow that extra little line got left off of there. But I fully agree with the proposed change.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. (chatter)

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, and I'm not going to go through the rest of everything else. Here comes the ceiling. I concur with Jim and Brother Grim's position as he stated was in his full opinion. Because of the overriding controlling document is our Federal Charter, and the Federal Charter says United, the United States, its territories and possessions. our, we, while we can narrow that somewhat, we would be sort of hurting ourselves by eliminating territories and possessions. And former rulings throughout our entire history have maintained that it would be possible to have a Camp on a military base that's outside the United States because it is considered to be a United States Territory. Any of the actual territories and possessions, and any U. S. Embassy, any U. S. Consulate, because that is U. S. Property and Territory and under the control of the United States Government. The overriding thing being, we can only organize Camps that are really under the control of the United State's Government.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So Brothers, there's been an opposition to the opinion. There's been a second. We've heard some comments on it. All in favor of opposing this opinion, raise your cards. All in ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, so, you're objecting to the Committee's recommendation of approval with that, okay, concurring with it. My apologies.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

I think my motion was to not concur with the Committee's ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... recommendation, but that this body amend that opinion to include territories and possessions.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So the wording, territories, U. S. Territories and Possessions add into that.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right. And I, if I think as now Brother Grim has agreed that that's appropriate, if he says that his opinion we so amended, then that solves the problem and we ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's a moot point.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... and we can move on.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Then you have. Okay. So that opinion has now been amended.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And no need to oppose it then at that point.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Right.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother? Commander-in-Chief, again James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. As we are on the Report of the National Councilor, I found one other issue that I take as we're discussing Officers Reports, and that is Opinion Number 1 of the National Councilor. That's Page 22 of your materials. Can a Sitting Camp Commander be elected Department Commander? there is a previous National Councilor's Opinion that says if a Brother is elected Department Commander, he must immediately resign as Camp Commander. And again, that is a previous opinion of a National Councilor. I would move you, Brother, that we not accept this ruling from the National Councilor, but however, that this body rule and do this by a policy of the National Encampment that the Camp Commander must have served at least one full year as a Camp Commander. And if he is a Sitting Camp Commander elected to Department Commander, that he must resign as Camp Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I see your motion but you said it's a ruling, it's an opinion.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Both of these are opinion..., there's a previous ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Right.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... opinion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

But he said ruling, that's why I want to ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

... just verify it.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

It's a previous opinion ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yep.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... that disagrees with this opinion, and I am asking this body to, to make a policy that the, again, must have served at least one full year as a Camp Commander so they're entitled to pass Camp Commander honors and that if they are elected Camp Commander, they must immediately resign as Camp Commander.

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And we had, we had a second on that?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

I'm going to in the interest of time because this is going to generate a debate Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'd ask Brother Pahl, would you divide your question, the first part being not concur with the opinion, and to vacate this opinion and forward it to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to modify the Regulations to what you and I have both discussed that requiring the resignation of anyone who is elected Department Commander from the position of Camp Commander within that Department.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

James Pahl, yes I'll amend my motion to not concur and refer.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And the second agrees?

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. All in favor? Come on Jim. Opposed? Ayes have it.

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you and James Pahl, I have no further objections to the Councilor's Report.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. We're not over yet, though.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

Last one is on Page 34. I think it was mine. It was a recommendation. It was two parts. Work directly with the Graves Registration Committee to develop a plan to re-work or re-design the Graves Registration Database. Put out a request to all Brothers via The Banner to see if we can get a database designer invest..., and also investigate the cost of hiring a database designer. we want to refer that to the C of A. It was already discussed.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objection?

[one rap *]

Ken L. Freshley, Council of Administration

That's all Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

Commander?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother?

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

Terry Dyer, Department Commander, Department of Illinois. Our Department Report, Commander's Report, was not received in time to go into print, but I do have a copy of it that I could submit. even after the break.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

does it have any recommendations?

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

No.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Then please get it to the Secretary.

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Terry Dyer, Department of Illinois

All right. Thank you.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. (chatter) Brothers, the game plan is theoretically, we're going to do nominations at this point. Following nominations, we're going to ask for a Credential

Report from the Committee. (chatter) All right, so, nominations. (chatter)

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer Jr., National Secretary

Okay, we're going to open up for nominations and the first office we're going to open for nominations is the office of Commander-in-Chief. And we're going to do a roll of each of the Departments as we go. So the first Department, Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

At this point in time, we will defer the (indistinguishable) Department of (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

At this point in time, the Department of California and Pacific would only be deferring to one person, and that would be Patty Schall. However, she's not allowed in the room, so, we're going to go forward with this. The Department of California and Pacific honorably puts into nomination, its favorite Son, Brad Schall. His membership in the SUVCW is through his two grandfathers, William Braden Schall, Sergeant at 11th Illinois Volunteer Calvary and Wills Reed, 107th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and a Sergeant in the First Illinois Light Artillery. He has three great-uncles who also served. Twenty-two other relatives served during the Civil War for the Union cause. He is the oldest son of Donald Braden Schall, Sr., and Anna Mae Schall. He has one brother, five sisters, born here in the beautiful state, in Hutchinson, Kansas, where his nanna Schall introduced him to Civil War history of his family and the Joseph Hooker GAR Post. Among his pride possessions are his great-grandparents GAR and Woman's Relief Corp Encampment Ribbons and Badges cause his nanna and great-grandmother were members of the Woman's Relief Corp. His brother William, son Braden, and grandson Christopher are members of the SUVCW. His Civil War interests go back to childhood where he lived one block from the Lincoln Civil War Memorial in Hutchinson, Kansas. As a child, his family would spend a Memorial Day services. He comes to California, joins the Phil Sheridan Camp, and during the next fifteen years held almost every position in Camp. He belonged to the Department of California and Pacific. He started the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp Number 24 in 1999. Most importantly, at the National level, he served on Memorials Committee, as Chairman of the Memorials Grant Committee, eBay Committee, Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee,

National Patriotic Instructor, Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Life Membership Committee Chairman, Sesquicentennial Committee ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Two terms ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

Two terms on the Council of Administration, and has gone through the chairs to become current Junior Vice Commander. He served as Co-Chairman of the Sons Foundation, actively participates in the General George Wright Camp 22 in Sacramento, General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 in the San Francisco Bay area. He currently lives in Lincoln, California, appropriately named Lincoln, California. And belongs to the California Historical Society, Kansas State Historical Society, Derry, Pennsylvania ... I could go on because there's a whole another page of the societies he belongs to. he has a wonderful wife, Patty, five children, twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and we love him.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Charles W. Mabie, Department of California and Pacific

And again, we proudly put his name in the nomination.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Schall, would you be willing to serve?

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes I would.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And do you hold any other elected office in the Order?

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Yes I do.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I'm a Camp Secretary(indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp Secretary? Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Department of Colorado and Wyoming passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

Department of Connecticut passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Florida passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes, sir.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

All right. Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Department of Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maine? Don't think we've got anyone here.

Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland and the land of pleasant living passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire? Nobody? Department of New Jersey? Department of New York?

Department of New York

The Department of New York, the Empire State, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of North Carolina? Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

The Department of Tennessee passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Vermont? Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Camps-at-Large?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Sir, the roll has been called.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. We're going to continue along with the each position. Continue along, take the break, then we'll come back and cast our votes, and get our delegates... (chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander, Commander-in-Chief, I think we need a motion at this point.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, acting as Parliamentarian for the Encampment, again I'm a Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that in this election every subsequent election when this is over ...

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

This is not an election, it's nominations (indistinguishable).

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

(Indistinguishable) nominations, excuse me. And this, and this nomination process when there is only one nominee, that that person be declared a unanimous ballot and declared elected to office.

Indistinguishable

Second the motion.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

In order to do that, we're going to have to seal the doors. We're going to have to get it done.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Oh, that's true.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(chatter) So that's why I said we were going to do it this way first and then, after the break ...

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please continue.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

All right. Okay, we'll open nominations for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific, the home of

earthquakes and violent movers and shakers ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Department of California and Pacific (continued)

... would like to defer to the Department of Missouri.

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri (indistinguishable) be made by Walt Busch (indistinguishable).

Indistinguishable

(Indistinguishable) didn't hear you.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander. I have the honor to place in nomination the name of Dr. Don Palmer for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. he gave me a whole bunch of stuff to talk about, but I'm going to skip some of it.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

I've known Don for probably about ten years now. And during, I first met him when he was our Camp Commander. I'm sorry, our Department Commander and a member of our Camp. He's always been super professional. He's always worked very hard for the Department. It's because of Don's vision as Department Commander, and the only Department Commander who served three terms with the Department of Missouri. He was responsible for setting forth a vision for Missouri that we were able to set goals for ten years and we were able to accomplish many things such as an increase of seventy percent growth in our Department over a ten year period. We've also had seven new Camps join our Department in a ten year period. We've accomplished much in the arenas of collecting records from GAR Posts recording monuments and other stuff like that. And if it wasn't for Don, none of this stuff would have been accomplished. Don has the vision to lead this group as the Senior Vice Commander and I'm sure if he wants to run for Commander-in-Chief at some point in time, that, yes sir, I'd vote him, vote for him for that, too. But, he has done all that for the Department of Missouri. He is an accomplished leader. And I would see no reason why he should not be our Senior Vice Commander. So that I can say that I actually read some of his notes ...

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Don says (indistinguishable) he's a problem. Solve it.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

I don't know what else to say about him. He served as National Secretary for the past three years. He's a Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in our, in our SVR Unit for the Grant Camp. He is our eyes and ears on the inner vets* Board for Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks. He served on the Board of Directors with Missouri Civil War Museum. And he also served as Secretary and wrote the by-laws basically for the Allied Orders Central Region Association. So I put in I place in nomination the name of Dr. Don Palmer, PhD.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Palmer, if elected, would you serve?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

I will.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And do you hold any other elected office?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

I do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Would you tell us?

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Camp Council.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, which also serves the great States of Utah and Montana, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(chatter) The Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida, the new home of the Burmese Python, (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

The greatest State of Georgia and South Carolina passes, sir.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois, Land of Lincoln, first State of the Grand Army of the Republic, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

The Department of Iowa passes, but we'd like to accept this deserving nomination of our native Son, Don Palmer for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Thank you. Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. Maine's not here. Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. New Hampshire's not here. New ...

Indistinguishable

New Hampshire (indistinguishable).

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Oh, they came back. Oh, Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

The Department of New Hampshire passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Jersey?

Indistinguishable

They're not here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Oh, they didn't come back. Okay. They weren't here.
Department of New York?

Department of New York

The Department of New York, (indistinguishable) place
(indistinguishable) General and United States President Ulysses
S. Grant, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see, the, is there anyone from Department of North
Carolina? We'll say these again.

Indistinguishable

No.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

The Department of Rhode Island passes

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Sir, the Department of the great Volunteer State passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

The Department of Texas passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. Is, is anyone from Vermont here? I guess not. Okay. Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. I don't think we have any Camps-at-Large here. Okay. Sir, the roll has been called.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you and continue.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

We will open nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific, the home of sunshine and sunny dispositions ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of California and Pacific (continued)

... would like to pass we'd like to defer to the Department of Massachusetts.

Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts

I stand before my Brothers today to nominate a friend, Brother Perley Mellor, who has successfully served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the past fifty years. Leadership is a quality that we must seek and embrace for our Organization if we want to continue to be successful. With the eyes of the world being drawn to the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, those eyes will be drawn to us as well. Over the next four years, conveyances of our image and our missions will be an important duty of our Commanders-in-Chief, our elected and appointed officers, and our Committee Members. I believe Perley is a Brother who will represent us very well. Over the past two years, Perley has traveled the country, from Maine to California, with many stops in between, so that he could attend many of your Department meetings and regional meetings. Why? So that he could understand what is working and what isn't working. What needs to remain the same, what needs to be changed. Perley has also obtained strong knowledge of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War through many conversations with his father, Clark W. Mellor. And by assisting and observing him as he rose through the ranks and eventually became one of our Commanders-in-Chief. Throughout

the years, applying the lessons he's learned, Perley has successfully performed the duties of Camp Commander, Department Commander, New England Regional Association Commander, and current Council of Administration member. And Brothers, it's not just the big things that count when evaluating leadership. It can be as simple as one-on-one interactions. Perley great, greeted me with open arms when I joined the Willie Grout Camp. Because of him and the Brothers I've met through the years, many of whom are in attendance today, I realize what it means to be a member of a Fraternal Organization. It is with great pleasure and honor that I nominate Life Member, Perley E. Mellor, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 129th National Encampment.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Mellor, if elected, would you be willing to serve?

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

Yes I will.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold other elected offices?

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

Yes I do.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well, you want to tell me?

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

Camp and Department Council.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp and Department Council.

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

And Council of Administration.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Council of Administration. Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, the Centennial State and the Cowboy State, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut, birthplace of John Brown and Perley Mellor, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Pass.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina and Sherman's
Playground, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Massachusetts, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York, the First Capital of the United States, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio, who proudly has members ten Graduates of the Memorial University, and hosts the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and the Chairman of the C & R Committee, are all members of the Graduates of the Memorial University. Now we pass.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Sir, on behalf of the Department of Tennessee, passes

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas pass.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The roll has been called. (chatter) We will open nominations for the office of National Secretary. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific, the home of (indistinguishable) ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of California and Pacific (continued)

... (indistinguishable) Department of Maryland.

Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much. Andrew Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief, from the great Maryland Department. It's my honor to nominate our own Gene Mortorff for National Secretary. Gene's ideally suited to perform the duties of National Secretary. You know him best as the Chief of Staff under the great Charles Kuhn

...

Encampment

(chatter)

Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

... in 2007-8. And before that served as Assistant Treasurer as well under the great Max Newman. He's Past Department, well he is Department Commander of the Maryland Department. He's served in all the elective offices, including four years as Department Secretary. And he's done all of those with outstanding results. He's a retired Coast Guard officer, now in the education business. Living in Pennsylvania, teaching in Maryland, active in Scouting, and in the Gettysburg Masonic Lodge. He knows the job of the National Secretary. He knows what to do and he's a man who promises to bring energy and even some new ideas to that most important position. Like his predecessor, Gene is young, relatively at least, vigorous ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Andrew M. Johnson, Past Commander-in-Chief

... highly motivated to serve this Order. And I urge you to vote for Maryland's own Gene Mortorff, for your next National Secretary.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Mortorff, if elected, would you serve?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

I will.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And other than Department Commander, do you hold any other elected offices?

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

I do. I am the Camp Councilor for Garfield Camp Number 1.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp Councilor, Garfield Camp.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

And Camp Councilor for Gettysburg Camp 112.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp Councilor for Gettysburg Camp 112.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Camp Council (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp Council, sir. Council. Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, the home to the Continental Divide and the great Rocky Mountain system passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida, which watches the hurricanes go by, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. We heard the Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Massachusetts passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Department of Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska, new home of the Big 10 Conference, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York, home of the Statue of Liberty and the Radio City Rockettes, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania, has Brother Gene Mortorff as a dual member in our state as well. And we would like to also add our endorsement to his candidacy. And I would also like to pay Brother Gene, one compliment I don't often give out. And that is that he and I do not always agree and see eye-to-eye on some subjects, but we have never allowed it to harm our friendship and we work well together.

Eugene G. Mortorff, Department of Maryland

Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

The great Department of Tennessee, home of Andrew Johnson, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin, Badger State, also the home of the next Super Bowl Champions, the Green Bay Packers, passes.

Encampment

(booing and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The roll's been called. (chatter) We will now open the floor for nominations of National Treasurer. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific. The home to alternative energy sources, including bio-diesel, solar, and the big wind ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of California and Pacific

... would like to acquiesce to the Department of Pennsylvania.

Encampment

(chatter)

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania would like to (indistinguishable).

Encampment

(chatter)

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania would like to nominate Richard Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief, for the office. He is a Past Commander-in-Chief, Past National Treasurer, Past Department Commander of PA, Past National Councilor, Board of Directors, and the, of the Soldiers and Sailors Museum in Pittsburgh, and probably countless other titles that we all know and it would take all day to go through. (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Department of Pennsylvania

We endorse Brother Richard Orr for that office.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

If elected, would you serve?

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

(chatter / indistinguishable)

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Other elected offices.

Richard L. Orr, Past Commander-in-Chief

Camp Secretary (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

No. Camp Secretary. Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, the home of Denver City, the Mile High City, used to refer to as Salvation passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois, where our wide receivers can't catch any passes, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

The Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maryland?

Department of Illinois

The Department of Maryland, where the Radio City Rocketts could dance if they had a place. Passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Massachusetts passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Missouri passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New York?

Department of New York

The Department of New York, home of the United States Military Academy West Point, passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania? Oh, you already went.
Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee passes, through the Cumberland Gap.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Texas, home of football, real football, and the next Super Bowl Champs, Passes.

Encampment

(booing and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

The Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The roll has been called.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(chatter) Open nominations for the National Quartermaster. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

Department of Ca... (indistinguishable) Passes.

Encampment

(laughter and applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming? (chatter)

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, home of the United States Air Force Academy ...

Encampment

(chatter)

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

... passes.

Encampment

(applause)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(chatter and laughter) Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

The Department of Indiana defers to the Department of New York.

Stephan*?, Department of New York

The Department of New York would like to nominate for National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, for re-election. Danny Wheeler has served this Order for many, many years. served in the Department of New York. Held I believe, all the Camp offices, all the Department offices, including Department Commander for I believe for three terms. Instrumental in the forming many of the Camps in the Department. Also has served the National as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Commander-in-Chief. And has also served as Department excuse me. As National Quartermaster for the last several years. I asked him if he really wanted me to nominate him for this again and he said he did, so, and he's done a great job. And I would strongly encourage everyone to elect him to that position.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Wheeler, if elected, would you serve?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yes I would.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And do you hold any other elected offices?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yes, sir, I do. Department Councilor, Camp Director, and on the Council of Administration.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maryland?

Encampment

(chatter)

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland, home of the United States Naval Academy ... Passes

Encampment

(hurrahs, laughter, chatter, applause, chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Massachusetts, the home of (indistinguishable) Passes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Missouri passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire, home of Peyton Place, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New York?

Indistinguishable

Already been here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Thank you. Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Department of Pennsylvania, the Department of (indistinguishable) on which (indistinguishable) came first passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

The Department of Tennessee passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay, the roll has been called.

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I suggest for purposes of the nomination, we go through it once. Put all the names out there and then elect individually, the first three year term, the second three year term, and then the one year term.

Indistinguishable

I'll second that.

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

All right. We're going to open the floor for nominations for Council of Administration seats. We're going to go through the roll here and take all nominations. There's two, three year terms, and then they'll be one, one year term. So we'll be electing three seats to the Council. And so we're going to go through, theoretically. So we're going to go through the roll, do all nominations at once, and then we're going to elect each seat individually, So beginning with the Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

Now the Departmento, Californio ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of California and Pacific

... (indistinguishable) to the north, east, and (indistinguishable) to the south, passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Colorado being the only non-southern state to have elected two Ex-Confederates as State Governor and the home state of the United Confederate Veteran Camp, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut, now home of four Union Commanders, kneel our Brothers in Rhode Island.

Department of Rhode Island

I'm going to read a resolution that was passed by Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12, Department of Rhode Island, for our good friend, Brother William C. Vieira for position of Council Administration. Whereas Brother Vieira has held numerous positions within Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp Number 12 in the Department of Rhode Island and has served as Department Commander for three consecutive terms. He has served as Rhode Island Department Chaplain and Treasurer. He has served as the Regional (microphone squeal) Commander of the New England Regional Association of the SUVCW. He currently serves on the National Council of Administration, as the National Chief of

Staff, on the National Programs and Policies Committee, and as an alternate on the National Civil War Memorials Committee. Brother Vieira is also a Private in the Headquarters Company of the SVR. Whereas Brother Vieira graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelors Degree in History, as well as a graduate from the Teachers Certification Program at Rhode Island College. Whereas Brother Vieira completed research on the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and published, I've Been Working On The Railroad, A History of Providence Lodge Number 66 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The work and research was noted in the book, Trolley Wars, Streetcar Workers On The Line, by noted Rhode Island Labor Historian Scott Molloy. Whereas Brother Vieira formerly served as Chairman of the Educational Outreach Committee of the Rhode Island Labor History Society. Whereas Brother Vieira served on the Board of Directors for Congregation Agudath Sakeem, and taught Hebrew School there for ten years. On occasion, he led religious service and fulfilled the religious needs of the congregation for the Rabbi in his stead. Whereas Brother Vieira currently serves as a Private in Battery D, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, a living history organization, and part of the Rhode Island State Militia, holding the Order of Saint Barbara, a Rhode Island Militia won service award. Whereas Brother Vieira is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society of the University of Rhode Island, and a member of Chapter Epsilon Rho of the Na..., National History Honor Society Phi Alpha Beta. Whereas Brother Vieira is currently teaching at the Lyman B. Goff Junior High School, Pawtucket, as a teacher of history. Therefore, be it known that the membership of Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12 in the Department of Rhode Island announces its support in nominating Past Department Commander, William C. Vieira, to the position of National Council of Administration. And we thank you.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Vieira, if elected, would you serve?

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

Yes I will

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold other elected offices?

William C. Vieira, Department of Rhode Island

Yes I do. Department Council.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department Council. Thank you, Brother.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

The Department of Florida, the home of the last place Tampa Bay Buccaneers, passes.

Encampment

(laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois, defers to the Department of Massachusetts.

Perley E. Mellor, Department of Massachusetts

I'd like to place into nomination name of Kevin Tucker. He's a U. S. Air Force Veteran, former Sergeant in the Air Force. Currently Network Manager for international investment company. PCC of Camp Charles H. Bond 104. A dual member of General Frederick Landers Camp, which is a brand new Camp. Department Commander for a second term in the Department of Massachusetts. Initiated the Department newsletter and website. Organized annual Department trip to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day. When Departments sponsors a bus trip for members and their families. And currently serving on the Civil War Memorials for the past three years. I proudly nominate from Massachusetts, Kevin P. Tucker.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Tucker, if elected, would you serve?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

Yes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And do you hold, other than Department Commander, any other elected offices?

Danny L. Wheeler, National Quartermaster

I do. I'm Camp Treasurer.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Camp Treasurer. Thank you very much.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa? Department of Iowa? (laughter and chatter)

Department of Iowa

The Department of Iowa would like to place in nomination Past Department Commander Jim Hawk for a seat on the Council of Administration. He's been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans for fourteen years and General Grenville Dodge Camp 75 in Des Moines. He's served several positions within the Department including Senior Vice Commander and Patriotic Instructor as well as Graves Registration and Memorial Officer. He helped start the first SVR Unit in Iowa Company 837th Iowa. And recruited eleven members for that Unit. He received the Meritorious Service Award and commanded the Color Guard at the 2004 National Convention in Cedar Rapids. He served on the Iowa Battle Flight Preservation Committee. And assisted in removing the Iowa Battle Flight collection from the State Capital to our State Historical Society for preservation. He has also assisted in conducting numerous dedications and ceremonies throughout the Des Moines area, including one honoring a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient. And helped with restore monuments and placing headstones in Woodland Cemetery. And over the past ten years he's helped place over eight hundred flags on Veterans graves for Memorial Day. He is an Army veteran with three year's service. Served on active duty in Panama. and has earned four service awards, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Overseas Ribbon, and Army Service Ribbon. Memberships in several Veterans organization. And served as Iowa's 5th District Commander. And is a Trustee in the VFW. And he's a life member in the American Legion of Disabled American Veterans. He's also been active in re-enacting for fourteen years and feels that his breath of experience would be an addition and an asset to the Council of Administration. Thank you.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Hawk, if elected, would you serve?

James Hawk, Department of Iowa

Yes, sir, I will.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

James Hawk, Department of Iowa

No sir, I don't.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

It is with great pride and satisfaction that I bring forth to you the nomination of Past Department Commander, Alan Russ, for Council of Administration. Brother Russ joined the SUVCW in 1988 with Old Abe Camp Number 16, Topeka, Kansas. He has served the Camp as Council Member, Camp Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, and multiple appointed positions. He was awarded the Levan J. Webb* Award for Brother of the Year by the Camp. Brother Russ helped identify the almost one thousand (indistinguishable) graves of Civil War Veterans buried in Topeka Cemetery. And coordinated in directing the placing of flags on these graves each year for Memorial Day. Brother Russ has served the Department in the elected positions of Council Member, Senior Vice Commander, Department Commander, and Secretary / Treasurer, the position he still holds. He also has served in numerous appointed positions within the Department. He has received virtually every Department Award for his service to the Department of Kansas. In 2006, the Department awarded him the Emeritus Status. At the National level, Brother Russ has served on the Programs and Policy Committee since 2003. In January of this year, he was appointed as Acting Chairman of this Committee. In 2005, he was appointed as National Membership-at-Large Coordinator and he continues to perform those duties. He has been awarded the National Certificate of Merit with Gold Star. Brother Russ recently re..., retired from his civil service position as an Information Tech Specialist with the U. S. Coast Guard in Topeka. Prior to that, he worked as an Inventory Management Specialist for Questar and as a Systems Analyst on plant computers at Wolf Quarry Nuclear Power Plant. He has also served in the Army from 1969 to 1972. The Kansas Army National Guard in both a civilian and active duty capacity from 1972 to 1990. In 2009, he officially retired from the U. S. Army Reserve with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer II. Brother Russ and his wife, Joyce, both retired within the last month. He's trying to say he has plenty of time. And has moved ...

Encampment

(laughter)

Department of Kansas

... has moved to northwest Kansas. They've been married for thirty-six years.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Russ, if elected, would you serve?

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Alan L. Russ, Department of Kansas

Department Secretary / Treasurer.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department Secretary and Treasurer. Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Massachusetts. Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Michigan passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri, we turn it over to Walt Busch.

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Walt Busch, Past Department Commander. (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, Department of Missouri

Actually, I'm here to put in the name of Robert M. Petrovic for Council of Administration. I've known him just about as long, or actually as long, as Don Palmer. And I think just as highly of him. He's been on the Charitable Foundation. He has recently taken over as the Chair of the Lincoln Remembrance Day. He's been our Past Department Commander. He's been in my Camp for many years. He shows up at, and I think I've only seen him miss one meeting in the past ten years at our Camp. He takes an active interest in anything that we do. He's on the Council of Administration, currently. He's the National Eagle Scout Coordinator. He helps jump-start the Missouri Civil War Museum. There isn't anything that I can say about him that doesn't lead to the fact that he organizes well. In fact, he's been used, he is our Department Organizer. He's the person who usually puts on most of our Department Encampments. He's a person that gets things done. And for that reason, I think he should be on the Council of Administration. So I put in nomination, Robert M. Petrovic.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Petrovic, if elected, would you serve?

Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri

Yes I will.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do you hold any other elected offices?

Robert M. Petrovic, Department of Missouri

I am Camp Council and COA.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Very good. Thank you, Brother.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Department of Pennsylvania passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Let's see. We had Rhode Island. Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin passes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large? Adam?

Department of Membership-at-Large

Oh, Passes.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

And that concludes the roll of all offices.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Excellent. Thank you. All right, Brothers. We're going to have a twenty minute break.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Hold on. There's going to be a task for this. During that twenty minute break, please enjoy the time to confer and socialize within your Department or know find votes for your particular candidate. When we come back, the doors will be sealed and we will get a count from the Committee. And then we will proceed to vote. So, please caucus prior.

[three rap ***]

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

(break)

[one rap *]

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

Encampment

(chatter, laughter, applause, and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we in the passing of the bucket, we raised sixteen hundred six dollars and now twenty-five cents.

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Commander-in-Chief, I'm James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I have several housekeeping motions at this time.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please.

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

Number one, I move the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment and the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit a final report within forty-eight hours of the close of this Encampment.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. Any objections?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I move that letters of appreciation be drafted by the incoming National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to the hotel, thanking them for an outstanding job.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I move that the proceedings of this Encampment, when approved by the outgoing and incoming Commander-in-Chief, whoever he is, when published, will become the official record of this Encampment.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

any objections?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I move that the actions taken by the National Treasurer in paying the essential bills of the Order from July 1, 2010 until this Encampment, be approved.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I move hereafter the National Treasurer be empowered to act and pay the bills of the Order and otherwise perform the duties of his office from the end of each fiscal year until the adoption of the budget for the next seating physical year.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Any objections?

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Encampment Parliamentarian

I have no further motions.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother. Is the Credentials Committee prepared?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Yes sir, we are.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Please. What we're going to do at this time is the Credential Committee is going to read one Department at a time. Once he reads that Department, we going to ask you to stand up at that time. We're going to do the count one at a time and go through this. We're not going to do it six or seven different times. Theoretically, we're going to go through this one time. Okay? Please.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

My apologies. Before we do that, the Guards, please bar the doors.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Start out with California and Pacific. They have four hundred and twenty-three members in good standing. Eighteen potential Delegates, five Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander. Sixteen are present, including one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, and twelve Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department of California please stand. And Department Commander. Is the count correct?

Encampment

(chatter)

Department of California and Pacific

Yes it is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, very much.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Colorado and Wyoming. Seventy-five members in good standing. Four potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander for a total of eleven. Three present, one Past Department Commander, two Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers from Colorado and Wyoming, please stand. Just, just the two of you and ... Both Delegates or is there a Past Department Commander?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

Past Department Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And one Delegate. Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. Connecticut. There are fifty-seven members. Three potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander in good standing for a total of ten. There is one present, Department Commander.

Department of Connecticut

That is correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Just, you're the only one. Correct?

Department of Connecticut

Correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Florida. One hundred and forty-two members. Seven potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander. Total of fourteen. Three are present. Two Past Department Commanders, one Delegate.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Florida? Is the count correct?

Department of Florida

All three.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Georgia and South Carolina. Eighty-eight members. Five potential Delegates, no Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander for a total of six. Georgia and South Carolina has four present. All four are listed as Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Is there a fourth Brother?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Not in the room (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And the Department Commander?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Three Delegates?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Three Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Who, you're Department Commander's the one who's not in the room, though?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

No. One of our Delegates is not in the room (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. And I'm asking, is the Department Commander in the room?

Indistinguishable

There is no Department Commander (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay, okay. Thank you. I'm sorry. Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Illinois. Two hundred and ten members in good standing. Nine potential Delegates, eight Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander. Total of eighteen. There are twelve from Illinois present. Four Past Department Commanders, eight Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Who's in charge of your delegation?

Department of Illinois

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. That's the one in which the finger pointing. Is everybody present according to this?

Department of Illinois

You got three, one ...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Have one.

Department of Illinois

... Commander, have three Past Commanders ...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Nine.

Department of Illinois

And the rest are Delegates. Total of nine.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

So the Department Commanders are only three?

Department of Illinois

That is correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And Delegates are ...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Five, err, six.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Six. Correct?

Department of Illinois

One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders

...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We didn't have the Department Commander listed.
Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

is the Department Commander previous year Commander also?

Department of Illinois

No (indistinguishable).

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Total of nine. Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Indiana. Two hundred and one members in good standing.
Nine potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one
Department Commander. Total of sixteen. Five are present. One
Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, two Past
Department Commanders, and one Delegate.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Five.

Department of Indiana

That is correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you very much, sir.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Iowa. One hundred and seventy members. Eight potential

Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Commander. Total of fifteen. Nine are present. One Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, five Delegate.

Department of Iowa

Iowa, I'm the Department Commander. I am present and two of our Past Department Commanders are present. And three Delegates are present.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Total of six.

Department of Iowa

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Kansas. One hundred and twenty-eight members in good standing. Most of 'em here today.

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Potential Delegates six, Past Department Commanders nine, Department Commander one. Total of sixteen. Kansas has thirty-four present. Seven Past Department Commanders, of which the present, the Camp Commander is one, six Delegates, twenty-one alternates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Department Commander?

Department of Kansas

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Well how was your count?

Department of Kansas

Count is correct, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Count is correct?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

For a total of thirteen votes then.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay.

Department of Kansas

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And there are only vote cards out, please?

Indistinguishable

Yes, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I see fourteen vote cards.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, I, it'll be roll call vote. I apologize. Thank you, Brothers. Sit down.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Kentucky. Eighty-one members in good standing. Four potential members, four Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of eleven. Kentucky has two. Both are Past Department Commanders.

Department of Kentucky

Correct.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Maine. Ninety-three members in good standing. Five potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of twelve. None are present. Maryland. Ninety-three members in good standing, five potential Delegates, six Department, Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander. Total of twelve. And Maryland has eight present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, three Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Maryland please?

Department of Maryland

Your count (indistinguishable). (chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

What's way off?

Department of Maryland

The, the number of our (indistinguishable) count. We should have twenty-one Delegates authorized. Our number of (indistinguishable) ...

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Really.

Department of Maryland

... (indistinguishable) number (indistinguishable).

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Where I'm (indistinguishable).

Department of Maryland

(Indistinguishable).

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Did I read two hundred and four members?

Indistinguishable

No, read ninety-three.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay. I'm sorry. I read the wrong line. three hundred and ninety-nine members in good standing, seventeen potential

Delegates, twelve Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander, for a total of thirty.

Department of Maryland

(indistinguishable) seventeen (indistinguishable) not (indistinguishable). So I agree with (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Be eight.

Indistinguishable

Well four times, yeah.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Department of Kansas

(Indistinguishable) Past Commander (indistinguishable).

Indistinguishable

Plus one.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, is seventeen.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

How many did they have?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Eight.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Eight.

Department of Maryland

We have one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, and three Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Three Delegates.

Indistinguishable

Okay.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Massachusetts.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

What's the vote count for that?

Indistinguishable

Eight.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Eight.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Massachusetts. Two hundred and four members in good standing. Nine potential Delegates, four Past De..., Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander, for a total of fourteen. They have seven present. Two Past Department Commanders, five Delegates. Seven?

Department of Massachusetts

Have (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Michigan. Five hundred and thirty-one members in good standing. Twenty-two potential Delegates, twelve Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of thirty-five. And Michigan has thirteen present. Two Past Commander-in-Chiefs, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, seven Delegates.

Department of Michigan

We have twelve here.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Twelve.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brother.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Missoura, or Missouri if you're my wife.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Two hundred and twenty-five members. Ten potential Delegates, ten Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of twenty-one. Seventeen are present. One Department Commander, six Past Department Commanders, and ten Delegates. (chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have a total of twelve. Do you agree Commander?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

(chatter)

Department of Missouri

(indistinguishable)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Yeah, we got him. He's twelve.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I got fourteen.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

(chatter) Fourteen.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Fourteen. Thank you, Brothers. Fourteen.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Nebraska. Seventy members in good standing. Four potential Delegates, four Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of nine. They have nine present.

One Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, four Delegates, two Alternates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have seven.

Department of Nebraska

That is correct.

Indistinguishable

Seven authorized (indistinguishable).

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Seven authorized to vote.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Seven?

Department of Nebraska

Seven (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Seven? Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

New Hampshire. Ninety-four members in good standing. Five potential Delegates, eight Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of fourteen. New Hampshire has one present, Past Department Commander.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. New Jersey.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

New Jersey.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Not here.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Not here. New York. Five hundred and twenty-nine members in good standing, twenty-two potential Delegates, seventeen Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of forty. New York has present three. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander.

Department of New York

Correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

North Carolina, not here. Ohio. Four hundred and seventy-seven members in good standing, twenty potential Delegates, two Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander in good standing, for a total of twenty-three. They have fifteen present. Three Past Commanders-in-Chief, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, and seven Delegates. Which is ... (chatter)

Department of Ohio

I think, Commander, fourteen.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Yep, fourteen.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Fourteen.

Department of Ohio

Fourteen.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Oklahoma. Fifty-five members in good standing, three potential Delegates, no Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of four. They have five people here. Which is one of these interesting things where they Ohio is the same. Where they have one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, but their Form 49 that you guys send in just aren't filled out correctly and all of you need to be making sure that you list your Past Department Commanders. Otherwise, they don't count, or shouldn't count. Oklahoma shows two Past Department Commanders and two Delegates for a total of five.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

They have four present. Total of four, correct?

Department of Oklahoma

(Indistinguishable) four.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Sorry about my little tirade.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Pennsylvania. Eight hundred and ninety-one members in good standing. Thirty-seven potential Delegates. Six Past Department Commanders in good standing, one Department Commander in good standing, a total of forty-four. Pennsylvania has seven present. Four Past Commanders-in-Chiefs two Past Department Commanders, and one Delegate.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have seven.

Department of Pennsylvania

(Indistinguishable) three Delegates and four Past Commanders-in-Chiefs.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

I have list, I have two listed as Past Department Commanders. (chatter)

Department of Pennsylvania

(indistinguishable)

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Rhode Island. One hundred and two members in good standing, five Delegates possible seven Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of thirteen. Rhode Island has seven present. One CinC, three Past Department Commanders, and Three Delegates.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Six?

Department of Rhode Island

That's correct. Seven.

Encampment

(chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Seven.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Tennessee. One hundred and thirty-three members. Six potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of thirteen possible. They have four present. One Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, one Delegate.

Department of Tennessee

Sir, we have a total of three.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Okay.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Past Department Commander. Thank you, Brothers. Total of three.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Texas. Ninety-seven members in good standing. Five potential Delegates, six Past Department Commanders, one Department Commander. Total of twelve. Texas has four present. One Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, one Delegate.

Department of Texas

That is correct, sir.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Vermont, is not here. Wisconsin. Two hundred and thirty members in good standing. (chatter)

Encampment

(laughter)

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Potential Delegates ten, Past Department Commanders in good standing eight, Department Commander one. Total of nineteen. Wisconsin has six present. One Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, and three Delegates.

Department of Wisconsin

That is correct.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, Brothers.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

National Membership-at-Large. Sixty-five members in good standing, four potential Delegates, and four votes allowed.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Total of two?

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Total of two. And two are present. And Camps-at-Large, just for the record, a hundred and eight-four members in good standing, not entitled to any votes.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Does anybody have any questions about the count?
Excellent.

Indistinguishable

Total?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Total.

Walter E. Busch, National Encampment Credentials Committee

Total. I'll have to get back to you on what the total for the election is.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We'll get that very shortly.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Vermont? Zero.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. While we wait, just for that calculation, Charlie, go ahead.

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Charlie Kuhn, Pennsylvania

Department. I would move you where there is only one candidate, unopposed, for any position, that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot for that candidate.

Indistinguishable

Second.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We have a motion and a second to, to accept one ballot for unopposed candidates. All in favor, raise your cards. Opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, the total count is a hundred and fifty-nine. One-five-nine votes. Okay.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

And we shall start. We're going to vote for a three year term on the Council of Administration. One three year term on the Council of Administration.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, what we're talking about right now is this. A plurality vote is going to be held for members of the Council of Administration. This requires a vote with the top winner of that vote getting the first three year term. A second vote is then done, and the top winner of that gets a three year term. The third vote is done and that is going to be the remaining one year term to fill the vacant spot on the Council. If there is an issue where you caucused and apparently thought you were going to vote for the top three, if this is creating an issue, we're not going to unseal those doors, but we'll give you five minutes. But I need to know right now if you need five additional minutes or if we're going to go forward with the vote.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The doors are not, that's what I said. The doors are not going to be unsealed. Nobody's leaving the room. Brother Don.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. Just let me understand this. We're going to be one seat open. All the people, all the

nominees will be eligible. We'll vote. Whoever gets the top amount of votes for that, he gets the chair. Then we do the, another vote, and then another vote.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

It's going to go from five, to four, to three Brothers or however many Brothers are running. And that vote, in the end, there will be one or two who do not get that position.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief

Oh, okay. That, fine then. Ohio doesn't need to (indistinguishable).

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Thank you.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

(Indistinguishable). The first vote will be for one, three year term. You're voting for one person for three year term.

Indistinguishable

Does anyone need to caucus?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Again, quickly, does anybody need a caucus for five minutes? If not, we're going to go.

Indistinguishable

Go.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

We're going.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. Again, for the office of Council Administration. And you heard what the Commander-in-Chief said as far as the sequence here. So, the Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific casts sixteen votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

California and Pacific has sixteen votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming casts two votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Colorado and Wyoming, two votes for Brother Vieira. The Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut votes one vote for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Connecticut with one vote for Brother Vieira. Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida casts three votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Florida has three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Br. Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Georgia and South Carolina, three votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois, nine votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana casts one vote for Brother Petrovic, one for Brother Russ, and three for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana casts three votes for Brother Vieira, one vote for Brother Petrovic, one vote for Brother Russ. Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa casts six votes for, for Brother Hawk.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa, six votes for Brother Hawk. Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Thirteen votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas, fifteen votes for Brother Vieira.

Department of Kansas

Thirteen

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Thirteen, I'm sorry. Double check me.

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky casts two votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Kentucky with two votes for Brother Vieira. Let's see, we don't have the Department of Maine. Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland casts all eight votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Maryland with eight votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts casts seven votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Massachusetts with seven votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

We cast twelve votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Michigan with twelve votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri casts their votes for Brother of the Camp, Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. How many, how many votes it? Fourteen?

Department of Missouri

Yes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Missouri with fourteen votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska casts seven votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Nebraska with seven votes for Brother Vieira. Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire casts one vote for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

New Hampshire with one vote for Brother Vieira. Department of New Jersey, not here. Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York has three votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

New York with three votes for Brother Vieira. North Carolina is not here. Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Department of Ohio votes fourteen votes for Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

The Department of Ohio at fourteen votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma casts four votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Oklahoma with four votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania votes seven votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Pennsylvania with seven votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island votes seven votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Rhode Island with seven votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee, three votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Tennessee with three votes for Brother Vieira. Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

The Department of Texas, four votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Texas with four votes for Brother Petrovic. (chatter and laughter) Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin casts six votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Wisconsin with six votes for Brother Vieira. National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large casts two votes for Brother Vieira.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

NMAL with two votes for Brother Vieira. And that concludes the vote.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. We're going to run in the next election for a

three year position. One, three year position on the Council Administration.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Do the Brothers need a five minute caucus?

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

I have a yes and a no. Cards up for yes. Cards up for no. No goes.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right. For those who are, for those are in dilemma at this point, take five minutes. Five minutes please.

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Nobody leaves the room. No. The Bible stays open. Nobody leaves the room.

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

All right. This is for the second, three year term on the Council of Administration. We'll go down the roll of Departments starting with the Department of California and Pacific.

Department of California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific casts nine votes for Brother Petrovic, seven votes for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay, Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming casts two votes for Kevin Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

The Department of Connecticut casts one vote for Brother Petrovic.

Indistinguishable

Please repeat the last ones

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Connecticut casts one vote for Brother Petrovic. And before that, Colorado and Wyoming was two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of California and Pacific was nine votes for Petrovic, one seven votes for Tucker.

Indistinguishable

Thank you.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Sorry about that. Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida casts three votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida, three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Georgia and South Carolina, three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

The Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Illinois with nine votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana, five votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Indiana, five votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa, six votes for Brother Hawk.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Iowa, six votes for Brother Hawk. Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Department of Kansas, thirteen for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Kansas, thirteen votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky casts two votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Kentucky with two votes for Brother Petrovic. See, no Department of Maine. Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland casts two votes for Brother Tucker and six votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Maryland with six votes for Brother Petrovic, two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Massachusetts casts seven votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Massachusetts, seven votes for Brother Petrovic. Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Michigan casts nine votes for Brother Petrovic, three votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Michigan with nine votes for Brother Petrovic and three votes for Brother Russ. Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri, we split our votes. Brother Tucker has three votes Brother Petrovic has seven, and Russ has three.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri, seven votes for Brother Petrovic, three votes for Brother Russ, three votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska casts six votes for Brother Hawk ...
... and one vote for ...
... Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

could you repeat that last one?

Department of Nebraska

One vote for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. Thank you. Nebraska has one vote for Brother Petrovic, six votes for Brother Hawk. Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

Department of New Hampshire, one vote for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New Hampshire with one vote for Brother Tucker. No Department of New Jersey. Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York, three votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of New York with three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Ohio, fourteen votes for Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Ohio, fourteen votes for Brother Petrovic. The Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Department of Oklahoma casts four votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Oklahoma with four votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania votes seven votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Pennsylvania, seven votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island casts its seven votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Rhode Island with seven votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Tennessee, three votes for Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee, three votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas casts four votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Texas with four votes for Brother Petrovic. Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin casts six votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Wisconsin with six votes for Brother Petrovic. National Member-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large casts two votes for Brother Petrovic.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

NMAL with two votes for Brother Petrovic. And that

concludes the election.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

All right, Brothers, we're about to vote for the one year remaining term on the council. You can have a two minute caucus please. Two minutes.

Encampment

(chatter)

Indistinguishable

Who are the candidates?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

The three remaining candidates are ...

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Alan Russ.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Alan Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Jim Hawk.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Jim Hawk.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Kevin Tucker.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Kevin Tucker.

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. This will be the final election for a seat on the Council Administration and this will be for a one year term. Department of California and Pacific?

Department of California and Pacific

Department of California and Pacific casts sixteen votes for Alan Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of California, sixteen votes for Brother Russ. Department of Colorado and Wyoming?

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

The Department of Colorado and Wyoming casts two votes for Alan Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Colorado and Wyoming, two votes for Brother Russ. Department of Connecticut?

Department of Connecticut

Department of Connecticut casts one vote for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Connecticut with one vote for Brother Tucker.
Department of Florida?

Department of Florida

Department of Florida, three votes for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Florida with three votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of Georgia and South Carolina?

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Department of Georgia and South Carolina Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Georgia and South Carolina, three votes for Brother Russ.
Department of Illinois?

Department of Illinois

Department of Illinois casts nine votes for Brother Tucker.

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Illinois, nine votes for Brother Tucker.
Department of Indiana?

Department of Indiana

Department of Indiana, five votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Indiana with five votes for Brother Russ. Department of Iowa?

Department of Iowa

Department of Iowa, six votes for Brother Hawk.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Iowa with six votes for Brother Hawk. Department of Kansas?

Department of Kansas

Thirteen votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Kansas with thirteen votes for Brother Russ. Department of Kentucky?

Department of Kentucky

Kentucky casts two votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Kentucky with two votes for Brother Russ. Department of Maryland?

Department of Maryland

Department of Maryland casts two votes for Brother Tucker and six votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Maryland with six votes for Brother Russ, two votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Massachusetts?

Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts casts seven votes for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Massachusetts with seven votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Michigan?

Department of Michigan

Michigan casts twelve votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Michigan with twelve votes for Brother Russ. Department of Missouri?

Department of Missouri

Department of Missouri with split our votes. Brother Russ, ten, Tucker, four.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Missouri with ten votes for Brother Russ, four votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Nebraska?

Department of Nebraska

Department of Nebraska, five votes for Brother Russ and two votes for Brother Hawk.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Nebraska with five votes for Brother Russ, two votes for Brother Hawk. Department of New Hampshire?

Department of New Hampshire

New Hampshire, one vote for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

New Hampshire with one vote for Brother Tucker. Department of New York?

Department of New York

Department of New York casts two votes for Brother Russ and one vote for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

New York with two votes for Brother Russ and one vote for Brother Tucker. Department of Ohio?

Department of Ohio

Ohio splits votes, nine votes for Brother Russ and five for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Ohio with nine votes for Brother Russ, five votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Oklahoma?

Department of Oklahoma

Oklahoma has four votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Oklahoma with four votes for Brother Russ. Department of

Pennsylvania?

Department of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania votes seven votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Pennsylvania with seven votes for Brother Russ. Department of Rhode Island?

Department of Rhode Island

Department of Rhode Island casts two votes for Brother Russ and five votes for Brother Tucker.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Rhode Island with two votes for Brother Russ, five votes for Brother Tucker. Department of Tennessee?

Department of Tennessee

Department of Tennessee, three votes for Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Department of Tennessee, three votes for Brother Russ. Department of Texas?

Department of Texas

Department of Texas, four votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Texas with four votes for Brother Russ. Department of Wisconsin?

Department of Wisconsin

Department of Wisconsin casts six votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Wisconsin with six votes for Brother Russ. National Membership-at-Large?

Department of Membership-at-Large

National Membership-at-Large casts two votes for Brother Russ.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Membership-at-Large with two votes for Brother Russ. And that concludes the battle.

Encampment

(applause)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Congratulations, Brother. All right. We're going to take a short break to bring some family members in, so we're going to open up the doors in just a moment. Please try to keep this to about a five or ten minute break. We'll get back in and do the installations.

[three raps ***]

Encampment

(chatter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Everybody hold on. Please.

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

(break)

Encampment

(chatter)

[one rap *]

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Schall, have you picked an installing officer?

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

I have. It's Past Commander-in-Chief James Pahl.

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Have you seen him?

D. Brad Schall, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

No.

Encampment

(laughter)

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

Brother Pahl, it is yours.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief, in relieving you of Command of the National Organization on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you've discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow Brothers can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. And is there someone to pin the Past Commander-in-Chief Badge?

Leo F. Kennedy, Commander-in-Chief

There is. Brother Stephen Hacket.

Encampment

(chatter and applause)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Has been Kennedy, you may be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief Elect

I am.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Has the list been provided to the Secretary?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief Elect

Yes it has.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Secretary, call the roll of the Officers Elect and the Staff Appointees who are, as their names are called, will rise.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

National Aides-de-Camp: Jerry Sayre, Will Tisch ...

Indistinguishable

Not here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Not here? Fred Bohmfalk and Jerome Kowalski. Liaison to the Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor. Camp-at-Large Organizer, Garry Brewer.

Indistinguishable

Not here.

Donald D. Palmer, Jr., National Secretary

Okay. National Liaison to MOLLUS, Keith Harrison. National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski. Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. And remain standing, Chief-of-Staff Alan Russ. Patriotic Instructor, Donald Martin. Memorials Officer and Memorials Committee Chairman, Bruce Butgereit. Signals Officer, Ken Freshley. Washington D. C. Representative, Andrew Johnson. Counselor, Donald Darby. Assistant Counselor for Blue Book, James Pahl. Secretary for Proceedings, Ken Freshley. Assistant Secretary for Proceedings, Edward Kreiser. Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Petrovic. GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin. Assistant National Treasurer, James Pahl and Max Newman. GAR Highway Officer, Gary Parrott. National Webmaster, Ken Freshley. Assistant National Webmaster, Keith Harrison. Assistant Webmaster for Web Ring, Frederick Cole. Assistant Webmaster for Family Tree Maker, Robert Schaffer. Graves Registration and Chairman of Graves Registration Committee, Bruce Frail. And Historian, Robert Wolz. That concludes the list.

[three raps ***]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has valid reason why any of them should not be installed, speak now or forever hold your peace.

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Brother Gary Gibson, would you act as Guide and present these Brothers before alter for installation?

Encampment

(chatter)

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Officers, you've been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for financial and the material prosperity and interest of the National Organization, and the members of this Encampment confidently expect your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous, zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely on the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. As you're now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties, or are you now?

Officers (in unison)

I AM.

[three raps ***]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

You'll each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, or your left hand on the shoulder of the Brother in front of you and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine. "I, James Pahl ...

Officers (in unison)

"I (officer's names)...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... having been regularly chosen ...

Officers (in unison)

... HAVING BEEN REGULARLY CHOSEN ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... as an Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War ...

Officers (in unison)

... AS AN OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... hereby renew ...

Officers (in unison)

... HEREBY RENEW ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... the sacred obligation ...

Officers (in unison)

... THE SACRED OBLIGATION ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... given at the time of my initiation ...

Officers (in unison)

... GIVEN AT THE TIME OF MY INITIATION ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... and in the presence of all mighty God ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL MIGHTY GOD ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... and the members of this Encampment here assembled ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS ENCAMPMENT HERE ASSEMBLED ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... do furthermore ...

Officers (in unison)

... DO FURTHERMORE ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY ...

Officers (in unison)

... solemnly and sincerely ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... promise and declare ...

Officers (in unison)

... PROMISE AND DECLARE ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... that I will ...

Officers (in unison)

... THAT I WILL ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... to the best of my ability ...

Officers (in unison)

... TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... in word and in deed ...

Officers (in unison)

... IN WORD AND IN DEED ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... without fear or favor ...

Officers (in unison)

... WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... faithfully ...

Officers (in unison)

... FAITHFULLY ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... honestly ...

Officers (in unison)

... HONESTLY ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... and impartially ...

Officers (in unison)

... AND IMPARTIALLY ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... perform all the duties of the office ...

Officers (in unison)

... PERFORM ALL THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... upon which I am about to enter ...

Officers (in unison)

... UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER ...

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

... so help me God."

Officers (in unison)

... SO HELP ME GOD."

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

You may drop your hands.

[one rap *]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Guide, conduct the Officers to the respective stations Acting Officers vacating. Except for the Commander-in-Chief. Guide, conduct the Commander-in-Chief to this station. Thank you.

Gary L. Gibson, Acting Guide

You're welcome sir. My duty and privilege to present to you the Commander-in-Chief Elect. Thank you.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

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 the Union Veteran of the Civil War, but is an assurance that your conduct to the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trust and grave cares await you into their faithful performance, I now most solemnly direct you.

[three raps ***]

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the divine provider, the Chaplain will ask for his assistance and guidance.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

All mighty God, our heavenly father, we ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled here for installation. Grant them your wisdom, that they may daily perform the duties to the Office in to which they were installed. With the knowledge that you are ever watching over them. Keep them in good health, that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with your great mercies that they may be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action, in your name. With the mediation of your blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Commander in Chief, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am now about to place you in full control. But first, let me give to you the care, the Charter of the National Organization. Prize it for its privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage that 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 you, I advise you to study with care, be true to its principals, and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap [**one rap ***] calls the Encampment to order and ceases the same when standing. Two raps [**two raps ****] calls the Officers to their feet. And three raps [**three raps *****] calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me as the Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this National Organization legally elected and installed, to, qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties, for the term ending in August of 2011. Or until the successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Do you have someone to pin the Badge of Office?

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I do. And would the escorts please bring them.

Indistinguishable

Commander-in-Chief.

James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief

Please present them to this station. Commander-in-Chief, assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your

trust, unclenching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be a successful one.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

For the audience that is here and while you're standing, let me introduce these three lovely ladies behind me. My wife Patti.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

My oldest sister, Flo Beard*.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

And my third sister, the third one in the family, Pamela Schall. My sisters.

Encampment

(applause)

[one rap *]

Encampment

(chatter and laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Humbly I stand before you accepting the position of Commander-in-Chief. Eagerly anticipating the challenges in our Order. I will conduct the business of this Order with honor, dignity, and will be cognizant always that we are here to honor the Boys in Blue and by the grace of God, we will be successful.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

I will try to be brief at this point, which is not necessarily my style.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

First, I would like to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Kennedy for his friendship, his advice, and his counsel. The path that he has led the Order over the past year was the right one and we are going, assure him that we will continue to blaze that same trail. To the Department of Kansas, my home, my

state, my prairie love. You guys did a great job with this Encampment. Thank you very much.

Encampment

(applause)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

We look forward to an exciting year in the Civil War community. We start the Sesqui-Centennial of the American War. How many of you know how to spell Sesqui-Centennial?

Encampment

(laughter and chatter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

For the next five years, we celebrate our heritage. We have a five year celebration to honor the Boys in Blue. Whose valiant deeds defended our country's Constitution, the rights of a free people. Their sacrifices have given us all the greatest nation the world has ever known. Let us remember that we are part of the Allied Orders. We must always accentuate the positive. Let's capitalize on our Memorial Programs, our Grave Registration, our Eagle Scout Certificates, ROTC, Patriotic Instructor Programs, Memorial University, Battle Flag Preservation, GAR Records, our two Sesqui-Centennial Committees, Gettysburg and Lincoln Tomb Programs, Scholarship Committees, Real Sons and Real Daughters, the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument, and Restore Memorial Day Activities. There is going to be plenty of projects and work for us to do. On Thursday, I was invited to participate with the Auxiliary in a visitation program to the Veterans Hospital in, in Kansas City. This is an Auxiliary President's project. The Department of New Hampshire put together a hundred and fifty-three bags of goodies, made lap robes for the patients. They also passed out American Flags. They thanked Veterans on two floors. It was heartwarming, tearful, and represented the very best of what we stand for. Nancy Hilton, thank you. Past Commander-in-Chief Greenwalt, you did a good job with that daughter.

Encampment

(laughter)

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Our theme for the year will be simple. Learn who we are. Learn what we do. Then participate in what we do and honor the Boys in Blue. L - L - P - H. Let me repeat it. Learn who we are. Learn what we do. Participate in what we do. And honor the Boys in Blue. You, all year long, you're going to hear that. In all these action, we must remember those things that have driven us for a hundred and fifty years. Fraternity, charity, and loyalty. And everything we do must be done in that mode. We leave this Encampment united in our commitment to fulfill the purpose of this Order. May we do it with honor,

dignity, a sense of humor, and by all means, let's have a lot of fun doing it. I dedicate my year of service to my two great-grandfathers who served in the Civil War. To my parents, who taught me the love of this country. Respect for family members who came before me. The love of God. And the exciting history of the American Civil War. And to my mentor, Bob Lowe, whom I wish were here to experience this great ride with me. There being no further business before this Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[one rap *]

[three raps ***]

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

You will give the attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessings of God on this, our deliberations.

National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski

Our father in heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength, and integrity while we remain here. And when our mission on earth has ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, please say Amen.

Encampment (in unison)

AMEN.

D. Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our, our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties, and exhibit towards each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender char..., tender charity, and unswerving loyalty. I now declare the 129th Annual Encampment of the Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly closed.

[one rap *]

Encampment

(applause and chatter)

Close of Encampment

Elected Officers' Reports

Commander-in-Chief

The Commander-In-Chief will present the State of the Order Address during the first business session of the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

No report has been submitted to the Encampment.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

The National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Annual Report 2009-2010

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Brad Schall, PDC

I would like to thank the Order for electing me to the position of National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It has been a pleasure to have so many contacts with the Department Junior Vice Commanders and I appreciate all their follow-through and the attitude they have in doing the business of our Order.

Commander Kennedy's leadership and friendship made our Order truly that which the GAR always said it was, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

I would like to thank Brothers Jerry Sayre, Don Wilt and Fred Bohmfalk for assisting me in looking up information this year. They did an outstanding job.

The Department count of applications really doesn't tell the story but it does tell you the impact our website has. I received over 50 phone calls from potential applicants and in most cases sent them directly to the Department or to a local Camp. We rejected three applications and still have five pending waiting for additional information.

California	16	Kentucky	3	New York	11
Colorado	5	Maine	4	North Carolina	5
Connecticut	5	Maryland	16	Ohio	7
Florida	8	Massachusetts	7	Oklahoma	1
Georgia	6	Michigan	3	Pennsylvania	24
Illinois	9	Missouri	9	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	1	Nebraska	2	Tennessee	5
Iowa	5	New Hampshire	1	Texas	12

Kansas	1	New Jersey	8	Vermont	-0-
MAL	8	Camp MAL	14	Wisconsin	7
				Total	204

I recommend that we do away with the dual application process. We need only one application and then it should be directed to the Department Junior Vice Commander and not the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Ken Freshley and I are close to having a system worked out to do this and I hope the next National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will complete the mechanics of this project. I don't believe this would require a vote of the National Encampment and could be implemented by our Gettysburg CofA meeting.

Here are a few tidbits I learned this year.

- (1) 17% of the applications I sent out contacted me after one month and said they had not been contacted by a Camp. Unacceptable.
- (2) A dozen people contacted me and asked why their checks had not been cashed after 90 days.
- (3) The most common question asked was: "Will I receive a certificate?"
- (4) The second most common question was: "I joined several years ago and haven't received another statement for dues. Is this why I'm no longer receiving the Banner?"
- (5) "Where do I find my ancestors GAR records?"
- (6) "What do F, C and L stand for?" It behooves all of us who write letters to spell out, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
- (7)

Recruiting is one thing, retention is another. In my opinion retention is more important than recruiting. I won't get on the Band Wagon, but make this one of your goals next year; here are two examples, one a Camp and one a Department. The Camp went back seven years and called everyone who dropped. Five rejoined. The Department's efforts saved one Camp from falling below five members. These are only two examples.

Good luck in recruiting and retention next year.

National Secretary

Report of the National Secretary - 129th National Encampment (12-15 August 2010)

Brothers:

This will be my final annual report as National Secretary. My principal duties included preparing Council of Administration meeting minutes, maintaining the Electronic Boardroom, assisting those with the process for forming new Camps, and corresponding with Brothers on a variety of topics. These activities are summarized below.

As Secretary of the Council of Administration, I prepared and distributed Council of Administration meeting minutes for the 16 August (Louisville), 22 November (Gettysburg) and 17 April (Springfield) meetings. These minutes were all approved and uploaded on the National website.

There were 17 motions presented and processed using the Electronic Boardroom since the 2009 National Encampment. These motions, with the resulting action, are summarized below:

03 September 2009 - Motion by Council Member Bob Petrovic, second by Council Member Perley Mellor, to allow the National Quartermaster to purchase a digitized version of the SUVCW badge to be used on flags and other items supplied by the National Quartermaster. **Motion passed**

13 September 2009 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Perley Mellor, to contract with Terry Good to perform the accounting services needed at the rate of \$23.00 per hour. **Motion passed**

18 September 2009 - Motion by PCinC Dave Medert, second by Council Member Bob Petrovic, to set up an account to be held and managed by the National Treasurer for donations towards the establishment of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument. **Motion passed.**

02 October 2009 - Motion by PCinC Dave Medert, second by National Treasurer Richard Orr, to present a Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. **Motion failed.** (Name withheld pending presentation of an alternative award).

07 October 2009 - National Secretary Don Palmer distributed both pre- and post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. Motion by Council Member Perley Mellor, second by Council Member Ken Freshley, to approve both pre- and post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

19 October 2009 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to spend up to \$600 from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund for the purchase of dies and pins for presentation to Memorial University graduates. **Motion passed.**

10 January 2010 - National Secretary Don Palmer distributed the November Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. Motion by Council Member Ken Freshley, second by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, to approve the November Council of Administration meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

15 January 2010 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to expend sufficient funds from the General Fund Reserve to secure 5 PCinC jewels, to be: (1) recorded as a pre-payment on the books with one badge being distributed each of the next 5 National Encampments; (2) held by the National Quartermaster; and (3) engraved when presented. **Motion passed.**

27 January 2010 - Motion by Council Member Ken Freshley, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to allow Indian Nations Camp #3, Department of Oklahoma, to delay their Camp officer installation until their February meeting. **Motion passed.**

13 February 2010 - Motion by Council Member Bob Petrovic, second by Council Member Ken Freshley, to (1) hire Richard Craig Krause and Associates of Michigan to review the current IRS matters affecting many of the past elected officers of the Order, as well as the Order as a whole, at a cost of approximately \$3000, with

\$1500 paid upon approval of the hiring; and (2) take the funds to cover the expenses out of the Heritage Defense Fund. **Motion passed.**

22 March 2010 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Bob Petrovic, to (1) spend \$1500 to become a sponsor of a ChumpCar commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and (2) use the SVCinC Fund to cover the \$1500 sponsorship fee. **Motion failed.**

07 April 2010 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to amend the budget to include \$75 for renewal of the Memorial Day website under General Fund expenses. **Motion passed.**

12 May 2010 - Motion by Council Member Ken Freshley, second by Council Member Perley Mellor, to authorize the National Quartermaster to purchase the needed fire and theft insurance for the amount of \$512 a year to cover the items in the Quartermaster's store. **Motion passed.**

25 May 2010 - Motion by National Treasurer Richard Orr, second by National Secretary Don Palmer, to present the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star (name withheld pending presentation of the award at the National Encampment). **Motion passed.**

16 June 2010 - National Secretary Don Palmer distributed the April Council of Administration meeting minutes for review. Motion by Council Member Perley Mellor, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to approve the April Council of Administration meeting minutes as corrected. **Motion passed.**

11 July 2010 - Motion by National Quartermaster Dany Wheeler, second by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall, to present the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star (name withheld pending presentation of the award at the National Encampment). **Motion passed.**

14 July 2010 - Motion by Council Member Bill Vieira, second by Council Member Tad Campbell, to present the Founder's Award (organization name withheld pending presentation of the award at the National Encampment). **Motion passed.**

There was significant activity related to formation of new Camps, including 7 new Camps with approved charter applications. A summary of the status on new Camp formation is presented below, along with pending actions:

New Camps having received their charter and/or have approved charter applications:

Bay State Camp #61 – Melrose, MA, Department of Massachusetts (Camp Organizer – John Bates) – Date of rank – 22 November 2009

U.S. Grant Camp #67 – Bay City, MI, Department of Michigan (Camp Organizer – Donald Shaw) – Date of rank – 28 December 2009

Simon Shaffer Camp #134 – Lacon, IL, Department of Illinois (Camp Organizer – David Dellinger) – Date of rank – 28 December 2009

Gen. James B. McPherson Camp #1 – Little Rock, AR, Department of Missouri (Camp Organizer – Walter Busch) – Date of rank – 12 April 2010

Phineas Catlin Camp #341 – Odessa, NY, Department of New York (Camp Organizer – Richard Lewis) – Date of rank – 18 May 2010

George Cribbs Camp #276 – Greensburg, PA, Department of Pennsylvania (Camp Organizer – William Poulton) – Date of rank – 13 July 2010

Maj. William McTeer Camp #39 – Maryville, TN, Department of Tennessee (Camp Organizer – Douglas Fidler) – Date of rank – 13 July 2010

New Camps having permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger Camp #9 – Mobile, AL, Department of Tennessee. (Camp Organizer – Ernest Treubig III)

James P. Welstead Camp #3 – Fremont, NE, Department of Nebraska (Camp Organizer – Paul Hadley)

Other Camps had been given permission to form, but the one-year authorization from their Department Commanders has expired. Such Camps are encouraged to reapply for permission from their Departments to form, and subsequently ask for authorization from the Commander-in-Chief.

There was a significant amount of correspondence with Brothers on a variety of topics, mostly requests for information regarding proper use of forms, procedures for By-Laws approval, new Camp formation procedures and membership questions. These inquiries were too numerous to list here.

At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I represented the National organization at the Iowa Department Encampment held on 10 April 2010 in Des Moines, IA. It was a pleasure interacting with our Iowa Brothers and Sisters and learning about the excellent work going on there.

Last year, I announced my intention to pursue the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief when my term as National Secretary expired. Due to circumstances this past year, I was encouraged by a number of National officers and Past Commanders-in-Chief to pursue the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief instead. As such, I will be a candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 2010 National Encampment.

Recommendations:

1) Last year, this office developed a matrix showing the various forms that are submitted to the National organization cross-referenced with the National officer that should receive them. It was developed in response to

the large number of forms that were sent to the wrong officer, which in some cases, led to the forms being lost. It was originally distributed to Department Secretaries and the feedback was positive. I received a number of requests for this matrix this past year from new Department Secretaries who recently assumed their offices. It is recommended that this matrix be placed on the National website so it can be easily accessed.

2) This past year, it was discovered that there were several items that were referred to the Program & Policy committee, some dating back to 2007, that were apparently lost in the transition between administrations. In the past, it was left up to the various committees to transition their actions to the next administration. In light of this situation, it is recommended that a tracking system be developed by the National Secretary to make sure actions referred to various committees during the administrative year and/or at the National Encampment are not lost in transition between administrations.

In conclusion, it has been an honor and a true learning experience serving as National Secretary. It has also been an enjoyable experience, especially getting to know the many Brothers who spend countless hours moving this organization forward. It is a privilege to call these Brothers friends.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Don Palmer, PDC

National Secretary

National Treasurer

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

2009-2010

Commander-in-Chief Kennedy, Delegates, Brothers:

It has been a pleasure to serve as your National Treasurer this past year. This report can be summed up in three words – Good, Bad and Ugly.

The good is all the bills are paid and we have money in the bank.

The bad is we expended more funds than we received.

The ugly is the IRS. A significant portion of this report is going to address the ugly. Many of the changes are going to impact the camps and departments as well as the National Order.

As you are all aware, during the previous fiscal year the IRS determined that we had failed to withhold social security taxes and failed to pay the employer portion of the social security tax on certain payments made to National Officers as reimbursements for expenses. All the circumstances which lead to this determination have been corrected. All monies due the IRS were paid in the previous fiscal year. But the saga continued well into this year. The Council of Administration on a divided vote engaged the services of a tax attorney to resolve the final issues at a cost of \$1500. With the assistance of Brothers Bruce Gosling and Max Newman, it appears that this episode is now behind us.

It can now be reported that our tax returns are all current. Brother Newman and Brother Gosling completed the IRS form 990 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 and it was submitted to the IRS in May before the end of the time extension the IRS had given us to file.

As National Treasurer, I am required to update the IRS with information regarding the subordinate entities covered by our Group Exemption letter twice a year. This is a change in the IRS requirements. Prior to January 1 of this year, the update was required annually by the first of April. The report requires that all camps, departments and SVR units be confirmed as active organizations as well as confirming the contact person, his mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. If the camp etc is not confirmed the EIN number is disassociated from the National Order and that camp, department or SVR unit is no longer covered by our tax exemption determination. Much of the information available is old and out dated. This past March, 107 camps were submitted to the IRS for addition to the subordinate organizations of the SUVCW. Because of inaccuracies in the information at hand, camps suspected of being dropped, suspended or otherwise inactive were not deleted. If current information is not provided by September 15th, the report due October 1st will include deletion of those camps.

To assist the Departments with submitting the required information two steps are being taken. First, there is a packet of material for each Department which will be available at this Encampment. The Department Secretary or Department Commander should obtain this packet. Among the items in the packet is a computer print out of the Department and camp EIN and contact information for each Department. Please note that there are instances where a camp has more than one EIN. Those currently considered "inactive" by the IRS are marked as such. Where this occurs, it will need to be determined which EIN is being used on the camp's bank accounts. There have been instances where a camp used different EIN's on different bank accounts. This is no different than you having two social security numbers. It creates numerous problems including meaning that the camp needs to file two tax returns – one for each EIN with the IRS.

The second step will place the printed information you are being given on the National web site in a secure location. Each Department, camp-at-large and the SVR will be in a different file. Each file is password protected in addition to not being readily available to someone trolling the site. Only the Department secretary-treasurer and Commander will be given the password. The National Webmaster, National Secretary, Executive Director and National Treasurer will have access to this information. Each file will contain one sheet listing the Department, Department EIN and contact and one line for each camp in the Department currently shown in the IRS database. Corrections can be made on line or the report can be printed and sent by mail or FAX. Each Department must update this information no later than September 15th and March 1st of each year. You can update it at any time.

It is imperative, that the Departments keep this information current and provide any changes immediately when they occur. Whenever the contact person changes, this information should be supplied submitted via the National Web site. Also, there is an IRS form which is required to be completed and submitted. This is form 8822. A link to this form will be placed on our web site. Do not complete part 1 of this form. Only complete parts 2 and 3. Part 1 is for a change to your personal account with the IRS.

I would like to thank Brother Norris of Massachusetts, Brother Bennett of New York and Brother Howey of Ohio who have made every effort to correct a multitude of errors in the information for their respective Departments.

As all of you should know, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 made changes to the requirements for not-for-profit organizations tax reporting. Prior to the effective date of that Act any non-profit with less than \$25,000.00 per year income was not required to file any report with the IRS. This Act now requires that **ALL** not-for-profit organizations file an annual return with the IRS. To make this as simple as possible, the IRS created a new form – Form 990-N. This is to be used by those not-for-profit entities which have an income of less than \$25,000 per year. This form can only be filed electronically and must be filed annually within 135 days of the close of the entity's fiscal year. Any non-profit that does not file for 3 consecutive years will lose its tax exemption, be required to pay income taxes on all income and be disassociated from any parent organization if they are a subordinate entity. As of 23 July 2010, there were 2 Departments, 3 SVR units and 68 Camps which will lose their tax exemption as of 1 January 2011 for failure to file the required form 990-N. See the attached appendix for the list of those who will lose their exemption if they do not act immediately. Because of lack of correct reporting to National and the IRS, some of these camps no longer exist. A number of those who did not file the required form 990-N have corrected this and are no longer in danger losing their non-profit exemption.

Effective 27 July 2010, the IRS has granted an extension to all non-profits organizations which were required to file a return by 17 May 2010 until 15 October 2010. Any entity that has not filed by that date will be deemed to no longer be tax exempt. It appears there will no extension for those required to file by 15 November 2010.

Provisions of the "ObamaCare" Health Bill will affect how we do business. Under this bill beginning in 2011, we as a National Organization and each Department, Camp, SVR District, SVR unit are required to issue an IRS form 1099 to any vendor from whom the cumulative value of material or services obtained during a calendar year exceed \$600.00. The National Order is going to increase from two 1099's to well over 50 that need to be tracked and issued by February 1 of each year and this does not include the Departments and Camps which purchase more than \$600 of supplies from the National Quartermaster.

Many of you are asking how does this effect a camp? An example: Your camp has a dinner. The caterer bills you \$610.00 for the meal. The camp must first obtain a W-9 from the caterer and then on or before February 1 of 2011 issue a form 1099 to the caterer. Another example, your department is trying to raise funds to help repair a monument. As part of this effort, it is decided to sell t-shirts. The sales are great and shirts are ordered several times. The bills total slightly over \$700. The Department must obtain a W-9 from the supplier and issue a 1099 to that supplier. An SVR unit decides to present its retiring Commander with an engraved presentation sword. They order one from the Quartermaster. With the engraving the total cost is \$650.00. The SVR unit must obtain a W-9 from the National Order and then issue a 1099 to the National Order.

In the latter case, those 1099's are fairly meaningless – at least on their face. The problem is that even though the National Order, generally, does not pay taxes on that income, the IRS regulations require you to issue the 1099. There is a proposed amendment to the regulations which would drop the need to issue a 1099 to a tax exempt entity if they provide a copy of their determination letter to you.

Failure to issue the 1099 forms is a violation of Federal Regulations and the underlying Federal Law which allows the IRS to adopt these regulations regardless of the impact on the taxes of any party.

Doesn't seem too complicated, does it? Those 1099 forms are not free. You will need to purchase them. The smallest pack of forms is 10. You also need to purchase the software to prepare the forms. In addition to

sending the 1099's to each vendor, you need to provide a copy to the IRS and complete and submit a summary form attesting under perjury penalties that the form is true and accurate.

There purposely are no exemptions in the law or regulations for not-for-profit organizations or small businesses. An amendment was offered to exempt non-profits and it was defeated in the United States Senate.

Provisions of the 2006 Tax law amendments also are impacting how we do business. Under provisions of the law we deferred taking certain actions. As of 15 December 2009 we can no longer defer those actions. The provisions of these amendments required the National Order to examine its actual and/or potential tax liability. That is not only Federal but state and local taxes as well. It requires that we adopt a policy regarding the establishment of special accounts to assure the money is available to pay any actual or potential taxes, segregate those funds, and examine the tax laws of every state where we have a nexus presence.

A policy was drafted and proposed to the Council of Administration.

As a result of this self-evaluation, we will now be required to collect sales tax on all items sold through the Quartermaster and shipped to New York or Pennsylvania. Based on the IRS definition of a "nexus presence" we have such a presence in those states. We have physical locations within Pennsylvania (National Headquarters) and New York (Quartermaster's store). Further any items sold by the Quartermaster within those states will be subject to the sales tax of the respective states. It may become necessary to add Wisconsin as that is point of publication of the Banner. Everyone with whom I have consulted on this matter has stated it is a matter of interpretation of the term "nexus presence."

Enough of the ugly. On to the good.

The bills are paid – at least they were as of the writing of this report and we have money in the bank.

The process of reimbursing camps for life members has been revamped. Rather than the camps telling the National Organization which life members are in their camp, the revise Form 10 will list the life members who belong to a camp based on the information submitted to the Executive Director by the life member. The Camp will only need to make corrections to the mailing address or strike through a Brother who is no longer a member of the camp. The officer signing the form is still required to attest to the fact that the Brother for whom the camp is seeking reimbursement is alive, a member of the camp and have designated that camp to receive his reimbursement if he is a dual member.

The forms for 2011 are included in the above mentioned packets for the Departments. The Department secretaries are being asked to mail these forms to assure they are sent to the correct Brother. In the future, the form for the following year will be sent with the reimbursement check.

So much for the good. The bad is we have less money in reserve than we did a year ago. Income did not meet our expenses in many of our funds. This is of particular concern with the Permanent Fund and Grand Army of the Republic Fund.

The Permanent Fund is not generating sufficient available income to meet the liabilities of this fund as required in the C&R.

Liability Life member reimbursement \$2034

Per capita for life members 291	\$5238
Total Liability	\$7272
Expendable Income	\$6736
Liabilities which cannot be paid	\$ 536

We will have more of an unfunded liability this coming year as the income (100% from interest on investments) is significantly lower. Either the National Organization forgoes the per capita dues on life members, in which case the life member program is a liability to the Order or the amount reimbursed to camps for life members needs to be reduced a considerable amount. Only some of the life member reimbursement can be reduced as we are contractually obligated to reimburse \$12 per year for those Brothers who became life members under the Life Member Program II. This leaves 232 Brothers for whom the COA can set the life member reimbursement.

The Grand Army of the Republic Fund likewise does not generate sufficient donations and interest income to meet the fund liabilities. We have had to transfer funds from the General Fund to this fund from years and still incur reductions in the fund principle. This fund cannot absorb any additional expenditures without crippling the long term viability of the fund.

The National Headquarters Fund is not designed and was never expected to cover all expenses of the National Headquarters. Likewise, the expenditures from this fund do not reflect the true costs of our National Headquarters. To correct this our accountant has recommended that expenses of the National Headquarters paid from the General Fund be shown under the National Headquarters Fund and that the necessary mechanisms to fund these expenses be implemented. The budget proposed for the consideration of the COA reflects these recommendations.

On the bright side, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund has been accumulating assets which we are not spending. We ceased advertising for new Brothers a number of years ago and the actual expenses of this fund are minimal. These are restricted funds which cannot be used for any purpose except promotion of the Order. For this reason I am recommending that the practice of crediting the entire new member application fee to this account be discontinued and permit the COA to direct portions of those fees to the other restricted accounts where the funds are needed.

We have not expended any monies from the Past Proceedings Fund for the past two years. Any expenses which may be incurred for publishing the remaining unpublished proceedings can be covered from the reserve funds of the Order. Therefore I am recommending that this fund be abolished.

The financial reports are not complete as of the date this report is due to the Chief-of-Staff and will be submitted separately.

Recommendations:

- 1) The previous action of the National Encampment restricting the new Brother application fee to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund be repealed and that these fees be apportioned by the Council of Administration to one or more of the restricted accounts.

- 2) The job description of the Camp Secretary be amended by adding “13) update the EIN information and status report on or before February 1 and August 1 of each year submitting the update to the Department Secretary by a means acceptable to the Department and the format prescribed by the National Treasurer.”
- 3) The job description of the Department Secretary be amended by adding “14) update the EIN information for each camp within the Department by March 1 and September 1 of each year submitting the information to the National Treasurer electronically or by other acceptable means in the format prescribed by the National Treasurer.”
- 4) In as much as I did not give prior notice to the Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor and Chairman of the C&R committee within the time frame specified in the C&R regarding the abolishment of the Past Proceedings Fund it is recommended that unless this body waives the prior notice as provided in the C&R that the C&R committee prepared the necessary action to repeal Chapter III Article VI Section 7 of the regulations and thereby abolish the Past Proceedings Fund. This can be accomplished by replacing the current language with “Reserved” and thus avoid the necessity of re-numbering the subsequent Sections and changes references to those sections.

National Quartermaster

Report of the National Quartermaster

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Fellow Brothers,

The Quartermaster store has continued to grow each with new products and trying not to over order merchandise by keeping inventory down instead of having things around for 10 years or more.

We have added on Camp Flags and this year we have had orders for 17 of them. Terry Rubel is our seamstress she is very good and we have had good reports from camps on her work. I believe this has been a plus for the order.

The ROTC Program has been increasing each year. We sent out 565 medals this year. Camps have been presenting more and getting involved. We have four Departments that have excelled in this they are Florida, Nebraska, and Nevada, and New York. This job becomes easier when Camps and Departments cover their ROTC Units. Thanks to all for making this a success.

We have had 1,289 total orders this year. We have taken in \$45,600.00 in sales. We have had problems with suppliers this year with them not carrying the items in stock the empty boxes I can't get from the supplier and will have to find some where else to get them. A couple of new orders were ordered after last year's convention and we don't have them yet. Jr Assoc. and Past CinC miniature badges. We have had better service since Brother Bud Atkinson and myself talked to the original owner.

As Quartermaster I have continued to take items to events that I attend. Gettysburg in November and the National encampment our the big one's saving postage and giving the Brothers a chance to see the store first hand.

Pay Pal is working good, we have had a couple problems with them stopping us from working on the internet till they had more information as of now all is in good working order again and we our hopping that the paper work is complete.

We our looking at a new tie to replace the red one for the sale have slowed on it. The new one would have our crest on it and be blue silk. I trust the turn over will be good on this. I hope to have it by Gettysburg.

As we all know we have not had a postal increase in over 10 years. In the six years I have been your Quartermaster we have two increases and Jan 1st 2011 we will have another one. At that time we will have to take a look at it so we don't lose money on postage. Paper products our concern is with postage of \$3.00 some pkg's cost \$6.00 and over \$7.00 so far it has been close to evening out yet I don't believe it will much longer.

Something new is coming up and may change the way we operate the store the IRS is going to ask for reports on sales tax and we may have to add this to some states even Pay Pal this will have to be looked at for we could lose our tax free status or be fined by the IRS We will have to get this figured out in the weeks ahead.

Yours in FC&L

Danny L. WheelerPCinC
SUVCW National Quartermaster

Council of Administration #2

July 21, 2010,

TO: National Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
SUBJECT: Report of Council of Administration Member #2.

Brothers,

During the past several months I have voted on every issue that came before the Council of Administration. Granted I did not always vote in favor of the issues, sometimes I voted with the minority.

I attended the Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, IL, and will attend the meetings in Overland Park, KS. The Encampment in Kansas this year may tend to be a very interesting one with some of the issues that will be coming up in the Pre Council of Administration meeting and on the floor.

During this reporting period I have traveled to several locations and activities. I attended all the New England Encampments except New Hampshire's. I also attended the New Jersey, New York, PA and Ohio Ladies Encampments I attended the annual meeting of the New England Regional Association held at Wears Beach, New Hampshire. At many of these locations, I was there with Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy.

As the assistant to Quartermaster PCinC Danny Wheeler on the ROTC/JROTC Award Recognition Program, I received a small portion of the letters for their upcoming award program. After I contacted the units

and gave them the information they needed to receive the award, I thought my job would be done. Due to the high request for the Award this year, I mailed out the 40 ROTC medals and Certificates that I had at my home for use in the area. It was not long before ALL the ROTC/JROTC Medals were completely issued to the Units. With Guam, Puerto Rico, and Germany requesting the Award, I believe that the program will be even larger next year.

An additional duty this year was as a member on the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee. Being a member on this committee was extremely rewarding to me, as we were able to help our Brothers in the SUVCW to fix, repair, replace and in some cases to build new memorials to our forefathers. I just wish that we would have been able to fund all the projects that were presented to the committee before we ran out of funds.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Perley E. Mellor, PDC
Council of Administration

Council of Administration #3

Report of Councilman No. 3 National Council of Administration 129th Annual National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Tad D. Campbell, PDC

At the 128th Annual National Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky on August 15, 2009 I was elected to a three-year term on the National Council of Administration (COA). From that date I have participated in the following activities:

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| Aug. 16, 2009 | COA Meeting, Louisville, KY |
| Sept. 5-6, 2009 | Information Booth (Camps 2, 17, & 21), Huntington Beach, CA |
| Sept. 19, 2009 | Camp 4 Meeting, Santa Clara, CA |
| Oct. 3, 2009 | 1st Special Encampment, Dept. of CA & Pacific, Fresno, CA |
| Oct. 3-4, 2009 | Information Booth (Dept. of CA & Pacific), Fresno, CA |
| Oct. 10-11, 2009 | History Fest Monterey (Camp 10), Monterey, CA |
| Oct. 17, 2009 | Camp 23 Meeting & Veterans' Home visit, Yountville, CA |
| Oct. 31, 2009 | Massing of the Colors at Balboa Park (Camp 21), San Diego, CA |
| Sept. 24, 2009 | Civil War Day Presentation (Camps 4 & 10), Santa Clara, CA |
| Nov. 7, 2009 | Camp 4 Election Meeting, Santa Clara, CA |
| Nov. 11, 2009 | Veterans Day Parade (Camp 4), San José, CA |
| Nov. 14, 2009 | American Civil War Association's Grand Ball, Sonora, CA |
| Nov. 21, 2009 | GAR Ceremony, Albert Woolson Monument, Gettysburg, PA |
| Nov. 21, 2009 | Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA |
| Nov. 22, 2009 | COA Meeting, Gettysburg, PA |
| Jan. 9, 2010 | Camp 2 Installation Meeting, El Segundo, CA |
| Jan. 23, 2010 | Installation Banquet (Camps 4, 23, & 24), Santa Clara, CA |
| Jan. 30, 2010 | Fort Point Open House (Camps 4, 21, 22, 23, & 24), San Francisco, CA |
| Feb. 12, 2010 | Lincoln Dinner (Camp 23), Petaluma, CA |
| Feb. 13, 2010 | Cloverdale Citrus Parade (Camp 23), Cloverdale, CA |
| Feb. 20, 2010 | Lincoln Day Dinner (Camp 4 & 24), Cupertino, CA |

March 12-13, 2010	124th Annual Encampment, Dept. of CA & Pacific, San Luis Obispo, CA
April 3, 2010	Camp 4 Meeting, Santa Clara, CA
April 17, 2010	54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL
April 17, 2010	Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson Ceremony, Petersburg, IL
April 17, 2010	COA Meeting, Springfield, IL
May 15, 2010	Medal of Honor Ceremony (Camp 2), East Los Angeles, CA
May 29-30, 2010	Information Booth (Camps 4, 10 & 24), Felton, CA
May 31, 2010	United Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony, San José, CA
May 31, 2010	SUVCW Memorial Day Ceremony (Camp 4), GAR Plot, San José, CA
June 26, 2010	15th Annual Encampment, Dept. of Florida, Lantana, FL
July 4, 2010	Independence Day Parade (Camp 4 & 24), Redwood City, CA
July 10, 2010	Colmo del Rodeo Parade (Camp 10), Salinas, CA
Aug. 12, 2010	COA Meeting, Overland Park, KS
Aug. 13-14, 2010	129th Annual National Encampment, Overland Park, KS

In participating in the above activities I have travelled approximately 26,543 miles.

I have attended all meetings of the COA and have participated in all votes that have taken place in the online COA Board Room.

At Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy's request I attended the 15th Annual Encampment of the Department of Florida and served as Installing Officer.

I have no recommendations at this time.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Tad D. Campbell, PDC

Council of Administration #4

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Annual Report of the National

Council of Administration

July 24, 2010

This report is to cover the my position on the National Council of Administration

National CofA duties – Completed my duties as a National Council of Administration member, by voting on items presented to the CofA. I also attended CofA meetings in Gettysburg, PA and Springfield, IL.

Commander-in-Chief representation – I represented Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy at the Indiana Department Encampment, the encampment was a productive, efficient and prosperous, it was an honor to be his official representative.

Other Events

I was also in attendance at the Michigan, Ohio Department Encampments.

I was also given a special invitation to the New England Regional Association, in which I accepted and attended.

I look forward to continue to serve as a member of the National Council of Administration.

Respectfully submitted,



Brother Ken L. Freshley, PDC

Council of Administration #5

(reference Eagle Scout Coordinator Report, Lincoln Tomb Report and Civil War Memorial Grant Report)

Council of Administration #6

Report Of Council of Administration #6

It has truly been an honor for me to serve our National Organization this past year as a member of the National Council of Administration and as the National Chief of Staff. As I have been assembling reports for the National Council of Administration Meetings and the National Encampment, I had the opportunity to hear of all the hard work and outstanding projects that have been carried out throughout our Departments. This aspect of my position has been the most rewarding and inspiring. I thank you all for this privilege of serving this past year as a member of the Council of Administration and as the National Chief of Staff.

As a member of the Council of Administration I participated in every on-line vote of the Council. I attended all National meetings of the Council of Administration. I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Department Encampment in Wisconsin. I represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Grant's Tomb Ceremony held in New York City. I attended the annual convention of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans in Anderson, South Carolina as the National Representative to that organization. I also attended the Department Encampments of Rhode Island and Connecticut. I attended the October and July meetings of the New England Regional Association.

As the National Chief of Staff I assembled reports from the Officers, Committees and Departments of our Order. These reports were then published by the National Chief of Staff for the National Council of Administration Meetings in Gettysburg Pennsylvania and in Springfield, Illinois. I assisted the Commander-in-Chief in creating the Agenda for those meetings. I collected and assembled reports for this publication to the National Encampment. I distributed the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief when appropriate. I assisted the Commander-in-Chief in all activities as requested.

I have also served on the Programs and Policy Committee.

It truly has been an honor to serve our Order as both a member of the Council of Administration and as National Chief of Staff. I was elected to fill a vacancy of a one-year position on the Council of Administration. I will seek election to a three-year position on the Council and request your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

William C. Vieira
National Council of Administration
National Chief of Staff

Non-Voting Members of the CofA

Banner Editor

REPORT OF THE BANNER EDITOR

To Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy and the delegates at the 129th National Encampment:

At the time of this report, the Summer 2010 Banner is arriving in the homes of our membership. Collecting material for the Autumn 2010 issue of the Banner has begun. My goal is to have this issue in the mail by mid-October.

Completing my 1st year of a second 3-year term as *Banner* Editor, I consider it an honor to serve the membership in such an important role. The *Banner's* content continues to grow. In addition to Camp & Department news, there are many special and otherwise untold stories in our Order. In the Winter issue, our Adopt a School and children's programs were highlighted. In the recent Spring issue, we examined the Sons' religious tradition and featured some of our Chaplains. In the Summer issue, we learned about a little known group of Union veterans in London, England.

We completed coverage of the Lincoln bicentennial events and continued coverage of our annual ceremonials, Special Recognition, and New Camps. Coverage of Union veterans reburial efforts, especially those in Tennessee and New Hampshire, gained prominent attention.

Historical perspective on the Kansas GAR and Collecting Sons memorabilia added interest. "With Our Sisters" continues to feature assistance contributed from the other Allied Orders. This year's advertising initiative has been successful and resulted in budgeted savings in producing the Banner. This included a full-page ad was sold in the Winter Banner and Iowa caps purchased a year-run for their quarter-page ad. During the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the Order may favor expanding the Banner's content by four pages (to 28 pages). The extra publication space could be used for expanded coverage of Sons Sesquicentennial events, ancestral features as they relate to the Sesquicentennial, historical timeline features, and of course, advertising. The cost per expanded issue would be \$450 per issue plus the additional postage of about \$120. Some or all of the additional expense may be offset by advertising revenue. Realistically, we may be able to afford only one expanded issue during each of the four years.

Additionally:

I coordinated Council of Administration member PDC Bill Vieira's visit to the Wisconsin Department Encampment on June 12th and represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Wisconsin Dept. Mid-Winter meeting on February 6th.

I coordinated the procession at the 2010 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and participated in the GAR Founder's Ceremony (both on April 17th). I served as a member on the Leadership Development Committee and coordinated this year's 4th Military District SVR's Artillery Safety School on May 15th in Boscobel, WI.

Respectfully submitted:
PCinC Stephen A. Michaels
Editor of the Banner

Executive Director

The Executive Director will submit his report to the National Council Of Administration.

Appointed Officers' Reports

National Aide-de-Camp

The Aide-de-Camp assisted the Commander-in-Chief in all activities asked of him.

National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment

National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

As I look back on the past year, and how swiftly it has flown by, I am amazed at how much has been done, and by how little has been accomplished. I feel as though there were so many more things I could have done - but this is what I did.

Prayed daily for the living and deceased members of our Order and their families, so that the Lord would continue to bless us, and to show our gratitude to Him for all He has done for us. Visited the Dept of Texas representing the Commander in Chief - encourage them to form new Camps and SVR units. Participated in Remembrance Day activities. Conducted funerals, memorial services, baptisms, renewal of wedding vows and marriages. Presented Eagle Certificates at ten Courts of Awards, and an ROTC Medal. Conducted church services, visited sick brothers and their family members. Sent notes and cards when appropriate. Offered invocations and benedictions at numerous events. Contributed articles to *The Banner* and other publications. Served as Chaplain for two Camps, two SVR units, one Department and one Military District. Read the Bible, inspirational books, attended meetings and seminars to get a better idea of what the Lord expects of His children and me in particular. Most importantly, have kept the Final Muster.

National Chief of Staff

Please refer to the report of Council of Administration #6

National Civil War Memorials Officer

July 25, 2010

TO: Leo F. Kennedy

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

FROM: Kevin P. Tucker

National Civil War Memorials Officer

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

RE: NATIONAL CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER'S REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2009-2010

Dear Brother Commander-in-Chief:

Once again this year, it has been my great honor to continue to serve as National Civil War Memorials Officer and Chairman of the Committee on Civil War Memorials. I wish to report the following activities related to Civil War memorials:

Last December, I received fourteen assessments from Brother Bush, ten of which he personally completed, along with three from Brother Gary Scheel and one from Brother Brian Smarker, all from the Department of Missouri. Brother Bush sent me fourteen additional assessments on Missouri monuments and markers in April. It seems as though Brother Busch's tireless example is rubbing off in his Department, and it is hoped that his work will be recognized and copied throughout the organization. I have also received assessment forms and Brother Tom Gaard in the Department of Iowa.

With the notable exception of Brother Walter Busch of the Department of Missouri, and a few others, there has been comparatively little reported activity with regard to assessing and recording Civil War monuments around the country. Since there have been an increased number of new monuments being erected this year, I assume that Brothers have been concentrating their energies on these projects, instead, thus explaining the overall decrease in assessment reporting in the past year.

I am aware, from conversations and emails, that Brothers of this order often visit and photograph Civil War monuments throughout the year. Unfortunately, the results of these visits are often not reported, and a Form 61 is neglected. The result is that no record exists as to the condition of these monuments. I would urge all Brothers to remember to complete a Form 61 every time they visit a Civil War monument, and report all monuments which are found in disrepair. If we are not aware of monuments falling into disrepair, and can thereby act to initiate a restoration project, they will only continue to get worse. We have lost far too many monuments already. We must stem these losses through vigilance and thoroughness.

There have been a couple of reports of attempts to sell original cannon tubes, one in Iowa and one in Pennsylvania. Both had favorable outcomes as far as this organization is concerned, and both tubes remain where they were originally intended. We owe a debt of gratitude to those Brothers who have been vigilant and taken the time to do proper research, in order to show that these cannon should not be for sale.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Kevin P. Tucker
National Civil War Memorials Officer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Color Bearer

No report was submitted to the National Encampment.

National Counselor

Robert E. Grim, PCinC

Your National Counselor has been called upon to render ten (10) Opinions since August, 2009. The following is a brief sketch of these Opinions.

OPINION # 1
Series 2009 - 2010
October 17, 2009

Can a sitting camp commander be elected Department Commander? Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2 of the Regulations merely requires service as a Camp Commander for a Brother to qualify for election as Department Commander. There is no stipulation as to the length of the service so a sitting Camp Commander is eligible for election to the office of Department Commander.

OPINION # 2
Series 2009 - 2010
October 17, 2009

Is a Brother who earned the title Past Camp Commander because of ten years service as camp treasurer entitled to the wear the Past Camp Commander Badge? No, the provision in the Regulations authorizing the title of Past Camp Commander for ten years of continuous service as camp treasurer deals with membership and voting privileges for a department encampment. (Chapter II, Article 2, Section 1)

OPINION # 3

Series 2009 - 2010

December 18, 2009

Can a dual member holding membership in two or more camps be elected to offices in more than one camp at the same time? The Regulations are silent on this issue, but Chapter I, Article II, Sections 5 and 6 authorizes dual membership and states the member is "subject to the full per capita assessment in both camps." It is my opinion that he is entitled to the full privileges of membership in both camps which includes holding office. This would include the office of camp commander.

OPINION # 4

Series 2009 - 2010

January 3, 2010

In what jurisdiction are charges to be filed for disciplinary purposes for a Brother who maintains multiple memberships? Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 governs charges by a Brother against a Brother in another Department. Section 7 of this provision governs a Brother who "maintains multiple memberships". It states: "...the charges shall be filed within the jurisdiction where the offense occurred." This section further states: "If the offense occurred at a location outside the jurisdiction of those localities where the accused has membership, the Brother filing the charges may file them with any competent jurisdiction having the right to hear the charges."

This section requires a determination of the location of the offense in order to determine the jurisdiction having authority to handle the disciplinary charges. The location of the offense must be determined on a case by case situation.

OPINION # 5

Series 2009 - 2010

January 4, 2010

The question for consideration is can an appeal from a camp hearing council be appealed directly to the Commander-in-Chief. Chapter V, Article VI, Section 18 authorizes such an appeal if the hearing council was appointed by the department commander, but if the hearing council was appointed by the camp commander then the appeal goes to the department commander.

OPINION # 6

Series 2009 - 2010

January 5, 2010

Does the Charter of a disbanded camp belong to the National Organization? Chapter I Article I, Section 5 reads: "In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Department Commander or his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Department." In my opinion the Camp Charter, flags, banners, Bible etc. are considered camp property and thus should be turned over to the Department rather than the National organization.

OPINION # 7

Series 2009 - 2010

January 14, 2010

When does a sentence of suspension imposed by a Hearing Council become effective? The Regulations do not specifically address this question. However, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4, states: "No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective until the whole proceedings shall have been forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, with the recommendation of the department Commander attached, for his confirmation or disapproval."

This suggests that sentences of less than a dishonorable discharge may take effect as soon as they are imposed. However, a sentence of suspension from the Order if imposed prior to the completion of an appeal could result

in an unfair consequence to a member who has his sentence reversed on appeal.

It is my opinion that when a timely appeal is filed the sentence of suspension by a Hearing Council does not become effective until the Appeals Panel has rendered its decision.

OPINION # 8
Series 2009 - 2010
February 13, 2010

Can an SUVCW Camp be formed outside the United States? My opinion is no. Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution states: "The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows... Second-of State organizations known as Departments... Fifth Eligibles from States where no Department exist may become Members-at-large attached to National Headquarters.

The use of the term "States" clearly limits the formation of camps to the United States. "An Opinion was issued by Jim Pahl when he was National Counselor and confirmed by the 115th National Encampment that is in agreement with my Opinion.

OPINION # 9
Series 2009 - 2010
February 15, 2010

The issue for consideration is whether the law incorporating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Title 36 Chapter 2003 Section 200307 (c) of the United States Code, prohibits the Council of Administration from expending funds for attorney fees to employ legal counsel to render professional advice to the Order regarding issues with the United States Internal Revenue Service pertaining to funds allotted to national officers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for expenses.

The expenditure of funds for legal advice relating to tax issues pertaining to the Order may in some incidental way benefit individual officers of the Order, but the principal beneficiary of such an expenditure is the Order. Such legal advice will provide direction to the Order relating to its dealings with the Internal Revenue Service. The necessity for such expenditure is a matter for the Council of Administration to determine, but it is my opinion that such expenditure does not violate this provision of the law.

OPINION # 10
Series 2009 - 2010
April 13, 2010

The question for consideration is whether all elected and appointed department officers should be considered voting members of a department encampment. Chapter II, Article II, Section 1 paragraph 1 of the Regulations list those who constitute the department encampment and neither the elected or appointed officers are mentioned except for the department commander.

At the national level elected national officers are included among those constituting the national encampment but not appointed officers. Chapter III, Article II, Section 1 of the Regulations list the national encampment membership and it states specifically: "its own elective officers".

The credentials card used for both national and department encampments list only the following: C-in-C; PC-in-C; DC; PDC; Delegate; Alternate; CC; and PCC. It has a place to check whether it is being issued for a department or national encampment and a place for the camp or department secretary to sign.

It is my opinion that neither the department elected or appointed officers except for the department commander should be considered voting members of a department encampment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Grim, PC-in-C
National Counselor

National Eagle Scout Coordinator

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report

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To: Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy
Council of Administration

As of June 30, 2010 I have received requests for 575 Eagle Scout certificates. As National coordinator I handed out 52 or 9% of the requests for certificates while the Departments handed out the remainder of the requests which was 496 or 91% of the certificates. Executive Director David Demmy still receives requests for certificates that he forwards to me.

The web site has been updated. Also job descriptions for the National, Department and Camp certificate coordinators were written up and approved. This information was passed on to the Department Coordinators.

This is the best public relations program that the Sons have. If more Brothers would get involved we can double the amount of certificates that we give out and also possibly get new members.

Here is a breakdown on the number of requests for certificates that the National Coordinator received for the Departments and sent to them.

National Coordinator 52	Arizona 8
California & Pacific 39	Colorado & Wyoming 5 Connecticut 2 Florida 20
Georgia & S. Carolina 15	Illinois 51
Indiana 7	Iowa 0
Kansas 5	Kentucky 0
Maine 0	Maryland 13
Massachusetts 10	Michigan 23
Missouri 25	Nebraska 0
New Hampshire 4	New Jersey 79
New York 65	N. Carolina 19
Ohio 35	Oklahoma 0
Pennsylvania 47	Rhode Island 0
Tennessee 10	Texas 27

The following Departments sent in a year end report on how many certificates were sent out by their Camps and Department.

California & Pacific 1206	Florida 129
Georgia & S. Carolina 20	Kansas 10
Michigan 32	Missouri 82
New York 87	Ohio 87
Texas 81	

These 9 Departments presented 1734 certificates.

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

National GAR Highway Officer

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
National G.A.R. Highway Officer**

2009-10 Annual Report

July 17, 2010

Since the last report submitted, the National GAR Highway Officer has performed the following activities:

- conducted personal inspections of several portions of the GAR Highway (US-6) from Massachusetts to California;
- continued research on the history of the GAR Highway has revealed that a beautiful monument built near the intersection of US-6 and US-40 in Colorado and dedicated by the SUVCW in June of 1954 was later destroyed by vandals (I am currently working with several groups in regard to replacing the monument); and,
- attended several events, during which the GAR Highway exhibit was displayed and presentations on the History of the GAR Highway were conducted (Veteran's Day Memorial Ball, local History Day at the Museum of Western Colorado History, Department of Colorado & Wyoming Annual Encampment, etc.).

Future projects include continued research, presentations and converting the information regarding the GAR Highway into an electronic format and incorporating that data into the SUVCW web-site so that it will be available to all in time for the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted,
in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Gary E. Parrott
National GAR Highway Officer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Graves Registration Officer

National Graves Registration Officer Report

August 2009- August 2010

It is my honor to report to the 2010 National Encampment the following from the office of National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO). During the last year we have faced many problems with the Graves Registration Database, they are as follows, not having a Standard of Quality (SOQ) to guide submitters, committee members and aides in their work on the database, not having needed search fields i.e. county, branch, etc., the database being outdated and unsupported by its creator (MySQL) and server (the current database is MySQL4 which has been unsupported since January of 2008), the database crashed and needed to be offline for four hours due to this last problem, lack of assistance and/or knowledge of the database's operating system and codes in order to run the database at an optimum performance level, and overall lack of technical support though the designer of the current database. I will address each problem one at a time and the solution to each of those problems, those that have taken place and those that need to. My recommendations in the form of resolutions to the National Encampment will follow as indexed endnotes.

The first issue, lack of SOQ, this affects not only the appearance of the records on the database but also the information required to have an accurate record. The flaw in the database idea was to list quantity, get as many records as quickly as possible. This has created many problems with the database, mostly in duplication, incomplete and inaccurate records (one cemetery had a 100% duplication rate). This was due to mass dumping of data into the database and is no longer allowed, each record is submitted one at a time, confirmed, checked for duplicates than approved or rejected for follow-up. This system was put in place by prior NGROs, but by itself was still lacking. That is why we created the span of control system using SAs and hopefully DGROs, why we created the SUCVW Graves Registration Database Instructional Booklet, and why we designed and brought online a new research website, all of which are broken down in the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR) report.

The second issue, not having needed search fields, many search fields were deleted in order to get the database back online back in March/April of 2009 with the promise that they could be added back if they were needed. This promise has proven to be false, the designer of the current database has stated that he no longer remembers the code (code is not a password, it is the lines of text within the program that instructs that database what to do, when to do it and how to do it). Without this knowledge of the code base it would require a database programmer to review every line of text in the program. This step has not been completed due to the estimated cost that would be required to hire someone to do it.

The third issue, the current database being outdated and unsupported, our current database was designed using MySQL4 (which is a free use database). MySQL has stopped supporting MySQL4 as of January 2008 because of the release of MySQL5, I received permission on 19 December 2009 to work with an outside computer programmer and by 15 January 2010 we had successfully converted a copy of the MySQL4 database to MySQL5 and placed it on standby to be moved to the suvcwdb.org server, this we were informed in February of 2010 was outside of the programming knowledge of our National Webmaster.

Which brings us to the last and most important issue, lack of assistance and/or knowledge of the database's operating system and codes in order to run the database at an optimum performance level, and overall lack of technical support though the designer of the current database, we will need to find someone who can assist us that has a working knowledge of MySQL5 code and the PHPadmin management system.

We have been talking with two computer professionals, one a government program designer/troubleshooter and the other a computer instructor & database designer from the University of Rhode Island, both of whom feel that our current database is better off being replaced with a newly designed and updatable database that can be expanded to meet all of our needs and desires. They consider the reviving of this database to only lead to more problems, expenses and loss of data down the road¹.

We have in the last year approved 32,726 veteran records or an average of 91 records per day; at the close of July 2009 we were approving an average 72 records per day. This represents an increase of 19 records per day or an additional 6,840 records within the recorded 360 day period (30 July 2009-25 July 2010). This proves that even with the increased SOQ, we can still increase the number of records approved into the database.

As for the database itself, in July 2009 we had a total record hits of 295,250 during the same month of July 2010 we had 487,749 an increase of 192,499 more hits in the same time frame. This number represents the number of record hits in the month of July only (this is the number of records that were opened from any search results page). The number of search results pages that were viewed in July 2009 were 152,018 and in July 2010 a total of 214,292 or an increase of 63,274 search results pages viewed in one month of the same time frame. This represents that more research is being done by more people using our database. The short of these numbers is our database averaged 395 records opened per hour every day in July 2009 and an average of 812 records were opened per hour every day in July 2010.

We have been approached by Archives .com with a proposal to allow them to use the records of the SUVCW Graves Registration Database for access of Archives.com users on the Archives.com database. This proposal will be (or by the time most will read this has been) delivered to the Council of Administration for their review. My recommendation is not to allow Archives.com to use our records as they request in the proposal, but instead to offer Archives.com to post a link on their website which would open another page that would bring their users to our SUVCW Graves Registration Database menu page at www.suvcwdb.org. This link would need to be placed in a visible location within the free use area of Archives.com.

I would like to thank the following for their support, all of the Brothers of the National Committee on Graves Registration, Department GROs, Camp GROs and all of our submitters of the database. It is due to the time and dedication that these people give to the SUVCW we have been able to improve, standardize, and operate the database as we do today. I would also like to thank Martin Handy and Kenneth Rahn who are the two computer professionals that have worked for many hours on behalf of the SUVCW for free; in this work they have enabled a record tracking system which records the submitter and approver of each record, they helped to get the database back online during the March 2010 crash which they kept to only four hours (most users never knew it happened) at which point we regained control of the SUVCW database by changing all current passwords and blocking access to former members who still had passwords into the system. It is believed that one of these members changed some code that crashed the system; unfortunately there was no way to determine who the person was.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Bruce D. Frail, PDC, NGRO, SUVCW

National Guard

No report was submitted to the National Encampment.

National Guide

No report was submitted to the National Encampment.

National Historian

To Commander in Chief Kennedy, Officers, Delegates, Brothers All:

As chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War History Committee and National Historian, we are pleased to present our annual report.

First, thank you for the honor and trust you have bestowed upon each of us. We all hope we proved worthy of your trust.

The past year has seen continued interest in our history as an organization and the individual records of our members and those of the men who comprised the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have continued with the able assistance of Steve Michaels and *the Banner* to share information on the badges and ribbons used by our organization in the past. An educated membership is the best protection we can provide as our members who make purchases in antique shops and through internet auctions.

We seem to have made headway against the sale of Knight's Templar badges as the so called Death Badges of the GAR.

An error in research that has plagued us since 1990.

Brother George Kane supplied *the Banner* a well researched article on the changing of our name and the name of the Daughters of Veterans and Sons Auxiliary in 1925.

The interest in family genealogy remaining one of the fastest growing hobbies and the use of the internet has encouraged this more than any of us could have dreamed. Unfortunately, we simply do not have the personal family records for Sons of GAR members often requested and this has been a disappointment to many. If your Camp has any of these records please advise both the Executive Director and National Historian so we can share the information.

In just one year in 2011, we will see the beginnings of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the economy and turmoil in government seem to reveal a lack of interest on this important commemoration. Even many states for lack of money have failed to fund state commemoration. As the Sons, we are charged to "keep green the memory" of our fathers that saved the Union. We encourage Camps and Departments to look for the opportunities to share our stories and thus bring history to life.

Your chairman came into the Order as a young man at the outset of the Civil War Centennial, it is a great opportunity to encourage an interest in Civil War history, Grand Army history and new memberships for the Sons. Please seize the once in a lifetime opportunity to share our story with your communities.

Again thank you for allowing your committee consisting of PCinC Gordon R Bury; Craig Barto; PDC Alan Teller, George Kane and my self PDC Robert Wolz, the opportunity to share the Sons history with each of you.

Fraternaly yours in F,C, & L,

Robert Wolz, PDC

National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

July 12, 2010

TO: National Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
SUBJECT: Report of National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines

Brothers,

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH

May 30th, 2010 the REAL Memorial Day was celebrated by the Dept. of MA and the Dept. of NH by attending the services held at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH. It was an absolutely beautiful day, with the sun shining brightly and the winds blowing through the mountains and valleys of NH.

As we walked down the path, I gave thanks that the Commander-in-Chief had asked me to represent him and to be his liaison for this spectacular event.

The ceremony was short, less than an hour, but moving, as each Patriotic Organization came forward to present their verbal tributes to the day and this beautiful place. The organ played amongst other things "Let there be Peace on Earth" and it responded of the Mountains and Valleys of this great place.

We were thanked by several of the trustees for our donation to them. The Cathedral of the Pines operates on donations and what little they make on sales in their gift shop. Many remembered my parents, Betty and PCinC Clark Mellor, which made this a double joy to be taking their places as Liaisons, which they held for many years.

Attending this year from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were myself, PDC Peter Whelpton, DC Gary Ward and his wife, and two brothers from Keene, NH. Also attending was Auxiliary to SUVCW National; Liaison Diane Mellor. DC Gary Ward led the procession with the American Flag. In total, 4 members of the SUVCW and 1 member of the ASUVCW attended.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Perley E. Mellor, PDC
National Liaison to
Cathedral of the Pines, NH

National Liaison to Mollus

The office of the Liasion to Mollus prioritized the coordination of efforts between both organizations. Of principal interest was the coordination of activities between both Orders and to insure an harmonious relationship.

The coordination of activities this past calendar year included Remembrance Day, the Lincoln Memorial Program, and the observances at Lincoln's Tomb. Fraternal greetings between both Orders will be presented at the National Encampment.

We look forward to many more years of working together in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Keith G. Harrison, PCinC SUVCW
Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator

No report was submitted to the National Encampment.

National Patriotic Instructor

Patriotic Instructor- Don Martin, PCC

The Patriotic Instructor report the past two years have indicated a position in “trouble and badly broken”. I am happy to report that under the leadership of Commander Kennedy and with the help of PCinC Bob Grim, Past National Patriotic Instructor Bruce Butgereit, Signal Officer Ken Freshley, and many of our Department Patriotic Instructors, the position and system is well on the road to recovery.

The National Website now has a PI page. “<http://www.suvcw.org/NatPatrioticPage.htm>” This page contains PI Handbooks for Camp, Department and National which were compiled by Brother Butgereit. Also available are fill-in copies of Camp, Department and National Annual Report Forms, monthly collections of Patriotic Instruction, the history of Patriotic Holidays and a short history of the GAR on PDF and Power Point.

Department Patriotic Instructor Reports were filed by all Departments except Colorado/Wyoming, Connecticut, Kentucky, Missouri and Pennsylvania. The following data is from these reports.

Camps participated in 920 events with Patriotic Instruction being provided at each meeting by 107 of our 265 Camps.

We made a poor showing in the participation of Memorial Day Services with only 122 Camps participating. Veterans Day participation was worse with only 87 Camps participating.

School presentations in the form of slide shows, equipment, artillery, and drill demonstrations, living histories, Civil War Classes, Flag Presentations, displays, programs, lectures, a Blue/Gray Ball, dinner, and diorama were conducted by 64 Camps.

Events to educate the public such as reenactments, demonstrations, drill, talks, parades, living histories, memorials, programs, displays, dinners, genealogy, roundtables, speakers book reviews, lectures, scouting events, visits to Veterans and a Radio Interview were participated in by 92 Camps.

Camps presented 171 ROTC awards and 656 Eagle Scout awards.

The primary form of communication used by DPI was the internet 3 times as often as telephone or regular mail.

In the year 1900, the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War voted to establish Memorial University, a college located in Mason City, Iowa. Its purpose was not only to educate, but also to instill patriotism in its students, and prepare them for an active role in American society. The University was closed in 1910. We now have a Memorial University web site that is intended to continue this noble cause and to encourage patriotism, good citizenship and provide a basic knowledge of the American Civil War. The University falls under the office of the National Patriotic Instructor.

In 2008, an education course for Junior and Junior Associates of the Sons of Union Veterans was developed by the SUVCW National Committee on Americanism and Education and made available through this web site.

In 2009, the curriculum of Memorial University was expanded with the development of an Officer Training Course for members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This course was a vision of Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert and was achieved through the efforts of a Special National Committee

on Education and Leadership established by the 127th SUVCW National Encampment. Over 100 Brothers have registered for the course in its first year with 55 Graduates.

I believe the Patriotic Instructor position is moving well at the Department Level, but more needs done by Department PI to motivate the Camps. We assume that we are Patriotic automatically, but are we really and do we practice it? Only 40% of our Camps provided Patriotic Instruction, Camp Commanders should ensure that it occurs even if they do not have a PI. I applaud the Camp that conducts visits to Veterans. This is something all Camps should look into.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. I include these 2 sentences as a reminder that we need Patriotic Instruction concerning Memorial Day as only 46% of our Camps participated in Memorial Day events. Perhaps this is where we should start with Camp Patriotism.

National Signals Officer

(reference National Webmaster Report)

Washington DC Representative

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON DC REPRESENTATIVE, 2009-2010

1. It is a privilege to serve as the Washington DC Representative of the SUVCW. I continue to be active in making arrangements for ceremonies in and around Washington, DC. We were pleased to plan the CINC's participation in the annual MOLLUS Lincoln Dinner on 11 Feb and wreath-laying activity at the Lincoln Memorial. Unusually bad weather forced cancellation of these events. Wreaths for the SUVCW and for the SVR were placed on the following day
2. The Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of the Great Maryland Department recreated a 19th century GAR ceremony at the Civil War Tomb of the Unknowns on the real Memorial Day of Sunday, 30 May 10. The CINC was one of several bright stars of that show and I was honored to present General Order 11. For the first time, the camp recreated a GAR program that honored the naval services. Wreaths were placed at the Civil War Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers followed by a splendid banquet, all under the auspices of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2, MD Department, commanded by Col Rob Pollock.
3. The national observance of Memorial Day was on Monday, 31 May 10 at Arlington National Cemetery. We were most pleased to provide administrative and logistical services to the CINC. PDC Steve Hammond provided photographic services. The CINC placed the wreath of the Order at the National Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on that occasion. Outstanding color guardsmen from the Potomac Guard of the 2nd Military District under the direction of MD Dept. Commander Mike Pacquette marched the banners of the SUVCW into the national amphitheater for the memorial program.
4. We continue to work at the National Archives and have established a contact with the new Medal of Honor Society which organization is attempting to mark the grave of each MOH recipient with the VA MOH special stone. We have placed that organization in contact with the Graves Registration Committee and have begun to work with the MOH people to identify and mark US MOH graves in foreign countries, something they have not undertaken to date. This program has been greatly hampered by the great loss of our Brother and chief researcher

Edward Scott Milligan who has joined fellow veterans in Arlington National Cemetery. Lee D Stone, Past Department of Maryland Commander, has served as the Maryland Department's overseas contact for graves registration.

5. I continue to urge contact with the **Alliance Defense Fund** which works with the American Legion and other veterans associations to protect from attack by anti-religion groups, those veteran's monuments that contain religious symbols. Today, it is a cross placed by veterans on a mountain side in the barren southwest. Tomorrow, it may be grave stones in the shape of a cross. Protection of Civil war memorials is perhaps our premier duty.
6. I have renewed my efforts to view the flags donated by the GAR to the Smithsonian Institution to note their condition and how they are being stored. I will also review the society medals posted at the museum of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to be sure that the SUVCW badge is still on display. Badges periodically disappear from that display.
7. Your Representative continues to honor the Boys in Blue at the GAR monument and burial plot at Lakeview Cemetery, Windom, MN. A wreath is placed there on both Memorial Days. The grave of Albert Woolson's first wife is adjacent to that GAR memorial and burial area.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ANDREW M JOHNSON

Washington, DC Representative

Secretary for Proceedings

No report was submitted to the National Encampment

National Webmaster

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Annual Report of the National Webmaster &

National Signals Officer

July 24, 2010

This report is to cover the National Webmaster and National Signals Officer.

Since my last National Encampment 2009 report, we continue to add pages to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's (SUVCW) Web Site. The Web Site contains over 6125 pages and continues to grow. With this report, here are the usage statistics for the SUVCW Web Site for the period January 2010 through July 2010. The average number of hits per day has grown just over 59,576 for 2010. For the 7 months of 2010, the total number of hits was 12,570,650.

Please note and be very proud as for the year in 2009, we exceeded the **15,000,000 hit mark, again breaking another record in our history and expect to hit the 16,000,000 mark by the end of the year !**

Since last year, there have been many major changes and updates made to SUVCW Web Site;

- Continued the "Memorial University and online testing" currently have 55 graduates.
- We have converted all our online forms to "fill-in"

- Setup the Department/Camp Webmasters that are hosted on the National website, so that they can make their own changes.
- Established a National Patriotic Instructor webpage.
- Established an informational page for the approved grants with the Grant Committee.
- Added the TM to all the SUVCW icons and logos.
- Updated the list of Brothers serving overseas.
- Maintain and update the Real Son & Daughters Page
- Working with Department webmasters/signals officers to ensure that the contact information is up to date and to ensure that the websites are in accordance with policies.

In addition to the above there has been a continued updating of the following pages throughout the year: 2009/2010 National and Department Officer's and Committee listings, all General Orders from the Commander-in-Chief, all General and Special Orders from the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, all meeting minutes and electronic Board room votes; updates and new listings in our Cyberpickets (which now contains over 1000 names; updates to the SUVCW forms, and updates to the Inquiries, Announcements and Upcoming Events, Living Union Civil War Widows and Children and updating of the SUVCW Photo Gallery and Banner online.

Upcoming Projects that we will be completing:

- Setting up the pre-application form (still in development)
- Moving the Graves Registration Database to new Server (on hold)
- Continue to try to acquire the SUVCW.com domain name
- Establish a Sesquicentennial Webpage with an Event Calendar and links to the individual Departments and Camps events or web pages.

As a reminder, all material that people wish to have placed onto the SUVCW Web Site absolutely needs to be sent to me in an electronic format, either on CD/disk, as an E-mail or as an E-mail attachment. I can convert to most any type of word processing program.

I have enjoyed the challenging year that has passed, and I look forward to continuing as your National Webmaster and National Signals Officer, if so desired by the new National Officers and Membership.

As always, Web and e-mail questions or technical problems may be brought to my attention at webmaster@suvchw.org.

- Recommendations:

1. Work directly with the Graves Registration Committee and develop a plan to rework or redesign the GR Database, enlight of the current issues with the server and other items that were reported in the NGRO submitted report, including but not limited to:
 - a. Put out a request to all the Brother's via the Banner to see if we can get a Database designer
 - b. Investigate the cost of hiring a database designer
2. A **required upgrade** needs to be performed on the National server to all more "physical connections", we ran into this issue during May and June of this year. This upgrade will not cost anything to perform except the systems administrator and my time. This upgrade will **not** increase our web costs in the future.
 - a. Perform upgrade right after the National Encampment when the traffic to the site is the lowest, this upgrade can take up to 48 hours to complete.
 - b.

NOTE: I can still perform all the needed updates, but it would not be posted until after the upgrade is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Standing Committee Reports

Americanization and Education

National Committee on Americanization and Education- Don Martin Chairman

The members of the Committee did not respond to my emails. As head of the Committee I did submit 3 articles to the Banner and created the following Series of Power Points:

The American Civil War and It's Causes
Brief History of the Grand Army of the Republic
What is the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War?
Purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I would like to thank Brothers Bob Farrell (NC), Bill Dean (NE), Mark Hale (GA/SC) and Mark Day (MD) for their assistance in this endeavor.

Civil War Memorials

(reference Civil War Memorials Officer Report)

Communications and Technology

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Annual Report of the National Communication
and Technology Committee
July 24, 2010

This report is to cover the National Communication and Technology Committee

National Website – Please refer to the National Webmaster's report.

Membership database project – no new recommendations, this project is still on hold until the National webserver server issues are resolved to handle this type of project. (This will be continued to be worked on to see if it is feasible will report on our findings)

Online Interactive membership form project – This project has been modified to be more of Online “pre-application” and /or Member change of information form to inform the JVCinC, National Secretary, Executive Director, National Webmaster, and respective Department Secretary. (This is still in process)

Graves Registration Database project –this project is temporarily on hold until the National webserver server issues are resolved is upgraded to handle this type of project.

Respectfully submitted,



Brother Ken L. Freshley, PDC – Co-Chair

Ken L. Freshley

Brother Ken L. Freshley - National Webmaster & National Signals Officer

Brother Keith G. Harrison, PCinC – Co-Chair

Brother Kent A. Peterson, PDC

Brother Richard D. Orr, PCinC

Brother Roy Lafferty, PDC

Constitution and Regulations

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

The changes made to the Regulations at the 128th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R, and the updated C & R has been posted to the SUVCW web site along with a new Table of Contents. The committee has reviewed several proposed changes to the Regulations and recommends the following amendments to the Regulations.

Proposal # 1

Amend Chapter I, Article II, Section 3 by adding the bold highlighted wording. This change means members who are being reinstated will not be required to pay the per capita assessment (dues) for the period during which their membership was lapsed. They will pay a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 plus the current year per capita assessment (dues).

Chapter I ARTICLE II

Section 3. **(a) A Brother whose dues are not paid by March 1 may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him. The Camp which dropped the Brother may require the payment of all- any prior indebtedness prior to concurring with the admission to another Camp. the reinstatement of a Brother in any camp. A Brother may be reinstated by paying the current years dues plus a reinstatement fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) Dues that were not paid during the time a Brother was dropped from the Order are not considered a prior indebtedness. A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order.**

(b) The reinstatement of a Brother after he has been dropped for non-payment of dues does not restore past honors or offices lost when a Brother was dropped, nor does the time lost count when calculating the Brother's years of service in the SUVCW.

Proposal # 2

Amend Chapter I, Article IV, Section 4 by adding the bold highlighted wording. The color bearer is listed as a camp officer in section 1 of this Article, but was left out of section 4. This is a change to correct that situation.

Chapter I ARTICLE IV

Section 4. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council. Rank of officers at the Camp level:

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Secretary

Treasurer

Chair of the Camp Council

Member of the Council (longest serving has priority, if two competing have same seniority, then alphabetically, beginning with A)

Patriotic Instructor

Chaplain

Color Bearer

Guide

Memorials Officer

Historian

Guard

Currently serving elected National Officer

Currently serving elected Department Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Department Commander

Past Camp Commander

Brother of Camp with longest time as Brother of the Order

Proposal # 3

Amend Chapter II, Article II, Section I by adding the bold highlighted wording.

The proposed wording in paragraph (a) was included in the 1994, 1997 and 2005 versions of the C&R, but was apparently removed either in 2006, 2007 or 2008. This change will correct that situation and override the National Counselor Opinion #10 Series 2009-2010 issued April 13, 2010. The new paragraph (b) will place a restriction on department encampments similar to what already exist for national encampments.

Chapter II
ARTICLE II.
Membership

Section 1.(a) The membership of the Department Encampment shall be constituted as follows: all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Department Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, the sitting Department Commander and the sitting Camp Commanders. One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every ten Brothers, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the annual report next preceding the Encampment; **and Its own elective and appointive officers (except Aides).**

(b) No member of the department encampment or special meeting shall represent more than one camp at any department encampment or special meeting.

(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.

Proposal # 4

Amend Chapter II, Article IV Section 1 by adding the bold highlighted wording
This change is a recommendation from the Program and Policies Committee and will add the Eagle Scout Coordinator as an optional department officer.

Chapter II
ARTICLE IV.
Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary – Treasurer), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer, **Eagle Scout Coordinator** and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

Proposal # 5

Amend Chapter II, Article V, Section 3 to bring the Regulations into conformity to the way things are actually done. This will change will require the department secretary to send the election reports to the executive director rather than the national secretary.

Chapter II,
ARTICLE V

Section 3. The Department Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Department Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Department, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Department Commander or the Department Encampment. He shall by May 31st make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander, and forward a copy of same to the Executive Director, together with the amount due for per capita tax. He shall forward a report of the election of officers and delegates and alternates to the ~~National Secretary~~ **Executive Director** within thirty days after such election, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Proposal # 6

Amend Chapter II, Article V, Section 6 by adding the bold highlighted wording
This change was recommended by the Program and Policies Committee. It requires the Department Patriotic Instructor to actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day to May 30th.

Chapter II
ARTICLE V

Section 6. (a) The Department Patriotic Instructor shall actively encourage the restoration of Memorial Day to May 30.

(b)The Department Patriotic Instructor shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and other patriotic occasions and events and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Proposal # 7

Amend Chapter II, Article V, by adding a new Section 14 which is in bold highlighted wording. This change was recommended by the Program and Policies Committee. This change requires the department Eagle Scout Coordinator to compile statistical information on the number of Eagle Scout Awards presented and transmit that information to the National Eagle Scout Coordinator.

Chapter II
ARTICLE V

Section 14. The Department Eagle Scout Coordinator shall facilitate the distribution of Eagle Scout Certificates within the department and compile statistics on the number of certificates requested and the number of certificates presented and transmit this information to the national Eagle Scout coordinator, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Proposal # 8

Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 6 by adding the bold highlighted wording
This change was recommended by the special committee on Education and Leadership. The change makes the National Patriotic Instructor the Director of the SUVCW Memorial University.

Chapter III
ARTICLE IV

Section 6. (a) The National Patriotic Instructor shall serve as Chairman of the national standing committee on Americanization and Education and serve as the Director of the SUVCW Memorial University.

(b) The National Patriotic Instructor shall prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and of such other days and events as occasion and duty may require; and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Proposal # 9

Amend Chapter III, Article V, by adding a new Section 22 which is the bold highlighted wording. This new section was recommended by the Program and Policies Committee. This change requires the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator to keep statistical records relating to the number of Eagle Scout certificates presented.

Chapter III
ARTICLE V

Section 22. The National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator shall recognize the advancement of young men belonging to the Boy Scouts of America to the rank of Eagle Scout; and maintain statistics of requests for Eagle Scout Certificates and maintain statistics on the presentation of Eagle Scout Certificates and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman Keith G. Harrison, PCinC Geo. Powell, PCinC

Donald E. Darby, PCinC David V. Medert, PCinC D. Brad Schall, PDC

National Encampment Site Committee

James H. Houston, PDC, Chairman

On behalf of the Committee, I want to thank the Department of Kansas for hosting this year's Encampment. Their hard work and dedication are much appreciated. The Host Committee, chaired by Jim Knopke, PDC, has done a wonderful job in organizing the Encampment, especially recognizing that there are only four Camps in the Department.

Looking to the future, we are pleased to report the status of future National Encampments:

2011 Encampment, Sheraton Reston, Reston, VA (August 11-14, 2011) – Dept. of Maryland

Next year's Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Dr., located 7 miles East of Washington Dulles International Airport. The Hotel provides free parking, free shuttle service to/from Dulles Airport, and free shuttle service to Reston Town Center for shopping/restaurants. Basic room rate is \$93.00 for the standard room. The Local Host Committee is already very active and is considering plans for visits to Manassas National Battlefield and Arlington National Cemetery, plus talks by National Park Service Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss. Gene Mortorff, DC, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email: mortorff@comcast.net. [The Department of Maryland last hosted a National Encampment in 1985.]

2012 Encampment, Marriott LA Airport, Los Angeles, CA (August 8-11, 2012) – Dept. of CA/PAC

After extensive review of sites in Los Angeles, Torrance, and Long Beach, the Site Committee in conjunction with the Local Host Committee decided to hold the 2012 Encampment at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5855 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. The contract was signed on June 4, 2010. This hotel is very near the Los Angeles Airport and provides complimentary shuttle service. Basic room rate is \$91.00 for the standard room. Glen Roosevelt, DSVC, chairs the Local Host Committee. Email glroosevelt@roadrunner.com. [The Department of California and Pacific last hosted a National Encampment in 1973.]

2013 and Beyond

We continue to encourage Departments to consider applying for the honor of hosting a National Encampment. It is important that the Committee know of a Department's interest so we can maintain communication. We are available to meet with interested Departments during National Encampments. Between Encampments, Departments should contact the Committee Chairman directly. In this way, we can answer questions and provide guidelines for the required written proposal.

It should be noted that the Committee decides on a host for a National Encampment based on an evaluation of the written proposal submitted, and considers among various factors, physical facility

alternatives, personnel capabilities, how recently an Encampment was hosted, and activity options. Decision is not generally made more than three years out.

At this time, Departments advising the Committee of interest in hosting specific years are: 2013, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin; 2013 or 2014, Missouri; 2014, Georgia/S. Carolina; 2016, Illinois. In addition, several Departments have indicated general interest in hosting including: Florida, New York, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, and Rhode Island. It is the Committee's intention to finalize the 2013 Encampment site before the end of this year.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

James H. Houston, PDC, Chairman

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

James T. Crane, PCC

Fraternal Relations

National Committee on Fraternal Relations

Committee Membership: Tad D. Campbell PDC (Chairman); Ellsworth W. Brown PDC, Michael Virts, Bruce Butgereit, and Douglas K. Fidler, PhD.

The following fourteen (14) Civil War related hereditary organizations have been identified and are listed in the full report, along with each organization's date of founding, website address, national head, contact information, and membership requirement(s):

Allied Orders of the G.A.R.:

- Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW)
- Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (WRC)
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. (DUVCW)
- Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR)

Other Union Civil War Orders:

- Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)
- Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (DOLLUS)
- National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865
- Civil War Plymouth Pilgrims Descendants Society

Confederate Civil War Orders:

- Morgan's Men Association, Inc.
- United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC)
- Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
- Children of the Confederacy
- Military Order of the Stars and Bars
- National Order of the Blue and Gray

Although the G.A.R. Memorial Association is mentioned by name in the stated purpose of the Committee, no current information could be found on this organization and it is possible that it is now defunct.

The Order of Confederate Rose was founded in 1993 and consists of independent support groups to individual Divisions and Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and does not appear to have a national-level organization. It is open to both males and females and has no lineage requirements.

The following two (2) main nationally recognized veterans' organizations have also been included, with the same information as the hereditary organizations:

National Veterans' Organizations:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
- American Legion

A copy of the full report has been provided to the National Executive Director and the *Banner* Editor for the purpose of ensuring that the national heads of the listed organizations received a complimentary copy of the *Banner*.

Historical and membership information about the SUVCW has been sent to each of the listed organizations.

Special recognition is given to Committee Member Michael Virts who reported on his efforts in working with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Civil War Preservation Trust in Maryland and Virginia.

The Committee has not received any additional information about national ceremonies of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., Civil War hereditary and national veterans' organizations.

The Committee does not have any recommendations.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Committee Chairman

Graves Registration

National Committee on Graves Registration Report

August 2009- August 2010

It is my honor to report that in the past year as Chairman of the National Committee on Graves Registration (NCGR), we have put into place a span of control system which frees up more time for the National Graves Registration Officer (NGRO) to work on setting up other projects which will increase the number of quality submissions into the SUVCW Database, this system also aides in developing a better system of communication between the NGRO, SAs, DGROs, and submitters. This span of control system uses the existing members of the National Graves Registration Committee as Submitter's Assistants or SA's. Each SA is given an equal amount of submitters, these submitters use the SA's as their contact for questions, corrections, and updates to existing records. We have wished to expand this span of control system within the SUVCW by using the Department GROs in the same manner, but this cannot happen as every department doesn't have a GRO nor is it required, that would be my first recommendation in the form of a resolution to the National Encampment. We have also developed a new 29 page booklet, SUVCW Graves Registration Database Instructional Booklet, which was designed by the NGRO & NCGR to instruct new and current submitters of what is required to build & maintain a standard of quality (SOQ) within our database, like with the span of control system mentioned above, this is another step of many to change our way of thinking about the database from quantity of records to quality of records. Within this booklet is an appendix that list current contact information of the NGRO, SAs and DGROs (where available), there are also several other appendix's that offer research assistance and places

to write down user information. It is a step by step teaching aide that can be expanded on when needed. This leads me to my next recommendation in the form of a resolution to the National Encampmentⁱⁱ.

The next new area within the NCGR is our new website located at www.suvcwgravescommittee.webs.com or can be accessed by one of two links within the National SUVCW website, one on the database welcome page and the other on the Graves Registration projects page. This website is provided free of charge by American Civil War Ancestor and is managed by the current NGRO. The website is designed to be a research tool for the SAs, DGROs and Submitters of the database; it contains forums to discuss thoughts and ideas in the graves registration area, a calendar of events where members can post events in their area, project boards for every state in the United States (a place where Camps and other groups can post their graves related projects to request assistance, list a contact for people who wish to help, or just to let people know what projects are being worked on), a research aide page (this is a page where we have listed other websites that we have used or have been recommended by other members that help in researching the veterans of the American Civil War), and lastly a page where members can request help from other members to get military service records for the purpose of ordering new or replacement government headstones, free of charge.

Membership into the above website is free to all and we welcome all brothers, sisters and people from around the country who have an interest in graves registration, it is hoped that this website will become a meeting place for these members to talk and assist each other. The website will be expanding in the next year to include a monthly chat room where members can meet via the internet to talk about their projects or just to ask questions of the NGRO, SAs and DGROs. We currently, as of the date of this report have 90 members throughout the country, some are members of the SUVCW and the Allied orders some are not and some have become members. We currently have 200+ available projects with 36 of those being assigned and 8 completed. These projects will add and/or update around 1.2 million veteran names to our database when they all get completed. This list of projects can and will be expanded as the majority of these projects are National Cemeteries.

The website can be previewed at the American Civil War Ancestor's table in the Vendor/Display area of the National Encampment, please stop by to view the projects, add projects, or claim projects for you, Camp or Department. It will also give you an opportunity to learn more about the Headstone request page.

I would like to mention and thank the members of the NCGR for their assistance and dedication to this Committee and everything we are trying to accomplish, their roles have expanded over the last year and every one of them has taken on this added work without complaint. These men are in alphabetical order; Brother Charles Beal (Aide) Department of California and Pacific, Brother Rick Danes Department of Michigan, Brother James Davenport PDC (Aide & Past NGRO) Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Brother Franklin Haley Department of Massachusetts, Brother Mahlon G. Erickson PDC (Aide) Department of Oklahoma, Brother Virgil O. Matz (Aide) Department of Wisconsin, Brother Harold Slavik Jr. Camps at Large, & Brother Stephen Twining Department of Massachusetts.

Others who have assisted the committee will be receiving Certificates of Appreciation from the committee after the National Encampment, of those the following have gone above and beyond the call; Brother Robert Wandel Department of Kansas, Brother Michael Lannigan Department of Rhode Island, Brother Fredrick Otto Department of New Jersey, Brother John G. Hall Department of Maryland, Brother John Eger Department of Indiana, Brother Jerry & Sister Ruth Kasten Department of Missouri, Sister Linda Marker Department of Pennsylvania, Sister Lee Ann Teller Department of Indiana, Brother Gary L. Scheel Department of Missouri, Brother Greg Furness Department of New York, Harold Myers, Thomas Mauer, Randy Clark, James McCoubrey. A full listing of all Brothers, Sisters and submitters outside of the SUVCW & Allied Orders can be seen on the SUVCW Graves Committee website.

Very Respectfully

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Bruce D. Frail, PDC
National Graves Registration Officer
Chairman, National Committee on Graves Registration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Committee on History

No report was submitted to the National Encampment

Grand Army of the Republic Records

No Report was submitted to the National Encampment

National Committee on Legislation

25 July 2010

The National Committee on Legislation herewith submits its final report for the 2009-2010 term, summarizing federal and state legislation affecting and providing for the welfare of the Order, of the Constitution, and the welfare of the United States, as follows:

Federal Legislation

- **H.R. 247** – This bill would extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans’ memorials on State or local government property.
 - Introduced by Rep. Gene Green [TX-29] on 7 January 2009 and with no cosponsors.
 - Status: referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. No action since 9 February 2009.
- **H.R. 666** – This bill would require the establishment of a searchable database containing the names and citations of members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded a medal of honor or any other medal authorized by Congress.
 - Introduced by Rep. John T. Salazar [CO-3] on 23 January 2009 with 49 cosponsors.
 - Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. No action since 23 January 2009.
- **H.R. 2123** – This bill would require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of and to commemorate the 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania, the Battle of Gettysburg, and President Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.
 - Introduced by Rep. Todd Russell Platts [PA-19] on 27 April 2009 with 18 cosponsors.
 - Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. No action since 27 April 2009.
- **H.J.Res. 8** – Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States, and allows for criminal penalties.
 - Introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson [MO-8] on 7 January 2009 with two cosponsors.
 - Status: Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary. No action since 7 January 2009.
- **H.J.Res 22** – Would require the President to issue a proclamation each year, recognizing the anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.
 - Introduced by Rep. Aaron Schock [IL-18] on 12 February 2009 with 13 cosponsors.
 - Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. No action since 12 February 2009.
- **H.Res. 139** – Commemorating the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth.

- Introduced by Rep. Phil Hare [IL-17] on 9 February 2009 with 66 cosponsors.
 - Status: Passed in the House 403-0.
- *S. 70* – This bill would restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day.
- Introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye [HI] on 6 January 2009 with no cosponsors.
 - Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.
 - Note: Sen. Inouye has introduced this legislation like clockwork at the beginning of each congressional session, for the past two decades. In each Congress, it has failed to receive any committee action necessary to advance it to the full Senate for approval.
 - No action taken on this bill, including no cosponsors, since it was introduced 6 January 2009.
- *S.Res. 38* – Commemorating the life and legacy of President Abraham Lincoln on the bicentennial of his birth.
- Introduced by Sen. Richard Durbin [IL] on 12 February 2009 with 5 cosponsors.
 - Status: Passed unanimously in the Senate on 12 February 2009.

California State Legislation

There is no significant legislation pending before the California Legislature at this time that would impact the Order.

Connecticut State Legislation

- Legislation has been introduced to permit the placing of flags on veterans' graves from one week prior to Memorial Day until the Monday after the Fourth of July. Apparently in the past, the time frame began the day before Memorial Day.
- Status: pending before the legislature.
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Rhode Island State Legislation

- Senate Bill 2044 would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing or any injury to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, any public statue or monument or any grave site/cemetery.
- On 8 April 2010 the Judiciary Committee placed the measure on hold for further study.

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

Delaware, New York, New Jersey and West Virginia have all created commissions to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Brother Hammond (PDC) of this Committee has lobbied his home state of Maryland to do the same, but with the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and Fort McHenry being in Maryland, all their efforts are going toward that celebration.

Recommendations

The National Committee on Legislation has no recommendations.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Daniel R. Earl, PCC

Chairman, National Committee on Legislation

Lincoln Tomb Observance

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To: Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy

Council of Administration:

We have the required permit to use the Lincoln Tomb for our program in 2011. The State House Inn will be the headquarters hotel. I have a signed contract with the hotel for 2011 for the room rate of \$97.99 and this includes breakfast. The luncheon will be in their banquet room and a contract has been signed for the 2011 luncheon. The luncheon will be a buffet. A speaker is still needed for the luncheon. We receive a \$100 credit towards the banquet room rental fee for every 10 sleeping rooms that are rented, so if you are going to attend Lincoln Death Day please stay at The State House Inn. We had 48 rooms rented this year. The CoA meeting room is free. The 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band has been contacted to perform. I still need contracts for the bus company and rental on the chairs. I worked very closely with the Convention and Visitors Bureau. They distributed posters in the downtown business area and did a press release for us. This year we had TV and newspaper coverage. The 4th Military District was in charge of the military parade.

We are going to apply for an Illinois sales tax number so we do not have to pay sales tax on anything we buy in Illinois

The Boy Scouts have been contacted and asked to participate in the military parade and tomb ceremony in 2011. We want to make this an annual event for them. A patch has been designed and will be given to every Boy Scout that participates in the program.

This year we are going to start some traditions. We are going to make battle streamers for the flags for the civil war units in the parade. We are going to give an American flag and certificate to the SUVCW and Mollus Commanders, or their representative, which has been flown over the tomb on the day of the ceremony. Also the most recent PCinC will be the master of ceremonies at the tomb. Mollus will pick their MC for the luncheon since they are in charge of it. The SUVCW Senior Vice Commander in Chief will be the master of ceremonies for the tomb program or luncheon in place of the other MC if they can not attend.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

National Committee on Membership

(reference Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Report)

National Military Affairs

Report of the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the National Military Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

129th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The purpose of this report is to provide the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the members of the Sons of veterans Reserve with an overview of the past 12 months of activity.

Passing of former SVR Commanding General.

Brigadier General Charles Corfman, who served from 15 August 1990 to 17 November 1996 as Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, passed away 30 September 2009 at the age of 77. He is missed by all.

Artillery School

Under the direction of the 4th Military District Chief of Staff, Major Stephen Michaels, the District once again co-hosted with the National Civil War Artillery Association a very successful "School of the Piece". The event was held May 15, 2010, at the Sportsman Club in Boscobel, Wisconsin with 110 participants. Next year the event will be at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri.

SVR Ceremonies and Awards

Remembrance Day

The SVR organized and conducted the military aspects of the 53rd annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day parade on 21 November 2009 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

The 4th Military District provided the Honor Guard and conducted the military parade at the 54th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois on 17 April 2010.

SVR Awards

The SVR Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to 1st Sgt. David DuBrucq and Private Sam Gant, 10th Tennessee Vol. Inf. (US)

New Unit Citation Pin

The green ribbon used for this award for several years is being replaced with a new pin. At the request of Brig. Gen. Grim for an award that would be in keeping with Civil War Corps badges the new pin was designed and produced through the efforts of Capt. Edward J. Krieser, Commander of the 3rd Military District, and Lt.

Colonel Robert Petrovic, SVR Chief of Staff. The new pin is an oval shaped pin bearing the SVR emblem on a white background. The design was approved by the Military Affairs Committee.

District News Letters

Outstanding news letters are being published by the 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th Military Districts detailing the many unit activities taking place in those districts. These news letters are available on the SVR page of the SUVCW web site.

General and Special Orders

As of the date of this report 14 SVR General Orders and 1 SVR Special Order were issued in the name of the Commanding General.

General Staff Changes

There have been two changes to the General Staff this year. Captain Eugene Mortorff was appointed Commander of the 2nd Military District and Captain Edward Kreiser was appointed Commander of the 3rd Military District.

New Units

- 10th Tennessee Infantry (US) - 7th Military District
- Ohio Naval Brigade – Third Military District
- Co, C, 78th Enrolled Missouri Military – 4th Military District
- 1st Missouri Engineers – 4th Military District

Disbanded Units

- Co. G. 42nd Indiana Vol. Inf. – 7th Military District
- HQ Co. Army of TN - 7th Military District
- Co. K, 1st Springfield Rifles – 3rd Military District
- 134th New York Vol. Infantry – 2nd Military District

Unit Strength and Membership

<u>Active Units</u>	<u>Strength</u>	
	As of 8/14/2009	As of 8/12/2010
General Staff	18	18
Inactive Reserve	28	28
National Headquarters Co.	27	26
Total	73	72

1st Military District

District Staff	2	2
Co. A., 3 rd R.I. Heavy Artillery	6	9
Co. E, 15 th Mass	13	12
Co. F, 11 th Maine	10	8
Co. G, 43 rd Mass	5	6
Co. K, 14 th Conn. Vol. Inf.	10	10
Co. A, 12 th NH Vol. Inf.	12	12
Total	58	59

2nd Military District

District Staff	5	5
355 th U.S. Northcoast Vols.	25	25
Co. A, The Potomac Guard	17	16
Co. B, 26 th PA Vol. Inf.	42	47
Co. C, 28 th PA Vol. Inf.	49	47
Co. C, Col. DuPont Guard	16	14
Co. E, 148 th N.Y. Vol. Inf.	13	13
Co. I, 83 rd N.Y. Vol. Inf.	36	36
Gettysburg Blues	27	26
Co. A, WV Home Guard	8	7
Co. A, 7 th NJ Vol. Inf.	10	12
The Delaney-Delacy Guard	37	0 *
134 th New York Vol. Inf.	0	0
Co. A, James River Rifles	14	10
Co. A, 1 st New Jersey Bat'n Inf.	25	29
Weber Guard	16	18

Cole's Cavalry	8	7
1 st Mtd Rifles, 7 th NY Cav.	14	23
16 th New York Ind. Batt.	20	22
Total	382	357

* Denotes Delinquent Report

3rd Military District

District Staff	5	5
Headquarters Co.	1	3
Battery I, 1st Ohio Lt. Art.	29	27
Battery L, 1 st Ohio Lt. Art.	15	15
Co. C, 20 th Ohio Vol. Inf.	22	24
Co. G, 63 rd Vol. Inf.	19	20
Co. A, 16 th Ohio Vol. Inf.	12	11
Co. D, 27 th Indiana Vol. Inf.	29	33
Co. K 1 st Springfield Rifles	9	0
Co. A, 14 th Michigan	9	16
Bridgewater Scouts	18	19
Co. A, 1 st Regt. Capital Guards	19	18
Ohio Naval Brigade	0	22
Total	187	213

4th Military District

District Staff	6	6
Headquarters Company	21	21
Battery L, 1 st Illinois Lt. Art.	12	16
Co. A, 2 nd Missouri Inf.	23	38
Co. C, 34 th Illinois	25	27
Cushing's Battery	9	13

Battery A, 3 rd Iowa Lt. Art.	7	12
Co. M, 1 st MO Vol. Cav.	6	7
Co. C, 5 th Regt. Mo Vol. Cav.	20	23
Co. B, 20 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	9	7
Co. A, 37 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	17	17
Co. B, 10 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	13	17
Nebraska Rangers	22	23
Co. B, 28 th WI Vol. Inf.	14	21
Co. F, 3 rd Iowa Vol. Inf.	11	11
Co. E. 47 th Missouri Infantry	11	17
1 st Missouri State Militia	8	9
Co. A, 49 th Iowa Vol. Inf.	15	19
Rockford Zouaves	9	12
Ship's Company USS Carondelet	10	15
Co. C, 78 th Enrolled Missouri Militia	0	9
1 st Missouri Engineers	0	10
Total	268	350

5th Military District

Reserved

Reserved

6th Military District

District Staff	4	4
Co. A, 5 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	6	6
Co. G, 1 st Calif. Vol. Inf.	19	19
Co. C, 8 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	32	32
Co. G, 5 th Calif. Vol. Inf.	41	40
CO. B, 1 st Nevada Vol. Inf.	31	34

on behalf of the Military Affairs Committee and

Brigadier General Robert E. Grim, SVR Commanding.

Report of the Military Affairs Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the 129th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The purpose of this report is to provide the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with an overview of the past twelve months activity.

The Committee last met at Remembrance Day in Gettysburg and will have a meeting at the National Encampment in Kansas. If any important items come up at this meeting I will report it to the Encampment.

The SVR, under the command of General Grim, has been functioning smoothly with very little input needed from the Committee. General Grim presented a new unit citation pin for an award in keeping with Civil War Core badges. The design was approved by the Military Affairs Committee.

The SVR had disbanded four units during the past year, but at the same time, recruited four new units. The total strength of the SVR in 2009 was 1276. The total strength for 2010 was 1375, so it shows an increase in strength of 99 members.

A complete report on the activities of the SVR is being submitted by General Grim.

Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Chairman

Program and Policy Committee

PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 1, 2010

First, I truly appreciate the confidence placed in me by CinC Kennedy by appointing me as Acting Chairman, Program and Policy Committee, on January 16, 2010. The committee addressed the following items during the year.

1. **Chaplain's Handbook.** Committee reviewed the proposed Chaplain's Handbook. The committee recommended the acceptance of the Chaplain's Handbook as a reference for use by the chaplains of the Order.

FINAL ACTION: Handbook was reviewed and approved by the CofA on November 22, 2009, and has been placed on the National website.

STATUS: Complete.

2. **Establishment of Position for Promotion of Restoration of Memorial Day to May 30.** This request was made by PDC Alan Peterson, through CinC Kennedy. Committee recommended to CofA that the task be added to the Department Patriotic Instructor Job Description.

FINAL ACTION. CofA approved recommendation to add the task to the Department Patriotic Instructor Job Description.

STATUS: Complete.

3. **Patriotic Instructor's Handbook.** Committee reviewed the proposed Patriotic Instructor's Handbook. The committee recommended the acceptance of the Patriotic Instructor's Handbook, with it to be placed on the National website.

FINAL ACTION: Handbook was reviewed and approved by the CofA on November 22, 2009, and has been placed on the National website.

STATUS: Complete.

4. **Eagle Scout Coordinator Job Description.** Committee reviewed job descriptions for Camp/Department/National Eagle Scout Coordinator as presented by National Eagle Scout Coordinator Bob Petrovic. The committee recommended the changes be adopted.

5. **FINAL ACTION:** Job descriptions were approved by the CofA on November 22, 2009.

6. **STATUS:** Complete.

7. **Camp Status Report (Form 30) modification.** Committee recommended adoption of the modified form. Modifications included:

- a. Adding a category for "Dual" brothers.
- b. Addition of status change from "Associate" to "Member."
- c. Addition of "General Discharge" in addition to "Honorable Discharge."
- d. We have reached the saturation point on the Camp Status Report (Form 30). If anything else is to be added to it, it will be necessary to add a second page or break the information into two groups that can be put on a Form 30a and Form 30b.

INTERIM ACTION:

- a. The Council of Administration, on April 17, 2010, requested the form also include change of status from Junior to Member and from Junior Associate to Associate.
- b. Form was referred back to the committee for the above adjustments.
- c. Form modified and sent to CinC for approval on April 21, 2010.

FINAL ACTION: Form has been approved, and it is implemented.

STATUS: Complete.

8. **Electronic Submission of Patriotic Instructor Report.** Committee recommended Adoption of option for the Camp PI to either provide the report on the prescribed form or to provide it electronically via the National website. The committee believes the paper copy should remain, in that some of our P.I. are not computer savvy or do not have the means to use the on-line report.

FINAL ACTION:

- a. The Council of Administration, on April 17, 2010, approved electronic submission of the Patriotic Instructor report with the recommendation that the paper copies should still be available.
- b. Referred to Webmaster for placing on website on April 20, 2010.

STATUS: Complete

9. **2010 Graves Registration Handbook.** Committee recommended adoption of 2010 Graves Registration Handbook, as submitted by the National Graves Registration Committee. Committee was in agreement the handbook was an excellent product and the committee deserved commendation for their work.

INTERIM ACTION:

- a. The Council of Administration, on April 17, 2010, approved placing the handbook on the National website subject to “cropping” figure 27 to place emphasis on the GAR canteen, without the distraction of the Confederate grave marker.
- b. The handbook was referred back to National Graves Registration Officer Bruce Frail on April 20, 2010, for this adjustment.

FINAL ACTION:

- a. Wording under Figure 27 was modified to add “next to a private family headstone with a Catholic Cross.”
- b. Referred to Webmaster for placing on website on April 21, 2010.

STATUS: Complete

10. **Job Description for National Battle Flag Officer.** This originated as a request by Bro. Ed. Norris, Chairman of National Battle Flag Committee to adopt a job description for National Battle Flag Officer. The position of National Battle Flag Officer would be a new position. Recommendation of committee was:

- a. The request for creation of a National Battle Flag Officer should be referred to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for their action.
- b. The issue of a job description for such officer should be postponed until the next National Encampment has acted upon the C&R Committee’s recommendation concerning creation of the National Battle Flag Officer.
- c. Likewise, the C&R Committee would need to recommend if the current National Battle Flag Preservation Committee should be changed from a standing committee to a permanent committee.
- d. With regard to the proposed job description submitted by Bro. Ed Norris, it is recommended that, if the committee is retained in some form, the National Battle Flag Officer, if the position is created, should be the chairman of the committee. This would need to be included into the job description. There is concern that this task is more than a “one-man job.”
- e. If the creation of the position of National Battle Flag Officer does not occur, then the proposed job description could well serve as a basis for the duties of the standing committee.

FINAL ACTION:

- a. Referred by the Council of Administration to the Constitution and Regulations Committee for their action on April 17, 2010.

STATUS: With Constitution and Regulations Committee.

11. **Policy for Ordering Government Headstones for American Civil War Veterans.** Committee recommended adoption of this policy, as submitted. This policy defines the procedure to be used by brothers of the SUVCW in obtaining new or replacement government markers for the graves of Civil War veterans. The committee found the proposed policy will be very helpful to the brothers of the Order (and would have been helpful to them, personally, in some of their past endeavors).

FINAL ACTION:

- a. The Council of Administration, on April 17, 2010, approved placing the policy on the website, provided the first sentence was modified to add, “unless processed through a government agency.”
- b. The above modification was made.
- c. Document was forwarded to Webmaster for placing on website on April 20, 2010.

STATUS: Complete

12. **Review Revised Forms 50 and 53.** Committee reviewed the proposed Forms 50 and 53. Committee considered the Form 53 to be redundant, serving no real purpose. As such, the Form 50 was modified to remove references to the Form 53. It was the recommendation of the committee that the modified Form 50 be adopted and the Form 53 be eliminated.

FINAL ACTION: Pending.

STATUS: Pending action by CofA.

13. **Review Revised Form 55.** Committee was asked by CinC Kennedy to make minor modifications to the Form 55 to indicate the brother's status, along with the manner by which he was coming into the camp. Modifications were made and forwarded to the committee for its review. It is the recommendation of the committee that the proposed form be adopted. Changes to the form included:

Page 1: Changed the wording in the instructions to add that Junior Associates cannot appear on the charter. Also clarified wording to state that Associates and Junior Associates cannot be listed per the Constitution (previous version stated "Per tradition").

Page 2: Changed the wording in the instructions for "Printed or Typed" to "FORM MUST BE TYPED" in order to comply with National requirements that hand-written forms are not to be submitted. Added column for "Membership Type" with option of Member or Junior. Changed heading for "New/Transfer/Dual" to include "Gained by."

With regard to the change on Page 2 concerning the wording "FORM MUST BE TYPED," this wording is based on hand-written forms, including this form, being permitted until issuance of General Order 2, December 1, 2008, by CinC Darby, which only allowed applications for membership to be completed by hand. That order required the forms be "typewritten effective immediately." There was a concern expressed within the committee that the wording may not be the best. If the CofA prefers the use of different wording, the change is easily accomplished.

FINAL ACTION: Pending.

STATUS: Pending action by CofA.

14. **Review of Awards and Recognition Policy.** Committee was asked by CinC Kennedy to review the Awards and Recognition Policy.

- a. The committee recommends elimination of the references in 5, 6, 7, and 8 to "quarterly reports to the National Secretary" and that it be replaced it with "the annual report to the National Executive Officer."
- b. The committee also included changes to 5, 6, 7, and 8, to change the award period from the "fiscal year of the Order" (July 1 through June 30) to read "the period from April 1 through March 31." This puts the Department reporting for these awards in line with the Form 35 reporting period.
- c. It is recommended the revised policy be accepted by the CofA and submitted to the National Encampment for approval.
- d. It is further recommended that the incoming Chairman of the Programs & Policy Committee be directed to revise the Form 35 (Department Annual Report), so it will include spaces for reporting the following:
 - i. Department Brother with the greatest number of new members during the previous calendar year (B. F. Stephenson Award), and
 - ii. Number of new members under age 40 in the Department (Under Forty Award).
- e. The committee also asks for clarification by the CofA concerning the B. F. Stephenson Award, the Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award, and the Under Forty Award, as to whether the

qualification wording of "member" is intended, as written, or should it be changed to "brother". The term, member, would exclude the counting of Associates for these awards. That may be the original intent of the awards, in which case no further action is required on that item.

FINAL ACTION: Pending.

STATUS: Pending action by CofA and National Encampment.

The brothers of the Program and Policy Committee have continued to do a superb job in their reviews and recommendations of items presented to it. The knowledge and insight available within the committee are key to its success.

Submitted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
Acting Chairman
Program and Policy Committee

Remembrance Day

Report of the Remembrance Day Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to the 129th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The purpose of this report is to inform the membership of the activities of the past year of the Remembrance Day Committee.

I am pleased to report that the Remembrance Day activities were well planned and executed without any problems thanks to the participation of the SVR, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and members of the Auxiliary and Ladies of the GAR.

We had a very large turnout at the parade and we gave the profit from the previous year's ball of \$3400 to the Gettysburg National Military Park for restoration. This year in November, we will again be donating \$3400 to the Park during the ceremony at the Albert Woolson monument.

I am sad to report that one of the original members of the Ball Committee, PCinC Charles Corfman passed away on September 30th.

A ceremony in his honor was held at the opening of the Ball. His hard work with the Committee will be sorely missed.

The Remembrance Day Committee is closely watching the news to keep updated on the suggested plans to open a casino in Gettysburg. There is much opposition and it is hoped that we, along with other historians, will prevail in preventing it being built. I have seen in many of the newspapers lists of historical organizations opposing the opening of casinos in Gettysburg. I recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans, at this National Encampment, take steps to make known to the proper authorities their opposition to such a desecration of the the hallowed ground of Gettysburg.

We have contracts for November 20, 2010, November 19, 2011, November 17th ,2012 with the Eisenhower Conference Center for the Remembrance Day activities. I do not know what would happen on these dates if the gambling goes through.

Submitted in F, C, and L,
Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, Co-Chairman
Charles Kuhn, PCinC, Co-Chairman

Scholarships

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

July 16, 2010

To: All Officers and Brothers Assembled

The Scholarship Committee received twelve completed applications by the March 31, 2010 deadline, with all applicants meeting the scholarship criteria. After a careful review of the applications, scholastic records and letters of recommendation, the committee recommended to the National Commander the awarding of this year's scholarships to:

Shaylor Christian Pierson of Sumter, South Carolina
Brendan Thomas Pavelek of Salem, Oregon

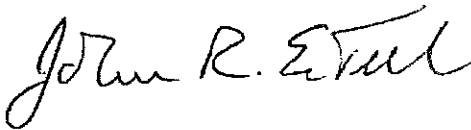
Based on our observations of recent applicants, the scholarship committee feels that the scholarship criteria should be amended to place a greater emphasis upon both membership and service to the SUVCW or Allied Orders. We have noted that over the years several applicants have joined the SUVCW or Allied Orders solely in order to apply for the scholarship and list no related service activities in their applications. We, therefore, make the following recommendations to become effective for the coming fiscal year and the awarding of the 2011 Scholarships.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That an applicant must have been a member of the SUVCW or Allied Orders for a period of at least six months prior to the March 31 application deadline.
2. That the Scholarship Application be modified to include the applicant's initial date of membership in the SUVCW or Allied Orders.
3. That the Scholarship Application provide space for the applicant to include information about their involvement in SUVCW or Allied Orders activities.
4. That the SUVCW website information and application for the scholarships be modified to reflect these changes.

The 2010 Scholarship Committee consisted of David G. Martin of Hightstown, New Jersey, Theodore J. Zemen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gene D. Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chairman John R. Ertell of Spring City, Pennsylvania. We have appreciated the opportunity to serve as the committee this past year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,



John R. Ertell, Chairman

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund

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To: Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy
Council of Administration

There has been 19 requests for a grant. We received 6 requests for existing monuments, 10 requests for new monuments and 3 requests for the last soldier. We had 12 grants that were approved, 4 grants were denied and 3 grants are waiting for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Grant committee members recommend that the maximum amount of a grant by \$500.00 so that all grants that are received and approved can be paid.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & loyalty,
Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

ebay Surveillance

Greetings:

The Ebay Surveillance Team has been able to block the sale of many Gar Markers and other military markers over the year.

This is not limited to just Ebay but other online auction places and also antique shops and flea markets.

The team has also talked with sellers who have GAR or SV/SUVCW items, items found were also passed on to the local camps or Departments.

In F. C. & L.
Dan Meehan, Chair
Ebay Surveillance Team

Special Committees Reports

National Encampment Credentials Committee

*From The Desk of Walter E. Busch, PDC
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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

July 2010 Report of the Credentials Committee:

The committee members are:

Walter E. Busch – Missouri	Joseph S. Hall, Jr. - Rhode Island
Thomas J. Brown – Wisconsin	Bruce C. Laine - Wisconsin

Registration is proceeding and has finally picked up speed. We have 123 registered as of 7/13/2010.

As the executive director sends me the Form 49s from each department this year, the update of DCs, PDCs, and delegates is proceeding smoothly. This encampment, we will have each department form 49 on hand should any brother challenge us as to delegate status.

I just received information about department membership totals so I can compare them with their delegate count before the encampment. I hope this will help resolve any issues before the encampment even starts.

I will be going on vacation after August 4 and heading straight to the encampment from that. Pre-registration should have ended the week before that.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
With respect
Walt Busch, PDC
Credentials Committee Chair

Real Sons and Daughters

This Report is submitted by the Real Sons & Real Daughters Committee for the August, 2010 National Encampment and the Council of Administration at Overland Park, Kansas.

The preceding report by this committee was submitted in April of this year for the Council of Administration. Contents of this reported outlined an active period of several months during late 2009 and early 2010. There were Real Children discovered during this time as well as Reported Deaths. Each new Real Child from this period is currently entered on the National Website. Noting some exception to the last few months of not having heard of reports about our Real Children, I want to mention the continued assistance of Sister Sarah Anderson of the DUV in Tennessee who informed me of the death of Real Daughter Edna Huffman Hetrick two weeks ago on July 12th at the age of 103. She was a member of DUVCW Tent #139 Department of Ohio. Her father was David Huffman who served nearly 4 years with Co. F, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Sister Sarah has also informed me that two Real Daughters, Jesse Montag and Olive Benway who are sisters living in Augusta,

Wisconsin are now both members of DUVCW Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent #02 . Late last year after being informed by a family about these ladies I prepared and sent each one of our certificates which reportedly they did receive. Their father was James D. Terry, Pvt. Co. B. 7th Regiment, New York Artillery.

I wish to express my appreciation to Brother Douglas K. Fidler, Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Tennessee for keeping me informed on Real Children in his area. He has been kind enough to send me a copy of his report to the Encampment concerning the activities in his his state. In his report he mentioned the loss of Real Daughter Lila Rose Queener Hudgens who passed on January 5, 2010 at the age of 93. I was moved by the tribute the Department of Tennessee stated in their condolence on her passing. Below I quote part of this tribute.

" On behalf of the Department Commander and Brothers of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to express the profound condolences of our Order to the family of Lila Rose Queener Hudgens, a Real Daughter of a Soldier of the Union Army, Pvt James Madison Herron, Co. G, 8th Tennessee Infantry. We mourn the loss of yet one more of those few remaining threads to those who fought to preserve the Union, 1861-1865."

In the past year the Departments of Kansas and Missouri have joined together to pay tribute to a Real Daughter with a ceremony. I would hope that other Departments/Camps would similarly be observant to inform this Committee if there are Real Children surviving or passed on in their areas.

Acting on a lead from Sister Sarah Anderson, Brother Fidler has informed the Committee about a Real Daughter living in Dayton, Tennessee. She is 90 year old Glenna Jenkins Green of Dayton, TN. Her father was Corporal Samuel Washington Jenkins who served in Co. L, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry. He was captured and a POW near Athens, TN but later exchanged for Confederate prisoners. Jenkins was on board the Sultana at the time of the explosion but survived to become a doctor and father 20 children of which Mrs.Green was the 18th child. She now reportedly believes she is the last surviving child of a Sultana survivor. Late last year we lost Real Son Brother Robert Warner of Kansas whose father was also a Sultana survivor. I have been told these two Real Children were featured some time ago in a BANNER article.

Brother Jerry Orton who preceded me as Chairman for many years is still and active member of our Committee has sent me his recommendations to be considered.

1. All Real Sons become life members in the SUV. This is already in our CR and R but many members do not realize the "Real Sons" are entitled to a free membership, certificate and war service medal.
2. A fund be established to give donations to remaining daughters of Union Civil War Veterans. This fund would be established by donations from our members but the special committee on Real Sons & Daughters would administer the fund. If possible, the fund could be widened to other needy Real Sons & Daughters. Jerry would like to remind our members that Charity is the greatest virtue of our Order as well in the GAR.

Respectfully Submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Dean E. Letzring, PDC & Chair
Real Sons & Real Daughters Committee

Fort Donelson

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

National Encampment Registration Study Committee

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Headquarters and Archival

FINAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEADQUARTERS AND ARCHIVES

To the Brothers seated at the 129th annual Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we bring our greetings. It has been a great pleasure for us to have served the National Organization over the past 2 years in this position. The Committee hereby submits its final recommendations;

1. Land should be procured in a civil war relevant area for the facility. This should be at a significant civil war site. Since the National Encampment approved the recommendations of the Long Range planning Committee at the 127th National Encampment, consideration should be taken as to the location of the residence of the Executive Director while determining location for this facility. It is the opinion of the committee that now is probably the best time to invest in the land due to the down turn in the real estate market. Bargains can be had and it would be an investment in our future and bear substantial returns if we would need to liquidate it several years from now.
2. The property should have more than 20 acres. This will allow room for future expansion of the facility as well as allow interpretive trails to be created in order to educate visitors of the life of the civil war soldier and the hardships that our ancestors endured to preserve a free and undivided Union.
3. Renovation of an historic building will not be acceptable because of restrictions that would be placed on it making it very costly to do needed work as well as maintain it.
4. Renovation of an existent building not of historic relevance would not be acceptable because of the possible condition of existent plant items (roof, heat, air conditioning, and plumbing). It is possible that it could cost more to do what has to be done rather than build new.
5. Renovation of an existent building will never give us exactly what we need or want as well as maintenance would be a constant issue.
6. The building itself needs to be constructed new. The reasons are as follows:
 - a. Everything is new. With correct building materials, life span of the wear components of the building (roof, heat, AC, Ect) would extend a minimum of 50 years if not more before anything major would need done.
 - b. Can be built maintenance free. No painting of exterior including trim, windows, soffit, fascia board, ect.
 - c. It can be designed to meet our needs currently and expanded as needed.
 - d. Can be done in phases as money becomes available.
 - e. The building can be built especially "green", greatly reducing the costs involved in utilities. (We hope to heat it with a candle and cool it with an ice cube) Certain things can be done with little initial expense that gives long term results.
7. The following things have been determined to be required in the facility:
 - a. A minimum of 7,000 Square Feet of floor space needs to be available for archival storage. This area has to be impervious to fire and have fire suppression systems installed as well as be temperature and humidity controlled. It should be secured and divided so as to rent it to other businesses for records storage.
 - b. Meeting rooms need to be included and be available for rent. They need to be dividable and be able to accommodate a combined minimum of 300 people.

- c. An office must be provided for the Executive Director and proper work space should be available to him.
- d. Kitchen facilities should be constructed so that groups that rent the facility could utilize the kitchen for banquettes.
- e. There should be restrooms accessible from the outside for use during outside events and they should include showers.
- f. The building needs to be esthetic in appearance and be constructed of permanent types of material such as concrete or masonry. The front of the building and entrance ways should contain relief sculpture or artwork relevant to the civil war. The building should have solar arrays as large as possible and moderate sized wind turbines, so as to sell additional electricity generated by them back to the power grid. Remember for part of the week the building will not be utilized.
- g. The building should utilize energy efficient heating and cooling such as geothermal forced air heating and cooling (running induction ducting underground thus tempering the air prior to heating or cooling) in order to save the Order large sums of money on heating and cooling costs.
- h. Cost effective and energy efficient lighting should be used throughout the building.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PC-in-C, Chairman

Civil War Sesquicentennial

Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War
Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial
July 25, 2010

Brother Leo Kennedy
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Greetings Commander Kennedy,

The Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial respectfully submits this report for the Council of Administration August 2010 National Encampment meeting.

During the past year the chair continued to keep sacred the memory of the GAR. Attached is a sample op-ed published in the Free Lance Star of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Recommendations for the National Encampment

Signature Events

The Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial recommends a page on the National SUVCW website to advertise and promote SUVCW Sesquicentennial Signature Events.

The Committee recommends "Signature Event" be defined as an event meant to educate its members and the public on the legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic with the following characteristics

- ☞ A direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial.
- ☞ Be of national or state significance.
- ☞ ~~Present the GAR in a positive manner~~
- ☞ Not have any sponsors or cosponsors that could prove embarrassing to the SUVCW.¹
- ☞ Not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk.
- ☞ Present the United States in a positive manner.
- ☞ Include a SUVCW Camp and/or Department as a sponsor of the event in some manner.

The sponsoring Camp or Department would be allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event.

The sponsoring Camp or Department would be authorized to sell the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Medal to individuals who attend the event.

The sponsoring Camp or Department would also be authorized to sell an event device of their own wording for the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Medal.

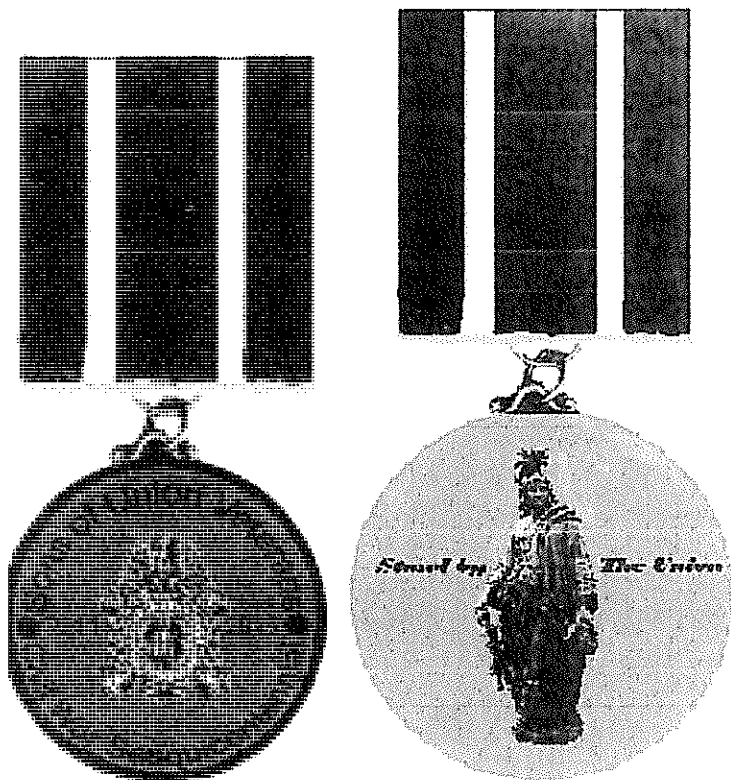
Camps and Departments seeking to have a recognized Signature Event would necessarily need the Committee's approval.

- ☞ Camps would submit proposed signature events through their Department Commander and must have the Department Commander's concurrence.
- ☞ The request would describe the event and outline how it meets the indented definition of Signature Event.
- ☞ The Committee would submit proposed signature events to the Council of Administration for its concurrence.
- ☞ Upon COA approval, the Committee would post the event through the SUVCW webmaster to the SUVCW Sesquicentennial Events page and notify the sponsoring camp or department.
- ☞ The approval process would be in writing using email, supplemented as necessary with verbal phone or in person communication.

Sesquicentennial Medal

The Committee recommends the National Encampment approve this Sesquicentennial Medal.

¹ This definition is meant to discourage the SUVCW from associating with events that deny slavery as central to the cause of the Civil War, speak disparagingly of the cause to preserve the Union, or of President Lincoln and the Grand Army of the Republic.



Front

Back (Liberty on the US Capital 1863)

The medal has a squared ribbon intended for the addition of event bars from signature events. The sponsors of the signature event would design their own bar.

In Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity,

D. Michael Beard

Chair, Special Committee for the Sesquicentennial
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Gar Sesquicentennial

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

First, I want to apologize for the dirth of activity by The GAR Sesquicentennial Committee this past year. The demands of the National Treasurer's office simply did not allow time to pursue many of the activities of this committee. That being said we did move forward with some of our previously identified projects.

The proposed legislation for the minting of commemorative coins by the United States Mint was modified to reflect recent changes in legislation for other such commemorative coins and to provide approval of Congress, funding and direction to the Secretary of State to make the Monument to Canadians who served in the Union forces a reality. The draft legislation was submitted to Brother Robert P. Casey, United States Senator from Pennsylvania with the hope that he will introduce the legislation. We still are seeking cosponsors in the Senate

and sponsors in the House of Representatives. A copy of the submitted legislation is attached to this report in the Addendum. Any Brother who may be able to secure the support of a Representative or Senator for this legislation should contact the committee. A formal letter will be drafted with the proposed legislation.

We have made contact with the Citizens' Stamp Advisor Committee of the United States Postal Service with the supporting information. A sample letter to support the issuance of this stamp will be provided for issue in the Banner. It is hoped all Brothers will express their support for this stamp to the appropriate authorities.

We continue to support the need for each camp and department make a concerted effort to locate and identify all the extant GAR records. There is no better way we can "keep green the memory" of the GAR than to complete this project by 2016. While this project falls under the GAR Records Committee, in 2008 the Encampment adopted a program and series of recommendations which to the best of our knowledge has yet to be implemented. (please see the 2008 and 2009 proceedings for this program). Additional recommendations made by this committee were adopted by the 2009 National Encampment and have not been implemented.

To date there has been no response from the Department of Illinois regarding hosting the 2016 National Encampment to commemorate the founding of the GAR.

Other potential activities are dependent on some of the above proposals, particularly the sponsoring of a commemorative event on or near 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois. If a commemorative stamp is issued this is the most likely first day of issue and the location. Further, we need to engage our sister organizations in these activities. Hopefully, with enough advance planning we can manage to have all five (5) Allied Orders of the GAR meet in Illinois for our respective national encampments. If Decatur does not have sufficient hotel space, then we can move to Springfield.

This is an ongoing effort and we welcome suggestions from all Brothers and Sisters. If we do not spearhead this effort the anniversary of the founding of the GAR will pass with little notice. It is our obligation as Brothers of the SUVCW and as the heirs to the GAR to do all in our power to "keep green the memory" of our forefathers. If we do not, no one will.

RECOMMENDATIONS PART

- 1. We continue to pursue the commemorative coins.**
- 2. We continue to pursue the commemorative stamp**
- 3. A separate committee be appointed by the CinC to plan, develop and implement a commemorative event on or about 6 April 2016 in Decatur, Illinois or thereabout and that our Sister Orders of the Allied Orders of the GAR be invited to participate at all levels of planning and implementation or the scope of this committee be expanded to include such an event and the committee be authorized to seek participation by the other Allied Orders in the planning and execution of such an event.**
- 4. That the recommendations adopted by the 2008 and 2009 National Encampment be implemented this year including but not limited to the special subcommittee of the Communications and Technology Committee to assist the National Webmaster with the requisite changes to the GAR Post information; the website be modified as approved by the 2008 National Encampment.**
- 5. Each Department submit a plan to determine what records exist within its service area, where those records are and accessibility of those records. Said plan to be submitted to the CinC no later than July 15, 2016 and implemented as soon as possible so that the compilation of extant GAR records is completed by the 2015 National Encampment. (Note this was adopted at the**

Respectfully submitted for the Committee

Richard D. Orr, PCinC Chairman
Donald Darby, PCinC
Glenn B. Knight PDC
Robert H. Moore, II
Steve Bauer

ADDENDUM

AN ACT

To provide for the issuance of coins to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Grand Army of the Republic 150th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2010”.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) The founding of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, Illinois, in 1866, the largest Union Civil War Veterans organization, has major significance in the history of the United States.
- (2) The Grand Army of the Republic united vast numbers of Union Civil War veterans in a common cause and drew upon the strengths and characteristics of the American people and bonds of brotherhood formed during the great struggle to preserve the Nation as One Nation.
- (3) The Grand Army of the Republic through the efforts of its members united for a common purpose secured the first veterans pensions, widows pensions and orphans pensions from the United States government for services rendered in defense of said government.
- (4) The Grand Army of the Republic while non-political did greatly influence the government of the people of the United States for nearly 50 years following the founding of the Order at the local, state and national levels. Numerous local political leaders of all parties were associated with the Grand Army of the Republic. Many governors of the various states during the aforementioned time period were prominent members of the Grand Army of the Republic as well as state and Federal Representatives and Senators.
- (5) Beginning on March 4, 1869 with the inauguration of President U. S. Grant through the assassination of President William McKinley on September 14, 1901, every United States President with the exception of President Grover Cleveland was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.
- (6) The success of the Grand Army of the Republic, as both a fraternal organization and force for social change, lead directly to the formation of the Spanish American War Veterans Association, American

Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

- (7) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Congressionally chartered not for profit organization (Title 36, United States Code), is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic by virtue of a Deed of Conveyance executed between the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and recorded in the Federal District Court for Washington, DC.
- (8) Numerous monuments erected in memory of the Union Veterans, their regiments and the Grand Army of the Republic have fallen into a state of deterioration or disrepair over time.
- (9) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has as one of its principle purposes to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, its members, and their deeds upon the battlefields of this Nation's Civil War. To this end the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have created a special Monuments and Memorials Fund to assist various groups with the restoration, conservation and maintenance of monuments throughout the county erected in memory of the Union Civil War veterans.
- (10) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has established the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Foundation which has among its purposes providing grants to community groups, historical societies and other similar groups for the purposes of conserving, restoring, maintaining and erecting monuments to Union veterans of the Civil War.
- (11) Recently there has been an increase in vandalism of various monuments located in the Civil War National Military Parks.
- (12) The National Park Service is charged in part with maintaining monuments erected upon the various Civil War National Military Parks.
- (13) Over 50,000 Canadian Citizens ventured south to join the forces of the United States to assist with the preservation of the Union. While the Canadian people have graciously recognized, honored and memorialized those Americans who journeyed northward to join the Canadian forces during World Wars I and II prior to the United States entering those conflicts, the people of the United States have never so recognized, honored or memorialized these Canadians.
- (14) A commemorative coin will bring national and international attention to the lasting legacy of the Grand Army of the Republic and its founding at Decatur, Illinois.
- (15) The proceeds from a surcharge on the sale of such commemorative coin will assist in the financing of a suitable observation and the conservation, restoration and maintenance of monuments dedicated to the Union Civil War veterans and the erection of a monument to those Canadian citizens described in subsection 13 of this section.

SECTION 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

- (a) **Designations.** – The Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall mint and issue the following coins:
 - (1) **\$5 GOLD COINS.** Not more than 100,000 5 dollar coins which shall –
 - (A) weigh 8.359 grams;
 - (B) have a diameter of 0.0850 inches; and
 - (C) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent alloy.
 - (2) **\$1 SILVER COINS.** – Not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins which shall –
 - (A) Weigh 26.73 grams;
 - (B) Have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and
 - (C) Contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.
 - (3) **HALF DOLLAR CLAD COINS.**—Not more than 1,000,000 half dollar coins which shall—
 - (A) weigh 11.34 grams;
 - (B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

(C) be minted to the specifications for half dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States Code.

- (b) LEGAL TENDER – The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.
- (c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS – For purposes of Sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SECTION 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.

The Secretary shall obtain gold and silver for minting coins under this Act pursuant to the authority of the Secretary under other provisions of law.

SECTION 5. DESIGN OF COINS.

- (a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS
 - (1) IN GENERAL. – The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the Grand Army of the Republic.
 - (2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS – On each coin minted under this Act there shall be –
 - (A) a designation of the value of the coin;
 - (B) an inscription of the words “Liberty”, “In God We Trust”, “United States of America”, and “E Pluribus Unum”.
- (b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be –
 - (1) selected by the Secretary after consultation with –
 - (A) The Grand Army of the Republic Sesquicentennial Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War;
 - (B) the National Park Service
 - (C) the Commission of Fine Arts; and
 - (2) reviewed by the citizens advisory committee established under section 5135 of Title 31, United States Code.

SECTION 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

- (a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.
- (b) MINT FACILITY.—Only one (1) facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular combination of denomination and quality of the coins minted under this Act.
- (c) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act only during the period beginning on January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

SECTION 7. SALE OF COINS.

- (a) SALE PRICE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law the coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the face value, plus the cost of designing and issuing such coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, and marketing).
- (b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable discount.
- (c) PREPAID ORDERS.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before issuance of such coins.
 - (2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

SECTION 8. SURCHARGES.

- (a) **SURCHARGE REQUIRED.**—All sales shall include a surcharge as follows:
- (1) \$35 per coin for the \$5 coins;
 - (2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coins; and
 - (3) \$3 per coin for the half dollar coin.
- (b) **DISTRIBUTION.**—Subject to section 5134(f) of Title 31, United States Code, all surcharges which are received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary as follows:
- (1) **PROGRAMS TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**—1/10 of the surcharges shall be used to support programs to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, Illinois and for such purposes shall be paid to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic and a Congressionally Chartered Corporation.
 - (2) **OTHER PURPOSES FOR SURCHARGES.**—
 - (A) **IN GENERAL.**— 9/10 of the surcharges shall be used for the following purposes:
 - (i) to the construction and dedication of an appropriate monument within the Dominion of Canada recognizing the service of the more than fifty-thousand (50,000) Canadians who entered the service of the United States during the Civil War
 - (ii) to conserve, restore and maintain monuments to the Grand Army of the Republic and Union Civil War units in the various localities within the United States of America, its territories and other nations where such monuments may exist
 - (iii) to repair vandalized Union Civil War monuments at the various National Military Parks managed by the National Park Service.
 - (iv) to conserve, restore and maintain monuments to Union Civil War units at the various National Military Parks, National Monuments and other similar facilities managed by the National Park Service and other agencies of the United States Department of the Interior.
 - (B) **RECIPIENTS OF SURCHARGES FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES.**—The surcharges referred to in subparagraph (a) shall be distributed by the Secretary as follows:
 - (i) The Secretary of State, who in consultation with the Prime Minister of Canada and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall cause to be designed, erected and dedicated a suitable monument to the more than fifty-thousand (50,000) citizens of the Dominion of Canada who joined the United States military forces or the military forces of the several states called to serve under the United States general officers by President Abraham Lincoln for the purpose of maintaining the Union during the Civil War, the sum of five-million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). Said monument to be erected and dedicated during the sesquicentennial of the Civil War (2011 – 2016).
 - (ii) The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Foundation, the sum of two-million dollars (\$2,000,000).
 - (iii) Secretary of the Interior the balance of the surcharges.
- (c) **AUDITS.**—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Foundation, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior shall each be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of Title 31, United States Code.
- (d) **LIMITATIONS.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a), no surcharge may be included with respect to the issuance under this Act of any coin during a calendar year, it, as of the time of such issuance, the issuance of such coin would result in the number of commemorative coin programs issued during such year to exceed the annual two (2) commemorative coin program issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of Title 31, United States Code (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act). The Secretary of the Treasury may issue guidance to carry out this subsection.

Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument

Dear Brothers of the Council of Administration,

May it please the National Organization. First let me start, i must apologize as i will not be present in Kansas City for the 2010 Encampment; due to health issues, the rest of our Committee however will be present. Rest assured i am in good strength to continue my duties, just that my health denies me to travel long distances presently with my back and leg work injuries. I have been going for treatment and have been not able to get as much as i wanted to get done this past term.

Since our Mid-Year Report, i have the following to report. They are in order:

1. FUNDRAISING: Bro. Gaines who has been placed in Charge of Fundraising has recieved a \$500.00 grant from MOLLUS. He is presently working on gaining other avenues of support from our Allied Orders and has made successful contact with them. We have gained a \$1,000.00 donation from Bro. Heath, to be used towards Day to Day Operations and Publicity,etc. At the next available opporunity We will be Applying for the National SUVCW Monument Grant for additional Seed Money. We are continuing to discuss Bro. Heath's proposal of a Medal to sell for the Monument. We are talking about how to implement that and other ideas such as T-Shirts, maybe even a Special Descendants Group of Canadian Union Veterans and Certificates for Descendants and Donors. It was discussed we need to raise a sufficient number of funds for the Monument. We are trying to achieve an estimate. We will be applying for Funding from National for Grants at the next available opportunity.
2. STATE RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT: I am presently working on New England and Eastern States and Bro. Lamb is working on Iowa and Mid Western States. We will have our 1st State Resolution from NYS Shortly. With only 2 out of 3 US Members presently working with this Committee it is slow going.
3. FRATERNAL/PATRIOTIC/VETERANS RESOLUTIONS: We have thus far only 2 Resolutions of Support, one from the Department of New York and the other from the Department of Pennsylvania. There are Dept. Resolutions in Work for Maine, Iowa, and Michigan, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The Dept. of Michigan has formed a Dept. Committee to look into assisting with the work of our Committee in the Dept/State of Michigan.
4. PRESS: Our Goal is to have mention in every Allied Orders Publication every year. (Please See Request Below.) Bro. Heath is constructing at cost to him, a 2nd Monument Model which can be used in the United States and will be available at the 2011 Encampment. Brothers Gaines, Heath, and Lamb, will be manning a table at the 2010 National Encampment in Overland Park this year on the Monument. We will have a Begging Barrel and the Canadian Monument as well as Literature for Brothers to peruse. I am presently designing a Brochure for the Monument. The National Webpage was updated to reflect the current state of the Monument Project. Bro. Heath, is working the Canadian Legion for Donations and Support through his Local Branch.
5. MONUMENT SITE: The Committee is in agreement that Niagara Falls on the Canadian Side in a Nice Park is the Best Option for the Placement of this Monument. We are in Communication Stages presently with the City, Bro. Heath has sent another letter awaiting a formal response to our exploratory request.
6. CONGRESSIONAL SPONSORS: Bro. Lamb reports that as Commander of the 49th Iowa Vet. Vol. Infantry ("The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles") He has began introducing the public to the idea of this monument project whilst doing funds-raising events to restore an Iowa monument at Vicksburg (restoration project, completely funded by us, is in progress at this time and we are on to raising monies now for two more restorations). The response from the public was EXTREMELY positive, and close on to 1,000 Iowans signed petitions to our Federal Legislators asking them to support such a project. Both Iowa Senators (Grassley and Harkin) have been in touch with me, as has Congressman Leonard Boswell, and have offered their support and asked that I contact

them when we are at a point where we need to start actually moving the project through the Federal system. I have also gained 1 Rep. of the House and 1 of the Senate here in NYS.

7. CONCLUSION: This project is a Long Term, Sons of Union Veterans Monument; we believe the 1st of it's kind. We are making progress but it is slow. We only have 2 Canadian Members and 2 US Members and 1 US Member whom has been inactive and has contributed Nothing at all for the entire year. As Chairman i lead by a Laissez Faire Policy, that is i give marching orders and expect results. I was Distraught to learn on July 12th, asking for an activity report from a Brother, of his actions. That he had absolutely nothing to Contribute or Report for the Good of the Committee. The Chairman and the Senior Members of the Committee were astonished and disheartened to learn of this. Needless to say we expected much more from the Brother and are very disappointed. This Committee will take a much harder stance on any future membership requests.(Please See Request) To conclude, we are continuing our work, we don't have an exact timetable as of yet, but we are hoping that towards the end of the Sesiquicentennial we will be in a position to see this off to Congress. We have resigned ourselves to the belief that the bulk of the funds for the construction of this monument will have to come from the US Government.

8. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION (CoA) REQUESTS: As Far as Requests to the Council, if we may be so bold, we have several: 1. We wish to have Permanent Press. That is 1 National Service Announcement annually in the Banner about this National SUVCW Monument. 2. This National SUVCW Monument should be given the full support of the National Organization, we desire a Resolution from the 2010 National Encampment supporting this Monument. 3. We wish to have confirmation to know if this is the 1st of it's kind Commissioned SUVCW Veterans Monument. 4. Every National Committee, especially Monument Committees should be given automatic seed money i.e. a monument or suvcw grant, when a National Committee for these purposes are formed by the National Organization. 5. This Committee requests that we need more US Members, especially from the West Coast. We wish to expand the size of our Committee to encompass more of the states of the union. 6. All future candidates for membership on this Committee must be interviewed by the Chairman and accepted thereof before serving, and they must be willing to commit themselves to the committee. If that member does not commit himself, we reserve the right to drop any member who fails to do his duty. This Committee does not wish to make good time lost for any brother. That is all, and of course we also accept recommendations from the Council as well as any support from you and your respective Departments. Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty, Raymond W. LeMay III, PCC ~Honorary National Aide~ ~Life Member#663~ ~Meritorious Gold Service Star Recipient~ ~Chairman~ National, Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee

Education and Leadership

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

This special committee was established following the 127th SUVCW National Encampment. It was charged with the task of developing an education program that would allow members to become better SUVCW leaders by enhancing their knowledge of the documents governing the SUVCW.

At the request of the national standing committee on Americanization and Education the 127th national encampment approved an education program for Juniors and Junior Associates which is offered on the SUVCW web site by the SUVCW Memorial University. As instructed your Special Committee on Education and Leadership developed an officer training course that was added to the web site as a course offering by the SUVCW Memorial University.

Last summer the 128th National Encampment further charged this committee with designing a special lapel pin for graduates of the officer training course and a pin for the Junior/Junior Associates to wear on the ribbon of their badge. This task has been completed and the pins along with a certificate are now being issued to each graduate of the courses offered by the SUVCW Memorial University.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) We recommend that the Memorial University be administered by the standing committee on Americanization and Education and that the National Patriotic Instructor who serves as chairman of that committee serve as the director of the Memorial University. The National Patriotic Instructor has performed this duty for the past year with great success.

(2) We recommend that the national treasurer include an amount of \$200 each year in the SUVCW budget to pay for the cost of pins, certificates and other miscellaneous expenses associated with administering the Memorial University.

(3) We recommend that this Special Committee be discharged since the task for which it was created has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Grim, PCinC, Chairman
Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC
James B. Pahl, PCinC

Restore Memorial Day

The Committee to Restore Memorial Day is happy to report that there has been good progress this past year by increasing the number of people who have signed the petition and bringing awareness to people from all over the world of the importance of this issue.

During the month of May each year, it appears that is when we get more hits on the websites, and in 2010 it appears the numbers increased from other years.

With the help of the internet it provides easy access to many organizations throughout the country seeking their assistance.

Organizations contacted, but not limited to were; American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, Order of Purple Heart, TAPS, Vietnam Veterans Association, and troops who are serving our country today.. We continue to contact all of the above groups seeking their help, more especially the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to see if an article can and will be printed in their national publications.

As the Chairperson of this committee, I was invited to be one of the speakers at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 2010, which I am so honored to have been a part of the great ceremony that the Department of Maryland put on.

During my visit to Washington, DC I managed to visit with several Senators at the capitol to spread the word and gain some additional support. I believe this was done.

During my visit at the capitol, it was recommended that we must step up our efforts and contact our individual Congressional delegations from our home states, but also to make contact with the members of the Judiciary Committee, where bill # S-70 sits, to bring the bill up for a hearing.

We have a long way to travel down this road and we should not let up, just as our ancestors during the Civil War did not give up.

We stress preserving our sacred history in this country and remember the over 1 million, 18 thousand plus, men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

The committee is always looking for additional members to help in this effort and ideas to make this effort grow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To have the Commander-in-Chief issue a General Order encouraging all our members, families, co workers, friends and members of other organizations to become more involved in this program.

To encourage each Department to appoint a Brother to serve as a coordinator within their respective Department to assist in this matter.

To encourage all Departments, SVR units, to set up informational tables at events they attend during the year to provide information to those who attend the event and gather signatures.

To encourage all our members to make contact with their Congressional delegation and encourage them to support this effort in bill # S-70.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on this committee and I offer my thanks to those who have confidence in me to serve.

We must keep our history alive.

In F. C. & L.

Alan Peterson, PDC

Committee to Restore Memorial Day

Battle Flag Preservation

Battle Flag Preservation Special Committee

Annual Report -- August 12-15, 2010

This special committee was continued by Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy on August 15, 2009 and it will expire at the 129th National Encampment in Overland Park, Kansas.

Preservation of Battle Flags

The Committee sent letters to the following state government officials asking them to support their respective battle flag preservation efforts: Iowa, Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania. Iowa's Senate Democrats unveiled their plans to grant Gov. Chet Culver's wish to expand the I-JOBS public-works program which has allocated \$60,000 for the preservation of the battle flags. Last year there was no funding and the Iowa program managed to get by with carry over funds. A representative of Kansas' Senate President Stephen Morris called requesting additional information about his state's flag preservation program and we were able to speak with him for about 15 minutes. Keith R. McCall, The Speaker of Pennsylvania's House of Representatives, wrote to assure us that he would do "all I am able to protect funding for flag preservation during the upcoming budget debates."

Information about the Committee's efforts was provided to Dennis Yusko of the *Albany (NY) Times Union*. His article focused on New York's cut of \$100,000 in annual funding for its preservation project due to the state's financial difficulties. Information was also provided to Greg Biggs for his new column in the *Civil War News* and we received great coverage in his inaugural article.

A presentation about the flags used by the Union was given to two local Civil War Round tables in an effort to increase the understanding of the importance of preserving our ancestors' flags. As a result, at the annual meeting of the Civil War Round Table of Central Massachusetts, the group donated \$100 each to the preservation efforts in Iowa, Kansas, and New York.

A note of thanks was sent to the reenactors of the 88th Pennsylvania Infantry for its donation of \$1500 to Pennsylvania's "Save The Flag" program.

The Committee sent out a last minute request to the Department Commanders for nominations of worthy Civil War flags to be preserved by the Artist Preservation Group. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for us to send in a candidate. But, the good news is that the flag of the 149th Pennsylvania Infantry was selected and \$7,012 was donated by the APG for its preservation. The preserved flag is now on a two year loan to the Visitors' Center at Gettysburg.

Kudos to Brothers David Lamb and David L. Thompson, both of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75, Department of Iowa, for the many hours they donate each month to the preservation of Iowa's flags.

Other Activities of Interest

The committee assisted the reenactors of the 12th Massachusetts Infantry in locating information about the original flags used by that regiment. They wish to have an accurate reproduction made. This was as a result of an article about the flags being used by reenactors appearing in the *Civil War News* and the Committee obtaining permission to distribute that article to the reenacting community.

The Department of Massachusetts has started a committee with its goal being the reproduction of flags to be displayed in the Massachusetts State House's Hall of Flags. The originals were preserved many years ago and are no longer on display. This project will once again allow people to see what these magnificent flags looked like. Reproductions are currently displayed by the state of Maine in its State House.

For the "150th Anniversary Commemoration of Connecticut in the Civil War" celebration there will be a Battle Flag Exchange. All active Connecticut reenacting units who represent a valid Connecticut regiment will be issued a replica battle flag at a 2011 ceremony being held at the Connecticut State Armory. The flags will be returned to the Armory in 2015 and will be displayed until the next 50 year commemorative celebration in 2061.

Respectably submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Ed Norris (Chairman) Robert Moore II

Ernest Blevins Daniel Murray

David Davis Dave Nelson

Department Reports

California and Pacific

The Department of California and Pacific send greetings to the 129th Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and is proud to report on its activities that have occurred since our last meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Our Department is proud to have maintained our membership at slightly over 400 members. The attendance at our Department Encampment, held annually in San Luis Obispo, California, had approximately 70 members and Auxiliary in attendance. It was reported that over 1,000 Eagle Scout certificates were sent during 2009.

The Department covers 274,000 square miles, and approximately 700 road miles exists between our most Northern and Southern camps. Yet, our brothers from many camps continue to travel great distances in a spirit of fraternity in order to attend our many functions, including living history days at Fort Point (San Francisco), the aforementioned Department Encampment, and numerous parades and ceremonies in Southern California. Two highlights from the past year are as follows:

The Department recently added a new Camp, Gen. George Stoneman Camp #18 in Riverside, California.

On Saturday, July 24, several Camps participated rededicated a headstone at the grave of Pvt. Samuel Brown (Co. K, 137th US Colored Troops), at Sunrise Memorial Cemetery in Vallejo. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Joe Marti (Sheridan Camp 4), a serious and mysterious error which had gone undetected for over eight decades was corrected that day. The inscription on Pvt. Brown's original marker indicated that he served in the "Confederate States Army" when in fact, Brown was an emancipated slave who proudly served in a Union regiment late in the war!

The Department hopes to continue to grow and further develop opportunities to educate and serve the public, and also contribute to our order on a National level.

Your obedient servant,

In F, C, and L,

Charlie Mabie, Commander
Department CA and Pacific

Colorado and Wyoming

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Connecticut

Department of Connecticut, Edward L. Wittkofski - DC

Instituted: May 15, 1883

The fourth Department created in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUBJECT: Department Status presented to the National Encampment (2009-2010)

State of the Department:

The Department is small, but it is working to keep alive the memory of the GAR and the efforts of our boys in blue to save the Union and free a people. Be it through the scholarship offered by Alden Skinner Camp #45 or the efforts of H.A. Grant Camp #24 and Wooster-Russell Camp #22, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are making great efforts to keep ever green the memories of America's great Civil War in the State of Connecticut.

Civil War Memorials:

The Department of Connecticut is very grateful to The National Organization for the assistance it received to help in its project. The Department of Connecticut is helping the City of Shelton to create a Civil War monument to remember the sacrifices of the boys and men who answered the call to serve. This project is now in its third year since inception and is approved by the local government; it will be life-size bronze infantryman moving through boulders in the midst of battle beaconing us all to join him.

In other actions, the Department has asked it's camp to review the monuments in their area for possible restoration in conjunction with the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial. The State of Connecticut has funds that can help in this effort.

Connecticut Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee:

The Department of Connecticut is playing a role in the planning and executing of programs for the anniversary. Department Commander Edward Wittkofski is a member of the State Committee and working closely with MOLLUS members to assure the deeds and sacrifices of Connecticut's Civil War Soldiers and Sailors are fully remembered.

Remembrance Day:

The Department of Connecticut participated in Remembrance Day 2009 for the first time in a number of years. We were grateful for beautiful weather. This was the first time that the Department of Connecticut Color was ever carried during the parade through the streets of Gettysburg. Brothers from several camps marched in the parade in various marching units. After the parade, the members of Wooster-Russell Camp #22 proceeded to the monument of the 20th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry on Culp's Hill. Colonel William Wooster commanded this regiment; so it was fitting that the Camp held a memorial ceremony here and presented Junior Members, Jackson and Richard Taylor with their membership medals. The Department will be represented again in 2010.

Memorial Day:

Alden Skinner Camp #45's participation in the Rockville's Memorial Day Parade and grave decoration ceremony continues to be the heart of the ceremony in that community. Under the careful leadership of the Camp Commander, John Lazzeri; the Patriotic Instructor, Rafael Lora; and the camp's full participation continue to keep alive the traditions and practices of the Grand Army of the Republic in that area. Wooster-Russell Camp #22 has fully embraced Memorial Day as the central event of the year. It begins with dual Camp ceremonies on Memorial Sunday at the Civil War memorials on Derby Green and in Ansonia's Pine Grove Cemetery followed by the decoration of the graves of Colonel William Wooster at Pine Grove Cemetery and Colonel Charles Russell at Oak Bluff Cemetery in Derby. On Sunday evening, Brother Jim Connery Portrays Colonel William Wooster and reads General Logan's General Order #11 in the joint Derby-Shelton Memorial Sunday Evening Service. This year Wooster-Russell Camp #22 fielded a uniformed Color Guard to restore a Civil War presence to the parade has been continuously held since 1882.

Recruitment:

Our Department under the initiative of DJVC Paul Martinello, CC John Lazzeri and CC Edward Wittkofski has established information/recruitment booths at civil war re-enactment and history events throughout 2009. In 2010, the Department continues to recruit at historical events; we have seen a marked increase of enrollment that appears to be associated with the increased public interest during the run-up to the Civil War

Sesquicentennial.

Florida

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Georgia and South Carolina

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Illinois

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Indiana

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Iowa

Department of Iowa, SUVCW Activity Report for the 2009 Term

The 2009-2010 Term was one of contrasts for the Department of Iowa. Several camps were quite active.

Twombly Camp #2, Iowa City, participated in several local events during the year. The active membership, however, is fairly small.

Power-Dunlavy #3, Bloomfield, was very busy with members taking part in several parades and celebrations. The local SVR unit, the 37th Iowa, travels to the tiny town of Floris every year to act as color guard. Members also take part in the local Civil War round table. Power-Dunlavy is active in the Graves Registration project. The Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Richard Grim, hails from this Camp.

Kirkwood #4, Council Bluffs, has a small membership, but is quite active. Members participate in various living history events and numerous parades, dedications and ceremonies. This camp participates in the ROTC program.

Kinsman #23, Atlantic, is quite active. During the past year, the camp participated in three parades, eight living history events and assisted in the new Veteran's monument at Carson, Iowa. This camp is assisting in restoring the Atlantic Civil War Monument.

This camp is also active in the Graves Registration project, with almost a hundred graves marked by new flag holders. The new Department of Iowa Commander, James Braden, is from this camp.

Anderson #33, Waterloo, keeps active. They were the hosts of the 2009 Encampment. They participate in numerous local events.

Abernethy #48, West Union, started out having a slow year, but had several events they attended this spring. Our outgoing Department Commander, Courtney Stahr, calls this camp home.

Bates #64, Grinnell, has a small membership, but they keep active in Department affairs. This camp sponsors Camp Grinnell, a 2-day Civil War mini-camp for 5th and 8th graders from several schools in the area.

Dodge #75, Des Moines, has had a marked increase in activity during the past year. Among their accomplishments are assisting in getting several dozen new military headstones placed in one of the two GAR

sections of Woodland Cemetery, dedicating a stone to Civil War nurse "Aunt Becky" Palmer Young on Armistice Day, and numerous other projects that have sparked a lot of public interest. They, too, have had several new men join the Order. Our Department Junior Vice Commander, Dan Rittel, calls Dodge Camp home.

Huntley Camp #114, Mason City, also takes part in numerous living history programs in north-central Iowa.

Mitchell #206, Marion, Took part in five living history programs this past year. Members from this camp, like Cedar Rapids, suffered severe damage to their homes because of the widespread flooding last spring. Consequently, they have not been as active as in previous years.

Wilds #235 Three members attended the re-dedication of the newly restored "Veteran's Window", which was designed by famous artist Grant Wood. This camp has now closed, but may reopen shortly..

As a department, DC Stahr was able to instill new vigor and purpose in our Department. Under his guidance and inspiration, the web page was redone with excellent results. We now have fourteen pages of events cached therein depicting events from April 2009 to the current time. He was also instrumental in helping start Co. B, 49th Iowa, "*The Governor's Own*" official color guard.

Iowa completed its GAR Highway Bridge Project with the ongoing placement of signs dedicated to ten Iowa Civil War generals on all but three river bridges along the original route of Highway 6, the "GAR Highway". Thanks go to GAR Highway Officer Jim Johnston for completing the project.

The Department of Iowa and the Department of Nebraska were jointly involved in the erection of a military headstone for Corporal Daniel Houser, Co. L, 7th Iowa Cavalry in Graceland Cemetery, Sioux City. Approximately thirty members of the Order from three SVR units attended. Present from the SVR were the 10th and 49th Iowa and the Nebraska Rangers.

In February, sixteen members from six camps, all members of Co. A, 49th Iowa, were present at the State Historical Museum for the showing of "Big Red", purportedly the red palmetto flag from 'The Citadel' that flew over Morris Island when the Cadets fired on *The Star of the West*, and later on Fort Sumter.

The Dept. of Iowa's Sesquicentennial Committee is planning to hold suitable ceremonies in all of Iowa's 99 counties during 2011-2015. The first event will on April 12, 2011 at the Sailors' and Soldiers' monument just south of the Capitol in Des Moines. The re-dedication of the Muscatine Civil War monument is planned tentatively for July 4, 2011.

The 2010 Department Encampment was held at the Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines. The Encampment was opened by the presenting of the colors by Co. A, 49th Iowa Vol. Inf., SVR.. We were once again honored to have National Secretary Don Palmer as our guest. The festivities ended with a banquet at the Latin King Restaurant with approx-imately forty SUV members, auxiliary members and guests in attendance.

In conclusion, despite the loss of a camp and a decline in membership of 15 members, the Department of Iowa has become more active and vibrant in the past year. We have had inquiries from several individuals and queries that may net the Department two new camps.

Submitted by Michael W. Carr,
Dept. Secretary & Chief of Staff

Kansas

Department of Kansas Report

Corp. Patrick Coyne Camp #1 of Wichita, KS is our largest and one of our most active Camps. In 2009, all the Camp's meeting had programs that pertained to Abraham Lincoln in honor of the bi-centennial of his birth. Their summer work project was at Wichita's Highland Cemetery where they raised, straightened and cleaned grave markers. Also they cleaned, cleaned, and trimmed the area around the memorial cannon and benches. In honor of Memorial Day, they performed the "Last Soldier Ceremony" for the two Civil War Medal of Honor recipients that are buried in Hutchison, KS. These ceremonies were performed with color guard and firing detail. The Camp was honored to have a "Real Son" Mr. Robert Warner, as a member and was saddened when he passed away this past December. This Camp has been a very big supporter financially and with manpower in the Department hosting the 2010 National Encampment.

Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 of Lawrence, KS is also an active Camp. Many of their meetings in the past year included speakers for the Civil War on the Western Frontier. They awarded three ROTC medals to cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force. On Memorial Day, they placed flags on Civil War vets graves in the Lawrence area cemeteries with the aid of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and a group of young men from a local church. A work project to move two Civil War markers was approved by the City with the work being done this spring and summer. The Camp marched with their banner and Camp flag in the Lecompton's Territorial Days, Wellsville, Maple Leaf Festival, Ottawa Veterans Day and the Lawrence Old Fashion Horse Parades. The Camp will host the 2011 Department Encampment. Camp #4 will also help with manpower and has provide funds for the 2010 National Encampment.

Franklin Camp #5 of Olathe, KS is another active Camp. All of their meetings include speakers, whether it is one of the camp members or someone from the outside. A good and informative time is had by all. In April, the Camp participates in the National Battlefield clean up day at the Mine Creek Battlefield. The Camp holds programs on Memorial and Veterans Days at the GAR monument in the Olathe Cemetery. With their Camp banner and flag, they marched in local parades and the Veterans Day Parade in Leavenworth, KS. For years, the camp has presented several ROTC awards to local high school cadets including Leavenworth High School, the nation longest running ROTC program. This year Franklin Camp #5 is looking forward to being the host Camp for the 2010 National Encampment. They will provide manpower and have contribute financially to the 2010 National Encampment.

Old Abe Camp # 16 of Topeka, KS is one of the Department's oldest and active Camps. Their main work project is taking care of and identifying the more then 1,200 Civil War graves in the Topeka Cemetery. This work includes resetting, straightening, replacing, and cleaning of these markers. On Memorial Day with the help of many Boy Scout groups, they will set flags on as many of these graves as they can including the graves of those in Mt. Auburn cemetery which is adjacent to the Topeka Cemetery. The Camp purchased another 300 flags this year to add to their hundreds of flags. Several of their brothers also participate in reenactment groups, period appearances and Civil War roundtables. Members continue to explore the historical roots of their ancestors and report their findings at their Camp meetings. This Camp will also provide manpower and has help out financially in the Department hosting the 2010 National Encampment.

The Department of Kansas is not a large Department but we have four strong Camps that are active in their communities and support the Department. This past year we had to close Mine Creek Camp #6, of Ft. Scott, KS. Some of the members transferred to Franklin Camp #5 of Olathe, KS. Outside of losing a Camp our overall numbers have dropped some, but given the present state of the Nation, we feel blessed for what we have and continue to work towards building our numbers. The Department's main project this year has been getting ready to host the 2010 National Encampment in Overland Park, KS. We have been very fortunate that our National Encampment Committee members have stayed together since it was formed over five years ago and we are

ready for this Encampment.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

James Knopke, PDC
Department Commander
Department of Kansas

Kentucky

Department of Kentucky Annual Report

The Department of Kentucky has been invigorated by the success of the National Encampment and the visit of our brothers and sisters. With the sesquicentennial of the Civil War close at hand, our camps are gearing up for what we consider a prime recruiting opportunity. We hope to have our webpage back up and operational shortly. Our current department officers, elected in June of 2010, are:

Commander: Daniel O. Colon

SVC: John A. Mills III, PDC

JVC: Bernard B. O'Bryan

Department Council: John A. Witt, James C. Kiger, Timothy H. Downey (All PDCs)

Secretary/Treasurer: Keith G. Karcher, PDC

Patriotic Instructor: John R. Burch, PDC

Chaplin: Robert Orbach

Graves Registration Officer: Stephen B. Clifford, PDC

Historian: Donald L. Hackel

Memorials Officer: Timothy H. Downey, PDC

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Wayne Scott

Fort Duffield Camp #1

Camp Cmdr. Dan Colon has kept everyone busy with several projects over the past few months, foremost a rededication of a replacement monument for the 32nd Indianat (Bloedner Memorial), the oldest Civil War monument that had to be removed to undergo professional preservation efforts. (The VA will notify them as to the placement of a duplicate stone as to plan a ceremony.) Camp 1 has undertaken a recruiting strategy that will entail establishing a Facebook page and have real time updating of events of interest. Another project being worked on is the placement of markers denoting the locations of the 13 forts and batteries that encircled Louisville in 1864. On May 23rd, members of Camp 1, along with representatives of the UDC, NSDU and SCV participated in the dedication of a new monument at Sacramento, KY. Brother Dan Colon (then Department JVC) gave a few appropriate remarks. They've also participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade in Louisville. We held our Memorial Day service scheduled at Fort Duffield Cemetery on May 31st and Decoration Day Twilight services at New Albany National Cemetery on May 30th.

Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3

Since Camp 3 is directly tied to the activities there at the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum and the Battery Hooper site, they pretty much run the show in Northern Kentucky. They are dedicated in bringing history alive

and preserving all that is discovered. In February they attended the 9th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner Hosted by Lytle Camp #10, Dept of Ohio SUVCW at Manor House Restaurant at Maple Knoll Village Springfield, Ohio. In April, they attended the 17th Annual Northern Kentucky Regional History Day at NKU. Utilizing his acting and presentation skills, Brother Bernie O'Bryan has presented "Abe Lincoln as Gen. Lew Wallace Remembers" to rave reviews and is available for school and other social presentations.

E.P.Marrs Camp #5

Camp 5's membership are always active in the monument dedication and honor guard duties at Camp Nelson and it's National Cemetery. Besides the usual Memorial and Decoration Day events, they had a local television segment produced, featuring Camp Commander Tom Griswold and PDC Jack Mills, that is available on You Tube. Camp #5 is always there when you need them.

Major Bridgewater Camp #7

Camp 7 is always on the move. With Brother Wayne Scott in charge they are always setting stones, having dedication ceremonie or recruiting at reenactments. Our youngest camp is always active. Here's just a listing of what they've done or what be doing ov the year:

April 16-18	Hager's Farm, Paintsville reenactment
April 18	Camp 5 monument dedications Lexington
April 23-25	Cumberland Gap reenactment
May 29, 30, 31	Memorial Day weekend services
June 12	KY Department Encampment Richmond
July 10-11	Brandenburg reenactment
August 5	Casey County Library Camp program Liberty
August 12-15	SUVCW National Encampment Overland Park, KS
August 27-29	Richmond reenactment
September 10-12	Middle Creek reenactment
September 17-19	Barbourville reenactment
September 24-26	Lawrenceburg reenactment (RECRUITING TENT)
October 8-10	Lancaster reenactment (RECRUITING TENT)
October 15-17	Wildcat reenactment (RECRUITING TENT)
October 22-24	Leatherwood reenactment

Submitted for the National Encampment,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Keith G. Karcher, PDC

Secretary, Department of Kentucky, SUVCW

Maine

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Maryland

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Maryland
(Including WV, VA, DC, DE and MD)
Office of the Commander**

July 8, 2010

Commander-in-Chief Kennedy and Brothers assembled at the 130th Nat. Encampment:

I was installed as Commander of the Department of Maryland (Including MD, WV, VA, DC and DE) at the 123rd Annual Department Encampment on April 24, 2010 at Harpers Ferry, WV. Your Designee, PCinC and Nat. Treasurer Richard Orr was in attendance.

I am happy to report that the Department is growing stronger in membership, activity and spirit and that our Annual Report was submitted to our esteemed Executive Director before the deadline.

- At last year's National Encampment, PCinC Medert awarded a meritorious citation to Brother Tom Grund (Brady Camp #63) recognizing his work in identifying Civil War remains at Yorktown. Just recently, the Superintendent of the Battlefield notified Tom that his work will be the core of a new "Civil War" museum building being opened in time for the sesquicentennial of that Battle. It will be nice to see a dedicated effort like this for the Civil War history of the battlefield instead of just the Revolutionary events. We have many key Sons who are pursuing key projects such as this in the Department.

- Brother Larry Slagle (Garfield Camp #1) is in the process of getting Summer Camp #25 in Chestertown, MD off the Ground. There was a Black GAR Post there that is being restored and we hope will also become the home for the new Camp. We now have 5 local members and are working on the paperwork. I may have this package for your approval by the National Encampment. Larry is also in conversations with local cultural organizations and the college. This project has been a long time in process, but looks like it will soon bear sweet fruit. Our Department New Camp Formation Officer (and JVC) Jeffrey French is working closely with our newest Camp.

- If you haven't been there in a while – go to: <http://suvchw-md.org>, our Department website and see all the improvements that Brother Chris Holcombe has been working on. I have occasion to visit a LOT of the other Department websites – I believe ours is the easiest to navigate and most comprehensive in the Order. Brother Holcombe has put his huge talents to work for our Department. I hope you will agree.

- For the first time in a while, we are submitting our Department Newsletter into the CinC's Newsletter competition. I hope you have already received a recent copy. We are proud of the content, utility, style and timeliness of our quarterly publication.

- Even though we Kansas City if a good distance, we intend to be one of the largest delegations there for the Encampment this year. Maybe even the largest???

- As reported to you by the National Encampment Committee Chair, our Department is working hard, and being very successful, in planning the 2011 National Encampment in Reston, Virginia. Special Tours, Activities and other fellowship activities for members of the Allied Orders in a spacious venue – that is our goal. We've managed to keep the prices below the average and are currently working on the LITTLE things

that make a BIG difference. I know you will be given a better update by the National Committee at the COA meeting on Thursday Evening.

- Brother Jeff French (Harris Camp #38), as usual, deserves kudos for his recruiting activities. In addition to our Reenactment Recruiting Program (Cedar Creek and Gettysburg), this year he was the driving force behind our new Andrews AFB Air show recruiting effort. We sent some pictures into the Banner on this. This was very well received by the Air Force and will become one of our annual Department Activities.
- Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2, under the Leadership of Brother Rob Pollock, hosted another Memorial Day Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. In attendance was our most esteemed CinC Leo Kennedy and Brother Al Peterson, the National Chairman of our committee to put Memorial Day back to its original date. This initiative is now Senate Bill (S-70) and hopefully going to hearings soon.
- I am in contract negotiations with the Hampton Inn in Frederick, Maryland to hold the 124th Annual Department Encampment on Saturday, April 23, 2011. I want to thank Antietam Camp #3 for agreeing to be the Host Camp for this Encampment. I will advise the incoming CinC of the details as we get closer to this important event.

I look forward to seeing you, and the Encampment, in just a few weeks. In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander, Department of Maryland
(Includes WV, VA, DC, DE and MD)

Massachusetts

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Michigan

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
REPORT TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AND
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

26 JULY 2010

This report covers activities within the Department of Michigan since our last report, submitted by then Department Commander Chuck Worley, which was under date of 11 April 2010.

The Department of Michigan held its 121st Annual Encampment at Lansing Michigan on 24 April 2010. Various items of business necessary to the proper functioning of the Department were addressed and officers for the coming year were elected. In attendance was Commander in Chief Leo Kennedy who conveyed greetings from the National Organization, made presentations of merit awards to various individuals, formally presented the Charter to Michigan's newest Camp, US Grant, #67 of Bay City, and installed the Officers elected at the Encampment.

The Department continues to support the Camps in their pursuit of projects including Graves Registration, Memorial and Monument repair and monitoring, assisting members of the public with rededication services and replacing headstones for their family members in need of such services, and the collection and preservation of GAR records. The Department has been extremely fortunate that the knowledgeable and dedicated individuals, who have performed the coordination of these tasks at the Department level for several years, continue to offer their services, bringing experience and expertise to these important jobs.

Of special interest this year is the approaching sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Due to the budgetary crises in the State of Michigan, no formal recognition of this important event is being pursued by the state government. That being the case, the Department of Michigan, in cooperation with other like minded private groups, is cooperating in the effort to bring this important event to the attention of the public. PC in C Keith Harrison has been instrumental in organizing this project.

The future of several entities maintained by the state or local governments in Michigan continue under pressure due to the poor economy. The Department continues to support efforts to keep those institutions concerned with genealogy and civil war history available to the public, including but not limited to the State Library and Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit.

Recognizing that it is the duty of the Department to support the Camps, as most of the work of the Order is done at that level, eight goals have been set by the current administration of the Department which are designed to achieve these ends, as well as to provide activities thought to be of importance at a statewide level. The goals were set as a result of conferences between the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, various members of the current Department Staff, Past Department Commanders and various Camp Commanders. The eight goals, briefly, are as follows:

1. Ensure that all reporting duties are seen to, both receiving timely reports from Camps and making timely reports to the National Organization.
2. Cataloguing and preservation of Department Records.
3. Reactivation of the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee with a goal of assisting the Camps in conducting uniform and impressive ceremonies.
4. Fostering increased communication between neighboring Camps to allow pursuit of regional projects.
5. Increased use of technology to assist in training new camp officers in the proper execution of the duties of their jobs.
6. Updating websites used by the Department's Camps as well as the Department website itself.
7. Sponsoring a mid term gathering that would allow our members from across the state to participate in an activity of statewide significance, allow to socializing between brothers who normally see each other only once a year at the Department Encampment, and provide opportunities for speakers on civil war topics to address those participating.

8. Formation of a support committee at the Department level to support the National Committee concerned with the Canadian Union Veteran's Monument Project.

As the administrative year progresses for our Department, I will, of course, keep you advised of our progress in attaining these goals, as well as other items that may arise, as touch upon our progress in, "Keeping Green the Memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865," here in the Department of Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Donald W. Shaw
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Missouri

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI REPORT FOR THE 2010 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The department had a successful year and during the encampment we reflected, courtesy of Past Department Commander Don Palmer, on the successes and failures of the past 10 years. Fortunately, we have many successes to report.

In 2001, then Commander Palmer set several goals for the department to be reached by 2010. The goals included having:

- 1) 10,000 Civil War veterans' graves registered in the database. 2,542 were in the database in 2001.
- 2) Complete listing of GAR posts in the state. Had 574 in the database in 2001.
- 3) Register Civil War monuments and markers in the state estimated at 400.
- 4) Grow in organization, camps and auxiliary. 400 members.

The results for the above are:

- 1) Graves -- 16,025 were in the database as of the encampment. An increase of 530%!
- 2) GAR posts --- found records listing all 594 GAR posts, so 20 more were now known. Gain of 3.48%. Only Post 192, the Captain Dunlap Post, has no information known about it. Many of the posts have been researched with about 100 records in hard copy and 80 of those in hard copy and digital format.

Also, in the process we found a listing of SV Camps. Instead of the 100 SV/SUV camps that we knew of, we now have knowledge of 215 camps prior to reorganization. We have some research on these, but no in-depth research yet.

For good measure, we accidentally found 79 historical SCV camps in Missouri and turned the info over to them.

- 3) Civil War Monuments: In 2001, zero was recorded. We now have the following breakdown:
 - a. 289 monuments recorded. About half of these are both digital & hard copy records.
 - b. 38 monuments still to be recorded.

- c. 2 possible monuments, but probably have duplicated names and the description is too vague until investigated.
- d. 2 disappeared since the 1960s. Frank Blair Monument in Louisiana, MO and a monument reported by the DUV in Ste. Genevieve in the 1960s.
- e. 28 planned for placement, but not yet installed across the state.

Total: 359 monuments in the state of Missouri not counting Confederate markers which appear on their website. 2 GAR monuments in Arkansas also recorded, but we have not yet taken on the task to record non-GAR Civil War monuments in that state.

- 4) 2001 Membership: 137 members/associates/jr/life
 2010 membership: 233 members/associates/jr/jr assoc/life
 Gain of 70%, compared to national gain of 17%, but short of the goal to have 400 members by 2010.

We started 2001 with 6 SUV Camps and have added 7 for a 117% increase.

- Asboth Camp in St. Charles
- McCormick Camp in Farmington
- McPherson Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas
- Moore Camp in Canton
- Palmer Camp in the Hartsville area, since folded.
- St James Camp in Ste. Genevieve
- Tiger Camp in Columbia
- Wilhelmi Camp in Washington, MO

We started 2001 with no auxiliaries recognized. Since then we have gained two with a third being formed.

- Nancy A. James Auxiliary, Wentzville
- Louisa Volker Auxiliary, Farmington
- Forming in Ste. Genevieve.

In addition to these goals, we have researched GAR and SUV department commanders and now have bios on several of them. We have a last soldier project with good candidates listed for 85 out of 115 counties in Missouri. We've also taken on the task of inspecting the graves of Medal of Honor Recipients from the Civil War to insure their upkeep. This has lead to several camps now observing MOH Day at one of the grave sites.

Missouri has had all these and more successes, as this does not include having an award winning newsletter, handing out numerous eagle scout and some ROTC awards, regularly holding Sherman Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, building up our money, holding a national encampment. This year we are also honoring at 2 locations the death of President Grant, at his home White Haven and in Ironton MO where he became a general.

As to our department encampment, we met at the Ararat Shrine in Kansas City Metro Area on June 5th and elected the following officers for the year.

- Commander – Rod Price, PCC
- Senior Vice Commander – Chris Warren, PCC
- Junior Vice Commander – Marty Aubuchon, CC
- Secretary/Treasurer – Walt Busch, PDC (2 year term)

Council – Ron Burke, PDC
Council - Brian Smarker, PDC
Council - Emmett P. Taylor III, PDC (currently serving)

Respectfully submitted at the request of Commander Price in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Walt Busch, PDC
Secretary – Treasurer

Nebraska

Commander's Report, Norman D. Weber DC
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Nebraska Department Encampment
April 17, 2010 (for 2009-10)

It has been a honor and privilege to serve as your Department Commander for a third year. A thank you to all of the Department and Camp Officers that have faithfully carried out their duties and to all Brother's for what you have done to promote our order.

Membership continues to be a top priority for the good of the Order. Communication with our Allied Orders and visits with our local camps has given me a better understanding of the needs and dynamics of Nebraska Brothers and Sisters. The Harrison Camp newsletter provides a means of keeping our Brothers informed of cam and department issues, events and activities.

Activities to promote the Department:

Prepared news releases of department activities for the Banner and local newspapers
Membership in the Platte Valley Civil War Round Table
Membership on the Board of Directors in the Western Heritage Museum
Membership in the Elkhorn Valley Genealogy Society
SUVCW Graves Registration Program – cemetery walks for Oakland, Craig and Tekamah
Cemetery visits to assist the public in searching for an ancestors gravesites
Canon restoration projects in Hermosa, SD and Deadwood, SD
Restoration of prairie cemetery near Pilger: Pvt. Parker Starliper headstone
Eagle Scout Award presentations
Place flags for Memorial Day celebration
Veteran's Day program at local high school
Supervision of the Harrison Camp Newsletter
Project to preserve Wisner, Stanton and Pilger GAR records

Events participated in during 2009:

Hoskins headstone ceremony for Cpl. August Buss (joint ceremony with Wisconsin SUV/SVR)
Madison War Memorial rededication ceremony
Addressed the DUVCW encampment in Lincoln
Eagle headstone ceremony for Pvt. Wyatt Hogan
Assist with the planning dedication in Tilden of Pvt. William Livingston
Gettysburg Address ceremony – State Capitol Building, Lincoln
Headstone ceremony for Daniel Howser-Sioux City (joint effort with Iowa SUV/SVR)
War memorial Dedication for Pender (SVR Color Guard) June

Ongoing goal is to promote the public visibility of the SUVCW and to encourage new membership.

New Hampshire

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

New Jersey

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

New York

June 21, 2010

Report to the National Commander Leo Kennedy

Dear Commander Kennedy

I have been involved in the planning of the 2010 Encampment, which will be held in Newark, New York on the June 4, 5 and 6, 2010.

I have attended the following as to this date:

- Attended the National Encampment in the Louisville, Kentucky.
- Conducted a service in Lisle, New York for a fallen Brother.
- Attended the 2nd Annual Service at the National Civil War Monument in Waterloo, NY.
- I attended the opening of a Civil War exhibit at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, NY.
- I am serving on the Tompkins County Civil War 150th Centennial Committee.
- I attended the Annual Encampment at Saratoga Spring, NY.
- I attended the Rededication of the Monuments in Dewitt Park, Ithaca, NY. The park contains the only Civil War monument in the City of Ithaca. This event was attended by 3,000 people and featured two New York Camps who had displays set up and participated in the actual service. I set a wreath in honor of the Soldiers who died in service from the County of Tompkins.
- I participated in the Annual Old Home Days Parade in the Town of Newfield, NY.
- I attended the Annual flag retirement and flag placement at the Grant Cottage in Wilton, NY.
- I attended the celebration of the 110th Anniversary of Willard Camp in Albany, NY.
- Held our Mid-winter meeting in Ithaca, NY.
- Helped in the organization of a new camp in Odessa, New York. The Catlin Camp. March and April.
- Attended a reception for myself, and the Allied Orders, in Ovid, April 2010.
- Attended the Annual Ceremony at Grant's Tomb in New York City.
- Held the meeting on the Annual Encampment, held in Newark, NY. As per the by-laws.
- Attended several Memorial Day events and the Daughters Memorial Service on May 29, 2010 in Waterloo, NY.

North Carolina

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA 2010

FROM: DC Douglas P. Elwell

DATE: July 22, 2010

SUBJECT: January Thru June 2010 Report of Department and Camp Activities in the Department of North Carolina, SUVCW

Department of North Carolina: Held Department Encampment 9-10 April at Kinston, NC, in which two significant actions occurred in addition to the regular business at hand. First, enough additional money was donated to allow purchase of a flag for the Department of North Carolina. The flag has been purchased and received. Many thank to the National Quartermaster.

Second, a committee was formed to investigate location, cost, and member support for a marker or monument at a North Carolina site for the purpose of recognizing Union soldiers. This has potential to invite animosity toward the effort from other organizations. We are trying to work within the larger concept that all Civil War soldiers should be recognized. The Department of North Carolina goal is to celebrate the Sesquicentennial with recognition to Union soldiers.

Ruger Camp #1: 2 Camp Meetings (21 Brothers), 1 Recruitment Effort (3 Brothers), Annual Dept Encampment (7 Brothers), Wilmington National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony (2 Brothers), and Flag Day Retirement Ceremony (4 Brothers)

a. 6 Feb Meeting

- (1) The passing of Brother Carl Jolley was remembered
- (2) Initiation of Martin E. Pierce as Camp Member and Sworn in as Camp Secretary
- (3) Camp by-laws amended to read "A Brother whose dues are not paid by 31 Jan will be assessed a \$5.00 fine. A Brother whose dues are not paid by 1 Mar may be dropped for non-payment of dues by a vote of the camp."
- (4) Patriotic Instruction included a fact sheet on the "Battles and Costs of the Civil War."
- (5) Cmdr Small gave a 20-minute presentation on "The Life and Times of Alleged General Allen G. Brady."

b. 5 Jun Meeting

- (1) Six JROTC Medals and Certificates were awarded in May to 6 Cadets at Terry Sanford and Westover High Schools in Fayetteville, Union Pines High School in Cameron, Surry High School in Dobson NC, and Southern Lee High School in Sanford NC.
- (2) Initiation of four new brothers: Joel R. Norris (R), William D. Speers (R), Kenneth M. Stevens (R), and Charles W. Yard (A).
- (3) Patriotic Instruction included a brief presentation on "The Civil War Presidents."

Gibbon-Burke Camp #2: 12 Jan Business Meeting; 10 Apr Dept Annual Encampment (Cmdr only), 25 Apr participated in two Memorial Ceremonies: one at the Old Lutheran Cemetery and the other at the National Cemetery in Salisbury [Both were a part of the Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium]; 8 May conducted a memorial service for Lorenzo Deming, USN (Civil War MOH recipient) at the Salisbury National Cemetery; and 31 May participated in a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Salisbury National Cemetery.

Ellis Camp #3: 20 Feb Camp Meeting; 9/10 Dept Annual Encampment (Dual Life Member only); 1 May Yale Mooers and Richard Sherwin drove to Elizabethton TN to mow the grass where Daniel Ellis is buried [the cemetery looks abandoned as only our camp mows the grass and another group places a flag on the grave]; and 31 May a) Tom Rightmyer, Yale Mooers, and Richard Sherwin traveled to Wolf Laurel NC to the Shook Family Cemetery at Upper Laurel Baptist Church for a ceremony placing a wreath at the grave of SGT Stephen Shook [three descendants present] and b) returned to Asheville for a ceremony at the abandoned South Asheville African Cemetery of St. John "A" Baptist Church, where PVT George Avery, a freed slave who joined the Union Army is buried. Rev. Tom Rightmyer offered a prayer.

Logan Camp #4: 3 meetings; 20/21 Bentonville Recruitment Effort (3 Brothers); 17/18 Apr Recruitment Effort at the Bennett Place 145th Reenactment of the Surrender of General Johnston to General Sherman; 30 May Memorial Day Ceremony at the Raleigh National Cemetery (3 Brothers) with a wreath laying at the grave of PVT Vincent J. Lee by CMDR Bob Farrell and Florida PDC Bob Jones [This site was selected as a result of his

2nd great granddaughter taking advantage of the Logan Camp's website service of providing grave photos to all Civil War burials]

- a. 21 Jan Meeting
 - (1) Dept. Cmdr Elwell installed Logan Camp officers
 - (2) Ruger Camp PCC Devine gave a presentation on "A Study of Civil War Prisons."
 - (3) Camp displayed new Camp and National Flags
 - (4) Bro. Richard Ripley gave a moving "Toast to the Flag."
- b. 18 Mar Meeting: Suzy Barile gave a talk on the topic of her book "Undaunted Heart."
- c. 20 May Meeting: Tom Danninger, winner of the Center for Civil War Photography 2009 Volunteer of the Year, gave a speech on "Gettysburg, Then and Now."

NC Union Volunteers Camp #5: 2 Camp Meetings (11 Brothers), Hosted 9/10 Apr State Annual NC Department Encampment (8 Brothers), and 31 May Memorial Ceremonial at the New Bern National Cemetery (6 Brothers) [Bro. Johnston read the Gettysburg Address and Bro. Masters lead the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag]. SUVCW JROTC Awards were presented to cadets at Northside HS in Jacksonville, NC, and West Craven HS in New Bern, NC.

- a. 20 Feb Meeting: Guest Speaker Brian Kraus showed some of his paintings and shared some of his views on painting Civil War subjects.
- b. 24 Apr Meeting: Harry Goodman was speaker at the New Bern Battlefield.

Ohio

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT of OHIO ACTIVITIES 2009-2010

July 14, 2010

The Department of Ohio has a total of 22 Camps, with a total of 481 Members. New Members 41 and Dropped Members 63. Member-At-Large 21. Deceased Members 2.

Deceased Members; 30 September 2009 Brother Charles Corfman, PCinC, PDC, PCC and SVR Member. Given Camp #51. 27 January 2010 Brother Vance Champion, General James McPherson Camp #66.

Last Union Veterans of the Civil War

Warren County, Private John Cafferty Winters, Company G, 2nd Ohio Artillery, Ceremony conducted by William H. Lytle Camp #10, Commander Dennis Brown. Pike County, Private Samuel Ake Shattuck, Company B, 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Ceremony conducted by Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73, Commander Don Martin. Franklin County, Corporal Bird B. Slith, Company I, 53rd Kentucky Mounted Infantry. Ceremony by Governor William Dennison Camp #1, Commander Jonathan Davis.

Monument Re-Dedication Last Ohio G.A.R. Commander

October 10, 2009; Monument Re-Dedication at Atwater, Ohio. Private John Henry Grate, 6th Ohio Volunteer Calvary, 1st Brigade, 2nd Division Calvary Corps. April 1946, Commander John H. Grate was elected the Last Department of Ohio Grand Army of the Republic Commander. April 1947; Commander John H. Grate was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. John H. Grate was the last Commander of the General Fremont Post at Alliance, Ohio. Upon his passing in 1949, he was the Last Union Veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic of Ohio.

Patriotic Instructor-Monuments & Memorials-Graves Registration

It has been encouraging for camps to take part in the National Organization in providing materials handed down from Department of Ohio to Camp Patriotic Instructors, Monuments & Memorials and Graves Registrations. Added to this is the Last Union Veterans of Ohio Counties. The Department of Ohio sectioned off areas of suggested responsibilities for each camp to cover these important projects.

Sesquicentennial 150th Anniversary of the Civil War

The setting Department of Ohio Commander was appointed by Governor Strickland to the 18 member Commission for the Ohio Sesquicentennial 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, 2011-2015. The commission is associated with the Ohio Historical Society. The Web Site is up and running and events are posted. The Web Site is; ohiocivilwar150.org

Memorial Day Weekend Ceremonies

May 28th thru 31st was well attended by the Ohio Department Camp members. Placing of United States Flags on Union Civil War Veterans Graves throughout Ohio. Ceremonies were performed by the camps.

The Department of Ohio encouraged all camps and members to carry out their duties for Memorial Day, including the flying of the United States Flag at their homes.

128th Department of Ohio Encampment

The Department of Ohio Encampment was held Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Building, Columbus, Ohio. The Encampment was attended by 44 members, including Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy. Resolution presented by the Governor William Dennison Camp #1 opposing H.B.4705. This House Bill requests that President Ulysses S. Grant's image be taken from the Fifty Dollar Reserve Note. United States Representative Patrick T. McHenry representing the Tenth (10th) Congressional District of the State of North Carolina has introduced this House Bill. H.B. 4705 has been referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. The Resolution to be sent to be sent to the 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, seeking their support of this resolution. This Resolution was presented to the Department Encampment and passed. Resolution sent to the National Organization. Ohio By-Laws presented and passed including the Department of Ohio allowing Camps to accept into membership, Junior Associates. Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy installed newly elected Commander Charles Reeves, elected and appointed officers.

RESOLUTION: HB 4705 (Contained in above 128th Ohio Encampment.)

(Resolution mailed to National Secretary by Department Secretary.)

The members of the Department of Ohio wish all brothers a great and fruitful National Encampment.

Yours In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Robert W. Davis

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Immediate Past Department Commander

Oklahoma

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

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Pennsylvania Department Report to National Encampment and Council of Administration Meeting

The Pennsylvania Department sends best wishes to the Brothers for a successful and harmonious National Encampment. The Pennsylvania Department has just completed its 130th Encampment and is looking forward to a successful year. Due to previous commitments I will be unable to attend the National Encampment this year. The Department Junior Vice-Commander Douglas McMillin will attend to represent the Pennsylvania Department.

In these difficult economic times, funds for memorial and monument preservation continue to be a challenge. With the approaching Sesquicentennial, the Brothers in Pennsylvania look forward to meeting the public and sharing the history and memories of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in F,C&L,
Howard F. Wolfe
Pennsylvania Department Commander

Rhode Island

Report of the Department of Rhode Island 2009-2010

It is my honor to report the following from the Department of Rhode Island; we have had a fairly good year. We have held several different events throughout the year. To begin we continued with our Graves Registration work by registering 582 new records, while updating over 600 existing records. We have deleted another 74 records that were entered at the beginning of the Departments project this brings the total of deleted records to 1,576. These are records that were recorded without any unit information and none can be found to prove service. We are more than half way through the registered records and will continue until completed.

We began an awards presentation program that was designed due to Past C-in-C David V. Medert General Order #1 Series 2008-2009 section #6 which recommended the creation of an award to present to a worthy citizen who assisted the SUVCW. The Dept. of Rhode Island has created a Citizen of the Year Award and has voted to name it the Stephen H. Kettle Award, this award was awarded on 2 April 2010. The award was a two part award in which the Camps choose a Citizen of the Year from people who have helped them, the 5 Camp winners were then placed into a pool and the Department Officers graded the citizens on their assistance to the Department as well as the Camps. The number grades were counted and the Department Citizen of the Year picked. All the above awards were also presented at the awards Dinner on the 2nd of April 2010.

We also awarded a Department Brother of the Year Award and Camp of the Year Award; we opened this Awards Dinner to our Sisters of the ASUVCW who presented a Sister of the Year Award. The winners were the following; Camp Citizens of the Year, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 awarded David Mancone, Elisha Dyer Camp #7 awarded Mayor Allen Fung, Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp #11 awarded Linda Campbell, and Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 awarded Michael Hebert (Commodore Joel Abbott Camp #21 did not award), The Stephen H. Kettle Award was tied and went to David Mancone and Michael Hebert; Department Brother of the Year Award was voted on by every Camp, which was unanimously awarded to Brother Leo F. Kennedy; Camp of the Year was awarded to Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 and Sister of the Year Award was awarded to Sister Eileen Coombs.

The Awards Dinner was created from an Annual dinner which some officers of the Department would gather to welcome the visiting National representatives to our Department Encampment. It was decided that this dinner would be opened to all who wished to attend and would be combined with the awards presentation for all to be part of. This year it was held at The Ivy Garden in the Seville Room, we had the Providence Brigade Band perform and a dance floor, which sadly was not used. We had 52 in attendance and all seemed to enjoy themselves, we look forward to our 2nd Annual Awards Dinner on 1 April 2011 again at the Ivy Garden, the evening before our Annual Encampment, which is set for the 2nd of April 2011.

The Department also held its 17th Annual American Civil War Expo which was redesigned into a three day event that took place on the 30th of April 2010 and the 1st & 2nd of May 2010. On the 30th uniformed and era clothed re-enactors and educators went to every school in the Coventry School District to present a American Civil War demonstration for the students of the schools, we estimate that 1,750 – 2,000 students took part in this presentation. On the 1st & 2nd we held an Exposition which included demonstrations, drills, living histories, displays, concerts, presentations and Vintage Baseball Games. We had very good weather for all three days and had a fair showing of support from the Department.

A breakdown of Camp support follows; Major Sullivan Ballou Camp#3 had 14 Brothers who took part, Elisha Dyer Camp #7 had 3 Brothers take part, Elisha Hunt Rhodes Camp #11 had 3 Brothers take part, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss Camp #12 had 5 Brothers take part and Commodore Joel Abbott had 1 Brother take part, also we had 5 Sisters of the Department of Rhode Island ASUVCW who helped to plan and run the event throughout year. The units and groups who took part are Co.B, 2nd RI Infantry, Battery B, 1st RI Artillery & their Ladies of their Auxiliary unit, Co.H, 10th RI Infantry (The Burnside Zouaves), The Mississippi River Squadron, The Providence Brigade Band, Brother Ellsworth & Sister Cynthia Brown did a living history of camp follows camp life, an era Gunsmith display, Brother Ed Norris did a Flag Preservation Display & Presentation, Civil War Rocket and Hand Grenade Display and we had 4 Vintage (1861) baseball teams who played both days. Drills include blanking firing of Battery B's cannon, Co.B, 2nd RI's mortar and rifles. We are planning to do this event again in 2011.

The Department as a whole flagged 6700+ graves for Memorial Day and all Camps took part in their own ceremonies or assisted other Camps with theirs.

We did at the Departments Annual Encampment vote to ask the National Encampment for a ruling on whether or not someone who has not been a Camp Commander can be voted in as Department Senior Vice Commander, and if they can be voted in, can he serve as Department Commander if the sitting Department Commander vacates his office.

We also wished to place on the floor as a resolution the following; To change the 2 to 1 ratio of Members needed for each Associate to 1 to 1 while keeping in place all of the other ratio restrictions. Camps are losing possible Brothers because we have our maximum of Associates allowed by the number of Lineal Brothers, I know of at least 5 men who would join right away in Rhode Island alone if the ratio is changed. This will not affect the maintenance of control of the SUVCW by Lineal Brothers, while allowing the SUVCW to grow.

I would like to thank the following people who have helped the Department of Rhode Island and who have assisted me in my duties; Brother Henry Duquette, Brother Stephen Hackett, Brother Benjamin J. Frail, Brother David Hanos, Brother Joseph Hall, Brother Robert Bromley, Brother Joseph R. Faiola, Sister Anna Frail, Sister Linda Guiot, Sister Michelle McCaughey, Michael & Doreen Faiola, and Michael Hobin.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
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Texas

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**To: The National Encampment
Council of Administration
Department of Texas Report
The National Encampment, 2010**

The following is a summary report of the actions and activities of the Department of Texas and its individual camps since the 2009 National Encampment.

The past year has been an active one for SUVCW Department of Texas and its camps. The department and each of the camps and continue to remain strong in membership and in financial stability. Membership continues to grow to over 100 members, made up of Brothers in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston regions of Texas. Still, 2009-2010 proved to be the most challenging year in quite some time with the loss of our Austin area, Sam Houston Camp #3. Aside from the loss of the camp we gained we gained 19 new members, while losing 9. Recruiting remains high priority and our camps are actively determining methods to retain members.

All camps in the Department of Texas have been participating in numerous activities to fulfill the goals and objectives of the SUVCW and support of its Allied Orders. Camp members have maintained high visibility by

setting up recruiting tables at Civil War reenactments and historical events across Texas. Interactive programs were presented at the Texas Civil War Museum, Fort Worth; North Texas History Center, McKinney; and the Buffalo Soldier National Museum, Houston. All camps hosted "Civil War Education Days" for school children.

All three camps in the Department of Texas organized and held high-visibility Memorial Day Observance ceremonies that were prominently featured in local media. Flags and flowers were placed on Union Soldiers graves as part of the service and a Roll of Honor was recited giving the names of each Union soldier/veteran buried in the featured cemeteries. All camps have been active in locating and registering the burial sites of Union soldiers and veterans buried across the state.

General J. J. Byrne, Camp #1, and Colonel E. E. Ellsworth, Camp #18 jointly participated in a grounds cleanup of a GAR burial site and monument located in Denison, Texas. Both camps generously supported funding that will restore the GAR Monument, and relocation of 6 Union grave markers located in the plot. The LCDR Edward Lea Camp #2 held a GAR headstone dedication service honoring Sarah Emma Seelye, the only female member of the GAR, at historic Washington Cemetery.

Active participation in SUVCW National encouraged programs resulted in the Department of Texas awarding 96 SUVCW Eagle Scout Commendations. A total of 19 Junior ROTC Patriotic Awards were presented. A positive Department Patriotic Instructor Report was issued to National as a direct result of vibrant Patriotic Instructor programs in all three camps. Blair Rudy, PDC, is to be commended for his excellent administration of the Department Eagle Scout Award Program.

Department of Texas SUVCW Brothers were active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve through participation in Co. A, 8th US Infantry, SVR, in the Houston area. Thirteen Brothers from Col. E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18 recently joined together to form Co. K., 1st US Infantry SVR.

The department is gearing up in preparation of the Texas Sesquicentennial Signature Event. Department Brother Blair Rudy, PDC, is in the final stages of assembling additional specific information needed to complete our Department of Texas application for National Sesquicentennial Signature Event Status Recognition of the 150th Reenactment of General Twiggs Surrender at The Alamo, in Sana Antonio, Texas on February 12, 2011. Following review of Brother Rudy's report, the application will be submitted for committee consideration prior to the National Encampment in Kansas.

The Department of Texas met for its 2010 Annual Encampment in Houston, on June 5, 2010. The encampment was hosted by LCDR Edward Lea, USN, Camp #2. SUVCW National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, attended as national representative and honored guests Department Commander George Hansen, chaired the event and efficiently conducted department business and elections. All election results were forwarded as require to National.

All Department Officers, Camp Commanders/Officers, and members from the department are to be commended for their zeal and faithful adherence to the tenets of our order. The goals of service, recruitment, and retention of membership are primary to the continued success of the Department of Texas. Department Secretary/Treasurer Scott Shuster's efficiency and strict adherence to National guidelines assured fiscal/administrative excellence.

Outgoing Department Commander, Brother George Hansen, PDC, is to be singularly recognized for his diligence and effective leadership 2009-2010. His tireless enthusiasm, patriotism, and outstanding example inspired all members in every camp.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,
Harold L. Sickler, DC

Tennessee

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

Vermont

Activity Report from the Department of Vermont – July 25, 2010

For the National Encampment and Council of Administration Meeting

The Department of Vermont Annual Encampment was held May 15, 2010 in Rutland, Vermont. Commander-in-Chief Leo F. Kennedy was in attendance and presided over the Installation of Officers. Past Department Commanders from New Hampshire and Massachusetts were also in attendance.

Brother Briggs made arrangements for a combination of 9 ROTC and JROTC awards for the 2010 awards ceremonies at Norwich University and several Vermont High Schools. Errol and a number of Brothers located throughout Vermont made the presentations.

On June 26 and 27, Brothers from all camps staffed a booth at the Vermont History Expo at Tunbridge Fairgrounds – Tunbridge, Vermont. 26 Certificates were produced documenting ancestor service and contact was made with several potential SUVCW members. The Certificates of Service and regimental history (suitable for framing) are created from *Peck's Roster of Vermonters who served in the Civil War, 1861 – 1866*.

All camps participated in local Memorial Day parades and several Brothers placed flags on Civil War Veterans graves.

The Department of Vermont has 55 members.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Submitted by

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Wisconsin

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Department of Wisconsin Annual Report

The Wisconsin Department consists of 7 camps, C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (Milwaukee), Henry Harnden Camp 2 (Madison), MG John Gibbon Camp 4 (Waukesha), Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5 (Saukville), Old Abe Camp 8 (Fox Cities), L. G. Armstrong Camp 49 (Boscobel) and Win. Colville III Camp 56 (Minneapolis/St. Paul). Our membership has stayed relatively the same; we had a few additions and the passing of two brothers

this past year. Our camps have accomplished our Order's missions. I am proud to say that all of our Camps and Department Officers have been active since our last report.

Department Officers have been involved in a number of activities throughout the past year. They include: publishing three issues of "The Dispatch" our Department newsletter, participated in the National Encampment in Louisville, Ky., Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL, the 4th Annual Department Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, as well as numerous Memorial Day activities. Our Department attended ceremonies at five colleges and two high schools to present certificates and U.S. Grant medals to ROTC graduates. We also presented 17 Eagle Scout certificates in the past year. Our Department website continues to draw attention, with over 406 visitors per/month, we have 173 web pages viewed a combined total of 18,926 times over the last year. Department Counselor PCinC Steve Michaels continues to document our Department's history by researching and publishing "Department Pioneers" in our newsletter. Our Department also has submitted a proposal for the 2013 National Encampment this past year

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (Milwaukee) – manned recruiting booths at various reenactments in Southeastern Wisconsin and marched in numerous parades. Brothers from this camp attended the National Encampment, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield and National Encampment, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield and the B.F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL. The camp hosted the Dept. Mid-Winter meeting, held its annual Christmas Party, Patriotic Luncheon and Member Orientation. It also conducted cemetery "clean-up" and registration sessions in the Milwaukee area. The Camp participated in the Memorial Day field Mass and ceremony at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery. Camp Members attended Memorial Services for Real Son Bill Upham, PCC Vic Share and Auxiliary Sister Lynn Share.

Henry Harnden Camp 2 (Madison) – marched in numerous parades. Brothers from this camp attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield and the B. F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL. The Camp participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Madison's Union Rest, as well as at the State Capitol. It has also worked with UW-Madison to replace a second gun carriage for a badly deteriorated 12 lb. Napoleon at GAR Park (Camp Randall). Last December, Camp 2 participated in Wreaths Across America in Madison.

MG John Gibbon Camp 4 (Waukesha) – manned recruiting booths at various reenactments and "school days" in Southern Wisconsin and marched in several parades. Brothers from this camp attended the National Encampment, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg and the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield. The camp held its annual dinner, honoring the birthday of MG Gibbon. It also participated in Memorial Day observances in Waukesha.

Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5 (Saukville) – participated in several "school days" at reenactments in Eastern Wisconsin. The Camp participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery and conducted its annual ceremony at Cushing's Park in Delafield, honoring the four Cushing brothers who served in the Civil War. The Camp also served as interpreters at the Kenosha Civil War Museum on Jan. 30-31, 2010, and sponsored a Civil War Expo at the Germantown Library in March.

Old Abe Camp 8 (Fox Cities)- manned recruiting booths at various reenactments in Northern Wisconsin and marched in numerous parades. Brothers from this camp attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield and the B.F. Stephenson Ceremony at Petersburg, IL. The Camp held its annual Bean Supper in Omro, WI. The Camp participated in the Oshkosh Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King, WI. The Camp continues to do stellar work replacing headstones and graveyard research. They participated in a Dual Dedication in July for two Confederates and 2 Union soldiers from Berlin WI.

L.G. Armstrong Camp 49 (Boscobel) – participated in the Boscobel Memorial Day ceremony. It was also very involved in the annual Muskets & Memories reenactment in Boscobel and the SVR Artillery School

held earlier in May. The Camp holds its meeting in the last remaining GAR Hall in Wisconsin. It continues to work toward restoring the Hall, and they have made great progress

William Colville III Camp 56 (Twin Cities, MN). The Camp holds its meetings in Minneapolis and the GAR Hall in Litchfield, MN. This was our least active camp. A Department delegation (DC Bruce Laine, DSVC Tom Brown, DJVC Kim Heltemes, PDC Brian Peters, and Dept. Patriotic Inst. Alan Petit) set up a meeting last Nov. 14th with the commander and interested members. We provided them with information, had them set up future meetings and meeting places. The Camp set up a December election meeting during which DC Bruce Laine swore in the officers. They have been holding meetings, growing their membership, and were active in the Memorial Day ceremonies and parade in Litchfield, MN. They are trying to secure funding to refurbish a Civil War monument in Fulda, MN.

Respectfully submitted:
Thomas J. Brown
Department Commander

Camps-at-Large

No report has been submitted to the National Encampment.

National Membership-at-Large

REPORT OF NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE COORDINATOR

August 12, 2010

The Annual Report for the National Membership at Large reported the strength, as of March 31, 2009, at 72. As of March 31, 2010, the NMAL strength was 66, including one Junior Member. This reflects one brother who requested an Honorable Discharge and seven brothers who were dropped. Since March 31, 2010, has added three new brothers, putting the current strength at 69.

After the National Encampment in August approved the attachment of Arkansas to the Department of Missouri, five brothers in that state were transferred to Missouri. Also, there is one brother who transferred to Yakima, Washington. One brother transferred to the Department of Florida, and two brothers transferred to the Department of North Carolina. In addition to the brothers located in the United States, NMAL brothers are located in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, and Australia.

I continue to furnish all new brothers with a welcome letter, an appropriate certificate, and a membership card as quickly as possible after I receive them. This is normally within one week. All applications and related documents are forwarded to the Executive Director within the prescribed deadlines.

I have begun scanning the new application packets into .pdf format, and it is my intention to scan all of the current and previous membership files. As the number of past NMAL member files grows, it is my hope to be able to eliminate the paper copies once they have been scanned. As an aside, when Brother Dean Speaks passed away this last March, his family turned over twelve boxes of past NMAL records to me. Then, as now, there is no place to send them, other than retaining them. Scanning these to .pdf format for historical purposes is viewed as a long-term goal.

I appreciate the trust placed in me by CinC Kennedy and the Council of Administration. It continues to be my honor to perform my duties in a manner worthy of this trust. If there are any questions or concerns, I am at your service to discuss them.

I look forward to continuing my service in the capacity of National Membership at Large Coordinator. I retired from my "paying job" with the U.S. Coast Guard on July 1, 2010. Joyce retired after almost 32 years working for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas on August 2, 2010. We have moved to St. Francis, Kansas, which is in the far reaches of Northwest Kansas.

As has been the tradition of the National Membership at Large these last several years, the excess funds of the NMAL are presented to the National Organization. It is again my pleasure to present a check in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC
NMAL Coordinator

Relative Organizations

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Headquarters

The Ohio Veterans Home/Museum, Sandusky, OH

Correspondence

P.O. Box 386, Milford, OH 45150

Website

www.suvcw-cf.org

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE 129TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR OVERLAND PARK, KS

Brothers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, I am pleased to report key activities of the Foundation during the past year.

The Foundation's 2009 Annual Meeting was held in Louisville, KY on August 13, 2009. At that time, D. Brad Schall submitted his resignation as a Director due to his candidacy for SUVCW JVCinC. Brad has served the Foundation as Vice Chairman and Director since 2005. We have greatly appreciated his service. To fill this vacancy on the Board, Henry E. Shaw, Jr. was nominated and elected. Officers for 2009-2010 were elected as

follows: Chairman – Robert M. Petrovic, Vice-Chairman – Henry E. Shaw, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer – James H. Houston.

The Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund is now in its fourth year and we are pleased to report that 55 individuals and organizations have participated. The permanent Fund balance is now over \$30,000. As described in our literature and website, contributors are designated as Lincoln Fellows on three levels: Bronze (\$250), Silver (\$500), and Gold (\$1,000). They are presented with an appropriate medal/streamer and certificate. We encourage you to consider joining this program on an individual, Camp, or Department basis.

To supplement direct contributions, we continue to offer a broad line of SUVCW/SVR and Civil War-related merchandise for sale by direct mail order, through our website, and at National and many Department Encampments.

Our project donations result from the Board's review of Grant Funding Applications submitted. During the past year, Foundation grants assisted in: repairs of a former school building attended by Gen. and Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes in Delaware, OH; restoration of the GAR statue in Lowville, NY; renovation of the site for the National Civil War Chaplains Museum in Lynchburg, VA, and purchasing of a historical marker at the home of Gen. Rufus King in Milwaukee, WI. In addition, we approved a commitment to assist in the rebuilding of a Civil War cannon in Lancaster, OH.

For the Board,



James H. Houston

Secretary/Treasurer

Notes to the Graves Registration Committee Report

ⁱ Create a line item account to be set aside for the development & maintenance of a new database as well as graves committee expenses, which would include the teaching of members of the SUVCW to be able to make changes and corrections to the database and pay for memberships used to confirm submissions. I recommend that \$0.50 from every brother's per-capita to fund this account and that a start-up loan from the SUVCW to this account in the amount needed to create this new database, said loan would be paid back to the SUVCW's

general fund over the first five years. The estimated start-up amount would be \$10,000, with a repayment of five years would equal \$2,000 per year which would leave approximately \$1,500 per year in the account for maintenance of the database and graves committee expenses. The pre-capita amount could be dropped to \$0.25 after the first five years, once the loan is paid back, which would add \$1,750 each year for continued maintenance (based on a membership of 7,000).

" That the NGRO be allowed to make changes to the SUVCW Graves Registration Database Instructional Booklet within the Appendix's without the need to have the Council of Administration or the Policies and Programs Committee review and approval, i.e. being able to update contact information and research information.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

APPENDIX A

FISCAL YEAR

2009-2010

BUDGET VS ACTUAL

UNAUDITED

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
BUDGET FY 2009-2010**

		2009 Budget	2009 Actual
GENERAL FUND			
Income			
	Per Capita Dues	\$97,500	\$68,798
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$2,340	\$0
	Quartermaster Sales	\$36,000	\$39,729
	QM Shipping & handling	\$2,200	\$2,624
	Banner Subscriptions	\$900	\$696
	Banner Advertising	\$0	\$0
	National Encampment Registration Fees	\$1,500	\$1,874
	New Camp & Department Application Fee	\$400	\$100
	Web Page Service	\$600	\$120
	Donations	\$325	\$75
	NMAL Donation	\$1,200	
	Interest	\$7,580	\$9,562
	Misc	\$40	\$0
	Subtotal	\$150,585	\$123,578
	Transfer to GAR Fund	(\$2,690)	(\$5,064)
	Transfer to Nat. Headquarters Fund	(\$19,797)	(\$25,743)
	Reserve Funds	\$14,800	\$15,558
	Transfer from Permanent Fund Earnings	\$2,094	\$0
	Total Income	\$144,992	\$108,329
Expenses			
	Quartermaster Supplies	\$27,000	\$28,089
	Dies	\$0	\$375
	QM Shipping & handling	\$3,000	\$3,268
	Paypal Fees	\$0	\$577
	CinC Expenses	\$7,500	\$7,200
	Nat. Secretary Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,819
	Nat. Treasurer Expenses	\$2,000	\$1,899
	Nat. Quartermaster Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000
	CinC Representatives Expenses	\$7,000	\$2,895
	COA per Diem	\$1,000	\$600
	National Encampment Host Committee	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Past CinC Jewel	\$650	\$625
	Office Expenses	\$1,400	\$100
	Special Projects	\$1,000	\$0
	Contingency Fund	\$2,500	\$0
	Telephone	\$50	\$0

	Postage	\$300	\$274
	Web Site	\$0	\$335
	Graves Registration	\$500	\$0
	Awards	\$500	\$282
	Scholarships	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Software	\$400	\$0
	Proceedings transcribing	\$1,100	\$988
	Proceedings Printing	\$1,500	\$0
	Banner	\$42,000	\$34,026
	Banner Editor Travel Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,120
	National Encampment Site Committee	\$500	\$0
	National Encampment	\$0	\$2,625
	National Encampment Photographer	\$450	\$375
	National Encampment Photographer Supplies	\$250	\$255
	Sons of Confederate Veterans Representative	\$250	\$285
	Audits 2008, 2009	\$16,400	\$3,408
	Accounting services	\$20,000	\$11,797
	Insurance - Officers Bond	\$0	\$0
	Insurance - Quartermaster Supplies	\$0	\$0
	Misc Committee Expenses	\$100	\$0
	Misc Expenses	\$50	\$740
	Bank Charges	\$50	\$196
	Bad Debt	\$42	\$0
	Refund Overpayment Per Capita Dues	\$0	\$177
	Total Expenses	\$144,992	\$108,330
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0	(\$0)

GAR FUND				
	Income			
	National Partiotic Instructor Appeal	\$120	\$0	
	Blue - Gray Ball	\$3,300	\$3,400	
	Donations	\$300	\$100	
	Interest	\$3,670	\$366	
	Reimbursement Wreaths Remembrance Day	\$0	\$280	
	Subtotal	\$7,390	\$4,146	
	Transferred from General Fund	\$2,690	\$5,064	
	Total Income	\$10,080	\$9,210	
	Expenses			
	Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	
	Postage	\$0	\$0	
	Lincoln Memorial	\$100	\$113	
	Lincoln Tomb	\$2,200	\$2,200	
	Remembrance Day			
	Wreath Woolson's Monument	\$50	\$350	
	Equipment Rental	\$200	\$150	
	Printing	\$50	\$0	
	Misc	\$100	\$0	
	SVR			
	Liability Insurance	\$300	\$282	
	Postage	\$180	\$0	
	Mailing	\$290	\$0	
	Streamers	\$310	\$315	
	Cathedral of the Pines	\$100	\$100	
	Tomb of the Unknown	\$200	\$200	
	Special Projects	\$1,000	\$500	
	GAR Campfire	\$500	\$500	
	Grants Tomb	\$200	\$200	
	Blue-Gray Donation to NPS	\$3,300	\$3,300	
	Bank Charges	\$0	\$0	
	Total Expenses	\$10,080	\$9,210	
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0	(\$0)	

PERMANENT FUND			
Income Restricted			
	NMAL New Member Fees	\$100	\$20
	Honor Roll	\$150	\$0
	Life Member Fees	\$5,000	\$4,830
	Total Income	\$5,250	\$4,850
Income Temporarily Unrestricted			
	Interest	\$7,470	\$1,739
	Misc	\$100	\$0
		\$7,570	\$1,739
Expenses			
	Life Member Reimbursements	\$2,568	\$984
	Life Member Per Capita	\$2,808	
	Life Member Cards	\$20	
	Postage	\$10	
	Misc	\$0	\$36
	Subtotal Expenses	\$5,406	\$1,020
	Transfer Income to General Fund	\$2,094	
	Total Expenses	\$7,500	\$1,020
	Net Gain/Loss	(\$2,250)	\$719
SENIOR VICE CINC FUND			
Income			
	Registration Fee New Members	\$2,850	\$1,550
	Donations	\$50	\$0
	Interest	\$0	\$29
	Total Income	\$2,900	\$1,579
Expenses			
	Office	\$250	\$303
	Telephone	\$200	
	Postage	\$450	\$91
	Membership Advertising	\$2,000	\$0
	Memorial University Pins	\$0	\$536
	Total Expenses	\$2,900	\$930
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0	\$649

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND			
Income			
	Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)	\$3,250	\$2,036
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$78	\$0
	Donations	\$100	\$0
	Interest	\$1,125	\$2,077
	Subtotal	\$4,553	\$4,113
	Transfer from General Fund	\$19,797	\$25,743
	Total Income	\$24,350	\$29,856
Pre-Paid Expense			
	Rent July 2009 - Jan 2010	\$5,250	
Expenses			
	Executive Director	\$17,000	\$17,000
	Executive Director Expenses	\$1,200	\$1,319
	Rent July, 2010 - Jan 2011	\$9,000	\$5,369
	Rent Feb 2010 - Jun 2011	\$3,000	\$3,835
	Telephone & Internet	\$1,675	\$1,977
	Insurance	\$475	\$136
	Furniture & Equipment	\$1,000	\$0
	PO box rental	\$0	\$220
	Total Expense	\$33,350	\$29,856
	Net Gain/Loss	(\$3,750)	\$0
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL PRESERVATION FUND			
Income			
	Per Capita Dues (\$2.00)	\$13,000	\$7,146
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$312	\$0
	Donations	\$50	\$300
	Interest	\$16	\$23
	Subtotal Income	\$13,378	\$7,469
	Civil War Memorial Fund Reserves	\$0	\$0
	Total Income	\$13,378	\$7,469
Expenses			
	Grants	\$13,378	\$7,337
	Bank Charges	\$0	\$36
	Total Expenses	\$13,378	\$7,337
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0	\$132

CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DEFENSE FUND				
	Income			
	Per Capita Dues (\$0.50)	\$3,250	\$2,036	
	Life Membership Per Capita	\$78	\$0	
	Donations	\$300	\$0	
	Interest	\$24	\$37	
	Total Income	\$3,652	\$2,073	
	Expenses			
	Legal Fees	\$0	\$1,500	
	Misc Exp	\$0		
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$1,500	
	Net Gain/Loss	\$3,652	\$573	
CANADIAN CIVIL WAR MONUMENT FUND				
	Income			
	Donations	\$0	\$1,100	
	Total income	\$0	\$1,100	
	Expenses			
	Misc	\$0	\$0	
	Total Expenses	\$0	\$0	
	Net Gain/Loss	\$0	\$1,100	

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Fund			
Income			
	Luncheon	\$800	\$1,575
	Interest	\$10	\$0
	Donations	\$0	\$0
	Photographs	\$0	\$120
	MOLLUS Contribution	\$1,100	\$1,100
	SUVCW Contribution from GAR Fund	\$2,200	\$2,200
	Total Income	\$4,110	\$4,995
Expenses			
	Luncheon	\$800	\$972
	Meeting Room	\$700	\$723
	Speaker	\$250	\$250
	Music at Tomb	\$0	\$600
	Equipment Rental	\$500	\$461
	Printing	\$500	\$59
	Programs	\$200	\$180
	Postage	\$500	\$44
	Photographs	\$0	\$100
	Misc Expenses	\$250	\$332
	Wreath	\$250	\$136
	Insurance	\$250	\$0
	Bank Charges	\$0	\$11
	Total Expenses	\$4,200	\$3,868
	Net Gain/Loss	(\$90)	\$1,127

Blue-Gray Ball Fund				
Income				
	Ticket Sales		\$5,000	\$6,920
	Misc Income		\$100	
	Interest		\$5	\$5
	Total Income		\$5,105	\$6,925
Expenses				
	Band		\$500	\$3,000
	Ballroom Rent		\$600	\$0
	Refreshments		\$300	\$147
	Printing		\$200	\$212
	Postage		\$100	\$15
	Misc Expenses		\$100	\$0
	Subtotal Expenses		\$1,800	\$3,374
	Transfer to GAR Fund		\$3,300	\$3,400
	Total Expenses		\$5,100	\$6,774
	Net Gain/Loss		\$5	\$151
Past Proceedings Fund				
Income				
	Transfer from Fund Reserve		\$11,400	\$0
	Total Income		\$11,400	\$0
Expenses				
	Printing Proceedings 112th Encampment		\$2,850	\$0
	Printing Proceedings 116th Encampment		\$2,850	\$0
	Printing Proceedings 118th Encampment		\$2,850	\$0
	Printing Proceedings 121st Encampment		\$2,850	\$0
	Total Expenses		\$11,400	\$0
	Grand Total Income		\$225,217	\$176,386
Pre Paid Expenses				
	Grand Total Expenses		\$232,900	\$168,825
	Net Gain/Loss		(\$7,683)	\$7,561

NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

APPENDIX B

FISCAL YEAR

2009-2010

CHANGES IN FUND ASSETS

AND

NET ASSETS

UNAUDITED

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
 SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 Net Assets 30 June 2010
 unaudited

General Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	340,147
Income	108,329
Expenses	<u>(108,330)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	340,146

Grand Army of the Republic Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	108,009
Income	9,210
Expenses	<u>(9,210)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	108,009

Permanent Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	209,903
Income	6,589
Expenses	<u>(1,020)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	215,472

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	33,444
Income	1,579
Expenses	<u>(930)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	34,093

National Headquarters Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	43,066
Income	29,856
Expenses	<u>(29,856)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	43,066

Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	10,156
Income	7,469
Expenses	<u>(7,337)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	10,288

Civil War Heritage Defense Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	11,121
Income	2,073
Expenses	<u>(1,500)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	11,694

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	1,248
Income	4,995
Expenses	<u>(3,868)</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	2,375

Canadian Civil War Monument Fund

Net Assets 30 June 2009	0
Income	1,100
Expenses	<u>0</u>
Net Assets 30 June 2010	1,100

Grand Total

Net Assets 30 June 2010	732,150
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