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## ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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

4 October 2023  
Date

  
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Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief 2022-2023

31 Oct 2023  
Date

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## **National Officers and Committee Chairmen** **2021-2022**

### **Elected Officers and Council of Administration**

Michael A. Paquette, PDC – Commander-in-Chief  
Bruce D. Frail, PDC – Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Peter J. Hritsko Jr., PDC – Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief  
Jonathan C. Davis – National Secretary  
Alan Russ, PDC – National Secretary (starting April 19, 2022)  
Shane Milburn, PDC – Council of Administration  
Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC – Council of Administration  
Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC – Council of Administration  
Kevin L. Martin, PDC – Council of Administration  
Kevin P. Tucker, PDC – Council of Administration  
Brian C. Pierson, PCinC – Council of Administration  
D. Michael Beard, PDC – National Treasurer  
James L. Lyon, PDC – National Quartermaster

### **Council of Administration Non-Voting**

Mark R. Day, PCinC – National Counselor  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – The Banner Editor  
Stephen S. Hammond, PDC – Washington DC Representative  
Timothy McCoy, PDC – National Signals Officer  
All past Commanders-in-Chief

### **Appointed Officers**

Benjamin Frail, PDC – National Patriotic Instructor  
W. Faron Taylor, PDC – National Aide-de-Camp on Patriotism  
Ross Schwaim – National Aide-de-Camp  
John R. Conrad – National Organization Expansion Officer  
Jerome W. Kowalski – National Chaplain  
Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC – National Chief of Staff  
Walter E. Busch, PDC – National Civil War Memorials Officer  
Robert Heath, PCC – National Color Bearer  
Robert Seal – National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator  
Peter J. Hritsko Jr., PDC – National GAR Highway Officer  
Dean A. Enderlin, PDC – National GAR Records Officer  
Henry C. Duquette, PDC – National Graves Registration Officer  
Clint Anderson – National Guard

Jay Rarick, PDC – National Guide  
Robert J. Wolz, PDC – National Historian  
Perley E. Mellor, PCinC – National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines  
Kevin L. Martin, PDC – National Liaison to MOLLUS  
Alan L. Russ, PDC – National Membership-at-Large Coordinator  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Parliamentarian  
Daniel R. Earl, PCC – National Legislation Officer  
Stephen S. Hammond, PDC – Asst. National Legislation Officer  
Harry W. Reineke, PDC – National Webmaster  
Summer Hunnewell, PCC – Assistant National Webmaster  
Ken L. Freshley, PCinC – National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst National Secretary Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst. National Counselor  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst. National Counselor - Blue Book  
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC – Asst. National Secretary (Proceedings)  
James B. Pahl, PCinC – Asst. National Treasurer #1  
Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC – Asst. National Treasurer #2  
Vacant – Asst. National Treasurer #3  
Daryl V. VerStrete Jr. – Assistant National Quartermaster

### **National Committees and Chairman**

Program and Policy – Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
Civil War Memorials – Walter E. Busch, PDC  
Communication and Technology – Timothy McCoy, PDC  
Constitution and Regulations – Robert E. Grim, PCinC  
Encampment Credentials – Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC  
National Site Committee – James Crane, PDC  
Fraternal Relations – Brian C. Pierson, PCinC  
Gar Post Records – Dean A. Enderlin, PCC  
Graves Registration – Henry C. Duquette, PDC  
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Scholarships – Donald L. Martin, PDC  
Promotion and Marketing – Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
Vision and Planning – Donald D. Palmer Jr., PCinC  
National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters – Jerome L. Orton, PDC

### **Special and CinC Appointed Committees and Chairman**

Social Media Management (2023) – Timothy McCoy, PDC

Website Redesign (2023) – Timothy McCoy, PDC  
Veterans of Wars of the United States (2023) – Dexter Bishop, PDC  
Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders (2024) – Mark R. Day, PCinC  
Headquarters Planning (2026) – Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the USA (2026) – Brian C. Pierson, PCinC  
Lincoln Memorial Centennial (2023) – Kevin L. Martin, PDC  
Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy (2023) – Loran Bures. PCC  
Chaplain Affairs – Jerome W. Kowalski  
Memorial University – Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC  
Development of Information Technology – Henry C. Duquette, PDC  
Membership Qualifications – John Conrad, PDC  
Reorganize the National Regulations – James B. Pahl, PCinC

### **Other Positions**

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



## **Biography of Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

At the 140th National Encampment, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Michael A. Paquette of Fredericksburg, VA as the 135th Brother to hold the office of Commander-in-Chief. Brother Paquette entered the Order as a Charter Member of the Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake in 2000.



Within the Department of the Chesapeake Brother Paquette has held the positions of Commander, SVC, JVC, Secretary-Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor and he served as Commander of Irish Brigade Camp #4. He has led the Department host committee for the National Encampment twice; first in 2011 in Reston, VA and then in 2015 in Richmond, VA. At the National Level he has served on the Council of Administration, Program and Policy Committee, National Encampment Site Committee, National Monuments Grants Committee Chair, National Committee on Communication and Technology, the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Strategic Development Committee, and the Commander-in-Chief Appointed Committee on Headquarters and Planning. Brother Paquette is also a dual Charter member of the Col. Crowther Camp #89 in the Pennsylvania Department and a dual member of the Gen. Zenas Bliss Camp #12 in the Department of Rhode Island.

Brother Paquette grew up in Pawtucket, RI and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after graduating high school. He learned about the SUVCW at a recruiting effort held by the Irish Brigade Camp organizer in Fredericksburg, VA in 1999. He traces his direct Civil War lineage through his GGG grandfather William G. Stratton, Wagoneer, Company H, 19th Maine Volunteer Infantry, who served from July 31, 1862 until mustered out with his company on May 31, 1865.

Brother Paquette is a 20-year Marine Corps veteran. After boot camp, he served as a bandsman at Parris Island, SC and after three years performed a lateral move to the Data Processing Military Occupation Specialty. During his military career he participated in the transition from mainframe computers to personal computers along with the implementation of the internet and network-based services across the Marine Corps. While on active duty he served various posts at Quantico, VA, Camp Pendleton, CA, and Okinawa, Japan. While stationed at Camp Pendleton he served overseas with the First Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group during the Persian Gulf War and later during the Somalia peace keeping mission. He retired as a Master Sergeant at Marine Corps Computer Science School in Quantico, VA in 1997.

Brother Paquette is a member of the 28th Massachusetts, Company B, Volunteer Infantry reenactment group. He is a Charter member and past president of the Fredericksburg Concert Band which was founded in 1998. He is a member of the Band of America's Few, a Marine veteran musicians' group. He is a past Pit Crew Chief and Band Parent Booster for 15 years at a

local high school in Spotsylvania County, VA. He is a former Boy Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster and led two high adventure treks to Philmont, the BSA National Scout Ranch located in Cimarron, NM. Brother Paquette is also a Third-degree Knight of Columbus.

Brother Paquette is married to the former Patricia Martin of Pocatello, ID who he met while attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT. They have four daughters and one son.

# National Encampment Ribbons, Badges, Etc.

## 2022 National Encampment Ribbon

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



## 2022 National Encampment Medals

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



## Joint Memorial Service Program

*141st National Encampment of the Allied Orders  
Joint Memorial Service  
August 12, 2022*

*...lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor rust destroys and  
where thieves do not break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is, there your heart  
will be also.*

*Jesus, The Christ*



## *Joint Memorial Service*

*-Processional*

*Commander in Chief  
Auxiliary National President  
Senior Vice Commander in Chief  
Auxiliary National Vice-President*

*-Invocation: National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski*

*-Hymn*

*- Scripture: A time for Everything, Ecclesiastes 3  
Assistant National Chaplain Cameron Lowery*

*- Eulogy: Rob Pollock, PDC, Commander of MOLLUS  
Honoring PCinC Andrew Johnson*

*- Hymn*

*- Scripture: Lazarus - John 11: 1-8 and 17 -44  
AUXSUVCW National Chaplain*

*-Eulogy: Dane DeFibo, DC, Dept of Pennsylvania  
Honoring Past Executive Director, Lee Walters*

*- Hymn*

*- Remarks - AUX President and CinC*

*- Benediction: National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski*

*- TAPS - (Played on Bugle or Sung)*

*- Dismissal*

### ***Battle Hymn of the Republic***

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
Of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom  
That transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy,  
Let us die to make men free;  
While God is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

### ***The Vacant Chair***

We shall meet but we shall miss him  
There will be one vacant chair  
We shall linger to caress him  
While we breathe our ev'ning prayer  
When one year ago we gathered  
Joy was in his mild blue eye  
Now the golden cord is severed  
And our hopes in ruin lie

We shall meet, but we shall miss him  
There will be one vacant chair  
We shall linger to caress him  
While we breathe our ev'ning prayer

True, they tell us wreaths of glory  
Evermore will deck his brow  
But this soothes the anguish only  
Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now  
Sleep today, O early fallen  
In thy green and narrow bed  
Dirges from the pine and cypress  
Mingle with the tears we shed

We shall meet, but we shall miss him  
There will be one vacant chair  
We shall linger to caress him  
While we breathe our ev'ning prayer

### ***We are Coming Father Abraham***

We are coming, Father Abraham,  
three hundred thousand more,  
From Mississippi's winding stream  
and from New England's shore.  
We leave our plows and workshops,  
our wives and children dear,  
With hearts too full for utterance, with  
but a silent tear.  
We dare not look behind us but  
steadfastly before.  
We are coming, Father Abraham,  
three hundred thousand more!

We are coming, coming, our Union to  
restore,  
We are coming, Father Abraham,  
three hundred thousand more!

You have called us, and we're coming  
by Richmond's bloody tide,  
To lay us down for freedom's sake,  
our brothers' bones beside;  
Or from foul treason's savage grip, to  
wrench the murderous blade;  
And in the face of foreign foes its  
fragments to parade.  
Six hundred thousand loyal men and  
true have gone before,  
We are coming, Father Abraham,  
three hundred thousand more!

We are coming, coming, our Union to  
restore,  
We are coming, Father Abraham,  
three hundred thousand more

### ***Home Sweet Home***

Mid Pleasures and palaces though I  
may roam,  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place  
like home;  
A charm from the sky seems to hallow  
us there,  
Which, seek thro' the world, is ne'er  
met with elsewhere.

Home! Sweet, sweet home!  
There's no place like home.  
There's no place like home.

An exile from home, splendor dazzles  
in vain,  
Oh, give me my lowly thatched  
cottage again;  
The birds singing gaily, that come at  
my call;  
Give me them, with that peace of  
mind, dearer than all.

Home! Sweet, sweet home!  
There's no place like home.  
There's no place like home.



## Banquet Program



**WELCOME BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO THE**  
141st Annual Encampment Banquet  
**Allied Orders of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**  
August 13, 2022 Kentwood, Michigan

### MENU

Fresh Garden Salad, Maple Glazed Carrots, Rolls and Butter

Entree #1... Chicken Breast, Bell Peppers, Mashed Potatoes

Entree #2... Pork Loin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Entree #3... Salmon/Cherry Maple Glaze, Wild Rice Pilaf

Entree #4... Vegetarian/Vegan-Chef's Selection

Dessert... Double Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake with Strawberries

**Dinner Music** Anne Triezenberg

### PROGRAM

**Master of Ceremonies**

Harry Reineke-SUVCW Nat'l COS

**Pledge**

Rosemary Martin-ASUVCW Nat'l PI

**Invocation**

Kim Villalva-ASUVCW Nat'l Chaplain

**Greetings**

Harry Reineke-SUVCW Nat'l COS

### INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Michael Paquette-SUVCW National Commander in Chief

Allison Pollitt-ASUVCW National President

Harry Reineke-SUVCW National Chief of Staff

Anne Michaels-ASUVCW National Personal Aide

Jerome Kowalski-SUVCW National Chaplain

Kim Villalva-ASUVCW National Chaplain

Jason Boshers-Sons of Confederate Veterans National Commander in Chief

Norma Fiedler-DUVCW 61-65 National President

Elizabeth Thurston-WRC Representative

Robert Pollock-MOLLUS Commander in Chief

**Benediction**

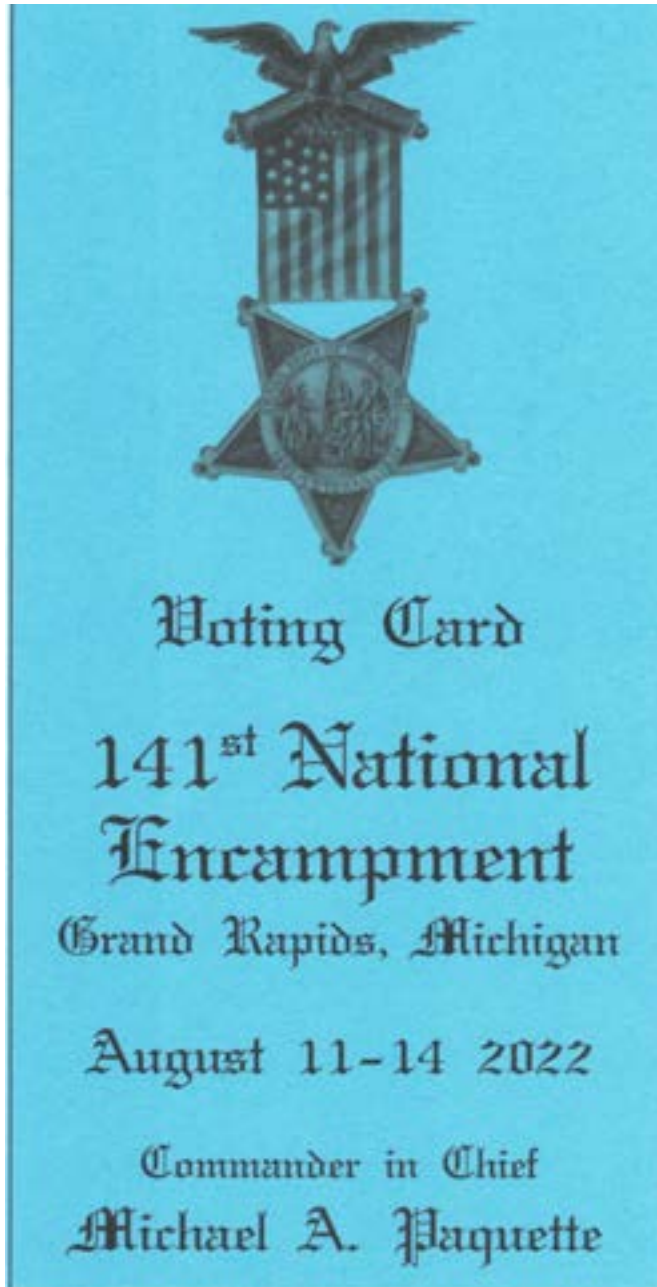
Jerome Kowalski-SUVCW Nat'l Chaplain



## National Encampment Polo Shirt



Voting Card





National Encampment Program Book

141st National Encampment of the Allied Orders



Grand Rapids, Michigan August 11-14, 2022

# **National Encampment Transcript**

## **First Session – Friday Morning**

Due to technical issues with the hotel’s audio system and the SUVCW soundboard, the opening of the 141st National Encampment was not recorded until the Officers Reports were read.

The meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette. The following Encampment Officers were appointed;

Guide: Jay Rarick

Guard: Ron Shall

Parliamentarian: James Pahl

The National Secretary, Alan Russ, called the roll of Officers of the Encampment. All elected National Officers were present. The National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, offered the opening prayer. National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin Frail, led the encampment in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander-in-Chief Paquette read the Rules of the Encampment and appointed the following Encampment Committees:

Constitution and Regulations; Edward Norris, Donald Darby, and John Huffman.

Resolutions; Mark Day, Brian Pierson, and Peter Hritsko.

Officers Reports; Tad Campbell, Kevin Martin, and Leo Kennedy.

Rituals and Ceremonies; Stephen Michaels, Gary Gibson, and Jeffrey French.

Fraternal Relations / Visitation; Michael Paquette, Mark Day, and Brian Pierson.

## **Transcript Begins Officers Reports**

### **Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief for the past year. My travels to various events and Departments’ Encampments have spanned the COVID imposed travel restrictions and the subsequent lifting of those restrictions. Similarly, I’ve seen the restrictions placed on our Department and Camp activities subside over the past six months. Based on my observations, we are once again fully engaged in meeting our sacred obligation to remember the “Boys in Blue.” My compliments to our Camps and Departments for their creativity in finding ways to fulfill our mission under varying and challenging conditions these past two years. Well done.

I believe that having the ability to meet virtually in our “tool kit” has been and continues to be an asset to the Order. I remind all of you, and especially our Department and Camp Commanders, that the ability to meet virtually is just a tool. No two Departments or Camps deal with the same set of challenges. Commanders should use this tool if it applies to your specific circumstances.

We will no doubt continue to learn where to apply this tool as our experience with it continues to grow.

I had an interesting conversation with the Camp Secretary of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Washington D.C. after the Memorial Day event in Arlington National Cemetery. He showed me a picture of his GAR ancestor, who was also the Secretary of his GAR Post, and noted that both he and his ancestor conducted business in exactly the same manner, submitting reports and checks via snail mail. With the technologies available to us today, this is not an acceptable situation. I have spoken with a number of members this year who do not have or write physical checks. I am also concerned that potential young members will be turned off by our antiquated business practices and choose not to join our Order because of it. We are well behind in using technology to our advantage and will continue to fall further behind unless we do something about it.

Last year, I identified three specific things I intended to accomplish this year.

1) I wanted to meet with the Department Commanders on a quarterly basis through virtual means. I have met with the Department Commanders four times this year. I have received positive feedback that the information that was passed was useful and appreciated. Additionally, the meetings provided a means for Department Commanders to present their concerns and questions to their peers. I believe this provided a broader range of responses and recommendations than would have been available from a one-on-one dialogue with the Commander-in-Chief.

2) I indicated I would ask three National Officers to provide virtual training sessions for their Department level counterparts. My intent was to validate the potential benefits of making virtual training available to our Officers, especially those who may be new to their positions. To date, the National Treasurer and National Patriotic Instructor have provided this training. The Executive Director will be conducting training for Department Secretaries on 6 August. I believe this training has been well received. We should look to Memorial University for guidance on how best to apply the use of virtual training in the future and possibly expand the training opportunities to the Camp level.

3) I created a Commander-in-Chief appointed committee to investigate the Strategic Development of Information Technology within our Order. We have multiple resources: National websites; databases; et cetera that our membership relies on, which we are hard pressed to maintain. I asked the committee to identify these resources and provide some recommendations on how we can best continue to provide them to you. I believe that we have exceeded our ability to maintain these resources with a purely volunteer workforce. The committee's report and recommendations are available in this report's packet.

4) Lastly, I established a Commander-in-Chief appointed committee in March to review our membership qualifications. As some of you have guessed, the committee's job is to look specifically into transgender issues. The committee is tasked to research how current federal and state law identify an individual as being male or female. The committee is also to investigate how to deal with individuals seeking membership who identify as non-binary, neither male or

female. As you might surmise, the legal definitions vary widely between the states. Our Order's challenge is to apply a standard definition for being male that can be applied consistently across the country. We cannot have a situation where a potential member is refused membership because of gender in one location and accepted in another. We must also comply with the law or run the risk of a lawsuit. We are not in a position to make an informed decision during this National Encampment, nor should we attempt to do so. It will take time and the committee must be allowed to continue its work. In all likelihood, this will be the most critical decision we will make during this decade. We must be methodical and deliberate in our decision-making process. The activities and recommendations from the committee are also located in this report's packet.

Recommendation #1, that the Committee to Review Membership Qualifications be established as a two-year special committee appointed by this National Encampment and be expanded to five voting members. It will report its findings and recommendations to the National Encampment in 2023.

Recommendation #2, that the Memorial University Committee investigate the use of virtual collaboration programs to conduct training, both live and recorded, to SUVCW members. Recommendation 3, that our Order continues to investigate how to move our internal business processes forward in order to take advantage of the benefits that technology has to offer. In closing, let me thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. It has been quite an adventure and full of memories I will cherish the rest of my life. Thank you, Brothers. I will now take back the gavel and ask for the following reports.

### **Encampment**

(applause).

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail.

### **Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

My report is on page three and there is nothing else to add.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Peter Hritsko.

### **Peter J. Hritsko, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

My report is on page three and four. I have nothing else to add.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. National Secretary, Alan Russ. Nothing to add. One recommendation. It is recommended that the Conflict of Interest Policy Annual Affirmation of Compliance and Disclosure Statement be assigned a form number and be placed on the SUVCW website as a fill-in form with the other SUVCW forms.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Treasurer, Michael Beard.

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Commander, Michael Beard, National Treasurer. My report begins on page six. ... I have some items to highlight. (Indistinguishable) recommendation to change paragraph two on form 11 instructions to read: 2. That each Camp listed on this Form 11 has forwarded to the Department Treasurer a copy of the IRS email confirming the current tax tear 990 was filed. (indistinguishable)... 501(c)(3). I.R.S. doesn't list us as a charity on the website... ...On page nine, (indistinguishable)... three ways: dues, increasing membership, and increasing amount of money (indistinguishable). This is the purpose of capital campaign, is increase our endowment funds, which we (indistinguishable)... All that goes into that fund stays there. (Indistinguishable). So right now, we're averaging about \$25,000.00 a year on our investments. (Indistinguishable) improve it (indistinguishable). Our dues (indistinguishable) us \$130,000.00 a year. We want to get to a point where our investments are producing fifty or \$60,000.00 a year. That will allow us to do things we want to do in the way of websites, staff at Headquarters, bigger Headquarters, anything that we want to do, we need money to do it quick. That capital campaign is announced in your program book. Also in the program book, is one of the first things that we'll do for the capital campaigns (indistinguishable) an 1880 wedding club [check Program book]. Find that in your program book. To be a member of the 1881 club, contribute \$1,881.00. That can be done over a three-year period. To stay a member of the club, you have to contribute \$25.00 a month after you hit 1881. You will receive a neck ribbon, a nice gold medal, and we'll have special events strictly for 1881 club members as we go down the road and see how many people actually join. The Treasurer's Handbook has been updated. I want to point out that Commander Paquette when he was up in the Department of Maine, there was a Camp up there having trouble because they automatically had been suspended for the 990 problem. He has crafted a really nice letter that the Department can use to reinstate these Camps while they work out their issues so they can conduct normal business and that will be in the update to the Treasurer's Handbook.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Quartermaster...

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I have a question. There are recommendations in these Officers' Reports, but they're not being assigned to committees. In your thing, you said the appropriate committee. We need to be told which committee is appropriate for the recommendation on page seven, we need to know what committee that's going to be assigned to.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I believe my recommendations will have to be referred as well?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That should have been determined by the Senior Vice before he gave you the gavel back. That was part of the housekeeping.



**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, they should be.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, recommendation number... Thank you, Brother Don. Recommendation #1, the Committee to Review Membership Qualifications be established that should go to...

**Unknown**

...(Indistinguishable) Officer's Reports.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I heard Officers' Reports. Officers' Reports. Recommendation #2, Memorial University Committee investigates the use... Officers' Reports. My Recommendation #3 also Officers' Reports.

**Unknown**

...(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Secretary's report. Looking for the recommendation, page nine.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Six.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Page six.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Conflict of Interest - Officers' Reports. Right.

**Unknown**

I found 'em.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Does that bring us up to date?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The Secretary... Or the Treasurer.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers' Reports.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable)

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Let's continue.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Quartermaster, James Lyon. And the microphone up behind the Senior Vice is hot.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Identify yourself, please.

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

James Lyon, National Quartermaster. My report's found on page ten. First, I would like to thank all of the Brothers and the C of A for their support over these last three years. We've all been through quite a bit. (Indistinguishable) getting orders done.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

Okay. How's that?

**Unknown**

Yeah!

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

I'm James Lyon, National Quartermaster. Like I said, I'd like to thank everybody for their support. We all went through this pandemic and Quartermaster has been having problems filling orders and as you all know nobody wants to work these days. So many, many events, (indistinguishable) very short staffed. As I said in my report, I have recommendations at the end and I'm going to stay around until the next Quartermaster transition here because there is a lot to learn, a lot of reports that have to be made to our National Treasurer and make sure that those are kept up and done correctly. So my recommendations are at the bottom of page ten and over to page eleven.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers' Reports.

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

Do you want me to read them?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

Do you want me to read 'em? Okay. Number one, the National Quartermaster to have access to a PayPal account to perform changes to the site in a timely manner. Or cost of items these days are ever changing and the National Quartermaster needs to reflect those quickly. Number two, find out why all PayPal orders are not sent directly to National Quartermaster's email to be filed. Number three, the printing of certificates that can only...that only call for a few per year be printed in-house. I've been doing this (indistinguishable) now. Those that use a lot of, such as Eagle Scout, ROTC, can be ordered by what was used the year before on the advice of the Committee Chairman. Other certificates that are used a lot such as new member certificates should be printed in lots of fifty to avoid waste. Number four, every Brother that can work for the Quartermaster and Special Projects and awards that have a history of taking a lot of time to develop. I would be willing to perform these duties if the National Quartermaster would need help. Number five, have a committee to help the National Quartermaster set what profit margin there should be on our store items. What is our goal of profit? Number six, keep track of shipping costs as they too are changing frequently. Number seven, I believe that the reimbursement should be raised to \$6,000.00 because of the amount of time the National Quartermaster puts into the job, pricing and everything, prices and everything have done up.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers' Reports. All seven.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member, Joseph Hall.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Council of Administration Member**

Commander-in-Chief, my report is on page eleven. I have no recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member, Shane Milburn.

**Shane Milburn, Council of Administration Member**

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, my report can be found on page number eleven. I have no additions or corrections.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member, Harry Reineke, IV.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration Member**

Commander-in-Chief, my report's found on page twelve. I have no additions, no corrections, no recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member, Kevin Martin.

**Kevin L. Martin, Council of Administration Member**

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. My report begins on the top of page thirteen. I have no changes. No corrections. I do have one recommendation, if you would like for me to read it. Some of the newly updated forms, especially the membership form, form #3, have a new font size and color that is so small and light that it is very difficult to read when printed from for the permanent files. Request that at least part one, membership section, be made larger and darker.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers' Reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member, Kevin Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Commander, Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. My report can be found on page thirteen, fourteen, and fifteen. No additions. No recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration Member and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Brian Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Commander, Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. My report is on page fifteen and sixteen. There is a typographical error to be corrected in third paragraph with the screener letter - it's not a boxed question mark. It's a star symbol. I believe that's something that came over from the word processing. That completes my report, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Banner Editor, James Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

James Pahl, Banner Editor. My report's on page sixteen. No additions, corrections. The deadline is August 31 for the fall issue.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Executive Director, David Demmy, Sr.

**David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director**

(Indistinguishable) David Demmy Senior.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Step up to the mic.

**David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director**

My report is on page sixteen. I have one addition. I have one recommendation regarding (indistinguishable) (from Reports packet “Recommend reverse the following language on Form 3, page 2, under lineage: from (Grandfather, Great Uncle, etc.), (Ancestor’s Name) to (Ancestor’s Name), (Grandfather, Great Uncle, etc.”).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers’ Reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Aide-de-Camp, Ross Schwalm. Is Ross, Brother Schwalm here?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

He was excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

He had a report. National Expansion Officer, John Conrad.

**John R. Conrad, National Organization Expansion Officer**

John Conrad, National Expansion Officer, my report is on page eighteen.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And my apologies. I skipped over National Aide-de-Camp-Patriotism, W. Faron Taylor.

**W. Faron Taylor, National Aide-de-Camp Patriotism**

Commander, Faron Taylor, Past Commander, Department of Chesapeake. I have no additions, corrections, recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Next up is National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Chaplain Jerry, no additions, subtractions, or recommendations, or anything else.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer**

My report is found on page forty three. I have one recommendation, on page forty four that reads, that on form 61 immediately above the section covering Inspector Identification, the following words (or similar after legal review), be inserted into the form. Submission of this form requires at least one form of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This form will most likely be in the public domain. With your name, please include one (or more) pieces of contact information: 1. If a member of an Allied Order,

the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department; 2. Physical Address; 3. Phone Number; 4. E-Mail address. By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet. This is because you're getting ready to (indistinguishable) database (indistinguishable). I do have one amendment to my report fourth paragraph: since when I wrote it a couple of weeks ago, Jay Rarick of the Department of Chesapeake, had one marker from Virginia making that a total of 26 for them. On my extended vacation I added the following monuments and cannons; Indiana has one additional cannon for a total of 20 files for that state; Pennsylvania I added two cannons, one statue total thirty-nine for that state. Michigan's records, I added two cannons, one plaque, and one marker, three historic markers, and one GAR Hall, for a total of 233 for that state. The total records, files, maintained by us is 1,855 monuments showing a gain of 53 over the last year. No gains on the last (indistinguishable) monuments.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Anything else? This recommendation goes to the Officers' Reports.

**Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer**

That was a committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Right. When you filed it, it was as the Monuments Officer's Report.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

All right. National Color Bearer, Robert Heath.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Counselor, Mark Day.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. My report begins on page twenty (indistinguishable). I issued four formal Opinions (indistinguishable). I have two recommendations. That the Members of the Order, and more specifically the elected officers, reminding them that they've been charged with reading and familiarizing themselves with the contents of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations. I put this forward as a recommendation because in my own experience and in discussions with previous Counselors, many of the questions that are asked are simply found if you have ever read the Constitution, Charter and Regulations. It's not so much that it's a problem that somebody asks me the question because they should have looked for themselves before they sought me out. If they couldn't find it, that's fine. I just have a feeling that not everybody is doing their own work they're just asking the Counselor (indistinguishable). Every officer takes an oath to read it, understand it and do their due diligence. The second recommendation I have is that either a standing National Constitution and Regulations Committee or a special committee be authorized by this Encampment to

conduct a complete and comprehensive review of the Constitution and Regulations to identify inconsistencies, ambiguity, and contradictory language which is rampant within the documents. That's my report, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Counselor...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Wait, wait, wait. For the first recommendation...first recommendation, Officers' Reports. Second recommendation I'd like to go C and R, C and R Committee.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

All right. Assistant National Counselor, Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Counselor. My report's on page thirty-one. No additions or corrections.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And Blue Book.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor – Blue Book**

Page thirty-one, Assistant National Counselor C and R. No additions or corrections.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Seal. Okay. National GAR Highway Officer, Pete Hritsko.

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

National GAR Officer, I have nothing to report at this time.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin.

**Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. My report can be found on page thirty-two. There are no recommendations and there are no additions.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Graves... Yes, Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Commander-in-Chief, just before the train gets too much further down the track, on page seventeen, the Chief of Staff's report was skipped. It is there. It is present. There is nothing to add. Nothing to correct. Nothing to (indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I'm sorry. The Secretary is (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette.

**Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer**

Commander...Commander, Henry Duquette, Department of North Carolina, National Graves Registration Officer. My report starts on page thirty-three and continues on page thirty-four. I have one correction; I have one addition, and one...two recommendations. I'll read the recommendation first. Begin the process of formally assessing our current system which will ultimately lead us to soliciting bids for a rewritten system. (Indistinguishable) And second, rewrite the National Graves Registration Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, recommendation #1, Officers' Reports. Second recommendation, P&P. Report back to the Encampment next year.

**Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer**

Commander, my addition has (indistinguishable) communications (indistinguishable) by Brother David Demmy at Headquarters, back in October (indistinguishable). (Indistinguishable) bring the Camp up-to-date on the process (indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Henry, can we do that during the good of the Order or new business?

**Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer**

That's up to you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. My second recommendation as far as the policy, I believe that the (indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So I will redirect the recommendation back to the committee to rewrite the policy. Or, at least make a recommendation for the rewritten policy.

**Unknown**



There was a request.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

(Indistinguishable). National Guard, Clint Anderson.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Excused. National Guide, Jay A. Rarick.

**Jay A. Rarick, National Guide**

Jay Rarick, Past Commander, Department of Chesapeake, National Guide. There is nothing to report.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Historian, Robert Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Bob Wolz, National Historian. And my report is on page thirty-four. No additions to report.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

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

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

My report is in my room Commander. I just had it printed from my computer. Perley Mellor, Past Commander-in-Chief. I will submit it as soon as we get past the break. And one step. We're going to be in Nashua next month... next year. The Cathedral of the Pines is about an hour away. If anybody has a chance to visit it, it's beautiful. It really is. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Liaison for MOLLUS, Kevin Martin.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS**

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Department of the Chesapeake, Past Department Commander. My report is on the bottom of page thirty-four. I have no changes or additions at this time. And no recommendations. Would this be an appropriate time to, since we have the current MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief present, to address the Encampment?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

When we get the microphones back up.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Liaison to MOLLUS**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

All right. National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ. My report is on page thirty-four. No additions, corrections, or recommendations. National Parliamentarian does not have a report. National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin James Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Who?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes – who?

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Benjamin Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Patriotic Instructor. I do have my report. It is on page thirty-five with the Form 42 also on page 112. I have two amendments. I stated that there were seventeen National Patriotic instructions. I was in error there are actually twenty-one. I forgot the ones I submitted to Brother Pahl for The Banner. And since submitting my report, I am proud to state that six Brothers have started Memorial University, two of which have completed. For those of you who don't know Memorial University, you can find that at [www.suvcwmu.org](http://www.suvcwmu.org).

**Unknown 1**

There are recommendations.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Recommendations? It's a... All right. Thank you, Brother. My recommendation that future...

**Unknown**

...Page... What page?

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Page thirty-five.

**Unknown**

Thank you, sir.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

That future National Patriotic Instructors utilize the technology we have available to us and set up quarterly teleconference sessions with Department Patriotic Instructors to go over any and all topics pertaining to the job.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Officers' Reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Signals Officer, Timothy McCoy.

**Timothy McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Commander, Tim McCoy, Past Department Commander, Department of Chesapeake, National Signals Officer. My report is found on page thirty-six. No additions. No corrections. No recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Legislation Officer, Dan...Daniel Earl.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Legislation Officer, Stephen Hammond.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Webmaster, Harry Reineke, IV.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Webmaster**

Commander-in-Chief, this report comes on forty-one, continues on the next page. And again, nothing to add, correct, or recommend.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken Freshley.

**Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store**

Ken Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store. My report, it stands as submitted. No additions, changes, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large, James Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, my report is on page forty-one. No additions. No corrections. No recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Secretary for Procedures, Ed Krieser.

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings**

Yeah, my report's on... Shoot. (chuckling).

**Unknown**

Forty-two.

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Procedures**

Page forty-two. I have nothing to add.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

You did have one...

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Procedures**

...Oh...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...recommendation.

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings**

Yeah. That's to replace me. And we're working on it.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who is working on it?

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Procedures**

Huh?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who is working on it?

**Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Procedures**

He and me.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Submit to Officers' Reports

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Treasurer 1, Jim Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Treasurer #1**

Once again, James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. My report's on page forty-two. I sign things. No additions, no corrections, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Assistant National Quartermaster, Daryl VerStreate did not submit a report.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We're going to take a break and hopefully get the microphone situation corrected.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Let's try that again.

**Unknown**

Yeah.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No, we're not going to start all over.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

That was grueling enough. All right. So, we have concluded the Officer Reports.

**Unknown**

Oh, yeah.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

National Secretary, do you have any communications?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes, sir, I do. The first communication is from the Department of New York. They file two resolutions that were passed at their Encampment. Resolution number one, Resolve that the Commander, Department of New York, will write to the Organization or write to the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, asking for that the National Organization consider moving the audit certification from the installation report form 22 to the Camp annual report form 27. They've given discussion on that, if you'd like to hear that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Resolution Committee.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

New York, number two. Resolved that the Commander, Department of New York, write to the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, asking that the National Organization consider creating a Secretary's manual similar to the very useful Treasurer's manual recently created by National

Treasurer, Michael Beard.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Resolutions Committee.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama has prepared... Okay. At the request of Private Richard Taylor Camp 53, the members of the second annual Encampment of the Department of Alabama unanimously voted to allow Brother Douglas Wilson, Past Department Commander status. Brother Wilson held various offices in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, including Camp Commander and Department Commander. His past status has been verified by the Executive Director. Brother Darby has a question?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

What page are you on?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

These are communications.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh. We're off of reports, then.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

We're in between Officer Reports and Committee Reports.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. There are letters of justification, if you wish on that or... And I know the Executive Director has stated...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, this request is to reinstate a Brother's Past Department Commander status because they created a new Department and his status doesn't automatically transfer over to the new Department? I'm going to assign it to Resolutions. But this should end up coming up to a vote at some point. It's the only way to reinstate his PDC status.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Thank you.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day. I have a question for the Parliamentarian. Brother Parliamentarian, can we not just simply make a motion at this point to approve that resolution and save the extra effort?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I don't think he heard me.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I didn't hear you.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

What I said was, and I'll speak up. I believe that we can go ahead and make a motion at this time to approve the gentleman's reinstatement. We do not have to send that to the Resolutions Committee. I was asking the Parliamentarian to confirm that fact.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Agreed.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Excuse me? There is a reinstatement...normally those things are done at the very beginning of the Encampment. But...we did this last year. I believe we did it by a simple motion and a vote.

**Unknown**

Wouldn't that be out of order?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, it wouldn't be out order. All right. Then I make a motion that this Brother be reinstated as a Past Department Commander.

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Nope. Point of Order.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable) first?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

The motion should be restoration of rank.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

All right. The motion is to restore (indistinguishable) restoration of the rank of Department Commander...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Past Department Commander...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Past Department Commander for his new Department.

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We have a motion and a second. Any more discussion? We get to use our voting cards now. All those in favor, raise your voting card. Any opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. The next resolution or the next communication was sent from the Department of New Jersey. They have since refiled that with the C&R Committee and it would be addressed there. The next resolution was filed or sent by the Department of Texas. Again, they refiled that with the C&R Committee and it will be taken up there. That concludes communications.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Secretary. We will now move on to Standing Committee reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

There we go. Okay. National Special Committee...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Standing Committee.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Standing Committees.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Page forty-two.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. I'm going through the... Ah, yes. Sorry. Okay. National Standing Committees.



National Committee on Program and Policy, Brother Bruce Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Program and Policy**

Brother Bruce Frail, Chairman, Program and Policy. My report is on page forty-two and then over to forty-three. I have nothing to add. We do have a recommendation which I will read. Purchase a new copy of Adobe Pro for the SUVCW for the use of the Committee of the National Committee and Program and Policy. The reason is stated in my report. This will help this Committee do their job much more efficiently.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Is the Committee recommendation exactly (indistinguishable)?

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

Brother, can I answer that?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

(Indistinguishable).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

With regard to this recommendation, I believe this is a budgetary item that can be handled by the CofA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, are you satisfied with that?

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Program and Policy**

Yes, I am.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. It's referred to the Council of Administration.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter Busch. I believe he reported that as Officer. Yes, he's giving the thumbs up on that one. National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E. Grim.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, so what I'd like to do with this next report is, it's going to take a while, so we're going to come back to C&R Committee after lunch because I don't want to delay lunch. So, we're going to come back to C&R when we reconvene this afternoon. So, we'll move on to the next Committee.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Encampment Site Committee, Brother James Crane. And he's probably running around someplace. Ah! Coming up will be...

**Timothy S. McCoy, Nat'l Committee on Communications & Technology**

No... Brother Secretary from... through Commander-in-Chief to you. You skipped report number 4.3, Comm and Tech.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Page?

**Multiple Brothers**

Forty-seven.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Fifty-nine, forty-nine. Ah! There it is. Okay. National Committee on Communications and Technology, Timothy S. McCoy. My apologies, sir.

**Timothy S. McCoy, Nat'l Committee on Communications & Technology**

Apology accepted. Commander, Tim McCoy, Chair, National Committee on Communications and Technology. Report is found on page forty-seven. There is a recommendation, which in its summary recommending support for the upcoming report of the National Committee, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't believe any action is required on that recommendation.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Now, National Encampment Site Committee, James Crane. He had no recommendations. National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brian C. Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, National Committee on Fraternal Relations**

Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. My report is paragraph 4.6, page sixty and sixty-one. No corrections, additions, or recommendations, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer, and Chair on the National Committee on GAR Records. Our report begins on page sixty-one. We do have one recommendation that I'd like to place as a motion on the floor. It's to renew our five-year plan. The Committee is guided by a five-year...what we call the five-year project plan. The recommendation can be found on page sixty-three. The wording is identical to that which was approved by the National Encampment in 2017. So, we are now at the end of that five-year period and we would like to place a motion on the floor to vote to approve a five-year plan beginning with this Encampment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, with the Committee recommendation, we don't need a motion or a second. Do we?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

No.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

...In the past, we'd been asked to place this as a motion so...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...But, recom...

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

...So, whatever is best.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Recommendations coming from a Committee should not require motions so...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Comes in...so this is your motion. It doesn't require a second.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All those in favor of the project plan, raise your voting cards. Any opposed?

[one rap, \*] [Note: Motion carried]

**Dean A. Enderlin, National Committee on GAR Post Records**

Thank you, Commander. And thank you, Brothers. That concludes our report.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National... whoops. Okay. National Committee on Graves Registration, Henry C. Duquette.

**Henry C. Duquette, National Committee on Graves Registration**

Commander, Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina, and National Graves Registration Officer. (Indistinguishable) here, I combined my report, Officer's Report, with the Committee Report. I would just like to add my thanks to my Committee report. I'm sorry. My thanks to the Committee for all the work they've done. And (indistinguishable) that conversation with Tim McCoy this morning. My report for the Committee states that we are working on rewriting the instruction manual and that we are extremely close. We were hoping to go into production by September 1st. But Tim, (indistinguishable) I hope. But, the new website is coming up soon and we've agreed that we will coordinate with him, wait for the new website and then put our new version in immediately after that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, what weren't you able to get to previously? When you gave your NGRO Report?

**Henry C. Duquette, National Committee on Graves Registration**

Just that, in the report, I mentioned that we were targeting September 1st for (indistinguishable) manual, (indistinguishable) written instruction manual. But now, we're coordinating with the new website.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Very good.

**Henry C. Duquette, National Committee on Graves Registration**

Thank you. That's my report.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Committee on History, Robert Wolz. Was that included also in your previous report?

**Robert J. Wolz, National Committee on History**

Yes, sir, it was.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observances, Robert Petrovic. Here he comes.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Nat'l Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance**

Bob Petrovic, Chairman, Lincoln Tomb Observance. My report's on page sixty-four. It stands as written.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on Membership, Peter Hritsko. Combined report? Thank you.

**Peter J. Hritsko, National Committee on Membership**

That's correct.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E. Shaw.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

He's not here. Okay. No recommendations. National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Kevin Martin.

**Kevin L. Martin, Nat'l Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund**

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Past Department Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. My report is on page sixty-five. There are no additions, corrections, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon. Okay. It had...contained no recommendations. National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin. I don't believe he's here.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

He's not here.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. No recommendations. National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Bruce D. Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing**

Bruce Frail, Chairman of Promotion and Marketing. My report is on sixty-six and sixty-seven. We do have recommendations. And I have also a point of information that I'd like to read to the Encampment. Recommendation #1, change the status of the Memorial University from a CinC Appointed Committee to a Special...National Special Committee Memorial University with a term ending of 30 August 2027 or until made a standing committee, whichever comes first. Recommendation #2...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

We need to take a vote. Take action (indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Hold on.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So we have a motion on the floor from the Committee. Any discussion?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Here they come.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day. I stand to speak on this because I believe that the Committee on Memorial University has a recommendation which would ask this Encampment to make the Memorial University Committee a standing committee. And if that motion was...if that recommendation was to go forward, then this recommendation that's being made to make it a special committee would not need to be done. His recommendation is to make it a special committee until it be made standing committee, but we may make it a standing committee today.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Or not.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Was that submitted to the C&R thirty days prior to the Encampment? That idea?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Which was which?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Was that Special Memorial University idea submitted to C&R (indistinguishable)...

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...(Indistinguishable) submitted as a part of this Committee report today.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Was it...so it was not submitted in advance to C&R?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It was not submitted in advance but this was discussed between...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Okay...

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...and it was recommended... These are not... We're not asking... They're asking that it be made a standing committee and we are giving some recommendations as to possible language which the P&P can look at. And that the C&R Committee can look at that would be acted upon at a future Encampment.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Commander-in-Chief, I'd advise...this is James Pahl, Parliamentarian. I'd advise you that such a motion from that special committee would be out of order. It requires changes to the C&R this year.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable) recommendation.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

A recommendation to make a standing committee this year would be out of order because it was not submitted in advance and it requires changes to the National Regulations this year.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

It (indistinguishable)...

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...(Indistinguishable) spoken with some people that had told me that this methodology would be all right.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brothers, back to the recommendation from the Committee to establish...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Special...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Memorial University as a special committee with a term ending 30 August 2027. Any additional discussion? All those in favor? Anyone opposed?

[one rap, \*] [Note: Motion carried]

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing**

Thank you, Brothers. Recommendation #2, fund the National Special Committee on Memorial University with a minimum of \$1000.00 per year.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

C of A.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing**

Thank you. Recommendation #3, create a National Special Committee on Fundraising with a term ending 30 August 2027 or until made a standing committee whichever comes first. And the job description is included with this recommendation. Do you wish me to read the job description?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Does anyone need the description read? It's there in your reports package. Any discussion? All those in favor of making this a standing...I'm sorry, a Special Committee on Fundraising, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed?

[one rap, \*] [Note: Motion carried]

**Bruce D. Frail, National Committee on Promotions and Marketing**

Thank you, Brothers. And I...lastly, I have just a... informational notice here, if I may read that. The National Committee on Promotion and Marketing is charged with expanding the awareness and visibility of the SUVCW, its activities, and its brand to the broadest possible audience of organizations and individuals. In keeping with this mission, the Committee produces video content for deployment on special media outlets such as the National YouTube channel. Examples include Memorial Day ceremonies, the annual Gettysburg Remembrance Parade, testimonials from Brothers in a series known as "What Makes Us Son." The National Committee on Promotion and Marketing is an excellent resource for healthy types and advice that Departments can utilize as they make plans to create their own videos of their graveside ceremonies and other public events. The Committee can advise and is willing to assist on elements such as staging, camera, selection, audio quality, and post production editing. Department C of A's, Commanders, and (indistinguishable) are encouraged to reach out to the Committee for guidance and support. Thank you. That's all.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you, sir. National Committee on Vision and Planning, Donald Palmer.

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

Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chair of the Vision and Planning Committee. And I asked the Commander-in-Chief if I be allowed to make a few editorial comments as part of this report? So, this is the Vision and Planning Committee's report. More or less, the goals associated with the strategic plan that is being developed for 2030. And the way you look at these, you can see the categories associated with them. You'll recognize that some of these categories are very similar to what we had in the 2020 plan. Those categories are considered enduring, largely connected to the mission of our Order. We do have a number of new initiatives as set in there. But under the notes in each one of those categories, you can see the basis for setting some of these goals, largely based on the results that we realized in the 2020 plan. So, that's basically the strategy. We do have a couple of new areas we wanted to emphasize in the 2030 plan, largely connected to preservation initiatives as well as education initiatives. And those also tie in with the potential for grant pursuits. And then also the financial elements of this



plan align well with report of the Treasurer. And the Treasurer has also bought into the goals associated with the financial elements. So, that's the plan as is the Committee is proposing. Also as part of this report, there will be a survey, a membership survey, coming out within the next month, largely similar to the survey that we conducted ten years ago. So, if you contributed to that survey, you'll remember what it entailed. And we're trying to measure some demographic trends and also membership perspectives on the National Organization, their Departments, and their Camps. And we're gonna use this information to help fine-tune our goals as part of the 2030 plan. We are working out the details on an electronic survey. I'd rather not go through the manual survey, data compiling results that we did ten years ago. So, we're gonna take advantage of technology. And those details will be forthcoming. So, please take advantage of that. We had about 6% of our Order contribute to the survey last time, which provided statistically relevant data, but we would like to have a larger percentage of contribution. So, we think that electronic version will help foster that. The Committee does have three recommendations. Those are on page seventy-four. Recommendation #1, that the goals associated with the 2030 strategic plan be adopted, subject to changes based on membership feedback and/or changes recommended by the Committee based on annual review.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed?  
Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

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

And then the next two recommendations again are largely tied to emphasizing a newer initiatives. Recommendation #2, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee on educational with an end date of the 2025 National Encampment to develop the education related strategies as defined in the education element of the 2030 plan. The purpose is to have a group focused on this specific element, as the effort envisioned is too great to add to the plate of an existing Officer or committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, you are asking the incoming Commander-in-Chief to appoint a special committee.

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

That's correct.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Whoops.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry. I keep coming up here. Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day. That is already

the purpose of Memorial University. That is the education function of this Order. And that is what that Committee has been working toward for the last three years. I don't believe there's any need to reinvent the wheel. We already have a Committee in place. We already have a website in place. We already have plans to do the very things that are being discussed here. So I don't think it's necessary to recreate that wheel.

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

And if that Committee is willing to take on that effort, then the Vision and Planning Committee will withdraw that motion, the recommendation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels, speaking for the Committee. Are you good with that?

**Stephen A. Michaels, Memorial University Special Committee**

Yes, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. So, recommendation withdrawn.

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

And then recommendation #3, incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee on battlefield preservation with an end date of the 2026 National Encampment to develop the strategy for SUVCW participation in battlefield preservation as defined in the preservation element of the 2030 plan. And the same purpose as recommendation 2.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I would suggest or ask the question, "Is not this Monuments and Memorials?" It falls under them? As in the education fell under the monument or the Memorial University. This seems to me, Monuments and Memorials would be into their section under battlefield preservation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Very good.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, stepping out of my role as National Parliamentarian momentarily. The idea of battlefield preservation is being well covered by other organizations. We don't have the resources to devote towards helping preserve battlefields. It seems like we would be duplicating efforts of other organizations in establishing a special committee that we don't have funds to move forward with any battlefield preservation projects.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Don, do you have a response?

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

So, on the first comment there again if the Civil War Memorials and Monuments Committee is willing to take that on, then the motion will be withdrawn. On the second comment, the purpose of setting up that element of the plan was not necessarily for the SUVCW to commit resources for funding. There are a lot of opportunities out there for preservation initiatives largely from the Department of the Interior. And again as we consider grant pursuits as part of our financial strategy, that element could come into play and we would be able to participate with that. And that would be part of the task of that committee, either established as a special committee or taking on as an existing committee, to develop that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Busch, are you preparing to speak for or against?

**Brother Busch**

I'm against but I have a reason as far as one element.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We've already had two against.

**Brother Busch**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Walt is in the back.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Walt Busch.

**Walter E. Busch, Past Department Commander**

Brother Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, also Civil War Memorials Officer. I don't want to speak against battlefield preservation, just that the Monuments and Memorials Committee would be (indistinguishable) of a monument on a battlefield, not the actual preservation of the battlefield.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Busch, has pointed out that the monument piece of the objection does not address the battlefield preservation itself. Brother Bruce.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to go at this in another angle. This was kind of split into two areas, one for monuments and memorials and then one for grant. The issue I would like to speak towards was...is grants. We just put together a committee on fundraising, which has the grant element.

That would be a duplication of work in this area. So, if we have something that we want to submit for a preservation to grants, I would suggest that it be done through the grant fundraising.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. So, the original recommendation stands. It has not been amended from the Committee. Is that correct, Brother Don?

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

That's correct.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor of the recommend...the Committee's recommendation to appoint a special...to have the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee, raise your cards. Lower your cards. Those opposed, raise your cards. There are definitely more opposed than for. The recommendation not carried.

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Then my suggestion will be to leave that element in the preservation part of the strategy and then any grants that would come through be assigned to the fundraising special committee that has been approved.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Very good.

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

And that is the report of the Vision and Planning Committee. And I thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, Jerome Orton.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

He is excused.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

He's excused. He did have a recommendation. Do you want me to read the recommendation? Okay. The recommendation of the National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, on page seventy-four. The Committee requests that its life be extended until the last of all known children of Civil War veterans, Union and Confederate, have passed on.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's a standing committee. Right?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

It's a standing committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's a standing committee so it has no end date.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, the motion is not needed. I mean the recommendation is not needed.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Encampment or National Committee on Encampment Credentials, Joseph Hall. Yeah.

**Joseph S. Hall, Jr., Nat'l Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Brothers, my report is on page seventy-five. I have nothing to add or detract. However, I did have one recommendation about setting up a meeting with the Camp...Department Commanders and Secretaries about getting their reports in on time, specifically Form 49. I had to chase down four Departments this year that stood a good chance about two weeks ago of being suspended from this Encampment. I shouldn't have to do that. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We're going to, as I stated earlier, we're going move on to C&R after lunch. So, we're going to proceed to special committees next.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. On that last one, is there any action need to be taken on his recommendation?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry. I didn't pick up on the recommendation. Brother Joe.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

If you would like, I can read it.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Read it.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. It is therefore recommended that a meeting be set up to discuss such items with the Department Commanders and Department Secretaries concerning timely submissions of forms and reports. It requires no action?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to defer that action to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. The Department

Commanders report to him.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. And now you said we're going to move on to special committees?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

First up on the special committee, let me see. National Special Committee on Social Media Management. You said that was a combined report. Are you done with that then?

**Timothy S. McCoy, Nat'l Special Committee on Social Media Mgmt.**

Special Committee on Website Redesign Indistinguishable.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Special Committee on Website Redesign, Timothy McCoy.

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Special Committee on Website Redesign**

Commander, Tim McCoy, National Special Committee on Website Redesign. My report's on pages seventy-five and seventh-six. No recommendations but I do want to take this opportunity to thank especially Brothers Walt Busch and Dean Enderlin for their support for this process over the past year. It's been a pleasure collaborating with these Brothers and benefiting from their good counsel and overall support in developing the website. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States, Dexter Bishop. That report had no recommendations. Oh, wait! Here he comes. I'm sorry. My apologies, sir.

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

Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts, National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States. My report as it stands. Thank you very much.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Special Committee on Negotiations with the Allied Orders relating to National Encampment contracts and relationships, Mark R. Day.

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

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark R. Day. The report is found on page seventh-seven. There is no additions other than to say that this morning I delivered a copy of the contract for the Lexington Encampment to the National President of the Auxiliary. And I will begin the negotiation process with them for that Encampment within the next couple days.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Mark.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Special Committee on Lincoln Memorial Centennial, Kevin L. Martin.

**Kevin L. Martin, National Special Committee on Lincoln Memorial Centennial**

Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin, Department of the Chesapeake. My report is in the middle of page seventy-seven. No additions, corrections, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology, Henry C. Duquette.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Commander, Henry C. Duquette, Department of North Carolina, National Graves Registration Officer, and Chairman of this Committee. My report starts on page seventy-seven and continues until...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Seventy-nine...

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

...seventy-nine, where I have several, though strangely numbered, recommendations.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration Member**

(Indistinguishable) files off of my computer.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Ugh! It's always some excuse.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

We'll take these one at a time. Yes, Commander. Number eighteen.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Both the near-term and far-term technology needs of the SUVCW can be addressed by hiring professional consultants to map out a strategy for both our current configuration as well as our future needs.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I agree with the statement. What's the action?

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

I think we'll move on to nineteen.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Professional designers and developers will also address the need to have all of the SUVCW websites utilize the same technology to facilitate quick responses to changes in technology and required maintenance as well as new developments in security and backup and recovery. Obviously, the recommendation is we hire professional IT people.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I refer that to Comm. and Technology.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Number twenty. The best approach to bringing the satellite websites: the SVR, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Memorial University, GAR Records, and the Quartermaster Store in line with suvcw.org is again to use professional web services. This allows a continuity and a responsiveness to changes that cannot be achieved using strictly volunteer workers.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Website Redesign. Website Redesign.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Twenty-one. Many of our web systems have been recently rewritten or upgraded. At least a minimum level of consistency is needed across all platforms so that we project a united and



coherent message about who we are and what we do. This is best achieved by utilizing a professional staff. So, it's... justification (chuckle) of the recommendation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Communications and Technology.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Number twenty-two. The best...to better reach new members under forty years of age, it is vital that we develop IOS and Android applications to bring our message and services directly to hand-held devices.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Social Media.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

Number twenty-three. This Committee, or one of similar configuration, should be established or be established for the 22'-23 term to review and outline each of our platforms for viability over the next three to five years, to facilitate the cost analysis needed, to implement the recommendations listed above.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Communications and Technology.

**Henry C. Duquette, CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology**

That is...that is my report. Kind of.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Henry.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Okay. Next, National Special Committee on the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, Brian C. Pierson.

**Brian C. Pierson, CinC Appointed Committee on the 250th Birthday of the USA**

Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. No additions. One correction. We'll have the stuff ready by Gettysburg. Still a little behind on some of the artwork.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Brian.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

CinC Appointed Committee...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Chaplains' Affairs...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Okay. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplains' Affairs. I believe that was a combined report. And CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University, Stephen A. Michaels.

**Stephen A. Michaels, CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Steve Michaels. My report is on page eighty as well as that of the Committee. We have one recommendation that we would like to withdraw and submit an amended three part recommendation. We request before we do that to talk with the Parliamentarian for about five minutes. So, could we defer that?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Let's defer that until after lunch.

**Stephen A. Michaels, CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother...Brother Chaplain, you had something for your previous report.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs**

Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, there is a National Chaplains Award and so far we have two individuals that are receiving it tomorrow. If any Camp or Department Officer has a Chaplain that is deserving of this award, would you please write down during lunch what they did to make them deserve it. Give it to me and they will be awarded tomorrow, if we agree. That is if the Commander-in-Chief and I agree that they should get it. If you have any questions, ask me later.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We're close enough to lunch. When we come back, we'll go right into C&R and then come back to Memorial University. So, Fraternal Relations Committee, myself, Past Commander-in-Chief Day, Past Commander-in-Chief Pierson, we will visit the Auxiliary at 1:30. We will reconvene at 2:00 p.m. here with the afternoon session of our business meeting. One note, if you have any announcements that need to be made or you would like to be made, write them down and hand them to the National Secretary and we'll get the announcements out before breaks.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the most effective way to have your announcements done.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And if I may make, again, just a quick reminder. The Auxiliary is having their silent auction and they encourage you to spend money accordingly.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Right. So, I think we have one other order of business that had come up earlier. Kevin Martin had suggested that we had overlooked that the Commander from MOLLUS is actually here in our attendance. So, I would invite him to the stand before we dismiss.

**Robert D. Pollock, Commander of MOLLUS**

Brothers, I'm Rob Pollock. I'm the 64th Commander of Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. And our Order wishes to provide our greetings, congratulations to the Sons of Union Veterans for continuing the excellent job you do in maintaining the honor to the "boys in blue." My entire staff very much appreciate the close working conditions we've had over the past year. And it's particularly gratifying to me that Mike and I have known each other for years and years, and have worked together. And it has been especially helpful this year. So, we wish you to have a continuing harmonious...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Robert D. Pollock, Commander of MOLLUS**

...meeting. And...and it's my pleasure to be here as a voting delegate.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And Brother Rob, my apologies for not getting you up here earlier. But at least you got to use your indoor voice.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

See you at 2:00 p.m., Brothers.

[one rap, \*]

## **Second Session – Friday Afternoon**

[one rap, \*]

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. We got a bunch of announcements I'd like to go through, so that's why we're here a couple of minutes early. Stevenson favors for the Stevenson Memorial, it's northwest of Springfield. If you want to see a picture of your paper in its place there, visit the Department of Illinois Facebook or leave an email address at their display table. And they'll take a picture and send it to you. At the next break, will the Departments...will the Brothers of the Department of Illinois please gather in front of the flags for pictures? Next one. There are Civil War...numerous Civil War books and magazines available at the GAR Museum table. Donation only. All money goes to the GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Also from Ben Frail, all Department Patriotic Instructors meet in lobby ten minutes after close of the session today. And I'll read part of this. The Kalamazoo Lincoln Statute dedication date is set for August 27, 2023. Please visit the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute's booth in the exhibitors' room. They welcome your support of it. And also just as a suggestion, on the back of your cards, put your name because if you lose it, there's no replacement.

### **Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Except if you're me, because I don't vote.

### **Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah.

### **Encampment**

(laughter).

### **Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We're going to continue with the C&R Committee report. Past Commander-in-Chief Grim, would you join me here at the podium?

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

All right. If you'll look in your pamphlet on page forty-seven, you'll find the C&R Report.

### **Encampment**

(chatter).

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

All right, on page forty-seven of your booklet, you'll find the C&R Report. The changes made to the Regulations at the 140th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C&R. The updated C&R, with a table of contents, has been posted on the website. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for

consideration by this Encampment. Proposed changes to the Regulations by this Encampment are noted in bold type for new language and strikethroughs of language being eliminated. Proposal #1 at the bottom of page forty-seven. This proposal is a resolution from the Department of Texas. It affects Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's on page thirty-six in the footnotes. This change will allow cousins to qualify for membership. The Department of Texas cites Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution, which is as follows. All male descendants whether through lineage or collateral lineages specified in Article 7 of this Constitution, who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, Marines, or members of the Revenue Cutter Service. They also note that the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines collateral relative as belonging to the same ancestral stock but not in a direct line of descent and that blood relative is someone who has the same parents or ancestors as another person. Your sister is a blood relative. Your brother-in-law is not. The C&R does not recommend...recommendation of this proposal.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, I have received correspondence from the Department of Texas that they wanted to withdraw this. I'm going to rule this out of order because General Order 14 issued by me reactivated the committee that reorganized the C&R a number of years ago and the missing sections that did not define the blood relation criteria in the C&R have been addressed by that committee. Brother Jim, would you like to make a comment on that?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes. The National Regulations reorganized at 2000...the National Regulations were reorganized since the 2014 National Encampment. Nothing was changed. Can you not hear me? (tapping on microphone)

**Unknown**

It's on.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Nothing has changed. It's just everything was reorganized. We found recently because of this, six sections that were left out inadvertently, the 2014 National Encampment authorize the Commander-in-Chief to reinstitute the special committee should this circumstance be found for the sole purpose of determining whether or not language should be reinserted into the Nash Regulations it inadvertently left out. The committee agreed. That also required the approval of the National Counselor and the full committee and Constitution and Regulations. They agreed. Therefore, we have now...found in Chapter 5, a new article for the purposes of administering Section 3 of the Congressional Charter, blood relative is defined as a direct descendant or direct descendant of a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister of a veteran. The definition does not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999. A Brother in good standing, a member Junior Associate, or Junior Associate whose dues are current or who possess a valid transfer card and has no outstanding indebtedness to the Order and who is not under suspension as a result of disciplinary procedure, a Brother...let me see. This is definitions. Brother. Members of all categories, Associate, Junior, or Junior Associate. Definition for honorable discharge. A certificate of voluntary separation for membership granted to a Brother in good standing. Definition of general discharge for the good of the Order. Certificate

of less than honorable discharge, but not punitive issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he request a discharge. And definition of dishonorable discharge. A certificate of separation from membership following a conviction of disciplinary procedures as presented in National Regulations Chapter 4. This language is now part of our current Regulations.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother National Counselor, did you issue an opinion on this situation?

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I did. This is my opinion, that number three...

**Unknown**

...What page?

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Be found on page twenty-two of the report, book of report. Page twenty-two of the book of reports, Opinion #3. All right. I will read through it. In answer to the letter from the Commander of the Department of Texas which was forwarded to me by the Commander-in-Chief regarding membership issues arising from the inadvertent omission of a definition of a blood relative in the 2014-2022 published versions of the Charter Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 3. And when I provide research in here in my report as to what parts of the C&R and various things I went through. I looked at the opinion of Rich Orr. I went through and looked at all of the footnotes and relevant information with regard to Opinion #8. I also went back through the proceedings so that I could determine the intent of the body at the time that all of this went through. A couple of things were there and I put those in my final opinion which you can see at the end on page twenty-four. As a precedent had been established that the 108th National Encampment grandfathered in members who had not met the criteria for full membership as a direct blood relative. And evidence which points out that our Charter, Constitution, and Regulations have not included a definition for blood relatives for the past eight years. I believe it would be proper that a motion be made at the upcoming 141st National Encampment to allow anyone who had been brought into the Order after the 133rd Encampment and before today's Encampment under a cousin, be grandfathered into the Order and that that definition requirement of blood relative not be applied to such Brother. That just seemed to me to be the fair thing as it was our omission of the information in the actual documents which led to at least one instance and potentially other instances where Brothers may have been brought in through Camps and may not have met that blood...that description that had been omitted. It was what makes a direct blood relative. So, that's there. If there's somebody that wants to make that motion.

**Brian D. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I so move.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who made the motion?

**Brian D. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Pierson.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And who made the second?

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island, National Patriotic Instructor.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion.

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

Commander, John Vander Meulen, Department of Texas. I hope I am in order and in line with proceedings here, but I was advised to do is to move that the amended...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Wait...

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

...Constitution and Regulation...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...No...

**Unknown**

They are.

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

Okay. Go ahead.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

There's a motion on the floor, Brother. We can't bring up another motion at this time. Past Commander-in-Chief Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, I'm a little bit confused.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, to the Commander-in-Chief. I'm a bit confused as I just understood you three minutes ago before Jim Pahl started talking, that you were going to call this resolution out of order because the Department of Texas withdrew it. Did you not say that?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It was ruled out of order, yes.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So your point...your point be... this is a related issue to that motion.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. But one thing that I will bring up and this is just part of the discussion. If you allow these gentlemen through our fault to become full members, what do you do to their descendants? Are they not now entitled to be full members because we screwed up and you've now... This will not end just with these three or four Brothers. This will go to cousin once removed, cousin twice removed and they'll say, "I can be full Brother because my father was."

**Unknown**

No.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's not what you guys are looking at. You're not looking at... Because if I'm a young kid, and my dad's a full-blooded Son, or a Son because of our screw up, then I'm entitled to the same benefits as he is.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No.

**Unknown**

No, you're not.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes! Because I'm going on him being a full member. You und... Am I make my...

**Unknown**

...Yes...



**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Do you understand?

**Unknown**

Yeah.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, if you pass this, you better have a caveat that decides what that first cousin once removed can be or he is a full Brother and now we've blown the bloodline all the way out the door.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Gates.

**Donald L. Gates, Department of Texas**

Can you hear me okay? Okay. Don Gates, Department of Texas, Secretary/Treasurer. I speak in favor of the motion. Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Darby, well I understand his point of view on this. But I would point out to him that starting in 1952 or thereabouts, this collateral definition that's being asked to be looked at for just a brief period from 2014-2022 was in fact the definition of membership. And it was not changed until 1999. In 1999, it was changed to make it tighter, not looser. It was reversing the trend that had continued from the beginning of the 20th century all the way up to 1952. It reversed that trend, to make it tighter to get in. And then it was left out accidentally in 2014. And all we're saying in 1998 or '99 when this definition was originally added, a grandfather clause was included. Obviously because there had been people joining the Order from 1952 on that were not covered by this stricture. And there certainly were a good many people who were members. There are probably some people whose fathers are members and may well have been a member under that type of a membership, of a descent. But in any case, that was a...that tidy up that occurred then and then the grandfather clause was applied. And all, I believe, the National Counselor is doing is saying that the only fair thing to do, it to apply that same...a grandfather clause to any people who joined the Order between 2014 and 2022, when there was no requirement in there that was valid that would allow...would not allow anyone to join who was a true blood relative and not just one who was descended from the veteran or as siblings.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. I speak in support of this. But I'd like to make a friendly amendment that the grandfather applies only to the member that directly joining and not to his children, grandchildren, whatever. I think that would solve Brother Darby's issue and not punish someone for following the rules.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. I accept the friendly amendment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

But the motion was made by Brother Pierson. So Brother...Past Commander-in-Chief Pierson, do you accept the amendment?

**Brian D. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I accept the friendly amendment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And Brother Ben, you seconded. Do you accept it?

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Yes, sir, I do.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Can I have the rewording of that?

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, my amendment was that the grandfather only apply directly to the member applying for membership and not to his children, grandchildren, or prodigy.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, are you waiting to have dialog on this specific motion?

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

Point of clarification, sir. John Vander Meulen, Department of Texas. I just want to make sure it's clear the current motion for consideration is asking that the CC&R be amended in this section that defines...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Negative.

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

Negative? Then can someone please then restate what the motion is? Thank you.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

The motion...Past Commander Day...Commander-in-Chief Day, once again. The motion is basically the opinion that is at the end of my Opinion #3 which would grandfather anyone who came in between 2014 and 2022 inadvertently because of the error made in not including the direct bloodline language in the C&R, as amended by Brother Tucker that it would only apply to

those Brothers during that period of time and not to their prodigy. That is the motion.

**John C. Vander Meulen, Department of Texas**

Thank you, sir. I accept that.

**James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor C&R**

James Pahl, as the Assistant National Counselor C&R. In effect, if this process what will happen is that this action will become a footnote in the C&R as action of a National Encampment. So once the proceedings of this Encampment are published, the action taken here that the grandfather language would appear as a footnote to help define what happened. So everyone's clear on what the actual rule is.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion against? All right, Brothers. We will vote on this. All those in favor of the motion as amended, raise your cards. Lower them. Anyone against? Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Proposal #2 which is on page forty-eight of your booklet. This proposal was prepared by Past Commander-in-Chief...

**Multiple Brothers**

...Can't hear...

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

...All right. On Proposal #2 on page forty-eight of your handout. This Proposal was prepared by Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, an aide to the C&R Committee of his.. General Order #18, series 2021-2022, dated 1 July 2022, which prohibits the election of a Brother as a National Officer who is not twenty-one years of age. It affects Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 6. If you have the C&R, it's on page eighty-five. This amendment adds a new Section 6 to this Article, listing the National Officers who must be twenty-one years of age to be elected or appointed. This change is necessary because of laws restricting what minors can legally do. The Committee recommends adoption. The new Section 6, Due to bonding requirements for those who handle the funds of the Order in lieu of liability and the signing of contracts, the following National Officers shall be at least twenty-one years of age at the point of their election or appointment. This provision replaces General Order #18 of the series 2021-2022. Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and all Assistant National Secretaries, National Treasurer and all Assistant National Treasurers, National Quarter Master, National Proceedings Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Banner Editor, National Signals Officer, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Photographer, Chair of the National Site Selection Committee, and Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion?

**Daryl VerStreate, Assistant National Quartermaster**

Daryl VerStreate, Past Department Commander, New York. I would just like to make one friendly suggestion and get clarification on one item. As Assistant National Quartermaster, I make purchases with a credit card. Without the Assistant National Quartermaster being listed on here, I would be complicit without it being listed on here, that's more or less saying I don't have the ability to spend money any money for National running the ROTC Program.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So Brother Daryl, you're asking that the Assistant Quartermaster be added to the list of Offices identified?

**Daryl VerStreate, Assistant National Quartermaster**

Yes, Commander.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Secretary's, yeah, the same way.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So we have a motion to amend. Do I have a second?

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who made the second? Perley...Past Commander-in-Chief Mellor. So now we're discussing the amendment. Brother Ben, if you're not ready to speak to the amendment... We need to talk about the amendment. So, the amendment is to add the Assistant Quartermaster to the proposal by the C&R Committee. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander, I just have a question. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, my question is...is this going to apply to Departments and Camps? And if so, then maybe that amendment needs to be a lot longer. I just have a question. Do we need to make a second amendment to include Department Secretaries and Camp Secretaries and Treasurers, or that whole list? You know. The ability, in Ohio, the ability not to enter into a contract with some...a minor is forever. So, I'm just asking for a Department level or a Camp level, is this gonna apply or do we need to make an amendment to that?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

The C&R proposal does not address Departments or Camps. It's just National offices.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, I guess we need to make an amendment to the amendment?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

No.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No, because the Assistant Quartermaster is a National Officer.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, it sounds to me like you're suggesting that C&R may have more work to do to address this at the Department and Camp level in the future.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

May I...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Commander-in-Chief, each state has different...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Yeah...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...and so it's not appropriate for National to mandate how old someone should be because one state allows an eighteen year old to be an adult. Another state allows a seventeen year old to be adult. The third state allows a twenty-one year old to be an adult. This is up to the Departments to manage their affairs of who's appropriate to hold office. I don't think it's appropriate for National to do this because each state is different, so each Department is going to be different.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But in this definition, you're referring to a minor. Am I correct? You don't have an age group.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah, there is.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You just say minor. So a minor is...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...The word minor is nowhere in here.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. I'm sorry. That answered my question.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, we're going to vote on the amendment to include the Assistant Quartermaster...Assistant National Quartermaster.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

Commander, Bill Fisher, Pennsylvania Department, Senior Vice Commander. Could we have that read just like the National Secretary and Treasurer, and all, so that we're not...if we get more than one, that it is covered that way just like is read on those lines above?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm not following what he is saying.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That the phrasing should be National Quartermaster and all Assistant Quartermasters.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So you're saying to amend the amendment to all additional Quartermasters?

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

I just think that...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...All Assistant National...

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

...gives us more leeway. Yes, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We only have one, so...

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

...At this time.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Right now.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

It just seems if you're doing that with the other two, that it would be easier if we're making that amendment, to read that way.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

He's amending the amendment to read...and all Assistant National Quartermasters.

**Unknown**

Correct.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, we want to change Quartermaster to plural with an s on it.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

Assistants.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

All...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Assistant Quartermasters...plural.

**Unknown**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion on the amendment to the amendment. All right. So, we are voting on the amendment to the amendment to change the verbiage to all Assistant Quartermasters...National Quartermasters. All those in favor, raise your card. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Amendment passes. Now we go back to the original amendment, to add the National Quartermaster.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

All Assistant National Quartermasters.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All...didn't we just vote on that?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No, now the language is to add all...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...All Assistant...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...National Quartermasters...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Quartermasters. All those in favor, raise your cards. Lower. Anyone opposed? Amendment passes. So, now we have the original C&R proposal...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...As...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...as amended. All those in favor, raise your cards.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Ben. Discussion was...

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Brother Ben Frail, Rhode Island, National Patriotic Instructor. I just have a question. I was hoping to get clarified through you to Brother Jim. We have here listed twenty-one years of age. As you pointed out earlier, different states have different age limits. Whatever...what would happen if states raised it to above twenty-one? How do we...how would could we cover ourselves then? Because then we would...then be...our C&R would not go in line with local laws.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

It a state would change their laws making our National Regulations illegal, the Commander-in-Chief has the authority to suspend that Regulation until the next National Encampment.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Norris.

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

Edward Norris, Past Commander-in-Chief. On the list is National Photographer. National Photographer is neither an elected or an appointed officer.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

It's someone we sign a contract with. And so we can't be entering into contracts with a twenty-year-old photographer.

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

I realize...



**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Cause it's not...it's void...

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

...I know what the issue was. I was just pointing out they're neither. So, it doesn't fall into the list.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are you making a recommendation?

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

No, I was just pointing it out.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right Brothers, back to the Proposal as amended. All those in favor, raise your cards. Put the cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Proposal #3 on page forty-nine of your booklet. This Proposal is from the Executive Director, affects Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 16. If you have the C&R, it's on page ninety-two. This Proposal describes and clarifies the duties of the Executive Director. The C&R recommends adoption. In Section 16 (b), where it says dishonorable discharge, we're striking out the word he and then we're adding or changing Section (b) to Section (c) and adding new language then for Section (d). Section (d), the Executive Director shall coordinate with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations as they maintain contact and liaison with other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and other patriotic and military organizations including, but not limited to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Committee...as that Committee may request. And then we're adding a new Section (e), a Section (f), a Section (g), Section (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n). And then there's a subsection to (n), (a) and (b). And then we have Section (o), a subsection (a), and (b),(c),(d) and then Section (p). We've got a subsection (a), subsection (b). And then Section (q), Section (r), Section (s), Section (t). And if you want me to read all that, I will. But if you can read it yourself, that'd be great.

**Unknown**

We're good.

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

The Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Did we already get a first and second?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's a recommendation from...so it's basically a motion from the Committee. It doesn't need a second.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Never mind.

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Commander, Michael Beard, National Treasurer. The paragraph that says the Executive Director shall attend meetings of the Council of Administration and the National Encampment would imply that we would pay the expenses of that attendance.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Please repeat that. It should say Assistant in front of it, is what you're saying?

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

No. I'm saying that the statement while requiring the Executive Director to attend meetings of the Council of Administration, it would therefore follow that we should pay that individual's expense to attend those meetings.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

He's already required by the terms in his contract. And the contract specifically states he's not. If there's a.. his quarterly pay is...includes those expenses.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I was just going to point out that within his contract, it states that because he's a subcontractor, his expenses are his own.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? All right. Voting on proposal number three. All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed. Proposal passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Proposal number four on page fifty-one of your booklet. This proposal is from the Executive Director. Chapter 3 will be affected. Article 7, Section 17, and on page ninety-three if you have the Regulations with you. And this proposal describes and clarifies the duties of the Assistant Executive Director. The Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. If you look at Chapter 3, Article 7, Section 17, we're adding some language where the Assistant Executive Director shall, if needed, assist the Executive Director with the following. And then in Section (b), we're striking out the word he's. And in Section (q), we're adding the Assistant Executive Director shall. And then we're having Subsection (a), (b), (c), describing some of the things he's going to do: manage and digitize the National SUVCW archives; coordinate with local universities and colleges to ensure an open internship opportunity with the SUVCW; create and maintain a community outreach program designed to supply volunteer workforce within the National SUVCW headquarters. And again, the Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief, my question is...is if we accept this, does this mean that we are going to fill that position? Or are we just getting prepared to possibly fill a position?

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Bruce Frail, chairman...speaking this time as the chairman of the Headquarters Planning Committee. The purpose of this was to outline and clarify... We already passed the Assistant Executive Director's job description last year at last year's National Encampment. These were three items and some clarification language that were added so that we would be able to... Basically we added three more duties to the Assistant Executive Director's position. So, it it's not a matter of are we saying we're going to hire somebody. We said that that last year.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby, to answer your question, the Council does intend to fill this position. We just need approval of the budget on Sunday morning to make sure that the line item is approved. Any more discussion?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Commander, Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Would you speak into the microphone? They're very...not sensitive.

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Okay. Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer. The language in (b) and (c)... My professional life I've worked in a lot of nonprofits. Thankfully, I'm not now. But there have been issues raised about the concept of a volunteer workforce and namely unpaid or underpaid interns and other people who were brought into organizations to do work that is essentially the

equivalent of a full-time employee. And I guess my question is, was that considered...this has been an issue for a number of 501(c)(3)'s that I've worked for. Was that issue considered in formulating the language for (c)?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I believe this is a paid position. So, does your comment still apply?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

The wording says a volunteer workforce.

**Unknown**

C.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

In Section (c)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Who are you?

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

I'm sorry. Bruce Frail, speaking as Chairman of the Headquarters Planning Committee. The Section that Brother Tim is referring to is subsection (c) and it states create and maintain community outreach program designed to supply a volunteer workforce for the National SUVCW headquarters. Basically, this is not going to be a volunteer job for the Executive or the Assistant Executive Director. This is going to be a task, that the Executive...that the Assistant Executive Director will develop a volunteer program for the community. So, if people wished to volunteer on projects within the headquarters, they can. These are not gonna be long-term projects. These are just time-consuming projects that with people's help, we can manage and maintain. And the Assistant Executive Director would be the person that is controlling or managing that segment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Does that answer your question?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

It does but... It answers my question mostly. I would actually suggest that we remove the word workforce and that we simply state volunteers to avoid any...any sort of misunderstanding that we're bringing in people on a volunteer basis to work for us.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is that a motion?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

That is a motion.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there... Who seconded?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion on the amendment. The amendment is to remove workforce from subsection (c).

**Unknown**

And the word a before volunteer.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And the word a before volunteer.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Sir, Bruce Frail, again. The Committee would have no objections to that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, we're voting on to approve the amendment. All those in favor, raise your cards. Anyone opposed? Amendment passes. So, now we have proposal number four, as amended, that we're voting on. All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. All those in favor... I mean all those opposed. Proposal four, as amended, passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Proposal number six on page fifty-two of your booklet. This proposal is from Bob Petrovic, Chairman of the National Committee on the Lincoln Tomb.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

We missed five.

**Unknown**

Proposal number five.

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

Oh, missed that one. Is that...that's the one we just did. Oh, okay. Number five on page fifty-one. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Aide to the Committee. Affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 1. If you have the C&R, it's page 107. This change to the Regulations adds a new sentence to this section which requires a committee to consider only

matters referred to it and advise what action the committee has taken. The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal. The new language in Section 1, Committees at any level of the Order shall only consider matters properly referred to them by proper authority. Each item must be reported back to the appointing authority with the committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer, or other appropriate action. Again, the Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All tho...are you...

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'd like just a little bit of clarification. If this passes, will this prohibit a committee that while discussing a subject that comes up with something that's a little bit out of the box, would it prohibit them from being able to pursue that?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jim, do you want to comment?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

No.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It was your suggestion, was it not?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

My response is no.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

It will not...

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...No...

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

It will not prohibit them?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

No.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay, now we're on proposal number six, page fifty-two. This proposal is from Robert Petrovic, Chairman of the National Committee on the Lincoln Tomb. Affects Chapter 3, Article 10, Section 9. If you have the C&R, it's page 110. This amendment to the Regulations makes some changes to the procedure for conducting the Lincoln Tomb ceremony and clarifies the date the ceremony will be held in case of a ceremony falling on Easter Sunday. Committee recommends adoption. In Section 9 we're adding new language, Should the ceremony fall on Easter Sunday, in that event, the Committee shall move the observance to the weekend before or the weekend after. Then in Section 6, at the end we're adding new language, such material may be sent electronically through the websites of these organizations. Then in Section 7, we're eliminating the word personalized, where it says February 14th, and include personalized invitation. Strike out the word personalized. And then in that Section we're adding new language, such invitations may be sent electronically to the email address of the National Presidents of the Allied Orders and the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS. Then in Section 8, we're striking out language and reserve a charter bus for transportation of wreath bearers to the tomb from the headquarters hotel and return. And then in Section 15, striking out at the bottom language that says and a bugler to perform taps at the close of the ceremony. And in Section 17, striking out language that also includes a listing of the participating organizations presenting Memorial wreaths. And again, the Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion?

**John Endelmann, Department of Ohio**

Yes. John Endelmann, Junior Vice Commander, Camp Sherman, Department of Ohio. Clearly if the day of the ceremony has got to be a Saturday. It would seem like it falling on a Sunday doesn't make a lot of sense. So for clarification, I would propose that is say, In the event said ceremony falls during Easter weekend, the Committee shall move the observance to the weekend before or the weekend after.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are you moving?

**John Endelmann, Department of Ohio**

I'm making an amendment to the...

**Unknown**

...Second...

**John Endelmann, Department of Ohio**

...proposal. (Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion on the amended...amended proposal. I see no discussion. All those in fav... Hang on Brothers. Bob Petrovic, Chairman of that Committee's approaching the microphone.

**Robert M. Petrovic, Nat'l Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance**

Bob Petrovic, Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb, it does state on here the weekend before or the weekend after. (Indistinguishable).

**John Endelmann, Department of Ohio**

Yeah. He agrees. The clarification is the only issue. It just...like I placed at the beginning of the sentence, in the event said ceremony falls during Easter weekend. That covers the fact that would it be on a Saturday, then it can be either the weekend before of the weekend after.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Any further discussion? We're voting on the amendment. All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed? The amendment passes. So now we're voting on the proposal, as amended. All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal as amended passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Proposal number eight.

**Multiple Brothers**

Seven.

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

Or seven, on page fifty-three.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

Trying to get this done as quick as possible.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

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

This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Aide to the Committee. It affects Chapter 4, Article 4. If you have the C&R, it's page 122. This proposed change clarifies the procedure when a Brother wants to file charges against his Camp Commander. The Committee recommends adoption. We're adding new language to Article 4. It says, If the charges are against the Camp Commander, the charges shall be filed with the Senior Vice Camp Commander who shall, in all aspects, act as the Camp Commander in this matter. This



Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion. No discussion? Voting to approve the proposal. Raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Now we got proposal number eight. It's on page fifty-three. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Aide to the Committee. It affects Chapter 4, Article 5. If you have the C&R, it's page 122. This proposed change clarifies the procedure when a Brother wants to file charges against the Department Commander. The C&R Committee recommends adoption. And at the end of Article 5, we're adding new language, If the charges are against the Department Commander, the charges shall be filed with the Senior Vice Department Commander who shall in all aspects act as the Department Commander in this matter. Again, the Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion.

**Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio**

Carl Denbow, Camp Commander of Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio.

**Multiple Brothers**

Can't hear you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Please restate in the microphone.

**Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio**

Okay. Carl Denbow. I'm Camp Commander of Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio. And it seems to me that in the case where the charges against the Commander, it should be maybe gone up a level to the state level because otherwise seems to me you could have situations where you get certain personality differences. And it really shouldn't just be an internal thing within the Camp at that point I wouldn't think.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We've already approved the Camp level proposal on this. We're on Department.

**Carl J. Denbow, Department of Ohio**

Oh! Okay, never mind.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? All right. All those in favor of Proposal number eight, raise your

cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal eight passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Okay. Proposal number nine on page fifty-three of your booklet. This proposal comes from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail as chairman of the National Headquarters Planning Committee, presented on behalf of that Committee, to make a reference in the C&R to the records and retention policy adopted by the Council of Administration rather than include the entire policy in the C&R. The C&R Committee feels that it would be more convenient for the membership to have the entire policy included in the Regulations. So, Chapter 5, Article 5, if you have the C&R, it's on page 120 or 132. This change to the Regulations replaces the current language in the C&R regarding records retention and inserts new language covering additional records that must be retained and clarifies the period of time that the records must be retained. And as you can see, we have stricken out the existing Article 5 that's already in the Regulations and the policy that has been adopted or recommend by this Committee would be inserted in its place as the new Chapter 5. And it includes new information regarding how long certain records have to be maintained and what kind of records have to be maintained. If you want me to read that whole new Section I can do that. But it would be best if you just look at it. And if you have a question, let us know.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And to be clear, the Committee is recommending approval.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Ben Frail, Rhode Island, National Patriotic Instructor. Just a point...a clarification question. In the first stricken one it says Article 5. In the new updated version it says Chapter 5.

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

All right. That's a clerical mistake. We can correct.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Do we know which one it should... Should it say Article or should it say...

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

Well, actually it's both.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

I move that the...

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

...It's actually both. It's actually Chapter 5 and Article 5 on page 132.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Oh, it's Article 5, Chapter 5. Okay. Thank you very much.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer. A question about the records that are listed beginning on page fifty-six. The question is, was consideration given to websites, social media accounts, and certain electronic communications; emails, for example, between the Commander-in-Chief and members of the Council of Administration? Do those kinds of records meet the criteria for any kind of retention consideration?

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Bruce Frail, Chairman of the Headquarters and Planning Committee. At the time that this was drafted, no, those were not considered because this basically came about about hardcopy records, not electronic records. There will be something coming down the line for electronic records.

Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief

Please go away.

**Encampment**

(chatter and laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Hi. Leo Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief. I'm reading on page fifty-six, (A), form 1 and it says, All the forms must be retained permanently. Permanently is capitalized and then form three permanently is not capitalized. It is intermittently capitalized throughout the next three pages.

**Unknown**

Uh-huh.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You might want to do one way.

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

Those are clerical errors that our editor will correct.

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander, Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer for the Department of Massachusetts. I have a question on fifty-five. Cancelled checks must be retained for at least three years after the close of the fiscal year. I can't remember the last time I got a check back. Mostly it comes back in your statement. So you're maintaining the statement for three years, bank account statements for three years. But I can't remember last time I got a cancelled check back.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Mike, do you want to talk to that?

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

You got this one?

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Michael Beard, National Treasurer. He is correct. Canceled checks (indistinguishable). But, I didn't object to that particular...when I saw it in the original. Because as you say, I maintain the bank statements. They have a copy of the canceled check in the bank statements and that's (indistinguishable) give it a whole record. So, in effect, it will happen.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Bruce Frail again. The only reason why it was included there is because we have canceled checks at the National Headquarters. Any records we found that were in existence, we included.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. I have a concern. And while I sympathize with the concept that it would be more convenient to the membership to have the policy contained in the C&R, my understanding is the CofA has passed a policy. Putting it in the C&R would tie the Council's hands in the future to update this policy with any sort of ease. I think that's a big concern. I think this body should really consider where this body and our governing documents have put the authority to make policy. And that is in the hands of the CofA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Harry, I'm not speaking in defense of or against the proposal, but these Sections already existed in the C&R that had already tied, as you're calling it, the CofA's hands. So...

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

...Right. And I remember in the discussions of the CofA meetings that the desire was to bring it out as a standalone policy, taking it out of the C&R as a way to sort of future proof it. Make it more accessible to update, more accessible to change as the times change. Nothing's truly future proof, but our methods certainly can be. And putting something like this in a situation where it can only be updated once a year, and then with a significant amount of debate among hundreds of people, I think is a bit foolish.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, are you making a motion?

**Unknown**

Yes.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

Yes. I would move that we strike... we retain the striking of the language that is stricken, but not add the entire policy to the C&R.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a sec...

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

...(Indistinguishable) policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I believe that was Kevin Tucker seconding. Brother Bruce.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Bruce Frail, Chairman of the Headquarters Planning Committee. This is... this has been back and forth between being a policy and being a part of the C&R since Gettysburg. We developed it as a standalone policy so that it could be adjusted. And then we have been informed that there was desires that everything be in the C&R so that there was a one location where you could look for everything. And that's why it was converted over to a C&R inclusion because we already had an Article section there. At some point, we have to stop bouncing this thing around and put it someplace. Otherwise, it's not going to go into effect. Basically, I think we should just keep it in the C&R and leave it alone. Let's get it moving.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'd like to speak in support of what Bruce just said.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who are you?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I believe Bruce is right. We have to decide one way or another. But I also think that it should be in the C&R. And the rationale for that is the C&R is the go to document for regulations. And I see this list is more of a regulation or a rule rather than a policy. And so, I would be... I will vote... my vote would be that we put it in the C&R, as it's been modified.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. Commander-in-Chief, I stand in opposition to Brother Harry's making it a policy. For those of you who have been around for a while, this Organization went through... you would have to go to eighteen different places to find the answer for something and we changed it so it was one top... one-stop shopping in the C&R. There's no reason to switch horses in the middle of the stream. It should stay in the C&R.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any more discussion? Harry, you do have an opportunity to respond.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, Council of Administration**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration. Heard and understood on all counts. Unfortunately, I believe my motion was seconded, so I cannot withdraw it. I also know that I am bound by Robert's Rules to vote in favor. But I will not be upset if I'm the only card up...

when it comes time to vote in favor.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Robert's Rules of Order, if the second is pulled, then it died for a want of a second.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No, not correct.

**Unknown**

It always has.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Not correct.

**Unknown**

It always has.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Not correct. Not according to Robert's Rules.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, Brothers. We're going to proceed to vote on the amendment, which is to strike any language in the C&R regarding to records retention made by Brother Reineke. All those in favor,

raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed. Okay. Amendment does not pass. So, we're going back to the original proposal. So, Proposal number nine from the C&R Committee to replace the language on records retention. All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

All right. Proposal number ten found at the very bottom of page fifty-eight on your booklet. Goes on over to page fifty-nine and sixty. This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Aide to the Committee. Affects Chapter 5, Article 21. If you have the C&R, it's on page 151. This proposed change adds a new Article to Chapter 5 that will bring our procedure for voting by email and during virtual meetings into conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, 12th Edition. The C&R Committee recommends adoption. And as you can see, it's a rather lengthy process and I would recommend you just read it rather than have me read it to you. And the Committee...

**Unknown**

...Can't hear you.

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

...So I would recommend you read it rather than me read it to you. It does add a new Article 21, Section 1 and Section 2 and goes all through to I believe a total of... Well, there's several pages of it. If you want me to read it, I will. But otherwise, it's simply giving the outline on how Robert's Rules says we should handle virtual and electronic voting. Committee recommends adoption.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Discussion. There appears to be no discussion. We will move to vote. All those in favor of the C&R Committee's Proposal number ten. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Proposal passes.

[one rap, \*]

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

Commander, that concludes the report of the C&R Committee.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Congratulations, Brothers. We typically do that one later. So...so, I'd like to go back to the Special Committee reports. We were on Memorial University, as I recall.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Page eight zero. Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels, are you in the room?

**Stephen A. Michaels, CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University**

Brother Commander, the Committee on Memorial University would like to withdraw its recommendation in favor of the Senior Vice Commander's recommendation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Does that conclude the Committee's report?

**Stephen A. Michaels, CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University**

That concludes our report. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Do you want to call it or do you want me to? Okay. National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning, Bruce D. Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Bruce Frail, Chairman, National Committee on Headquarters Planning. Still. The report is on page eighty-one. There are no additions or alterations to the report. There are two recommendations. I believe both of these may be sent to CofA, but I'll read them anyways. Recommendation number one, approve a \$12,000 per year budget for the purpose of hiring a subcontractor to fill the position of Assistant Executive Director.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm referring that to the Council of Administration.

**Bruce D. Frail, CinC Appointed Committee on Headquarters Planning**

Recommendation number two, approve the term of the above contract for a period up to three years. This will ensure we have someone qualified to perform the duties of the National Executive Director under contract if something should happen to whomever is in that office.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Likewise, to the Council of Administration. Brother Bures is not here.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay, so...(indistinguishable). Okay. CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications, John Conrad.

**John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications**

Commander-in-Chief, John Conrad, Chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee to



Review Membership Qualifications.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Page eighty-two Brothers.

**John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications**

I'm sorry.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Page eighty-two. Correct?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yes.

**John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications**

Yes, page eighty-two. I'm sorry. I'd first like to thank the members of the Committee with me, Don Shaw and Tim Kolb, who jumped into this and have done a tremendous amount of work already. There's a tremendous amount of work left to be done. And that's one of the reasons why we recommend that the Committee be expanded to five people; to continue to be able to properly present some recommendations to future Encampment. The report stands as it's written. I would withdraw the recommendation because its already covered by the Commander-in-Chief's first recommendation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**John R. Conrad, CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications**

Nothing further.

**James B. Pahl, National Host Committee**

James Pahl, Past Commander in Chief, acting as Chair of the Host Committee of the 2022 National Encampment. Welcome to Grand Rapids. I should have done this at the beginning of the Encampment. Yee-haw.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**James B. Pahl, National Host Committee**

Probably should have done this at the beginning of the Encampment, but the microphone issue got me discombobulated. And that's why I'm glad it's working. As everyone's probably found out, bathrooms out the back door through the divider; bathrooms towards the restaurant and towards the front. If you have purchased banquet tickets and have not received them yet, during break, go through the door in the back into the exhibit room. See my daughter, Becky. She's the one with the green hair. And if you upset her, she'll bite your head off. (chuckling). No, she's very easy going; very lovely gal. So, I hope you're having a great time. Any

complaints, give them to Don Shaw. Any compliments, I'll receive up here. But, I want to thank the members of my Committee, the Brothers and Sisters of the Department of Michigan. They've done a yeoman's job in helping prepare this Encampment. So again, welcome to Grand Rapids.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We're going to take a ten-minute break. And when we come back, I'd like to handout some awards. So, we'll see you all at 3:20.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(break)

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...well-deserving Brothers.

**Unknown**

Do you want to read from up here?

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Yeah.

**Unknown**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I need a functioning microphone to talk. Harry, go ahead.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Oh, let me make two quick announcements. Okay, Brothers. Two quick announcements. Is this mic working? All right. Two quick announcements. There is a request for all MOLLUS Companions and Associate Companions to meet at the flags for a photo immediately after the close of this afternoon's session. And the Department of Michigan delegation will be having dinner at Pietro's immediately after business today. That's approximately 5:00 p.m. or 1700 for those of you counting.

**Unknown**

For the Marine?

**Encampment**

(chatter and laughter).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Now, we have some awards to give our Brothers who have done great jobs throughout the year. So, will the awardees please come forward when your name is called or a representative of the Department if the awardee is not present here today? The first award is a certificate of recognition which is being awarded to the Department of Wisconsin for placing last Union veteran markers in every county within the state of Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(applause, cheers, and chatter).

**Unknown**

Do you want to stand here?

**Cher Petrovic, National Photographer**

No, I'm standing here. It's easier. Come on over.

**Unknown**

All right.

**Cher Petrovic, National Photographer**

Come over here.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Next up we have the Meritorious Service Award which recognizes Brothers who have gone well above and beyond the call of their duties and made significant contributions in service to the SUVCW. The first recipient this year is Fred Mossbrucker from the Department of New Jersey.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Department of New Jersey**

I'm not Fred Mossbrucker, but I'm from the Department of New Jersey.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

That will work.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

The next recipient is Brother Steve Bauermeister from the Department of Nebraska.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Next up we Brother Fred Campbell from the Department of Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Or the Department Commander.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

And another Meritorious Service Award, this one going to Brother David Demmy, Jr. from the Department of Pennsylvania.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So Brothers, I want to speak specifically on this one because Brother David has been doing yeoman's work at the National Headquarters for many, many years. Before I was even in the chairs, I was working with him to resolve computer issues at the National Headquarters. He has saved our organization thousands and thousands of dollars in making sure that his father can continue to get things done at the National Headquarters. So, he's very deserving of this award.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

All right. Next up we have the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, which recognizes those Brothers for exceptionally meritorious service in...in service and significant accomplishments to the SUVCW as a whole as voted upon by the Council of Administration. The first...I'll read the name of the recipient and then I'll read the citation that was submitted. So, the first recipient is Brother David Wildermuth from the Department of Illinois. For meritorious achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the ideals and principals of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of May 2021 until May 2022. Brother David Wildermuth of the Department of Illinois has for the past year worked tirelessly and made many trips from his home in Fairview, Illinois near St. Louis to work on the Dr. Benjamin Stephen Gravesite Improvement Project at Petersburg, Illinois. He has worked with the committee to the backlog of memorial bricks headquarters that were left during the transition from the city of Petersburg administration to Department of Illinois control. This period was during the last illness of Committee Chair, Past Department Commander Jerry Dyer, and the onset of the COVID pandemic. PDC Dyer's wish was for the project to continue and be successful, as he knew he wouldn't live to see it completed. Many bricks were left to be engraved and installed. And Brother David drove up to Roseville Cemetery in Petersburg to install them himself. Brother David was also on the Department Encampment Site Selection Committee and made countless calls and several trips in the last couple of years to procure suitable locations for the Department to hold its annual and midterm Encampment. Brother David, as Commander of Colonel Hecker Camp #443 has been a tireless promoter of the SUVCW and has set up many displays to promote knowledge of Civil War history and local

figures who played a part. He is also worked on several monument restorations for his Camp, most recently to recover a small damaged GAR marker in the back corner of a local cemetery in Fairview Heights and move it to a place of prominence at the city's government complex. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David Wildermuth will reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Reiterate that the photographer gets her pictures first.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Yes. I've been asked to emphasize the fact that the National Photographer, Cher Petrovic, has priority for pictures. Please do not stand in front of her lens. She doesn't want pictures of the back of your head.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

She wants pictures of the awardees.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

She gets the first shot.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

And she gets the first shot. Another MSA with Gold Star, this one to Brother Roderick Fraser, of the Department of Massachusetts. For meritorious achievement in the superior performance and the accomplishment of the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 9 September 2016 until 18 May 2022. Brother Roderick Fraser, of the Department of Massachusetts, since becoming a member of the SUVCW in September 2016, Brother Fraser, a retired Naval service warfare officer, Commander of the USS Underwood during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and former City of Boston Fire Commissioner from '06 to 2014, has dedicated himself to this Organization and has gone above and beyond his duty as a member to strengthen and improve the Order. In his first year as a member, Brother Fraser revived the Department of Massachusetts' newsletter, the Clarion Call, which he continues to edit and publish. He also maintains the Department electronic mailing list and conducts mass mailings for the Department, facilitating communication within the Department. Brother Fraser initiated and coordinated the Department's sponsorship of the Massachusetts History Bowl State Championship for high school students, advancing recruiting and branding for the Order. He was a member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts, where as some may remember, he provided the gigantic federal flag used as a backdrop at the head table. This added greatly to the patriotic atmosphere at the 2018 National Encampment. This flag was a gift from his men upon his retirement from military

service. Brother Fraser initiated and continues to coordinate and raise funds for a major ongoing project to restore the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post #7 burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston. The project includes the straightening and cleaning of federal headstones, repairing vandalism on the plot's granite curbing and decorations, restoring two artillery pieces and their bases which are in static display. This project has given Brother Fraser, his Camp, and the SUVCW great recognition among Boston's city officials, local veterans groups, and the local community. Brother Fraser has referred ten Brothers for membership in the SUVCW, both in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where he is a dual member. He continues recruiting efforts among members of military and hereditary groups to which he belongs, such as the Sons of the American Revolution and Massachusetts Military Society. Brother Rod is a graduate of Memorial University and has authored a Camp's Secretary's Handbook for the National Organization which is under review by the National Secretary. In this way, he uses his education and communication skills to lead and teach others within our Order. He is the co-founder and current Camp Commander of the Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54 in Boston and was also the author of the Camp's initial bylaws. His organizational and communicational skills are a great benefit to expanding the membership and conducting the business of SUVCW. Brother Rod found that the first African-American Union Army nurse was buried in Boston without any notation of her name and accomplishment. He conceived of, planned for, raised funding through grant requests and lobbying for matching funds, procured and coordinated the erection and engraving of a monument for Susie Baker King Taylor, the Union Army's first African-American nurse and had her name engraved on the headstone of the grave she shares with her husband. This work furthers the mission of the SUVCW to honor all veterans, and especially those who served from 1861 to 1865. Brother Rod currently serves as the Department of Massachusetts' Senior Vice Department Commander and is appointed to the National Promotions and Marketing Committee where, among his other achievements, he initiated and maintains the SUVCW's YouTube channel. Brother Fraser is a member of the First Military District SVR and serves as the District's Public Information Officer. His leadership and technical skills are a great asset to the Order and promotes the Order on the Internet. This past year, Brother Fraser organized a dedication ceremony for the Susie Baker King Taylor Monument, which included speeches by Commander-in-Chief Michel Paquette, Boston Mayor Kim Janey, and Historian Rebecca Byrd. For the public, the ceremony is as important as the monument, as public recognition for those who serve, regardless of race or sex, inspires the current generation to do the same. And with a good deal of media coverage, both on television and in print, it reinforces the SUVCW name and brand in the public's mind. Brother Fraser is currently conducting video interviews with SUVCW Brothers for the Order's What Makes Us Brothers video series on the YouTube channel. He is using his technical skill to promote fraternity and inspire others to join our Order. Brother Fraser is coordinating the First Military District participation in the rededication of the Robert Gould Shaw 54th Massachusetts Monument in Boston on June 1, which will include 54th Massachusetts Infantry reenactors, the Boston Children's Choir, and noted VIPs and speakers such as U.S. Vice-President Harris and Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin, III. This will be an historic event and Brother Fraser is determined to include the SUVCW in the public celebration. The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Roderick Fraser reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## **Encampment**

(applause, cheers, and chatter).

### **Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Next up we have the Elmer Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award, which is awarded to Brothers with over thirty years of exceptional continuous performance and dedication to the Order. The first recipient is Brother Jerome Orton, Past Department Commander, Department of New York. Since Brother Jerry Orton joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1970, he has committed and dedicated himself in promoting the Boys in Blue and the SUVCW. Brother Orton received his fifty-year pin in 2020. He has served in numerous positions within the David G. Caywood Camp #146 to include being the Camp Commander. He is currently the Camp Historian. Brother Orton was elected as New York Department Commander for the term 1980-81. After his term, he still to this day serves the Department. Brother Orton and Past Commander-in-Chief Wheeler developed the book at the Department 125th Encampment, showing pictures of all the existing GAR statutes in New York State and their location. Brother Orton was instrumental in preserving the GAR Highway. He currently serves on the GAR and SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee and as the New York Historian. On the National level, Past Department Commander Orton serves on the Real Sons Committee. His tireless dedication and tracking existing Real Sons and new Sons didn't go unnoticed. National in 2000, presented him with the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. In 2008, the Department of New York recognized Brother Orton's dedication to our Order and presented him with the Department's highest award, the Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey Memorial Award for Outstanding Service. Throughout his time as a member of the SUVCW, Brother Orton supported all the Camps within the Department of New York exemplifying our motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Brother Orton even has the Boy Scouts raise the American flag at Grant's Tomb. Just this past Memorial Day weekend in 2022, he brought the attention of the town of Volney elected officials, the significance of the 125th anniversary of the GAR Statute in Voorhees Park. The rededication ceremony was held, thanks to his efforts. In addition, Brother Orton continues to set up exhibits to promote the Order. Past Department Commander Jerry Orton is well-respected as he set a high standard of what it means to preserve and perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue and what a Brother in good standing should strive to achieve.

## **Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

### **Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

The next Lifetime Achievement Award goes to Brother Nicholas Kaup of the Department of Illinois. Brother Nicholas Kaup, Past Department Commander, joined the Order as a member of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20, Department of Michigan on October 24, 1989. As a resident of Illinois, he works tirelessly to bring the Department of Illinois back to active status after a period of inactivity. He organized the reactivation of the General George Armstrong Custer Camp #1 in Cook County, for which he has served as Camp Commander more than six separate nonconsecutive times. He was also instrumental in the formation of the General Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 in Aurora, General John A. McClelland Camp #4 in Springfield, and

Colonel Friedrich Hecker Camp #443 in Belleville. As Camp Organizer for the Department of Illinois, a position he has held for many years, he organized the formation and/or reactivation of Old Glory Camp 6165 in Chicago and U.S. Grant Camp 1863 in Schaumburg. Brother Kaup served two terms as Department Commander, 1991-92 and then again 1994-95. He currently holds the office of Commander of Camp 6165 while being an active member of Camps 1, 1863, and 6165. He served on the Host Committee for the last two National Encampments which were held in Springfield and continues to serve when elected to the Department Council as well as various elected and appointed roles within the Camps to which he belongs. Brother Kaup led the placement of 228 headstones and restoration of the Rock of Chickamauga Memorial at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, a project for which his Camp received the Abraham Lincoln Award. He has served many terms as both Department Eagle Scout Coordinator and Department ROTC Coordinator. He has served as President of the Central Region Association, National Graves Registrar, and National Color Bearer. He also currently serves on the Benjamin A. Stephen Memorial Plaza Committee and has helped plan/acquire speakers for the annual ceremony at the gravesite in Petersburg, Illinois. He continues to produce or assist with the Memorial Weekend program at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago and honor the memory of the Boys in Blue there buried. In 2017, for all his efforts, the Council of Administration through Commander-in-Chief Donald Martin awarded Brother Kaup the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. In the intervening time and through the complexity of a global pandemic, Brother Kaup has neither tired nor slumbered. He is as active and excited as ever for the Boys in Blue, the Order, and the history of this great nation. As his MSA citation read, he remains a quiet man who accomplishes tremendous things. His actions, ability, initiative, mentorship, dedication, and strength reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Order. And he remains a shining light for those who know him and an inspiration for new Brothers in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Commander. Commander, a delegation from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War seeks entry to bring greetings to the National Encampment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead and do it. We'll come back to the awards.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Please escort them...please escort them to the podium.

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Sir.



[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

I have the honor to present Allison Pollitt, National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Sir, I have the honor to present Sue Freshley, National Chief of Staff, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Sir, I have the honor to present Rosemary Martin, National Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping and chatter).

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister Allison, welcome to the... Is this working?

**Multiple Brothers**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Sister Allison, welcome to our business meeting. And I will turn it over to you.

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

Can you all hear me? Sort of? Okay. Well, thank you for having me. Brother Mike, it has been such a pleasure working with you. I really hate my (indistinguishable). (laughing) So, I actually just met Brother Mike probably...last year? (chuckling) at Nationals. I had no idea what to expect. And, I was afraid, honestly. I was very afraid (chuckling) because...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

...I didn't know him. And that's all really. I was so pleasantly surprised to find someone

that actually, no offense to Dad...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

...but he treated me like I was my own person and not my parents' child. He treated me like Allison, which I really, highly appreciate because I do know what I am doing. I really do. (laughter). I promise. So, thank you for that. And thank you for your guidance. Thank you for talking to me. And just kind of being real with me about things, and not just brushing me aside. It really meant a lot to me over the year. So, thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

You're welcome.

**Sue Freshley, National Chief of Staff of the ASUVCW**

So, gentlemen, hi. I was elected to have the opportunity to work for the betterment of our Organization. I raised funds for things like education programs, things like that. I'll take this moment to shamelessly plug 50/50 raffle I have going.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Sue Freshley, National Chief of Staff of the ASUVCW**

Also, there are raffle baskets and snacks and things like that. And if you wouldn't mind supporting us, I would certainly appreciate it. Thank you.

**Rosemary Martin, National Patriotic Instructor of the ASUVCW**

Dear Brothers, my name is Rosemary Martin, and I am the ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor. And I, too, bring you greetings from the Auxiliary. Our first order of business is to truly embrace that we are a kindred, like-minded organization. As I was reading a book written by John A. Logan's wife about the beginnings of the Grand Army of the Republic and the choice of its core, they called Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity, deeper insight to those words echoed in the deep and true meaning and impact. I experienced all of these first hand with the generosity of the SUVCW toward the ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor Fund where I chose the charity, Veterans Service Dogs. So, I'm here plugging Veterans Service Dog. Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty challenges us to dig deeper to be a kindred like-minded organization. Although each Camp and/or Auxiliary forms, our initiation, our baseline, our growth, our Order's kindred like-mindedness extends beyond these to include all Brothers and all Sisters. William Shakespeare wrote, "How far that little candle throws his beams, so shines a good deed in a weary world." In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, you have done many good deeds and shown how far you as an organization, as Brothers, have thrown your beams on a weary world. Congratulations to your year, Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette. I, also, congratulate his staff, and you, our Brothers. May you have a kindred like-minded Encampment.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Jerry, would you like to respond to the ladies.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Ladies, we are so happy to see you. I'm the substitute; a cheap imitation of the real thing. Andrew Johnson was called home; otherwise, he'd be standing here saying something intelligent. You don't have to worry about me doing that.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

All families don't get to...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...get along...

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

That's the word. Get along...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

...as well as the Auxiliary and the Sons do. You have been very kind to us. And we're going to do everything we can to be kind to you. Let me, also, advise you to wash your hands and say your prayers, cause germs and Jesus are everywhere.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, I'd like to share with you just a couple of comments. When I visited the Auxiliary meeting, I just let them know things were so harmonious this morning...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...that we could hear each other...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's been an absolute pleasure working alongside National President Allison. She truly is an inspiration with the energy and enthusiasm that young people can bring to our Organizations. And I would sincerely hope that we get some younger members engaged at our National level to bring that enthusiasm with them. So, it's a pleasure. It has been a pleasure and I'm wishing you the best of luck since you opted to pursue yet another term as National President. I know the Auxiliary is in very capable hands.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

So, I did a little shopping and I may have contacted a few people.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

And I found out that your just as big of a nerd as I am.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, would you like to share with (indistinguishable)?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

We looked at trees for about two hours one day. (chuckling). (Indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(chatter and laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, it's actually a film clip from the Lord of the Rings movie, a section of actual film with the movie. I am a diehard Lord of the Rings fan. So, yes, spot on.

**Encampment**

(laughter, applause, and chatter). (sound of gift being opened).

**Encampment**

O-o-oh! Yeah! (applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, this is an Alpine hat. I don't know how Sister Allison found out but I just started performing with a German polka band.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I've already purchased my set of lederhosen...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I did not have a hat yet... So, this is again, spot on.

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Allison Pollitt, National President of the ASUVCW**

And I'll have you know, this was made in Wisconsin.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(chatter and rhythmic clapping)

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The recording was blank for the next 18 minutes. The following awards were presented during this time.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse (Brother of the Year): James T. Crane, PDC, Department of Ohio

John C. Clem (Best Junior member): William Blair Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Founder's Award: Ethel B. French, Watertown, New York

Chaplain William Corby Award: Dean H. Shearer, Department of the Columbia; Craig G. Pete Department of the Columbia; Carlos A. Pasillas, PCC, Department of the Columbia.

David R. Medert Award (Most new members recruited in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois

National Aide Award (Recruit five or more new members in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois; Clark McCullough, Department of New Jersey; Loran Bures, PDC, Department of the Columbia; Steven Gibbons, Dept of Maine; Brian McManus, PDC, Department of Wisconsin; Benjamin Frail, PDC, Department of Rhode Island; Gary Carlberg, Department of Wisconsin

Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award (Best camp): C. K. Piers Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin

Joseph S. Rippey Award (Best new camp chartered in the past year): Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina

Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award (Department with greatest number of new members): Department of Pennsylvania

U.S. Grant Cup (Department with greatest percentage increase): Department of Maine

Under Forty Award: Department of New York

Marshall Hope Award (Best newsletter):  
Camp: Lt. Commander Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp No. 2, Department of Texas and Louisiana  
Department: Department of Missouri

Horace Greeley Award (Best website):  
Camp: Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Department of Indiana  
Department: Department of the Columbia.

Certificate of Recognition (Best social media)  
Camp: Admiral David G. Farragut Camp #5, Dept of Alabama  
Department: Department of Kentucky

**Recording begins again.**

**Encampment**  
(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Take your seats.

**Unknown**

Brothers, we also have three Brothers I would like to recognize as Memorial University graduates. The first is Brother Lee Lasseigne.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Unknown**

Brother Robert Payne, Past Department Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Cher Petrovic, National Photographer**

Gotcha to smile, didn't I?

**Unknown**

Brother William Adams, Past Department Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Before you drop the final gavel, I need three reminders, is all. As we're getting ready to depart, just three reminders. Department of Michigan delegation will be having dinner at Pietro's immediately after the business meeting today. All Department Patriotic Instructors meet in the lobby ten minutes after the close of this session today. Roll will be taken.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And request all MOLLUS Companions and Associates meet at the flags for a photo immediately after the close of this afternoon session. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. Two more items before we close for today so please don't jump up to get out of the room yet. Brother Crane asked me since he wasn't in the room to have an opportunity to talk to this report because there were a couple of additions. So, I'm going to allow him to do it. Brother Crane.

**James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee**

Well, I'm back on the Site Committee. And I guess that's off or on, but whatever.

**Unknown**

You're good.

**James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee**

Kevin Tucker and I, about six or eight months ago, we had nowhere to go for next year. And so Kevin and I kind of hustled to get New Hampshire to agree to do next year in Nashua. There was no body. And finally, we got a signed contract for Kentucky this week for 2024. And you guys stand up for a minute. Will ya? Thanks. I appreciate it.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**James T. Crane, National Encampment Site Committee**

So, at least we'll have the next two years covered, Commander-in-Chief. And we're working on a third year for 2025, which somebody's been talking about that anyhow. Thank you, sir. That's all I have.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Would someone from the Charitable Foundation like to come up and talk about the Charitable Foundation. Jim, I didn't see you earlier or I would have called you up by name. You're welcome to use the podium, if you like.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Whatever's easiest for you.

**James H. Houston, Charitable Foundation**

Yeah, easiest up here. Jim Houston and I'm Secretary / Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veteran's Charity Foundation. I just want to report that we've had quite a lot of success this past year. We've had some new entries on the Board of Directors. And we now have, I want to tell you, that we now have 100 Brothers outside the Organizations and members...people who have donated to the Endowment Fund that we have, the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund. And with 100 now after our, I think almost twenty years, in operation. And just to recognize those individuals, I would like all those folks that have contributed to the Endowment Fund, or the Foundation, to just raise your hand. That's great to see. And we encourage all of those who haven't made a contribution to make a contribution. We continue to make grants to those who request funds for projects that they have; those that are within the Organization, that is the Camps, Departments, et cetera, as well as outside organizations. And continuing for the future years, please continue to keep our projects and ideas of what we're going to do in terms of



projects in mind. And I encourage you to, if you have not signed up for the Amazon Smile Program, to do so because we get a percentage of all sales that are made through Amazon, the purchases that you make, to go to funds for the Foundation. So again, many thanks for your contributions. And we hope to continue our projects and grants in the future. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. In spite of the challenges this morning, I think we've made significant progress today. So, we're going to call it a day. Enjoy your night. Enjoy the activities that are planned for this evening. And we will start tomorrow morning with Department Commander reports.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Say again.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Housekeeping.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Are there any housekeeping announcements?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, Jim Pahl. Please take your stuff with you. This room is gonna get reset tonight. In addition, the campfire program is at 7:00. There's a trivia quiz contest for teams of four to eight. There's no pre-sign up so put your teams together and come in and have some fun for our cheap rewards. Then the program immediately following the trivia quiz will be the welcoming... the courtesy night of the Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

And we're gonna come back to round tables in the morning here instead of this current set up to help for the banquet set up tomorrow night.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers when you show up tomorrow don't be surprised when you see a bunch of round tables in here that are set up for the banquet. The hotel is short on staff and we want to make sure that we have adequate time for setting up for the banquet. We have done this in the past so this is not something that is unprecedented. The advantage is you get to actually have

something you can place your items on and write instead of on your lap. So, with that...

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, Brother Jim.

**James L. Lyon, National Quartermaster**

Just in the same vein you were just talking. If you're going to buy something, buy it early tomorrow. Because it's always the Quartermaster (indistinguishable) they're trying to set up tables and we're trying to get packed up and get out. So, the earlier you can buy your items would help us. The other thing that was supposed to have been mentioned earlier, maybe we can have Bob Wolz talk about it tomorrow. But we've got a coin, a medal, up here from the Reunion. That's a silent auction, if you want to bid on that. It's sterling silver. And the information on it is laying right there. If you want more information, talk to Brother Bob.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Wait. Wait. Wait. Our business meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The SVR breakfast is at 7:00 a.m.

[one rap, \*]

[End of business meetings - day 1]

## **Third Session – Saturday Morning**

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We have a couple of announcements to start with.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. First announcement. If you went to the SVR breakfast wearing your War Medal and left without it, just please come up and describe the unique item on it and we have it for you. Next item, the Michigan delegation is requested to meet at the flag at the beginning of the first break for a group picture. Program books for the Encampment are available for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00 limit three. I suppose it's back...yeah, back in the merchandise room. Also, if anyone is looking for a dinner ticket for the banquet tonight, Max from Michigan has one to sell for the price of \$38.00. And he's back in the corner someplace there. So that be the announcements as of the moment. Again, I have somebody's War Medal.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

National Patriotic Instructor, please approach the podium.

**Benjamin Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Thank you, sir. Morning everyone.

### **Encampment**

Good morning.

### **Benjamin Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

So, I have a brief Patriotic instruction for us today. I want to take this time to say how great it is to see everyone here and to see a room full of Brothers. It's been a long time since we've been able to do...or since I've been able to do it. So it's great to see everyone. I want wish you all a safe and successful second day of our Encampment. And wish good luck to Commander-in-Chief and thank you for all of your guidance this past year.

### **Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. Thank you for the buckets.

### **Benjamin Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

You're welcome. You're welcome. So, I've got to make sure that we do Pawtucket proud. As we sit here today, it is all but guaranteed we will not agree on all the issues that are brought to the floor. However, we need to keep in mind that there is one thing that brought us here together in Michigan, and I'm not talking about the Wolverines or the Spartans. I'm talking about our mission to preserve the memory of the brave men that fought for the Union armed forces; the many different ways in which we can go about fulfilling this mission. And if you've been paying attention to recent instruction, some of the ways in which we can go about it have already been discussed. As we proceed in our trials and tribulations, we must remember that the principles in which our Order is founded and the duties in which we inculcate: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. We must keep in mind that if we fight each other, we cannot successfully fulfill our mission. We cannot find out...we cannot...find outside of the box ways in which we can inform others of the sacrifices that were made by the brave men of the Union. One of these outside of the box ways was done by Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7 of the Department of New Jersey. The Brothers of the Camp took it upon themselves to reach out to lawmakers in the state of New Jersey. "Why would they do this?" you might ask. Well, they did it to the state of New Jersey would recognize the month of May as GAR and SUVCW month. What does this mean? Well, it was discussed on the floor of the New Jersey State Legislature. The month of May will now be recognized as the official month of the GAR and the SUVCW. This shows state leaders that we're serious about ensuring that the sacrifices our ancestors made are never forgotten. There are many ways we can go about continuing the mission. We can do so by marching in Memorial Day parades or doing school presentations. We can show up at local libraries or VFW Halls and teach them on the sacrifices these men made during the war and continued to make after-the-fact. It can also be as simple as flagging veterans' gravestones to ensure that these brave souls' sacrifice are never forgotten. However you go about doing it, just make sure that you remember that...remember that the trials and tribulations that our ancestors went through. As long as you remember this when you fulfill our mission, we shall always be successful. I look forward to seeing all your hard work in the coming months, both in The Banner and on our social media platforms. In Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty, Me.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. It's going to be a good day. We have microphones.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

We left off with Department reports. Before we get into that, I just want to call to your attention the Chief of Staff is handing out some handouts on the Kit Carson Monument that will be coming up under new business. So, I didn't have enough time to create or make copies for everyone. There should be enough for you to share with another Brother at the table. But take the time during the Department reports to scan through that so you're at least familiar with the discussion on the topic matter when we get to new business. So, let's proceed with Department reports.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander, Eric Alford, Department Commander, Department of Alabama. My report is on page eighty-three. It has no required additions, though I would wish to express my thanks to the Brothers in the Encampment for their approval of the restoration honors to Past Department Commander, Brother Doug Wilson. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific, Frank C. Avila, Department Commander.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, California/Pacific did submit their report on time. It was an electronic glitch with the email. You have no recommendations. Correct?

**Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific**

None.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I'll allow you to make a short summary of your report.

**Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific**

Okay. Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. Excuse me. On the report covers activities...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Frank hold on..

**Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific**

What's that?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who are you? Who are you?

**Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific**

Oh, Frank Avila, Department of California and Pacific, Department Commander. This report covers from March 2022 through July 2022. The Department of California and Pacific is comprised of fourteen Camps, all in good standing. We are in the process of forming a fifteenth Camp in the Central Valley of California. Our Department is proud to have over 330 Brothers, including dual members from Canada and the East Coast. With changes in the behavior of COVID, most Camps returned in person meetings. Some are still holding virtual meetings, and others are experimenting with hybrid technology. This past March, we were all excited to have our first in-person Department Encampment in three years. We were honored with the presence of Commander-in-Chief Mike Paquette. Most of our Camps participated in Memorial Day observances in one form or another this past May. These included both public and private ceremonies, placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans, and conducting their own Camp Memorial Day services. Additionally, most Camps also participated in Independence Day events, either by marching in parades or other patriotic activities. Some Camps have also active participating with living history, school education presentations, and other public events promoting to the Order. Since in-person gatherings are less restrictive, we have been happy to resume our work on graves registration. And as a result, I am very proud to report that our own Michael Emmett of General Stoneman Camp 18 has achieved the remarkable task of registering almost 500 Civil War graves this past year. That is my report.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Frank.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Brian Horgan, Department of the Chesapeake**

Brian Horgan, Commander, Department of the Chesapeake. You can find my report on page eighty-four. No additions. No recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Commander, Walter Weart. I'm Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Our report stands as submitted. We do however have a recommendation on calculation of members. I will read this, if you wish, sir. Form 27 Camp Annual Report should be revised in the following manner. Line 43, Brothers subject to Department per capita subtract

lines 42 from 41 does not allow for manual editing. It draws its numbers from line 30, total number of Brothers subject to National per capita subtract lines 28, 29 from line 27. Brothers who are exempt from National per capita are not necessarily exempt from Department per capita. For example, the number of life numbers needs to be added back to line 43, unless exempted by Department bylaws. This results in an incorrect amount due the Department. That is our recommendation, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Refer the recommendation to P&P.

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Thank you, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Columbia. I don't believe they're here. They had no recommendations. Department of Connecticut.

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Point of order. Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. You will notice on page eighty-seven and eighty-eight there is an error. It's in the Department of Columbia but it's Department of Oklahoma information that got inadvertently copied there. So, just strike through those pages. They are replicated on the Department of Oklahoma's section.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Which pages again, Brian?

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Eighty-seven and eighty-eight.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

(Indistinguishable).

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Hmm?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Is that where it starts at a)?

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

It starts at On Memorial Day, 2021 Jeremiah Swift Camp 1 on page eighty-seven and then end on the bottom of page eighty-eight. It's just an administrative error so just strike through it. At least on the version that I have.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That's, I think, all of them.

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'll be honest, I just don't want Columbia getting credit for Oklahoma stuff.

**Encampment**

O-o-o-h!

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, the Department of Connecticut.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You're supposed to be harmonious.

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sor...Sir?

**Unknown**

Use the mic.

**Several Brothers**

Mic.

**Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander...Past Commander-in-Chief Day just said I'm supposed to be harmonious.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Connecticut's not here.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Oh. My apologies. Department of Florida.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Florida's not president. Present, not present. Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia/South Carolina did not submit a report. Department of Illinois.

**Gary Gunderson, Department of Illinois**

Gary Gunderson, Department of Illinois. Brothers, my report appears on page ninety. There are not additions, corrections, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**James M. Floyd, Jr., Department of Indiana**

Commander...Commander, James M. Floyd, Jr., Department Commander, Department of Indiana. Brothers, our report is on page ninety-one. We have no corrections, no additions, no recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Is Iowa here?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't think so.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I'll call it. Department of Iowa. Is anyone here? Yes! Someone is.

**Daniel F. Rittel, Department of Iowa**

Commander, Daniel Rittel, Secretary, Department of Iowa. Our report is on page ninety-four and there are no corrections, additions, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kansas.

**Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas**

Robert Boyd, II, Department of Kansas. My report is on page ninety-five. There are no corrections, additions, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky.

**David Jones, Department of Kentucky**

David Jones, Department Commander, Department of Kentucky. I have no...no recommendations. But I do have two additions. Two of our fine male direct-line descendants and SUV members were left out of the deceased members. Brother Bruce Loveall, Past Camp Commander from Duffield #1, passed away on December 31st of 2021. It was not included. And then Brother Doug Harper, Past Commander of Camp #5 was also left out. But he passed away



just in the last few weeks so (indistinguishable). But that concludes my report.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of Maine did not submit a report. Department of Massachusetts.

**John J. Dupre, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander, John Dupre, Commander of Department of Massachusetts. Our report can be found on page ninety-seven.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Get closer to the mic.

**John J. Dupre, Department of Massachusetts**

Oh, excuse me. Commander, John Dupre, Department Commander for Massachusetts. Our report can be found on page ninety-seven. There are no corrections, additions, or recommendations.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan did not submit a report. Department of Missouri did not submit a report. Department of Nebraska. Are they here? Yes.

**John Surman, Department of Nebraska**

John Surman with the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas. The report is on pages ninety-eight, ninety-nine. There are no additions, no corrections, and no recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

They weren't here yesterday.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

They weren't here yesterday. Okay. Department of New Jersey.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Commander, Frank Tomasello, Senior Vice Department Commander, Department of New Jersey, Past Camp Commander, Francine Camp. Our report is contained on pages ninety-nine and one hundred. There are no corrections or additions. There is one recommendation, however.

**Unknown**

Where?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

We recommend that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Departments and Department Camps be permitted to issue recognition certificates to those achieving the highest rank of Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts of the SCOUTS-BSA, similar to the existing practice recognizing Eagle Scouts.

**Unknown**

It's not in the report.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Basically, with evolvement of the Boy Scouts of America, now the SCOUTS-BSA, into a co-educational organization. The SUVCW should keep pace with that organization's expanded programs. Many scouts now reached their highest level of achievement at age twenty. And one of the two other programs, and never pursue that Eagle Scout badge. By offering these additional certificate categories, the SUVCW both recognizes consummate levels of achievement as well as expanding the group of young people exposed to our principles and missions.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So Brother Frank, that was a resolution that was submitted earlier. Those were submitted to the Resolutions Committee. Correct? Was that read earlier? To Resolutions?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

This is New Jersey.

**Unknown**

I don't believe it was.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No? This was not included in your report. Was it?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Yes, it was, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's not in the reports packet.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Well, it was sent to yourself by Jay Godin, Department Commander.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Reports were to be sent to the Chief of Staff.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Thank you, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Please provide a copy of that here.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

A question for the Brother.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who are you? Who are you?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Oh, Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. A question for the Brother from New Jersey. This was a resolution that you forwarded to the appropriate levels of command? This was not part of your report. You just said that you were adding this as a recommendation that was not in your report. Is that not correct?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

That appears to be correct, sir.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Did... then my question is did the National Secretary, Commander-in-Chief... I know I did not receive that resolution and I believe it is out of order if it was not received by all the appropriate entities that are... that the resolution needed to go to.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

That being the case, if it's out of order, I will withdraw it.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Would it be inappropriate if the Department of New Jersey offered that recommendation as an addition to their report on the floor?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Or under new business.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Bring it up under new business.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Thank you, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New York.

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

Jeffrey French, Department Commander of New York, from the great Empire State of the United States. We have no corrections, additions, or recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. Okay. Department of North Carolina.

**Edward C. Gibson, Department of North Carolina**

Good morning, Commander. Good morning, Commander. My name's Edward Gibson. I'm the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of North Carolina. We had no additions, no corrections, no deletions, and no resolutions to Commander Masters' report.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And your report is on pages 101-102. Correct?

**Edward C. Gibson, Department of North Carolina**

Yes, correct.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good.

**Edward C. Gibson, Department of North Carolina**

And the report stands as written.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good.

**Edward C. Gibson, Department of North Carolina**

Thank you, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, current Department Commander in the state Ohio. The 429 Brothers of Ohio have submitted their report. We would just like to call your attention on page 102 to the first paragraph that talks about the new Ohio law that the SUV CW Brothers pushed through for the protection of all monuments starting from the French and Indian War into... God, I hope we don't have any more war monuments, but into the future. So... Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma.

**Terry D. Handley, Department of Oklahoma**

Terry Handley, Camp Commander, Camp #1, Department of Oklahoma. Our Department Commander is attending to a family emergency. Our report can be found on page 103, 104, and the top of 105. We have no additions, corrections, or changes. And no recommendations.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania.

**Dane DiFebo, Department of Pennsylvania**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Dane DiFebo, Department Commander of Pennsylvania Department. My report can be found on page 105. There are no additions, corrections, or resolutions to that report. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island.

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Ben Frail, Department Commander, Rhode Island. Our report starts on page 105. It spills onto page 106. There are no corrections, no additions, no recommendations, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. Department of Southwest.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No report received.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Oh, no report received. My apologies. Department of Tennessee.

**George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee**

Commander, George Huttick, Commander, Department of Tennessee with Mississippi. Our report begins on page 106. There are no additions, changes, or recommendations. We would like to report the... rightfully report the demise of one of our Past Department Commanders, John Anderson, who passed back in May. We learned of it in mid-July.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

If I may, quickly. Department of New Jersey resolution was submitted and forwarded but we returned it to them.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

When we get a break, I want to go through that.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Texas.

**Michael L. Lance, Department of Texas**

Commander, Michael Lance, Department Commander, Department of Texas. The report of the Department of Texas begins on page 107 and runs through page 110. Our recommendation on page 110 was addressed by the Encampment yesterday and received an affirmative vote. And for that, we thank the Brothers of the Encampment for that affirmation. That's my report, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

They weren't here yesterday.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

He's...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Very good.

**John H. Cogan, Department of Vermont**

John Cogan, the Vermont delegation. Our report is on page 110. Nothing to add.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin.

**Robert F. Koenecke, Department of Wisconsin**

Robert Koenecke, Department Commander, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Our report is on page 110 and 111. And I have two additions. I'd like to say that we rededicated the Heg monument in Madison that was destroyed during the riots in 2020. It's all restored. It's beautiful. We had an attendance of over two hundred people and a lot of relatives of Colonel Heg himself from Norway. So it was a real...it was a great event. Also, as you heard yesterday, we completed our Last Soldier Project in Wisconsin. And I just wanted to give a shout out to Brian McManus 'cause he administered most of the ordering and sending out of the stars that we had made up for the Last Soldiers. So just a shout out for Brian.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

With that, I believe we are at the end of the Departments.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, that takes us to new business. I will entertain a motion to suspend the limit of arguments for or against a motion at this time.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

So made.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Seconded.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Kevin Tucker made the motion and Brian Pierson seconded. All those in favor? Lower your cards. Anyone opposed? Thank you, Brothers. All right. So, the topic we're going to get into this morning, I'll provide... Is it appropriate for me to talk about this?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, when I took over as Commander-in-Chief last August, one of the very first items that was put on my plate was this topic that we're going to address right now. So, you can see the first copy in the hand out packet was dated July 31, 2020, and it was sent to the Chairman of our Memorials Committee, Walt Busch. And I'm just going to summarize the letter. But General Services Administration is basically been the custodian for this monument since it was... Well, since the GSA was formed. But it's been sitting on federal property since it was installed by the GAR. And the GAR specifically wanted it on federal property. So, that's why it ended up there. There's been some painting and other defacement of the monument. It's basically a monolith, a pillar. It doesn't have a likeness of Kit Carson on it. But it's a tribute to Kit Carson. Kit Carson was a member of the GAR. And Kit Carson and his brothers in the Santa Fe, New Mexico area are the ones that were the movers and the shakers behind the effort to have him memorialized with this monument. And it makes credits to him as a soldier and a patriot, and an Indian fighter. And as you can imagine, that last part about being an Indian fighter is not well received by the indigenous peoples of this country in the Santa Fe area. So there's been ongoing debate about this monument for decades. It's erupted in the 1970's and again with all of the vandalism and destructions of monuments that we've seen during COVID, there's been a resurgence of it. So the mayor of Santa Fe has requested its removal as well. But it's on federal property so the mayor and the city has no jurisdiction over it. So, if you look at the memo or the letter from General Services Administration, they're basically asking for two things for us. Number one, they believe the monument belongs to us per our Deed of Conveyance that since the Deed of Conveyance say we inherit... or at least the records... Now, we'll get to this in

clarification. But based on the Deed of Conveyance, they believe we own it. And the second point is, they wanted to know what our feelings are about having it moved. I've personally spoken with Mr. Gardia, who wrote the letter. I initially contacted him in January and I had a conversation with him this past week to see if there had been any changes to GSA's position on the monument. What he shared with me this week is they've chosen really not to pursue anything until the fall with the hopes that things have settled down some. So, they're gonna start getting serious about whatever they're gonna do come the fall. So, whether they intend to move it, whatever...whatever they intend to do. So, we are not here this morning to debate on whether or not it gets moved. We should be consistent with our monument protection policy which states that we are against moving monuments or having monuments removed. However, ultimately the decision is not ours to make because it resides on federal property. So, the discussion today should be purely constrained to do we own the monument or not. And the reason...I've waited to make a decision on this, I do not believe that this is something the Commander-in-Chief should be making a decision about. I don't think it's something that the Council of Administration should be making a decision about. This should be decided here on the floor of a National Encampment. So, just a little bit more background before we get in to discussion is... Brother Enderlin, are you out here?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Could you... So during the research on this, we actually used our GAR records database in Santa Fe, in New Mexico, and the Department of the Southwest. So, here's something that we're actually able to get some valuable information from it. Go ahead and approach the mic.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer**

Commander, Dean Enderlin, Past Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific, National GAR Records Officer. Yeah, I did some research on this topic to try to, first of all, track down the fate of any GAR records from the Department of New Mexico. There was a Department there. They were vibrant for a time, but as with most GAR Departments and their posts, through time they dwindled to the point where, I believe, there was only one or two posts remaining. And at that time, a decision was made at a National Encampment to consolidate the final Post with the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. So, it became a became a... (sneeze) Excuse me. It became a case of tracking down the fate of those records. Because just like us, as Departments come and go, the Grand Army of the Republic saw to it that their records were passed and the jurisdiction of Departments was passed from one to another depending upon the viability of a Department. So that's where our trail has led us. We're out of New Mexico and we're now into Colorado trying to determine whether those records are...and if they still exist. And at this point, we haven't located any...any proof that shows, you know, the ownership of that monument in document form in any Department records. And hopefully at some point, they'll turn up.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Dean. So, there's also been searches made in the records department



in the city of Santa Fe to see if there's anything that the GAR Post in Santa Fe did to turn over that monument. And all the searches have turned up empty. So, there's no conclusive proof beyond the Deed of Conveyance that the monument truly belongs to Sons of Union Veterans. Brother Walt Busch, is there anything that you'd like to add, since you received this letter initially?

**Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer**

Brother Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri, Civil War Memorial Officer. Nope! You did a good job.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Walt. You don't get a compliment from Brother Walt very often.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, the ultimate... not the ultimate issue but the use of our Deed of Conveyance, we have used it in the past to create, claim cemetery plots and other items located in cemeteries. But this is a departure from how we've used the Deed of Conveyance in the past. And that is the other issue because our decision here today will affect how the Order uses the Deed of Conveyance in...in the future. I'd like Brother Pahl to talk about what the Deed of Conveyance does and doesn't do.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Go ahead.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Keith Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief. I noticed in the July 31st letter, it says the GSA discovered the monument was organized and erected by the Grand Army of the Republic. They must have had some sort of records to determine that. Wouldn't you think?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Repeat that please.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The letter from the GSA says that GSA discovered the monument was organized and erected by the Grand Army of the Republic. Don't they have some sort of records that they based that on?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All they're saying as a result of the property Deed of Conveyance (indistinguishable)...

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

...(Indistinguishable)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...that's what they're basing ownership on, is the Deed of Conveyance.

**Keith G. Harrison, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, but that hasn't answered my question.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

I was... Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, National Counselor. I was part of the discussion on this issue from the beginning. There is a newspaper article, Brother Keith, that indicated that the monument was erected by the GAR. That is probably the evidence that the GAO is using for this... to establish that providence.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Pahl.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead, Brother.

**Cameron S. Brown, Department of Michigan**

Thank you. Cameron Brown, March to the Sea Camp #135, Department of Michigan. Was there in the Deed of Conveyance a statement of reversion? Was there a reverter clause in the Deed of Conveyance?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, Brother, I've asked Brother Pahl to provide a description of what the Deed of Conveyance does or does not do. So, let's allow him an opportunity to do that, which will probably answer your question.

**Cameron S. Brown, Department of Michigan**

Thank you, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl, National Parliamentarian. Also happen to be an attorney at law. The Deed of Conveyance was executed by the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic deeding to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War all property of the National

Organization, Grand Army of the Republic. What does that entail? Under laws of the Grand Army of the Republic, the local Posts were allowed to own real estate and (indistinguishable) property that did not transfer to the Department when the Post ceased to exist. The only property the Post, that belonged to the National Organization, were the record books. Those items were to be turned over to the Department by the Post and reported (indistinguishable) and the Department to National. Real estate and other personal property was of the Post to dispose of as they chose. Most of them sold or gave real estate and other items to local American Legion Posts, VFW Posts, et cetera. There's a number of ways that they disposed of property. But unlike the Sons, Grand Army real estate did not transfer to the Department. So, that's from the legal point of view. The only property conveyed by the deed of conveyance is record books.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Pahl. What we've... further question. In your opinion, as an attorney, what are... are there any risks with us assuming ownership of this monument?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes. If there's damage to it and the GSA desires it to be repaired, that could be required of us if we assume ownership. If they order it removed, that cost could be passed on to us. If someone is injured and are near the monument and they believe that the owner of the monument is responsible, we could be liable for personal injury, the same as any other property that we own. Those are the risks that we would face.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Pahl. I will open it up for discussion. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do have a question. If we waive our Deed of Conveyance for ownership on this particular item, does it affect our Deed of Conveyance for any other properties or things that we may have to claim? In other words, if we say, "We don't own this" and we're not going to "act on our Deed of Conveyance," does that cancel that Deed of Conveyance for any other things that may arise?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I may... James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief. The answer to your question is somewhat.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

The problem is we have used the Deed of Conveyance in the past when talking with various cemeteries to gain "control" of various GAR burial plots. I know of several Camps that

are primarily responsible for maintaining those burial plots. We have a policy in place of what to do with unused GAR burial plots. So, we have “used” this Deed of Conveyance. We’ve kind of stretched it a little in the past, to lay claim to various items. It wouldn’t be absolute if we declined. But it’s precedent that could be used against us if we find something that we want to claim down the road.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, basically one of our things are we could possibly lose the... possibly... weakly... lose our Deed of Conveyance or we could get the living crap sued out of us if the thing falls over on somebody and he happens to be now the richest guy in the state.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

It would inhibit us in the claim of other items if they find that out. And, yeah, we would get the crap sued out of us (chuckling) if it fell over on somebody.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. We’ve also used the Deed of Conveyance to protect...

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable) mic.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

... We’ve also used the Deed of Conveyance to protect cannons in cemeteries that people have sold off as part of monuments, so there is... there is direct precedent on that. Have we had a chance to explore, in this case, that any monument erected on federal property becomes property of the United States government? Do we know the answer to that question?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I don’t believe we do.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Let’s go to the back.

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

Jeffrey French, New York Department Commander. Question of clarification for Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Pahl. If we go ahead and relinquish responsibility on this statute, will it affect all GAR statues that we’re involved in restoring and will we no longer have ownership of those statues?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

If we already have ownership, I don’t think it’s going to impact that, if there’s items that

we currently possess. It's in the future, if we wanted to acquire. That may impact that, yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Frail.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I'm looking at it as the Deed of Conveyance limits what we can possess as far as to the records. We should really start living within that boundary. I understand what people are saying about the gravesites and the other monuments and items of that nature. As far as the gravesites go, during my term as National Graves Registration Officer, I worked with several cemeteries and successfully were able to transfer deeds to the SUVCW of GAR plots. And in most of those cases, just mentioning the Deed of Conveyance was more than enough. But in some of those cases, just having somebody willing to take over the control of those plots was satisfactory to the cemeteries involved. So, I don't see where there's going to be a major issue with cemetery graves or plots. As far as the legal liability, we need to cover our butts. This is something that we don't know if we own or not. The verbiage of the Deed of Conveyance does not transfer ownership to us. And think we should walk away from it in this instance. And we should outline that decision in this instance with the criteria at...available to us now.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Bruce. In the back.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. I think that our policy should be consistent. I think that if we waiver in certain things, then we will end up with situations where there maybe something else that happens within the area where we have to turn around and say, "Well, yes that was an exception and this isn't." I think that we need to be consistent in our policy.

**Bruce R. Kolb, Department of Indiana**

Commander, Bruce Kolb, Past Department Commander, Department of Indiana, former judge, current attorney for the state of Indiana. I look at the language of the Deed of Conveyance and it says, "I, Albert Wilson, sole surviving member thereof, do hereby grant bargain, sale, convey to said Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all property of any and every kind and nature owned by said Grand Army of the Republic and whatsoever situate," which obviously no matter where it's located, "and all the records and archives thereof." And so I...I kind of look at that language, and so, that was what I've looked at in terms of the conveyance of, as it says, "any and all property" which may include the monuments and things of that nature.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl. The key word there is "may." We would have to prove, if we're going to claim something, that chain, because again, under GAR rules and regs, the property did not automatically go to the Department when the Post dissolved. So, we'd have to show some kind

of conveyance that that the property remained property of the Grand Army of the Republic. So, that's the conundrum. That's the conundrum. And I should point out there wasn't a problem proving the conveyance. The Sons at the time took that Deed of Conveyance to the United States Federal District Court for the District Court of Columbia. The United States District Court Judge ruled that the Deed of Conveyance to be valid...

**Bruce R. Kolb, Department of Indiana**

...Um-hm...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...and I have a certified copy of that order in my possession at home.

**Bruce R. Kolb, Department of Indiana**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

But certainly, that's the conundrum. At least, that's what the deed says, but what does that consist of? And it's a stretch as to what actually remained property of the Grand Army of the Republic when the Deed of Conveyance was signed. We have to show that chain from the local Post up to the National Organization for anything other than the record books.

**Bruce R. Kolb, Department of Indiana**

Okay. All right. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

In the back.

**John R. Conrad, Department of the Southwest**

Commander-in-Chief, John Conrad, Past Department Commander, Department of the Southwest. I was one of the people that helped Commander-in-Chief with the research on this, particularly with respect to the deed if any and the ownership of the monument itself. We've got to keep in mind that you never get to the Deed of Conveyance if there's no deed that gets it to the GAR. And we have no paperwork, nothing at all, in the land records in Santa Fe that would indicate that the GAR Post, the Carlton Post, that was last in charge of the monument, and the fundraising for the monument, that that Post ever did anything with its interests in this monument at the time of its dissolution. So, we're missing a step. We're missing a step that would have to occur of a transfer from the Post to the Department or subsequently the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, which the Department of New Mexico pulled it into in later years. There's no paperwork anywhere in there to establish that. So, we're saying if we were to take an action of taking ownership, we're saying that we would be assuming something that doesn't even exist in paper. The second point that I want to make is, Brothers, this monument is in very poor condition. It's made of sandstone. The GSA, years ago, did rehabilitative work on it. But if that monument is moved in anyway, it's probably gonna disintegrate. It's in very bad condition. So, taking ownership of it to move it somewhere else, probably is...cause incurring expense that we don't need to incur because there won't be anything left.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, National Counselor. I would like to echo what was just said by Brother Conrad. My concern is the financial responsibilities that we may face. Yes, we may have a million dollars in the bank, most of which is in trust. If we have to move this thing... I'm kind of familiar with the cost to move monuments being from Virginia where they have been moving a lot of monuments. It could cost us more than one million dollars if they told us we had to move it. If we have to restore it, it could cost us more than a million dollars to have to restore it. We...this is a no-win proposition for us. What happens here is we may upset ourselves because we'll feel we don't live up to what we believe in. Or we could physically destroy this Organization and end it in one fell swoop. And I think that's what you have to consider here today. What does this...what's the impact? What is the...what's gonna happen down the road? What is gonna be our fate? Can we live with the fact that we let this monument go or can we live with the fact that we destroyed this Organization?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

In the back.

**Walter E. Busch, National Civil War Memorials Officer**

Brother Walt Busch, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I'm not necessarily speaking about this monument right now. I understand that there are a lot of concerns with that. My question would be to National Treasurer. We have insurance. Every couple of months, I send a request to the Treasurer to hear him say, "We need insurance for this event. We need insurance for that event." And I would certainly hope that our National Officers have some insurance to cover them in case of somebody falling (indistinguishable) or something like that. So, my question is is... can there be a... insurance policy that we can attach to maybe future monuments or other monuments or special projects that we might want to have so that these things can be covered so that we reduce the liability to our Organization.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Beard, would you mind taking that question?

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Michael Beard, National Treasurer. Our... the only property covered in our insurance policy right now is the National Headquarters and the Quartermaster supplies. They're specifically listed in the policy. There's no mention in the policy of GAR plots, cannons, or anybody... And if I recall, the Camps and Departments are required to carry their own policies on physical property. So, right now, if that statue fell over and hit somebody, I'm not sure the insurance company would pay on that particular thing because we never told them we owned a monument out in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I would just point out that the United States government says we own this; that is an official representative of the GSA saying the SUVCW owns the property. And if you want to say we don't own the property, and tell the United States

government Deed of Conveyance doesn't apply. So that, to me, is a different issue.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm not an insurance expert or anything, but can you insure property that you don't own?

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah, so like, I mean, in order to do that, you'd have...we'd have to claim ownership and then insure it.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Right. Right. Hang on for a moment, Brothers.

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

All right. Here, from WRC.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We're gonna suspend this conversation temporarily. We have a visitation from the WRC. Do we need to table this?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So we'll just suspend this conversation for about five minutes. Please keep your thoughts and we'll get right back to it.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Commander, sir. I have the honor to present the National Organization Woman's Relief Corps. Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect.

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Cher Petrovic, Senior Vice President-Elect...Junior Vice President-Elect.

**Encampment**



(rhythmic clapping).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

Penny Bucks, Senior Aide to the President.

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

**Clint Anderson, National Guard**

And a Chairman Companion, (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(rhythmic clapping).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers... Escorts, please escort the ladies up here to the podium. Sister Cher's going to take pictures. Be careful of the stairs.

**Encampment**

(chatter and laughter).

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

Hello, everyone!

**Encampment**

Hello!

**Unknown**

Good morning.

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

Wow! That's a big crowd. (laughter). I'm used to when the ladies gather, we don't have as many people as this, so... This is an honor to be here today. Are there any Logan Brigade people out there? There you are. Well, give me some strength, guys, because (laughter)...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

...I'm gonna need it. My name is Elizabeth Thurston and I am President-Elect for the Woman's Relief Corps, the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am carrying greetings from President Jessica Booth who is not able to be here today. I am very excited to be able to work with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and our other three Allied Orders. We are all working in this mission of keeping alive the memory of our past soldiers, along with honoring the Grand Army of the Republic. The Woman's Relief Corps, the official auxiliary to

the Grand Army of the Republic, was formed after the Civil War. We are founded in 1883 and we are the only one of the Allied Orders that does not require being related to a soldier of the Civil War. Our membership in the beginning was made up of many Army nurses and women who were nurses through sanitary departments throughout the country or throughout the northern states. We also had women who joined to help social causes that were important in that time. Membership is open to all women of good moral character and correct deportment, along with life-giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States. Only women and young girls who have attained the age of thirteen years shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, which is the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. WRC today promotes education and support by visiting schools, presenting flags and scholarships, holding patriotic competitions, visiting veterans hospitals, assisting veterans, holding memorial service for veterans, and Flag Day ceremonies. We are the Order that made sure that every school had an American...a United States of America flag in their classrooms. My goal during my presidency...my goals during my presidency are to be able to work with all the Allied Orders and collaborate on special projects that will keep history alive. Also, I hope we can all enjoy fellowship with each other. I'm going to help establish more corps around our great nation, so each Camp will have a corps to work with, just like the Grand Army of the Republic had their own Posts. And we mustn't forget our Grand Army of the Republic Museum located in Springfield, Illinois. The museum's a wonderful resource for all of our Orders and hopefully it will have more attention from the media and from visitors that come to Springfield to learn about President Abraham Lincoln. Now, the twenty-first century is upon us. And now is the time that all Allied Orders ban together and form a new path. My father was a Marine for thirty-seven years. He went in as a private and he came out as a colonel. And the joke was, he got lost in the Pentagon but that's not true.

### **Encampment**

(laughter).

### **Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

(laughter). He always taught my sister and myself that when we take on a new project, along with winning experiences...he burned into our brain three important words that make up a phrase: adapt, overcome, and improvise. This should be everyone's mottos for this new century. And for my Marine Brothers, Tom (laughter) out there. I see ya in the audience. Semper Fi.

### **Unknown**

Oorah.

### **Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

Do or die. Right? As I close these greetings from our beloved Woman's Relief Corps, I want everyone to know what a honor and a privilege it is to be a National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. And I believe...and I also believe in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Without our friendship, loyalty to each other, and our own Allied Orders, the charity we show each other and to our dear veterans, active duty, their dependents, and society as a whole, we all have a resurgence of patriotic citizens as we all remember the ancestors who fought in wars and built this country. And thank you once again for

having me, taking the time out to listen to my greetings and Jessica's greetings. Jessica says hello to everybody. She's not feeling well right now and she had other commitments she had to go to. So, since I live in Elkhart, Indiana, it was easier for me to come up and give greetings. Thank you very much. Fraternity, Loyalty, and Charity.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Hold on for a second. Brother Chaplain, would you like to make a response, please.

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Yes. Are you also going to speak, ma'am?

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

No. Just me.

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

My name is Chaplain...my name is Chaplain Jerry and I just wanted to tell you (indistinguishable) that the Woman's Relief Corps was the auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, in Springfield (indistinguishable) you are also the oldest of the GAR of the Allied Orders. Is that correct?

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

Yes. That is correct.

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

And all the people in this room knew that.

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

I hope so.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

When I was addressing the Auxiliary to the SUVCW yesterday I said I was a cheap imitation of the real thing because Andrew Johnson (indistinguishable) presentation, has gone to his great reward. And his (indistinguishable)...

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

...Right...

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

...(Indistinguishable) members increase tenfold. If you all agree with me, please say

amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, I've had a conversation with Sister Beth this past week. We discovered that her dad was stationed at Quantico and there are a couple of locations on the base that we were both familiar with... so we're in good company. I had a wonderful time this past year getting to know Sister Jessica Booth, the National President. I'll tell you that the WRC is also committed to our purposes. They're a strong partner in what we do. I believe we owe it to them to show them our support in any way we can... and in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. So, please feel free to reach out to them, Brothers in your local communities let them know you are there. If there are activities you're putting on or they can help support let them know. If there are WRC organizations in your communities reach out to the and let them know that we support them. Thank you very much.

**Elizabeth Thurston, National President-Elect of WRC**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause, rhythmic clapping, and chatter).

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

He's here now? Okay. Let him in. Brothers, we have one more visitation. The Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief is here.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(chatter)

**Harry Reinecke IV, National Chief of Staff**

Commander-in-Chief, it is my pleasure to introduce Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and his lovely wife, Linda.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Hit the gavel.

**Unknown**

The gavel.

[one rap, \*]

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Oh. (laughter). Everybody was standing looking at me and I'm going, Okay. What am I supposed to do now? I missed what I...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

...next instructions. I missed them. Good morning, gentlemen!

**Encampment**

Good morning!

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

How ya'll doing this morning?

**Encampment**

Great.

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Nothing hurts.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

That's a great way to start the day.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

I can honestly say it is indeed an honor to be standing with you and amongst you. I want to thank you for everything that ya'll have done over the years, all the hard work. I've done a little research on ya'll's group. Going all the way back to the GAR and the SUVCW. And ya'll, gentlemen, do and have done a lot of work. And I want to say that I appreciate that. And I thank you for that. As a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I want to give a very big welcome from the National Organization. We had your Commander come and give greetings at our National Reunion. And as far as I'm concerned, where I am welcome, he is welcome.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

I'll keep it very brief. To say that I appreciate everything that ya'll have done. And I just want to say, I have been in Michigan a few times. The reason why I been up here is my dad got transferred with work and he spent seven years up here in Trenton, Michigan. So I spent at least one week every year visiting with him and I would come up another four or five times during the year. A long weekend kind of stuff. And I love Michigan. We got off the interstate and I know you got a lot of construction. Tennessee goes through the same thing. The orange barrel is our state flower. That's what we call it.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

But I get off the interstate and I get on MC 60 to head over to Jackson. And that's some beautiful country. It really is. It reminds me of some of the Tennessee and north Alabama farmland. But I just want to say thank ya'll very much for allowing me to come. It has really been an honor. I look forward to seeing everybody tonight. I look forward to hearing the good things that have come from your Encampment. And I look forward to just visiting with ya'll. I see some familiar faces. I hope I get to see everybody tonight. Thank you for allowing me to be here. And may God bless the United States of America.

**Encampment**

Hear! Hear! (applause).

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, the Sons of Confederate Veterans took care of my wife and me at their General Reunion, we're looking forward to seeing you and Linda tonight. Linda, you're welcome to sit my wife, if you would like. There is a reserved table up in the front. So, you'll have a place and hopefully some friendly faces to see again. And look forward to being with you tonight. Thank you.

**Jason Boshers, Lt. Commander-in-Chief, SCV**

Thank ya'll for allowing me.

**Encampment**

(applause).

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Wolz.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Yes, Commander-in-Chief. I rise...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...So...just please...please state your name, for the recorder.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

I apologize. My name is Robert Wolz. I'm National Historian and from the Department of Ohio. And I wanted to cite a precedent. I think it was either 1972 or 1973, I was serving as either Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and something similar... I'm not saying it's the same by any means, but something similar came up. And the way the officers handled it at that time was we fully accept our responsibility under the Deed of Conveyance, but we very quickly quit deeded the property over to the city so they got to handle the problem and not us. So, that way both of us are protected. We get to keep the deed intact without any questioning and at the same time, we can give it to the GSA and they can deal with the monument in whatever shape it's in. We don't have to deal with it.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

I know, but (chuckling)...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Is that a motion?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are you done or...

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

...Yes, I am, sir.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Are you making a motion?

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Am I making a motion?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah, I asked...

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

...He's telling me I can't make a motion so... Oh. (chuckling).

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

He just said no. (chuckling)... Then therefore, I would make a motion that...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...For the record, could you please restate the motion so the Secretary...

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

...Yes...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...can capture it.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Yes. I was about to do that. I am making a motion that the Sons of Union Veterans fully acknowledge our quit claim...no, that we fully acknowledge our Deed of Conveyance in the Grand Army of the Republic regarding all property that was not previously disposed of, which was, I think, the wording of the deed, and that we quit claim...quit claim deed it, the monument in New Mexico, to the GSA or the city of Santa Fe, whoever wants to take responsibility...

**Unknown**

...GSA.

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Oh, it is GSA. Okay. GSA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Second.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One moment.



**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable)...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...One moment while I... I want to make sure I'm getting the wording right. (Indistinguishable) quit claim. Okay, what I've got is The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all property that was not previously disposed of, and that we quit claim the...

**Unknown**

...Wait. We can't hear you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Just talk closer.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Okay. What I have is that The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all property that was not previously disposed of, and that we quit claim the...

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

...quit claim the Kit Carson monument.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. The Kit Carson monument to the GSA?

**Robert J. Wolz, National Historian**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And it was seconded by...

**Encampment**

...Don Darby...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Don Darby. All right. So, Brothers, what I would ask for future discussion is whether you're standing in favor of or against the motion. So, when you start your discussion, please let us know if you are for or against the motion. In the back of the room.

**William E. Fischer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania**

Yes, Commander, Bill Fisher, Pennsylvania Department, Senior Vice Commander. I support Brother Wolz' motion. The last year that I was in the National Park Service before retirement, I was the Park Partnership Coordinator and Agreements Technical Representative. And we were dealing for two or three years before that with an entity that claimed an inholding

in our park but had no correct paperwork. And this is essentially... we could look at it as an inholding on a federal property. I got tired of dealing with (indistinguishable) along with my superintendent, our congressional delegation time and time again because with folks who are claiming that inholding had some powerful friends. I appreciate the GSA's due diligence in assuming our ownership of this. But I think that Brother Wolz' motion provides us with an out. I agree with Brother Frail where this will not affect our relationships with cemeteries and working with GAR plots and monuments and with other local and state governmental entities as opposed to federal government. Since there's no clear-cut agreement, if you will, or contract, regarding that monument, I think that Brother Wolz has provided our out to not have to deal with the liability of it in the future. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Day.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

A question for...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...First identify yourself...

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

...Mark Day, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. A question to the Parliamentarian who is our legal advisor in this particular situation. Does the GSA have to accept the transfer from us to them? I believe in reading that letter, that what the GSA is looking for is somebody to take responsibility so they don't have to have responsibility.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Is it required upon them to accept the transfer of the property or can they deny...can they turn it down? And then we are permanently stuck with the responsibility for the monument.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That's a good question.

**Unknown**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I'm James Pahl and it depends upon state law in that state. It goes to what real estate law is.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Oh.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Each state operates differently. What a quit claim deed does is we make no warranties about what we have but whatever interests we have; we are gifting or transferring to the grantee. We can file that document with the local registrar of deeds office without GSA approval and just mail them a copy. And say... here you go.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah. I think...I think it's not so much the GSA is looking for someone to blame as they're just trying to track down ownership and resolve the issues without trampling on other people's toes. If we have ownership interest, they're willing to respect that. If we surrender that, and I think our gentleman just spoke regarding his service from the Parks Service, he thinks it's a great idea. It's a similar federal entity, with you know, they accept a quit claim deed, I think it resolves some local questions and allow them to act.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

I'm fully... I'm fully in agreement with that idea. But, we have no documentation that proves we actually own it; that it was actually transferred to the National GAR. My interpretation of the Deed of Conveyance is that only the property of the National, not those people below because Albert Wilson only represented the National level of that Organization, not the individual Posts or Departments.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That could be correct. We don't need that. (Indistinguishable)...

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

...(Indistinguishable) any document (indistinguishable)...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Whatever interest we have or claim that we have of any type, way, shape, or form, we give away or granting to the grantee.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Whatever our interest is. And it could be a...

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

...Okay...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...I can't even trip my tongue over my own teeth. (Indistinguishable)...

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

...I have just...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...(indistinguishable) or claim. But it's whatever claim we have, we're giving to GSA.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

All right. So, I'm just gonna ask one question. Do we know, right now today in this room, what the legals... what the laws are in that state on quit claims?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Then I would suggest that any action taken today, in the absence of that legal advice, is inadvisable. Because we could do what Brother Bob said to do, we could take that action, but if we don't know what the legal ramifications are or what the state or what the laws are without proper research, we are basically taking a risk.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Mark, I think you're mixing apples and oranges.

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

The only question is, Does GSA have to accept it or not?

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

Right. But you just...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...That's the only question (indistinguishable)...

**Mark R. Day, National Counselor**

...But you just (indistinguishable)...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Everything else, you know the answer to. If they don't have to, they may choose to reject it I think is a bridge we can cross when we get to it. But that doesn't impair the ability to offer that solution and execute a quit claim deed and see if the GSA will accept it. If they don't, then Council has a problem and we'll probably talk about this in Nashua.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I'll give a final question to the Parliamentarian if you will. Will it fall out of order in asking a question. But, if we say we own it and documentation comes up at some point in the future that someone else actually owns it, do you open yourselves up to being able to turn it over to GSA?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No, cause we're providing a quit claim deed not a warranty deed. A warranty deed is real warranting that we have ownership interests. A quit claim deed is we are surrendering whatever claim we may have, whether it actually exists or not.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Thank you. In the back.

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

Jeffrey French, New York Department Commander. Even though this recommendation gives a way out, it's only kicking the can down the road. There's a lot of GAR statues, soldier and sailor statues we don't have the definitive proof that the GAR really owned. So, we're not really dealing with the issue at hand. Right now, we solve this issue, if we go ahead and transfer this particular statue. But what...are we gonna do, as an Organization, for future statues, GAR statues? Are we gonna seriously look at financial implications that Brother Dave brought up, the liability issues, and proceed with our mission of preserving the memories of the Boys in Blue through the GAR statues? That have not been brought up, what will be brought up in the days to come with the current climate that is going on.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother French...

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

...That's the real question that we got to answer...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Brother French, that's not the motion on the floor. I'm trying to limit the conversation to the motion on the floor.

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

I understand. But this motion...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...So...

**Jeffrey French, Department of New York**

...(indistinguishable)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...So bring it up under the Good of the Order or at another point, if that is a concern. We're gonna limit the discussion to the Brothers that are standing right now and terminate discussion at that point. Back to the front.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Commander-in-Chief, Gary Gibson, Past Department Commander, Michigan. Through you to Brother Pahl. Does the fact that this actually stands on federal land and that in the recent past, the GSA or whomever has altered that monument. Does that have any effect, the fact that we do not own it? What I'm thinking of is monuments that have been placed on battlefields by the Grand Army itself, not regimentals, but Grand Army monuments and for instance, our monument at Gettysburg. We don't care for that monument. Gettysburg National Military Park cares for that monument. So doesn't that...would that case apply to what we're discussing?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I'm not sure I understand your question.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

No. Okay. Does the monument sit on federal property?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Okay. So does the Woolson monument.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Okay. We don't care for the... we don't take care of personally the Woolson monument. Do we have ownership of that monument?

**Unknown**

No.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Okay. And if we don't, why would we own this one?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Not necessarily.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That's a good question. And I have taken affirmative steps in the past to maintain the monument.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Yes.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

But I think what they are trying... what my opinion is what they're trying to do is see if there is any claim of ownership so they're not stepping on any toes in the future and creating problems for themselves. I think, my personal opinion, based on what I've seen and listened to other Brothers, is if we offer them a quit claim, they'll say, "Thank you." And we can move forward now however, we want to move and not worry about stepping on other people's toes.

**Gary L. Gibson, Department of Michigan**

Okay. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

In the back.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Brother Commander, Frank Tomasello, Senior Vice Department Commander, Department of New Jersey and a retired New Jersey attorney. I have a slight problem with the current motion in that we take position that our Deed of Conveyance entitles us to all property. I think in this particular case, we should be focusing on this particular statue and not going on record saying we have now taken a position that the Deed of Conveyance entitles us to everything under the sun. I don't think that was what was meant by the motion, but that is the way it's framed.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Secretary, read us back the motion, please.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all property that was not previously disposed of, and that we issue a quit claim concerning the Kit Carson monument to the GSA.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

In my opinion, it should be limited to this particular piece of property.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Frank, what specific... I understand what you're saying. But where do you see the... Where, specifically, is your concern? Is it just because we said all?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Correct, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, are you going to make an amendment to the motion?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Well, I would make... offer an amendment that we replace the word all with the Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I think the motion is properly worded the replacement.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Read the motion back one more time, National Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all property that was not previously disposed of... Second part and that we issue a quit claim concerning the Kit Carson monument to the GSA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, is the first part of that sentence necessary for this motion? Question?

**Several unknowns**

Yes.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

If we eliminate that sentence, then that eliminates the issue. Also, while I'm on my feet, we should be saying quit claim deed, not just a quit claim in the second sentence.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So... you're motion is to insert the word deed afterwards?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

After quit claim, yes. And initially, I...at this point, I mean, I think I would be happier if eliminated the first sentence.

**Unknown**

You can't.



**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

If it's not, then at least change the word all to the Kit Carlson monument in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, what I'd like to do is we will hear from Brother Dean and I'll... we'll take a break here before we go to a vote. I want to hear specifically how you want to modify the motion and not try to make sausage here on our feet.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And we will do a... Say again.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

And write it down.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Write it down and we will hear a final discussion point from Brother Enderlin.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. I support...

**Multiple Brothers**

Can't hear.

**Dean A. Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer**

Got to speak up real close here. Okay. Here we go. Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer. I support the motion and I support Brother Pahl's guidance to state this is a quit claim for this particular case. I think when using the Deed of Conveyance, in my experience, going through records and cases with the GAR, the Deed of Conveyance gives us the legal clout if we need it. But each case has to be taken case by case. There's no blanket, you know, rule for this. What I have seen are a myriad of cases where the Grand Army of the Republic by different ways, conveyed their property and their records, to other entities prior to the execution of the Deed of Conveyance. And so, what we did in this particular case is do our due diligence. We started from scratch in Santa Fe to see where the Post records, if there was any records that may have indicated correspondence or anything alluding to the fact that they may have retained ownership of this monument. We searched specifically for those records. The paper trail ended in New Mexico and passed onto Colorado where it went cold. So, therefore, we have no paper trail that supports or refutes any claim and so we are stuck with keeping as it as a generality. I like the idea of simply doing a quit claim.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you. All right, Brothers. This concludes the discussion. We're going to

take a fifteen-minute break. Brother Tomasello (indistinguishable)...Brother Tomasello, I'd also like a copy of your resolution so we can get to the bottom of that before we open discussion on it.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief  
Be back at 10:50.

[one rap, \*]

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
Michigan photo at the flags.

(break)

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers. We are working on the amendment to the original motion. We should have that for you momentarily, so that we can read it back. Brother Tomasello, if you stay up here and I'll share the podium with you.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**  
Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I do have one announcement. When you get back from lunch, a request for a photograph opportunity for me and the other Past Commanders-in-Chief that are here. The photographer has asked that we get a group shot. So, if Past Commanders-in-Chief could arrive ten minutes prior to when we need to come back for the afternoon session, we'll get that picture taken. Thank you. We're going over announcements, Brother Secretary. I'm sorry. We have an announcement from Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, again, if you've got a banquet ticket you've not picked up, please see Becky back in the exhibit room by the (indistinguishable)... If they're not claimed and we can't figure out if the person's here or not, we might sell them to someone else. (chuckle) So please, pick up your tickets.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you have any other announcements, Alan?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The war medal got picked up. Picture... banquet ticket. Yeah, the National Guide has a

banquet ticket...

**Unknown**

Can't hear you, Alan. Can't hear you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

National Guard also has a banquet ticket for sale, if you're needing one. So, that's my announcements at the moment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, do we have the amendment?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

We have. Okay, I will read the original motion and then the amended motion. Original motion, The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all property that was not previously disposed of, and that we issue a quit claim concerning the Kit Carson monument to the GSA. The amended motion reads, The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding the Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe, New Mexico and that we issue a quit claim deed concerning the Kit Carson monument by the GSA or to the GSA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Kevin Tucker seconded. Any discussion on the amendment? I see no discussion, so we'll move to vote on the amendment. So, we're voting to amend the original motion to include the language that Brother Russ just read. All those in favor of the amendment, raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed. So, the motion is amended. We will now proceed to vote on the amended motion. So, read the motion again, one more time.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. The motion now reads, The SUVCW fully acknowledges our Deed of Conveyance regarding all or pardon me, regarding the Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe, New Mexico and that we issue a quit claim deed concerning the Kit Carson monument to the GSA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. All those opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. So, Brother Tomasello, you can stay up there for one more minute.

So, the other item of new business I told Brother Tomasello to bring up, whereas a resolution that was submitted originally to myself and the Secretary regarding adding Sea Scouts and Venture Crew Certificates in addition to Eagle Scout Certificates. So, the Department Commander, Jay Godin, was told to also send emails to the Chairman for the C&R Committee, and the National Counselor, which he did on July 5th. We've consulted with Brother Pahl, and as this item does not affect the C&R, I am able to send it to P&P, since it basically involves the forms for the certificates. So, I will read...

**Unknown**

...(Indistinguishable)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...All right. So what's in front of the resolution, but the action would be for P&P. Upon motion and vote of the New Jersey Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we propose the following resolution to the National Organization. Resolved that the Sons of Union Veterans, its Departments, Department Camps, be permitted to issue recognition certificates to those achieving the highest rank of Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts of the SCOUTS-BSA, similar to the existing practice of recognizing Eagle Scouts. We fully propose that this resolution be heard and decided upon at the National Encampment. So, we're asking for additional certificates for these other two groups of scouting. I'm referring it to P&P.

[one rap, \*]

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. Is there any other new business to be brought before the Encampment? Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I'm kind of going to be the huckleberry.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

You see that...right now we pay \$23.00 to National for dues. Based on the inflation rate, to have the same buying power today that we had twelve years ago when we made it \$23.00, we would need to have a dues rate of \$33.00. That's just to maintain our buying power. And I know it...the crosses are coming out and I'm being burned in effigy behind me.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. No... Again.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But, one other thing... I've noted the problem. I shall also produce, or at least submit, a proposal. Right now, per The Banner, last year it cost \$44,000.00 to send The Banner out. If this august body decides we can send The Banner out electronically, for about at least \$10,000.00 less...a issue. All right? So, and if we do it electronically, Brother Pahl can add more pages. It will be sent out to the National Secretary, the National Secretary to the Department Secretaries, the Department Secretaries to the Camps. The Camps can then, because they should have the up-to-date email addresses, be able to send that to the...their members or print it out if the Brother does not have email. The savings in doing this will prevent or at least slow down trying to have a dues increase. Because right now, if you had a dues increase, you could say \$5.00 a year for the next three years for a dues increase, which basically is just a gallon of gas... at least today.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

In Ohio, it's almost two gallons of gas. But anyway, it's something to consider, you know. I...back, years ago with the then old guard, not very many people had computers. Not many people ...I don't know whether your know it, but this Organization didn't start using computers until 1996 with Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison... and Dave Medert dragging this Organization kicking and screaming into using computers to start with. And I have the dot matrix print to prove that.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay? And he doesn't even know what a dot matrix printer is.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, I would make a motion that we permit Brother Pahl to send out the majority of The Banner, I think there's a hundred copies that have to go out in print form. Is that not correct, Brother Pahl?

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

I can't quote the exact number, but there are a few that we will still need to print. Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, my motion is to allow Brother Pahl to send out the majority of The Banners electronically to the members so that we can have a savings of almost \$38,000.00, because the price of postage is not going to decrease. Something... And so, that's my motion.

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, the first second that I saw was from Cameron Lowery. Right? Cameron Lowery. Discussion. Go ahead, Brother Pahl. Brother Jim.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

James Pahl, editor of The Banner. Two questions. Number one, at what issue would that be effective? The fall issue, the deadline is 31 August, is the first issue of the next series...of four. So, is that gonna be effective immediately, if passed? Number two, do we allow Brothers who choose to do so to subscribe to National to receive a print copy and if so, do we charge them a postage fee to do that? Our printing costs will go up, if we print less. So, is there gonna be so the question is should there be a mechanism to allow Brothers who choose to receive it in a print copy to subscribe at some fee to receive it? Or is that going to be left to the Camp to print the copy for that Brother and not receive it from National?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, a point of order, Brothers. The suspension of the rules of the Encampment relating to two for and two against are back in effect.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, I'm seeing lines form up. Unless the Encampment calls for... But that initial suspension of the rules of the Encampment applied initially just to the Kit Carson monument. So, if... I'm seeing lines forming. I'm asking a question. If we're going to go into detail on this, I'd like a motion. Well, I can't because there's a motion on the floor, right now.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No, you can.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I can?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

The procedure is appropriate.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So...

**Unknown 1**

...So moved.

**Unknown 2**

Second.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, (indistinguishable)...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...Vote on that one.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, (laughing) the vote... A procedure motion and a second. All those in favor of suspending the rules of the Encampment to discuss this topic, raise your cards. Thank you. Cards down. All those opposed. Thank you. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Unknown**

That wasn't 2/3s vote.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I needed 2/3s?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Nope.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yeah. Go ahead, Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Was that question to me, Jim?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. In answer to your first question, when would it be effective? Do you already have the post... It will be effective the winter Banner. Does that answer your question?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Okay. So, for my clarification, the first issue of the next series will be print, the fall issue. The next issue will be the Number 2, which is the one we're talking about will be electronic.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's correct.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Thank you. Now, is that part of your motion?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, that's part of my motion.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I thought that's what I heard. Thank you.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

In answer to your second question, can a Brother choose? My answer to that would be no. That it will be sent out electronically and if he wanted a paper copy, then he would get it from the Camp...to print it out in a paper version.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That answers my question. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

In the back.

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Yes, Max Riekse, Department of Michigan, Past Camp Commander. And being a member of a number of organizations, who mandated that they go electronically and do away with paper copies of their monthly/yearly subscriptions, they have very little communication with their membership when it goes out electronically. And you can put that responsibility on the Camp Secretary, on whoever, that...get the electronic copy out or print it. It's not going to happen. You're going to lose 30% maybe 40% of the membership communication by doing away with the printed copy. Now, if you put in it... I'm not going to support this motion as it is, but I will support one that prominently displays, not buried because I've seen some alternatives given, but it prominently displays where the people, the members are given the opportunity to receive a printed copy as before with no additional fees. That I can support. The present motion, I don't support. You need to communicate with these members. If you go to completely electronic, you're gonna lose 30%-40% of that communication. If you give people the option, of either electronically or printed at no additional cost, I think that... you'll save money and there's



going to be maybe 30% of the people that will go electronically immediately after that, cause they're new generation. All you old guys, okay, are dying off and the new generation use electronic. Okay? But, if you want to keep your membership of the old guys and get them enthusiastic about bringing more people on board, you know. Bring the...keep the option of going or keeping the printed copies.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brother Max, you've made your point. Thank you. Brother Huttick.

**George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee**

Commander, George Huttick, Commander, Department of...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Get closer...

**George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee**

George Huttick, Commander of the Department of Tennessee. Brother McCoy will testify... Brother McCoy will test I am about all things digital and social media, so I don't have a problem in this rain...realm. However, I am against this amendment or this proposal because within my own Department right now, I can't get a Department order spread out to all the Brothers by having the Camp Secretary send it out. What makes you think they're gonna send The Banner out? This assumes every Camp is healthy and every Camp is functioning as it's supposed to. That's a bad assumption.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee**

Okay? That's a really bad assumption. If anybody in this room can tell me that their Department is perfectly functioning on every Camp to pull this off, they might change my mind. But I might say they've been drinking something strange.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. In the back.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, prior Camp Commander, and Editor of 1812 War Cry. We have a circulation of about 2300 issues that go out. It is a tangible benefit that we give our members, one of the few touchy feely things that we kind of give out. I would prefer to opt out...version of this. If you do not want to have a copy, then you can certainly tell people you do not want a copy. But make it default that people will receive one. I would prefer dues increase rather than see a paper copy go away.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Up front.

**Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas**

Commander, I would suggest...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who are you Brother?

**Robert D. Boyd, II, Department of Kansas**

...I'm Robert Boyd, Kansas Camp...Department. I would suggest that we actually continue to have the National send out the communication straight to the members and it would be upon the Department Secretaries to actually request a written copy for some of the members if they need a paper copy. And then if it's a price problem, we can raise dues for \$5.00. But that only seems right cause that's what we're doing now.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. In the back.

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. Brothers, this is one of the things you give your dues to National for is for the National magazine to come down. From a bottom-up or a top-down Order, that was how the communication was. We pay our dues for that to come out. If we're deciding to make that change, just delegated it to the Camps to do and I disagree with that, the max or rare occasion where (indistinguishable). And I do agree that...the Brother from Missouri, he made the suggestion on the opt out. That's actually an excellent option. Is that... can be an amendment to the proposal?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are you suggesting an... do you wish... desire to make an amendment to the motion?

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

I'm desiring to make an amendment that there's an opt out option to allow them to be emailed.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

Let them choose to get it by emails. If not, they get it printed.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby, your opinion of the amendment?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**  
(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**  
(Indistinguishable).

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**  
(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**  
Okay. So, is there a second? For the opt out?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**  
Yeah.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**  
I saw a (indistinguishable).

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**  
Second. Hunnewell.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**  
Sumner Hunnewell was the second. All right. Discussion on the amendment.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**  
Commander-in-Chief.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**  
Go ahead, Brother Pahl.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**  
James Pahl, Editor of The Banner. I understand the position to an opt out provision. It should be all or nothing. If you do an opt out, who is gonna administer that and spend the hours and hours every week keeping the list straight of who gets a mailed copy, who gets an email copy? It will add...it will double the burden to our Executive Director.

**Unknown**  
Right.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**  
And that's, you know, he's back there saying (laughter), "Yeah." It's not feasible. It's something, I think, may be desired, but realistically, it's not feasible. I have no opinion one way or the other. I enjoy editing The Banner. It is a great joy. Whether it's distributed electronically or in print, I have no strong feeling one way or the other. But, it should be all or none. Simply my opinion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother standing in the middle, discussion is limited...is on the amendment. So if you're not prepared to speak specifically to the amendment, please wait. Go ahead... Are you...going to speak to the amendment?

**Unknown**

No, sir. I'm the ed...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Then... please wait, let the Brother come up. You will be able to speak when we go back to the original motion.

**Unknown**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right? But we're addressing the amendment right now. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I'll address the motion, or the amended motion. As Brother Pahl put out, one, to be able to do this opt out thing, would screw up our bookkeeping royally because the price of The Banner would fluctuate between months and issues when somebody decides well, I want to change my thing. So, it's all or nothing. Plus, it would now... it's damn near... I put out The Banner before and I know exactly... It's a... it's basically a full-time job, and this was back...years ago. All right? I mean, 2004 and it was a full-time job at spending two hours going through word by word, paragraph by paragraph, trying to correct the punctuation and all that. Okay? To do what you're asking with this amendment, we just might as well shoot him now and get it over with... cause it'll kill him. Okay?

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

So, it's all or nothing, gentlemen. And if it's nothing, that's fine. Get your wallets out.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Max, are you prepared to speak to the amendment? Are you speaking on the amendment?

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Max Riekse, Department of Michigan. I'm a member of the VFW of Michigan...the United States and Michigan for over forty years. About five, six years ago, it's a very substantial, I guess, paper that is probably as large if not larger than The Banner and... About five or six years ago on the very back page in the center column, it had a very small column, said you could opt out of receiving the hard copy. You could put your stamp on the envelope and send in requesting a hard copy, which I did. I know for a fact that probably 85% of the people did not do that. They either didn't read, didn't read enough, whatever, too lazy to put a stamp on, couldn't afford a stamp. So approximately maybe ten...fifteen percent from...of the Department of Michigan people, they saved \$14,000.00 and only maybe 12% in post to get the hard copy. They continue to do it, a hard copy. People opted out. They give the chance to opt out, but most people just weren't aware of it. You know, so, I think if we do give the chance to opt out, you don't bury it, you know, like a two inch, you know, column. You put it in there prominently. Give people the option. Eventually, all your old guys will die off and you're gonna go electronic anyway.

**Encampment**

(Laughter).

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

All right? So, keep it for the vast majority of people that want a hard copy. That's one of the benefits you get from the National organization.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Max. Anyone else speaking to the amendment? Brother Hunnewell.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Sumner Hunnewell, Department of Missouri, Past Department Commander. There's...I guess a question...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Gentlemen, keep the chatter down, please...

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

...The membership list is kept in a spreadsheet, I assume? Not a database.

**Unknown**

Database.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Is the membership list in a spreadsheet?

**Unknown**

No, it's a database.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's in a database.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

It's in a database. Okay. I missed... The word just, I know, is a four-letter word. Adding a field to opt in and out. I know that the information gets sent up to National, probably in some spreadsheet form and this way could be identified who would opt in and who would opt out. I see it as just a way to segregate the folks so when the list does get sent off to the printer, that would be another way to exclude those people who wish to opt out. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other discussion on the amendment? All right. We're voting on the amendment. So, all those in favor of amending the original motion, raise your cards.

**Multiple Brothers**

Can you read the motion?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Read the amended motion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Motion to allow Brother Pahl to submit the majority of The Banner electronically to the members effective with the winter issue. And it is amended to add and also allow for an opt out provision.

**James B. Pahl, Banner Editor**

What's the opt out provision?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, addition to allow a provision for opt out.

**Unknown**

Opt out of what?

**Unknown**

Getting...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Receiving...receiving a hard copy.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Whose amendment was it?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Yeah. Who made that amendment back there? There he goes. I lost his name.

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

Commander, sir, that was opt out to get the email.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

You're opting out of getting The Banner printed instead.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Then, can you rewrite the motion? Because, right now, we're just adding to opt out and not addressing sending to the majority.

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

(Indistinguishable) of the mailing of The Banner. (Indistinguishable)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...So, opting out of receiving it electronically or opting out of receiving a hard copy?

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

Opting out of receiving a hard copy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who seconded the motion?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Sumner Hunnewell.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are you good with this, Sumner? For a second?

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

I was under the impression since the motion on the floor was to send a... electronic copy to the majority of members, that you would opt out of getting an electronic copy, which would

mean you get a hard copy.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Right. That's what I... Yeah.

**Sumner G. Hunnewell, Department of Missouri**

So, if it... What it means... This particular thing says that if you wish to have a hard copy, you can state, "I wish to have a hard copy," and you're allowed a hard copy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Dean, is that your original intent for the amendment?

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

I misunderstood his original intent. But I will stand with what he says so we can have the vote.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, you're accepting his language as the friendly amendment if you will?

**L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

I'm accepting that language as the motion so that we can have our vote, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Am I good?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yep.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. All... So, Brother Alan, please read the motion so we know what we're voting on for the amendment.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. I'm gonna try and get this now. A motion to allow Brother Pahl to submit the majority of The Banner electronically to members effective with the winter issue or allow for an opt out provision in order to receive a print edition.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any questions? All those in favor of the amended...

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

...Question, Commander, on the motion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.



**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

If you're leaving...

**Unknown**

...Who is that?...

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

...kind of muddled there.

**Unknown**

Who's talking?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who's...Who's...

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

...(Indistinguishable) don't understand...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Who are you, Brother?

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Max Riekse, Department of Michigan.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

You're leaving it pretty muddled that...you know, leave it up to... And I like Brother Pahl. Okay. All right. You know, I mean, I've known him for years. But, you know, you're leaving it up to... The majority... He makes the decision that the majority of people will get electronic version. And maybe a hundred people will get The Banner. Well, I don't think that's a good motion. I think it should be defeated. And I think the motion should state very clearly you make the choice as an individual member of this Organization, either get the hard copy or the email. That is, the member makes the decision and the member should be notified of that. Keep it really simple and not muddled up that well, the majority of the people get email by... Yeah. We're not a dictatorship...yet.

**Unknown**

We're working on it, though.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

James Pahl as Parliamentarian. My understanding, that the amendment... The default is you would receive an electronic copy. Each Brother, if they choose to, can opt out and receive a

print copy. So, they would have to formatively notify and receive a print copy. So, each individual Brother could have that option. That's my understanding of the motion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

What's the problem, Ed?

**Edward Krieser, Past Commander-in-Chief**

The way they're voting, not cost. Either way, no cost.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't understand what he's saying.

**Unknown**

He's saying there's no charge for getting the hard copy.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Right.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yeah. That's part of the...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

No additional charge.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

No additional charge.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor of the amendment, raise...

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

...Commander...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

You have a question about the amendment?

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Identify yourself.

**Timothy S. McCoy, National Signals Officer**

Commander, Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer. We're talking about an opt out function here and we've not specified, we've not clarified how that opt out function is actually

going to operate. What will Brothers need to do? Will we need to send an email to someone to say we're opting out? Will there be a little box to check somewhere on the hardcopy Banner that allows us to opt out? The ambiguity here is troubling me about the opt out. Otherwise, I think... which otherwise, I support. But I feel like we need to be more specific on how Brothers are going to opt out of receiving a hard copy. Thank you.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Is that an amendment to the amendment?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, what we're voting here, I believe, is the motion doesn't get into procedurally how that's accomplished. We're just saying that it needs...it's going to happen. Procedurally, we would bring it up under a separate vote.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Let's determine beforehand.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm not even sure we're going to do it. Any other discussion?

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Sir, with what Tim McCoy says, I agree with him. I would recommend that we vote down this. And let discussion of how the opting out, if it's going to happen, be done at the CofA level and then be brought back next year to the National Encampment for a full layout of discussion. I've already talked with Brother Pahl about looking at tiered structures for hardcopies. And that way he'll have some generalized information for costs so we can do a good cost analysis and see what we're actually stepping into. I support what Brother Don is trying to do. Okay. We need to start being aware of this. But we need to have the numbers to be able to do that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right, Brothers, we're going to vote on the amended motion. Read the amended motion, Secretary.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Motion to allow Brother Pahl to submit the majority of The Banner electronically to the members effective with the winter issue or allow for an opt out provision in order to receive a print edition.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers in favor, raise your cards. Okay. All those opposed, raise your cards. Amendment does not pass. So, we're back to the original motion. Read us the original motion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. The original motion is motion to allow Brother Pahl to submit the majority of The

Banner electronically to the members effective with the winter issue.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, any discussion in regards to that motion. Go ahead, Brother identify yourself. You are?

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Commander, I'm Walter Weart. I'm the Senior Vice Commander from the Department of Colorado/Wyoming. I'm also Camp Commander for Centennial #100. I'm also the editor of The Western Tribune which has won an award. And I'm also the editor for The Sons of the American Revolution Patriot. I speak from some considerable experience. They do not get distributed. I sent out the most recent issue of The Patriot, and I had one of our Chapter Presidents just ask me where it was. And yet, I have acknowledged emails that he received it. I would leave at least an opt out. I belong to a number of organizations including one in Canada and one that's international. They allow an opt out and I'm more than willing to pay extra...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

The opt out was already voted down and that's not an option.

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

So, if we do it, beware that if we go to all electronic, I can speak from personal experience, it does not get distributed.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother. In the back of the room.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Council of Administration, Department of Illinois, et. cetera. I'm a Millennial. I don't think that surprises anybody in this room, especially those who know me on Facebook. One thing I hate is GenX and Baby Boomers and whoever else still exists that's older than that telling me what I want. I get very little in the way of pleasant mail. I get bills.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

We all get bills. But, I don't belong to a generation that gets cards, letters, things like that. One of the only things I get in my mailbox that I look forward to is The Banner.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

And I don't want to speak for any other Millennials or our illustrious GenZ brethren in

the room, but I think it's safe to say that while electronic might be the way of the future for some communications, there is some that need to stay in print.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Harry. Brother Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts, National Council of Administration. I, too, sorry Don, stand in opposition to this.

**Unknown**

Can't hear.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

I stand in opposition to this motion. I believe that it...for other reasons that we've heard, that for the people that are opposed to it, I agree with. My take is...it goes to the professionalism of this Organization. Having someone email this out and then print and send it out by one its members at the Camp level is...it just looks bad. It looks bad for the same reason that the Commander-in-Chief had everybody wear a jacket and tie today. It's the same idea. It's the respect toward your own Organization, to keep things professional. I would far prefer increasing dues than eliminating a printed copy of The Banner. I think...

**Unknown**

...Hear! Hear!

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

I think it shows this Organization is professional. You get how...what people think of the SAR and what they think of us. What's the difference? We do more than they do. We do a hundred times more than they do. We're a service organization and they develop funds, for the most part. And yet, people hold them in higher esteem. I think we need to work on our image. And I think The Banner is the best way to do that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Tucker.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

In the back of the room.

**Cameron S. Brown, Department of Michigan**

Thank you, Commander. Cameron Brown, March to the Sea Camp 135, Department of Michigan. My comments would be a little more subdued. The underlying issue is our inflationary costs. I would, as one member, support a modest increase. Our dues really are very modest to

begin with. Certainly we can afford to meet the demands of the times. When I do research, I look online at archival documents. Read them online. But when I read a book for my own enjoyment, I like the physicality of holding the book and reading it. These are...our publication of The Banner is a seasonal publication, so it's minimally impacting our lives to pick up the physical document, which I personally enjoy. I oppose the motion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you. I'm gonna limit any additional discussion to those Brothers who are lined up at the microphones. Brother Day, you're up.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Excuse me. I was being distracted. Past Commander-in-Chief Day, National Counselor. I stand in opposition to the amendment, as well. I believe that having a print copy of our Banner coming to our Brothers is very, very important for some of the same reasons that have been said before. But it does reflect upon us as an Organization. I belong to the VFW, American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, and dozens of other... They all have print magazines. If we want to be seen as a real time player, then we need to have a print magazine as well. Those other organizations do not...have not gone to a cost cut. They are much bigger, and they have money. But I would rather see us take a \$10.00 a year dues increase or maybe more because I want to see a National Headquarters. I want to see us do other things. And quite frankly, with \$22.00 or \$23.00 a year, we're not able to do those so... I would support a...increasing the dues way before I would support doing away with The Banner.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Day. Back of the room.

**Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri**

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri. I would like to make a motion to table.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable) motion on the floor.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Unknown**

Get out Robert's Rules.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Hang on. We're going to get a ruling from the Parliamentarian.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

I don't have mine.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It could go to the table and die on the table.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Or it dies.

**Unknown**

Or it dies.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Brothers, there's a motion to...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Shh, shh, shh...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...table to...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Shh...

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

...permit moving on to something else immediately and then coming back to it. Or to table to a different...

**Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri**

...No, I want to table it indefinitely.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Does he need a second?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who? I need a name.

**Encampment**

Walt Busch.

**Unknown**

Walt Busch.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It was Walt Busch.

**Encampment**

(Chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And did you get the name for the...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...I need the name for the...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...The Brother making the motion to table, please restate your name.

**Randal A. Burd, Jr., Department of Missouri**

Randal Burd, Past Department Commander, Department of Missouri.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Take a vote.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay, we need to take a vote to table it. Brother Pahl, if it does go to the table, can you let us know what the consequences are?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

If it goes to the table and is not taken back up before the end of this Encampment, it dies. It does not hold over to the next Encampment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor of tabling the motion on the floor, raise your cards. Those opposed. I only need a majority. Right? Okay, those opposed have...so the motion to table does not carry. Brother Brian, you have the last statement.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

So, I'm assuming we're still talking about...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**



...Still talking about the motion.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay. Yep. Brian Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief. I do stand in opposition to Past Commander-in-Chief Darby's motion. However, however...

**Unknown**

...Mic...

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

...It is very important that we do remain financially stable. Right. And so, if we continue to distribute The Banner electronically, I likewise would also support a dues increase. So, after we vote on that, I'll have a motion on that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Brian. National Secretary, for the last time I hope...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...repeat the motion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Motion to allow Brother Pahl to submit the majority of The Banner electronically to the members effective with the winter issue.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor, raise your cards. All those opposed. Motion does not carry. Thank you, Brothers. Is there any other new business?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson. I move that we increase our National per capita \$10.00 each year for the next two years.

**Encampment**

Can't hear you.

**Unknown 1**

Second.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay.

**Unknown 2**

Can't hear you.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Did you hear me, Commander?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

But please repeat it because they didn't hear it in the back.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay. Past Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson. I move therefore that we increase the National per capita \$10.00 a year for the next two years.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there...

**Unknown 1**

...Second...

**Unknown 2**

...Second...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...a second (indistinguishable). Discussion.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Frail.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Brother Ben Frail, National Patriotic Instructor, from Rhode Island. Just a point of clarification to Brother Brian. So, you're proposing that for next year, the per capita would be \$33.00 and the following year would be \$43.00. Correct?

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

That is correct.

**Benjamin J. Frail, National Patriotic Instructor**

Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. So, the Secretary did not capture that so (indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I didn't get the seconds.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So who...

**Unknown**

...(Indistinguishable) said he seconded it.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

So to the National Secretary through you, did you not capture the motion?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I have the motion. It was who seconded it.

**Brian C. Pierson, Council of Administration**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. So, discussion. Brother Horgan.

**Brian Horgan, Department of Chesapeake**

Brian Horgan, Department Commander, Chesapeake. Brother Pahl, can you give us a cost accounting of what each...might what each mailing would be per Brother so that if we do... if we do talk about an increase, we can make an appropriate increase to account...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...That's not the motion that's being discussed. Brother Tuck...or Brother Max in the back.

**Max J. Riekse, Department of Michigan**

Max Riekse, Department of Michigan. I think \$10.00 a jump is a height...is too much for most people. I can pay \$100.00 a month, so it's not me. But I know for a fact that that would be, you know, too much. So I think... I don't want to defeat the motion. Something like closer to \$3.00... I can...dues to National. That I would support. But that's not part of this motion. Okay. The motion is \$10.00 which is far too much. If somebody makes a motion for \$3.00, I can support that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tucker.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. We had a discussion yesterday in the Council of Administration a little bit. And the details of what they said was the \$23.00 in today's money, is \$33.00. I'm not sure I would want to go to \$43.00. But I would be...I would not be opposed to bringing it, you know, half...attaining for inflation from \$23.00...from times to pay \$23.00. So, I stand in opposition to this motion. I would amend it. I would offer an amendment that would raise the dues \$10.00 just one time and then we can vote...

**Unknown**

...Second...

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

...on the next one.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second? Brother on the floor already seconded it. So any discussion on the amended motion to be a single \$10.00 increase to annual per capita.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Procedurally this is actually a substitute motion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, thank you. Are you here to speak to the substitute motion?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I'm going to speak to his motion.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead. Identify yourself.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, National Counselor. I believe that \$10.00 one time is not necessarily going to keep up with inflation. This year alone inflation is somewhere around 9% and in the last year it was over 5%. Who knows what it's going to be next year. A more reasonable way to do this, and after this is voted on, depending upon the outcome, it would be better...a good idea to maybe do this as a series of steps of say \$5.00 a year over a number of years. I understand that the pain, the economic (indistinguishable). I belong to, as I said earlier, a multitude of organizations. This is the cheapest organization I belong to.

**W. Faron Taylor, National Aide-de-Camp-Patriotism**

Least expensive.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Least expensive.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

That's why he was my Chief of Staff.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

He prevented me from saying stupid stuff like that.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

But, he didn't drive me here fast enough. The...but...I think having the ability to raise the funds over a four or five-year period will be far better than doing it in one year. And so, I stand in opposition to Brother Tucker's motion. And depending on the outcome, I'll offer an alternative.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Commander-in-Chief, Harry Reineke, Chief of Staff, Council of Administration. I am going to register my agreement with Past Commander-in-Chief Day. I do firmly believe that our dues need to increase and they need to at least keep up with inflation. Big jumps mean big losses in membership potentially. We need to be a little more judicious with how we're gonna do this.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Harry. Brother Bruce.

**Bruce D. Frail, National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Obviously, as I seconded the substitute amendment, I'm in favor of it. I believe a one-time \$10.00 increase at this time is sufficient. And if we should feel the need in a few years to increase it again, then we can discuss it at that point.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Bruce. Any more discussion? In the back.

**Terrance McKinch, Department of Michigan**

Commander, Terry McKinch, Past Department Commander in the state of Michigan. I'm in agreement with the motion to increase the dues that's been stated. I'm one of the old guys that

actually would have liked to see the electronic copy instead of the hard copy. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother McKinch. That concludes the discussion. Brother Secretary, could you please read the substitute motion?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The substitute motion moves to increase the National per capita to \$10.00 per year.

**Unknown**

No.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

By \$10.00 a year to \$33.00.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I'm sorry. I...I...yes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Moves to increase the National... Yeah. \$10.00 per year. I'll take that one. Moves to increase the National per capita \$10.00 per year.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

A single time, as you recall.

**Unknown**

A single time.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

A single time.

**Unknown**

One time.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Kevin.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

I just want to be clear. I meant that the dues would be increased to \$33.00 a year until they are voted to be changed. That not just a one-time \$10.00 fee. I just want to... It sounds a little unclear that...the way it was read. So, \$33.00 a year going forward until we vote for something else.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Do you mind if we change the wording to say \$33.00 per year...

**Kevin P. Tucker, Council of Administration**

...It's a \$10.00 increase in dues is what it is.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's his motion.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. Let me...let me get this to...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Frail, do you concur with that restated motion? You seconded.

**Unknown**

I suppose...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Brother Bruce, do you concur with that? Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Then the motion reads moves to increase the National per capita to \$33.00 per year.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Cards down. All those opposed. All right. I'm going to take a count. I can't tell for certain. So, all of those in favor... Guide, Color Bearer, please go out. Get a count. All those in favor of raising your dues to \$33.00 per year, hold up your cards 'til we get a tally.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Guide, do you have a total? Brother Rarick, do you have a total? Brother Rarick, what is the total?

**Jay Rarick, National Guide**

(Indistinguishable).

**Unknown**

Ninety-seven for.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Those opposed, raise your cards.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Those opposed to the dues increase, raise your cards.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Just a simple majority. Right?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Parliamentarian**

Yes.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I don't think we've got 200 guys here in the...

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, please keep the chatter down.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Unknown**

Sixty-one.



**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Brothers, that the...to approve the motion eighty-seven... What was the second one?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Sixty-one.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Sixty-one.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Sixty-one against. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

In that case, I retract my original motion.

**Unknown 1**

Except for the substitute motion already took it over.

**Unknown 2**

Right.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any other new business? All right, Brothers, we haven't had a break all morning. So... We haven't had a break all morning so we're going to go ahead and break for lunch at this point.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

One announcement.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Excuse me.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Commander-in-Chief, I think you have a vote to take. You just voted on the amendment. Is that correct?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Well, it's a substitute motion.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. All right. Thank you.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. One quick announcement.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead. We have an announcement.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Real quick. One quick announcement. The Department of Chesapeake shall gather at the flags for pictures at the beginning of lunch break. That's so the rest of us can get ahead of you in line.

**Encampment**

Ahh.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

And for requests, Past Commanders-in-Chief report ten minutes prior to the afternoon session for a photograph with myself. We will reconvene at 1:30.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Encampment**

(chatter).

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(chatter).

(break)

## **Forth Session – Saturday Afternoon**

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, when we left for lunch we were concluding new business. Under new, we have one item of new business. Brother Henry Buckley, the Department of Massachusetts. Brother Buckley.

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

Here.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Do you have the proclamation?

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

I do not think so.

**Unknown**

We will bring it.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother, you just had it before lunch. So, what Brother Buckley has is a citation from the governor of Massachusetts. Brother Daniel, would you go up to the podium and explain what it is?

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

Whoops! Is this...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yep. Get close to the microphone.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Tell us who you are.

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

Commander-in-Chief, my name is Henry Buckley, Brother Henry Buckley, Department of Massachusetts. I asked Governor Baker, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a citation awarding the Sons of Union Veterans for their efforts in preserving the history of the soldiers that fought for the Union cause and for our educational programs that we offer in the Commonwealth, and he signed it with this Lieutenant Governor, Karyn Polito. And I have the citation somewhere. If I could find it let, I'll let you guys know.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I actually saw the citation. It was dated today and what I would like to do is present it to the Host Committee to go in with the records of the Encampment.

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Ooh!

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So when you do get the citation, I request that it be delivered to Brother Pahl and he can put it in with the Department records for the Encampment.

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

All right. Well, (indistinguishable)...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Thank you, Brother.

**Henry R. Buckley, Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you, Commander.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I see a hand in the back.

**John A. Mills, III, Department of Kentucky**

John Mills, Department of Kentucky, Past Department Commander. I had something on new business. As you may or may not know, we are planning to having the National Encampment hosted in Lexington, Kentucky. It's actually not the first time it was there. But at that time, there was no Camp or no Department active in Kentucky. So, I was scrambling around trying to find what badge that they used, what was the ribbon, where did they meet, and so forth. So, I've been in communication with Gordon Bury, Past Commander-in-Chief, and also with David Demmy. He helped me out as much as he could. And something popped in my mind. I thought it would be a good idea since there was no ribbon and no... at that time, they didn't have badges. Now we all have badges. People collect them, and so forth. But I thought it would be a good idea from...from each Encampment to save a commemorative badge, a regular badge, and a ribbon, and send them to David Demmy, the National Executive Director, at the museum. And I asked him if he wanted me to bring that up today. And he's good with it so... I wanted to throw this out there and see if anybody else feels like we need to preserve our history that way. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, if you have or are hosting a National Encampment, please consider getting an actual medal, ribbon, and a collective...the badge, the medal, and a ribbon from your Encampment to the National Headquarters so it can go on record. Thank you, Brother. Any other new business? All right. I have a presentation to make here very quickly. The National Staff works very hard for this Organization at little or no cost to the Organization. I would like to recognize those Brothers who make this Order run at the National level. So, give me a couple of minutes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Do you mind if I make some announcements?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. A couple of quick announcements. At the beginning of the next break, the Department of Missouri needs to meet at the flags for a picture. John Edelman, do you still have that banquet ticket? John Edelman, of Ohio, had an extra banquet ticket that he was wanting to sell. And Brothers of Rhode Island to meet at the flags after the close of business for a photo. And I encourage you to be quick before they take the flags away.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Okay. For the Commander-in-Chief's certificates thanking the Officers, the first Officer up is Brother Bruce Frail, who is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, chair of the Program and Policy Committee, chair of the Promotions and Marketing Committee, and chair of the Special Committee on Headquarters Planning.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National GAR Highway Officer, and a member of the Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Mark Day, National Counselor, and chairman of the National Special Committee on Contract Negotiations with the Allied Orders.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Kevin Tucker is up next. He is a member of the Council of Administration this past year.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Shane Milburn, Council of Administration.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother Joseph S. Hall, Jr., member of the Council of Administration, chairman of the National Committee on Encampment Credentials.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

He's coming around.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Okay. Go to the next one.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brian C. Pierson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Council of Administration, chair of the Fraternal Relations Committee, and chair of the Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the United States.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Kevin Martin, Council of Administration, National Liaison to MOLLUS, chair of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee, and chair of the National Special Committee on Lincoln Memorial Centennial.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Harry, W. Reineke, IV, member of the Council of Administration, National Chief of Staff, National Webmaster.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Harry.

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Thank you, Mike.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

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

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

James Lyon, National Quartermaster.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Benjamin Frail, National Patriotic Instructor.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Tim McCoy, National Signals Officer, chair of the National Committee on Technology, chair of the Special Committee on Social Media Management, and chair of the Special Committee on Website Redesign.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Brother James B. Pahl, Banner Editor, Assistant National Counselor, Assistant National Counselor – Bluebook, Parliamentarian, Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, and Assistant

National Treasurer.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain and chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain's Affairs.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Daryl VerStreate, Assistant National Quartermaster.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Edward Krieser, Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Next up is Sumner Hunnewell, Assistant National Webmaster.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Ken L. Freshley, National Webmaster for the Quartermaster Store.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Jay Rarick, National Guide.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Faron Taylor, National Aide-de-Camp for Patriotism.



**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

John Conrad, National Organization Expansion Officer.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Robert Wolz, National Historian, and chairman of the National Committee on History.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer, Chairman of the National Committee on GAR Post Records.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Henry C. Duquette, National Graves Registration Officer, chair of the Graves Registration Committee, and chair of CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technologies.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

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

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Walt Busch, chairman of the National Committee on Civil War Memorials and the National Civil War Memorials Officer.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Robert E. Grim, chairman of the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Jim Crane, chairman of the National Encampment Site Committee.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Robert Petrovic, chairman of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

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

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

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

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

And Stephen A. Michaels, chairman of the CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brothers. You made my life much easier this past year. All right. We will now move on to Committees' Reports, Encampment Committee Reports. Oh, I'm sorry. We do have a couple of awards from the National Chaplain. Do you need a microphone, Jerry?

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

My shouting abilities are long gone.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

First of all, I'm not gonna tell you all of the credits and reasons why the people who are going to receive the National Chaplain's Award are being awarded this award. I'm just going to simply read you the award. And we'll talk more about that later. "Jesus told his followers not to hide their light under a basket, but to let it shine from the mountain tops. He told them not to let their right hand know what the left hand is doing when it comes to doing good works. Well, your right has been noticed by your Brothers and they have asked that you be told you have done an extraordinary job as Chaplain. You will receive the appropriate reward from the Lord, not now, but later. And not here, but there. On behalf of all your Brothers, thank you. Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 19...2022."

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Signed by the Commander-in-Chief and the National Chaplain. First of all, Dexter Bishop, would you please come up?

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Let me put this on you. Hold that.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Okay.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

If you want to say something, you can. This is a specially made cross, which is also on the certificate. You're going to have to frame it yourself.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Okay.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

...Or just add it to the pile of things that you already have.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Yeah, thank you.

**Dexter Bishop, Department of Massachusetts**

Thank you.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Next, I'd like to have Harry Reineke, IV, come up.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

He was a chaplain in my absence in the Department of Illinois. He's been a student in the seminary and wants to go back and get ordained. And he's currently a chaplain in the Department of...

**Harry W. Reineke, IV, National Chief of Staff**

Second Military District.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

...Second Military District. And take your hat off. You can hold that. You both notice that there's a little cross on the back. Please cut that off. I didn't have a...welding torch to do it, so you will have to. Thank you very much.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Cameron Lowery was awarded the National Chaplain's Award for his service to the SVR this morning at their breakfast. And here's a piece of paper to go in your file cabinet or hang on the wall, whichever you prefer.

**Cameron Lowery, Department of Ohio**

Thank you.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Brother Stephen Schulze from Texas.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Last year, the Department Commander in Texas passed away and there was a funeral. And I was honored to be part of it. And at that point, I gave him his cross. But I didn't have a certificate with me. So now, in recognition of all that he's done for the Department of Texas and the Sons of Union Veterans, we're giving him this certificate. Thank you.

**Stephen Schulze, Department of Texas**

Thank you.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

You all frame it now.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

In my absence in the last two years, another reward was established, that is the Chaplain Jerry Award. And it's awarding the final award, the Chaplain Jerry Award. It was given to someone for what he said and what he wouldn't say. We were at a Flag Day ceremony and I begged him not to say his favorite words. I said five times to him, "Please don't say," and he said it anyway. Westlake, Steven, Department of Illinois, you are the last recipient of the Chaplain Jerry Award to ever be given.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

The words he said... This is a new first year veteran saying it. We are the land of the free because...

**Unknown 1**

...of the brave.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

He's a good Lutheran.

**Steven J. Westlake, Department of Illinois**

I don't know how good.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Good enough.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Unknown**

Thank you very much, Brothers.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are now hear the reports of Encampment Committees. Constitution and Regulations. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. We received one...

**Multiple Brothers**

...Can't hear.

**Donald E. Darby, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

Sorry. Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief. Chairman of the Encampment C&R Committee, we received one resolution or recommendation, if I can find it here.

**Donald E. Darby, Nat'l Committee on Constitution and Regulations**

On page thirty-one, I'm told. Under the National Council was that either the standing National Constitution and Regulations Committee or the Special...or a Special Committee be authorized by the National Encampment to conduct a complete and comprehensive review of the Constitution and Regulations to identify inconsistencies, ambiguities, and contradictory language within these documents. We do not, as a Committee, agree with this, at least a portion on...to create another Special Committee. We believe that this falls under the purview of the National Constitution and Regulations Committee and we would put it in their court to do the changes, if they're necessary.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, we're got a recommendation from the Encampment Committee to refer this to the standing C&R Committee. Is there any discussion?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day, National Counselor. We would be happy with that recommendation, that it go to the C&R Committee and that they actually take it for action.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Any opposed. Goes to C&R, standing C&R.

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Next Committee is Resolutions. Encampment Committee for Resolutions? Did we have any resolutions? We'll come back to that. Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports.

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Commander-in-Chief, Mark...Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. Request permission to come to the dais. There's a long list of these and I'd like to be up there to...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...All right. So that... The chair for Officer Reports was Tad Campbell. Wasn't it?

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

But he did not do them.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

He's right behind you.

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Yeah?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Mark, I believe I had assigned you to Resolutions. I'm sorry. So, we may have got our wires crossed.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

You can check real quickly to see if we have any going to Resolutions. I don't think we had any resolutions. Brother Tad. My apologies if there was confusion.

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

That's fine. Tad Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman of the Encampment Committee on Officer Reports. We had a number of them, so we'll try and get through them as quickly as possible.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Mark, would you like to make a motion at this point...time? Regarding ad seriatim?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I would be more than happy to, Commander-in-Chief. I would move that all recommendations not requiring a change to the Constitution and Regulations, the Charter, Constitution and Regulations, may be approved by the drop of the gavel, ad seriatim.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Anyone opposed?

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So moved. Approved. Please continue, Brother Campbell.

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

On page two of your packet, in the Commander-in-Chief's report. Recommendation number one, that the committee to investigate membership qualifications be established as a two-year special committee appointed by this Encampment. It will report its findings and recommendations to the National Encampment in 2023. The Committee concurs, but

recommends that it be a one-year special committee rather than two-year.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Same page, recommendation number two from the Commander-in-Chief. That the Memorial University Committee investigate the use of virtual training, both live and recorded, to SUVCW members. The Committee concurs.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I stood to object, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

You object?

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

I wasn't going to object. I was gonna ask what Committee it's being sent to.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Tad?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

The Committee does not have a recommendation on that. It's been suggested...Comm and Tech.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Say again.

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

It has been suggested, Comm...Communications and Technology would be appropriate.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Would you please read the recommendation one more time?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

That the Memorial University Committee investigate the use of virtual training, both live and recorded...



**Unknown**

...Memorial University.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It should go to Memorial University. Right?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Memorial University...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...is that be your recommendation?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

That would be our recommendation.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Recommendation number three from the Commander-in-Chief. That the Communication and Technology Committee investigate how to move our internal business processes forward in order to take advantage of the benefits that technology has to offer. The Committee concurs and obviously would recommend that go to the Communications and Technology Committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page six of your report packet, from the National Secretary...recommends it... It is recommended the conflict of interest policy annual affirmation of compliance and disclosure statement be assigned a Form number and be placed on the SUVCW website as a fill-in form with the other SUVCW forms. The Committee concurs and recommends it be referred to the Standing Committee on Program and Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page seven of your report packet from the National Treasurer. Recommendation to change paragraph two on the Form 11 instructions to read, “2) That each Camp listed on this Form 11 has forwarded to the Department’s Treasurer a copy of the IRS email confirming the current tax year 990 was filed.” We concur and recommend that get referred to Program and Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports**

Pages ten through eleven from the National Quartermaster. Recommendation number one, that the National Quartermaster should have access to the PayPal account to perform changes to the site in a timely manner. Our cost of items these days are ever changing and the National Quartermaster needs to reflect this quickly. The Committee concurs, but we believe that is already in the purview of the National Quartermaster and that no action of this body is required.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports**

Number two. Find out why all PayPal orders are not sent directly to the National Quartermaster’s email to be filled. Again, the Committee concurs and we believe this is already the purview of the National Quartermaster and doesn't require action of this body.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers’ Reports**

Number three. That printing of certificates that only call for a few years be printed in-house. I have been doing this. Those that we use a lot of, such as Eagle Scout and ROTC, can be ordered by what was used the year before on the advice of the Committee Chairman. Other certificates that are used a lot, such as New Member certificates, shall be printed in lots of fifty to avoid waste. Likewise, we concur, but we believe this is already in the purview of the National Quartermaster.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Number four. Have a Brother that can work for the National Quartermaster on special projects and awards that have a history of taking a lot of time to develop. I would be willing to perform these duties if the National Quartermaster would need the help. The committee concurs.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Number five. Have a committee to help the National Quartermaster set what profit margin there should be on our store items. What is the goal...what is our goal of profit? We did not concur and we recommend this be referred to the Council of Administration as a budgetary item.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Number six. Keep track on shipping costs as they are changing more frequently. The Committee concurs but believes this is already in the purview of the National Quartermaster.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Number seven. I believe that the reimbursement should be raised to \$6,000.00 because of the amount of time the National Quartermaster puts into his job. Prices of everything have gone up. The Committee concurs.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Mark.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Once again, where is it being sent? In this case, I think it would go to CofA.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Microphone.

**Unknown**

Can't hear.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Once again I rise to find out to what...where this is going to be directed. I believe it should go to CofA.

**Unknown**

Can't hear.

**Mark R. Day, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. I rise to ask where this is going to be forwarded for action. I suggest that the CofA is the proper place.

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Michael Beard, National Treasurer. That's a line item in our budget. It is part of the responsibility of the Council of Administration so it should be handled by the Council of Administration and not by the Encampment.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a second?

**Unknown**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any discussion on the motion that it should be approved by the Council of Administration and not the Encampment? All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Those opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Next on page thirteen of your reports packet, recommendation from Council of Administration member, Kevin Martin. The recommendation is Some of the newly updated forms, especially the new membership form, Form 3, have a new font size and a font color that is so small and light, that it is very difficult to read when printed for the permanent files. Request at least part one, membership section, can be made larger and darker. The Committee concurs and recommends it be referred to the Standing Committee on Program and Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page seventeen of your reports packet. From the Executive Director. Recommendation, In recent years too many Form 3's are submitted to Headquarters without annotation of the applicant's ancestor's relationship to the applicant. Recommend reverse the following language Form 3, page two under lineage, from "grandfather, great-grandfather, et cetera, ancestors name" to "ancestors name, grandfather, great uncle, et cetera." The Committee concurs and recommends it be referred to the Standing Committee on Program and Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page thirty-one of your reports packet. From the National Counselor. Recommendation that the members of the Order and more specifically the elected officers be reminded that they have been charged with reading and familiarizing themselves with the contents of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations. The Committee concurs and recommends it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

The second recommendation from the National Counselor was referred to the C&R Committee.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

That was the second one?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Yeah. There was two recommendations. The second one was referred to C&R, so we did not address that one.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right.

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page thirty-four. From the National Graves Registration Officer. Recommendations... Begin the process of formally assessing our current system which will ultimately lead us to soliciting bids for a rewritten system. The Committee concurs with the idea of assessing our current system, but we do not concur with the recommendation as a whole, since it would require

a quote soliciting bids for a rewritten system. It sort of ties the hands.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Is there a recommendation where this is going to go? Is there a need for it to go anywhere?

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Well, basically as it stands now, the Committee would not concur with it.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Bruce Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I would suggest that this either go to Comm and Tech or to the incoming CinC.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Can you select one, please?

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

In that case, the incoming CinC.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do we have a second?

**Multiple Unknowns**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections? Discussions on the motion? All those in favor, raise your cards. Cards down. Those opposed. Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

The second recommendation from the National Graves Registration Officer was referred back to the Committee to write the suggested revisions by the Commander-in-Chief, so we did not address that. Page thirty-five from the National Patriotic Instructor. I recommend that future Patriotic Instructors utilize the technology we have available to us and set up a quarterly teleconference sessions with Department Patriotic Instructors to go over any and all topics pertaining to the job. The Committee concurs with the idea but we believe this is already in the purview of the Patriotic Instructor and no action is required.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page forty-two of your packet. From the Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings. Recommendation, Due to current and future health conditions, I need to step aside from these duties; therefore, I recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint another Brother to handle the recording, editing, compiling, publishing this year's and following years' proceedings of the National Encampment. The Committee concurs and recommend it be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Page forty-four from the National Civil War Memorials Officer. It was contained within his report on the National Committee on Civil War Memorials. Recommendation that on Form 61, immediately above the section covering inspector identification, the following words, or similar after legal review, be inserted into the form. "Submission of this form requires at least one form of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. With your name, please include one or more pieces of contact information: 1) if a member of an Allied Order, the name of your Camp, Auxiliary, Tent, Circle, or Corps along with your Department; 2) physical address; 3) phone number; 4) email address. By submitting this, you are allowing dispersing of this information on the internet." The Committee concurs and recommends it be referred to the Standing Committee on Program and Policy.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Tad D. Campbell, Encampment Committee on Officers' Reports**

Commander-in-Chief, that concludes our report.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Campbell.

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Day, again, my apologies if there is confusion on the assignments to the Encampment Committees. National Secretary, can you confirm if any resolutions were submitted?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

The...I have the New Jersey resolution. We have...

**Multiple Brothers**

...Mic.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. (chuckling). Mike is busy at the moment. Yeah. We had the New York ones. I did not have anybody come up and get a copy of them from me, so that... On the form...to move the audit certification from the Installation Report 22 to the Camp Annual Report 27.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

That's the New York one?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That's one of them, yes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Can you hand it to Brother Day, please? And the New Jersey resolution we've already addressed. Correct?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Second New York one, yeah. Yeah, the New Jersey one we did. And Alabama. Hold on. We took care of Alabama. Alabama was about the...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Past Commander-in-Chief Michaels?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. Here it is. New York also had one. No, I'm sorry. You've got 'em both. Sorry.

**Stephen A. Michaels, Committee on Rituals and Ceremonials**

Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Wisconsin. The Committee on Rituals and Ceremonials received no recommendations and we should be discharged.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Michaels. So, Brothers, I would like to take a short break while the Resolutions Committee has an opportunity to look at these resolutions. There's only two of them. It should not take long. I'm going to put you on break. The next item is nomination of officers. So, you're going have time to discuss nominations in prep for that. We will take a break after nominations and then go on into elections. So, ten-minute break. Be back in here at twenty after two.



[three raps, \*\*\*]

[one rap, \*]

(break)

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Can we now hear the report for the Resolutions... the Encampment Resolutions Committee?

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Resolutions Committee**

Brother Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, from the Resolutions Committee, chairman. This is our report. We have two resolutions. First one reads, Be it resolved that the Commander of the Department of New York write to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asking that the National Organization consider creating a Secretary's manual similar to the very useful Treasurer's manual recently created by the National Treasurer, Michael Beard. The rationale, the Department and Camp Secretaries doing the job right are critical to the functions of the SUVCW. Let's help them understand the fine points. This was submitted by Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, state of New York...Department of New York. Well, the Committee concurs with the concept. We believe that such a manual will require careful consideration, and more than just the National Secretary's input. We feel that it should be assigned to a committee for review and preparation. We recommend that it be sent to P&P for study.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Resolutions Committee**

The second resolution, again from the Department of New York. Be it resolved that the Commander of the Department of New York write to the Commander-in-Chief, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, asking that a National Organization...that the National Organization consider moving the Audit Certification from the Installation Report Form 22 to the Camp Annual Report Form 27. The Committee does not concur with that action. We feel that the Form 22, being the place where the Installing Officer is citing to confirm that all of the reports and all of the materials of the Camp are in fact correct and have been submitted...as his signature's going on there, the certification should remain on the Form 22 and not be moved to the Form 27.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, again, to repeat, you recommend not...

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Resolutions Committee**

...We recommend...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...approval...

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Resolutions Committee**

...not... We do not concur with their resolution.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Any objections?

[one rap, \*]

**Mark R. Day, Encampment Resolutions Committee**

Thank you, Commander-in-Chief. That completes the report.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Day. We will now move into nominations. This is just for nominations. The delegates will have time to discuss any contested Officers...Offices prior to the elections.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I can't hear you. Can you speak into the microphone?

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Frank Tomasello, Senior Vice Commander, Department of New Jersey. Was there a decision on the resolution New Jersey submitted?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I thought we did.

**Unknown**

Yeah, we did.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

The resolution went to Programs and Policies.

**Frank Tomasello, Department of New Jersey**

Okay. Thank you, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the office of Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call

the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for the Commander-in-Chief.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Eric Alford, Department of Alabama. At this time, the Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Rhode Island.

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Thank you, Brother. I was asked to keep this short and sweet. However...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Who are you, Brother?

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

Oh, sorry. Brother Ben Frail, Department of Rhode Island, Department Commander. I was asked to keep this short and sweet. However, well yeah, that's not going to happen. Born on 27 October 1961, to Thomas V. Frail, Jr. and Pauline Frail. He is a graduate of the Davies High School in Smithfield, Rhode Island, where he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1979 where he... Oh, wait. Sorry. That's redacted. Let's just say he's good at barrel rolling out of jeeps and was discharged in 1983. Married Anna Handy in 1984 where he had his first child, Amber Lynn, in 1985; his second child, Thomas James, in 1986; and his third child, Benjamin Joseph, in 1988. Worked multiple post service jobs including at Shannon Bull in Bristol, Rhode Island. Well, yes, he got to scare supermen. Joined the Tiogue, Hopkins Hill, and Lake Mishnock Volunteer Fire Departments in Coventry and East Greenwich or West Greenwich, Rhode Island in the mid '90's where he was brought on to teach multiple classes at the Rhode Island Fire Academy. Raised the best dog in the world, a Rhodesian ridgeback named Jub who would force you out of his chair and had a mean right hook. Joined the SUVCW in 2003, mere minutes after his youngest and most attractive son, that is me for anyone who was wondering.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

With his lineage coming through his third time great-grandfather, Hugh Frail, Sr., of the 67th Pennsylvania Infantry who served from 1862. Was captured in 1863 and paroled. And well, he loved those Confederate summer camps so much he got captured again in 1864 and sent to and survived Andersonville. While in the SUVCW, he was a charter member of the Major

Sullivan Ballou Camp 3 where he has held every elected position in the Camp. He has held... also held every elected position in the Department of Rhode Island except Secretary. The first position he held at National was the National Graves Registration Officer that he held for eleven years. He has served on the Council of Administration, as a Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, currently serving as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and is the chair of the Programs and Policies Committee, chair of the Promotions and Marketing Committee, chair of the National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning. He serves on the Communication and Technology Committee, the Special Committee on Veterans of Wars, Special Committee of the 250th Birthday of the United States of America, Committee to Develop a Virtual Meetings Policy, Committee on Memorial University, Committee on Strategic Development and Information Technology. His hobbies include pina colodas and being caught in the rain. Wait! How did you get that in there?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

(sighs) He has a love for trains, photography, and research. Yep, okay. He was a...or even... sorry. I missed that. Hold on. He will never pay for something to be fixed when he can fix it himself even if it takes forever sometimes. He was a reenactor with the 2nd Rhode Island Company D and B. He loves learning anything he can about the Mississippi Riverboat Squadron, which is ironic because he hates being on ships. His first...his three favorite hobbies are fixing headstones, a calling he found in the SUVCW; target shooting, just ask my sister's ex-boyfriends or what we loveably call target holders...

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Benjamin J. Frail, Department of Rhode Island**

...and being the best father and grandfather in the world. But I might be biased on that one. It is my honor to nominate the man who taught me more than I could ever have imagined. Now you know the jokes, guys. The man I look up to be, my confidant, my best friend, Brother Bruce D. Frail for Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Bruce Frail, if elected, will you serve?

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Probably.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other offices in the Order?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

Elected offices.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Elected.

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Elected offices, no.

**Unknown**

Really? No? Currently?

**Bruce D. Frail, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Well, sorry. Senior Vice Commander.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I made that mistake too. Are there any other nominations for Commander-in-Chief?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

The roll.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I'm sorry.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

My moment of glory and I about lost it.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Do I understand Department of Columbia there's no representative? Department of Connecticut, no one here. Department of Florida. We had somebody this morning but... Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

National Secretary, can I interrupt for a second? Recording, do you need the Secretary to repeat the responses so that it ends up in the record?

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

I can sure do that.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, all of the previous calls from Departments have passed. I'll ask the Secretary to repeat nominations through the microphone so it gets in the record.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Sorry, my... Yeah, I should have been doing it. Yeah. Okay, Department of Indiana passed. Department of Iowa...is not here. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Maine is not here. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

The Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio, the home to Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Great Department of the Southwest passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.



**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes. There are no National Membership-at-Large or National Camps-at-Large present. The roll call of the Departments is completed, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations?

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

That's not appropriate.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It's not? It's in here. It's written here in my script. So... three times. Are there any other nominations? Brother (indistinguishable).

**Unknown**

Commander-in-Chief, I'd like to make a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for every uncontested position.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

We're not elected at the moment.

**James B. Pahl, National Parliamentarian**

At the conclusion of the roll call of the Departments.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

It was seconded. All in favor? Any discussion? All in favor. Cards down. All opposed? Very good. Motion passes.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Department of Alabama, Department Commander. The Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Ohio.

**Kenneth L. Freshley, Department of Ohio**

Commander and Brothers, first, I'm Ken Freshley, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Ohio. I'd like to place in nomination for this Brother whom I am honored to present to you for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This Brother has held many positions in the Camp, Department, and National levels. He has provided you with a very extensive resume. I'm not gonna repeat all that. He's served as the National GAR Highway Officer since 2013 and at the Department level and Camp level since 2009. And I have to admit, he's been very successful at putting signs up on Route 6, especially through the Ohio area. He's very active in the Ohio Naval Brigade, SVR. He serves now as the Unit Adjutant. He remains active in MOLLUS, where he's held many different offices. He also organizes many of our Camp events and shows the public what the SUVCW and SVR is about and what we do. He was a very integral part to the 2019 Cleveland National Encampment and I couldn't have done it without him. So... He's a very devoted father and he's very active in the community. He is a third-generation steel worker with over forty years in the business. He is your current Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. So, I would like to place this name in nomination to you all for my good friend and active Brother, Brother J. Hritsko, Brother Peter J. Hritsko.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Hritsko, if elected, will you serve?

**Peter J. Hritsko, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other elected offices?

**Peter J. Hritsko, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, I'm currently the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I serve as (indistinguishable) in our camp.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Brother Secretary.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

California and Pacific passes. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Chesapeake passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

The Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New York...or New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

North Carolina, the Palmetto state, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

The Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Southwest passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Tennessee with Mississippi passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes. That concludes the roll call of Officers or Departments.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

For the record, Colorado and Wyoming also passed. Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Nominations are closed for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, the Department of Alabama...or Eric Alford, Department of Alabama, Commander. The Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Chesapeake.

**Brian Horgan, Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake, Brian Horgan, Commander. My fellow Brothers, it is a special privilege to come before you today to ask your support for an exceptionally praise worthy Brother for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I use the term praise worthy deliberately for his many...as you may know, this modest Brother would never sing his own

praises. Brother Kevin Martin is not that kind of man. Nevertheless, he deserves these descriptions and of particular importance, you deserve to know how much he has given to you, his Brothers, and to this Order. His letter of intent provides the details of many of the offices and positions he has held during the twenty-five years of membership and service. But they do not speak to the true value of the gift he has bestowed upon all of us. For the last twelve years, Brother Kevin has played an active part in each and every National Encampment. He has been a trusted confidant and advisor to the operations of our Order. During his time, Kevin has served on a dozen National Committees, and in each case he's not only met the mark, but exceeded expectations. It cannot be understated that the roles he has filled were wide ranging, his presence has influenced, and involved decision making and operational challenges that the leaders have faced which have primed him for the way ahead. This breadth of experience in the hierarchy of the Organization combined with his sense of humility, personal and professional leadership, and managerial style is invaluable and places him in a unique position to help us achieve the lofty goals our ancestors charged to us. We are all honored to call him Brother and especially grateful to have the distinct pleasure of placing into nomination Brother Kevin L. Martin for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Martin, if elected, will you serve?

**Kevin L. Martin, Council of Administration**

I will.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other elected offices in the Order?

**Kevin L. Martin, Council of Administration**

Council of Administration and Camp (indistinguishable).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

California and Pacific passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado/Wyoming passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**



Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

The Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes. Sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief? Nominations are closed for Junior Vice

Commander-in-Chief.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the office of National Secretary. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for National Secretary.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Department of Alabama, Commander. At this time, the Department of Alabama wishes to pass to the Department or defer to the Department of Massachusetts, please.

**Kevin P. Tucker, Department of Massachusetts**

Brother Commander, Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts. Brothers, I rise to place in nomination for National Secretary Brother Dan Murray. He is a descendant of Andrew Jackson Kelly, the First U.S. Sharp Shooter, Second U.S. Sharp Shooter, and 5th Vermont Volunteer Infantry. An Army veteran, American Legion officer, Free and Accepted Mason, retired postal worker, and currently in his retirement, works as a school bus driver in the Department of New Hampshire. He's given his country and his community and this Organization a legacy of service. And I know that he will bring his knowledge, experience, and work ethic to the position of National Secretary to this Organization. Dan has served as Department Commander of two Departments, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He served on the National Council of Administration from 2003-2008. He's served as Commander of the New England Regional Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as well as Adjutant of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve. He's the Commander of Company A in 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, Sons of Veterans Reserve. He's served as Secretary. I'm sorry. He's served as Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, and Department Secretary/Treasurer from 2002 to the present, when not serving as Department Commander, that is. That's twenty years of experience, twenty years of excellence. Dan has conducted Secretary training for Camp Secretaries, his own initiative in calling everybody together, making sure that forms are in on time as they're supposed to be. He's served as Host Committee chairman for two National Encampments and a member of a third. In Nashua next year, he'll be your host. He's the chairman of the... Sorry. That's okay. This does not begin to describe who Dany Murray is. I've known Dan for over twenty years. He's a close friend, mentor, and the one person I know that can be relied when this Order has issues that need to be resolved. He's committed to the success of the Sons and I've seen for myself the time and effort he has given to his Camp, his Departments, and the National Organization. Brothers like Dan come along very rarely. And in my opinion, this Organization can scarcely afford to miss the opportunity to apply his talents for the good of the Order. I hope you'll cast your votes for National Secretary for Dan Murray who is deserving of your trust. And I assure you, that he will be one of the best National Secretaries

this Order has seen.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Murray, if elected, will you serve?

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Yes, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other elected positions in the Order?

**Daniel W. Murray, Department of Massachusetts**

Department Treasurer for the Department of Massachusetts and the Treasurer for my camp.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Very good. Ready?

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of California and Pacific.

**Frank C. Avila, Department of California and Pacific**

Frank Avila, the Department of California and Pacific, Department Commander. The Department of California and Pacific defers to the Department of Missouri.

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Department of Missouri**

Don Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Missouri. I'd like to put into nomination the name of Brother Dale Crandell for the office of National Secretary. Dale's been a member of our Order for eleven years. Not as long as many in this room, but he has been all in since joining. He has served in many offices at the Camp and the Department level, ultimately serving as Department Commander. As a whole, Brother Crandell is a well-accomplished individual. He has a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from the University of Kansas. And I personally won't hold that against him, as I attended a rival Big 12 school. And he ultimately received a doctorate from George Washington University. He was a senior manager at AT&T and also served as a professor at the University of Kansas. Before all of that, he served as an officer of the U.S. Navy, Civil Engineering Corps. That's the basics of his resume, but I wanted to talk more about the person. Brother Crandell is one of our nuts and bolts guys. He takes on jobs that no one else wants to take on. And one example is our Department Policy and Procedures manual, which was discussed for many years, but Brother Crandell took it on and got it done. He's also instrumental in expanding our ROTC and JROTC Program and then established our outstanding cadet program. Most recently, he led the GAR Foot Solider Monument restoration and rededication in Mt. Grove, Missouri. And while you might not think that's a major accomplishment, let me tell you, Mt. Grove is in the very southern part of Missouri, just north of the Arkansas border and the SUV visibility is very light in that area. It is prime or breeding ground for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And the major accomplishment

here was rounding up the local official participation and the media coverage. And it brought a lot of good visibility to our Order in that area of the state. Brother Crandell's a detail oriented individual. And having served a three-year term as National Secretary myself, I can tell you this is a skill that comes in handy. In the twenty-five years I have been a member, I don't remember a contested election for this office. This is good for the Order on two fronts. First, it's great having multiple Brothers interested in an office such as this. And second, having two great candidates, at least I know of two, from which to choose. But Brother Crandell has proven to be a viable asset at the Camp and Department level. And he would like to bring his skill set to the National level. And we humbly ask for your support. Thank you.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Crandell, if elected, will you serve?

**Dale E. Crandell, Department of Missouri**

I will.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

His response was he will. Do you currently serve in any other elected positions in the Order.

**Dale E. Crandell, Department of Missouri**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you very much, Brother.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of Chesapeake passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Chesapeake passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Michigan passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

New Jersey passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio, home of the most living Past Commanders-in-Chief in the Order, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Oklahoma passed.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passed. My mistake. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island, home of native back-to-back CinCs, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

The Department of Texas and Louisiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations for National Secretary? Are there any other nominations for National Secretary? Are there any other nominations for National Secretary? Nominations are closed for National Secretary. We will have an election. Nominations are now open for the office of National Treasurer. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for purpose of making nominations for National Treasurer.



**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**  
Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Department of Alabama, Department Commander. At this time, I'd like to yield to the Department of Chesapeake.

**W. Faron Taylor, Department of the Chesapeake**

Good afternoon, Brothers. My name is Faron Taylor, Past Department Commander of the Department of the Chesapeake. Three years ago, I stood before you to offer for your consideration a nominee to fill the very big shoes of our departed National Treasurer, David McReynolds. As an Order, we were at a crossroads. Great strides had been made to solidify and diversify our investment portfolio. Over the years, we had come to believe we were on the cusp of achieving 501(c)(3) status as a National...at the National level, only to come up time and time again painfully short. And then when those goals were finally in sight, we lost David. We desperately needed someone who had the skills, talents, drive, and determination to carry us through to the finish and position us for a future of sound financial and fiscal security. We found that man in Brother Michael Beard. Since his election, we have realized that coveted IRS status and the array of huge fiscal benefits it brings to the National Organization. At a more localized level, as subordinate entities, Departments and Camps are now able to obtain economic advantages such as state and local income tax or state and local use tax exemptions. These cost savings are measurable and meaningful when inflation eats into our limited budgets. Additionally, Brother Beard is astutely bringing us into the fold of one of the largest and most trusted and skilled investment firms in the world. And at the same, time that will be garnering us thousands and thousands of dollars in discounts and other incentives. Brothers, these are just a few of the countless achievements of his first term in office and a testament to the foresight of having placed your trust in him three years ago. You now have a special opportunity to display your wisdom once again by supporting him as I place into denomination for reelection as National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Beard, if elected, will you serve?

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

I will.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other elected positions within the Order?

**D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

National Treasurer and I'm the Secretary/Treasurer for the Department of the Chesapeake.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

California and Pacific passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Department of Kansas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Massachusetts passes. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Michigan passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. New York or Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department (indistinguishable) the south, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio, home to Camp Enderlin Camp 73, which has produced four Commanders-in-Chief for this Order...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma, home of Sooners and Boomers, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department, the Keystone State, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island, I have no come back...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Department of Rhode Island**

...passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest, home of the Grand Canyon, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee, (indistinguishable) Ohio...

**Encampment**

...(laughter and applause).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin and Minnesota passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations for National Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for National Treasurer? Are there any other nominations for National Treasurer? Nominations

are closed for National Treasurer.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for National Quartermaster. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for the purpose of making nominations for National Quartermaster.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

The Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Department of Alabama, Department Commander. The Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Michigan.

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

James Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief, Department of Michigan. I'll keep this short because everyone knows who I'm talking about.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

This is a man who was my National Counselor when I was Commander-in-Chief, and I think that says a lot about him. He's recently retired from a active practice of law in Flint, moving to the Upper Peninsula right across the street from a post office, that has plenty of room in his house for storage.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

I place into nomination Michigan's third favored son, after Keith and I...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**James B. Pahl, Department of Michigan**

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

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Shaw, if elected, will you serve?

**Donald W. Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Yes, sir, I will.

**Unknown**

Stand up!

**Encampment**

(laughter) Ooh!

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any other elected positions in the Order?

**Donald W. Shaw, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

All right. Thank you.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

California and Pacific passes. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Chesapeake passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado and Wyoming passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes, ya'll.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana, home of the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

The Department of Kansas, the Sunflower State, where the Civil War began, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

Department of Kentucky, the birthplace of Lincoln, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kentucky passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Massachusetts passes. Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

(Indistinguishable).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.



**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey, (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina, the Tar Heel State, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio, the home of the single family that produced three of those Commanders-in-Chiefs...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma, where the Civil War ended, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department, home of the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island, the home of everyone's favorite stuffed monkey, Leon...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest, the location of the Battle of Glorieta, the Gettysburg of the West, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi, the home of the Volunteer State, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana, the Lone Star state where the Civil War ended the second time.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin, home of the Green Bay Packers...

**Encampment**

Ooh!

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations for National Quartermaster? Are there any other nominations for National Quartermaster? Are there any other nominations for National Quartermaster? Nominations for National Quartermaster is closed.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Nominations are now open for the Council of Administration. The terms for the following Brothers ends and two seats will be open: Harry Reineke, IV, will be a three-year term; Kevin Martin, will be a three-year term.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, Eric Alford, Commander, Department of Alabama. The Department of Alabama wishes to defer to the Department of Kentucky.

**David Jones, Department of Kentucky**

Commander-in-Chief, David Jones, Department Commander, Department of Kentucky. It is my great honor to place in nomination for a seat on the Council of Administration our esteemed Past Department Commander, Brother Chris Workman. Brother Chris has served in many offices at the Camp and Department level. But he is currently the National Facebook Administrator, Aide to the National Signals Officer, National Committee for Promotions and Marketing, National Committee for Communications and Technology. And Chris, when he's not doing SUVCW stuff, is also an award winning social studies teacher in Madison County, Kentucky. And it's a pleasure to call him my Brother and friend, and nominate him for this office. I thank you for this consideration.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Workman, if elected, will you serve?

**Chris Workman, Department of Kentucky**

Gentleman from Kentucky accepts this nomination and I will proudly serve. I currently hold no elected offices within the Order.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

California and Pacific passes. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Chesapeake passes. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming, the home of America the Beautiful, inspired by the view from Pike's Peak, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Colorado and Wyoming passes. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Georgia and South Carolina passes. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois, birthplace of the GAR, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Illinois passes. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

Department of Indiana, boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Indiana passes. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

Kansas, the home of the championship KU Jayhawks passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Kansas passes. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts, home of (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

Yeah! (applause).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan.

**Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Jr., Department of Michigan**

Gentlemen, L.D. Lamphere, Jr., Past Department Commander, Department of Michigan. I had a couple of choices today. They picked me for this job. You could've had James B. Pahl and he would have offered you a joke and that's how it would have started. You could have had an elegant speech from Keith Harrison and that would have been offered to you. But, you have me. So, I'll get this endorsement and I'll start out with... I've known the candidate that I'd like to bring before you for forty-nine years. He's been my best friend since I was in third grade. We spent our entire life together doing various things, whether they be crazy or not. My dad can attest we've done some crazy things. I won't share those with you now. But, Rob will be a candidate that will serve the Order. He will be a communicator. He will work to fix and solve problems, offer suggestions, offer constructive solutions that come before the Council, that may be put before him to help in our Order. So with that, it gives me great pleasure and great honor to put before the Order Robert Russel Payne. Thank you, sir.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Payne, if elected, will you serve?

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

Yes, I will.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Do you currently hold any elected positions in the Order?

**Robert R. Payne, Department of Michigan**

I'm on the Department Council, Department of Michigan, Camp Commander Continuous Guard #17, Department of Michigan, and I'm on the Camp Council for Governor Crapo Camp #145.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

The Department of Missouri passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Missouri passes. Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska passes. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Hampshire passes. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

Department of New Jersey, home of the (indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

New Jersey passes. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of North... Yeah. New York passes. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina, home of the Great Smokey Mountains, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

North Carolina passes. Do we have to do Ohio?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio, the first Department that's had a grandfather and grandson as Commander and Junior Vice Commander, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Ohio passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Department of Oklahoma passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Oklahoma passes. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department, home of...

**Encampment**

(laughter and applause).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Pennsylvania passes. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island, home of the second worst roads in the nation...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Department of Rhode Island**

...I'll let you all assume who the worst is, passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Yeah. Rhode Island passes. Department of the Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Southwest passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Southwest passes. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi, the home of the origins of the teddy bear, passes.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Tennessee passes. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas and Louisiana passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Texas passes. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont passes.

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Vermont passes. Department of Wisconsin.

**Department of Wisconsin**

Department of Wisconsin (indistinguishable).

**Alan D. Russ, National Secretary**

Wisconsin passes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Are there any other nominations for Council of Administration? Are there any other nominations for Council of Administration? Are there any other nominations for Council of Administration? Nominations are closed for Council of Administration. We have two open slots. We have two nominees. There is no need for an election.

**Encampment**

(applause).



**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, what we're going to do next is we're going to take a twenty minute break. We'll give you some time to caucus on how the Departments want to vote for National Secretary. When we come back from the break, the doors will be sealed and no one will be allowed to enter or exit the room until the vote has completed. So, if you...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...You can exit, but you can't come back in. Brother Darby.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, from the Department of Ohio. A question. After the break, we're gonna get a report from the Credentials Committee?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Absolutely.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Okay.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Yes.

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, sir.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

(break)

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...enter until the election has been completed. The Credentials Committee will please read the list of Departments with their voting strength.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Brother Darby wanted a credentials report?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Huh?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Huh?

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Huh?

**James B. Pahl, Past Commander-in-Chief**

Huh?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief**

(Indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Gentlemen, it's with some sadness I tell you, next year will be my last year at chairman of the Credentials Committee.

**Encampment**

Oh!

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

I know. It saddens me too. I...

**Unknown**

...Disapproved.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

(laughter).

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

I have been training Daryl VerStreate, Brother from the Department of New York, so he will be taking it over when Brother Peter Hritsko's term is up. And he's been doing a fantastic job, but I will still be around and so will Walt Busch. I'm going to call the Departments one by one. When I call your Department, please rise. Department of Alabama. You have a voting... total votes allowed, eight; three present, one Department Commander, two delegates. Three are standing. Vote of three. Department of California and Pacific: one, two, three, four, five... Fourteen total votes allowed; five present, one PCinC, one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, two delegates. Total voting strength of five. Department of the Chesapeake: one, two, three, four, seven, eight. There are eight of you?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Plus a Commander-in-Chief. Nine, ten, eleven.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Eleven. Good. Total votes allowed, thirty-seven. Eleven here. One CinC, one PCinC, one Department Commander, seven Past Department Commanders, and one delegate. Total voting strength of eleven. Colorado and Wyoming: one present. Total votes allowed, twenty. You have one delegate. Voting strength of one. Columbia's not here. Connecticut's not here. Florida's not here. Georgia...

**Unknown**

...Florida's...

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

...South Carolina...

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Three? You had four.

**Unknown**

Left. (Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. Didn't like the party? Total votes allowed, fourteen. Three present, one PCinC, was it...two Past Department Commanders.

**Unknown**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. Department of Illinois. How many you got?

**Unknown**

Nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Nine. Total voting strength of... Total votes allowed, twenty-eight. Present, nine. One Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, four delegates.

**Unknown**

Okay.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. Department of Indiana. How many you got?

**Department of Indiana**

Eleven.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Eleven? Twenty-six total votes allowed. Eleven present. One Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, five delegates. Total voting strength, eleven. Department of Iowa.

**Unknown**

Not here.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Department of Kansas.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

One left.

**Department of Kansas**

Yes.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Was it a Past Department Commander?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

No. A delegate.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

A delegate. Total votes allowed, twenty-two. Six present, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, one delegate. Department of Kentucky. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Twenty votes allowed. Seven present. One Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, and two delegates. Total voting strength of seven. Maine's not here. Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Eighteen votes allowed. Nine present: two PCinC's, one Department Commander, three Past Department Commanders, three delegates.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Correct.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Voting strength of nine. Department of Michigan.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Yeah.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

The head of your delegation, tell me how many are in the room.

**Department of Michigan**

Twenty-five.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

How many?

**Department of Michigan**

Twenty-five.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Well, that's ten short. Ten people left? Do you know how many delegates you have in the room?

**Department of Michigan**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

No. Okay. Do you know how many Past Department Commanders you have?

**Department of Michigan**

Thirty.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

You have thirty? All right.

**Department of Michigan**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Three PCinC's, raise your hands. One, two, three. One Department Commander, raise your hand.

**Encampment**

(chatter and laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. Let's try that exercise one more time.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

One Department Commander, please raise your hand. Thank you.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. The nine Past Department Commanders, please raise your hands. One, two, three, four, five... nine. Okay. The eighteen delegates, please raise your hands. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen. I'm counting fifteen. Am I wrong?

**Department of Michigan**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

How many?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Sixteen.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Sixteen?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable) moved.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

So you have twenty-nine in the room. You have three PCinC's, seven Past... Excuse me. Three PCinC's, one Department Commander, nine Past Department Commanders, sixteen delegates, and four alternates.

**Department of Michigan**

But they're in the lobby.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Hmm?

**Department of Michigan**

They're in the lobby.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Thirty-eight. So, their voting strength is twenty-nine. Department of Missouri. How many

you got?

**Department of Missouri**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

I show twelve. Huh?

**Department of Missouri**

Twelve.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Very good. Total votes allowed, thirty-one. Twelve present: two PCinC's, seven Past Department Commanders, three delegates. Department of Nebraska. Fourteen allowed. One present, one Department Commander. Voting strength of one. Department of New Hampshire. Eleven votes allowed. One present, one delegate. Voting strength of one. Department of New Jersey. One, two. Who left?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Past Department Commander, raise your hand. Delegate, raise your hand.

**Unknown**

One delegate left.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

So, you have one Department Commander. Excuse me. One Past Department Commander, one delegate for a total voting strength of two. Department...

**Unknown**

...(Indistinguishable)...

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Huh?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Twenty-six. Department of New York.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

One, two?

**Unknown**

Two.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Total votes allowed, forty-one. Two present: one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander. Department of North Carolina. Two, three. Twelve votes allowed, three present: three delegates. Total voting strength of three. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

We have states bigger than Rhode Island. We have counties bigger than Rhode Island.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Yeah. Can you take your shoes off and count who you got?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Thirteen.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

(Indistinguishable).

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Thirteen.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Thirteen. Who left? Thirteen? Who left?

**Unknown**

Jim Crane.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Jim Crane.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Okay. And he is PDC?

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

He is PDC, yes.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Thirteen present. Total voting allowed is thirteen... Total votes allowed is forty-five. Thirteen present. You have three PCinC's, five Past Department Commanders, and five



delegates. Total voting...

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

I'm the Department Commander, because I'm filling two shoes.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Yeah, but you're PCinC.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

I don't get a...

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

...No, you don't get two votes. No

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

(Indistinguishable).

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

So, total voting strength of thirteen. Put your shoes back on.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Cause that didn't work. Oklahoma. Seventeen allowed. One present: one delegate. Pennsylvania.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Total votes allowed, forty. Four present: one Department Commander, three delegates. Total voting strength of four.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

How many was Oklahoma?

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Oklahoma was one. Department of Rhode Island.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Seventeen allowed. Five present: one PCinC, one DC, two PDC's, and one delegate. Total voting strength of five. You can sit back down.

**Unknown**

` (Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

I said seventeen. What?

**Unknown**

` (Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Hmm?

**Unknown**

` (Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Southwest. One, two, three. Total votes allowed, eleven. Four present: one Department Commander, three Delegates. Total voting strength of four. Department of Tennessee. One, two, three. Total votes allowed, nine. Three present: one Department Commander, one Past Department Commander, one delegate. Department of Texas. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. Total votes allowed, twenty-six. Eight present: one Department Commander, two Past Department Commanders, and five delegates. Department of Vermont. Twelve votes allowed. One present, one delegate. Total voting strength of one. Department of Wisconsin. Two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine. Twenty-four votes allowed. Eleven present: one PCinC, one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, five delegates. Total voting strength of eleven. Nobody from the National Members-at-Large and nobody from the Camps-at-Large.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I only counted nine.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

So, you got a total voting strength of...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...I only counted nine from Wisconsin.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Wisconsin, stand up again.

**Department of Wisconsin**

We have ten.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

You have ten? Who left?

**Department of Wisconsin**

Just a delegate.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Just a delegate?

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Just a delegate.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

All right. So you've got four delegates instead of five. Total voting strength of ten. Do you have a total on that?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I have 164.

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Good to me. Total votes...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...(Indistinguishable)...

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Huh?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

Yeah, no. Total voting strength of this body is 164.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

(Indistinguishable).

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

And there are 176 members that signed up to be here. Any questions?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you, Joe. Much appreciated. Do you need help getting down?

**Joseph S. Hall, National Committee on Encampment Credentials**

No.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So we have a total of 164 possible votes. We will now proceed with the election of the office of National Secretary. Secretary, please call the roll of Departments.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Alabama.

**Eric D. Alford, Department of Alabama**

Commander-in-Chief, the Department of Alabama delivers three votes to Brother Crandell.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Can you repeat it for...

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

...Yes. Alabama casts three votes for Brother Crandell. Department of California and Pacific.

**Department of California and Pacific**

Department of California and Pacific casts all five to Dale Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of California and Pacific casts five votes for Dale Crandell. Department of the Chesapeake.

**Department of the Chesapeake**

Department of the Chesapeake casts eight votes for Brother Murray; three votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Chesapeake cast eight votes for Brother Murray and three votes for Brother Crandell. Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

**Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming casts one vote for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Colorado and Wyoming, one vote for Brother Crandell. Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

**Department of Georgia and South Carolina**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Georgia and South Carolina casts three votes for Brother Crandell. Department of Illinois.

**Department of Illinois**

Department of Illinois casts five votes for Crandell; four votes for Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Illinois casts five votes for Brother Crandell; four votes for Brother Murray. Department of Indiana.

**Department of Indiana**

The Department of Indiana has casts all eleven votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Indiana cast eleven votes for Brother Crandell. Department of Kansas.

**Department of Kansas**

The Department of Kansas votes five votes for Brother Murray and one vote for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kansas, five votes for Brother Murray; one vote for Brother Crandell. Department of Kentucky.

**Department of Kentucky**

The Department of Kentucky casts seven votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Kentucky, seven votes for Brother Murray. Department of Massachusetts.

**Department of Massachusetts**

Department of Massachusetts casts nine votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Massachusetts, nine votes for Brother Murray. Department of Michigan.

**Department of Michigan**

Department of Michigan casts twenty-two votes for Brother Murray; seven votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Michigan, 22 votes for Brother Murray; seven for Brother Crandell.  
Department of Missouri.

**Department of Missouri**

Department of Missouri casts eleven votes for Dale Crandell; one for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Missouri, eleven votes for Brother Crandell; one vote for Brother Murray.  
Department of Nebraska.

**Department of Nebraska**

Nebraska casts one ballot for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Nebraska...Department of Nebraska, one vote for Brother Murray. Department of New Hampshire.

**Department of New Hampshire**

Department of New Hampshire, one vote for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New Hampshire, one vote for Brother Murray. Department of New Jersey.

**Department of New Jersey**

New Jersey casts its votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New Jersey, two votes for Brother Murray. Department of New York.

**Department of New York**

Department of New York casts two votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of New York, two votes for Brother Crandell. Department of North Carolina.

**Department of North Carolina**

Department of North Carolina casts two votes for Murray and one for Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of North Carolina, two votes for Brother Murray; one vote for Brother Crandell. Department of Ohio.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Department of Ohio casts ten votes for Brother Murray and three votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Ohio, ten votes for Brother Murray; one vote for Brother Crandell.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Three.

**Donald E. Darby, Department of Ohio**

Three votes.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Three. I'm sorry. I put down three and... You're affecting me, Don.

**Encampment**

(laughter)

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Let me repeat that for the record. Department of Ohio, ten votes for Brother Murray; three votes for Brother Crandell. Department of Oklahoma.

**Department of Oklahoma**

Oklahoma votes one vote for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Oklahoma, one vote for Brother Murray. Department of Pennsylvania.

**Department of Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Department casts two votes for Brother Murray; two votes for Brother Crandell.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Pennsylvania, two votes for Brother Murray; two votes for Brother Crandell. Department of Rhode Island.

**Department of Rhode Island**

Department of Rhode Island votes five votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Rhode Island, five votes for Brother Murray. Department of the

Southwest.

**Department of the Southwest**

Department of the Southwest casts four votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of the Southwest, four votes for Brother Murray. Department of Tennessee.

**Department of Tennessee**

Department of Tennessee and Mississippi casts four votes for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

You only have three.

**Department of Tennessee**

Three votes.

**Encampment**

(laughter and chatter).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

They don't think you're paying attention. Do they? Department of Tennessee casts all three votes for Brother Murray. Thank you. Department of Texas.

**Department of Texas**

Department of Texas, the Lone Star state casts all its votes for Brother Murray.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

How many is that?

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

And that would be...

**Department of Texas**

That would be eight, sir.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Thank you. Department of Texas, eight votes for Brother Murray. Department of Vermont.

**Department of Vermont**

Vermont casts one vote for Brother Murray.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Vermont, one vote for Brother Murray. Department of Wisconsin.



**Department of Wisconsin**  
(Indistinguishable).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Department of Wisconsin casts ten votes for Brother Murray. There you go. Okay. That completes the votes, Commander. Are you ready for the numbers?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Go ahead and announce it.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. The voting having concluded, the results are as follows: Brother Murray, 106 votes; Brother Crandell, fifty-eight votes.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brother Murray, you have been elected as National Secretary.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Before we go too far, I have a few announcements.

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Before we proceed to the installation of officers, we have some housekeeping matters to take care of. I will accept a motion from the floor that the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment and that with the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit its final report within forty-eight hours.

**Multiple Brothers**

So moved.

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

The first one I heard was Kevin Tucker for the...to move. And...

**Unknown**

...Terry McKinch.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Say again.

**Unknown**

McKinch.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Terry McKinch for the second.

**Multiple Brothers**

(Indistinguishable).

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Terry McKinch, from the Department of Michigan is the second. Next, I would like to accept a motion that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to the hotel, thanking them for an outstanding job.

**Multiple Brothers**

So moved.

**Unknown**

Second.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I heard Ben Frail first for the motion. Second?

**Multiple Brothers**

Second.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Kevin Tucker.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

This Brother over here. What's your name, Brother?

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Walter Weart.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Walter Weart. What's your Department?

**Walter Weart, Department of Colorado and Wyoming**

Colorado/Wyoming.

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Colorado and Wyoming. And with that, do we need a break before the installation?

Bruce, do you need to get your wife here? All right. So, Brothers, we will take a very short break. We do have an announcement before the break. And do not go too far.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

This probably being the last announcement I make. There will be a graveside ceremony tomorrow, 14th of August at 11:00 am at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Breckenridge, Michigan. Brothers from the Department of Michigan will be assisting the Department of Texas. All Brothers are welcome to join us. For details, see Daniel Pourreau, Department of Texas. Daniel, why don't you raise your hand in case... There he is. Thank you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Multiple Brothers**

How long?

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Ten minutes, Brothers.

[one rap, \*]

(break)

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

So, Brothers, a point of order has been identified to me. The last two motions that were made, we did not conduct a vote on. So, we're going back to the housekeeping motion that the Encampment Committees be discharged with the thanks of this Encampment. And that the Credentials Committee be allowed to submit its final report within forty-eight hours. We had a... we had a... moved and seconded. All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Thank you. Lower them. Anyone opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

Second motion. To...that letters of appreciation be drafted by the National Secretary and sent to the Host Committee and to the hotel, thanking them for an outstanding job. I believe Brother Frail had originally moved that. And the second was from...

**Unknown**

...Walter Weart...

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

...Walter Weart from Colorado and Wyoming. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Thank you. Cards down. Anyone opposed? Motion carries.

[one rap, \*]

**Michael A. Paquette, Commander-in-Chief**

I will now turn the gavel over to the Installing Officer, Past Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief Paquette, I am relieving you in command of the National Organization. Oh! Before I start, why don't we open up the doors. Anybody that wants to come in at this point, is welcome. Okay. You don't mind? In relieving you of command of the National Organization on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks in the manner...for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of the National Organization, your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-in-Chief Elect, have you prepared to announce your staff appointments?

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

Yes, I have.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Has the Secretary got them?

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief Elect**

Yes, he does.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Brother Secretary, would you please read the roll of the staff appointments and as your names are called, please rise.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. National Aide-de-Camp, Joseph Hall; National Aide-de-Camp; Brian W. Horgan; National Organization Expansion Officer, John B. Conrad; National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski; National Chief of Staff, Benjamin J. Frail; National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter Busch; National Color Bearer, Francis "Frank" Gussie; National Counselor, Edward Norris; Banner Editor... Sorry. Banner Editor, James B. Pahl; Assistant National Counselor, Perley Mellor; Assistant National Counselor, Leo Kennedy; Blue Book Coordinator, James B. Pahl; National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Seals; National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko; National GAR Records Officer, Dean Enderlin; National Graves Registration Officer, Henry C. Duquette; National Guard, Michael Todd; National Guide, Brian McManus; National Historian, Robert Wolz; National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley Mellor; National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin Tucker; National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ; Co-Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl; Co-Parliamentarian, John Burg; National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin J. Frail; National Signals Officer, Christopher Workman; National Legislation Officer, Daniel Earl; Washington DC Representative, Kevin Martin; National Webmaster Home, Robert Payne; National Webmaster Memorial University, Bruce

Frail; National Webmaster Monuments and Memorials, Sumner Hunnewell; National Webmaster Graves Registration Database, Henry C. Duquette; Assistant National Secretary Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer, James B. Pahl; Assistant National Secretary Proceedings, John Vander Meulen; Assistant...Assistant National Treasurer 1, James B. Pahl; Assistant National Treasurer 2, Michael A. Paquette; Assistant National Quartermaster, Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr. Do you want the elected officers also?

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Please.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

That completes the appointed officers. The elected officers are as follows: Commander-in-Chief, Michael A. Paquette.

**Unknown**

No.

**Encampment**

Ooh!

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Let me see that list.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

I was doing so well.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Okay. We'll try that again with Commander-in-Chief, Bruce Frail.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Excellent.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Peter Hritsko; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Kevin Martin; National Secretary, Daniel Murray. Thank you. National Treasurer, Michael Beard; National Quartermaster, Don Shaw; National... see, who came off? Harry came off. And I'm sorry, I... National Council or Council of Administration member, Payne, Robert Payne.

**Unknown1**

Robert Payne.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Robert Payne.

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Robert Payne.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

And...

**Unknown 1**

Chris Workman.

**Unknown 2**

Chris Workman.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Chris Workman

**Alan L. Russ, National Secretary**

Council of Administration member, Chris Workman; Council of Administration member, Shane Milburn; Council of Administration member, Kevin P. Tucker; Council of Administration member, Joseph Hall; and Council of Administration and Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Michael A. Paquette.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Thank you. He's much happier with that title.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officer for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him speak now or forever hold his peace. I'm gonna wait.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

The appointed and elected offices, please remain standing. Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell, would you assist me, please by escorting the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the incoming elected offices to the Altar first.

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

I know it. Someone in the back might want to assist him, because he is short.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

And just meander this way. Sorry.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Not yet. And then afterwards, Tad, if we can get the Appointed Offices up as well. You guys, tighten the circle around here, please. You're going to need put your hand on the Bible or the shoulder of the Brother. So please... You don't have to do it yet, Ben. But please be in close proximity. We have everybody, Tad? Okay, thank you. Officers, you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander-in-Chief, you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of the National Organization. And the members of this encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability, and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember the manner upon which you discharge the duties of their respective offices will depend very largely on the success or failure of the administration of the National Order. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

**Officers (in unison)**

I am.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

You will each raise your right hand, placing your left hand upon the Bible or shoulder of the Brother in front of you and repeat after me using your name where I use mine. I, Leo Kennedy...

**Officers (in unison)**

I (officers' names)...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...having been regularly chosen...

**Officers (in unison)**

...having been regularly chosen...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...as an Officer of the National Organization...

**Officers (in unison)**

...as an Officer of the National Organization...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War...

**Officers (in unison)**

...of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...hereby renew...

**Officers (in unison)**

...hereby renew...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...the sacred obligation...

**Officers (in unison)**

...the sacred obligation...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...given at the time of my initiation...

**Officers (in unison)**

...given at the time of my initiation...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...and in the presence of all mighty God...

**Officers (in unison)**

...and in the presence of all mighty God...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...

**Officers (in unison)**

...and the members of this Encampment here assembled...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...do furthermore...



**Officers (in unison)**

...do furthermore...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...solemnly and sincerely...

**Officers (in unison)**

...solemnly and sincerely...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...promise and declare...

**Officers (in unison)**

...promise and declare...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...that I will...

**Officers (in unison)**

...that I will...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...to the best of my ability...

**Officers (in unison)**

...to the best of my ability...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...in word and deed...

**Officers (in unison)**

...in word and deed...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...and without fear or favor...

**Officers (in unison)**

...and without fear or favor...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...faithfully...

**Officers (in unison)**

...faithfully...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...honestly...

**Officers (in unison)**

...honestly...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...and impartially...

**Officers (in unison)**

...and impartially...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...perform all the duties...

**Officers (in unison)**

...perform all the duties...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...of the office upon which...

**Officers (in unison)**

...of the office upon which...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...I am about to enter...

**Officers (in unison)**

...I am about to enter...

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...so help me God.

**Officers (in unison)**

...so help me God.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

You may relax your arms.

**Unknowns**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Really?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Encampment...

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...you may sit. Guide...

**Unknown**

Over here.

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Sorry. Guide, you will conduct the offices to their respective stations? Would the acting offices vacating? Appointed Offices, you may return to your seats. And Council of Administration Offices, as well.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

I'm sorry?

**Unknown**

(Indistinguishable).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Yeah, absolutely.

**Encampment**

(chatter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Guide, thank you. Commander-in-Chief, by the votes of the members of this Encampment, you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is in evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of the Order will be characterized by faithful, earnest, and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave care await you, and to their faithful performance I now solemnly direct you.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask for His assistance.

**Jerome W. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that 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 might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action through Your name through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, the Officers are now at their respective stations and I'm about to place you in full control. God help us.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

First, I give you...your care the Charter of this National Organization. Prize it for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I... Someplace up here is the Ritual of our Order. And I place in your care, the Ritual of the Order and a copy of the Constitution and Regulations, which I don't have on me right now, for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care. Be true to its principles, and faithful to their teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap (\*) calls up the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing. Two raps (\*\*) calls the Officers to their feet. Three raps (\*\*\*) calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Installing Officer of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I declare the Officers of the National Organization legally elected, and installed, and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending in August 2023, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified, and installed. Now, I'm pleased to present you...

[one rap, \*]

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

...the badge of your office.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Leo F. Kennedy, Installing Officer**

Commander-in-Chief, assume your control. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty, and rule with civility, impartiality, and firmness. And may your administration be a successful one.

[one rap, \*]

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

This isn't scripted, so I'll make it up as I go along.

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

Brother Michael, it has been a pleasure to work with you this past year. And it has been a greater pleasure to call you a friend for over a decade.

**Michael A. Paquette, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief**

Thank you, Brother Bruce.

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

At this time, I'm going to ask Brother Michael's wife, Pat, if she could draw first blood...

**Encampment**

...(laughter)...

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

...with the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge.

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, if I may, I'd like to thank each and every one of you, all the staff officers from the past years, all the Brothers, all the Department officers, all the Camp officers. It's you who do the job. We represent you and I would like to thank each and every one of you. (clapping).

**Encampment**

(applause).

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

I have a few things on my agenda that I want to get done. I want to move us into the complete 21st century with, as you may have heard, with you the offices, we have several website or webmasters who are gonna be attacking different areas of our IT platforms, social media platforms. And we're going to continue moving forward on the redesign with Brother Tim McCoy, continuing to take the lead on that. But at the same time, we're also going to move to make sure that if we can salvage what we already have, we're going to do that. So, that you have the best communication and information available to every Brother here and every Brother in your Department. That's my goal. You guys, you're the heart. I work for you. Tell me what you want me to do. Okay. There being no further business to come before this Encampment...

**Encampment**

...(chatter)...

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

Does anybody have any duct tape?

**Encampment**

(laughter).

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

There being no further business to come before this National Encampment, we will proceed to close.

[three raps, \*\*\*]

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

You will give attention while the National Chaplain asks the blessing of God in our deliberations. Parade rest.

**Jerome D. Kowalski, National Chaplain**

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. When our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. If you agree with me, say Amen.

**Encampment**

Amen.

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken Fraternity, a tender Charity, and an unswerving Loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and Station Banners. Attention. I now declare the 141st Annual Encampment of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

[one rap, \*]

**Encampment**

(applause and cheers).

**Bruce D. Frail, Commander-in-Chief**

All Elected Officers and Appointed Officers please go to the front of the flag display for the official photograph.

**End of Transcript**

## Attendees by Department

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Dept Code	Dept Name	Last Name	First Name	Initial	Name	Prereg	Present	CinC	PnC	CinC	DC	PDC	CC	PCC	Del	Alt	V/is
AL	Alabama	Alford	Eric	D	Eric D Alford		X				X						
AL	Alabama	Howell	Tony		Tony Howell		X									X	
AL	Alabama	Hubbs	Mark	E	Mark E Hubbs	X	X									X	
CA	California & Pacific	Avila	Frank	C	Frank C Avila	X	X			X							
CA	California & Pacific	Campbell	Tad	D	Tad D Campbell	X	X			X							
CA	California & Pacific	Enderlin	Dean	A	Dean A Enderlin	X	X				X						
CA	California & Pacific	Malaznik	Linn		Linn Malaznik	X	X									X	
CA	California & Pacific	Stephens	Brian		Brian Stephens	X	X									X	
CH	Chesapeake	Beard	D Michael		D Michael Beard	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Day	Mark	R	Mark R Day	X	X			X							
CH	Chesapeake	Horgan	Brian		Brian Horgan	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Martin	Kevin	L	Kevin L Martin	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	McCoy	Timothy	S	Timothy S McCoy	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Paquette	Michael	A	Michael A Paquette	X	X			X							
CH	Chesapeake	Pollock	Robert	D	Robert D Pollock	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Rarick	Jay	A	Jay A Rarick	X	X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Slagle	Lawrence	E	Lawrence E Slagle	X	X									X	
CH	Chesapeake	Stone	Lee	D	Lee D Stone		X				X						
CH	Chesapeake	Taylor	W Faron		W Faron Taylor	X	X				X						
CO	Colorado & Wyoming	Wearl	Walter		Walter Wearl	X	X				X						
GA	Georgia & South Carolina	Hale	Mark	A	Mark A Hale	X	X				X						
GA	Georgia & South Carolina	Miller	William	H	William H Miller	X	X				X						
GA	Georgia & South Carolina	Pierson	Brian	C	Brian C Pierson	X	X			X							
GA	Georgia & South Carolina	Reither	Michael	B	Michael B Reither	X	X				X						
IA	Iowa	Rattel	Daniel	F	Daniel F Rattel	X	X									X	
IL	Illinois	Gunderson	Gary		Gary Gunderson	X	X				X						
IL	Illinois	Kaup	Nicholas	H	Nicholas H Kaup	X	X				X						
IL	Illinois	Kowalski	Jerome	W	Jerome W Kowalski	X	X									X	
IL	Illinois	Lasseigne	Lee		Lee Lasseigne		X									X	
IL	Illinois	Limbach	Raymond		Raymond Limbach	X	X									X	



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IL	Illinois	Lyon	James	L	James Lyon	X	X				X				
IL	Illinois	Reineke IV	Harry	W	Harry W Reineke IV		X				X				
IL	Illinois	Westlake	Steven	J	Steven J Westlake	X	X				X				
IL	Illinois	Wilderemuth	David		David Wilderemuth	X	X						X		
IN	Indiana	Adams	William	R	William R Adams	X	X				X				
IN	Indiana	Beckman	Timothy	J	Timothy J Beckman	X	X				X				
IN	Indiana	Floyd, Jr.	James	M	James M Floyd, Jr.	X	X			X					
IN	Indiana	Hutchinson	Dennis	C	Dennis C Hutchinson	X	X				X				
IN	Indiana	Kolb	Bruce	R	Bruce R Kolb	X	X				X				
IN	Indiana	LeMaster	Travis	J	Travis J LeMaster	X	X						X		
IN	Indiana	Schmitt	Thomas	L	Thomas L Schmitt	X	X						X		
IN	Indiana	Smith, III	Herbert	W	Herbert W Smith, III	X	X						X		
IN	Indiana	Swarts	Jonathan	P	Jonathan P Swarts	X	X						X		
IN	Indiana	Teller	J. Alan		J. Alan Teller	X	X				X				
IN	Indiana	Truss	William	E	William E Truss	X	X						X		
KS	Kansas	Boyd II	Robert	D	Robert D Boyd II		X			X					
KS	Kansas	Fisher	Conrad	M	Conrad M Fisher	X	X						X		
KS	Kansas	Goff	George		George Goff	X	X						X		
KS	Kansas	Lafferty	Roy	A	Roy A Lafferty		X				X				
KS	Kansas	Meicher	Kent	M	Kent M Meicher	X	X				X				
KS	Kansas	Russ	Alan	L	Alan L Russ	X	X				X				
KS	Kansas	Todd	Mike		Mike Todd	X	X				X				
KY	Kentucky	Buckler	John		John Buckler	X	X						X		
KY	Kentucky	Flynn	John		John Flynn	X	X						X		
KY	Kentucky	Fortin	Bruce	E	Bruce E Fortin	X	X				X				
KY	Kentucky	Jones	David		David Jones	X	X					X			
KY	Kentucky	Kiger	James	C	James C Kiger	X	X				X				
KY	Kentucky	Mills III	John	A	John A Mills III	X	X				X				
KY	Kentucky	Workman	Chris		Chris Workman	X	X				X				
MA	Massachusetts	Bishop	Dexter	A	Dexter A Bishop	X	X				X				

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MA	Massachusetts	Buckley	Henry	R	Henry R Buckley	X	X								X
MA	Massachusetts	Dupre	John	J	John J Dupre	X	X			X					
MA	Massachusetts	Lewis	Charles	W	Charles W Lewis	X	X								X
MA	Massachusetts	Mellor	Perley	E	Perley E Mellor	X	X		X						
MA	Massachusetts	Murray	Daniel	W	Daniel W Murray	X	X				X				
MA	Massachusetts	Norris	Edward	J	Edward J Norris	X	X		X						
MA	Massachusetts	Smith	Albert	M	Albert M Smith	X	X								X
MA	Massachusetts	Tucker	Kevin	P	Kevin P Tucker	X	X			X					
MI	Michigan	Aurand	Dale	L	Dale L Aurand	X	X				X				
MI	Michigan	Bellenger	Ron		Ron Bellenger		X								X
MI	Michigan	Brennan	William	A	William A Brennan		X			X					
MI	Michigan	Brown	Cameron	S	Cameron S Brown	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Denny	Richard		Richard Denny	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Dowd	Edgar	J	Edgar J Dowd	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Frost	Joe	L	Joe L Frost		X								X
MI	Michigan	Gibson	Gary	L	Gary L Gibson	X	X				X				
MI	Michigan	Gosling	Bruce	S	Bruce S Gosling	X	X				X				
MI	Michigan	Grable	Daniel		Daniel Grable	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Grimes	David	A	David A Grimes	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Hall	Glenn		Glenn Hall		X								X
MI	Michigan	Harrison	Keith	G	Keith G Harrison	X	X		X						
MI	Michigan	Holcomb	Harold	E	Harold E Holcomb	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Ingall	David	C	David C Ingall	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Kimble	David	W	David W Kimble	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Koelan	Tim		Tim Koelan		X								X
MI	Michigan	Lamphere, Jr	Lloyd Dean		Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Jr		X				X				
MI	Michigan	Lamphere, Sr.	Lloyd	D	Lloyd D Lamphere, Sr.	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Martin	Steven	S	Steven S Martin	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	McKinch	Terrance		Terrance McKinch	X	X								X
MI	Michigan	Minor	John	H	John H Minor	X	X								X

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MI	Michigan	Nash	Colin		Collin Nash		X									X
MI	Michigan	Pahl	James	B	James B Pahl	X	X		X							
MI	Michigan	Payne	Robert	R	Robert R Payne	X	X			X						
MI	Michigan	Riekse	Max	J	Max J Riekse	X	X								X	
MI	Michigan	Shaw	Donald	W	Donald W Shaw	X	X		X							
MI	Michigan	Shull	Ronald	G	Ronald G Shull	X	X								X	
MI	Michigan	Smith	David	S	David S Smith	X	X			X						
MI	Michigan	Smith	Nathan	L	Nathan L Smith	X	X			X						
MI	Michigan	Swain	Gary	L	Gary L Swain	X	X								X	
MI	Michigan	Taylor	Gene		Gene Taylor	X	X								X	
MI	Michigan	Townsend	Robert		Robert Townsend	X	X								X	
MI	Michigan	Worley	Charles "Chuck"	L	Charles "Chuck" L Worley	X	X			X						
MI	Michigan	Zabicki	Neal	N	Neal N Zabicki	X	X								X	
MO	Missouri	Alsop	Glennon	G	Glennon G Alsop	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Aubuchon	Martin	R	Martin R Aubuchon	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Aubuchon	Robert		Robert Aubuchon	X	X								X	
MO	Missouri	Burd, Jr	Randal	A	Randal A Burd, Jr	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Busch	Walter	E	Walter E Busch	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Crandell	Dale	E	Dale E Crandell	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Hunnewell	Sumner	G	Sumner G Hunnewell	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Krieser	Edward	J	Edward J Krieser	X	X		X							
MO	Missouri	Palmer	John	A	John A Palmer	X	X								X	
MO	Missouri	Palmer, Jr	Donald	D	Donald D Palmer, Jr	X	X			X						
MO	Missouri	Petrovic	Robert	M	Robert M Petrovic	X	X								X	
MO	Missouri	Trodus	Alan	R	Alan R Trodus	X	X								X	
NC	North Carolina	Duquette	Henry	C	Henry C Duquette	X	X								X	
NC	North Carolina	Ewalt	William	M	William M Ewalt	X	X								X	
NC	North Carolina	Gibson	Edward	C	Edward C Gibson	X	X								X	
NE	Nebraska	Surman	John		John Surman	X	X									
NH	New Hampshire	Carboni	Shawn		Shawn Carboni	X	X								X	



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NJ	New Jersey	Hann	David	K	David K Hann	X	X				X				
NJ	New Jersey	Higgins	Martin	P	Martin P Higgins		X							X	
NJ	New Jersey	Tomasello	Frank		Frank Tomasello	X	X							X	
NY	New York	French	Jeffrey		Jeffrey French	X	X		X						
NY	New York	VerStreate	Daryl		Daryl VerStreate		X				X				
OH	Ohio	Crane	James	T	James T Crane	X	X				X				
OH	Ohio	Darby	Donald	E	Donald E Darby	X	X		X						
OH	Ohio	Denbow	Carl	J	Carl J Denbow	X	X							X	
OH	Ohio	Edelmann	John		John Edelmann	X	X							X	
OH	Ohio	Freeman	D. Scott		D. Scott Freeman	X	X							X	
OH	Ohio	Freshley	Kenneth	L	Kenneth L Freshley	X	X		X						
OH	Ohio	Grim	Robert	E	Robert E Grim	X	X		X						
OH	Ohio	Houston	James	H	James H Houston	X	X				X				
OH	Ohio	Hritsko Jr	Peter	J	Peter J Hritsko Jr	X	X				X				
OH	Ohio	Huffman, Jr	John	M	John M Huffman, Jr	X	X							X	
OH	Ohio	Lowery	Cameron		Cameron Lowery	X	X							X	
OH	Ohio	Milburn	Shane	L	Shane L Milburn	X	X				X				
OH	Ohio	Spaulding	Michael	A	Michael A Spaulding	X	X				X				
OH	Ohio	Wolz	Robert	J	Robert J Wolz	X	X				X				
OK	Oklahoma	Handley	Terry	D	Terry D Handley	X	X							X	
PA	Pennsylvania	Demmy, Jr.	David	W	David W Demmy, Jr.	X	X							X	
PA	Pennsylvania	Demmy, Sr	David	W	David W Demmy, Sr	X	X							X	
PA	Pennsylvania	DiFebo	Dane		Dane DiFebo	X	X			X					
PA	Pennsylvania	Fischer Jr	William	E	William E Fischer Jr	X	X							X	
RI	Rhode Island	Falola	Joseph	A	Joseph A Falola		X							X	
RI	Rhode Island	Frail	Benjamin	J	Benjamin J Frail	X	X			X					
RI	Rhode Island	Frail	Bruce	D	Bruce D Frail	X	X				X				
RI	Rhode Island	Hall, Jr.	Joseph	S	Joseph S Hall, Jr.	X	X				X				
RI	Rhode Island	Kennedy	Leo	F	Leo F Kennedy	X	X		X						
SW	Southwest	Clark	W. Mark		W. Mark Clark		X							X	

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SW	Southwest	Conrad	John	R	John R Conrad	X	X				X					
SW	Southwest	Horton	John	B	John B Horton		X							X		
SW	Southwest	Hyer	Ronald	L	Ronald L Hyer	X	X							X		
TN	Tennessee	DuBrucq	David	M	David M DuBrucq	X	X			X						
TN	Tennessee	Huffman	Chip		Chip Huffman	X	X							X		
TN	Tennessee	Huttick	George	A	George A Huttick	X	X		X							
TX	Texas	Gates	Donald	L	Donald L Gates	X	x			X						
TX	Texas	Lance	Michael	L	Michael L Lance		X		X							
TX	Texas	Pourreau	Daniel		Daniel Pourreau		X							X		
TX	Texas	Reynolds	Larry	J	Larry J Reynolds	X	X							X		
TX	Texas	Schulze	Stephen		Stephen Schulze	X	X			X						
TX	Texas	Sutton	Terry	T	Terry T Sutton	X	X							X		
TX	Texas	Swafford	William		William Swafford	X	X							X		
TX	Texas	Vander Meulen	John	C	John C Vander Meulen	X	X							X		
VT	Vermont	Cogan	John	H	John H Cogan		X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Brown	Thomas	J	Thomas J Brown	X	X			X						
WI	Wisconsin	Coveney	Jerome		Jerome Coveney	X	X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Drought	Gerald		Gerald Drought	X	X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Fallon	Patrick	L	Patrick L Fallon	X	X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Graf	Lyon	M	Jeffrey M Graf	X	X				X					
WI	Wisconsin	Heltemes	Kim	J	Kim J Heltemes	X	X			X						
WI	Wisconsin	Kallan	Richard		Richard Kallan	X	X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Keith	Samuel	M	Samuel M Keith	X	X							X		
WI	Wisconsin	Koenecke	Robert	F	Robert F Koenecke	X	X			X						
WI	Wisconsin	McManus	Brian	D	Brian D McManus	X	X				X					
WI	Wisconsin	Michaels	Stephen	A	Stephen A Michaels	X	X		X							

TOTAL: 176 VOTING STRENGTH: 172 (4 Alternates with Dept of Michigan)

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## **1.0 Preface**

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the 141<sup>st</sup> National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed.

## **2.0 National Elected Officers**

### **2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Michael A. Paquette, PDC**

Brothers,

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief for the past year. My travels to various events and Departments encampments have spanned the COVID imposed travel restrictions and the subsequent lifting of those restrictions.

Similarly, I've seen the restrictions placed on our Department and Camp activities subside over the past six months. Based on my observations, we are once again fully engaged in meeting our sacred obligation to remember the "Boys in Blue". My compliments to our Camps and Departments for their creativity in finding ways to fulfill our mission under varying and challenging conditions these past two years - well done!

I believe that having the ability to meet virtually in our "tool kit" has been and continues to be an asset to the Order. I remind all of you and especially our Department and Camp Commanders that the ability to meet virtually is just a tool. No two Departments or Camps deal with the same set of challenges. Commanders should use this tool if it applies to your specific circumstances. We will no doubt continue to learn where to apply this tool as our experience with it continues to grow.

I had an interesting conversation with the Camp Secretary of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp in Washington, D.C. after the Memorial Day event in Arlington National Cemetery. He showed me a picture of his GAR ancestor who also was the secretary of his GAR post and noted that both he and his ancestor conducted business in exactly the same manner - submitting reports and checks via snail mail. With the technologies available to us today, this is not an acceptable situation. I have spoken with a number of members this year who do not have or write physical checks. I am also concerned that potential young members will be turned off by our antiquated business practices and choose not to join our Order because of it. We

are well behind in using technology to our advantage and will continue to fall further behind unless we do something about it.

Last year I identified three specific things I intended to accomplish this year;

1) I wanted to meet with the Department Commanders on a quarterly basis through virtual means. I have met with Department Commanders four times this year. I have received positive feedback that the information that was passed was useful and appreciated. Additionally, the meetings provided a means for Department Commanders to present their concerns and questions to their peers. I believe this provided a broader range of responses and recommendations than what would have been available from a one-on-one dialogue with only the CinC.

2) I indicated I would ask three National Officers to provide virtual training sessions for their Department level counterparts. My intent was to validate the potential benefits of making virtual training available to our officers, especially those who may be new to their positions. To date, the National Treasurer and National Patriotic Instructor have provided this training. The Executive Director will be conducting training for Department Secretaries on 6 August. I believe this training has been well received. We should look to Memorial University for guidance on how best to apply the use of virtual training in the future and possibly expand the training opportunities to the Camp level.

3) I created a CinC appointed committee to investigate the Strategic Development of Information Technology within our Order. We have multiple resources (National websites, databases, etc.) that our membership relies on, which we are hard pressed to maintain. I asked the committee to identify these resources and provide some recommendations on how we can best continue to provide them to you. I believe we have exceeded our ability to maintain these resources with a purely volunteer workforce. The committee's report and recommendations are available in this reports packet.

Lastly, I established a CinC appointed committee in March to review our Membership Qualifications. As some of you have guessed, the committee's job is to look specifically into trans-gender issues. The committee is tasked to research how current federal and state law identify an individual as being male or female. The committee is also to investigate how to deal with individuals seeking membership who identify as non-binary (neither male or female). As you might surmise, the legal definitions vary widely between states. Our Order's challenge is to apply a standard definition for being male that can be applied consistently across the country. We can't have a situation where a potential member is

refused membership because of gender in one location and accepted in another. We must also comply with the law or run the risk of a lawsuit. We are not in a position to make an informed decision during this National Encampment, nor should we attempt to do so. It will take time and the committee must be allowed to continue its work. In all likelihood, this will be the most critical decision we will make during this decade. We must be methodical and deliberate in our decision-making process. The activities and recommendations from the committee are also located in this reports packet.

**Recommendation #1** – that the Committee to Review Membership Qualifications be established as a two-year special committee appointed by this National Encampment and be expanded to five voting members. It will report its findings and recommendations to the National Encampment in 2023.

**Recommendation #2** – that the Memorial University Committee investigate the use of virtual collaboration programs to conduct training , both live and recorded to SUVCW members.

**Recommendation #3** – that our Order continues to investigate how to move our internal business processes forward in order to take advantage of the benefits that technology has to offer.

In closing let me thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. It has been quite an adventure and full of memories I will cherish the rest of my life.

## **2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

I have had the great pleasure to meet with hundreds of Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through Department Encampments, Camp meetings and several events throughout the country.

Some of the states that I visited I did so during my travels include Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas.

In hours of conversation with these Brothers, I have asked for and heard their comments, Negative & Positive towards the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They have shared with me their ideas, some are very good, some may need some work, but all were and are welcome. One thing we all need to remember is “We” all elected and appointed offices work

for “You” our Brothers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I was also privileged to represent the Commander-in-Chief in the following Department Encampments, Kansas, Texas, New Jersey, Vermont, and Rhode Island. I had been scheduled to attend three other Department Encampments, but I was giving the wrong dates for Florida and Connecticut and the Department of Maine also had the wrong date but when discovered the C-in-C was able to attend and did so.

I attended all the National events including the National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri, Remembrance Day Weekend and the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the Council of Administration meeting in Springfield, Illinois and the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois of which I was honored to give the Welcoming Address and be the Master of Ceremonies.

I also attended virtual Council of Administration meetings that were held throughout the year. These were not as productive as they could have been, but they served a purpose and completed some agenda items to get them started as soon as possible.

I have also stated my intent to run for Commander-in-Chief for the 2022-2023 term, I do hope you will vote for me, and I look forward to serving all my Brothers in this office as I have as SVCinC.

## **2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Peter J. Hritsko, PDC**

It is an Honor to submit the following report:

- I was excused by C-in-C Paquette to attend the CofA Meeting in Springfield, IL in April due to my work schedule.
- I have attended most of the regular schedule CofA meetings by zoom due to my work schedule.
- I have voted on the majority motions by electronic board or by zoom meetings .
- I continue to work with the National and Department of Ohio Officers , assisting when needed.
- Talk to many potential members that call with questions about the SUVCW Organization Recruiting.
- I attend my local camp meetings when I can due to my work schedule, assisting when asked.

- I serve and Chair on the Membership Committee.
- I serve as National GAR Highway Officer.
- I served on Council for the Department of Ohio as fill in that I was reappointed in February 2022 and served until Ohio Dept Encampment held on June 11, 2022.
- I serve as the Department of Ohio GAR Highway Officer.
- I serve on Council for the James A. Garfield Camp #142 Ohio.

I have processed the following applications-for membership as hereditary members. All these Brothers contacted me by email in regards of joining the SUVCW Organization. Its been an honor and I have enjoyed the job of processing applications, setting up placement and many conversations for questions they might have had ,some I have helped with more information they might have needed for hereditary membership.

Department of Florida :

04/27/2022 Jonathan Andrew Garten, Fla Hereditary.

Department of Illinois:

07/16/2022 Steven L. Howeler, IL Hereditary.

07/16/2022 David A. Johnson, IL Hereditary. Help him find documents for his SUVCW application.

Department Missouri (with Arkansa):

06/16/2022 Johnny Lee Waggoner, Arkansa Hereditary

Department of New Jersey:

07/05/2022 Dylan Jeffrey Wettstein, New Jersey Junior Hereditary.

Help him find documents for his SUVCW application.

(I mentioned to the new Jr. Member Dylan Jeffrey Wettstein since he is minor, he would be considered a Junior Member where all Junior members & associates members must be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (eg Grandfather, SUVCW/SVR Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in any SUVCW or SVR activity. Much communication occured then finally the minor sent over signed guardian permission. It was nice to see his determination to want to be a member of the SUVCW.

Department of Pennsylvania:

06/16/2022 Michael N. Borish, Pa Hereditary.

Department of Tennessee:

06/14/2022 Joseph M. Gillis, TN Hereditary.



Department of Wisconsin:

04/21/2022 Steven David Palmer, Pa Hereditary.

With each of these applications I have greeted and introduced myself, provided an application with direction and cost, answering any questions pertaining to the Sons. After I receive them I scan them and send them to the appropriate Junior Vice Commanders of their Department with the new application cc in the email so that they have a contact to following up with. I find this is a way for the Dept. Jr. Vice Commander can start to proceed to place the new member to his camp in a timely matter while the original application is being delivered to them.

As of today 07/30/2022 a break down of those that have joined

8 Hereditary

8 Total

I have responded to these candidates below with applications to fill out or answer questions they might have had whom have contacted me by email. These gentlemen below haven't joined the SUVCW yet that I know of.

- 03/22/2022 Ms Sirra Fry Department of Chesapeake West Virginia for her husband.
- 03/05/2022 Jeff Garten Department of Fla.
- 04/10/2022 C. Jacob Greeling Department of AR.
- 05/14/2022 William Casamaaima Department of Pa.
- 06/03/2022 Alex Sims Department unknown.
- 06/03/2022 Shane Kocher Department of Indiana
- 06/10/2022 Kyle Nappi Department of Chesapeake DC area.
- 06/14/2022 Chad C. White Department of Ohio.
- 06/14/2022 Justin Linebaugh Canada.
- 06/14/2022 Henry T. Corbin Department of Colorado and Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana & Utah) Iowa.
- 07/05/2022 Howard Fisher Department of Fla.
- 07/22/2022 Anthony E. Miller Department unknown.
- 07/27/2022 Todd Frary Department of Texas.

I believe a follow up letter of communication asking if there is anything I can help with to get them registered for membership along with the next JVC's email might be a appropriate.

## **2.4 National Secretary; Alan L. Russ, PDC**

This report covers the activities of National Secretary Jonathan Davis through April 15, 2022. Effective April 16, 2022, I assumed the office by appointment of the CinC with the approval of the Council of Administration (General Order No. 10). I appreciate the courtesy and support the previous secretary provided to me during the turn-over.

**MINUTES.** I prepared and submitted minutes for the following Council of Administration meeting:

- May 11, 2022, remote meeting.
- June 21, 2022, remote meeting.
- July 31, 2022, remote meeting.

### **MOTIONS VIA ELECTRONIC BOARDROOM.**

No motions of the Council of Administration were presented and processed through the Electronic Boardroom since the National Encampment.

### **CAMP/DEPARTMENT CHARTERS.**

**CHARTERS ISSUED:** The following charters have been issued by CinC Paquette since the National Encampment:

- (2021-04) AMD David G. Farragut Camp No. 5, Department of Alabama. Date of Ranking: August 18, 2021
- (2021-05) Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina. Date of Ranking: September 28, 2021
- (2021-06) Pvt Robert F. Dodd Camp No. 4, Department at Large. Date of Ranking: September 30, 2021
- (2021-08) General Orlando M. Poe Camp No. 444, Department of Michigan. Date of Ranking: November 16, 2021.
- (2022-01) Corporal George Samuel Cobb Camp No. 68, Department of Maine. Date of ranking: March 21, 2022.
- (2022-02) Pvt Henry M. Hardenbergh Camp No. 39, Department of Illinois. Date of ranking: May 25, 2022.
- (2022-03) John Talkington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kansas Colored Infantry, Camp No. 3, Department of

Missouri. Date of ranking: June 12, 2022.

**ACTIVE APPLICATIONS:** The following applications for permission to form a camp are currently active.

- SGT William Harris Camp No. 2, Department at Large. Expires September 16, 2022.
- Willard F. Mallett Camp No. 86, Department of Maine. Expires March 9, 2023.

**EXPIRED APPLICATIONS:** The following applications for permission to form a camp expired on date indicated.

- 2nd Lt. John McConnell Camp No. 1, Department of Iowa. Expired March 11, 2022.
- Captain Alexander McRae Camp No. 4, Department of the Southwest. Expired May 5, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended the CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUAL AFFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT be assigned a form number and be placed on the SUVCW website as a “fill-in” form with the other SUVCW forms.

## **2.5 National Treasurer; D. Michael Beard, PDC**

- **Financial Statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.** Our auditors, Coulter & Justus, issued a clean opinion for our financial statements. I provided copies to the Council of Administration and sent two copies to the Judicially Committee of the US Congress as required by our charter. A copy of the financial statements is attached to this report. I have contracted with Coulter & Justus to audit our June 30, 2022 financial statements.
- **501(c)(3) Status.** The IRS still lists us as a 501(c)(4) charity despite showing our 501(c)(3) determination letter on their website. I and our accountants have called, written, FedExed, used registered mail, and faxed. They continue to promise to fix this, but as of this writing have not. Through PCinC Brian Pierson, we engaged Congresswoman Stephanie Bice of Oklahoma to intercede on our behalf with the IRS.
- **Form 990.** Coulter and Justus prepared our Form 990 for June 30, 2021. I filed the report with the IRS. We file manually as the website will not accept an online filing as the IRS computer thinks we are not a 501(c)(3). The IRS rejected the manual filing stating the law requires us to file electronically. Coulter & Justus has written the IRS pointing out we can't file electronically until they correctly list us as a 501(c)(3).

• **Subordinate List.** I filed our annual subordinate list on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We listed 308 subordinate departments, camps, military districts, and SVR units. Oddly, the IRS did not send us a confirmation of the subordinate list and I have written them on this. I coordinated this year's filing with the Department and Military Districts and was confident the listing was fairly correct; but found it was not. Some Departments are not checking the lists and relying on the camps. I discovered some camps thought filing the Form 11 with the Department was all they had to do and did not actually file a 990. Brother James Barker, Treasurer, Colorado/Wyoming, suggested we require the camps to forward the email the IRS sends the camp to confirm the 990 filing. I believe that is an excellent idea and I would like the Form 11 changed to require this.

**Recommendation.** Change Paragraph 2 on the Form 11 instructions to read: 2. That each Camp listed on this Form 11 has forwarded to the Department Treasurer a copy of the IRS email confirming the current tax year 990 was filed;

• **ZOOM Meeting.** I held a ZOOM meeting with the Department Treasurers on May 14, 2022 to discuss 990 matters and any other issues of interest to the Treasurers. I plan to make this an annual event.

• **Charity Status Letters.** I continue to provide letters to our subordinates regarding our 501(c)(3) status. They need letters from me as Treasurer, to present to potential donors needing proof of their charitable deductibility status.

• **State Registrations.** Labyrinth, Inc., has filed our annual state registrations in the 36 states that require registration for charities that raise money within the state. We do not file in the District of Columbia (too expensive). The other states either do not require us to register or we are exempt.

• **Grants.** The SUVCW awarded \$15,097 this year. At the request of the Council of Administration, I mailed a \$4,000 check to the Stephenson Memorial, Department of Illinois. At the request of the National Committee on Civil War Monuments, I sent the following Grants:

- \$2,000 to Colonel Bryner Camp #67, Department of Illinois for a GAR plaque at the Moffatt Cemetery in Peoria;
- \$2,000 grant to the Colonel Robert Gould Shaw Camp for work at General Charles Russell Lowell's GAR burial plot at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston;
- \$300 to the Custer Camp #1, Department of Illinois, for a Last Soldier

Monument at Hickory Union Cemetery, Antioch, Illinois:

- \$2,000 to the Monson Veterans Memorial in Monson, Maine (Colonel Douty Camp #11, Department of Maine);
- \$797 to the Department of the Southwest for a plaque at the Citizen's Cemetery in Prescott, Arizona;
- \$4000 to the Phelps Camp #66, Department of Missouri for a GAR Foot Soldier Monument in the Mountain Grove, Missouri town square.

• **Donations.**

- This fiscal year the **Permanent Fund** received \$24,397 in donations. This included a bequest from Brother **Eric H. Templeton** of the Department of Ohio who left us his \$21,023 IRA; and monthly donations from Brothers **Mark Day, Andrew Johnson, Timothy McCoy, & Danny Wheeler.**
- The **General Fund**, through Brother David Hann's efforts, received \$2,592 for the Remembrance Day Parade.

• **Savings Bonds.** I established ownership of our savings bonds. The US Treasury had insisted I furnish them with a certified copy of Past National Treasurer Richard Orr's death certificate and get his Estate to state it has no ownership interest in the bonds. The executrix of Brother Orr's estate gave us the necessary documents and the Treasury transferred the bonds to our online account.

• **Insurance Certificates.** This fiscal year I arranged insurance certificates for:

- SVR Remembrance Day Parade (Borough, School District, & PDOT)
- Department of New York Willard Camp's meetings in the local town hall
- Department of Missouri event at Jefferson Barracks
- Department of Oklahoma Smith Camp's participation in Folklife Festival at the Oklahoma History Museum
- Department of Alabama Farragut Camp's participation in Veterans Day ceremonies on the USS Alabama
- Orlando Poe Camp #444 for their meetings at a veterans' facility
- Robert Finch Camp #14 for their meetings at a VFW facility

- Department of Missouri picnic at Shiloh National Battlefield Park
- Taylor-Wilson Camp for ceremonies at Appomattox National Park
- Irish Brigade Camp#4 for National Memorial Day Parade
- Joe Searfoss Camp #273 for monthly meetings at a Masonic Lodge
- Department of Illinois for ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb.
- Sullivan Ballou Camp event in Coventry, RI
- Francine Camp #7, Barry Monument Ceremony
- Farragut Camp Magnolia Springs July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
- SUVCW National Civil War Museum (our landlord)
- Sheridan Camp Hillsdale 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Custer Camp Mary Todd Lincoln Death Day at Lincoln Tomb
- Sheridan Camp Ceremonies at West Aurora Cemetery
- US Grant Camp Decoration Day Ceremonies at Jefferson Barracks
- Governor Crapo Camp Decoration Day Ceremonies at Davidson Cemetery
- Governor Crapo Camp Decoration Day Ceremonies at Glenwood Cemetery
- Governor Crapo Camp Decoration Day Ceremonies at Aventine Cemetery
- Governor Crapo Camp Decoration Day Ceremonies at Flushing City Cemetery

• **Intern Program.** An anonymous donor gave us \$5,750 to fund an intern at the National Headquarters. We hired Susan Mitchell of Harrisburg Pennsylvania to fill the intern position.

• **Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.** I prepared the annual report on the finances of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony for the MOLLUS & SUVCW Commanders. This year's ceremony had revenues of \$2,370 and expenses of \$2,875 resulting in a loss of \$505.

• **Treasurer's Handbook.** I updated the Treasurer's Handbook in January. I intend to update it again when the Form 11 instructions are changed as recommended in this report. Several subordinates could not participate as the IRS has revoked their status for failure to file a 990 in three years. When the IRS revokes a camp's status, the Department has to

suspend the camp. When this occurred recently in the Department of Maine, CinC Michael Paquette provided the Department with sample letters to reinstate the camp while they pursue reinstating their IRS status. I intend to include that information in the next update to the Handbook.

- **CinC Rep.** I acted as your representative at the Florida and Tennessee Department Encampments.
- **Council of Administration.** I attended and participated in the Council meetings held in St Louis, Gettysburg, and Springfield.
- **Capital Campaign.** I have coordinated with the Promotions and Marketing Committee to start a capital campaign to increase our Permanent Fund. We will be hampered in this campaign because the IRS does not list us on their PUB 78 as a charity eligible for tax deductible donations. But anyone can still deduct donations to us on their income tax as we are a 501(c)(3). We intend to proceed in hopes that the IRS will eventually correct the PUB 78. The committee bought two ads in the National Encampment program book to announce the start of the capital campaign and its first component – *The 1881 Club*.

## **2.6 National Quartermaster; James L. Lyon, PDC**

I have served as National Quartermaster for the last three years and it's has been a learning experience for myself, my wife, and the Brothers of the SUVCW. In the last three years I have gone to the Post Office over 200 times, the Bank 72 times, hundreds of phone calls to Brothers and Venders, and filled 2170 orders. In order to fulfill my obligation as National Quartermaster I have averaged 20 to 30 hours a week or 3120 to 4680 hours for the three years.

With the help of my wife I believe we have cleaned up and corrected many of our certificates. We have made everything 8 ½ x 11 for easy framing, shipping, and storage. I have worked with PCinC Pierson and SVCinC Frail on two different awards and Fundraising projects. Getting everything done for these projects can take a lot of back and forth with them and the manufacturer. This can take up to 6 months to a year to go through the process.

I have added a number of new items and have designed a new order sheet that puts the same items together. The QM is always looking for new items that the Brothers want.

It has been a pleasure working with Brother Beard as the National Treasurer to make sure I

meet the requirements of the IRS. Brother Demmy has been very helpful in finding those Brothers that don't supply the correct contact information for shipping. Brother Pahl has been very patient with me in getting ads ready for the "Banner".

In closing I would like to thank past Commander-in-Chiefs, Mark Day, Don Shaw, Ed Norris, Brian Pierson, and our current Commander-in-Chief Mike Paquette. All of these Brothers have been very supportive of my endeavor to provide a service to all the Brothers of the SUVCW in these uncertain times.

It is very important that the Command Staff and the CofA be supportive of the NQM and his duties.

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the NQM should have access to the PayPal account to perform changes to the site in a timely manner. Our cost of items these days are ever changing and the NQM needs to reflect this quickly.
2. Find out why all PayPal orders are not sent directly to the NQM's email to be filled.
3. That printing of certificates that only call for a few a years be printed in house (I have been doing this). Those that we use a lot of, such as Eagle Scout & ROTC can be ordered by what was used the year before on the advice of the Committee Chairman. Other certificates that are used a lot such as New Member Certificates should be printed in lots of 50 to avoid waste.
4. Have a Brother that can work for the NQM on special projects and awards that have a history of taking a lot of time to develop. I would be willing to perform these duties if the NQM would need the help.
5. Have a committee to help the NQM set what profit margin there should be on our store items. What is our goal of profit?
6. Keep track on shipping cost as they too are changing more frequently.
7. I believe that the reimbursement should be raised to \$6,000 because of the amount of time the NQM puts in to his job. Prices of everything have gone up.

## **2.7 Council of Administration – 2024; Joseph Hall, PDC**

I attended every meeting that the Council of Administration had throughout the year with the exception of the very last ZOOM Meeting which I asked to be excused from because I



was working. I find the work that the Council does to be extremely important and very educational.

I was asked by Brother Kevin Martin to be part of the Civil War Memorial Fund Committee which I gladly accepted. I participated and voted on 9 applications that were put before the committee.

## **2.8 Council of Administration – 2024; Shane Milburn, PDC**

A report of my activities from the 140th National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri to present.

I have attended the following in person Council of Administration Meetings:

Post National Encampment – August 8, 2021 – St. Louis, Missouri

Remembrance Day Weekend – November 21, 2021 – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – April 16, 2022 – Springfield, Illinois

I have participated in the following virtual Council of Administration meetings:

September 18, 2021:

Web re-design Contract

January 18, 2022:

Kit Carson monument, directed fund raising, DUVCW little brown buttons, updates to document retention schedule, computer issues at the National HQ, Department Encampments

March 5, 2022:

Department Encampment coverage, Lincoln Memorial 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Travel Reimbursement, P & P topics, Records retention, Electronic meeting policy, Treasurer's handbook, Assistant National Executive Director

June 21, 2022 (partial):

Awards

July 31, 2022:

Will be participating; report submitted before meeting.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War related events:

November 20, 2021 - marched in the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade carrying the Department of Ohio colors.

May 30, 2021 - participated in Memorial Day Ceremonies in Bloomingburg and Lees Creek, Ohio as Commander of Co. C, 20<sup>th</sup> O.V.I., Sons of Veterans Reserve.

June 4, 2022 - represented Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette at the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Indiana Encampment in Kokomo, Indiana.

June 11, 2022 - attended the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Ohio Encampment in Columbus, Ohio.

## **2.9 Council of Administration – 2022; Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC**

I have the honor to submit this, my final report as a member of the Council of Administration. I have fulfilled all of the duties of a CofA member, attended all in person and virtual meetings, and voting on all matters. This has been a particularly difficult year, having moved half-way across the United States from Northern Illinois suburbs to rural Northern Virginia, learning of some undiagnosed health concerns, and suffering from underemployment in the school bus industry, but I have tried to maintain my zeal, fervor, and drive to remember the Boys in Blue, and spend time with our Brothers in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

I have deeply enjoyed serving on the Council of Administration the last three years, and am still grateful to the Brothers of the 138<sup>th</sup> National Encampment for entrusting me with this role. I hope I have performed it well.

I say with full knowledge that I suffer often from “l’esprit d’escalier” but I have no recommendations to put forward at this time.

## **2.10 Council of Administration – 2022; Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

As a member of the National Council of Administration CoA, I actively fulfilled each assigned duty of the office. Of special importance, this included ardent participation in all discussions and voting on every issue coming before the Council.

As a member of the Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology, I was specifically requested to investigate the services we are currently providing to National

Headquarters including the National Headquarters Membership Database. This work continues and appreciable progress is being made.

This past year, it has been my honor, albeit with a heavy heart, to eulogize our almost eighty-year member, Chuck Odell, and PCinC Andy Johnson on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette. Over the years, they have led by example and inspired us to be better Brothers. They both will be missed!

At the request of Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, I worked closely with Executive Director David W. Demmy to create a training session for Department Secretaries. The training includes best practices and most common mistakes. The training is currently scheduled for all Department Secretaries via Zoom on August 6, 2022.

As this is my last year as a Member of the National Council of Administration, I would like to thank everyone for making this a very rewarding experience. Over the last three years, I have gained extensive knowledge of the interworking of our organization and have met many additional Brothers along the way. It is my hope you will continue to support me as we move forward, together, as Brothers.

**Recommendation:** Some of the newly updated Forms, especially the Membership Form (Form 3), have a new font size and a font color that is so small and light that it is very difficult to read when printed for the permanent files. Request at least PART I – Membership section be made larger and darker.

## **2.11 Council of Administration – 2023; Kevin P. Tucker, PDC**

I am honored and humbled to have been given the ability to serve this Order as a member of the National Council of Administration by the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have made, and will continue to make, every effort to represent the interests of the Order by all means available to me, to the very best of my abilities.

Since the 2021 National Encampment in St. Louis last August, I have attended the following:

August 8, 2021, September 18, 2021, November 21, 2021, March 5, 2022, April 16, 2022, May 11, 2022, and June 21, 2022, I attended Council of Administration Meetings, both in person and virtual via the Zoom app.

March 20, 2022 - I attended the Department of Massachusetts' annual Banquet to benefit Project New Hope, a charity providing services for Veterans.

April 9, 2022 – I represented Commander-in-Chief Paquette at the Department of New Hampshire's annual Encampment in Concord, New Hampshire.

April 15 & 16, 2022 – I attended the SUVCW's annual Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois.

April 30, 2022 – As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members, conducted a rededication ceremony at the Charlestown Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

September 21, 2021 - As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members, conducted the dedication of a new headstone for Private Sumner Freelans Hunnewell in South Portland, Maine.

Sept. 25, 2021, March 12th, 2022 and June 4, 2022 –As a Department Council member and Department Counselor, I attended Department of Massachusetts Officers Meetings in Andover Massachusetts.

October 2, 2022- As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members and Commander-in-Chief Paquette, conducted a dedication of a new monument to the first black Army Nurse, Susie King Taylor, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Oct 22, 2021 and February 7, 2022 – In my duties as a member of the National Encampment Site Committee, I met with, negotiated and, (along with Committee Chairman Jim Crane) completed the contract with the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel for the 2023 Allied Orders National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Nov. 18-21, 2021 – Attended the SUVCW's annual Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

January 14, 2022 – Performed a presentation on General Benjamin F. Butler for the General Frederick W. Lander Round Table at the Lynn G.A.R. Museum in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Feb. 13, 2022 – Attended the Department of Massachusetts' annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Mar. 19, 2022, June 18, 2022 and July 9, 2022 – In my duties as a Member of the National Encampment Site Committee, attended the Department of New Hampshire National Encampment Host Committee meetings.

Apr. 24, 2022 – As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members and Commander-in-Chief Paquette,, joined with members of the

2nd Military District in conducting a commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant's 200 birthday at Grant's Tomb in New York City, New York.

June 1, 2022 – As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members, participated in the rededication of the Colonel Robert Gould Shaw/54th Massachusetts Infantry Monument in Boston, Massachusetts.

June 11, 2022 – As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members, participated in the annual Gaspee Day Parade in Cranston, Rhode Island.

June 12, 2022 – As Commander of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I, along with other members, participated in the dedication of a plaque commemorating the service of General Josiah Pickett, and the General Josiah Pickett Grove in Worcester, Massachusetts.

June 17, 2022 – Performed a presentation on the origins of the Juneteenth National Holiday for the General Frederick W. Lander Round Table at the Lynn G.A.R. Museum in Lynn, Massachusetts.

June 29, 2022 – I conducted a virtual meeting of the Unit Commanders of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve via the Zoom app.

June 6, 2022 and July 11, 2022 – As an appointed member of a Hearing Council, I attended a virtual hearing via the Zoom app.

In addition, as of this report and prior to the 2022 National Encampment in Grand Rapids, I am scheduled to attend the following events:

Aug.1, 2022 – I have been invited to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at a meeting and reception of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, the oldest chartered military organization in the Western Hemisphere, having been founded in 1638.

Aug 6, 2022 – In my duties as a Member of the National Encampment Site Committee, I will attend the Department of New Hampshire National Encampment Host Committee meeting.

I want to express my congratulations and gratitude to Brother Paquette for his service as Commander-in-Chief for the past year, and look forward to our continued collaboration and mutual support in the coming year and into the future.

## **2.12 Council of Administration – Brian C. Pierson, PCinC**

At CinC Paquette’s pleasure, I have assisted him on actions and issues that have carried over from my term as CinC, as well as a few recent issues.

I have had the honor to represent the CinC at the annual encampments for the Departments of Georgia and South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Colorado and Wyoming. I regret that I had to miss the Department of Nebraska’s encampment due to an injury.

The C of A approved a project to award streamers for Departments that have hosted National Encampments in recognition of the tremendous effort required to plan and conduct these. The streamer will be of military specification material, yellow, with the following inscription embroidered in blue lettering, “SUVCW ↔ NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT HOST SUVCW ↔ NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT HOST ↔ Year”. The C of A voted to procure streamers for Departments for National Encampments going back to 2000, and annually henceforth. Streamers for earlier encampments may be procured by Depts at their expense. Unfortunately, however, all of the manufacturers have had supply chain issues getting the right color (yellow) streamer. The C of A voted to wait until the yellow material is available. I will continue to follow up with manufacturers in the upcoming year.

In the June C of A Zoom meeting, National Treasurer Mike Beard reported that the IRS rejected our annual tax filing for 2022, in addition to the now 5-year delay in getting the SUVCW listed on Pub 78. Having received permission to lobby from the CinC, in early July I contacted Rep Stephanie Bice (OK-5) to request assistance in satisfactorily resolving our issues with the IRS, noting the consequent risks to our Order. Brother Beard provided the supporting documentation which I included in the request. Copies were provided to CinC Paquette, National Treasurer Beard and National Counselor Day. Rep. Bice’s staff immediately replied to the request and is working the matter. I will continue to follow up on a monthly basis the first week of each month. (I also expect to get audited by the IRS for the foreseeable future.)

## **2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC**

The Summer edition was published on schedule. All deadlines remain unchanged.

## **2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr.**

It is my continued honor to submit my 14th year annual report to the 2022 Encampment. It has been an honor too to serve Commander-in-Chief, Mike Paquette.

Since my last report to the Council of Administration, I have participated in my camp's annual Memorial Day observations; and I continue to publish the camp newsletter, the Hartranft Herald; among a number of other hats, I wear!

A hardy thanks to the SUVCW brothers/committee responsible for purchasing 2 new computers for use at Headquarters. Now our Intern does not have to wait upwards to 30 minutes for the old machine to warm up.

Our first ever Intern, Susan Mitchell, has scanned forms 27, 35, and 49 as old as the 1980's. Prior to concluding her association at Headquarters, she captured those forms up to and including 2015! The next potential Intern may carry-on the project.

While earning her Master of Arts in American Studies, enthusiastic Susan set up shelving in our storage area and then relocated old Banners, old correspondence, old records, former national secretary records, and PCinC records, and old old SVR records, out of the personnel staff area and into the storage area. Photos of the storage area can readily be provided upon request. Also, Susan was instrumental in having over 10 boxes of former national treasurer's and our national quartermaster's old records shipped to an offsite shredding facility. Both sets of old records were reviewed by National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, and he gave his blessings that the documents may be destroyed. Gee, now visitors can, once again, see the carpet!

Our National Life Membership Program reveals 24 applications completed and ID Cards and colorful Certificates issued so far for 2022. For same period for 2021, 34 were issued to the applicants.

Death notices processed to date for 2022 total 74 vs 92 for 2021; and that is a worthy claim.

Annual reports for 2022 have all been reviewed. A few Department's form 35 missed the due date; and a few reports were missing form 3s when the report revealed the individual was initiated. A number of death notices were duplicates of last year! All 31 Departments finally submitted their form 49 which have been scanned and distributed to appropriate personnel. My thanks to our volunteer department secretaries for their submissions!

Recently, the 26,000th brother was added to our national database. Unfortunately, only 6,400 of us are active brothers. Otherwise, to date, I have handled the following:

Entertained visitors at Headquarters: 12.

Logged hours in office: 1100.

Processed 2776 form 30s too include updates, adds, changes, and deletes among form 27s.

Processed 328 form 3s.

Delegated or shared – 3 ROTC queries and 12 Eagle Scout queries.

**Earnest Suggestion:** While I salute our recruiters for enabling new members, please refrain from handing-out obsolete form 3s, especially the 1990s paperback book-size version. All form 3s prior to 2021 are obsolete; please refer to the published date on the bottom of the form.

**Recommendation:** In recent years, too many form 3s are submitted to Headquarters without annotation of the applicant’s ancestor’s relationship to the applicant.

Recommend reverse the following language: Form 3, page 2, under lineage:

FROM: (Grandfather, Great Uncle, etc.,) (Ancestor’s Name)

TO: (Ancestor’s Name), (Grandfather, Great Uncle, etc.)

### **3.0 National Appointed Officers**

## **3.1 National Chief of Staff, Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC**

What a ride this has been! I have done my best to support the Commander-in-Chief in all duties as assigned, in between issues at home, at work, and with my own health. I know another man would have done better, but I hope when I stand before the Lord at the Final Judgment, I can say that with my year as Chief of Staff, I did the best that I could.

This year we make an improvement to the reporting process, creating email address “reports@suvchw.org”, which made searching for reports much easier. It worked OK for Springfield, and very well for this National Encampment. I think it was a very good thing, and I hope future Chiefs of Staff continue to utilize it.

Due to my own dedication to Linux based computers, the formatting of the Books of Reports have been challenging to say the least. I am thankful to the formatting prowess of the Commander-in-Chief for his ability and willingness to do the final formatting after I pasted all reports. I am also happy to say that compliance with the request for reports was significantly higher for the National Encampment than for any other CofA meeting this year.



I have no recommendations to put forth at this time, but I wanted to extend my deep gratitude to the Commander-in-Chief for appointing me to this position. I hope I haven't let him down too badly. And I would like to offer encouragement to my successor in this position. At the very least, I can tell you what DOESN'T work. All kidding aside, I stand ready and willing to help anyone who asks. Though I am going into the 2022-2023 term for the first time since joining the Order without being a Camp, Department, or National Elected Officer or a National Appointed Officer, I think my beautiful and long-suffering wife is ready for me to have a breather year before jumping back into activity full-force. Thanks again to everyone who helped me grow this year and showed me grace and forgiveness along the way.

### **3.2 National Aide-de-Camp (Patriotism), W. Faron Taylor, PDC**

Assisted the Commander-in-Chief with duties as assigned

### **3.3 National Aide-de-Camp, Ross Schwalm**

Nothing to report

### **3.4 National Organization Expansion Officer, John R. Conrad, PDC**

I reached out to the previous NOEO, Brother Eric Richhart, and received digital copies of all his files from his tenure. He mentioned the following efforts he had undertaken:

- Guam: He had reached out to the 2 brothers there but had received no response. The current roster I received indicated that there are no brothers here now.
- Hawaii: He had reached out to current brothers in Hawaii to form a Department but had not received a response yet. There are only 8 current brothers residing in Hawaii.
- Nevada: He contacted brothers in Nevada to form a 3rd camp and possibly split off into their own Department. He reached out in May 2021 to the brothers in the state, but his files show no responses from anyone.
- Northern Marianas: Apparently, he had explored the possibility of setting up a camp in the Northern Marianas, but there are no brothers residing there now.

I reached out to all Department Commanders and Junior Vice Commanders, and received

the following responses:

- Alabama: The Department is aggressively recruiting new members. No need for assistance at this time.
- Canada: Brothers Jeff French and Adam Gaines are working to form camps in Toronto and Ottawa; Brothers Russ and Demmy have been assisting them. I have not been asked to assist.
- Arkansas: Working on splitting off from Tennessee as a new Department. The Department of Tennessee is actively recruiting new members and establishing new Camps in Arkansas to enable the formation of a new department. They have not needed my assistance.
- Florida: Department Commander Urell has asked for my assistance in forming new camps on the west coast of Florida. I will check rosters of current Brothers, try to group them geographically, and call Brother Urell for potential identification of new camp leaders.
- Georgia & South Carolina: The Department is trying to form a new camp in the Columbus, GA area. I will see if I can help.
- Illinois: The Department is looking to set up some more camps; I will see if they need my assistance.
- Kansas: No needs at this time.
- New Hampshire: No need for assistance at this time.
- New Mexico: The Department of the Southwest is trying to form Camp Alexander McRae Camp No. 4 in the Albuquerque area; our main challenge is leadership.
- New York: No need for assistance at this time.
- Pennsylvania: No need for assistance at this time.
- Rhode Island: Currently trying to form a camp in the southern part of the state. No need for assistance at this time.
- Vermont: The Department would like to split an existing camp to cut down on travel time for brothers and has asked for my assistance.
- Wisconsin: The Department is considering forming another camp. No need for assistance at this time.

In addition, at the National Encampment, I heard of the following potential activities:

- The Dakotas: Possibly splitting off North and South Dakota from Nebraska. I do not have a contact there.
- England: Possibly forming another camp. I do not have a contact there.
- Louisiana: Possibly splitting off from Texas. I do not have a contact there.

At the suggestion of SV-in-C Bruce Frail, I plan (if continued in this office) to arrange quarterly Zoom meetings with all the Department JVCs to compare notes and ideas and identify any support needs, starting in September.

**I have no recommendations at this time.**

### **3.5 National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski**

Of all the things I do, and have done for the past decades - the most important is - Praying for the Members and Leaders of the Allied Orders. That they have:

- Health
- Happiness
- Prosperity
- An increase in membership (double would be good - "Ask and you shall receive")
- A true understanding of the words - Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Gettysburg Remembrance Day

Veterans' Day - Inv. & Ben.

Kiwanis speech on Civil War and Thanksgiving

New Years Eve - Inv & Ben

Lincoln Tomb & Death Day

Memorial Day - 5 locations 11 Inv & Ben -one read from the Chaplains' Handbook

Mary Todd Lincoln Coterie - Inv & Ben at Lincoln Tomb & Luncheon for her Death Day Celebration.

There have been articles written, Memorial Services, Funerals, Meetings from Camps One,

Two, Sixty One Sixty Five and Zoom meetings all over the place. The Dept. Encampments for Iowa and Illinois (zoom in TX), and Presentations to Civil War Round Tables. However, the most important has been my talking and listening to The Almighty.

### **3.6 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC**

Combined Report, see 4.2

### **3.7 National Color Bearer, Robert Heath, PCC**

I attended the Dedication of the 12th WVA Inf Marker at the Kernstown Battlefield on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Together with several SVR units, provided leadership of the Honor Guard and the Color Guard.

I attended the Dinner for CIC Paquette in Fredericksburg Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

I attended the Remembrance Day Breakfast, Memorial and Parade with CinC Flag.

I coordinated and attended the National Memorial Day Parade in DC.

I will be attending the National Encampment.

### **3.8 National Counselor, Mark R. Day, PCinC**

It has been my great honor to serve as National Counselor for Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette. The many unique issues that his administration has faced were both intriguing and complex in their nature; offering many opportunities to broaden my knowledge of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civile War

I would also like to take a moment to thank PCinC Jim Pahl and PCinC Don Darby whom, I often sought out to gain insight regarding various issues. Their familiarity with the actions of past National Encampments and their deep knowledge of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations made them indispensable assets.

During the past year, served the National Organization in the following manner

- I attended the Remembrance Day Ceremonies and the Gettysburg CofA Meeting
- I attended the Commander in Chief's Testimonial Dinner
- I attended the Lincoln Death Day Ceremonies and Springfield CofA Meeting

- I attended all called on-line meetings of the CofA except for the meeting on 31 July 2022
- I served as the CinC's Representative to the Department of North Carolina Annual Encampment
- I served as Chairman of the Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders and completed a contract for the 2023 Encampment with the Auxiliary
- I served on the Memorial University Committee

As National Counselor over the course of the year, I received many questions from the brothers throughout the Order and from all levels of Command. The answers to these questions ranged from the very simple to the very complex however, most often the answers were easily discerned from the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations. However, in several instances the C,C, and R was not clear or moot in its guidance and at the request of the At the Commander-in-Chief, I issued the following Formal Opinions:

### **Opinion #1**

In response to a request from the Commander-in-Chief for an opinion regarding the attendance of members of the Allied Orders, who had been suspended or discharged from one Order but remained in good standing with another, at Meetings and Encampments of the SUVCW; the following is provided:

Research:

The following sections of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations of the SUVCW were reviewed:

- Chapter I Article IV Section 3, Chapter II Article III Section 3, and Chapter III Article III Section 6 of the Charter.

**Findings:** The language found in all three of the cited sections of the Constitution and Regulations was generic in nature and lacked any specific direction answering the questions posed by the Commander-in Chief. As the C&R lacked clarity on the issue of attendance by a member of an allied Order who was suspended from one Order but remained in good standing in another further clarification was warranted.

**Opinion:** It is recommended that the Commander-in-Chief using his authority as granted by the Charter, Constitution, and regulations act to further delineate and define the regulations regarding the attendance of members of the Allied Order who are under suspension or discharge from one or more Allied Orders but remains in good standing

within another.

## **Opinion #2**

In Response to a request for an opinion originating from Brother Bobby Welch of the Department of Illinois; regarding the following questions

- Are Past Department Commander Honors awarded to a brother who resigned from that office without fully completing his elected term.
- Is it the withing the preview of the Department Council reject the resignation of an elected officer which have bee4n communicated in writing stating that his resignation from that office is to take effect immediately?

## **Research:**

### **Applicable sections of the C,C,&R pertaining to the above question #1**

#### 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 officers (except Aides). Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department.

### **Applicable sections of the C,C,&R pertaining to the above question #2**

#### Chapter II Article VII, Section(s) 4 & 5 Section 4.

Whenever an elected officer of the Department declares to the Department Council that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Department Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the

period served.

### **Opinion for Question #1**

The section of the C&R above clearly states the requirements for being an honors delegate holding membership in the Department Encampment . Among those requirements is the completion of a full term of office states that the membership of a department encampment. As the brother resigned prior to the end of his term he clearly is not then entitled to the Honors afforded a Past Department Commander (PDC) and should not receive either the badge of a PDC or the Honors which go with that rank.

### **Opinion for Question #2**

The section of the C&R which deals with inability of an elected officer to complete his term contains no language that supports any action on the part of the Department Council other than the acceptance of the resignation of this officer in question. Only the person submitting the resignation could rescind it and his statement that the resignation was effective immediately left no doubt as to his desired outcome. The Department Council had no authority under the rules stated in our C,C,R to reject the resignation and should have meet immediately and acted to replace the resigning Department Commander.

### **Opinion #3**

In answer to a letter from the Commander of the Department of Texas, which was forwarded to me by the Commander-in-Chief, regarding membership issues arising from the inadvertent omission of the definition of a blood relative in the 2014 through 2022 published versions of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulation Chapter V, Article 1. Section 3, I provide the following research and opinion.

#### **Research:**

- Upon first learning of the issues brought forward by the department of Texas, I consulted with the Assistant Counselor for the Blue Book and confirmed that the following language had been omitted from Chapter V, Article I, Section 3: Definitions. “(a) For the purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendant of a brother, sister, half-Brother, or half sister of a veteran. This definition section shall not apply to any brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999”
- **An opinion by then National Counselor Richard Orr was found on page 162 of the 2008 Proceedings of the 127th National Encampment, which reads as follows:**

## **Opinion 8 Series 2007-2008**

No one may be admitted to the SUVCW on the service of a cousin. The C&R and charter are very clear on this matter. The Regulations define collateral as being a direct descendant of a sibling of a veteran. While it is true that blood relative includes anyone with a common ancestor no matter who that common ancestor is, our charter also gives the Order the right to define membership and further limit it. The SUVCW originally only included the eldest son of a veteran. This was expanded to include all sons circa 1900 and further expanded to include collateral descendants in the early 1950's. (I am not providing exact dates as that material is buried in several boxes of historical data on the Sons.) Chapter V, Article I. Section 3: Definitions. (a) For purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendent, or a direct descendent of a Brother, sister, half-Brother, or half-sister of a veteran." This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999. The definition does not apply prior to adoption because some Brothers had been admitted as cousins preceding the adoption of this provision to clarify the long standing working definition of collateral. Anyone admitted as a cousin since that date is not a Member but an Associate and all restrictions on Associates apply. An error on the part of a camp in admitting a Brother as a member who does not meet these qualifications does not vacate the regulations. The status of such a Brother must be immediately changed and reported on the proper form to the Department and the Executive Director. The number of permitted associates in a camp still applies." Richard D. Orr, PCinC National Counselor 23 September 2007

• **A footnote relating to Brother Orr's opinion #8, which is labeled as footnote 21, appears on page 36 of the Charter Constitution and Regulations and is attached to Chapter I (Camps) Article II (Membership) Section 1, which reads as follows "The son of a person who was a cousin of a veteran, not eligible. NC Orr, Op 8, 127th, 162."**

• **The following is taken from the proceedings of the 108th National; Encampment in 1999 page 29**

James Pahl, Constitution and Regulations Committee Under Chapter V, general regulations, article 1, definitions, the definition of a blood relative be included for the purposes of interpreting section V of the Articles of Incorporation, a blood relative is hereby defined as being a direct or collateral descendent of a Union Veteran, as collateral is defined within these Regulations as uncle, not cousin. Moved and seconded



Discussion. Richard Orr Proposes a grandfather amendment to this recently passed change, the grandfather clause means it is only operational from this day forward and has no bearing on those brought into the Order before its adoption.

Keith Harrison So moved. It is seconded.

More discussion. Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson

I call for a vote on the amendment to the Regulations. It passes.

**Reasoning:** Having reviewed the facts presented in the research of our records, it is evident that the intention of the 108th and 127th National Encampment was to limit full membership to only those with direct decent from a veteran of the Civil War. However, the omission of the definition of blood relative from the Charter Constitution and Regulation during the period from 2014 through 2022 may have created a situation where Brothers of the Order seeing no specific guidance in the regulations defining the blood relative requirement and not being fully cognizant of the multiple and somewhat disjointed notes that are contained in footnote 21 to Chapter I, Article I, Section 1 could have admitted members who were not fully qualified.

**Opinion:** As a precedent had been established at the 108th National Encampment to grandfather in members who had not meet the criteria for full membership as a direct blood relative, and with evidence which points out that our Charter, Constitution and Regulations have not included the definition for blood relatives for the past eight (8) years, I believe it would be proper that a motion be made at the upcoming 141st National Encampment to allow anyone who has been brought into the Order after the 133rd Encampment in 2014, where the reorganized National Regulations were adopted, until the 141st National Encampment of 2022; who was admitted under a cousin to be Grandfathered into the Order, and that the definition / requirement of blood relative not be applied to such brothers.

#### **Opinion #4**

In response to a request by the Commander-in-Chief regarding the eligibility of a member, who is currently 15 years of age and therefore a minor in all 50 states of the Union, to run for the office of National Quartermaster.

Research:

- **The following sections of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are germane to**

**the issue and apply to contractual powers and other fiduciary roles / duties assigned to the office of National Quartermaster**

Chapter III Article VIII (officer Job descriptions & duties) Section 7

The National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies, procuring sufficient inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, the Departments, the Camps and the brothers and the filling of all orders for supplies. He shall receive payment for inventory sold and shall forward same to the National Treasurer along with the order forms. He shall forward all bills for inventory purchased to the National Treasurer for payment. He shall take an inventory of all supplies on-hand at the close of the fiscal year and provide a written detailed list to the National Treasurer for summary and inclusion in the financial reports. He shall take supply of badges and other supplies to the National Encampment for sale to the membership.

Chapter III Article IX (Finances) Section 9, Sub section (C )

The National Quartermaster, National Proceeding Secretary and Executive Director are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of and in the name of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization), with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

Chapter V 9General Regulations) Article III (Bonds)Section 1.

The bonded officers shall be as follows: The Camp Treasurer (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp); Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer); National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer), National MAL Coordinator, National Quartermaster, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer(s), National Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor. Also, Department Commanders if so ordered by Department bylaws.

Section 2. The above officers shall be bonded in amounts to be fixed by the various Council of pertaining to child abuse. the respective bodies, in some acceptable surety company, provided that Camp and Department Officers may furnish acceptable personal surety. Bonded officers shall be held liable for the funds remaining in their possessions until payment to their successors who have been properly

**2. General Orders that are applicable and provide regulations for the supervision or interaction with members who fall under the various State youth protection laws**

## **that exist throughout the Union**

CinC Ken Freshly GO #22 Series 2013-14

Here are the initial objectives of the policy that all brothers should use as MINIMUM requirements for having Juniors and Junior Associates in our Camps and at our events.

A. All Brothers under the age of 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.

B. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a brother under the age of 18. Any interaction with a brother under the age of 18 must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age 18 at all times.

C. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and local Camp and Department Commanders immediately.

D. Every Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a brother under the age of 18 should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org>, You will need to create an account, then select the Training, E-Training, then choose the youth protection training. It takes about 30 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will be able to print a certificate along with a wallet-size certification card which is good for a period of 2 years. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers.

E. Ultimately, all brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and State laws.

**3. Other pertinent information as found in the 2014 National Encampment of the Order detailing the discussions of that body on the subject of members who had not reached the status of Maturity and still feel under the youth protection policies of the various states**

**Proceedings of the national Encampment 2014 pages 86-88**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Thank you. Child Protection. I believe that Committee was dispensed of at Springfield.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Commander-in-Chief, I know the Secretary from Pennsylvania didn't send the resolution in. There was supposed to be a resolution from

Pennsylvania. Since this would require a change to the amendments, I am going to make this as a motion for Constitution and Regulations. Because of Pennsylvania law, we still find ourselves in Pennsylvania in a quandary, even after the last General Order, that you issued regarding Juniors. Pennsylvania is proposing that the ages for Juniors be changed from six to eighteen 'cause anyone under the age of eighteen still falls under the child protection laws, at least in Pennsylvania. And we feel that we need to have that in order to require that anyone under eighteen be accompanied by a parent because issue's been raised within the Department that as a full member, why are we requiring a parent to accompany them to SUVCW event. So the proposal from the Department was to change the age of Juniors to eighteen. You must be eighteen to be a full senior member. That this be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to review and develop appropriate language.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: We have a motion.

Unknown: Second.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: We have a second. Discussion. Brother Danny.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, Quartermaster. We have a little problem with that in New York also. It's in the wording that they have to be with them at all times. We have no problem with anything else. We have checked out the laws in New York and there isn't a problem with the age. It isn't a problem with them coming to things. You have to have a designated person. It doesn't matter whether it's an uncle, a father, grandfather, as long as it's a designated person. I think what we need to look at here is each Department and what their laws are because they're different in all the States. If we had that taken out that says "all times," we would be okay with it. Thank you.

Michael Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake Commander

Mike Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake: We also have another issue with full-fledged members that are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. That proposal from the Department of Pennsylvania does not explain how we're to address those members.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor Commander-in-Chief,

Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor: I would caution putting the age of eighteen there because in some States the age of majority is sixteen. I would suggest that rather than putting a number limit, you say from the age of sixteen to the age of majority

within that Department.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: The age of majority is sixteen?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor: Yes.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Age of consent, not age of majority. Where?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor: South Carolina to be exact.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Okay.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Sir, Doug Fiddler, PDC Tennessee: Just a question. Will present Junior members who are in that gap, would they be grandfathered? Or could they be grandfathered?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It would depend upon what the C&R Committee develops. In the past, when we have done things like this, we have grandfathered existing members.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Thank you, sir.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

Jim Lyon, Department of Illinois: Are we not using The Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Certificate or their policy?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It is not a requirement. It is a suggestion, and that's the rub. If we required, every Brother who had contact with a child under the age of eighteen to complete that training and keep it up to date and retrain every two years, then it would not be the same issue.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois: Because the major thing in their policy is that you're not alone. It's either two kids and an adult or two adults and a child together at the same time, and not left alone one on one is the main crux of that training.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Right. The Commander-in-Chief's General Order which is now what we're following, they were suggestions. Not requirements.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois: It would be a good one to look at and use.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: The whole premise behind that General Order is because there are so many different States with so many different variables. This was a suggested outline for all the different States and Camps to follow using your own local laws.

Cause for us to try to write something that encompassed everything, I'm sorry, wasn't going to happen. So, that's why we wrote it, more of a suggested outline.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Just an informational comment. I wasn't the one who brought this up, but Pennsylvania. I'm just delivering the message because I don't think anyone else is back from lunch. There's a way to do this and it's the same as what we did with Juniors. We can empower the Departments to set the age at which a Brother becomes a full member as opposed to a Junior. And by doing that, we let each Department then comply with their individual State laws. If I'm still on the C&R Committee next year, it's certainly what I'd be working towards developing language that would basically say that a department can set the age for a Senior member between fourteen and eighteen. Requiring at eighteen and allowing as you go, as young as fourteen, but that they set it in order that they comply with their own State laws.

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee: Standing next to me is George Michael Huttick. Believe it or not, he's fifteen. He'll be sixteen in a few months While in general we agree with the principle of what's being proposed, he's a little bit shy and he's still learning how to talk in public. But he would prefer to be grandfathered in as he is now currently a full member and is in a National Encampment. He's earned the right to be here. He doesn't want to slip back to being a Junior.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Okay. Can you re-read the motion just to be clear?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary Move that the following be sent to the Constitution and Regulations Committee: proposed to change the age for Juniors from six to eighteen years. And must be eighteen to be a full senior member.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Okay.

James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee: Commander-in-Chief, one friendly amendment. That that be the standing committee report back next year as opposed to the Encampment committee to report back today.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Okay. Ready?

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I think there were a couple, if they weren't, I'll make it a friendly amendment to grandfather the youth that are currently in that gap where they become

members at fourteen, that they be grandfathered in and allowed to be remain as members and have the full privileges granted to a regular member.

Several: Second.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: I'll accept it as a friendly amendment. I had already alluded to that.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large: Excuse me, Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Yes, sir.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large: The General Order did not deal with a very important point with Juniors and with those under the age of majority. Our current membership applications do not have any place for their parent or legal guardian to give them permission for them to join this organization. We need to create a separate form for application form for those under the age of majority that will require at least one parent or legal guardian's permission for them to join the organization. Some States require both parents or legal guardians even in the case of divorce. We don't have anywhere currently because it's a combined form. And I really think that needs to be developed and part of this policy because that's part of the policy that's used by The Boy Scouts of America to help protect them and that you know the parents have approved their joining the organization or their legal guardians.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Just refer it to P and P.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: I was going to say let's go ahead and refer that to the P and P so it can be developed.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large: That is fine. I just want to make sure we get that in the record that that really needs to be part of our process of members under the age of majority.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief: Do the Encampment Committees have their reports done? First one I have is Rituals and Ceremonies.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer: Commander-in-Chief, We are almost out of current printing of the Rituals. And there are updates to the Ritual that have never been incorporated in it. Actually, we did propose appointing a National policy on Minor members.

#### **4. Current Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Policy Regarding Minors**

For purposes of this policy, the term “minor” refers to any Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) under 18 years of age, regardless of their membership status within the SUVCW as a Junior, Junior Associate, Associate, or Member. Further, should a federal, state or local statute define a minor as older than this, the SUVCW will observe that older definition, and such statute shall immediately be brought to the attention of the National Counselor.

The following are the MINIMUM requirements regarding minor Brothers of the SUVCW:

- a. All minors shall be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian (e.g., a family member or friend who is 18 years of age or older) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.
- b. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted “one-on-one” contact with a minor. Any interaction with a minor must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age of 18 years at all times.
- c. Any Brother who, in good faith, witnesses or suspects any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any minor shall immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first, and then to the appropriate local Camp and Department Commanders immediately thereafter.
- d. All Brothers shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws pertaining to child abuse and the reporting thereof.
- e. While not a requirement, it is recommended that every Brother, who is 18 years or older, who may have contact with a minor, complete training related to the protection of children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America through their website at <http://www.myscouting.org>. Local Camps may wish to retain a record of those Brothers who have completed such training. Adopted by the Council of Administration as a National Policy on July 11, 2014.

**5. Additional factors to consider:**

- a. All States but 3 States have the age of majority set at 18. The exceptions being Alabama and Nebraska (19) and Mississippi (21).
- b. the Uniform Transfers to Minor Act UTMA states that a person can't receive a monetary gift without a guardian and applies in every state until the individual reaches the age of 21.



- c. Businesses will not execute contracts with minors.
- d. State laws dealing with work permits for minors vary and as we operate in all fifty states there is no assurance that a minor would be allowed for conduct the Orders business in every state.
- e. The Federal Fair Labor Act establishes limits on the use of minors that are in addition to any State Laws.
- f. A minor cannot be held accountable for the loss or misappropriation of the Orders Quartermaster Store inventory, or the misuse of the income derived from the stores sales. Additionally, many States have laws which shield the Guardians of a minor from being sued to recoup the losses.
- g. State and Federal Law set the ages at which a minor can be employed for example in NY you must be 16 years of age to obtain a permit.
- h. Both Federal and State Laws restrict work schedules for minors both during the school year and the summer.
- i. The Child Labor Laws in the state of Massachusetts state that no one under the age of 16 can be employed.
- j. Can a Minor enter into a legal and binding contract? The person signing must have sufficient understanding that he's entering into a contract and the terms he's agreeing to. For most contracts, the general rule is that while it's not illegal to enter into a contract with a minor, the contract is voidable at the discretion of the minor. Voidable contracts are usually valid contracts and are binding unless the child cancels it. Therefore, when someone chooses to enter into a contract with a minor or an infant, they are doing so at their own risk. Contract laws provide minors the option to exit a contract as they desire, which is called "voiding a contract."

**Findings and Reasoning:**

The Charter Constitution and Regulations do not speak to a specific age requirement for an individual seeking National Office in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War however it is reasonable to believe that a candidate should meet certain criteria for maturity, experience, ability to carry out the duties expected of an individual holding National Office. The Charter Constitution and Regulation does require that the National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies, procuring sufficient

inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, the Departments, the Camps, and the brothers. This requirement obviously requires the National Quartermaster to enter into contracts with our vendors for various services. Under the current laws for contracting with minors it is likely that our vendors would refuse to negotiate or engage in contracts originating with or being signed by a Minor. A second area of Concern would be the Orders ability to obtain a bond for the Quartermaster if he was a Minor and that could put the Order at risk. Current Laws around the country fail to hold a Minor accountable for any loses that the Order might incur. Lastly dealing with the various Child Labor Laws at both the State and federal Level could entangle the Order in legal issues related to the employment of Minors for example work hours, work permits, and potentially even compensation.

**Opinion:**

As an organization it is incumbent on us to ensure the proper stewardship and leadership expected by the brothers of the Order. As the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are silent on the matter of an age requirement for National Officer; it is within the power of the Commander-in-Chief to provide clarification and direction in this matter. Based on the research and findings herein, any petitioner desiring to candidacy as a National Officer should be disqualified unless the individual has meet the age of 21 years at the time the petition for candidacy is presented.

**Recommendations for the National Encampment**

- That the Members of the Order and more specifically the Elected Officers be reminded that they have been charged with reading and familiarizing themselves with the contents of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations.
- That either the Standing National Constitution and Regulations Committee or a Special Committee authorized by the National Encampment conduct a complete and comprehensive review of the Constitution and Regulations to identify inconsistencies, ambiguities, and contradictory language within those documents.

**3.9 Assistant National Counselor, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

I consult frequently with the National Counselor.

### **3.10 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book/C&R), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

I have received a raw transcript of the 2020 and 2021 National Encampments, awaiting the publishing of the Proceedings, so the annotations to the C&R can be updated

### **3.11 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert C. Seal**

During the 2021-2022 term the SUVCW issued 461 Eagle Scout Certificates, with Department (DESCC) and Camp (CESCC) Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators issuing 451 certificates, and the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator (NESCC) issuing 10 certificates. This represents an increase of 50 Eagle Scout Certificates compared to the previous term.

Implementation of the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate Program continues to vary significantly between Departments. While some Departments demonstrate active participation in the Program others either issued no certificates or did not respond to two requests for their report. Most notable Departments are the Department of New York which issued 127 certificates, the Department of New Jersey which issued 106 (46 more than the previous term), the Department of Pennsylvania which issued 58, and the Department of Ohio which issued 33. Six Departments reported issuing 11 to 20 certificates, eight Departments reported issuing 2 to 10, four Departments reported issuing 1 certificate, and seven Departments reported not issuing a certificate or did not provide a report. The Departments of Florida, Kansas, and New Hampshire did not appoint a DESC, however, a CESCC in Florida Camp has voluntarily accepted the task of issuing certificates to Scouts who reside within the Department of Florida.

At the request of CinC Paquette I drafted two SUVCW Eagle Scout Program pamphlets (one bifold and one tri-fold style) that can be personalized with Department/Camp contact information, printed on a home printer, and provided to Boy Scout Council offices and local units for their information and use. The pamphlets will be available to Departments and Camps in PDF format and will either be a Fillable PDF to allow contact information to be added electronically, or a PDF with a blank space to allow attaching a preprinted mailing label with contact information. The draft pamphlets sent to the Programs and Policies Committee for review and approval on February 7, 2022, but to date have not been approved.

An issue that remains to be resolved is an effective method for the NESCC to have changes made to the "Eagle Scout Program" section of the SUVCW National Website.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the NESCC for the 2021-2022 term, it was a pleasure to represent the SUVCW in recognizing and congratulating new Eagle Scouts.

### **3.12 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.**

Nothing to report.

### **3.13 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC**

It has been an honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2021-2022 administrative year. This is my twelfth consecutive term in this appointed office, and I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve.

This was a particularly busy year behind the scenes with GAR records. We received an unprecedented amount of newly discovered collection information over the course of the year. I am in the process of updating the GAR Records Catalog to include it. Particularly noteworthy is a detailed listing of GAR records in the collections of the Indiana State Archives. We have known about this large collection for a long time, but the details regarding its contents have until now been difficult to acquire. Many thanks goes to Brother Richard Blanton of Alabama for obtaining a copy of the listing and sharing it with me. Brother Blanton has located many other records, as well, which are being added to the GAR Records Catalog as time permits. Special thanks are also in order to Brother Glen Roosevelt (Dept. of California & Pacific) and Brother Loran Bures (Dept. of the Columbia) for information recently discovered in their respective Departments.

One highlight of the year was a request from a Military History Specialist with the Reference and Researcher Service Division of The Library of Congress, for permission to link our GAR Records Program website to a new guide on The Library of Congress website. By teaming up with The Library of Congress, we are hopeful that word will spread about our program, which will lead to new discoveries of both GAR history and the location of collections of GAR records. The guide, titled, "Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies: A Guide to Resources in the General Collections of the Library of Congress," may be accessed by the following URL: <https://guides.loc.gov/grand-army-of-the-republic>

The year was not without a few glitches. In early August 2021, I discovered that my administrative access to the GAR Records website had been blocked. Also, public access to

www.GARrecords.org using various browsers returned errors, and at least one file on the site had been automatically wiped of its contents. The issues turned out to be the result of actions taken earlier in the year by IT personnel in an effort to purge a malware infection in other areas of the SUVCW server. Working with Brother Tim McCoy, we were able to identify what had happened during the purge that had caused the GAR Records website to become inaccessible. The matter required the services of a professional from our domain registrar, GoDaddy, to correct misconfigured server settings and restore GAR Records to an accessible state. The matter was resolved on August 13. A detailed explanation was provided in the November 2021 report to the CofA.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** No Recommendations.

### **3.14 National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette, PDC**

As of July 30, we have 831,154 records in the database, of which 789,288 are active and 41,866 are deleted records.

Included in that figure are the 24,020 Confederate records which have been turned over to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Larry Hammack, Arizona Division Grave Registrar and SCV Find a Grave Coordinator, has done an outstanding job of managing the process of comparing these records to the Confederate Graves Registry and adding those records that are missing.

We are no longer allowing Confederate records into the system and a message announcing the official close of the Confederates records was sent to all Department Graves Registration Officers and the Instruction Booklet has been updated. Special thanks go to Brother David Jackson, DGRO Dept. of the Southwest, who has done Yeoman's work coordinating the effort to eliminate the Confederate records from the database.

Brother Dennis Duffy has nearly finished editing the Graves Registration Instructional Booklet which will be replacing all current versions in the next few weeks. Brother Duffy has spent many hours reviewing the current booklet for correctness and clarity and evaluating suggestions made by other committee members. Through this process it has been determined that the National Graves Registration Policy (December 1999) is badly

out of date and needs to be rewritten.

I am continuing to compile notes for improvements to the database such as input-driven dropdown lists (e.g., County selection list based on State selected) and new fields such as prefix, suffix and alternate spelling for the name fields. We currently have 1,113 records with "Jr" in the First Name field, 905 in the Middle Name field and 903 in the Last Name field. There are 146 records with "Sr" in the First Name field, 189 in the Middle Name field and 114 in the Last Name field. If you search on Last Name without including Jr. or Sr. you will fail to get any results. It is obvious to me that we need a separate field for Jr., Sr. III, etc. Likewise, we have many records where an alternate spelling is noted in the Veteran Summary field. This is most often due to names being misspelled either on official military records or on headstones or burial records. We need to accommodate spelling variations to make our system more user friendly.

I regularly receive email messages asking me to add, modify or delete records or to answer questions about our system. I continue to research records that have blank fields or incorrect information and pass the information on to the appropriate DGRO for action.

In addition to committee members Dave Tschantz (Find a Grave coordinator), Tom Mueller, Rick Danes and Dennis Duffy, we have received valuable input from Brother David Jackson. All continue to provide important support and information throughout the year.

### **Recommendations:**

- Begin the process of formally assessing our current system which will ultimately lead us to soliciting bids for a rewritten system.
- Rewrite the National Graves Registration Policy.

## **3.15 National Guard, Clint Anderson**

No Report Received

## **3.16 National Guide, Jay A. Rarick, PDC**

I have had no activity and submit that I have nothing to report.

## **3.17 National Historian, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Once again thank you for the opportunity to serve our beloved Order. Inquires continue to arrive usually in one of three topics. The public are most often seeking information of

ancestors who may have belonged to the Order or the GAR. Members are asking about badges, insignia and specific events from the past and last the Commander-in-Chief and National Counselor have inquired about historic precedence about how certain decisions were handled in the past.

I have tried my best as have our committee members to answer these in a timely manner . All the responses have been positive.

My Banner column continues with over 50 submissions. Our members are always excited to learn more about our 140 years of existence.

### **3.18 National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor, PCinC**

No Report Received

### **3.19 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

The 2022 MOLLUS National Congress is scheduled for October 14 and 15, 2022 in Lansing, Michigan.

There are no recommendations to put before the Council at this time.

### **3.20 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan L. Russ, PDC**

There are currently eleven brothers, after having lost the Canadian brothers to the new camp in Ontario. This includes brothers in Austria, Australia, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland. There is one in process from the China; however, application and documents will need to be submitted electronically, as there is a question of regular mail successfully making it to the U.S.

### **3.21 National Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Nothing new to report.

### **3.22 National Patriotic Instructor, Benjamin J. Frail, PDC**

It is my honor to again serve as the National Patriotic Instructor for the 2021-2022 term. During this term I have issued seventeen (17) National Patriotic Instructions:

- Aug 2021
- Sept 2021
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or Sept 11th
- Oct 2021
- Veterans Day 2021
- Nov 2021
- Dec 2021
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor
- Jan 2022
- Feb 2022
- March 2022
- April 2022
- June 2022
- July 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2022
- Summer Banner 2022
- August 2022

All of which have been forwarded to the National Webmaster for inclusion on the website. I have also issued fourteen (14) Memorial University certificates. We have also had fourteen (14) additional Brothers who has submitted lessons, yet to complete the program ([www.suvcwmu.org](http://www.suvcwmu.org)). I have also forwarded nine (9) Half Mast notifications out to the Brothers of the CofA and Department Patriotic Instructors. At the Commander-in-Chiefs request I hosted a training session for Department Patriotic Instructors that was recorded and forwarded to all DPIs. This session will be the basis of a National Patriotic Instructor video that will hopefully be on both Memorial University's Job Roles course and the National Patriotic Instructors Webpage. This instruction covered how to properly fill out forms, topics for monthly instructions to Departments/Camps and feedback from Department PIs on how I can do a better job for them. I recommend that future National Patriotic Instructors utilize the technology we have available to us and set up quarterly



teleconference sessions with Department Patriotic Instructors to go over any and all topics pertaining to the job.

### **3.23 National Signals Officer, Timothy S. McCoy, PDC**

Since the last National Encampment, the Signals Corps finalized and submitted to the National Committee on Program & Policy a proposed revised National Social Media Policy. The reviewed proposal was accepted by the Council of Administration during its meeting on July 31, 2022. The Signals Corps also finalized and submitted on February 11, 2022, to the National Committee on Program & Policy a proposed description and criteria for a new National award to recognize outstanding achievements by a Department or Camp in promoting the mission of SUVCW via social media. The Signals Corps is finalizing a draft resource guide, to be made available to all Departments and Camps on request, which will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts.

During the past year, SUVCW's Signals Corps has continued to play a vital role in raising the public profile of the Order via our social media accounts. Collectively, through our four social media accounts, SUVCW is daily reaching nearly 12,500 followers (nearly 1000 more from the time of the 2021 National Encampment) with quality information that presents how the National organization, Departments, Camps, SVR and the Allied Orders are preserving the history and legacy of the heroes who saved the Union during the Civil War. Social media continues to demonstrate its strengths as a vehicle for attracting new members; during the past year alone, at least SUVCW 40 membership inquiries were received through our social media accounts, and other inquiries were forwarded to Allied Orders. Analysis of the followers of our Facebook account reveals that the majority are in the 55-65-year-old age bracket, information that could prove useful to the development of future membership recruitment strategies.

The National Facebook account remains our most followed social media account, at 9,219 followers. Our Instagram account has 1,575 followers, Twitter has 1,189 followers, LinkedIn has 363 followers, and YouTube has 121. The Signals Corps expresses its continued gratitude to Brother Jim Pahl for generously dedicating space in The Banner over the past year for an advertisement that encourages Brothers to follow SUVCW's social media accounts. The advertisement includes a QR code for ease of access to all five accounts.

Brothers are encouraged to like/follow “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – National Organization” on Facebook; “suvcw\_national” on Instagram; “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” on LinkedIn; and “@SUVCW” on Twitter. SUVCW is on YouTube at “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”. Brothers are also encouraged to share on their social media accounts postings found on SUVCW National’s accounts. With every cross-sharing, we reach a new audience and potential new Brothers!

The National Signals Officer expresses his gratitude to the dedicated and talented group of Brothers -- Ben Frail, George Huttick, John Vander Meulen, Barrett Young, and Chris Workman -- who have served alongside me over the past year on this committee. Lastly, to Camps and Departments across our Order that have responded enthusiastically to the use of social media to accomplish our mission of honoring the Boys in Blue: Bravo and well done!

**There are no recommendations.**

### **3.24 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R Earl, PCC**

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of legislation affecting the welfare of the Order, or the Constitution, or welfare of the United States. To that extent, this report is an overview of relevant federal legislation.

Of special note in this report is Commander-in-Chief Paquette’s authority for Department Commanders to lobby in support of the Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial Recognition Act (House Joint Resolution 58 and Senate Joint Resolution 26, both awaiting committee action in their house of origin). Furthermore, as authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, I have added the SUVCW’s “position statement,” supporting these resolutions, to Govtrack.us (a government transparency website, which can be viewed at <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/hjres58> and <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/117/sjres26>).

Below is a summary list of federal legislation that has been introduced during the first and second sessions of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress (from 19 January 2021 through 30 July 2022), relevant to the purpose and objects of the Order. During this period, I have reviewed over 15,600 federal bills and resolutions. Unless otherwise noted below, each measure is awaiting action in a House or Senate Committee.

Due to the vast quantity of continuously changing legislation, a *limited amount* of State legislation is researched and reported on by Assistant National Legislative Officer Steve

Hammond (PDC). His report follows this federal legislation summary, below. Departments are encouraged to monitor legislation in their respective states and local government jurisdictions (G.O. #6 Series 2016-2017) and contact the National Legislation Officer or Assistant National Legislation Officer about issues of interest and to assist with further review and/or advice.

Brothers may be particularly interested in legislation below that is denoted with an **asterisk (\*) and in bold print**.

#### **BATTLEFIELDS, MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS, AND HISTORIC AREAS**

- *H.R. 671* – This legislation would require the Department of Interior to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Fort Pillow Historic State Park in Henning, Tennessee, which was the site of the Battle of Fort Pillow during the Civil War, as a unit of the National Park System.
- *H.R. 672* – *The “Rejecting and Eliminating the Foul Use of Symbols Exulting Confederate Principles Act (REFUSE Confederate Principles Act)”*. This legislation would direct the NPS to establish a grant program providing funds for the removal and replacement of Confederate symbols, etc.
- *H.R. 1164* – To require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Emancipation Memorial from Lincoln Park in the District of Columbia.
- *S. 366* – *“Confederate Monument Removal Act.”* This bill would require the removal from display in the U.S. Capitol, of all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America.
- *H. Res. 731* – This House resolution would recognize the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.
- *H.R. 6130/S. 3307* – *Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Boundary Revision Act of 2021*. These companion bills would modify the boundary of the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri by adding approximately 624 acres of land.
- *S. 3425* – A bill to extend the authorization for appropriations for certain National Heritage Areas, including the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area.
- **\* H.R. 7495 \*** – *“Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park Act.”* This bill would designate the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historical Park (comprised of certain National Park System lands, and more) located in the District of Columbia,

Virginia, and Maryland, that were part of the Civil War defenses of Washington and related to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864. It would also study ways in which the Civil War history of both the North and South can be assembled, arrayed, and conveyed for the benefit of the public.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PATRIOTIC AND OTHER LEGISLATION**

- *H.R. 51 and S. 51 – “Washington, D.C. Admission Act.* This legislation would provide for the admission into the United States the State of Washington, Douglass Commonwealth, composed of most of the territory of the District of Columbia. H. R. 51 passed in the House on 22 April 2021 and was sent to the Senate, where it is awaiting action, along with S. 51.
- *H.R. 85 – The “Old Glory Only Act.”* This bill would prohibit the flying of any flag other than the U.S. flag over United States diplomatic and consular posts.
- *H.R. 307 – Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include the KIA, MIA, and POW acronyms on headstones and markers furnished by the Department of Veterans affairs.*
- *H.R. 503 – “Woman on the Twenty Act of 2021.”* This will would require \$20 notes to include a portrait of Harriet Tubman, beginning in 2023.
- *H.R. 1320 and S. 475 – The “Juneteenth National Independence Day Act.”* This bill would establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a Federal holiday. Passed by the Senate on 15 June 2021 and by the House on 16 June 2021. Signed into law by the President on 17 June 2021 (PL 117-17).
- *H.R. 1522 and S. 780 – To provide for the admission of the State of Puerto Rico into the Union.*
- *H.R. 1526 – To require flags of the United States of America to be domestically made. This bill would make it a crime, punishable by a \$1,000 fine for anyone to purchase “a flag of the United States that has not been 100 percent manufactured in the United States. . . .”*
- *S. 4399/H.R. 8071 – The “All-American Flag Act”* would prohibit agencies from using funds to procure a U.S. flag unless such flag has been manufactured in the United States from materials that have been U.S. grown, produced, or manufactured, etc.
- *S. Res. 148 – A resolution recognizing the importance of paying tribute to those individuals who have faithfully served and retired from the Armed Forces of the United States, designating April 18, 2021, as “Military Retiree Appreciation Day,” and encouraging the people of the United States to honor the past and continued service of military retirees*

to their local communities and the United States. This passed by Unanimous Consent in the Senate on 14 April 2021.

- *H. Res. 323* – Recognizing the enduring cultural and historical significance of emancipation in the Nation's capital on the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act, which established the "first freed" on April 16, 1862, and calling upon the House of Representatives and Senate to pass the Washington, D.C. Admission Act.
- \* **H.R. 2806** \* – *Honoring All Veterans Act*. This bill would establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs as follows: "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those 'who shall have borne the battle' and for their families, caregivers, and survivors."
- *H.R. 3005* – Among other things, this bill would require the removal of statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America, as well as busts of Roger Brooke Taney and others, from display in the United States Capitol. This bill passed the House 285-120 on 29 June 2021 and was sent to the Senate for action.
- *H. Res. 441* – This resolution recognizes on Memorial Day, 31 May 2021, the denial of full participation in their government through statehood by active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia.
- \* **H. Con. Res. 37** \* - This concurrent resolution honors the men and women who paid the ultimate price of the Nation's freedom and recommits the people of the United States to remember and renew the legacy of Memorial Day.
- *H.R. 3818* – To modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Illinois to improve accessibility to the Lincoln home
- *H. Res. 517* – *Original Slavery Remembrance Day Resolution 2021*. This resolution supports the designation of a "Slavery Remembrance Day" on August 20, 2021, and condemns slavery and its progenies. Passed on 27 July 2022.
- *H.R. 4365* – "Chaplains Memorial Preservation Act" would preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery.
- \* **H.R. 4994** \* – To prohibit the use of Federal funds for Confederate symbols. Exceptions include Confederate symbols created, maintained, or displayed in a museum or educational

exhibit.

- **\* H.J. Res. 58 and S.J. Res. 26\*** –The “Ulysses S. Grant Bicentennial Recognition Act,” which would provide for the posthumous appointment of Ulysses S. Grant to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States. The House bill as been referred to the House Committee on Armed Services (14 Sept 2021) where it is awaiting hearings and further action. As of 30 July 2022 this bill has 15 cosponsors. S.J.Res.26 was introduced in the Senate on 22 Sep 2021, when it was referred to the senate Committee on the Judiciary where it is awaiting further action. It has one cosponsor. See General Order #6 (Series 2021-2022) – Department Commanders Authorized to Lobby in Support of H. J. Res. 58 and S. J. Res. 26.
- **\* H.R. 6816/S. 3702 \*** – Identical bills that would award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service.
- *H.R. 7013* – The “Harriet Tubman Day Act” that would establish Harriet Tubman Day as a federal holiday.]
- *H.R. 7062* – “*Honoring Harriet Tubman Act*” – a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Harriet Tubman and to place the statue in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.
- *H. Res.1053* – Recognizing the enduring cultural and historical significance of emancipation in the Nation’s capital on the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s signing of the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act, which established the “first freed” on April 16, 1862, and celebrating passage of the District of Columbia statehood bill in the House of Representatives.
- **\* S. Con. Res. 36 \*** – A concurrent Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Introduced and adopted by unanimous consent in the Senate on 27 Apr 2022; waiting action in the House of Representatives. (Identical to H. Con. Res. 87.)
- **\* H. Con. Res. 87 \*** – Identical to S. Con. Res. 36 – was introduced in the House on 28 Apr 2022 and referred to the Committee on Armed Forces.
- *H. Res. 1140* - Recognizing on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, the denial of full participation in their Government through statehood by active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of

Columbia.

- *H.R. 8290 – “Make American Flags in America Act of 2022”* would require certain flags of the U.S. to be made in the U.S.
- *H.J. Res. 90/S.J. Res. 57* – These joint resolutions would redesignate the Robert E. Lee Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery as the “Arlington House National Historic Site.”

#### **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

- ***\* H.J. Res. 19 and S.J. Res. 18 \**** – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the Twenty-third Amendment to the Constitution. This proposal would forbid residents of the District of Columbia from voting for presidential electors, who in turn vote in the electoral college for the President and Vice President.
- *H.J. Res. 42* – This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide that a new state may only be admitted into the Union upon a vote of two-thirds of each chamber of Congress.
- ***\* H.J. Res. 51 and S.J. Res. 20 \**** – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

#### **State Legislation Report (from Assistant Legislative Officer Steve Hammond, PDC)**

- In New Jersey, defiling a grave for a veteran as been increased to a third degree misdemeanor.
- In Virginia there was activity concerning creating space for Civil War Monuments in Richmond.

### **3.25 Asst. National Legislation Officer, Stephen S. Hammond, PDC**

Combined Report with National Legislation Officer, see 3.24

### **3.26 National Washington DC Representative, Steve Hammond, PDC**

I will be unable to attend the Encampment due to a fall I took in June.

### **3.27 National Webmaster, Harry W. Reineke IV, PDC**

I agreed to stay on this year as National Webmaster until such time as the new website went online, and a new webmaster could be trained to take it over. For both selfish and altruistic reasons, I really hoped that would take place by Gettysburg, but it didn't. I would be speaking dishonestly if I didn't say that I suffered from a lack of motivation for this role over the past 8 months. I have been slow to get things posted, and often required multiple reminders. I wish it wasn't the case, but it has been. I am thankful that at times, Brother Sumner Hunnewell has been able to pick up some of the slack that I've been leaving behind, and at others, I have been able to handle it myself. I am grateful to CinC Paquette, and his predecessors back to PCinC Mark Day for trusting me with the website to varying degrees. I know that the new site, whenever it is ready from the contractor, will be gorgeous and more deeply functional than our current site.

This year has been another year of "maintain, don't build", due to the redesign process that is still incomplete. Because of this, I have gotten complaints from Brothers about the "News" content of our website, where things like Encampment links are posted. This section, on the current format, works like a blog, where in order for old stuff to get "buried", new stuff must be added, it isn't properly designed to stagnate and delete, it is designed to support active news from around the Order. I would encourage any Brother who has news to send their news to [signalscorps@suvchw.org](mailto:signalscorps@suvchw.org) for sharing on Social Media. Nothing came across my desk to be posted in that section of the website, as we have taken to using Social Media for that purpose.

I have no recommendations to put forth at this time, but I encourage the next National Webmaster to have a thick skin and reach out to me if there's any help I can provide. Lastly, I'd like to thank past National Signals Officer Jamie McGuire, and current National Signals Officer Tim McCoy for their support during these years. It has been great working with each of them, and they are each a credit to their upbringing and our Order.

### **3.28 National Webmaster for Quartermaster Store, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC**

Nothing to report, other than performing requested store product and price updates.



### **3.29 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC**

We have the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 located in London, England. A new Camp at Large in Canada - Pvt Robert F Dodd Camp 4 has been issued a charter and is now operational, under the command of Brother Adam Gaines. A second Canadian camp, the Sgt William Harris Camp 2, is forming and filed form 51.

### **3.30 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), Ed Krieser, PCinC**

Currently Editing the 2021 National Encampment Proceedings. Will have them in hands of the PCinC Brian Pierson and CinC Michael Paquette before this encampment for approval, after which I can compile with Table of Contents and appendices before putting it online.

**Recommendation:** Due to current and future health conditions I need to step aside from these duties, therefore recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint another Brother to handle the recording, editing, compiling and publishing this years and following years proceedings of the National Encampment.

### **3.31 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

I have provided support to the National Treasurer in signing checks and also participating in meetings with the Order's investment advisors.

### **3.32 Assistant National Treasurer #2,**

Vacant, No Report Required

### **3.33 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC**

No Report Received

### **3.34 Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC, Daryl V. VerStreate, PDC**

No Report Received

### **4.0 National Standing Committees**

## **4.1 National Committee on Program and Policy, Bruce D. Frail, SVCinC**

I have the honor to report that the National Committee on Program & Policy worked within their job description to review policies, forms, and documents as needed.

We have work on several documents throughout the year (2021-2022). Several policies were reviewed and suggestions giving out or approvals were issued. Most committees and Chairmen were very helpful with the process, some would take a bit more time, but we ended with a better product.

We were busy and I would like to thank the members who gave of their time. Brothers Dean A. Enderlin, PDC; Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC; W. Faron Taylor, PDC; and Benjamin J. Frail, PDC. I would like to thank you all very much Brothers.

As we were instructed to forward all form changes to the Commander-in-Chief to execute, the process, while easier, also limited this committee's effectiveness because we didn't know where the task at hand was or if it had been completed. We were instructed to do so because he had purchased the Adobe Pro program himself and didn't believe any of our members could use it to change the forms.

**Recommendation:** Purchase a new copy of Adobe Pro for the SUVCW, for the use of the National Committee on Program & Policy. So, this committee can do its job.

## **4.2 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC**

THE COMMITTEE:

Chair - Walter E. Busch, PDC [cwmemorials@suvcw.org](mailto:cwmemorials@suvcw.org)

Member- Benjamin J. Frail, PDC      Member- Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

Member- Kevin P. Tucker, PDC      Member- Jay Rarick, PDC

Aide- Tom Gaard

**THE EXCELLENT:**

From a recent e-mail by Tom Gaard responding to a draft of this report: *"I have not sent you any Form 61's in past year as I was assuming that I would be inputting them myself when this [new memorials database] project is completed. I have 32 regular 61's and 10 Last Soldier*

*61's completed that you don't have. I might add that we have now marked the last soldiers in all 99 Iowa counties. We did the final county on June 18...*

### **THE GOOD:**

1. The company working with National Signals Officer Tim McCoy & the Special Committee on Website Redesign (2023) on a creation of a National Civil War Memorials Database has made sufficient advancements, which makes me very happy, and I have an assurance that there will soon be a working mock-up that I can share with committee members for their reviews and comments. The good news seems to be three fold.

a) It does not negate the previous work done by the Memorials Committee in creating pdf files of Form 61s and 62s; and,

b) It allows for work done by the separate states on their individual webpages to be blended into the database until such time a form 61 or 62 is created on a particular monument; and,

c) It can allow for members and non-members to submit information, all subject to the review, editing & approval of the committee chair or members. Once the database is completed, we will attempt to train department memorials officers for entry of their individual departments monuments probably through a Zoom session.

**This database will require a form change for Form 61 and most likely for the National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund's Form 62 as well (upon their review). I make a recommendation for Form 61 that follows later in this report.**

2. With last year's encampment over and my responsibilities for that done, I have been able to catch up on the 30 plus submissions that have been sitting on my laptop.

### **THE BAD:**

1. Since I took over the position of Civil War Memorials Officer for the department of Missouri back around 2005, I've been searching for a monument of Maj. General Francis Preston Blair, Jr., that was supposed to be in front of the hospital in Louisiana, MO. It was mentioned in DUVCW records.

In May, I was selling some of my brother's stuff on Craig's List and happened to be contacted by a former reporter for the local newspaper there when selling baseball cards. I asked about the monument and if it ever existed. He advised it did and then told me that one night vandals took it down and also a plaque elsewhere and chucked it into the nearby

Mississippi River. It has not been found.

**STILL MORE BAD:**

2. Last year vandals took a tow chain and a truck and tried to pull down the GAR soldier monument in Laclede, MO (birthplace of General John J. Pershing). It's support structure was damaged, but the monument is still there, but now standing at a 45 degree angle. It has not yet been repaired.

**THE UGLY:**

Unfortunately, the internet is so filled with scammers that we have to go through an edit out member personal information on all form 61s and 62s as we prepare for an online monuments/memorials database. I have requested guidance on this and have received no definitive answer as to what is desired. After working with the people creating the database, I will be going through each form and attempting to leave only one type of identification on each. Committee members could help and 2, so far, said they can. E-mail addresses will be the first to go as long as there is another form of identification; then phone numbers, then physical addresses. Hopefully, any member submission will have only their name and local camp listed. Therefore, the form needs to be changed for the future.

**Recommendation:** That on form 61 immediately above the section covering *Inspector Identification*, the following words (or similar after legal review), be inserted into the form.

*Submission of this form requires at least one form of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. With your name, please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.*

*1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;*

*2. Physical Address;*

*3. Phone Number*

*4. E-Mail address.*

*By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.*

**Records of Civil War Monuments – Compared from Last Year**

The following update of monuments by states reflects all files submitted as forms 61s &/or forms 62. There are many that are just form 62 files and only have basic information on

them. The requirement that when a new monument is given a grant by the grants committee that the grantee file a form 61 at least on completion of the monument is often not being met.

STATE/LOCATION	July 2022	July 2022	Gain / Loss	Last Soldier Markers	Notes
Alabama	1	1	1	0	
Arizona	8	5	3	0	
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Note 1</b>
<i>Australia</i>	1	1	0	0	
<b>California</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Colorado	6	6	0	0	
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Delaware	1	1	0	0	
<b>Florida</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Georgia	27	28	-1	0	<b>Scrib</b>
<b>Hawaii</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Illinois	147	141	6	1	
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	

Iowa	296	294	2	83	
<b>Kansas</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	See Note
Kentucky	16	16	0	0	
<b><i>Kazakhstan</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Maine	9	7	2	0	Note 2
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Note 2
Massachusetts	49	48	1	0	
<b><i>Mexico</i></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Michigan	225	224	0	0	
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
Mississippi	3	3	0	0	
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	Initial Comp
Nebraska	6	6	0	1	
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
New Hampshire	20	20	0	0	
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
New Mexico	1	1	0	0	
New York	44	43	1	0	Note 2

<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	
Oklahoma	5	5	0	0	
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Pennsylvania	36	34	2	0	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Scotland</i>	1	1	0	0	
South Carolina	1	1	0	0	
<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Tennessee	18	9	9	0	
<b>Texas</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Utah	1	1	0	0	
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	
Vermont	1	1	0	0	
<b>Washington</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Note 1</b>
Washington DC	4	4	0	0	

<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Wisconsin	36	35	1	2	Note 1
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>Note 3</b>

**NOTES:**

Note 1: A spreadsheet of known monuments has been created for these states. 255 Monuments in Arkansas; 277 Monuments in Kansas; and, 12 in Washington State. A spreadsheet of 73 Last Soldiers in Wisconsin.

Note 2: 1992 New York SUVCW Monuments Book , Maine Monument Commission Report & 1995 Maryland Governor's Comm on Monuments Report, listing monuments are all digitized.

Note 3: Forms 61 & 62s that have been sent in and are not considered monuments are included in some of the department's records.

We have over 50 monument books digitized to help our members research particular monuments (ex. – Indiana's Andersonville Monument Dedication book). In the future most of these will be incorporated in the online database with or without a form 61 or 62.

I also try to maintain a listing of US Civil War memorials outside the US. I have compiled a list of 18 statues of Lincoln that exist or existed outside the US. They include: 1 each for Australia, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, and France; 2 Russia; 3 Cuba; 4 Mexico; 2 England; and 1 Scotland. Two of these have Form 61s in our files.

We also have 6 monument company catalogs (which shows standardized figures), list of existing Civil War cannons with markings, & guidelines for 3 other agencies for placing monuments. They are available on my Google drive and some are also on the Missouri website. Department monument officers and other necessary SUVCW officials can request access to my google drive files for all states and these books by e-mailing [wbusch@suvcmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcmo.org) or [cwmemorials@sucwv.org](mailto:cwmemorials@sucwv.org) .

Monuments & Memorials Project webpage [https://suvcw.org/?page\\_id=872](https://suvcw.org/?page_id=872) on the



national site has the following broken links: Colorado & Wyoming, Massachusetts Facebook, Nebraska, and New York. Nebraska and New York links have been broken for over one year. They have been reported to the national webmaster and links recommended to be removed.

### **4.3 National Committee on Communication & Technology, Timothy S. McCoy, PDC**

Since the last National Encampment, the Committee has worked closely with the Commander-in-Chief and National Executive Director to purchase new computer hardware and software for the National Headquarters. The Committee Chair expresses his gratitude to support provide by National Secretary Michael Beard and Brother Dave Demmy, Jr., in ensuring a successful completion of this process.

In order to further protect Brothers from emails scams, I worked extensively with Go Daddy, our email hosting platform, to secure 'generic' SUVCW email forwarding addresses (e.g., "CinC@suvchw.org", "CofA@suvchw.org", "SignalsOfficer@suvchw.org", etc.) for all members of the Council of Administration and all National Committee chairs.

Maintenance of the current website continues to require significant amounts of time. In July 2022, a glitch caused the National website to be offline for approximately four hours, the first time such a problem had occurred since last year. The issue was successfully resolved and a new security patch installed at the same time. I am especially grateful to Brothers Sumner Hunnewell and Harry Reineke for their support in website maintenance as we near the launch of a new SUVCW website (see report of the National Special Committee on Website Redesign).

Plans to revise and update the National Policy on Electronic Communications, which was last revised in 2008, were put on hold to allow the CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology, chaired by Brother Henry Duquette, to fulfil its mission and make relevant recommendations. As National Signals Officer, I participated in meetings of the CinC appointed committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The National Committee on Communications & Technology endorses the recommendations of the CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology and recommends that the National Encampment accept the same.

## 4.4 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Robert E Grim, PCinC

The changes made to the Regulations at the 140th National Encampment have been reviewed and incorporated into the C & R. The updated C&R with a Table of Contents has been posted on the web site. The Committee presents the following proposed amendments to the Regulations for consideration by this encampment. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS BY THIS ENCAMPMENT ARE NOTED IN **BOLD TYPE** for new language and ~~strike throughs~~ of language being eliminated.

### PROPOSAL #1

(This proposal is a Resolution from the Dept. of Texas)

Chapter I, Article II, Section 1 (See C&R page 36 footnotes)

*Note: This change will allow cousins to qualify for membership. The Dept. of Texas cites Article III of the SUVCW Constitution "All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line of ages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service...." They also note that the Merriam Webster Dictionary defines "collateral relative" as "belonging to the same ancestral stock but not in a direct line of descent" and that "blood relative" is "someone who has the same parents or ancestors as another person// your sister is a blood relative, but your brother-in-law is not."*

*The C&R Committee does not recommend adoption of this proposal.*

Chapter I, Article II Section 1: Delete from footnote 21 on C&R page 36 ~~"The son of a person who was a cousin of a veteran, not eligible. NC Orr, Op 8, 127a, 162. (National Counselor Richard Orr issued this Opinion 23 Sept. 2007).~~

### PROPOSAL #2

(This proposal was prepared by Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, and aide to the C&R Committee as a result of General Order #18 Series 2021-2022 dated 01 July 2022 which prohibits the election of a brother as a National Officer who is not 21 years of age).

Chapter III, Article VI, Section 6 (See C&R page 85)

*Note: This amendment adds a section 6 to this Article listing the National Officers who must be 21 years of age to be elected or appointed. This change is necessary because of laws*

*restricting what minors can legally do.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 6: Due to bonding requirements for those who handle the funds of the Order and legal liability in the signing of contracts, the following National Officers shall be at least 21 years of age at the time of their election or appointment (This provision replaces General Order 18 of the Series 2021-2022):**

**Commander-in-Chief**

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

**Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

**National Secretary and all Assistant National Secretaries**

**National Treasurer and all Assistant National Treasurers**

**National Quartermaster**

**National Proceedings Secretary**

**Executive Director**

**Assistant Executive Director**

**Banner Editor**

**National Signals Officer**

**National Membership-at-Large Coordinator**

**National Photographer**

**Chair of the National Site Selection Committee**

**Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Committee**

**PROPOSAL #3**

This proposal is from the SUVCW Executive Director

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 16 (See C&R page 92)

*Note: This proposal describes and clarifies the duties of the Executive Director.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 16

(b) The Executive Director shall reject the applications of individuals who have received a Dishonorable Discharge. ~~He~~, shall maintain a record of Dishonorable Discharges ....

~~(b)~~ (c) Upon notice of a new Dishonorable Discharge at National Headquarters, the Executive Director shall report such information to all departments within 30 days of notification at national headquarters.

**(d) Executive Director shall coordinate with the National Committee on Fraternal Relations, as they maintain contact and liaison with the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and other patriotic and hereditary organizations including, but not limited to, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as that committee may request.**

**(e) Executive Director shall attend meetings of the Council of Administration and the National Encampment of the Order. Shall be entitled to address the Council of Administration during their meetings as a non-voting member.**

**(f) Executive Director shall forward all invoices received to the National Treasurer.**

**(g) Executive Director shall provide the numerical strength in a membership report to the Council of Administration quarterly, and share the membership report with appropriate National Officers.**

**(h) Executive Director shall on June 30 each year, provide the National Treasurer with total membership for fiscal year ended June 30.**

**(i) Executive Director shall coordinate with the Chair of the National Program and Policy Committee and with the National Webmaster to ensure the latest edition of all forms used for reporting to the National Organization and various Departments are available on the National Website.**

**(j) Executive Director shall receive and process the annual reports and per capita dues of the various Departments and Camps at Large.**

**a. Enter data from the reports into the National Membership Database.**

**b. Forward per capita remittances and Form 49's to the National Treasurer.**

**(k) Executive Director shall on or about June 5th, provide notice to Department Secretaries who are delinquent in the submission of the annual report and per capita payment, with a copy of such notice to the Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer,**

**National Secretary, and the Commander of the appropriate Department(s).**

**(l) Executive Director shall no later than June 20th of each year, notify the Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, National Secretary, and National Treasurer of all delinquent Departments and Camps-at-Large of the Order, that the Departments and Camps are not in good standing, listing the specific deficiencies for recommendation of potential department suspension.**

**(m) Executive Director shall receive and maintain one copy of every regular, associate, junior, junior associate, and honorary membership application entering data from the membership application into the National Membership Database.**

**(n) Executive Director shall process and issue all new Life Membership cards and certificates.**

**a. Enter data from new Life Membership applications into the Life profile of the brother within the national Membership database.**

**b. Quarterly, provide a list of new life members to the Editor of the Banner and the National Treasurer.**

**(o) Executive Director shall maintain the Banner mailing list and provide the same to the Editor, Printer/Mailing contractor each quarter at the date requested.**

**a. Maintain current information for each non-member subscriber as changes are received.**

**b. Provide replacements to Members who have received damaged copies.**

**c. Respond to inquiries from Members who have not received the Banner, verifying their membership status and current mailing address through the National Database and/or Department Secretary, and providing copies where appropriate.**

**d. Print labels and mail copies to all "out of country" Banner members and subscribers.**

**(p) Executive Director shall maintain the National Database of all Members and non-Members.**

**a. Provide timely updates to the database for changes such as, new members, address changes, dropped members, changes to member status and current offices held by members at the National level. The database information is updated/changed from various sources such as, correspondence including USPS mail**

from individuals, reports from Camps, Departments, etc., and from email and phone contacts.

**b. Crosscheck information received from various reports (Camp Status Reports Form 30, Annual Reports Forms 27 and 35 and Form 49 etc.) against information currently in the database and information received in Department rosters thus assuring that all members are being reported and proper per capita is paid.**

**(q) Executive Director shall maintain communication with the appropriate officials of any subsidiary corporations of the Order.**

**(r) Executive Director shall prepare a report of Assistant Executive Director activities for the Council of Administration at the pre-National Encampment Council of Administration meeting each year.**

**(s) Executive Director shall receive and process all communications directed to the Order by way of the USPS, email, private package delivery and/or telephone and received at the National Headquarters, including change of address information received directly from a Brother of the Order.**

**(t) Executive Director shall provide notification of the death of a Brother (as reported by Form 30 or other suitable notice) to the National Chaplain, Editor of the Banner, and the Department as needed. Report deceased Life Members to the National Treasurer.**

#### **PROPOSAL #4**

This proposal is from the SUVCW Executive Director  
Chapter III, Article VII, Section 17 (See C&R page 93)

*Note: This proposal describes and clarifies the duties of the Assistant Executive Director.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 17. The Assistant Executive Director, an independent contractor, shall work with and under the direction of the Executive Director. With the permission of the Executive Director and the Commander-in-Chief, the Assistant Executive Director may act on behalf of the Executive Director should the need arise. The Assistant **Executive** Director shall, **if needed, assist the Executive Director with the following:**

**(b) Attend meetings of the Council of Administration and the National Encampment of the Encampment of the Order. He s Shall be entitled to address the Council of Administration**

during their meetings as a non-voting member.

(q) .....**The Assistant Executive Director shall:**

**(a) Manage and Digitize the National SUVCW Archives.**

**(b) Coordinate with local Universities and colleges to ensure an open Internship opportunity with the SUVCW.**

**(c) Create and maintain a community outreach program designed to supply a Volunteer workforce within the National SUVCW Headquarters.**

#### **PROPOSAL #5**

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Aide to the C&R Committee)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 1 (See C&R page 107)

*Note: This change to the Regulations adds a new sentence to this section which requires a committee to consider only matters referred to it and to advise what action the committee has taken.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 1.... Committees at any level of the Order shall only consider matters properly referred to them by proper authority. Each item must be reported back to the appointing authority with the committee's recommendation to adopt, reject, refer or other appropriate action.**

#### **PROPOSAL #6**

(This proposal is from Robert M. Petrovic, Chairman of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance)

Chapter III, Article X, Section 9 (See C&R page 110)

*Note: This amendment to the Regulations makes some changes in the procedures for conducting the Lincoln Tomb ceremony and clarifies what date the ceremony will be held in case the date for the ceremony falls on Easter Sunday.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Section 9.... The ceremony shall be held on the Saturday closest to April 15, the date of his death in 1865. Should the ceremony fall on Easter Sunday, in that event, the committee shall move the observance to the weekend before or the weekend after.**

6. Update the invitational mailing list using organizational rosters of the Allied Orders of

the Grand Army of the Republic, MOLLUS, and other patriotic and historical organizations. The acceptance form as well as other informational material sent with the invitational mailing should also be updated as needed. **Such material may be sent electronically through the web sites of these organizations.**

7. Prepare and mail invitations no later than February 14 and include ~~personalized~~ invitations to the National Officers of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, MOLLUS, and Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. **Such invitations may be sent electronically to the e-mail address of the National Presidents of the Allied Orders and the Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS.**

8. Obtain the services of a band, order folding chairs for the ceremony, ~~and reserve a chartered bus for transportation of wreath bearers to the Tomb from the headquarters hotel and return~~ as deemed appropriate by the committee. Order the wreaths to be placed at the Tomb by the SUVCW and MOLLUS Commanders-in-Chief.

15. Contact and coordinate the participation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and other Civil War reenactment units. Request the SVR to supply a drummer or drummers to accompany their march onto the grounds of the Lincoln Tomb. ~~and a bugler to perform taps at the close of the ceremony.~~

17. Prepare and submit to a printer the official program of the Tomb Ceremony and Luncheon. ~~that also includes the listing of the participating organizations presenting memorial wreaths.~~

#### **PROPOSAL #7**

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl Aide to the C&R Committee)

Chapter IV, Article IV (See C&R page 122)

*Note: This proposed change clarifies the procedure when a brother wants to file charges against his camp commander.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Article 1V. When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother of the same Camp, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Commander of that Camp. **If the charges are against the Camp Commander, the charges shall be filed with the Senior Vice Camp Commander, who shall in all aspects act as the Camp Commander in this matter.**



## PROPOSAL #8

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl Aide to the C&R Committee)

Chapter IV, Article V (See C&R page 122)

*Note: This proposed change clarifies the procedure when a brother wants to file charges against his department commander.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Article V. When charges are made by a Brother against a Brother within the same Department, the charges and specifications shall be submitted in writing to the Department Commander. **If the charges are against the Department Commander, the charges shall be filed with the Senior Vice Department Commander, who shall in all aspects act as the Department Commander in this matter.**

## PROPOSAL #9

(This proposal comes from Senior Vice Commander -in-Chief Bruce Frail as Chairman of the National Headquarters Planning Committee presented on behalf of that committee to make a reference in the C&R to the Records and Retention Policy adopted by the Council of Administration rather than include the entire policy in the C&R. The C&R Committee feels it will be more convenient for the membership to have the entire policy included in the Regulations)

Chapter V, Article V (See C&R page 132)

*Note: This change to the Regulations replaces the current language in the C&R regarding Records Retention and inserts new language covering additional records that must be retained and clarifies the period of time the records must be retained.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

Article V

Records Retention

~~(a). All records are the property of the National Organization regardless of the point of origin. As with all real intellectual and other property, Camps and Departments hold records in trust for the National Organization through the authority granted by the corresponding charter from the National Organization.~~

~~(b). The United States Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management~~

and Budget, the Director of the Congressional Budget Officer and the Comptroller General of the United States through the Federal Accounting Standard Advisory Board (FASAB) issue the Statement of Federal Accounting Standards (SFAS). The IRS requires non-profit organization among others to adhere to these standards.

(c). To comply with the requirement referenced in paragraph (b) of this section the following Records Retention Schedule is hereby adopted and to be followed by all Camps, Departments and the National Order.

(1) Grants Records MUST be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after the grant closes — with final report to the grantor.

(2) Cash Receipts Records MUST be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(3) Accounts Receivable Records MUST be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(4) Canceled Checks MUST be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year.

(5) Bank Account Statements MUST be retained for a minimum of seven (7) years after the close of the fiscal year. This includes: Checking, Savings, CD's, and any other form of investments.

(6) Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds MUST be retained Permanently.

(7) Fixed Assets MUST be retained permanently.

(8) Ledgers MUST be retained permanently.

(9) Audit Reports MUST be retained permanently.

(10) Contracts MUST be kept permanently.

(11) Any Correspondence with the IRS MUST be retained Permanently.

(12) IRS 990 Income Tax Returns for Tax Exempt Organizations MUST be retained Permanently. (This is a requirement because anyone can ask to see these reports at any time since the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Organization is a Non-Profit Organization. Names of the individuals who make contributions can be redacted, but all else is public record.)

(13) Minutes and Proceedings MUST be retained permanently. Minutes of committee

~~meetings and deliberations do not need to be retained. Only the final report to the Camp, Department or National Order is retained as their reports are part of the minutes or proceedings of the camp, department or National Encampment.~~

~~(d). Should a camp cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the camp officers to transfer all property and records to the Department or in the case of a Camp at Large, the national Organization. Each Department shall determine which officer(s) are authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the Department.~~

~~(e). Should a Department cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the department officers to transfer all property and records to the National Organization. The Commander in Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer or Executive Director is authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the National Organization.~~

## **Chapter V**

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**To comply with the requirement referenced in the paragraph above the following Records Retention Schedule shall be followed by all Camps, Departments, and the National Order.**

**Grant Records MUST be retained for at least three (3) years after the grant closes - with final report to the grantor.**

**Cash Receipts Records MUST be retained for at least three (3) years after the close of the fiscal year.**

**Accounts Receivable Records MUST be retained for at least three (3) years after the close of the fiscal year.**

**Canceled Checks MUST be retained for at least three (3) years after the close of the fiscal year.**

**Bank Account Statements MUST be retained for at least three (3) years after the close of the fiscal year. This includes Checking, Savings, CD's, and any other form of investments.**

**Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds MUST be retained Permanently.**

**Fixed Assets MUST be retained permanently.**

**Signature Logs MUST be retained permanently.**

**Audit Reports MUST be retained permanently.**

**Contracts MUST be retained permanently.**

**Any Correspondence with the IRS MUST be retained Permanently.**

**IRS 990 Income Tax Returns for Tax Exempt Organizations MUST be retained Permanently. (This is a requirement because anyone can ask to see these reports at any time since the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Organization is a Non-Profit Organization. Names of the individuals who make contributions can be redacted, but all else is public record.)**

**Minutes and Proceedings MUST be retained permanently. Minutes of committee meetings and deliberations do not need to be retained. Only the final report to the Camp, Department or National Order is retained as their reports are part of the minutes or proceedings of the camp, department, or National Encampment.**

**Should a camp cease to exist, it is the responsibility of the camp officers to transfer all property and records to the Department or in the case of a Camp-at-Large, the National Organization. Each Department shall determine which officer(s) are authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the Department.**

**Should a Department cease to exist; it is the responsibility of the department officers to transfer all property and records to the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary, National Treasurer or Executive Director is authorized to receive such property and records on behalf of the National Organization.**

**This following group deals with the retention of forms, photographs, Charters, correspondence and any other item not otherwise mentioned, (labeled documents within the section) that are delivered to the National Headquarters. All documents mentioned in this policy are to be entered into the Executive Director's database, then digitized into searchable PDFs (if able), electronic copies stored in the digital**

archives and hard copies stored in the national headquarters archives for the duration of their retention period. At the end of their retention period, these documents (hard copy only) may be destroyed.

- a. **Form 1: Quartermaster Supplies – Order forms MUST be retained Permanently.**
- b. **Form 2a: SUVCW Annual Encampment Credential Card, No retention required.**
- c. **Form 3: Membership Application, MUST be retained permanently.**
- d. **Form 4: Transfer Form, Camp Retention Only, Must be retained for no less than three (3) years. National Retains Permanently as part of the Membership History.**
- e. **Form 5: War Medal Application Form, Camp Retention Only, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years, DD-214 or other separation document MUST be redacted.**
- f. **Form 6: Honorable Discharge Form, MUST be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.**
- g. **Form 7: R.O.T.C. Award Application Form, MUST be retained permanently.**
- h. **Form 8: Military Service Medal Application Form, Camp Retention Only, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years, DD-214 or other separation document MUST be redacted.**
- i. **Form 9: Life Member Application Form, MUST be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.**
- j. **Form 10: Life Member Reimbursement Form, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- k. **Form 11: EIN Reporting Form & Certification Statement, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- l. **Form 12: Scholarship Application Form (applications only accepted from January 1 to March 31), MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- m. **Form 13: Officer's Expense Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**

- n. Form 17: Meritorious Service Award and MSA with Gold Star Application, MUST be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.**
- o. Form 22: Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers, MUST be retained for no less than seven (7) years.**
- p. Form 27: Camp Annual Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- q. Form 30: Camp Status Report, MUST be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.**
- r. Form 35: Department Annual Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- s. Form 40: Camp Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- t. Form 41: Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- u. Form 42: National Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- v. Form 49: Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- w. Form 50: Instructions for Forming a Camp, No retention required.**
- x. Form 51: Application for Permission to Form a Camp, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- y. Form 52: Camp Organization Authorization, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- z. Form 54: New Camp Data Sheet, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**
- aa. Form 55: Application for Camp Charter, MUST be retained for no less than**

three (3) years.

**bb. Form CWM-61: G.A.R. Monuments/Civil War Memorials Assessment Form, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**

**cc. Form CWM-62: SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form & Instructions, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.**

**dd. Grave Registration Form and Information Packet, No retention required.**

**ee. Photographs or videos, MUST be retained permanently.**

**ff. Charters, Camp or Department, MUST be retained permanently.**

**gg. Legal Correspondence, MUST be retained until reviewed by a licensed attorney.**

**hh. Standard Correspondence, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years and after which time MUST be reviewed by the Executive Director to be determined if needs to be retained longer.**

**ii. Any item not covered above is at the discretion of the National Executive Director.**

## **PROPOSAL #10**

(This proposal is from Past Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl Aide to the C&R Committee)

Chapter V, Article XXI (See C&R page 151)

*Note: This proposed change adds a new Article to Chapter V that will bring our procedure for voting by e-mail and during virtual meetings into conformity to Robert's Rules of Order, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition.*

*The C&R Committee recommends adoption of this proposal.*

**Article XXI, Section 1. Committees at all levels of the Order and the Council of Administration may vote by email pursuant to the provisions of this Article.**

### **Section 2. VOTING BY E-MAIL – E-Vote**

**1. The chair shall insure all participants have access to the necessary equipment for**

participation.

**2. A motion may be made by any voting member via email. The chair may not call for a vote on the motion for at least 48 hours of the motion being made.**

**3. A second is not necessary for the motion to be considered.**

**4. The motion to lay on the table is not in order. (Other secondary motions are also prohibited.**

**5. Each new main motion must be made in a separate, new e-mail message with no other message thread included.**

**6. New motions in a new message thread may be introduced while there is another motion currently being debated. There is no limit on the number of simultaneous threads pending.**

### **Section 3. OPENING A QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION**

**The chair shall assign a number to the motion and shall include the number in the subject line.**

### **Section 4. DEBATE**

**1. Members shall use "Reply All" in all messages.**

**2. Members may respond at will, that is, without seeking recognition from the chair.**

**3. Motions to Amend shall be given a letter designation in the subject line by the chair.**

**4. Multiple incidental motions shall be given succeeding letter designations by the chair. As each motion is disposed of, the corresponding letter in the subject line is removed.**

**5. In the case of conflicting incidental motions, the chair shall determine preference in recognition. When a higher-ranking motion is made first, the lower-ranking motion is not in order.**

**6. The chair shall close debate by asking, "Are you ready for the question on Motion 1-a?" in the subject line. The chair must wait at least 24 hours after this message before calling for the vote.**

### **Section 5. VOTE**



- 1. The chair shall put the question to a vote by restating the pending question and requesting the members to vote now. The word “vote” shall be in the subject line.**
- 2. The chair shall include the time frame/deadline for the vote., not less than 48 hours.**
- 3. Members shall state, “I vote yes,” or “I vote no” in the first line of the response and use “Reply All”.**
- 4. The committee chair or the National Secretary shall tally the votes and report the result of the vote to the participants, including the number of votes cast for and against the motion.**
- 5. The chair shall declare the thread on “Motion (number)” closed.**

#### **Section 6 SECRETARY’S RECORDS AND MINUTES (Council of Administration only)**

- 1. The National Secretary shall compile and maintain the complete thread of the motion and its disposition including all incidental motions.**
- 2. The National Secretary shall prepare minutes of the vote and shall send the minutes marked “draft” to all the members, voting and non-voting**
- 3. These minutes shall be approved at the next regular meeting.**
- 4. Any Council of Administration member shall have the right to request a copy of the message thread of a motion.**

## **4.5 National Encampment Site Committee, James Crane, PDC**

The 2023 National Encampment will be held at The Event Center at Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire, 2200 Southward Drive, Nashua N.H. 03063-1802. The dates of the Encampment are 8/02/2023 – 08/07/2023, and the guestroom rate is 129.00. Reservations will be available in December 2022, and additional information will be forthcoming.

We are currently working with the Department of Kentucky to host the National Encampment in 2024 in Lexington, Kentucky and are finishing the contract the next two weeks. We hope to make an announcement at this year’s Encampment.

## **4.6 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brian C. Pierson, PCinC**

Overall, our relationships with the other Allied Orders are strong at all levels. The Committee has been in regular contact with the Allied Orders.

It must be noted, however, that the LGAR experienced some internal difficulties this past year. These resulted in the suspension of the LGAR Department of Pennsylvania last fall, followed by the dishonorable discharge of a number of the officers of the Department. (One of the discharged officers is a PNP of another Allied Order.) In the spring, the LGAR National HQ informed us that new officers had been appointed for the Department and asked us to provide Dept and National POCs, in order to rebuild the contacts between the organizations. CinC Paquette directed the Fraternal Relations Committee address the issue.

In conversations with National Counselor Mark Day and CinC Mike Paquette, the following guidance was adopted and communicated to the LGAR per CinC Paquette's request:

- The SUVCW is obligated to and will continue to recognize only the legitimate LGAR organizations at the National, Dept, and Circle/Camp levels.
- Only those organizations that had been recognized by the GAR are considered to be Allied Orders. Any new organization would not be considered to be an Allied Order;
- Out of respect for the mutual autonomy of the respective Allied Orders, the SUVCW cannot get involved in any other Allied Order's internal workings or issues, and respectfully requests the same courtesy to be extended to us; however, we fully understand and appreciate that it may be important for vital information to be shared in order to preclude any misunderstandings;
- Out of fraternity, the SUVCW will make only respectful requests of other Allied Orders, and expects the same courtesy in return;
- The appropriate level of contact between the LGAR, DUVCW, WRC, and ASUVCW National HQs and the SUVCW is at the national level, either directly between the NP and the CinC or via the Fraternal Relations Committee;
- It is considered inappropriate for any Allied Order National HQ to contact and/or attempt to provide direction to another Allied Order's subordinate organization and we expect strict observance of this. If a National HQ has an issue with a subordinate organization of another Allied Order, the correct approach is to contact the respective National HQ. This

will ensure that the mutual national leaders are aware of the issue, that it can be addressed appropriately and proactively, and should help preclude any misunderstandings between Allied Orders;

- Same-level contact amongst the Allied Orders remains strongly encouraged in order to facilitate good relationships and cooperation on events and projects that honor the memory of the Boys in Blue (i.e., National-to-National; Dept-to-Dept; Camp-to-Tent/Circle/Local/etc.).

The Committee also sent invitations to the Allied Orders Banquet to all Allied Orders, MOLLUS, and the SCV Commander-in-Chief.

The Committee looks forward to serving the Order and promoting fraternal relations in the upcoming business year.

## **4.7 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC**

We had an exceptional year this year, with a big uptick in information received relating to the whereabouts of GAR records. The National GAR Records Officer is in the process of inputting the newly reported information into the GAR Records Catalog. One project in particular stands out as being the largest update we have seen in years: Details regarding the holdings of the Indiana State Archives. That update alone will probably take another month to complete. For more details, please see the report of the National GAR Records Officer.

**GAR Records Blog:** Since December 2019, our committee has been using an invitation-only blog on Blogger as a forum for communication outside of email. Previously, we had been using a group on Yahoo! which was discontinued as a service in 2019.

**Department GAR Records Officer:** Since the adoption of the revised SUVCW Form 49 in March 2020, we have seen gains in the number of Departments reporting the appointment of a GAR Records Officer. The office is now a line item on the form, even though it has been in existence since 2004. All Departments are now using the updated form. Nineteen Departments (61%) reported the appointment of a Department GAR Records Officer this year, unchanged from last year.

The following table shows the status of Departments who have and have not confirmed their GAR Records Officer (as of July 2022). Our thanks go to all the Departments who have

filled the office!

<b>Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer</b>			
<b>Department</b>	<b>Reported Form 49</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Reported Form</b>
ALABAMA	Joel S. Mize	MISSOURI	Walter E. Busch
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	David A. Davis	NEBRASKA	Marc Witkovski
CHESAPEAKE	(Vacant)	NEW HAMPSHIRE	(Vacant)
COLORADO/WYOMING	James M. Barker	NEW JERSEY	Joseph F. Seliga
COLUMBIA	Loran T. Bures	NEW YORK	(Vacant)
CONNECTICUT	Hank Cullinane	NORTH CAROLINA	(Vacant)
FLORIDA	Roger L. Heiple	OHIO	Richard A. Davis
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA	Raymond Wozniak	OKLAHOMA	Clint A. Anderson
ILLINOIS	Steve Aarli	PENNSYLVANIA	(Vacant)
INDIANA	Bruce R. Kolb	RHODE ISLAND	Bruce Frail
IOWA	Daniel F. Rittel	SOUTHWEST	David A. Swanson
KANSAS	(Vacant)	TENNESSEE	(Vacant)
KENTUCKY	(Vacant)	TEXAS	(Vacant)
MAINE	(Vacant)	VERMONT	(Vacant)
MASSACHUSETTS	(Vacant)	WISCONSIN	John R. Decker

<b>Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer</b>
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Department	Reported Form 49	Department	Reported Form
MICHIGAN	Gary L. Gibson		

**Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:**

The following table presents the status of pending National Encampment and administrative actions. Results of completed actions may be found in our previous annual reports.

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2016	Recommendation from the National Committee on Vision & Strategic Planning: "Make a more accessible GAR Records link from the SUVCW Main Page."	Pending/Standby	<b>PENDING.</b> Considered at the 16 Apr. meeting, and assigned to the National for action. The link is currently access "Projects & Preservation" tab on the S website. Awaiting update to the Nation

**GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022).**

The National Committee on GAR Records is guided by an action plan, which is approved by the National Encampment every five years. The current GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2017-2022) concludes with this Encampment. The National Committee on GAR Records recommends continuing the plan, as worded, for another five years. See the recommendations section below.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation 1. That a new GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2022-2027) be approved as outlined below.**

- 1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website (www.GARrecords.org) and online GAR Records Catalog.

- 2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:
  - a. Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts.
  - b. Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information.
  - c. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections.
  - d. Relevant bibliographic references.
- 3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:
  - a. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records.
  - b. Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed.
- 4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include:
  - a. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records.
  - b. Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections.
  - c. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records.

## **4.8 National Committee on Graves Registration, Henry C. Duquette, PDC**

Combined Report, see 3.14

## **4.9 National Committee on History, Robert J. Wolz, PDC**

Combined Report, see 3.17

## **4.10 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

We have 2 more years on the contract at The Abraham Lincoln hotel. This year we had several problems at the hotel. I talked to the manager about them and told her we were going to contact other hotels after our contract runs out. The band contract will be signed at the first of the year and also the luncheon menu will be decided then. Also, a permit from the tomb needs to be paid for. A new job description has been written up and has to be approved at National. If this is approved the memorandum of understanding will be updated and signed. I contacted one hotel and they cannot do our luncheon but they suggested another hotel that could.

## **4.11 National Committee on Membership, Peter J. Hritsko, JVCinC**

Combined Report, see 2.3

## **4.12 National Military Affairs Committee, Henry E Shaw, PCC**

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) continues to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in many ceremonies, monument dedications, parades and community events throughout the nation. Major General Robert E. Grim and his General Staff officers and District Commanders as well as local unit commanders and their members have been very busy this year returning the SVR to its busy pre COVID-19 schedule.

Colonel Andrew M. Johnson, PCinC who served on the General Staff for many years as the SVR Washington D. C. Representative died this year. His dedication and faithful service to the SVR will be greatly missed. Every February he represented the SVR at the Lincoln Memorial wreath laying ceremony commemorating the birthday of President Lincoln and represented the SVR at the Arlington Cemetery Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Military District continues to post the Colors at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in April commemorating the death of President Lincoln.

The SVR will continue with our normal Remembrance Day program this year.

(a) SVR Adjutant General Col. Don E. Darby, PCinC will make arrangements for the annual SVR Remembrance Day breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg.

(b) Lt. Ken L. Freshley, PCinC will be responsible for the SVR wreath laying ceremony at the Albert Woolson GAR memorial located in Ziegler’s Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

(c) SVR Provost Marshal Major David K. Hann will conduct the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Gettysburg Parade, and

(d) SVR Inspector General Col. Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC will conduct the annual Original Civil War Ball. Last year 297 dancers attended the Ball.

Last year (2021) The Borough of Gettysburg Parade permit cost \$6,011.00. Major David Hann collected \$3,500 in donations to help pay for the parade. Col. Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC collected donations valued at over \$1,000 to help pay for the Civil War Ball. The proceeds from the Ball are donated to the Gettysburg Military Park during the Albert Woolson GAR ceremony to help pay for battlefield monument and memorials restoration and preservation. To date we have donated \$88,000.

Our Wyndham Hotel contract expires this year. We will have to make some changes in our Remembrance Day program for 2023; especially regarding the Civil War Ball since the Wyndham Hotel ballroom will not be available for our use. Maj. Gen. Grim and his staff are searching for a new location for the annual military ball.

### 4.13 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Kevin L. Martin, PDC

Our committee comprises Brothers Harry Reineke, IV, PDC, Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC, and Walter E. Busch, PDC. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, time and dedication!

Below is the current status of the Committee:

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund				
Chair: 2020-2021 Peter S. Reineke, IV, PDC				
Application Year	Applicant	Amount Requested	Status	Status Date
2020-2021	1. Dept. of Columbia, Elginville Post GAR Cemetery	\$776.00	Approved	1/13/2021
2020-2021	2. Dept. of Oklahoma, Soldiers and Sailors Monument (aka GAR Monument)	\$2,000.00	Approved	2/21/2021
2020-2021	3. Dept. of Michigan, Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Memorial Statue	\$2,000.00	Approved	1/13/2021
2020-2021	4. Dept. of Illinois, Dr. Benjamin Stephenson-Grave Site Memorial Plaque	\$2,000.00	Approved	4/13/2021
2020-2021	5. Dept. of New York, Civil War monument (Defender of the Flag)	\$2,000.00	Denied	1/6/2021
	<b>Reason: Requested applicant to raise another \$2000.00 before approval</b>			
2020-2021	6. Dept. of Nebraska and the Dakotas, Last soldier of the County Project-Nebraska and Dakotas	\$2,000.00	Denied	4/13/2021
	<b>Reason: Didn't indicate cost of project and didn't raise any money on its behalf</b>			
	7. Dept. of Kansas, Osage Monument in Memorial Park	\$2,000.00	Denied	4/14/2021
	<b>Reason: Didn't raise any money on its behalf and requested restoration cost of \$48,000.00</b>			
2020-2021	8. Colonel John C. Bryer Camp #67 Dept of Illinois, McFarr Cemetery GAR Memorial	\$2,000.00	Rejected	11/1/2021
	<b>Reason: Application received after June 30th deadline. Need to be able raise money</b>			
2020-2021	9. Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54, Dept of Massachusetts, Gen. Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post Burial Plot	\$2,000.00	Rejected	7/1/2021
	<b>Reason: Application received after June 30th deadline. Need to be able raise money</b>			
Chair: 2021-2022 Kevin L. Martin, PDC				
Application Year	Applicant	Amount Requested	Status	Status Date
2021-2022	1. Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54, Dept of Massachusetts, Gen. Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post Burial Plot	\$2,000.00	Approved	12/22/2021
	<b>Note: Resubmitted (see 2020-2021 item 9 above)</b>			
2021-2022	2. Colonel John C. Bryer Camp #67 Dept of Illinois, McFarr Cemetery GAR Memorial	\$2,000.00	Approved	11/25/2021
	<b>Note: Resubmitted (see 2020-2021 item 8 above)</b>			
2021-2022	3. Dept of the Southwest (DVA), Sycamore Soldiers Historic Marker - Citizens Cemetery	\$797.00	Approved	4/6/2022
2021-2022	4. LAST SOLDIER PROJECT: Lake County, Illinois, Hickory Cemetery, Amosco, Illinois	\$800.00	In Use	4/6/2022
2021-2022	5. Minion Marine Veterans Memorial	\$2,000.00	Approved	4/6/2022
2021-2022	6. Phelps Camp #66, Department of Missouri-GAR Union Post Soldier Monument	\$5,000.00	In Use	4/28/2022



The Committee has no recommendations to put before the Council at this time.

#### **4.14 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, James R. Dixon, PCC**

We have secured one (1) GAR Post Charter back into the organization, and forwarded many other related items to respective Departments for handling, Nothing further to report.

#### **4.15 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC**

The SUVCW Scholarship Committee received 5 applications. One was disqualified for not being properly completed or corrected. From the remaining four applicants, the following were selected to each receive a \$2,500 SUVCW Scholarship.

Mason Flatt, Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Dept. of Columbia

William H. Freeman, Gen. William H. Lytle Camp 10, Dept. of Ohio

Joshua P. Lance, Joel Searfoss Camp 273, Dept. of Pennsylvania

#### **4.16 National Comm. on Promotion and Marketing, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

It has been my honor to work with this amazing group of Brothers again this year, the members and aides of the National Committee on Promotions & Marketing are always there whenever I ask, they respond. Their thoughtfulness, ideas, and ability to voice their opinions (whether they agree or disagree) is a true blessing. We have been moving ahead with several programs this year including our Blood and Food drives, which we have chosen to continue with and reeducate the Brothers about.

These two drives were begun at the end of the first year of the Covid Pandemic and have lacked the response we were looking to generate. While some Camps and Departments have taken part, the reporting and numbers have not been at the level we estimated, and we have not been able to present a flag streamer. But we would like to mention that two Departments have taken part in the Food drive, they are the Department of Kentucky and the Department of Rhode Island. We would again like to invite all the other Departments to take part and report your drives results.

As for the Blood Drives, this has been very slow during the pandemic conditions, we have

received word that dozens of Brothers are getting out there to donate blood at their local blood center, but there hasn't been any coordinated effort that has gotten back to us. I would like to thank all of those Brothers who have donated and keep up the good work, lets see if we can organize Camps to join each of you the next time you go to donate.

The committee has been working in two specific areas this past year, first that in Memorial University. The Promotion & Marketing committee has been providing monetary support to fund the Classmarker Program which provides the testing platform of SUVCWMU.org, as well as the funding for the WIX.com hosting site to SUVCWMU.org. We believe Memorial University is a very valuable research, training, and marketing tool for inside and outside of the order and for those reasons we have used part of our marketing budget to help them get their feet on the ground.

They have done that and while we wish we could continue to fund these two parts of Memorial University; we find ourselves running short of funding to continue funding them. Therefore, we have a couple recommendations which will assist both of us.

### **Recommendation #1**

Change the status of Memorial University from a C-in-C Appointed Committee to the National Special Committee on Memorial University with a term ending of 30 August 2027 or until made a Standing Committee, whichever comes first.

### **Recommendation #2**

Fund the National Special Committee on Memorial University with a minimum of \$1,000.00 per year.

We feel these two recommendations are needed to move this educational and marketing tool further, in it's current design, it will slowly educate our brothers. In the Promotions and Marketing plan of expansion for SUVCWMU.org, it will become the main educational platform for the SUVCW to reach out to all brothers and sister of the Allied Order and to the Public as a whole, education, one of our main missions.

Another area we have been working on for the last couple of years is a fundraising structure and the ability to run fundraising campaigns to increase our Permanent/ Endowment fund. We have developed a funding raising incentive structure which has been approved by the Council of Administration, pending the creation of a committee to administer to the needs of the fundraising campaigns and distribution of incentives throughout the years to come. This committee was at the recommendation of the National

Treasurer as in his words, “this is way too big of a job for any one person”. The National Committee on Promotion & Marketing has been working with the National Treasurer, the National Quartermaster and Brother Robert and Sister Cher Petrovic with an Ad Hoc Committee to get these recommendations up and running and to get the campaigns started.

### **Recommendation #3**

Create the National Special Committee on Fundraising with a term ending of 30 August 2027 or until made a Standing Committee, whichever comes first.

Job Description for National Special Committee on Fundraising:

1. The National Special Committee on Fundraising would be made up of at least 5 members and as many Aides as needed and requested by the Chairman or Commander-In-Chief. The purpose of this committee is to design, maintain, monitor, and oversee all the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War’s fundraising projects and campaigns. This committee would also control the incentive program and provide the incentives as required. This committee would be charged with the maintenance of all records of all fundraising and incentives, which would include updates as requested during the fiscal year with a full year end report to the National Encampment.
2. Design and maintain a SUVCW Signature Fundraising Campaign called “The 1881 Club” details can be found in the National Encampment Program Book or by contacting the National Treasurer.
3. Development of an Annual Capital Fundraising Campaign to support the SUVCW Permanent/Endowment Fund, this would be a mailing campaign where every member of the SUVCW would receive a mailer requesting a one-time or reoccurring donation. This campaign would be targeted to begin within a week after the 2022 National Encampment (if approved), with reporting to take place at the following National Encampment. This campaign would occur every year.
4. Development of a Grant Writing Campaign that would target outside organizations, foundations, and corporations. The type of grant would depend on the grantor as most grants must support a specific project, but some can be requested for operational costs.
5. Development of a Wall of Honor section within the website to honor all of those who support our fundraising.
6. Develop a section within the National Encampment Program Book (2 pages at first) to

give updates on current fundraising programs and campaigns and those involved. This portion is in the development stage with the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing picking up the first year's costs.

7. Not limited to what has been included in this document, all ideas and thoughts are welcome, constructive, with outlines preferred.

#### **4.17 National Comm. on Vision and Planning, Donald D. Palmer, PCinC**

The Vision & Planning Committee developed our 2030 vision and strategic plan for the current decade. The strategic plan identifies ways and means needed to achieve our 2030 vision and ensure the long-term growth, relevance, and vitality of the Order which are critical to achieving its end, its purpose stated in the Congressional charter. It recognizes and carefully evaluates the current environment and context in which we must work.

The committee believes the vision established for our 2020 plan should carry forward into this decade. The vision:

**To be recognized by Government, academia and the general public as the leading source of information pertaining to: (1) History, genealogy and preservation initiatives associated with the Grand Army of the Republic and the soldiers, sailors, marines and members of the revenue cutter service who fought to preserve the Union; and (2) Patriotism, the duties of citizenship and honoring those that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of this Nation.**

This vision captures the essence of our mission as defined by our Federal Charter and brings forward the educational element, which now has added importance since we achieved a 501c3 tax determination by the Internal Revenue Service.

A strategic plan requires consideration of ways, means, and ends within the strategic environment (which provides the **context**). The **ways** are the methods that the organization uses to achieve those ends. The **means** are the resources used to accomplish the ways. And the **ends** are the goals...ultimately the purpose or mission of the organization. The following is a summary of the goals associated with the 2030 plan. Some of the elements of the 2020 plan have carried forward in some capacity as they are considering enduring and continue to address the key components of our mission.

#### **Organizational Growth:**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Membership	8,000 members (3% annual increase in new members/5% annual reduction in drops)	Annually
Organizational Expansion	Continued growth in South and West (50% growth in these areas)  Focused growth in legacy regions, such as New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern regions (25% growth)	2030
Youth Programs	Allied Orders Youth program (CAR/CoC Model) – working with Auxiliary, DUVCW, LGAR and WRC	2030

**Notes:**

1. The membership growth goal established in the Vision 2020 plan of 10,000 members turned out to be too aggressive. It was largely based membership growth momentum gained in the 1990's (110%) and the 2000's (15%) and on potential leverage that might have been gained by the Civil War sesquicentennial from 2011-2015. None of this materialized as the growth in the 2010's was relatively flat. One positive was a 31% reduction in drops between 2011 and 2020.

2. The organizational expansion goals in the Vision 2020 plan were achieved with 56% membership growth in the South and West, as well as new Departments of the Columbia (northwest) and Southwest, Alabama, and significant progress towards a Department of Arkansas. This focus should continue in the 2030 plan. However, for the 2030 plan, an additional growth goal should be established for legacy regions of our Order, primarily in the New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern regions where some areas sustained a 30-40% drop in membership.

3. A youth programs goal of establishing an Allied Orders youth program similar to successful programs such as Children of the American Revolution and Children of the Confederacy. This was a goal in the 2020 plan, but little to no progress was made.

**Research**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Graves Registration	1.0 million data entries	2030

	Explore collaboration with National Park Service (link with 2026 Soldiers/Sailors database)	
GAR Post Records	At least one record documented for 40% of GAR posts in database	2030
	At least one record documented for 10% of GAR posts in states of former Confederacy (11 states)	
Research Grants	Review opportunities to obtain research grants and develop proposals for targeted opportunities	Annually

**Notes:**

4. The goal of 1 million data entries was a goal in the 2020 plan, but was an aggressive goal. It assumed nearly 100% growth during the 2010's. Actual growth ended up at 41% with a total of just over 780,000 entries. With only 22% growth needed to achieve 1 million entries, the goal appears to be reasonable.

5. During 2010's, the GAR post records project completed listings for all GAR posts in 50 states, the District of Columbia and international posts, and documented at least one record for approximately 20-25% of the posts in the database. However, in the states of the former Confederacy, only 3% of the posts had at least one record documented.

**Marketing & Promotion**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Advertising	Review and revise multimedia advertising plan, including periodical advertisements, infographics, public service announcements, podcasts, etc.	Annually
	Review and update SUVCW informational brochures and other material	2023, 2028
	Coordinate with state parks, national parks, other historic sites and libraries to display informational material	Annually
Outreach Activities	Review opportunities to present at conferences and/or symposiums focused on American history and/or the Civil War	Annually

Review opportunities to set up promotional displays at state and national genealogical symposiums

Annually

**Notes:**

6. Branding strategy established as part of Vision 2020 plan focusing on education, preservation, patriotism & citizenship, and honor & remembrance as key tenets of the SUVCW. This branding strategy should carry into the 2030 plan and any advertising or outreach activities pursued should promote this brand.

7. The SUVCW did sponsor a display at the 2016 National Genealogical Society meeting in Florida and the feedback from those that attended was that the SUVCW should consider displaying periodically at this conference.

**Education**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Promote greater awareness of Civil War history in elementary and secondary schools	Develop comprehensive strategy to increase educational opportunities for students related to the Civil War including, but not limited to: (1) speaking opportunities at schools, (2) availability of lesson planning material on SUVCW website, (3) supplemental learning opportunities through contests (similar to SAR poster and essay contests)	2024
Patriotism & Citizenship	Develop strategy to establish credibility as a primary source of information related to patriotism & citizenship	2025
Educational Grants	Review opportunities to obtain research grants and develop proposals for targeted opportunities	Annually

**Notes:**

8. Education was a key element of the 2020 vision, but in retrospect, the goals were not well developed and little progress was made. The goals for the 2030 plan are largely based on benchmarking successful engagement by other fraternal organizations and attaining the 501c3 tax determination.

## Preservation

Initiative	Goal	Target Date
Civil War Monuments/ Memorials	Continue making progress by adding to Civil War Monuments database and working towards consistency in database format	Annually
Battle Flag Preservation	Develop comprehensive battle flag preservation program including, but not limited to: (1) a complete battle flag database; (2) improved battle flag SUVCW site quality and consistency; (3) opportunities to participate in battle flag preservation programs.	2025
Battlefield Preservation	Develop battlefield preservation strategy to include collaboration opportunities with state/national park system and “friends” programs (if available) and the Civil War Trust.	2026
GAR Highway	Maintain coordinated efforts to monitor signage, bridges and other physical features that promote awareness of the GAR highway	Annually
Preservation Grants	Review opportunities to obtain preservation grants and develop proposals for targeted opportunities	Annually

### Notes:

9. The Civil War Monuments project saw a lot of progress made in the 2010's with establishment of a structured database format and a 56% increase in inputs bringing the total to over 1400 entries.

10. The battle flag preservation program made significant progress in the 2010's collecting data from a number of departments and establishing a structured site on the SUVCW website.



In retrospect, the goals for the battlefield preservation program were not well defined in the 2020 plan, and as such, little progress was made.

11. The GAR Highway program is a legacy program that achieved objectives in the 2020 plan with maintaining program consistency between impacted Departments and some Departments adding some innovation to bring about awareness of the GAR.

**Communication**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
BANNER	Explore opportunities and generate plan to expand BANNER content, including additional pages and addition of color (similar to SAR Magazine)	2026
National Website	Improve organization and efficiency of SUVCW website and incorporate the latest in web technology	2025
Subordinate Websites	75% of Camps with stand-alone websites with independent content representative of these Camps	2030
Social Media	75% of Camps set up with Facebook or other social media sites	2030

**Notes:**

12. The Subordinate web site goal was part of the 2020 plan; however, Camps went in a different direction. In 2011, approximately 60% of Camps had stand-alone websites, but dropped to about 20% by 2020, with many Camps opting to set up a page with limited information (officers, meeting location, etc.) as part of their respective Department web sites.

13. In 2011, about 7% of Camps utilized Facebook to communicate Camp activities and information and this increased to about 25% by 2020. Progress was definitely made, but not to the 50% level defined in the 2020 plan.

**Technology**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Increased business operation efficiency	Improved efficiency in committee activity through virtual meetings (using Zoom, Webex, or other web-based meeting technology)	2024
Rapid information transfer	Develop mobile hand-held apps for selected SUVCW processes and accessibility to SUVCW databases	2028
	Investigate and document innovative uses for QR code technology (e.g., website login, displaying multimedia content, virtual stores, etc.)	2025
Membership feedback	Define rapid response survey processes to obtain pulse feedback from membership to support officers and committee business	2023
Cybersecurity	Develop strategy to improve security of web-based information and other virtual operations given the litany of threats organizations face today	2023

**Notes:**

14.A key element of the 2020 plan related to technology was establishment of electronic versions of forms, which was largely accomplished. Some other elements of the 2020 plan that were not addressed carried forward into the 2030 plan.

**Financial**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Total Revenue	Increase total revenue to a level of \$500,000 annually	2030
Membership Fees	Reduced dependency on membership fees (per capita dues/life membership fees) to a level of 40% of total revenue	2030
Donations	Establish program based on securing donations to generate seed capital for new projects to a level of 20% of total	2023

	revenue	
Quartermaster Store	Increase QM Store revenues to a level of 10% of total revenue	2030
Investments	Review investment portfolio and achieve 20% of total revenue	Annual Review/
Grants	Secure grants for education, preservation and/or research to a level of 10% of total revenue	2030

**Notes:**

15.Key accomplishment relative to 2020 plan was achieving 501c3 tax determination for both national and subordinate organizations, which was key to opening up opportunities for donations and grants.

16.Additional accomplishment in establishing an investment strategy which helped grow investment income from \$4,000 annually in 2011 to over \$50,000 annually by 2018.

17.The 2020 plan had a goal to reduce dependency on per capita dues to 50% of total revenue. Per capita dues constituted about 65% of total revenue in 2011 and was reduced to 55% by 2018 and was approaching 50% by 2020.

The committee anticipates release of a membership survey shortly after the upcoming National Encampment to help fine tune the 2030 strategic plan very similar to how a similar survey released 10 years ago was used to finalize the 2020 plan.

Also, it should be noted that the elements of the 2030 plan are not etched in stone. This plan will be subjected to an annual review to determine the impact of internal and external events that may impact the goals established and identify any recommended changes.

**Recommendation 1:**

That the goals associated with the 2030 strategic plan be adopted subject to changes based on membership feedback and/or changes recommended by the committee based on annual review.

**Recommendation 2:**

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee on education with an end date of the 2025 National Encampment to develop the education-related strategies as

defined in the education element of the 2030 plan. The purpose is to have a group focused on this specific element as the effort envisioned is too great to add to the plate of an existing officer or committee.

**Recommendation 3:**

That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a special committee on battlefield preservation with an end date of the 2026 National Encampment to develop the strategy for SUVCW participation in battlefield preservation as defined in the preservation element of the 2030 plan. The purpose is to have a group focused on this specific element as the effort envisioned is too great to add to the plate of an existing officer or committee.

**4.18 National Committee on Real Sons and Daughters,  
Jerome Orton, PDC**

At the present time there is only one known real son. He is William Pool of Missouri. His father, Charles Pool served in Company D, 6th WV Volunteers.

John Oliver, Jr., of the Tennessee Department died November 15, 2021. His father, John Oliver Sr., served in Co. F, 4th TN Vols.

His sister, Florence Pool Wilson died August 31, 2021.

The DUVCW has two real daughters, Mary Ella Reed Lewis and Emogene Cassell.

The UDC has a few real daughters as members.

The last known son of a Confederate veteran was a WW II veteran Calvin Crane, 102, of Roanoke, VA who died September 15, 2019. He was born February 27, 1917. His father, James Anthony Crane served in Ringgold Battery, Co. B., 13th Battalion, Virginia Light Artillery. Calvin was the last of his father's 21 children which were born between 2 wives.

Addresses can be provided upon request.

The committee requests that its life be extended until the last of all known children of Civil War veterans, Union and Confederate, have passed on.

**4.19 National Committee on Encampment Credentials,  
Joseph S. Hall, PDC**

National Encampment Pre-Registration

This year's Pre-Registration has been fairly uneventful. There are 174 Brother's pre-registered for the National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As with any year, one main stumbling block is a matter of the Departments getting their Form 49 submitted in a timely fashion after their individual Department Encampments. This year, four Departments came very close to being recommended for suspension. It is the Department Commander's duty to oversee their departments. Neither the Executive Director or the Chairman of the Credentials Committee should have to chase after the departments to ensure they get their forms in to prevent suspension.

It is therefore recommended that a meeting be set up to discuss such issues with the Department Commanders and Department Secretaries concerning timely submissions of forms and reports.

#### Credential Committee for Upcoming National Encampment

The Committee will consist of the following:

Joseph S. Hall, Jr., PDC, Chairman

Darryl VerStreate, PDC, Committee Member

Thomas J. Brown, PDC, Committee Member

Walter E. Busch, PDC, Committee Member

Bruce Laine, PDC, Committee Member

Cameron Lowery, Committee Member

#### **5.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **5.1 National Special Committee on Social Media Management (Signals Corps) (2021), Timothy S. McCoy, PDC**

Combined Report, See 3.23

### **5.2 National Special Committee on Website Redesign, Timothy S. McCoy, PDC**

Since the last National Encampment, considerable progress has been made across all aspects of designing and developing a new SUVCW National website.

In mid-September 2021, the Council of Administration approved a contract with website design company Drupal Connect after our previous website design company, New Valley, informed me that it did not have the capacity to move forward with the project. The CofA action opened the way for a series of weekly meetings each of which lasted 2-3 hours and during which I worked directly with Drupal Connect to familiarize their two-person team with the existing SUVCW National website. Quickly following was another months-long process of co-creating wireframes for the new National website homepage and "mega menus" that capture the main headings of content that exists on the current website that would also likely appear on the new National website. The results of this work were presented at the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg in November 2021 and received positive feedback.

Since November, work focused on the process of fleshing out the wireframe with images and graphics, appropriate sections, etc. More recently, transfer of content from the current site to the new site has been taking place. Despite being slightly behind schedule compared to where I hoped we would be at this time, the new site is largely fleshed out and I am confident that, when launched in the next few months, it will present a positive and user-friendly interface for Brothers and members of the public at large.

During the process, I engaged with Brother Walt Busch to keep him informed and seek his feedback about progress toward creating a section on the new website that will house the National Monuments & Memorials Database, as provided for by the 2021 National Encampment. I also liaised with Brs. Dean Enderlin, Ken Freshley, Keith Harrison, and Bob Wolz to determine whether significant archives exist that were not transitioned from the 2008 website to our current site when it was built in 2013. A big thanks to Brother Enderlin for sharing the locations for extensive biographical information for the CinCs of the Grand Army of the Republic that was not migrated to our current site.

I am grateful to the support and expert feedback provided by Committee members over the past year.

**There are no recommendations.**

### **5.3 National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States, Dexter Bishop, PDC**

A permanent veterans committee will insure the SUVCW will be visible to Veterans and their families. Meet the needs of the SUVCW in providing a service to all veterans their

Families and organizations. This visibility will open the door to recruit new members.

Monitor and update, keep the issues of veteran affairs before the SUVCW's Departments and camps. Provide a steady stream of information and make recommendations to SUVCW to develop policies that deal with veteran services.

Develop and maintain an information base that can be used by SUVCW'S departments and camps.

Examples: Lists of available State and Federal Veterans services

Programing available via zoom type platforms

Programs used during visits to senior veteran facilities.

Lists of foundations that provide assistance to Veterans in need.

Assist SUVCW departments and their camps to set up a network of Brothers (liaisons) responsible for keeping veteran affairs visible in their departments and camps by providing information and programs.

Provide video programming to be used by department or camps in their outreach to individual veterans or to the local veterans' organizations. (May be used as requiring tools)

## **5.4 National Special Committee on Negotiations with the Allied Orders Relating to National Encampment Contracts and Relationships, Mark R. Day, PCinC**

The Committee is pleased to report that a contract for the 2023 National Encampment in Nashua NH has been signed by both the Auxiliary President and the Commander in Chief. The Committee looks forward to completing a contract for the 2024 National Encampment with the Auxiliary in the near future.

The Committee continues to engage the other Allied Orders about their attendance at our National Encampment and stands prepared to initiate discussions about contracts with those organizations.

## **5.5 National Special Committee on Lincoln Memorial Centennial, Kevin L. Martin, PDC**

The Lincoln Memorial Centennial was held at the Memorial on Sunday, 22 May 2022 at 10 a.m. under the auspices of the National Park Service and The Lincoln Group of DC. I

represented Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette and Rosemary represented ASUVCW National President Allison Pollitt at this event. You can view the CSPAN coverage at the following link:

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?520493-1/lincoln-memorial-centennial-ceremony>

The Committee is composed of the following talented Brothers:

Tim McCoy, PDC

Linn Malaznik

Ross Schwalm

W. Faron Taylor, PDC

Stephen Hammond, PDC

The Committee has **no recommendations** to put before the Council at this time.

## **5.6 CinC Appointed Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology, Henry C. Duquette, PDC**

I have the honor to submit the following report of the National Committee on Strategic Development of Information Technology.

The three overarching goals for the committee are:

1) What services are we currently providing to our Brothers and the National HQ? (identify platforms, applications, who is providing the services, etc.)

National SUVCW website - SUVCW.org

Current configuration: hosted by GoDaddy

New configuration: host TBD

Currently being redesigned by Drupal Connect, 513 Broadway Suite 216, Newport, RI 02840

Satellite Websites (SUVCW.org/): LGAR, GAR Records, MOLLUS, SVR

National Graves Registration Project -

Public pages - SUVCWDB.org

Administrators - ADMIN.SUVCWDB.org



Host: ICDSOFT, Corporate headquarters: 39-41 Tsvetna Gradina, Sofia, Bulgaria

Host Server: mysql.server207.com (Hong Kong)

Languages: HTML, PHP, MySQL5

Local Developer: Kenneth Rahn

National Quarter Master Store - SUVCW-QM.org

Host Server: 160.153.46.7 Hosted on GODaddy

Local Developer: Ken L. Freshley

Management Team: CinC Appointed Committee

Memorial University - SUVCWMU.org

Public URL: <https://www.SUVCWMU.org>

Host Server: <https://WIX.com>

Local Developer: Bruce D. Frail, PDC

Management Team: CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University

National Headquarters Membership Database

MS-ACCESS Database

MS365 Business account

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter (National Signals Corps); YouTube (National Committee on Promotions & Marketing)

Email Addresses: Approximately 100 "generic" forwarding email addresses hosted by GoDaddy (same host of current SUVCW website) for CofA members and National Committee chairs

Old web pages (pages pre-dating our current website): a number of such pages are still floating

in the ether and publicly accessible, although not especially easy to find. One example of this

can be found here: <https://suvchw.org/garcinc.htm>

2) What currently needs to be addressed/fixed? (people providing services, out of date

applications, security vulnerabilities, contracts, stove-piped approach to services, etc.)

The committee has identified several key areas common across our websites.

We lack a common design, development, and integration approach.

We lack the expertise to keep abreast of new technological trends in the field.

We lack support depth i.e., too few people with depth of knowledge in specific areas.

We lack the ability, and sometimes the expertise, to react to problems quickly and nimbly or take advantage of improvements in technology.

Hosting outside the US (Graves Reg.)

The Graves Registration system needs a complete redesign and upgrade to make the system easier to use and less error prone.

All appropriate site pages need to be secured (HTTPS).

3) What are the committee's **recommendations** to address #2?

Recognizing that our web sites and social media pages are vital, not only to our continued growth but to our long-term viability as an organization, the committee make the following **recommendations**:

18.Both the near-term and far-term technology needs of the SUVCW can be addressed by hiring professional consultants to map out a strategy for both our current configuration as well as our future needs.

19.Professional designers and developers will also address the need to have all the SUVCW web sites utilize the same technology to facilitate quick responses to changes in technology and required maintenance as well as new developments in security and backup and recovery.

20.The best approach to bringing the satellite web sites (SVR, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Memorial University, GAR Records and the Quartermaster Store) in line with SUVCW.org is to use professional web services. This allows a continuity and a responsiveness to changes that cannot be achieved using volunteer workers.

21.Many of our web systems have been recently rewritten or upgraded. At least a minimum level of consistency is needed across all platforms so that we project a unified and coherent message about who we are and what we do. This is best achieved by utilizing a professional staff.

22.To better reach new members under 40 years of age it is vital that we develop iOS and Android applications to bring our message and services directly to hand-held devices.

23.This committee or one of similar configuration should be established for the 2022-2023 term to review and outline each of our IT platforms for viability over the next 3-5 years to facilitate the cost analysis needed to implement the recommendations listed above.

## **5.7 National Special Committee on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USA, Brian C. Pierson, PcinC**

I have the honor to submit the following report:

The kick off meeting was held in Nov 2021. The topics included the theme which must tie USA Independence with Civil War, a possible logo which must relate to the theme, partnerships with other Patriotic & Veterans Organizations and local, state and federal governments. Event participation and guidance was discussed as well.

Following the meeting, committee members developed some options for all of the above, which were discussed at the April Committee meeting. There is still some work to be done.

The Committee expects to present its concepts at the pre-Encampment or post-Encampment C of A meeting and is looking forward to celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup>.

## **5.8 CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Jerome K. Kowalski**

Combined Report, See 3.1

## **5.9 CinC Appointed Committee on Memorial University, Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC**

The committee's work has been two-fold:

(1) Establish, refine, and maintain a new Memorial University webpage.

A new page was established at: <https://www.suvcwmu.org/> This page has been linked seamlessly to the national website. The old link was removed.

The new Introduction course and other additions to the course catalog and reference library were made.

The Introduction's learning objectives and test material are awaiting incorporation.

The committee adopted a framework of three learning levels (Camp, Department, National), each with its own program of study. Textual modifications, additional FAQs, power point voice overs, and a syllabus/program of study will be developed, following a tasking roadmap with deadlines.

(2) Develop a basic leadership course, re: SUVCW's 2020 Vision statement

The course will enhance leadership and team building, recruiting and retention, techniques for acclimating members, recognizing and solving problems, and understanding group dynamics. This objective is moving forward slowly. Modules in Recruiting and Parliamentary Procedure are being completed.

Thanks to all committee members and aides for their selfless service to developing the SUVCW's professional development program and its accessibility. Despite our members taking time to handle family issues, the committee has been able to move forward with its agenda.

**Recommendation:**

That the current Memorial University Special Committee be made a Standing Committee and the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be directed to make the changes to our organizational documents as necessary to reflect this change without further action by a future Encampment.

Purpose: to ensure continuity in the management of the Memorial University website and the development and maintenance of curriculum offerings.

## **5.10 National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning, Bruce D. Frail, SVCinC**

It is my honor to be able to report that the National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning while getting a late start this past year was able to set in place several items that will be coming up for a vote during this National Encampment.

First, working with the members of this committee and the Council of Administration we were able to iron out the new Records Retention Policy which we will be asking the Encampment to pass so we can forward for use with our records digitization project at the National Headquarters.

Second, we were able to ensure that we had an Intern at the National Headquarters thru

the end of July 2022. This Intern has been digitizing and organizing the records archives at the National Headquarters over the past year and quarter and has done an excellent job. She has also taken part in an educational trip to the National Archives in Washington DC to learn how to work with the archivists to locate and pull the proper records for our research projects and how to use a different set of digitation equipment other than what is at the National Headquarters.

She should now understand the reference finding aides, books and indexes, staff, the forms involved in records recovery, the microfilm/fiche room and its indexes, storage, recovery, and replication equipment. She was also given a tour of the Innovative Hub and its replication equipment. Lastly, she has been instructed on the proper and improper handling of original records, dating back to 1860.

Third, we have worked with the National Treasurer and the Council of Administration to create a position of Assistant Executive Director and their job description. This position was approved during last year's National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri. While the position was approved the Job Description was not nor was it funded until further research could be provided. That research has been completed and the National Treasurer was able to locate the funding so we would not need to raise the per capita amount, this will be coming up for a vote during this National Encampment, please consider voting yes so, we can stabilize our National Headquarters. You will also see the Job Description for both the Executive Director and the Assistant Executive Director coming up for a vote, again we ask that you consider voting yes to this as well.

### **Recommendation #1**

Approve a \$12,000.00 per year budget for the purpose of hiring a subcontractor to fill the position of Assistant Executive Director.

### **Recommendation #2**

Approve the term of the above contract for a period of up to 3 years, (this would ensure that we have someone qualified to perform the duties of the National Executive Director under contract if something should happen to whomever is in that office.)

## **5.11 CinC Appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Loran A. Bures, PDC**

The committee has nothing to report.

## **5.12 CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications, John R. Conrad, PDC**

Per General Order #8, Series 2021-2022, the three original members (Donald Shaw, PC-in-C, Timothy Kolb, and me) of the committee met monthly by Zoom in March, April, and June to organize, divide research responsibilities, and establish regular monthly meetings. (We did not meet in July and August because of schedule conflicts). We also secured the assistance of Brother Ben Block Jones, PDC, who the C-in-C appointed as an Aide to the Committee. Brother Don Shaw stepped down from the committee in July.

A summary of some of our activities and deliberations is:

We first reviewed the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations to understand the exact wording and application of qualification for membership in the Order. We note that there is not consistency in wording of membership requirements between regular, associate, junior, and honorary members, but not in such a way that affects the focus of this committee. (Regular members must be “male blood relatives,” junior and associate members need only be “males,” while honorary members do not have a requirement to be male.)

General dictionary definitions of who is “male” are generally not helpful.

Examples of the confusion in application:

- A person is assigned as male at birth and now identifies as other than male. Can that person join the SUVCW?
- A person is assigned as female at birth and now identifies as male. Can that person join the SUVCW?
- A person is assigned as a hermaphrodite/intersex at birth. Can that person join the SUVCW?
- A person joined the SUVCW as a male but now identifies their gender as other than male; does that change in self-identification affect their eligibility to continue as a member of the SUVCW?
- A person has had a sex-change operation. How does that affect their status as eligible or not for membership?

We divided our workload to review Federal law and policy, state laws and policies, and the

approach of other hereditary organizations toward the determination of membership qualification based on sex.

- We quickly realized that there is no consistency in Federal or state laws and policies as to the definition of “male.”
- A review of legal analyses also distinguishes between sex (commonly assigned at the time of birth and indicating whether an individual would be able to give birth to a child or not) and gender (the strongly-held self-identification of societal norms). Here again, there is little consistency. For example, different departments of the Federal government treat gender identification differently, and some states allow a person to change the sex designation on a birth certificate.
- Our limited contact to a few other sex-based hereditary organizations was inconclusive; it seems that most other organizations have not addressed the issue.
- A thorough review of Federal and state laws and policies will take a great deal of time and analysis.

**We recommend that the committee be expanded to 5 members to spread the workload and be authorized through the 2024 National Encampment.**

Our current target is to present a report for consideration by the National Encampment in 2023. However, given the immense scope of the research effort, we may not be able to finish by then. We would in that case present an update of our activities to the 2023 National Encampment.

## **5.13 2022 National Encampment Host Committee, James B. Pahl, PCinC**

Welcome to Grand Rapids! The host committee and a score of brothers from the SUVCW and sisters of the Auxiliary have worked hard to bring each of you a memorable National Encampment. The host committee members are wearing special badges to help you identify them should you have any questions.

### **6.0 DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Department of Alabama, Eric D. Alford DC**

The Department of Alabama continues with positive momentum into the middle of the

year. Camps showed outstanding devotion to our traditions of honoring the Boys in Blue during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

In a continuing effort to support quality programming for Camps, the Department is facilitating the broadcast via Zoom in August of a program by Professor Bob Davis on Federal Pension and Service Records. Additionally, the Department is promoting a “road trip” following the route of Streight’s Raid across Alabama in September. These events have been promoted to interested members of the community as well and may help leverage some leads for new Brothers.

## **6.2 Department of California & Pacific, Frank C. Avila, DC**

No Report Received

## **6.3 Department of the Chesapeake, Brian W. Horgan, DC**

The Department of the Chesapeake includes 13 Camps and a total membership of 408 Brothers. Since our last report camps, within the Department have sponsored and participated in a wide-range of activities, all designed to honor the service of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

Additionally, (and rather than focusing on individual, Camp-related activities), this narrative highlights actions on the Department level for this reporting period:

1. Since our last encampment, the Department has responded and provided assistance to 14 new members.
2. The Department conducted its 135<sup>th</sup> Encampment in Fredericksburg, VA, on April 23, 2022.
3. The Department sponsored the “U.S. Grant Bicentennial Week”, in conjunction with General Grant’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. Observances were conducted at The Wilderness, City Point, Appomattox, and the US Grant Monument in DC, with the assistance and support of the local camps.
4. The Department represented the Order regarding the Military Base Naming Commission. The commission suggested changing the name of Virginia’s Fort A.P. Hill to Fort Walker. Dr. Mary Walker served as a surgeon and was ultimately awarded the Medal of Honor for her service during the Civil War.
5. The Department continues to represent the Order regarding the disposition of Union remains found at Manassas/Bull Run National Battlefield.



6. Pursuant to Department Order No. 3, the Department and the Camps are working to highlight the service of the United States Colored Troops this year.
  7. Department Brothers continue to develop inter-Camp programs where multiple Camps join forces to take advantage of special talents and opportunities.
  8. Camps continue to maintain 100% compliance with Camp-to-Department reporting requirements, on time.
  9. The Department is in the process of facilitating the closure of the George G. Meade Camp No. 5.
  10. The Department is working to assist Camps with leadership development programs.
  11. The Department is currently making preparations for the “Antietam 160 Rendezvous”, which will include a memorial service, as well as a fraternal gathering and participation in events at Antietam National Battlefield, on the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle.
- Should other Departments wish additional information on the practices and approaches being used by the Department of the Chesapeake to recruit and retain members, please feel free to contact us.

## **6.4 Department of Colorado & Wyoming (with Idaho, Montana and Utah), Lorraine Eugene Cheney, DC**

Department members continue to do great things from up in Montana, over to Idaho, down to Utah and over to Wyoming, and finally down to Colorado. We are pleased to be adding a new Camp in Canon City, Colorado and are working to re-establish the camp in Idaho. Efforts in Utah include ongoing appeals to the state government to restore recognition of the GAR Highway (US 6) in that state with appropriate signage. In spite of recent difficulties and challenges we have continued to perpetuate and honor the memory of our ancestors and their accomplishments in restoring the Glorious Union that is our United States of America.

At our 93<sup>rd</sup> Department Encampment in June 2021, we conducted a combination of virtual and live encampment. It worked out well and Brothers were able to participate who could not make the journey to be there in person. We intended to do the same at the 94<sup>th</sup> Encampment this year but due to technical difficulties preclude the use of video. However, Brothers had the opportunity to participate via phone. We would like to continue the use of blended meetings in the future so that home bound brothers who otherwise could not be present with us and those who cannot make the trip due to large geographical nature of our Department will finally have the opportunity to participate from their own homes.

All of our camps are maintaining enthusiastic patriotic participation in projects and public events. We have gladly welcomed some new Brothers and former members that have reactivated their memberships. It is always a positive thing to see our Camps increase and continue to do great things in their home states. I have seen brethren step up to positions of leadership and responsibility, and stand in the gap where others were not currently able.

RECOMMENDATION: Form 27, Camp Annual Report, should be revised in the following manner: Line 43 (Brothers Subject to Department Per Capita (Subtract Lines 42 from Line 41)) does not allow manual editing. It draws its number from line 30 (Total Number of Brothers Subject to National Per Capita (Subtract Lines 28 and 29 from Line 27)). Brothers who are exempt from national per capita are not necessarily exempt from department per capita. For example, the number of Life Members need to be added back to line 43 (unless exempted by Department By-Laws). This results in an incorrect amount due the Department.

## **6.5 Department of the Columbia, York J. Barrett, DC**

The Department of Columbia has a new Department Commander assigned in the last few months. (myself).

GOVERNOR Isaac Stevens Camp #1 Fort Steilacoom, Washington

1. I will describe here the activities over the past 6 months. One annual activity that the Camp Governor Isaac Stevens has taken care of over the last few years is: JROTC/ROTC Support. Brother Edwin Dierdorf is the new Coordinator, and has continued the tradition of the Camp, to participate in numerous schools and colleges JROTC and ROTC graduation ceremonies. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Medals and Award Certificates were issued at each event. I believe the number of such schools in the Puget Sound area to be around 32. The COVID Virus altered our attendance, but is back to normal.

This has been one of our core strengths over the last three or four years.

2. Camp Governor Isaac Stevens has decided to split the Camp into a Northern and Southern Division. The Northern Camp would still report to Camp Isaac Stevens but, would have a Division Commander who reports to the Camp Commander. This has been created and Division Commander and several other positions were staffed for the Northern Division. The split of the Camp was designed as there are great distances between cities in the North and cities in the South.

3. July 30, 2022 in Kent, WA will be a Memorial Ceremony conducted for a deceased Iron Brigade Soldier. It will be attended by Camp members from Gov Isaac Stevens Camp # 1 (Host) and Oregon Baker Camp will be providing an SVR unit to conduct a ceremony which will include volley fire and taps played. The demonstration will also be observed by potential Washington State Camp members who may want to join the SVR.

4. Baker Camp has been active with an SVR Company and participating in uniformed memorial ceremonies. They have been conducting uniformed ceremonies for several years and have a good program in place.

5. Washington State has been behind in this area, but I (Commander Barrett) am trying to raise an SVR Company in this state. I have an additional duty as a Camp Organizer.

6. Both the Northern and Southern Division of Camp #1 has SUVCW members who have visited cemeteries in each of their prospective cities. We seem to have a good staffing of graves registration, monumental officers, historians, genealogists and others at the Department and Camp levels who are aware and leaning forward in their prospective areas. Our Camp Historian Brother Jim Dimond estimates that around 8,000 Union Army Veterans are buried in the state.

#### BAKER Camp, Oregon

1. On June 22 a replacement headstone was installed for John Sam Moore, Co. G, 23rd Illinois Infantry.

He is buried in Hilltop Cemetery in Independence, Polk County, Oregon. His original marble headstone was broken off at the base. Tim O'Neal from Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6, along with his wife, Kathy Jo O'Neal, Mary Ann Lee Baker Auxiliary No. 6 performed the installation.

2. Baker camp has 2 more headstones to install in Fircrest Cemetery in Monmouth, Oregon. The installation of the replacement marker for Lewis S. Fuller, Weaver's Co, PA Cavalry has been stalled due to needing to chip out a section of enclosed concrete. Brother Tim O'Neal has made contact with the Director of the Monmouth Public Works Dept. who has offered to help us with their city equipment to jackhammer the small section of concrete out. Work will proceed before the end of July 2022.

3. A new headstone was installed in the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery in Eugene on May 4, 2022 for Pvt. Daugherty White. His grave had been unmarked since his passing on 15 Mar

1919.

a) On Memorial Day, 2021, Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 assisted the Sisters of Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 with a Flag Honor Guard, a reading of the Gettysburg Address, a musket salute, and the playing of Taps at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

b) Brothers from Camp #1, along with Brothers from Camp Numbers 3 and 4, provided an Honor Guard Detail and assisted in the placement of Civil War Veterans headstone to honor Pvt. William Lacey, Sr., 1st Kansas Colored Infantry at the Thomas Smith Cemetery. This was a Preservation Project by the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band (MCIFB) in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on August 14<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

c) Camp #1 Brothers and Mrs. Wilma Handley of the DUV Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 completed the cleaning and restoration of 25 Union Veterans headstones and made repairs/painting to the cemetery entry gate and front fence at the Frisco Cemetery, Yukon, Oklahoma on October 2<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

d) Camp #1 Brothers participated at Oklahoma History Center (OHC) Folklife Festival. This was a free event open to the public which offered a wide range of entertainment, crafts, exhibitions, and food. The SUVCW was invited to host a booth, in which we used for recruitment and information in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

e) Camp #1 Brothers participated in the Massing of Colors at the 45th Infantry Division for the Veterans Day Ceremony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 11<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

f) Camp #1 Brothers have participated in Gun Show Recruitment on a quarterly basis in Oklahoma City. This is an effort to reach out to the community to get more exposure and encourage membership applications.

g) Camp #1 Brothers honored their ancestors and all Civil War Veterans on Remembrance Day on November 20<sup>th</sup> of 2021, in collaboration with Sisters of the DUVCW Tent #18.

h) Contributions and pledges were received to restore the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City to its original condition. This monument was originally named the GAR Monument and has needed restoration of four granite pedestals topped by cannonball stacks. This project was completed in November. A ceremony was held in conjunction with the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 20<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

i) Brothers of Camp #1 served as guides for along with members of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8706, to escort members of the Regents Council of the Oklahoma State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to present wreaths for each of the military service branches, veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Wars, and POWs at the Veterans Monument at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery in Oklahoma City as part of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony hosted by the DAR on December 18<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

j) Brothers of Camp #1 participated in the Birthday Card Campaign for the last remaining Real Son Brother William Pool whose birthday was on 13<sup>th</sup> of January of 1925. Brother Pool is Life Member #825 and belongs to the Col. John Bynum Camp of Illinois. A card was sent on behalf of the Oklahoma Department on January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2022.

k) Brothers of Co. L, 3rd Indian Home Guard SVR unit participated in the 89r's Parade with members of the Marine Corps League in Guthrie, Oklahoma, on April 23 of 2022.

l) Indian Nations Camp 3 set up at Honey Springs Battlefield during their reenactment program. We visited with a great number of people with the intent of promoting the SUVCW and the Indian Nations Camp by being visible near the museum. A few of the members that were able to attend and help at the booth were Brian Barton, Steven Tolbert, Carl Fallen, Scott Preston and Clint Anderson.

m) Indian Nations Camp #3 hosted a table at the Wannemacher Gun Show the weekend of the 13th of November. We spoke to a large number of people, many already members of other Departments and Camps of the SUVCW.

n) We awarded seven Eagle Scouts their award from the SUVCW from the Indian Nations Camp, these Eagle Scouts belong to Troop 26 and their Court of Honor was hosted on October 4th. JVC Scott Preston is plugged into the Scout program and did a great job putting this program in motion.

o) On Sunday, October 31st, a free movie on the Battle of Honey Springs was viewed in Tulsa by several members of the Indian Nations Camp #3. The movie was produced by the Oklahoma Historical Society. New member Brian Barton was instrumental in setting up the opportunity.

p) Indian Nations Camp #3 placed 52 flags on Union Civil War Veterans graves during Memorial Day and had a grand Memorial Day Program at Rose Hill cemetery. Terri Walker of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary did an outstanding job of organizing the placement of the

flags on the Veterans graves.

q) Jacob Overturf Camp #4, Brother Rex Griffin presented the JROTC ribbon and medal to Cadet Grant DiGiacomo of the Broken Arrow High School Air Force program on May 4<sup>th</sup> of 2021, at that school's awards ceremony.

r) As part of his observance of Memorial Day, Department Commander Clint Anderson traveled to Kansas to decorate family graves. He placed a metal GAR marker for his 3rd Great Grandfather, George David Sears, who served with Companies C and A of the 6th Kansas Cavalry. George is buried in Oak Grove, Chautauqua County, Kansas, and belonged to the Chautauqua Springs GAR Post 218. In 1891 he was the Post Commander, according to their records, and Chaplain in 1883.

s) On July 16<sup>th</sup> of 2022, members of Co. L 3rd Indian Home Guard engaged in the dedication Ceremony at the Honey Springs Battlefield Site. We transported approximately 121 miles from OKC to the battle site. The Ceremony was held on the grounds of the Oklahoma History Center interpretative site. The dedication started with a firing from a 12-pound Napoleon cannon that had been provided from members of the National Park Service out of Ft. Smith AR. We then marched in with the Colors, a 35 Star US flag, which is what would have been current at the time of the original battle. We also had a current Oklahoma State flag. The rifle salute was called with remarkable accuracy, there were 3 volleys. After the salute the Colors were retrieved, and the color line joined up with the rifle line in two lines again. The lines moved out to a safe distance from the cannon and the 12-pounder roared to life again! Taps was played by the bugler and the ceremony ended.

t) Department Commander Anderson presented a JROTC award to the worthy Cadet of the Bixby/Glenpool Marine Unit on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

In conclusion I will report with pride the Department of Oklahoma, be it a smaller Department, is a very active and cohesive Department. The Camps all work very well with one another and continue growth. Several activities are scheduled in the coming months. Eugene to do the installation.

4. May 14, 2022, was the Polk County Museum open house family day. Brothers of the Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 and Kathy Jo O'Neal of the Mary Ann Lee Baker Auxiliary No. 6 set up an information table to display SUVCW and ASUVCW work, answer the publics questions, and work on recruiting.

5. Baker Camps SVR unit currently has 3 volunteers to attend the Headstone Dedication in

Kent, WA on the 30th of July.

6. Baker Camps SVR unit was in attendance at the May 30, 2022, Memorial Day Ceremony in full strength.

## **6.6 Department of Connecticut, Frank H. Niederwerfer, DC**

The Department of Connecticut would like to report the following activities for the final quarter of 2022.

We will be hosting three speakers at The New England Civil War Museum in Rockville CT

- September 7<sup>th</sup> Historian Carlton Young- talk will be about two Vermont brothers who fought in the Civil War.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Historian/Educator Carolyn Ivanoff- talk will be a Virtual Tour of Arlington Cemetery
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Guide Chris Army- Talk will be about 17<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry at Gettysburg

The Wooster Russell Camp in conjunction with the Connecticut Department will be conducting their annual Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gettysburg at The National Cemetery. The ceremony will take place at 2pm on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Alden Skinner Camp will be host an Open House for The New England Civil War Museum in Rockville Connecticut. The event will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 3pm.

Tours of the museum will be conducted and living history events will be held on the town green.

The Alden Skinner Camp/ New England Civil War Museum has reinstated our old newsletter "The Banner". The newsletter will be sent out 3 times a year.

## **6.7 Department of Florida, Michael Urell, DC**

In my last report to the Council of Administration I offered how having new experiences with new acquaintances can be stimulating. Under the leadership of Commander Dr.

Timothy Campaign and with the support of many in Camp 4 this has continued.

Commander Campaign is also Commander of the SVR and this expands his presence in Florida. Largely because of his leadership, the support of others and the willingness of the Daughters of Union Veterans and a Lakeland, Florida chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers to

share their time and efforts with us. It has become more expected that we will attend “Daughters” meetings and a cross membership arrangement is developing with the Buffalo Soldiers.

You may ask to what end. We are becoming better known. The activities I discussed in my last report to you are better attended. Paramount in all these endeavors is keeping the memory of our Civil War heroes alive.

Camp Four has applied for a grant from the city of St. Cloud to develop a Fife and Drum band to march with us on special occasions such as the city Christmas Parade and Memorial Day. Drums, fifes, jackets and hats will be ordered. Also we are ordering an electronic bugle. More attention and more people involved!

It will be more than interesting to see how this all develops. Other camps may look on and see something worth emulating. Time will tell.

## **6.8 Department of Georgia and South Carolina, Timothy M Kolb, DC**

No Report Received

## **6.9 Department of Illinois, Gary G. Gunderson, DC**

I was installed as Commander Department of Illinois on May 14 2022 at the State Encampment in Bloomington Illinois. I appointed several brothers as officers to cover various activities for the coming year.

The mid year encampment was set for October 8<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. A tour of the battle field flags at Camp Lincoln is scheduled prior to the meeting. A visit to the Military Museum will be included.

A resolution was proposed to the Department bylaws regarding Zoom meetings related to the Department of Illinois at the May Encampment. It was tabled until after the National Encampment in order to get direction.

A new Illinois Camp (Hardenberg) was chartered May 25 in Tinley Park Illinois. The camps first meeting will be June 30<sup>th</sup> and the camp charter will be presented.

On June 25 a special ceremony was held by Hecker Camp #443 in Worden Illinois at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery honoring Henry and Fredric Schutze CW veterans. New gravestones were dedicated.



The Benjamin Stephenson Committee continues to work on the sale of bricks for the monument in Petersburg Illinois. New additions have been made along with plans for next years ceremony.

The new Senior Vice Commander has been put in charge of the Department Newsletter the Railsplitter. The publication will showcase photos and stories of Memorial Day ceremonies including activities of all the state camps.

The 5 Chicago area camps participated in a community event June 11<sup>th</sup> honoring veterans at the Palatine Historical Society.

Several of the camps participated in Fourth of July ceremonies in their communities.

The Department Secretary is preparing credentials for the officers for the National Encampment in Grand Rapids. I have been in contact with the state camps and several of the members are planning to attend the meeting this year.

An Excel list of Illinois schools with ROTC programs has been created. This should make it easier to stay in contact with each of the school programs..

## **6.10 Department of Indiana, James M Floyd, Jr., DC**

Fraternal Greetings from the Department of Indiana and the Boyhood Home of our Great Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln!

It is my pleasure to submit to you this report of Department of Indiana activities over the last year (July 2021 through June 2022). I was honored and humbled to have been elected Department Commander during the 136th Annual Encampment conducted on June 4, 2022. This year marked the 74th Memorial Encampment held since the last surviving Indiana G.A.R. comrade John C. Adams of Jonesboro, Indiana joined his comrades in the Grand Army above.

The Department of Indiana includes eight camps with a total membership of two-hundred twenty-seven brothers. This is a net increase of ten brothers from the year 2021. Member retention remains an issue. The net increase of ten is a result of the loss of thirteen members and the addition of twenty-three new memberships for the year 2021.

### **PROJECTS:**

**Last Union Veteran Project:** The Department of Indiana identified and located Last Union Veteran burials in ninety-one of ninety-two Indiana Counties. Last Union Veteran memorial services and plaques have been conducted and placed in nineteen Counties. Several more

memorials are planned in 2022. **Coliseum GAR Farragut Post #27 Records:** The G.A.R. records previously stored at the Evansville IN, Coliseum have now been removed to the University of Southern Indiana and all records of the Farragut Post #27 have been microfilmed and are due to be uploaded to the University of Southern Indiana archive's website soon. Yet to be completed are the Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Records. Our goal is to have these records accessible from the National SUVCW website.

**Union Soldier Monuments:** The John B. Anderson Camp #223 is heavily involved in collecting funds for the placement of Civil War monuments to honor Civil War veterans on the Courthouse lawns of Bartholomew and Jennings Counties in Indiana.

**Below is a list of Department and Camp activities July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:**

- **July 17th, 2021** – The 2021 Department Commander represented the Department of Indiana and the John W. Foster Camp #2 at the headstone dedication for Sgt. Lewis Ragland of the 60th Indiana at the Parker Cemetery, Vanderburgh County, IN. The ceremony was hosted by the Eli Huston Murray Chapter of the National Society of the Union Daughters 1861-1865.
- **July 31st, 2021** – John W. Foster Camp #2 installed a Civil War Headstone for Pvt. David Wier at the Bellefontaine Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, IN.
- **August 21st, 2021** – Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1, Champion Hill Camp #17 and the J. B. Anderson Camp #223, participated in a Sesquicentennial Parade as part of the SVR parade in Sweetster, Indiana. An SUVCW recruiting booth was set up at the event.
- **August 28th, 2021** – John Auten Camp #8 and Champion Hill Camp #17, conducted a “Last Union Veteran” ceremony in LaPorte County for Benj. F Kimbrel.
- **September 9th, 2021** – John B. Anderson Camp #223 joined the VFW as the honor guard for the unveiling of the new Solar City flag in North Vernon, IN. The North Vernon Mayor (a SUVCW Brother) presented a flag to members of community organizations. The Camp Commander received a flag for the SUVCW and the Vernon Greys.
- **September 11th, 2021** – Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1, John Auten Camp #8 and Champion Hill Camp #17, sponsored a “Last Union Veteran” ceremony in Fulton County for John H Shelton.
- **September 17th, 2021** – Champion Hill Camp #17, sponsored the Constitution Day

celebration in Huntington Indiana, which is also Huntington's birth date as a city. Historical interpreters of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson performed on stage.

• **September 25th, 2021** – The John W. Foster Camp #2 hosted a “Triple” Ceremony event in Spencer County, Indiana (14 year boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln). The following SUVCW camps participated in the event; John W. Foster Camp #2-Indiana; Ben Harrison Camp #356-Indiana; John B. Anderson Camp #223-Indiana; and Calhoun Camp #2-Kentucky. Six veteran and heritage groups also participated in the ceremonies.

○ The first ceremony was for Private William Schwartz of the 42nd Indiana at the Mariah Hill Cemetery, Mariah Hill, Indiana.

○ The second ceremony was a “Last Soldier” ceremony for Private David Jackson Smith of Co G, 136th Indiana Infantry at Oak Hill Cemetery, Chrisney, Indiana.

○ The third ceremony was for Private Benjamin Bunton of Co. F, 1st Indiana Cavalry at the Beasley Cemetery, Chrisney, Indiana.

• **October, 2021** – Champion Hill Camp #17,

○ The Camp Commander, at the request of the Huntington City-County Library reference room, has located the names and units of all the men from the county who served in the Union armies.

○ Camp Brothers have continued locating and recording graves of Civil War veterans who were mainly from the northeastern section of the state.

• **October 2nd, 2021** – A Brother from the Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1, participated at the annual Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Central Regional Association meeting. He currently serves as the Historian for the organization.

• **October 16th, 2021** – A member of the John W. Foster Camp #2 represented his Camp and the Department of Indiana, SUVCW at a War of 1812 grave ceremony with the Indiana Society of the War of 1812 members and other hereditary organizations at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana.

• **October 23rd, 2021** – John W. Foster Camp #2 set up a recruitment booth and participated in Civil War living history during the Fall Heritage Day at the Lincoln Pioneer Village in Rockport, Indiana.

• **November 11th, 2021** –

- Working with the VFW and AMVETS, John B. Anderson Camp #223 participated in a Veterans Day event at the Hillcrest Cemetery in North Vernon, IN.
- Orlando Somers Camp #1 placed flags at the Crown Point Cemetery over the Veterans Day weekend.

• **November 20, 2021** – Several Brothers from the Department of Indiana representing Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR participated in the Gettysburg, PA, Remembrance Day Parade. Camps represented were the Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 and Ben Harrison Camp #356.

• **January 30th, 2022** – Permission was granted by the Commander in Chief Michael Paquette for the Department of Indiana to conduct its Winter Encampment virtually due to the Indiana State of Emergency concerning the continuing COVID-19 situation at the time. The Encampment was held via Zoom with twenty-seven participants attending the meeting as well as Commander in Chief Michael Paquette, representing the National Organization.

• **March 27th, 2022** – Champion Hill Camp #17 held an Eagle Scout award ceremony in Fort Wayne, IN for twin brothers.

• **April 16th, 2022** – A member of the Champion Hill Camp #17 represented his Camp and the Department of Indiana at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL.

• **April 22nd, 2022** – Several brothers of Champion Hill Camp #17 and Ben Harrison Camp #356 with Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR participated in the final honors held for Brother William Jourdan of the Department of IN at the Marion National Cemetery. That evening a member of the Camp attended the JROTC Ball and Banquet at the Huntington North High School to present to an outstanding Cadet of their unit.

• **April 22nd-23rd, 2022** – Members of the John Auten Camp #8 and Champion Hill Camp #17, participated in the Red Bud Rendezvous in Fulton County, IN. A Living History display to educate the public about the Civil War and the SUVCW was presented.

• **May 1st, 2022** – A proclamation was signed by Governor, Eric Holcomb of the State of Indiana, establishing May 30th, 2022 as the True Memorial Day and Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Day.

• **May 14th, 2022** – The John W. Foster Camp #2 presented a Civil War Living History and SUVCW recruiting booth for the public at the Heritage Day event at the Lincoln Pioneer

Village in Rockport, IN. Three Camp members were involved.

- **May 16th, 2022** – Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 held a recruiting booth at downtown Kokomo, IN during the First Friday event. Five members participated.
- **May 21st, 2022** – The John Auten Camp #8 participated in the annual South Bend Area Genealogical Society Conference at the Mishawaka Public Library in Mishawaka, IN by presenting information on the SUVCW.
- **May 28th, 2022** – The Commander of the Champion Hill Camp #17 was the keynote speaker at the unveiling of the Civil War Casualty plaque at the Civil War Memorial in Waterloo, New York. He also spoke at the Waterloo Museum on Memorial Day.
- **May 29th, 2022** – Orlando A. Somers Camp #1 held a Last Soldier event for Pvt. Daniel Webster Reed, Co. F, 72nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry at Highland Cemetery in Warren County, IN. This was the Camp's 9th Last Soldier ceremony. Other Camps represented were the John W. Foster Camp #2, John B. Anderson Camp #223 and Ben Harrison Camp #356, some were also representing Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR.
- **May 30th, 2022** –
  - The John Auten Camp #8 held its Annual Memorial Day program at the Bowman Cemetery in South Bend, IN. They were joined by Women's Relief Corps National Vice-President, and Vice-President of the Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 of the LGAR.
  - John B. Anderson Camp #223 held Memorial Day events at two cemeteries in Jennings County, IN.
  - Ben Harrison Camp #356 held a Memorial Day program in Action, IN at the grave of Pvt. Charles (Charlie) Fitzgerald of the 47th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.
- **June 4th, 2022** – The 136th Annual Encampment took place in person in Kokomo, IN. Eighteen members were in attendance as well as Shane Milburn, PDC, Dept. of Ohio, National COA, representing the National Organization. Shane performed the duties of Installing Officer at the end of the Encampment.
- **June 11th, 2022** – The Department Commander, the Department Secretary, and members of Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR participated in the chartering ceremony for the new Oscar and Mollie Mott Woman's Relief Corps #1 in Nappanee, IN.

## **6.11 Department of Iowa, Dennis L. Sasse, DC**

Membership in the Department of Iowa is currently 107 Members, however only 91 are in good standing since the suspension of Twombly Camp #2 this past May.

Our Department Encampment was held on April 2, 2022, at the American Legion Memorial Building in Atlantic, Iowa. We were pleased to host National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski as our representative from the C-in-C.

A few of our members explored the possibility of forming a Department-wide SVR Unit. The committee looking into the SVR has disbanded for now due to lack of interest. There is not currently an SVR unit in Iowa, however, Kinsman Camp #23 does have a Camp Guard. The Kinsman Camp Guard has acted quite honorably as a representative of their Camp and the SUVCW, and has also provided certain ceremonial functions for Department-level activities as well and are to be commended for their service and dedication.

King Camp #37 in Marshalltown, led by Danny Krock, PDC, is trying to organize efforts to shine a spotlight on the aesthetic conditions of the veterans cemetery at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. There are over 1000 burials there of just Civil War veterans and many others from nearly every war or conflict since, While the grounds are being maintained, several of the gravestones need to be straightened, raised, or replaced. Pillars at the entrance to the cemetery are in poor condition.

Department members Roy Linn (Kinsman Camp #23) and Mike Rowley (Dodge Camp #75) among others continue to go above and beyond in their efforts to account for graves of Civil War veterans and see that gravestones are set where none had before existed.

The Department completed the marking of the “Last Union Soldier” in each of Iowa’s 99 counties this June with the marking of the grave of James P. Martin in O’Brien County. Martin was the last Union soldier of all in Iowa, having passed on September 20, 1949, at the age of 102. Brothers Ron Rittel and Tom Gaard, both of Dodge Camp #75, are to be commended for their research, time and money spent to locate these soldiers and be sure they were appropriately marked.

Department Commander Dennis Sasse and his wife Denise (Kinsman Camp ASUVCW) just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Department Commander Sasse has participated in several events this year including laying a wreath for the G.A.R. at the Atlantic, Iowa, Memorial Day Service; the aforementioned “Last Soldier” ceremony for James Martin; Kinsman Circle gravestone dedications in Council Bluffs; gravestone

dedication for Joseph Porter in Avoca; and several other parades, programs and events with the Kinsman Camp Guard, of which he is a member.

## **6.12 Department of Kansas, Robert D. Boyd II, DC**

We survived this pandemic and became a stronger more loyal and dedicated Department of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been an extreme pleasure to serve as the Department Commander the last few months. Due to the Co-vid 19 pandemic all the hopes and dreams have been limited, but we shall provide excellent leadership to promote Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty among our Order.

Commander Boyd has planned to visit each Camp along with the Senior Vice Commander & other Officers. During the current environment of division in our government; the principal of the Union must be our primary rallying cry. I am pleased to celebrate with all of you that despite the pandemic, membership in our camps have not dropped in the past year.

The Co-vid 19 pandemic has stalled many actions in our camps, but we keep striving against this pandemic. Many of our meetings were cancelled, or performed by Zoom. I had the privilege of attending a camp meeting of Coyle Camp # 1, in Wichita, Kansas. I attended a Camp meeting at Camp # 4, Lawrence, Kansas. I have not missed a meeting of Humboldt Camp # 9, Humboldt, Kansas. I have not attended a meeting of Eckes Camp # 10, Winfield, Kansas, or Franklin Camp # 5 in Olathe, Kansas. I also attended a Camp meeting of Old Abe Number 16 in Topeka Kansas.

The National Encampment in St. Louis, Mo. resulted in many new friendships with representatives from Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska & South Dakota, and Texas.

Department Secretary Alan Russ and I attended the Nebraska Department Council. A friendship ensued and we returned to Nebraska with 8 more representatives from the Department of Kansas for the Kirkhead Ceremony. We have endeavored to create a new website with new hosting and information sharing possibilities that were not available previously.

Undaunted by the virus, many of our camps have met and carried on their normal activities. As Commander it is my responsibility to promote Peace, harmony, and charity to all of our Camps.

## **6.13 Department of Kentucky, David E. Jones, DC**

During the past quarter the following events have been held in the Department of Kentucky:

### **Fort Duffield Camp No. 1**

May 1, 2022 Headstone dedication for Pvt. Andrew Tharpe, PDC KY GAR, Winston, KY

May 14, 2022 Department Encampment, Mt. Zion Church, Richmond, KY

May 12, 2022 JROTC Award Presentations, North Hardin High School, Radcliff, KY

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Observance, Fort Duffield, West Point, KY

New Albany National Cemetery Memorial Day Service

June 11, 2022 SUVCW Info Table, Ancestral Trails Historical Society Book Fair,  
Elizabethtown, KY

### **Calhoun Camp No. 2**

*No Report Submitted*

### **Nelson-Garfield Camp No. 3**

April 24, 2022 Color Guard for Gen. Lew Wallace Chautauqua at Mt. Zion Church,  
Richmond, KY

### **Sgt. E. P. Marrs Camp No. 5**

April 24, 2022 Color Guard for Gen. Lew Wallace Chautauqua at Mt. Zion Church,  
Richmond, KY

May 1, 2022 Headstone dedication for Pvt. Andrew Tharpe, PDC KY GAR, Winston, KY

May 14, 2022 Hosted Department Encampment, Mt. Zion Church, Richmond, KY

May 28, 2022 Headstone dedication for LTC Reuban Munday, Stanford, KY

May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Service Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY

June 18, 2022 Juneteenth Celebration, African Cemetery No. 2, Lexington, KY

In addition to these events and their regular meetings the Kentucky Department Encampment was held at the Mt. Zion Christian Church in Richmond, KY on May 14, 2022. Bro. Jim Lyons the National Quarter Master represented the Commander in Chief and installed the department officers. Brothers from the Department also met with Bro. Jim



Crane from the National Encampment Site Selection Committee on June 24<sup>th</sup> in preparation for hosting the 2024 National Encampment. I have also corresponded with the CnC regarding the possible relocation of the GAR Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe, NM to the Kit Carson Birthplace in Richmond, KY. No determinations were made regarding the final disposition of the monument.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

## **6.14 Department of Maine, Peter Redman, DC**

No Report Received

## **6.15 Department of Massachusetts, John Dupre, DC**

The Department of Massachusetts now reports 11 active camps and 165 members in good standing. All camps have made their yearly reports.

In the past year, most every camp has resumed in person meetings or a mix of in person and virtual meetings.

The Department newsletter, The Clarion Call continues to be distributed electronically on a quarterly basis. Clarion Call editor Rod Fraser has created a YouTube channel called "What Makes Us Sons" where brothers of the order share the history of their ancestors.

All camps have resumed their traditional Memorial Day observances and are pursuing meaningful events in fulfilling their duties as brothers of the order.

In October, 2021, department members, along with brothers of Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54 and Commander-in-Chief Paquette, participated in the dedication of a new monument for Suzy King Taylor at Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts. Suzy King Taylor was the first African American nurse in the US Army and started a WRC Tent in Boston.

As we do every year, a bus load of brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, along with others from around New England, travelled together for our annual Remembrance Day weekend trip to Gettysburg in November, 2021. Massachusetts brothers participated in ceremonies and the SUCVW annual parade on Remembrance Day.

The Department held its annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch in February, 2022, and was well attended.

The Department continues to support Project New Hope, a Massachusetts based Veteran's outreach organization. In March 2022, we held our annual dinner to benefit Project New Hope, where a check was presented to the organization.

Our Department encampment was held at the beginning of April, 2022, where we had the honor of hosting Commander-in-Chief Paquette.

Brothers of the department and the First Military District, SVR traveled to New York City to participate in ceremonies honoring General and President Ulysses S. Grant on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth in April, 2022.

Department Brothers participated in the renewal of Memorial Day observances at the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in May, 2022. The cemetery in Bourne, MA is the only national cemetery in New England and 2022 is the first public event there in two years. Along with a joint commemoration of Memorial Day, Department members conducted memorial ceremonies for the seven unknown Union Civil War soldiers buried there.

In June, 2022 Massachusetts brothers participated, along with Willie Grout Camp 25 brothers in the dedication of a plaque and grove of trees placed in honor of for General Josiah Pickett of Worcester, Massachusetts. The memorial is located in a grove next to the new Polar Park baseball park in Worcester.

Currently four brothers of the department are serving in the military with one of those on deployment in the Middle East.

## **6.16 Department of Michigan, Nathan L. Smith, DC**

No Report Received

## **6.17 Department of Missouri, Gary L. Scheel, DC**

No Report Received

## **6.18 Department of Nebraska (with North Dakota and South Dakota), John J. Surman, DC**

Since the last report, I attended the Iowa Department Encampment in Atlantic, Iowa.

I was sworn in as the Department Commander for Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas.

I attended two virtual meeting with our CinC and other DCs.

Our Vifquain Camp #1 conducted 3-Last Veteran ceremonies on the same day in the Nebraska counties of Johnson, Nemaha, and Otoe with Otoe county being publicized in one newspaper.

Department Brothers joined the Department of Iowa Brothers for a joint dedication of headstones in the Council Bluffs Fairview Cemetery. Department Brothers also attended the reenactment of the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Civil War battle in Carthage, Missouri.

I attended Memorial Day ceremonies in the Wyuka, Calvary, and Memorial Park, all in Lincoln. Other Brothers attended those same Memorial Day events as well as others in Omaha, Fremont, and Wisner. Our Shiloh Camp #2 Commander gave Logan's General Order # 11 at the Lincoln Wyuka and Memorial Park events.

My family attended a Last Veteran ceremony in Sioux county and placed his QR-code medallion on the grave site.

Four (4) of our Camps attended a Last Veteran ceremony in Stromsburg, Polk county, which was attended by the veteran's great-grandson who had attended the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion at Gettysburg with his great-grandfather. It drew good pre-publicity and a follow-up newspaper story afterwards. A city-wide pot luck dinner was held afterwards with many of our Brothers attending.

Many Brothers attended the funeral of Shiloh Camp #2 Brother, Larry Angle.

Brothers representing the Department attended parades in Seward's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and Stirrup Days Festival/parade in Ashland where a Living History Camp was set up. A Living History camp will also be set up in Canton, South Dakota where South Dakota reenactors will join some of our Nebraska Brothers during the same weekend as the National Encampment.

I have submitted a request and pertinent information to the County Veteran's Service Officer in Otoe County, Nebraska for a headstone for a Union veteran whose grave is unmarked. We await a determination from the VA Administration on that application. I have also been in contact with a cemetery in Union County, South Dakota on another "unmarked grave" of a Union Civil War veteran and am awaiting a response from the cemetery sexton on a lack of a headstone and permission to solicit one before starting the paperwork for that soldier. Time will provide answers on both.

## **6.19 Department of New Hampshire, Gary A. Ward, DC**

I ascended to the office of Department Commander again in April 2022 after several years as SVC. We had our Annual Department Encampment in person at the Franklin Pierce Manse in Concord, NH. Previous events had been online. A contingent from New Hampshire attended the opening ceremonies of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of U.S. Grant in Manhattan on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

We are preparing and look forward to hosting the National Encampment in 2023.

## **6.20 Department of New Jersey, Jay Godin, DC**

The New Jersey camps have been meeting on their normal quarterly or bi-monthly schedule during the past quarter. The meetings have been a mix of in-person and virtual. The in-person meetings have been conducted in accordance with applicable CDC guidelines.

Communications within the Department continue to be updated to keep the best possible contact with our brothers in New Jersey. This included updating the Department website, Camp websites and the Department Facebook page, as well as the issue of our Quarterly Department of New Jersey Newsletter.

Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp # 7 brothers assisted the local VFW and placed over 700 Flags for Memorial Day as well Participated in 2 different Memorial Day services. They as well answered the call for Veterans in need of assistance and collected needed toiletries for veterans in need in conjunction with the new jersey veterans' network.

Custer Camp #17 Held a Memorial Day service at Fairview Cemetery Middletown N.J. in conjunction with the local S.A.R. Several final resting places were chosen to have memorial service, two of which were Lt. Colonel George Arrowsmith killed July 1, 1863 Gettysburg PA and Major Henry Martin Nevius PCinC Grand army of the Republic.

Major General Phillip Kearny Camp#20 was busy distributing Eagle scout certificates in person as well as drafting a resolution to be permitted to issue recognition certificates to Venture Scouts and Sea Scouts. Br. Chris Sands placed a wreath at the Civil War Soldiers Monument in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark, NJ.

James S. Stratton Camp #82 has an ongoing historical project involving the recovery and restoration and revival of Civil War Band Books of the 19th Va. Heavy Artillery Battalion. The participated in multiple Memorial Day services at Philadelphia's historic Laurel Hill

Cemetery, honoring the graves of General George Meade and other Civil War soldiers and sailors and they participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Glassboro, NJ.

Winfield Scott Camp 73 Held a Memorial Day service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Matawan New Jersey and Johnson Street Cemetery in Matawan New Jersey. In attendance were brothers of Scott Camp, A Town Councilman and residents of the town of Matawan.

New Jersey Brothers participated in a ceremonial unveiling of 5 Civil War flags at the New Jersey State Museum on July 16th 2022. Attendees included Department Commander Jay Godin, Department JVC Bruce Sirak, Gary DeSiver PDC, And several brothers of Lincoln Camp 100. The event was hosted by Department Secretary-Treasurer David Martin PDC. The New Jersey State House Flag Collection includes 132 Civil War related flags. They are put on display for approximately six months, with 5 different flags unveiled in rotation each June/July and December. This rotation included regimental colors of the 11<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Volunteers as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> brigade ,3<sup>rd</sup> division II Corps HQ flag and a 2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Brigade HQ flag.

The Department Encampment was held in-person Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Toms River, NJ. It was attended by SV CinC Bruce Frail. A resolution was passed by the Department concerning Scouting Certificates and sent to National SUVCW. Normal business was conducted with a lunch break and some fraternal time with Brothers of the Department and guests. Awards and gifts were exchanged and new officers for 2022 were sworn in.

## **6.21 Department of New York, Jeffrey I. French, DC**

PDC Brian Castler was Department Commander for part of this annual report. The Department accomplishments under his tenure is the first four paragraphs. In May 2022 I, Jeffrey French was elected Department Commander for NY.

At the 127th Annual Encampment of the Department of New York in 2010 it was resolved that the Grave of Major General George H. Thomas (The rock of Chickamauga) in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, NY be maintained by the Department. These efforts were headed by the Col. George L. Willard Camp, #154. The work of restoring the monument and reconstructing the ornamental cast-iron fence, replacing the broken and stolen finials, removal of a large Beech tree that towered dangerously over the Kellogg Family Plot, raising a descriptive bronze tablet of General Thomas off the ground, and placing directional Signage to the grave site is now 100% complete. On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (the anniversary of Thomas's birth in 1816) there was a re-dedication of the gravesite by the

Willard Camp, the Cemetery Association, and Friends of Oakwood Cemetery.

Since the Annual Encampment in May, quite a few Camps have held various activities from dedicating headstones, installing, and dedicating new headstones on unmarked graves, repair and cleaning existing headstones, dedication of graves, dedicating markers of Civil War Markers of Metal of Honor Winners, presentations (Civil War, GAR, SUVCW, etc.), and participated in the National Ceremony of commemorating the birth of President Chester B. Arthur, just to name a few.

In September the Commander in Chief started to conduct Quarterly Zoom meeting to update Department Commanders on subjects discussed at the Quarterly Council of Administration Meetings.

On 24 April 2022, the Department participated in ceremonies at Grant's Tomb for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U. S. Grants Birth and on 27 April 2022 participated in the in-Remembrance Day of Grant's birthday and dedication of Grants Cottage as a National Historical Landmark and the raising of a new Civil War flag over the Cottage donated by Colonel George L. Willard Camp #154, SUVCW. The Camp and the Department will return to the cottage on the 23 July 2022 to remember his death.

Memorial Day Weekend the Camps did numerous cemetery ceremonies honoring the Boys in Blue. The Walter H. French Camp #17 procured a headstone for Pvt Caleb Barrett and conducted a ceremony with Dorothy Prentice, PNP from the DUVCW and Hope Parke, PDP from the ASUVCW along with living descendants. Camps also participated in Memorial Day Parades in their communities. As Department Commander I joined the ASUVCW in their parade in Jordan, NY.

At the 139<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment; it was voted by the brothers to have a National Host Committee for 2026. The committee have procured two requests for proposals and working on the third location. As soon as that is received a letter of intent will be sent to the CinC and the National Site Committee for consideration.

Lee Richards contacted me to turn over GAR and SUVCW archives to me. The Department of NY archivists Leo McGuire, PDC and Brian Castler, PDC have done an exceptional job of inventorying the archives and procuring a place to store the items. In the coming days Brother McGuire recommendation to actively raise funds to have a Department Museum will be proposed at the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment.

Preserving history is one of our many missions. NYS has roughly 1800 battle flags requiring

preservation. CinC Paquette gave the Department approval to lobby for the preservation of these battle flags. To date one State Assemblyman expressed interest in this endeavor. More work on this front is in work. The Department is exploring a plan of action on fundraising efforts from corporations and businesses. This will be an ongoing project for the next few years until all have been successfully preserved.

The DUVCW and ASUVCW in NY have been working closely with our Department of NY in our effort to Host National in 2026, Department Encampments, and events honoring the Boys in Blue. We greatly appreciate their help and support.

## **6.22 Department of North Carolina, Kenneth T. Masters, DC**

### **Department Encampment**

On May 7, 2022, we conducted our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment in Fayetteville, North Carolina. This is the first in person Department Encampment the Department has had since the Coronavirus Pandemic began in 2020. It was attended by two National Officers, National Counselor Mark Day, PCinC and Henry C. Duquette, PDC, National Graves Registration Officer. Encampment business was conducted, there was an election and appointment of officers, and officers were installed by the National Counselor.

### **Memorial Day**

I issued a Department Order for Memorial Day, with multiple Camps participating in Memorial Day Services across North Carolina.

### **Eagle Scout Coordinator**

With the relaxing of Covid restriction Scouts are starting to be more active again. The Department issued 3 Eagle Scout Certificates this past year. The Department is reaching out to Local Scouting Districts to better promote the program.

### **New Camp**

On December 11, 2021, Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette presented a new Charter to Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 in Cary, North Carolina. Two Sisters of the Auxiliary also attended, and the guest speaker was historian Earnest Dollar. The Camp is named in honor of the Union cavalry commander Major General Judson Kilpatrick.

## **6.23 Department of Ohio, Donald E. Darby, PCinC, DC**

To the Officers, men and members of the SUVCW National Encampment

Greetings from the Department of Ohio.

This has been a busy year for the Department with our work “remembering the Boys in Blue” gaining State-wide recognition for the Order.

As you probably read in the Spring edition of the BANNER , the 5-year trek to protect Ohio War Monuments was finally passed by the 133<sup>rd</sup> Ohio General Assembly and the “Ohio Veterans Heritage Protection Act was signed into law on 22 December 2021. This Act protects ALL war memorials from the French and Indian Wars and through all future armed conflicts that the United States may be engaged. It forbids the sale, purchase of said monuments, it prevents their destruction or movement, for other than repair. It further places a \$10,000 fine to those who discrete those monuments and requires those fines to be used to repair like monuments.

Enderlin Camp 73, in Chillicothe, Ohio was awarded the Annual Ross County Historical Society Award for the work it has done on two Civil War Monuments in Ross County. PCinC David R. Medert was the driving force in both of these restorations. He single-handedly did all the work to gain funds to replace the Civil War Memorial in Grandview Cemetery. He met with the County Commissioners to get over \$30,000.00 to repair the monument along with money from the SUVCW and the Department of Ohio SUVCW. Prior to his death 6 years ago, PCinC Medert tasked the Enderlin Camp with restoring the General Sill monument also at Granview Cemetery. It took almost 5 years to acquire the \$26,000.00 for the restoration of the monument but it was completed in October of 2021. One Enderlin member, Garrett Dill, contributed \$10,000.00 toward the restoration.

Enderlin Camp is now looking toward assisting the City of Frankfort, Ohio in restoring their Civil War Monument. This monument is the First Civil War Monument in the County and is dedicated to the citizens of Frankfort that lost their lives at the Battle of Stone’s River and one who died at Andersonville Prison Camp. It has been called “The Penny Monument” because the children of that era contributed their pennies to pay for it.

Townsend Camp 108, Frost Ohio, was able to secure State capital Improvement Funds for the repair of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Frost, Ohio in the amount of \$50,000.00. Camp Commander Carl Denbow working with Representative Jay Edwards, Republican from Nelsonville, Ohio. This lobbying was done under General Order 14, 14



April 2021, issued by then-CinC Brian Pierson. The money will be used to re-paint the Hall, windows, and leveling of the foundation.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly Report, Volume 60, No. 2, 2020 contained a 9-page article on the Last Soldier Project of the SUVCW, specifically Ohio. The article describes the Project as starting in the Department of Ohio and then being picked up by the Order and covering the United States. It speaks of how the Project is funded and then list all of the Ohio counties where the Last Soldier has been located. Another kudo for Ohio and the SUVCW!

The membership of the Department of Ohio stood at 429 members as of the Department Encampment. That Encampment felt that in order to continue the business of the Department we would need to raise our dues. After much discussion, the Encampment raised the Department Dues to \$10 a year. We also changed how we would fund the Monuments and Memorials Fund to permit more funds to be available.

As I said in my very short acceptance speech "Let's do this of what was said in our obligation."

## **6.24 Department of Oklahoma, Clint A. Anderson DC**

On Memorial Day, 2021, Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 assisted the Sisters of Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 with a Flag Honor Guard, a reading of the Gettysburg Address, a musket salute, and the playing of Taps at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

Brothers from Camp #1, along with Brothers from Camp Numbers 3 and 4, provided an Honor Guard Detail and assisted in the placement of Civil War Veterans headstone to honor Pvt. William Lacey, Sr., 1st Kansas Colored Infantry at the Thomas Smith Cemetery. This was a Preservation Project by the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band (MCIFB) in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on August 14<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Camp #1 Brothers and Mrs. Wilma Handley of the DUV Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 completed the cleaning and restoration of 25 Union Veterans headstones and made repairs/painting to the cemetery entry gate and front fence at the Frisco Cemetery, Yukon, Oklahoma on October 2<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Camp #1 Brothers participated at Oklahoma History Center (OHC) Folklife Festival. This was a free event open to the public which offered a wide range of entertainment, crafts,

exhibitions, and food. The SUVCW was invited to host a booth, in which we used for recruitment and information in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Camp #1 Brothers participated in the Massing of Colors at the 45th Infantry Division for the Veterans Day Ceremony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 11<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Camp #1 Brothers have participated in Gun Show Recruitment on a quarterly basis in Oklahoma City. This is an effort to reach out to the community to get more exposure and encourage membership applications.

Camp #1 Brothers honored their ancestors and all Civil War Veterans on Remembrance Day on November 20<sup>th</sup> of 2021, in collaboration with Sisters of the DUVCW Tent #18.

Contributions and pledges were received to restore the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City to its original condition. This monument was originally named the GAR Monument and has needed restoration of four granite pedestals topped by cannonball stacks. This project was completed in November. A ceremony was held in conjunction with the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 20<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Brothers of Camp #1 served as guides for along with members of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8706, to escort members of the Regents Council of the Oklahoma State Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to present wreaths for each of the military service branches, veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Wars, and POWs at the Veterans Monument at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery in Oklahoma City as part of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony hosted by the DAR on December 18<sup>th</sup> of 2021.

Brothers of Camp #1 participated in the Birthday Card Campaign for the last remaining Real Son Brother William Pool whose birthday was on 13<sup>th</sup> of January of 1925. Brother Pool is Life Member #825 and belongs to the Col. John Bryner Camp of Illinois. A card was sent on behalf of the Oklahoma Department on January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2022.

Brothers of Co. L, 3rd Indian Home Guard SVR unit participated in the 89r's Parade with members of the Marine Corps League in Guthrie, Oklahoma, on April 23 of 2022.

Indian Nations Camp 3 set up at Honey Springs Battlefield during their reenactment program. We visited with a great number of people with the intent of promoting the SUVCW and the Indian Nations Camp by being visible near the museum. A few of the members that were able to attend and help at the booth were Brian Barton, Steven Tolbert,

Carl Fallen, Scott Preston and Clint Anderson.

Indian Nations Camp #3 hosted a table at the Wannemacher Gun Show the weekend of the 13th of November. We spoke to a large number of people, many already members of other Departments and Camps of the SUVCW.

We awarded seven Eagle Scouts their award from the SUVCW from the Indian Nations Camp, these Eagle Scouts belong to Troop 26 and their Court of Honor was hosted on October 4th. JVC Scott Preston is plugged into the Scout program and did a great job putting this program in motion.

On Sunday, October 31st, a free movie on the Battle of Honey Springs was viewed in Tulsa by several members of the Indian Nations Camp #3. The movie was produced by the Oklahoma Historical Society. New member Brian Barton was instrumental in setting up the opportunity.

Indian Nations Camp #3 placed 52 flags on Union Civil War Veterans graves during Memorial Day and had a grand Memorial Day Program at Rose Hill cemetery. Terri Walker of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary did an outstanding job of organizing the placement of the flags on the Veterans graves.

Jacob Overturf Camp #4, Brother Rex Griffin presented the JROTC ribbon and medal to Cadet Grant DiGiacomo of the Broken Arrow High School Air Force program on May 4<sup>th</sup> of 2021, at that school's awards ceremony.

As part of his observance of Memorial Day, Department Commander Clint Anderson traveled to Kansas to decorate family graves. He placed a metal GAR marker for his 3rd Great Grandfather, George David Sears, who served with Companies C and A of the 6th Kansas Cavalry. George is buried in Oak Grove, Chautauqua County, Kansas, and belonged to the Chautauqua Springs GAR Post 218. In 1891 he was the Post Commander, according to their records, and Chaplain in 1883.

On July 16<sup>th</sup> of 2022, members of Co. L 3rd Indian Home Guard engaged in the dedication Ceremony at the Honey Springs Battlefield Site. We transported approximately 121 miles from OKC to the battle site. The Ceremony was held on the grounds of the Oklahoma History Center interpretative site. The dedication started with a firing from a 12-pound Napoleon cannon that had been provided from members of the National Park Service out of Ft. Smith AR. We then marched in with the Colors, a 35 Star US flag, which is what would have been current at the time of the original battle. We also had a current Oklahoma State

flag. The rifle salute was called with remarkable accuracy, there were 3 volleys. After the salute the Colors were retrieved, and the color line joined up with the rifle line in two lines again. The lines moved out to a safe distance from the cannon and the 12-pounder roared to life again! Taps was played by the bugler and the ceremony ended.

Department Commander Anderson presented a JROTC award to the worthy Cadet of the Bixby/Glenpool Marine Unit on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

In conclusion I will report with pride the Department of Oklahoma, be it a smaller Department, is a very active and cohesive Department. The Camps all work very well with one another and continue growth. Several activities are scheduled in the coming months.

## **6.25 Department of Pennsylvania, Dane A. DiFebo, DC**

Greetings Brothers! Although I was only recently elected Commander of the Pennsylvania Department on June 18 in Williamsport, PA, I am happy to offer this report on behalf of the Department.

We had an excellent in person department encampment and were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Paquette as our guest. The Brothers of the Department in attendance at the encampment were grateful that C-in-C Paquette informed us of some of the matters that would be addressed at this National Encampment.

I have re-appointed the Pennsylvania Department Education Committee. This Committee held its first meeting of the year on July 7 and has put some excellent plans in place for the coming year. I will be providing further details about the doings of the Education Committee as they become available.

Our 2023 Department Encampment is planned to be held in Altoona, PA in June. More details will be forthcoming.

## **6.26 Department of Rhode Island, Benjamin J. Frail, PDC**

This year has been a busy year for the Brothers of the Department of Rhode Island. For the first time since Covid our Annual Awards Dinner and Annual Appomattox Day Encampment were held in person and we had the honor of Commander in Chief Mike Paquette in attendance for both, we thank him for his kind words and guidance during both events. We continued to host our monthly Department Officers Meetings via Zoom, we utilize these meetings to receive updates from Department Committees and on Camp

activities.

One of the projects that the Department has continued to work on this year is our States Parks Project. In the State of Rhode Island there are two (2) State Parks, Goddard & Haines Parks, that have links to men who served for the Union during the Civil War. We have continued talks with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, the agency that runs these two parks. They have listed their requirements and the RI State Parks Committee has been tasked with meeting them. We have started the process of researching Dr. Haines and Lt. Col. Goddard service to the Union as the RIDEM requires citation for any signs that are put up in the parks.

We continued our efforts to ascertain more information from the Friends of Vicksburg regarding the rededication of the 7th Rhode Island Monument that was damaged during storms two years ago. After multiple attempts this past year, the Friends of Vicksburg replied stating that the monument reinstallation was completed last week. We have asked that we be kept in the loop for any rededication plans so that the Department can attend.

We have also reached out to the Narragansett Indian Tribe in Rhode Island to work with them to honor their warriors that served in the Union forces during the Civil War. In talks with their Tribal Historian, no such ceremony to honor these men has ever occurred. We are working with tribal leadership to plan a ceremony for next year. We are also continuing to work with the City of Providence to get the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, located across from City Hall in Kennedy Plaza, refurbished. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument lists all the men from Rhode Island that were killed during the war.

I am proud to report that all four (4) camps took hosted Memorial Day Ceremonies this past year. Finally, this year we have added seventeen (17) new Brothers and lost three (3) for a net gain of fourteen (14) Brothers. It is an honor to serve as the Commander of the Department of Rhode Island.

## **6.27 Department of Southwest, Robert D. McCord DC**

No Report Received

## **6.28 Department of Tennessee, George A. Huttick, DC**

The Department of Tennessee consists of four (4) Camps within our defined geographic boundary of the state of Tennessee and the state of Mississippi. This is a 33% reduction in Camps over the past two years. We have undertaken efforts to retain the Brothers from the

most recent Camp to close, yet we will not retain all of those Brothers. Our geographic area is large. We have no Camps in Mississippi. The remaining Camps are spread across the 500 miles between Memphis TN and Bristol TN and the 200 miles between Chattanooga TN and Clarksville TN. Currently, the biggest need for a presence is in East Tennessee resulting from the closure of the two Camps in that area. We know of individuals who are seeking Camps in that area, yet no one is committed to taking leadership.

We are getting interest in membership in the Order. One Camp is attempting to form in West Tennessee. We look forward to Captain Asa N. "Black Hawk " Hays SUVCW #81 joining the Department soon. The Camp is planned for Lexington TN, which is near the site of the battle of Parker's Crossroads. Additionally, interest is being gauged for a Camp in Murfreesboro, TN. I feel confident that both of these Camps are being established so that they can be sustainable.

The Department is partnering with a group that is starting an Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We understand that the group will affiliate with the Department yet support the local Camps. By having a Department presence, it will allow for Camp level ASUVCW groups to eventually form.

Br. Darrell Ball was awarded the Br. Charles Henry Engle, Jr. Award of Appreciation for his diligent efforts in locating Union graves in the Department of Tennessee and for his participation and support of Civil War observances throughout the Department. Br. Mike Downs, PDC, was awarded the Department Commander Award for his willingness to serve the Department of Tennessee and for his advice and support of the Department Commander and his dedicated commitment to our Order.

We are saddened to report that two of our Past Department Commanders, Br. Geoffrey Hintze and Br. John Anderson passed away in the last year. Br. Hintze had transferred to the Department of Alabama, yet served our Department with distinction for years. Br. Anderson was one of our earliest Commanders, and was less involved in recent years. Camps continue to have a presence in their communities. They are active with living history, hosting speakers, Eagle Scout certificates, ROTC certificates, "Little Patriot Parades", Independence Day Activities and other programs that further the order. Some Brothers continue to identify graves and restore headstones. Several intentionally have booths or activities at Civil War shows. We do have two (2) Sons of Veterans Reserve Units that are within our Department boundaries that have some activities.

The focus of the Department is currently:

- Development and Training of Department and Camp leaders to strengthen the Department.
- Improvement of communication between the Department and the Camps
- Intentionally improving the health of our Camps

## **6.29 Department of Texas (with Louisiana), Michael L Lance, DC**

The following is a report of the actions and activities of the Department of Texas, and the individual camps of the same, since the 27<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment in 2021. The past year has again, been a very productive one for the Department of Texas.

The Department of Texas reported on March 31, 2022 a total strength of 194 Brothers in good standing, from four Camps; Gen. James J. Byrne Camp #1 reported 25 members, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp #2 reported 114 members, Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp #5 reported 23 members, and Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp #18 reported 32 members. The Department boasts 15 Life members, an increase of one from 2021.

In addition, I am pleased to report that all Camps have updated their EIN information and the Department Secretary completed Form 11 which was certified by Past Department Commander Tony Vets and forwarded to the National Treasurer, as required, by March 15, 2019.

Recruiting remains our highest priority and focus. The Department is always actively seeking to interact with the public and identify potential new members. The Department is also promoting best practices to retain current members and to reconnect with past members. We all know too well how difficult the past couple of years have been. COVID-19, and our human response to it, wreaked havoc across the world, and to our own sublime Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have been affected adversely, as has every other lineage society. Indeed, COVID-19 affected the Department of Texas in a very particular way, as we lost our own Brother Bill Pollard, who was cut down by the virus at the beginning of his 2021 term as Department Commander.

Yet, like our ancestors who knew of and experienced loss and defeat in ways we will never fully comprehend, we mourn our losses, but then set our eyes on the future. We strategize new goals, we regroup, and we march on. I am happy to report that the Department of Texas is indeed marching on.

During the past year, our camps have resumed many of their activities that had been postponed by COVID-19. Those activities include the *Veterans Day Commemoration* at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas conducted by Byrne Camp No. 1, for which an article was published in the Department News section of the Autumn 2021 edition of *The Banner*.

Lea Camp #2 in Houston, Texas, along with National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1, and members of the Byrne Camp, Bailey Camp, Ellsworth Camp, and Co. K, 1<sup>st</sup> US Infantry, SVR, participated in the graveside service for Past Department Commander Pollard at the Hayes Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas. The Lea Camp also participated in a program entitled *Voices of South Texas*, commemorating the gravesite of Maj. James Downing of the 35<sup>th</sup> USCT at Old Bayview Cemetery in Corpus Christi, Texas. A 1917 version of the *Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Service* was conducted there by the brothers. On Memorial Day, brothers of the Lea Camp participated in an Honor Guard and fired musket volleys at the National Cemetery in Houston, Texas. Lea Camp #2 also conducted their signature annual event, *Battle of Galveston Commemoration* ceremonies honoring the federal casualties – soldiers and sailors - of the January 1, 1863 battle for Galveston, Texas. Brothers of the Lea Camp were joined at the event by PDC John E. Schneider, representing both *Mollus* and Ellsworth Camp #18. Also in attendance were members of Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1, Sarah Emma Edmonds, Texas Tent No. 4, DUVCW, Co. A, 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, U.S. Infantry, and Mr. Dick Gray, Chaplain of Harmony Masonic Lodge #6 of Galveston, Texas. The Lea Camp also provided twenty ROTC awards and six Eagle Scout presentations.

Bailey Camp #5 presented Cadet Major Kaitlyn M. Hawk, a member of AFROTC Unit AK-941 in North Pole, Alaska, with a certificate honoring her accomplishments. Cadet Hawk's unit won the Alaska Color Corp drill team competition and the Air Gun Alaska competition. She was the team leader for both. The Bailey Camp also presented an award to Cadet PFC Brenden C. Campbell of the Army ROTC detachment of Northwestern State University of Louisiana. In addition, Brother William Nichols and Camp Commander John Prime participated in a ceremony for the respectful burial of the remains of unclaimed U.S. military veterans at the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery near Keithville, Louisiana.

On Memorial Day, brothers of Ellsworth Camp #18 gathered to conduct a memorial service at the Boyd gravesite in the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney Texas.

Other steps successfully undertaken in efforts to improve the operations and outreach of



the Department of Texas include: reinstating our Department newsletter, *The Unionist*, which now has an improved design with a public-facing focus; the revamping of our Department website by our very talented Brother Larry Joe Reynolds - a work of skill and beauty; and the development of our internal and external-facing Department Facebook pages by Signals Officer, Brother John Vander Meulen. All these measures were focused on improving communication throughout the department, to serve as potential sources of recruitment, and to provide information about our Order to the public.

The Department of Texas has also established a Zoom account, with which regular Zoom staff meetings have been utilized to enhance and coordinate Department operations.

By reinstating an in-person 2021-2022 Department Encampment in Jefferson, Texas, we have taken one more step in marching on. It will not be the last step - just one in a series - as we continue in our perpetual duty of preserving the history and legacy of the men who fought and worked to preserve the Union.

There is still a lot of work to be done. We need to work on creating more camps within the department, and then dedicate the time and effort necessary to assist those new camps in engaging in this perpetual duty. We also need to continue to work to educate our youth about the Civil War.

Lastly, we need to address a bigger, and important picture within our Order so as to not detail us out of existence. We stand today to lose outstanding current brothers from our Order, and miss the opportunity of attracting new potential brothers as the result of a seemingly anachronistic road block to membership. Therefore, the Department of Texas recommends the following amendment to the Charter, Constitution and Regulations:

The Department of Texas concurs with the opinion issued by the National Counselor on June 10, 2022, that during the period from 2014 through 2022, the definition of **direct blood relative** was omitted from our Charter, Constitution and Regulations.

This omission left Brothers of the Order with no specific guidance that defines the **direct blood relative** requirement and likely contributed to Brothers not being fully cognizant of the multiple and somewhat disjointed notes that are contained in the footnotes of our documents, and as a result, some members were admitted under a blood relative that was a cousin.

Given the precedent established at the 118<sup>th</sup> National Encampment to grandfather the memberships of brothers who did not meet the criteria for full membership as a direct

blood relative, the Department of Texas withdraws the amendment we previously submitted and recommends a substitute amendment in its place.

The Department of Texas recommends that the following amendment to the Regulations be made:

**Amend the last sentence of definition (a), now proposed for reinstatement in the National Regulations, by the Special Committee for the Reorganization of the National Regulations, and found in Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 Constitution and Regulations, to read: "This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999 or between August 16, 2014 and August 13, 2022."**

### **6.30 Department of Vermont, Maurice Cerutti, DC**

The 137<sup>th</sup> Department of Vermont Annual Encampment was held on May 21, 2022 at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Brother Bruce Frail Senior Vice Commander in Chief was the national representative.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, some members of the William Scott Camp 302 from Barre, VT did a cleaning of the William Scott Monument at the turn off on 302 in West Groton, VT. Along with that monument, the group also cleaned 6 smaller monuments of Civil War Veterans in a small cemetery just 100 yards west of the William Scott Monument. The group also replaced the flags of those Civil War Veterans.

The members of the group that participated were Brothers Wade Johnson SR, Mark Morse and Dan Whitcher.

Brother Errol Briggs presented the following ROTC/JROTC 2022 awards:

#### **NORWICH UNIVERSITY**

Army	CDT Margaret T. Thornton
NAVY	MIDN 1/C Beatrice J. Sullivan
USMC	MISN 1/C Steven J. Sikora
Air Force	C/Capt Rebekah K. Howard
Space Force	C/Lt Col Shaliegh S. Strange

#### **SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL JROTC**

Army            Lily Schoenig

The Vermont Department has been able to present awards at Norwich every year since the inception of the SUVCW medal.

Vermont Camps have continued summer activities including Memorial Day parades, placing flags on Veterans graves and Fourth of July parades.

## **6.31 Department of Wisconsin (with Minnesota), Robert F. Koenecke, DC**

Robert Koenecke, was elected Department Commander in June. We have ordered new Government headstones for 2. War of 1812 Veterans in the Bloomfield pioneer cemetery in Walworth county. When they arrive we will install them and do a dedication ceremony with our honor guard firing muskets. Also I plan on visiting each camp at their monthly meeting this year. Going to encourage brothers in Wis and Minnesota to have several events this year to give our organization some public exposure and let people know that we are out here. Would also encourage camps to work on new membership.

We have ordered 2 government headstones for 2. War of 1812 Veterans in the Bloomfield Pioneer Cemetery in Walworth co.. when they come we will install them

And have a dedication ceremony. I was elected Commander of wis department last month and am making plans for the Year . Planning on visiting each camp for one of their monthly meetings. Also putting emphasis on recruiting. Would like to see each camp in Wis and Minnesota try to have several events throughout this next year to create more visibility of our organization. We are still working on restoration of the 1855 Lafayette Church in Walworth County.

**7.0 Appendix**

**7.1 Form 42, National Patriotic Instructors Report, Benjamin Frail, DC**

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How many Civil War history education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic Responsibility?			259	2595	6551.21
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?			220	2511	2358.54
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?			81	81	0
4	Armed Forces Day participation?	X		47	169	40
5	Memorial Day participation?	X		492	1267.5	3980.86
6	Flag Day participation?	X		91	143.5	211.25
7	July 4 participation?	X		152	495	478
8	Remembrance Day participation?	X		194	903	2738.42
9	Veterans Day participation?	X		222	482	224

10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays?			351	1127	1459.82
11	How many Patriotic / Americanism Essay Contest participation?			11	52	350
11a	Number of schools participating?			10	9	0
11b	Number of Youth Groups participating?			44	124	0
11c	Number of students involved?			164	155	0
11d	Scholarships awarded if any?			7	6	1750
12	<p>How did you promote the SUVCW throughout the Order? (continue on page 6 if necessary)</p> <p>Through monthly Patriotic Instructions as well as Instructions on important Patriotic Holidays. Forwarded all Half Mast notifications to DPIs asking they forward to their CPIs and Department Officers, and to the Council of Administration. Held a Patriotic Instructors education session with Department Patriotic Instructors and am working on a recorded DPI Education Program to be hosted on Memorial University and the NPI Page on the National Website.</p>					
13	Did SUVCW members wear and display member badges?	Y				
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the community, businesses, and schools?			70	30	40
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in the National Organization and to the Departments?	Y		166		
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program?	Y		349		
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program?	Y		164	63	

18	What events or functions did the NPI participate in by showing how important Patriotism / Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 6 if necessary) Took part in multiple Patriotic Holidays. Went into local schools, historical societies, veterans organizations and other areas to educate on Patriotism & Americanism. Published 21 National Patriotic Instructions.					
19	Did National include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?	Y				
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?	Y		125		
21	Were Patriotic Instructors appointed in all Departments?	Y				
22	If not, how many were appointed? Which Departments did not have PIs appointed? (use page 4)					
23	National Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at National meetings?	Y		23		
25	How many Departments submitted Annual Reports? List those that did not on page 4.			20		
26	How many members enrolled in Memorial University?			28		
27	How many completed Memorial University?			14		

28	How many MU Certificates presented at Department Encampments?			2		
29	How many MU Certificates presented at National Encampment?			2		
30	Did Departments receive monthly Patriotic Instructions from the National PI?	Y				
31	Did Camps receive monthly National Patriotic Instructions from the Department PI?	Y				
32	<p>Assess communication from National PI to Department PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary):</p> <p>Regular Email communications were used to DPis. NPI Phone Number was issued and encouraged used if needed to all DPis. All DPI informed of and encouraged to use Memorial University and for DPis to inform all CPis and Department Officers of the online course (WWW.SUVCWMU.ORG). Zoom training session was also had and well received.</p>					
34	<p>Assess communication from Department PI to Camp PIs. What forms of communication were used? (continue on page 6 if necessary):</p> <p>Most communication was done by Email or Zoom from DPis to CPis</p>					

35	<p>Recommendations for Department and Camp PIs to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):  DPIs to have training sessions with CPIs after having training session with NPI. Keep open lines of communication to CPIs, if no CPI is assigned then open lines of communication with Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries and stress importance of a CPI to the Camp Commanders. Be open minded about monthly instructions, they do not have to be the on the history of the Civil War or the Order. They can also be about certain ways we can reach out to the community in hopes to spark ideas for Camp and Department activity in the community.</p>
36	<p>National PI recommendations to improve the Patriotic Instructor program (continue on page 6 if necessary):  A complete review &amp; update of the NPI Handbook. Continue to expand content of Instructions to outside History of the Civil War and Order. To have quarterly Zoom sessions with DPIs to ensure open lines of communication and training of new DPIs. Review and update all Patriotic Material that is currently posted on the NPI Webpage and update where needed. Work on ways to reach out to other organizations to do presentations to represent the National Order. Finalize Job Role Video for National Patriotic Instructor for Memorial University.</p>



No.	Narrative Continuation
15	* Number is sum of Holidays promoted reported by Departments and by NPI
16	* Number is sum of Eagle Scout Programs supported by Departments and by NPI
17	* Number is sum of ROTC Programs supported by Departments and by NPI
22	*Not Applicable
23	* All National Patriotic Instructions were forwarded to CofA for reading in lieu of presenting at CofA Meetings. Last two presented at National Encampment.

## **7.2 Financial Statements, D. Michael Beard, National Treasurer**

Financial Statements and  
Supplementary Information  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.  
*Year ended June 30, 2021  
with Independent Auditor's Report*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Financial Statements and  
Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2021

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## Independent Auditor's Report

**Council of Administration**  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. (SUVCW) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP); this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SUVCW as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Council of Administration  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

**Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information included on pages 15 and 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Coulter & Justus, P. C.*

Knoxville, Tennessee  
September 23, 2021

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2021

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 194,815
Inventory	28,446
Prepaid expense	15,047
Other current assets	482
Total current assets	238,790
Investments, at fair value:	
U.S. Savings Bonds	44,436
Mutual funds	1,059,705
Total investments, at fair value	1,104,141
Fixed assets:	
Furniture and equipment	30,081
Less accumulated depreciation	(26,527)
Net fixed assets	3,554
Total assets	\$ 1,346,485
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,852
Deferred revenue	111,182
Total current liabilities	113,034
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions:	
Designated	424,213
Undesignated	809,238
Total net assets	1,233,451
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,346,485

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Revenues:	
Per capita dues	\$ 133,446
Life member fees	19,230
Registration and application fees	5,534
Quartermaster sales	36,543
Shipping and handling	5,780
Banner subscriptions and advertising	760
Donations	12,889
Lincoln tomb observance	1,085
Investment income	87,861
Other	2,106
Total revenues	<u>305,234</u>
Expenses:	
Officer allowances and per diem expense	11,996
Executive director	19,530
Cost of quartermaster sales	19,739
Shipping and handling	10,279
ROTC program	983
National encampment	4,326
Printing and web page	1,744
Banner	47,768
Lincoln tomb observance	2,479
Life member payments to camps	200
Awards, grants, and donations	15,065
Accounting and professional fees	49,436
Office, telephone, and postage	9,156
Rent	10,200
Insurance	3,392
Depreciation	2,601
Miscellaneous expense	2,470
Total expenses	<u>211,364</u>
Change in net assets	93,870
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	<u>1,139,581</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,233,451</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended June 30, 2021

<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Change in net assets	\$ 93,870
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	2,601
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(66,568)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expense	3,622
Inventory	(8,054)
Other current assets	1,395
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,375)
Deferred revenue	(666)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>24,825</u>
<b>Cash flows used by investing activities</b>	
Sales of certificates of deposit	131,780
Net purchases of investments	(238,373)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(106,593)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(81,768)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>276,583</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 194,815</u>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2021

**1. Description of Organization**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. (SUVCW) is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1881. SUVCW was incorporated by an Act of Congress on August 20, 1954.

The purpose of SUVCW is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of The Republic and the men who saved the Union between 1861 and 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation of and availability of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of The Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our Country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

Membership in SUVCW is limited by an act of Congress to male, blood relatives of persons who served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865, as soldiers or sailors of The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service, and of such state requirements as were called into active service, and were subject to orders of United States General Officers between those dates, and were honorably discharged from such service or who died in service.

SUVCW consists of Camps, Departments, and the National Organization. The National Encampment of the National Organization has the supreme power and authority of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These financial statements include only the activities of the National Organization. SUVCW is classified as an organization exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) as a public charity. SUVCW has a group exemption that covers its Camps and Departments. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements.

SUVCW is governed by a twelve (12) member Council of Administration. The National Encampment elects all Council of Administration members to oversee and administer the day-to-day operations of SUVCW.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

SUVCW reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following classes of net assets:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Includes revenue and contributions received without donor-imposed restrictions.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Basis of Presentation (continued)**

Net assets with donor restrictions – Includes revenue and contributions, if any, subject to donor-imposed stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets and where the restriction is not met within the same fiscal year. When a donor restriction expires in a subsequent fiscal year, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted gifts are classified as unrestricted if the restriction expires in the same fiscal year.

**Basis of Accounting**

SUVCW uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Fund Accounting**

The accounts of SUVCW are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under fund accounting, resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, fund balances and activity are classified as net assets with or without donor restrictions in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

The following funds are used by SUVCW:

**General Fund**

This fund is used to collect revenues and disburse funds for expenses related to the normal, day-to-day operations of SUVCW.

**National Headquarters Fund**

This fund is used to account for funds to establish a National Headquarters. The National Headquarters is located within the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Headquarters will be used for the National Executive Director's office and to store records. Annual rent is \$10,200. As of June 30, 2021, the Council of Administration designated \$49,982 for these purposes.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Fund Accounting (continued)**

Preservation Fund

This fund was created by action of the Council of Administration in 1999 to assist Departments and Camps of the Order in the preservation, maintenance, and defense of Civil War monuments and memorials. As of June 30, 2021, the Council of Administration designated \$38,178 for these purposes.

Permanent Fund

This fund was established by vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW and is authorized by Article VIII of SUVCW's Constitution. This fund accounts for Life Membership fees received prior to August 15, 1996. The fund also accounts for monies that have been given or bequeathed to the National Organization in memory of a Civil War veteran, monies given or bequeathed to the National Organization that have not been designated for a specific purpose by the donor, and such other monies as may be added thereto by vote of the National Encampment or the Council of Administration. The Permanent Fund may annually distribute, for each Life Member, \$18 to the National General Fund; there were no such distributions during 2021. The annual reimbursement sent to each member's camp upon application is set by the Council of Administration. The Council of Administration sets the amount based upon the earnings of the Permanent Fund in the previous fiscal year. Earnings on the monies may be transferred to the National General Fund and used for the operations of the National Organization. Except as may be provided by the donor, no portion of the principal may be disbursed without a vote by the National Encampment. As of June 30, 2021, the Council of Administration designated \$284,140 for these purposes.

Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund

This fund was established by the vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW in 2007 to account for monies designated for the annual ceremony held to honor Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois. As of June 30, 2021, there were no net assets designated by the Council of Administration to be used for this purpose.

Life Membership Fund

This fund was established by the vote of the National Encampment of SUVCW in 2012 to account for the life membership fees. As of June 30, 2021, the Council of Administration designated net assets of \$51,913 for this purpose.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

SUVCW considers highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash on deposit at financial institutions is federally insured to certain limits. SUVCW routinely has cash on deposit with financial institutions with these limits, and balances in excess of these limits are subject to the risk that the financial institution will not pay upon demand.

**Inventory**

Inventory consists of items for sale to members and is charged as an expense at the time of sale. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined using the average cost method.

**Fixed Assets**

Furniture and equipment over \$500 is capitalized and stated at cost, if purchased, or at fair value, if donated. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, which range from three to ten years. The costs of normal maintenance that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

**Investments**

The investment portfolios are held and managed by investment advisors and stated at fair value (*Note 3*). Investment income, including unrealized gains and losses, is reported as an increase in net assets, depending upon donor restrictions, if any.

**Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenue consists of per capita dues and encampment registration revenue applicable to the subsequent fiscal year. Per capita dues and encampment registration revenue dues are reported as deferred revenue when received and then recognized as revenue over the period of membership or at the time of the encampment. Other revenues for which SUVCW has been contracted to render services are recognized upon the transfer of the goods or services to the customer.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Contributions**

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Contributions subject to donor-imposed stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets, and for which the restriction is not met within the same fiscal year, are classified as net assets with donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires in a subsequent fiscal year, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted gifts are classified as net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the same fiscal year.

**Donated Materials and Service**

The amount of donated materials and services is not considered to be significant by management. Accordingly, no values have been recorded in the financial statements.

**Liquidity and Availability of Resources**

SUVCW has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

As of June 30, 2021, SUVCW has approximately \$1,299,000 of financial assets, including approximately \$195,000 of cash and cash equivalents and \$1,104,000 of investments available to meet cash needs for general expenditures that will be available within one year of the statement of financial position date. None of these financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the statement of financial position date.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Subsequent Events**

In preparation of the accompanying financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events through September 23, 2021, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842), which supersedes FASB ASC 840, *Leases*, and makes conforming amendments to U.S. GAAP. ASU 2016-02 requires, among other changes to the lease accounting guidance, lessees to recognize most leases on balance sheet via a right of use asset and lease liability, and additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures. ASU 2016-02 is effective for SUVCW for the 2023 fiscal year. SUVCW is currently evaluating the effect this new standard will have on its financial statements.

**3. Investments**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that SUVCW has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The fair value measurement level of the asset or liability within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by SUVCW are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by SUVCW are deemed to be actively traded.

*U.S. savings bonds:* Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**3. Investments (continued)**

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although SUVCW believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, SUVCW's investments as of June 30, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
U.S. savings bonds	\$ -	\$44,436	\$ -	\$ 44,436
Mutual funds	1,059,705	-	-	1,059,705
Total investments, at fair value	<u>\$1,059,705</u>	<u>\$44,436</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,104,141</u>

The total return on U.S. savings bonds and mutual funds for the year ended June 30, 2021 is summarized as follows:

Interest and dividends	\$21,293
Net realized and unrealized gain	66,568
Total investment income	<u>\$87,861</u>

**4. Fixed Assets**

The following is a summary of the changes in fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 30,081	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,081
Less accumulated depreciation	(23,926)	(2,601)	-	(26,527)
	<u>\$ 6,155</u>	<u>\$(2,601)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,554</u>

**5. Leases**

SUVCW leases office space under an agreement classified as an operating lease that expires on June 30, 2022. Future minimum lease payments amount to \$10,200 in 2022.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**6. Endowment**

SUVCW's endowment consists of internally designated funds established for perpetual support of life memberships. As required by U.S. GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law – SUVCW classifies the original and subsequent value of funds designated for the endowment as net assets without donor restrictions. The Council of Administration of SUVCW has determined that the long-term preservation of the real value of the assets is the current goal of the endowment. As such, SUVCW has not chosen to be governed by the spending rate as permitted by the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

The following represents the change in endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2021:

Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$256,469
Contributions	939
Investment income and net appreciation	26,932
Lifetime memberships reimbursed	(200)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$284,140</u>

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters – SUVCW has adopted an investment policy for endowment assets that attempt to achieve a real total return, resulting from income and capital appreciation, which will assist SUVCW in achieving its long-term funding objectives. Under this policy, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that, after examining the historical relationships of risk and return among asset classes, is designed to provide the highest probability of meeting or exceeding the return objectives at the lowest possible risk.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives – To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, SUVCW relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). SUVCW targets a diversified asset allocation to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy – Currently, the Council of Administration of SUVCW has determined that the long-term preservation of the real value of the assets is the current goal of the permanent endowment. As such, there has been no approved spending policy, as the current objective of the endowment is to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity. Current period interest and dividends may be considered to be payment of life membership reimbursements.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**7. Functional Expenses**

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated among program and management and general based primarily upon direct charges and were as follows during 2021:

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officer allowances and per diem expense	\$ 11,996	\$ -	\$ 11,996
Executive director	-	19,530	19,530
Cost of quartermaster sales	19,739	-	19,739
Shipping and handling	10,279	-	10,279
ROTC program	983	-	983
National encampment	4,326	-	4,326
Printing and web page	1,744	-	1,744
Banner	47,768	-	47,768
Lincoln tomb observance	2,479	-	2,479
Life member payments to camps	200	-	200
Awards, grants, and donations	15,065	-	15,065
Accounting and professional fees	-	49,436	49,436
Office, telephone, and postage	-	9,156	9,156
Rent	-	10,200	10,200
Insurance	1,357	2,035	3,392
Depreciation	-	2,601	2,601
Miscellaneous expense	2,470	-	2,470
<b>Total functional expenses</b>	<b>\$118,406</b>	<b>\$92,958</b>	<b>\$211,364</b>

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	General Fund	National Headquarters Fund	Preservation Fund	Prism Fund	Lincoln Tomb Insurance Fund	Life Membership Fund	Total Before Shareholders' Contributions	Shareholders' Contributions	Total
<b>Assets:</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 180,319	\$ 18,031	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,975	\$ 5,874	\$ 18,005	\$ 194,315	\$ -	\$ 194,315
Due from other funds	-	5,023	40,287	-	-	2,279	49,110	49,210	98,320
Prepaid expenses	4,847	10,290	-	-	-	-	15,137	-	29,448
Inventory	28,448	-	-	-	-	-	28,448	-	28,448
Other assets	482	-	-	-	-	-	482	-	482
<b>Investments, at fair value:</b>									
U.S. Savings Bonds	-	-	48,287	4,975	5,874	11,278	70,421	49,210	119,631
Mutual funds	781,431	41,104	-	44,436	-	10,443	877,414	-	877,414
Total investments, at fair value	781,431	41,104	-	49,411	-	21,721	893,667	49,210	942,877
<b>Fixed assets:</b>									
Furniture and equipment	29,498	10,483	-	-	-	-	39,981	-	39,981
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,665)	(9,661)	-	-	-	-	(26,326)	-	(26,326)
Net fixed assets	12,833	812	-	-	-	-	13,645	-	13,645
Total assets	\$ 970,349	\$ 79,269	\$ 48,287	\$ 277,647	\$ 5,874	\$ 41,312	\$ 1,395,586	\$ 49,210	\$ 1,444,796
<b>Liabilities and net assets:</b>									
<b>Liabilities:</b>									
Accounts payable	\$ 1,862	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,862	\$ -	\$ 1,862
Due to other funds	29,464	25,311	10,278	2,807	5,839	-	49,110	49,210	98,320
Deferred revenues	75,208	25,311	10,278	2,807	5,839	-	111,142	-	111,142
Total liabilities	\$ 117,542	\$ 55,932	\$ 10,278	\$ 2,807	\$ 5,839	\$ -	\$ 182,148	\$ 49,210	\$ 231,358
<b>Net assets:</b>									
Without donor restrictions:									
Designated	\$ 899,210	\$ 49,981	\$ 20,178	\$ 214,140	\$ -	\$ 41,312	\$ 414,212	\$ -	\$ 414,212
Undesignated	809,253	49,981	28,178	214,140	26	41,312	899,210	-	899,210
Total net assets without donor restrictions	\$ 1,708,463	\$ 99,962	\$ 48,356	\$ 277,647	\$ 26	\$ 82,624	\$ 1,313,422	\$ -	\$ 1,313,422
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 970,349	\$ 79,269	\$ 48,287	\$ 277,647	\$ 5,874	\$ 41,312	\$ 1,395,586	\$ 49,210	\$ 1,444,796

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Combining Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2021

	National							Total
	General Fund	Boardman Fund	Preservation Fund	Program Fund	Lincoln Tomb Observance Fund	Life Membership Fund	Interest Elevation	
Change in net assets without donor restrictions:								
Programs without donor restrictions:								
Per capita dues	\$ 92,812	\$ 29,908	\$ 11,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,446	
Life member fee	-	-	-	-	-	18,238	-	
Registration and application fees	5,624	-	-	-	-	-	5,624	
Quartermaster sales	26,642	-	-	-	-	-	26,642	
Shipping and handling	6,796	-	-	-	-	-	6,796	
Business subscription and advertising	796	-	-	-	-	-	796	
Donations	6,075	5,798	26	939	-	-	12,838	
Lincoln tomb observance:								
Investment income	-	-	-	-	1,085	-	1,085	
Other	44,417	4,824	134	-	1	-	49,386	
Total revenues without donor restrictions	6,624	1,429	12,388	27,984	1,186	1,824	69,535	
Expenses:								
Other advisors and per diem expenses	11,964	-	-	-	-	-	11,964	
Executive director	-	39,508	-	-	-	-	39,508	
Cost of government sales	18,739	-	-	-	-	-	18,739	
Shipping and handling	18,279	-	-	-	-	-	18,279	
KOTC program	982	-	-	-	-	-	982	
National encouragement	4,216	-	-	-	-	-	4,216	
Printing and web page	1,744	-	-	-	-	-	1,744	
Banquet	47,768	-	-	-	-	-	47,768	
Lincoln tomb observance:								
Life member payments to camps	-	-	-	298	1,479	-	1,777	
Accounts, grants, and donations	5,376	-	9,895	-	-	-	15,271	
Accounting and professional fees	49,424	-	-	23	-	-	49,447	
Office, telephone, and postage	2,088	-	-	-	-	-	2,088	
Travel	2,382	-	-	-	-	-	2,382	
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Depreciation	2,009	-	-	-	-	-	2,009	
Miscellaneous expense	7,476	522	-	-	-	-	7,998	
Total expenses	162,617	36,268	9,895	312	1,479	6,527	211,048	
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	44,998	4,624	2,488	27,672	(292)	14,522	93,879	
Net assets, beginning of year	764,212	45,483	25,719	238,489	22	87,391	1,199,481	
Net assets, end of year	\$ 809,210	\$ 49,907	\$ 28,207	\$ 266,161	\$ 28	\$ 101,913	\$ 1,293,418	

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# Minutes from the Council of Administration Meetings

## August 8, 2021 Meeting

### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration MINUTES

August 8, 2021, St. Louis, MO

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:00am on August 8, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

CinC Michael A. Paquette  
SVCinC Bruce D. Frail  
JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr.  
National Quartermaster Jim Lyon  
National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis  
National Treasurer Michael Beard  
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson

CofA Member Shane Milburn  
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV  
CofA Joseph Hall  
CofA Member Kevin L. Martin

#### **Voting Members Excused:**

CofA Member Kevin P. Tucker

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor  
National Counselor PCinC Mark R. Day  
PCinC Stephen Michaels  
PCinC Perley Mellor  
PCinC Tad Campbell

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

SVR National Chaplain Jerry Kewalski  
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.  
National Signals Officer Tim McCoy  
DC Luran Bures, Dept of Columbia  
Nat. Aide DeCamp Ross Schwain

#### **ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS**

##### **1. 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2) We should add advertisement banners to some of our database pages, i.e. search page and results page. These banners would be controlled by the SUVCW and the profit from them would go to the upkeep of the database (up to the yearly amount that has been budgeted) any additional funds could go into the General or Permanent Funds. The upgraded database and our new server location give us the ability to add banners, collect and track revenues. We should take advantage of this.

**[ACTION: Motion by Brother Day that we allow the Technology and Graves Registration Committees to work on developing the program or plan on how this would be implemented by 2019 Gettysburg, seconded. Passed] [ACTION: Report, defer action till web site updated.]**

3) We should create and market a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru a database web store to people who learn of their relatives or are helping with our project. Some ideas are certificates



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that identify American Civil War Service, t-shirts or polo shirts that submitters or admin users can purchase that would identify them as working and/or supporting our project. These items would be dual purpose; they would generate revenue and promote our database, which in turn promotes the SUVCW. The revenue would pay for the expenses generated in this product line, go towards the budget for upkeep of the database and lastly any additional could go into the General or Permanent Funds. This line would not interfere at all with the Quartermaster store or the Charitable Foundation as it is targeting a different group of buyers. As this three year plan is a base to my ideas for the future, we should discuss these before I submit a complete five or ten year plan.

**[ACTION: Coordinate with QM on feasibility, Deferred to Gettysburg CofA Meeting]**

9.Guidance on receiving directed donations (such as the one on scholarships).

**[ACTION: Group with Item 3, Marketing and Promotions, then to P&P]**

**2. 5.8National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

3) The committee recommends that the CoA authorize it to produce a presentation to be made at the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years. A small individual gift (\$540 total) can become increasingly significant when multiplied by 1,000. The total would yield \$540,000. It seems feasible that 1,000 members would commit to giving \$15 per month. And perhaps some would commit to give even more. The presentation would be reviewed by the entire CoA prior to it being made at the Encampment.

**[ACTION: National Treasurer to look at individual funds. See Reports for draft, keep open and provide feedback to committee. This is also in seeking grants, discussion on awards for donations. Corp badges to be used. Deliver complete by Gettysburg CofA]**

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**3. [Action: Turned over to Marketing and Promotions as a publication, include on review schedule and review by P&P and Programs and Marketing]. [Continued ACTION: Incoming CinC to assign to P&P].**

**CinC Pierson**

4.Guidance on liability insurance requirements in general

**[ACTION: Report Given during Encampment with discussion of coverage. Report by Gettysburg and craft guidance to Departments and Camps, incoming CinC]**

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5. Department of Massachusetts has issue to IRS of 501c3 status stating that IRS states system declares all departments and camps are 501c4.**[ACTION:Incoming CinC to address issue.] [ACTION: Deferred to Gettysburg]**

**CinC PIERSON RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. A special committee with a term of five years (2026) be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of the independence of the United States.**[ACTION: CinC to appoint, planning to appoint by end of September]**

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7. A special committee with a term of one year be established to develop a plan for the Order to commemorate the Centennial of the Lincoln Memorial in 2022 and to explore cooperation with other organizations and participation in any ceremonies. **[ACTION: CinC to appoint, planning to appoint by end of September]**

8. The Incoming Commander-in-Chief reappoint the Virtual Meeting Committee with a term of one year to work on implementing the policy that will be adopted at this Encampment. **[ACTION: CinC to re-appoint, then policy to P&P]**

9. The Order advocate to the DOD, US Army, Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath-laying on Memorial Day. **[ACTION: CinC]**

**NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUCVW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUCVW through social media. **[ACTION: CinC, to be received by Gettysburg]**

11. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUCVW-related websites and social media accounts. **[ACTION: CinC to appoint two year term Special Committee]**

12. The encampment establish a Special National Committee on Social Media Management (Signals Corps). See Appendix 1 for proposed terms of reference. **[ACTION: CinC to appoint to two year term]**

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS RECOMMENDATIONS**

13. \$5000 to National Website Redesign Committee to support a memorial site. **[ACTION: National Treasurer to include in 2021-2022 budget]**

**HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS**

14. Have this committee made a Special committee for period of five year term (2026) (if we truly wish to see a stand-alone National Headquarters Building, which could include a digitization center, research center/library, archives as well as other items which have been talked about over the past 20 plus years, we need this committee to get it completed).

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. National Secretary Jonathan Davis stated he will email these out to the National officers hopefully within the next several weeks.
- B. National Treasurer Michael Beard reviewed budget as submitted. Budget good except 1 additional item **[ACTION: Motion made to approve, seconded. Motion Passed]**



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- C. National Membership-at-Large dues for 2022 **[ACTION: Motion made to keep dues at current rate, seconded. Motion passed].**
- D. Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships). **[ACTION: Motion made that reimbursement remain at \$4.00 for the coming year, seconded. Motion passed].**
- E. Hererity Committee Dissolved **[ACTION: Contact 2021 chairman to retrieve laptop]**
- F. Forms 61 and 62 to be addressed **[ACTION: Gettysburg]**
- G. Webmaster Description **[ACTION: After Gettysburg, then to P & P Committee]**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1. CofA Member Harry Reineke, IV gave his intent to seek re-election next year during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.
2. PCinC Pierson thanked everyone for their support, passion, etc. during his 2020-2020 term.
3. PCinC Richard Orr Memorial will be held in September.

Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Adjournment: 11:28am

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC  
National Secretary

## September 18, 2021 Meeting

### Minutes of the Virtual Council of Administration Meeting

18 September 2021

Meeting opened at 1400 ET by CinC Paquette

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call by National Secretary Jonathan Davis

In Attendance: CinC Michael Paquette, SVCinC Bruce Frail, JVCinC Peter Hritsko, National Secretary Jonathan Davis, National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, COA member Kevin Martin, COA member Shane Milburn, COA member Harry Reineke IV, COA member Joseph Hall, PCinC Brian Pierson, PCinC Ed Norris, PCinC Steve Michaels, National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski (joined late), Executive Director David Demmy Sr., National Signals Officer Timothy McCoy

Excused: COA member Kevin Tucker

Absent: National Quartermaster James Lyon

Discussion Topics:

1. CinC Paquette shared that he had attended the memorial service for PCinC Richard Orr on 11 September in Pittsburgh, PA. The service was conducted by the Pennsylvania Department and was very well done. CinC Paquette also attended a rededication ceremony at the A.P. Davis mausoleum on 12 September by the Davis \* Camp in Pittsburgh.
2. A document to the DUVCW regarding the "Little Brown Button" and copyright infringement to the SUVCW was drafted by the Assistant National Counselor and reviewed by the National Counselor. CinC Paquette signed the document and sent it to the National President of the DUVCW.
3. CinC Paquette indicated although he had been informed that he would be invited to the Nathan Bedford Forest re-interment ceremony, he had received no formal invitation from the Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief. The ceremony was occurring today – 18 September. If an invitation had been sent shortly after the National Encampment, it would have been too late for CinC Paquette to make travel arrangements.
  - a. PCinC Pierson offered that he had been in contact with SCV PCinC Paul Glamring a week ago, who stated that the current SCV CinC Larry McCluney had sent an invitation. PCinC Pierson conveyed his regrets that CinC Paquette would not be able to attend as he had other commitments on 18 September.
4. CinC Paquette indicated he had received correspondence from the Civil War Memorials Officer from the Department of the Southwest, Brother Avery Frantz, regarding the Kit



Carson Monument. The CinC had also been in contact with the Department Commander, John Conrad and the National Counselor and Assistant National Counselor on this topic.

- a. The General Services Administration (GSA) had sent a letter to the National Civil War Monuments Officer, Walt Busch 18 months ago expressing the GSA's belief that the SUVCW owned the Kit Carson Monument based on our Deed of Conveyance from the GAR. The monument was boarded up by the GSA to prevent further vandalism to it. The monument had been erected by the local GAR post on Federal property.
- b. The City of Sante Fe, NM wants monument removed, however since it is on Federal property, this can't occur. Additionally, the monument and the property on which it is located is designated as a historical landmark.
- c. Department Commander John Conrad is conducting a title search to see if the GAR post had deeded other property to any other organizations when the post folded.
- d. The CinC had a discussion with PCinC James Pahl who had expressed some concern that there may be financial liabilities for the SUVCW if we claim the monument.
- e. Brother Chris Workman, Department of Kentucky, indicated that his Department Commander had discovered there was interest in the Kit Carson monument by the City of Richmond Kentucky, if the monument was to be moved. Kit Carson was born in this area of Kentucky.
- f. SVCinC Frail asked if a determination was made that the Deed of Conveyance did not apply to the monument how that ruling would impact the cemetery plots already claimed by the SUVCW using the Deed of Conveyance. CinC Paquette recommended a follow-up discussion on this topic occur with PCinC Pahl.
- g. PCinC Pierson noted that the SUVCW has been asserting the Deed of Conveyance on a case-by-case basis. There was not a pattern or blanket use of the Deed of Conveyance one way or another. SVCinC Frail indicated the use or failure to use the Deed of Conveyance to claim the Kit Carson monument could set a precedence.
- h. There was discussion regarding potential relocation of the monument and who would make the determination to do so. It was concluded that the SUVCW would not be making the decision to move the monument.
- i. Brother Walt Busch had replied to the GSA that he did not have the authority to speak for the SUVCW and that the response to their letter would have to be discussed during a National Encampment. This did not occur in 2020 as the National Encampment was conducted virtually and limited in scope. The

discussion did not occur during the National Encampment in 2021 as it was not included in the agenda.

5. CinC Paquette asked for a motion to discuss the National website.
  - a. Brother Harry Reinecke moved that we accept the Master Service Agreement with Drupal Connect pending the incorporation of the Website Requirements document and that we also approve that document on the same vote. Seconded by Kevin Martin.
  - b. The National Signals Officer, Timothy McCoy thanked everyone for enabling him to participate in spite of the time zone difference with him calling from Switzerland. He also thanked COA members for their input to the Website Goals and Requirements document. The questions raised helped to further clarify what the COA would like to do and what would be included in the effort.
  - c. Two documents were being considered in the motion; the Master Service Agreement (MSA) from Drupal Connect which had been discussed briefly in the post encampment COA meeting in St. Louis. It was noted that there were no tangible deliverables indicated in the MSA and the major deliverable had to be identified for the project. Deliverables were identified in the second document, Website Goals and Requirements, which had been shared with the COA. Several COA members had provided feedback to the Website Goals and Requirements document.
  - d. All questions regarding the MSA had been assembled and responded to in version 2.0 of the Website Goals and Requirements document. Significant questions asked were when the contract with New Valley had been signed (and who signed it) and a second question asking if we had confirmation of a zero balance from New Valley had been asked during the COA meeting in St. Louis. The contract with New Valley was signed on 10 June 2019 by PCinC Don Shaw. A written statement from New Valley had been received from New Valley indicating a zero balance.
  - e. As the MSA and version 2.0 of the Website Goals and Requirements document had been provided prior to the meeting, Brother McCoy suggested the COA move into discussion. CinC Paquette asked if there were questions on either of the documents.
  - f. SVCinC Frail stated he agreed with the wording in the Website Goals and Requirements document which he had reviewed in detail with Brother McCoy. He asked for clarification as to whether we would be voting on a contract during the meeting. CinC Paquette explained that the contract would be a combination of the MSA amended with the SUVCW the Website Goals and Requirements document as it existed today. Drupal would have to approve the inclusion of the Website Goals and Requirements document but if the MSA and the Website Goals and



Requirements document were accepted by Drupal with no changes then the vote taken today would be to approve the contract and the CinC would sign it. SVCinC Frail asked if a final dollar amount was available. Brother McCoy stated we know what Drupal's hourly rate is \$100/hour. He stated the total amount of time would be in the 50-75 hour range. Drupal estimated maintenance to address security patch updates for example would be \$1500 - \$2000. Updates to content would be the responsibility of the SUVCW.

- g. SVCinC Frail asked if there was a length of time identified on the maintenance contract. Brother McCoy explained that the maintenance contract with Drupal would be a future effort, and the contract being discussed today was only for the development of the website. SVCinC Frail asked if the maintenance contract would be separate and signable later. Brother McCoy indicated that this was correct, and that Drupal would propose "buckets" of hours to perform maintenance over the course of a year. The number of hours in the buckets would be flexible.
- h. SVCinC Frail asked if \$25,000 had been approved towards this effort in the budget. National Treasurer Michael Beard confirmed there was \$25,000 in the budget for this purpose. SVCinC Frail stated that he had no issues.
- i. CinC Paquette asked when the \$25,000 had been approved. Brother Beard indicated it have been approved during the most recent COA meeting in St. Louis.
- j. PCinC Ed Norris asked about "clear messages" that it was indicated the SUVCW had to provide the content and if this was this correct. Brother McCoy confirmed this was correct. PCinC Norris asked if we were going to have someone go through the content to make sure the information was still valid. Brother McCoy stated the Committee on Website Redesign would be responsible for coordinating with the Brothers and committees responsible for the content of the various portions of the website. PCinC Norris suggested it would be important for the committee to start doing this work as soon as possible.
- k. PCinC Norris asked about the section on visually impaired persons and accessibility - should we reference being in compliance with the ADA or just visually impaired. Brother Beard noted that we would have to have someone familiar with ADA requirements go through the site to make sure that we were in compliance, and it was not an easy law to comply with.
- l. CinC Paquette asked based on a conversation with Brother McCoy prior to the National Encampment if this contract was not going to be a complete migration of the current website. CinC Paquette mentioned the term "critical mass" in reference to the effort. Brother McCoy indicated the effort was to do the entire National website. It would not include satellite websites such as GAR, Memorial University, Quartermaster Store, etc.



- m. CinC Paquette asked what the estimate in hours was going to be. Brother McCoy replied 50 - 75 hours. PCinC Norris replied that estimate was very low. SVCinC Frail agreed that it was, which was why the COA had identified the \$20,000 and the additional \$5,000 for Brother Busch's request for the monument registration portion of the website. CinC Paquette said he recalled hearing an estimate of 150-200 hours. SVCinC Frail confirmed this was the reason the COA increased the amount based on our estimate. Brother McCoy corrected himself and indicated the estimate of 150-200 hours was the range that had been discussed. SVCinC Frail added if we completed the project in less time the better for us.
- n. National Secretary, Jonathan Davis indicated he needed a copy of the final notice from New Valley that the balance was paid off and he would also need a copy of the contract with Drupal once it was signed. The Executive Director stated he need a copy of the contracts at the National Headquarters as well.
- o. Brother McCoy pointed out that a couple Brothers, Joseph Hall being one of them, had asked in the Question and Answers portion of the Website Goals and Requirements document about the ability to complete forms, such as registration for the National Encampment, electronically on the website. Brother McCoy indicated this would be a wish-list item for a future effort. This wasn't included as part of the current effort and additional discussion would be needed. Brother Hall requested the priority for this ability be increased if it was possible. CinC Paquette stated would be an increase in scope for the current project and would likely need to wait for the future.
- p. The CinC stated he was appointing a committee to investigate Information Technology resources throughout the Order. A discussion ensued regarding the use of PayPal to pay for National Encampment registration and overseas camp per capita. The possibility of increasing the National Encampment registration fee also occurred.
- q. PCinC Ed Norris asked how the pages that needed to be migrated would be identified. There were a number of outdated pages on the website that shouldn't be migrated. The MSA didn't identify what content we wanted to be migrated. Brother McCoy stated this was correct. It would be addressed during the wire-framing and building out of the website's content. CinC Paquette asked if the website re-design committee would determine which content would be migrated. Brother McCoy replied it was something that would have to be worked through. There was content that was more familiar to Brothers responsible for it who are not on the website redesign committee. Those Brothers would be better able to determine if the content should be migrated or not. CinC Paquette requested that if there was questionable content to be migrated that it be referred to the COA. SVCinC Frail added that the recommendation should also be vetted through the various committees responsible for the content.

- r. Brother McCoy brought up the Monuments and Memorials website content that had been introduced on the floor of the National Encampment by Brother Walt Busch and discussed in the post-Encampment COA meeting. Brother Busch had identified his desired updates to the website. Brother McCoy had discussed this with Drupal Connect and was assured that the changes could be accommodated without significant impact to the cost or time to complete the project.
  - s. There was no more discussion on the contract with Drupal Connect. CinC Paquette requested that the National Secretary conduct a roll call vote on the motion.
    - i. SVCinC Bruce Frail: Approve
    - ii. JVCinC Peter Hritsko: Agreed / approve
    - iii. National Secretary Jonathan Davis: Approve
    - iv. National Treasurer D. Michael Beard: Approve
    - v. COA Member Harry Reinecke IV: Approve
    - vi. COA Member Kevin Martin: Approve
    - vii. COA Member Shane Milburn: Approve
    - viii. COA Member Joseph Hall: Approve
    - ix. COA Member PCinC Brian Pierson: Approve
    - x. Total 9 in approval of the motion, 0 against.
  - t. CinC Paquette reiterated that if there were any changes to the MSA or the Website Goals and Requirements document that another COA vote would be required and that he wouldn't sign the contract. Brother McCoy requested that the questions and answers section currently in the Website Goals and Requirements version 2.0 document not be attached to the MSA. After discussion it was agreed not to include the questions and answers.
6. CinC Paquette requested that Brother McCoy provide the current version of Website Goals and Requirements document (minus the questions and answers) and that he would notify the COA if he signed the contract or not once it had been reviewed by Drupal Connect.
  7. CinC Paquette notified the COA that he had received a request to lobby by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming regarding the placement of GAR highway markers in Utah. The rules regarding what information should be placed on highway signs had changed since the Department had the signs made and the signs were no longer in compliance. The state of Utah would allow the Department to place the signs that have been made in rest areas. The Department requested to lobby with the state of Utah specifically in this matter. Brother Beard requested a copy of the request to lobby as he



tracks these in case it comes up in a discussion with the IRS. PCinC Pierson indicated that copies were to go to the National Treasurer and the Executive Director. JVCinC Hritsko asked if it included other roads within the Department's boundaries. CinC Paquette stated it only applied to the portions of the GAR highway in the state of Utah.

8. CinC Paquette informed the COA that there were two camps being formed in Canada and that these two camps would function in a similar manner to the camp in England. One of the camps would be in Ottawa, Ontario. Brother Demmy asked where the second camp was forming. The CinC replied that he didn't remember the city. Brother Davis asked Brother Demmy if postage to ship the charters to Canada would be a concern. Brother Demmy replied that he didn't believe so. Brother Davis indicated he would leave the shipping fee at \$25.00, which was the camp for camps in the United States. Brother Davis indicated he had a charter ready for the newest camp in the Department of Alabama, the Spanish Fort Camp, which he would be sending to the CinC shortly. Brother Davis also indicated that a charter was close to being ready for a new camp in North Carolina.
9. CinC Paquette discussed the passing of Department Commander Bill Pollard of the Department of Texas and that the family did not desire a SUVCW presence at his funeral. The Department was in process of planning a memorial service as a separate SUVCW event on 30 October. SVCinC Frail and National Chaplain Kowalski would attend. The CinC indicated he would publish a Special Order to pass condolences to the DC Pollard's family once all preparations were in place for the SUVCW memorial service. SVCinC Frail added that DC Pollard's family were completely in support of the SUVCW memorial service. PCinC Pierson indicated he might also be able to attend.
10. PCinC Norris asked if our National Insurance covered the two new camps in Canada and the camp in England. PCinC Pierson stated he didn't believe it was a problem due to how these camps were associated with the Order. PCinC Norris stated that in looking at the web page of the camp in England that there was not any indication that they weren't fully associated with us. CinC Paquette asked if PCinC Norris's question was if something happened with the camp in England or one of the camps in Canada could someone from those countries sue the National Organization. PCinC Norris agreed that was the question. CinC Paquette said we should ask our insurance company. SVCinC Frail said he believed our insurance company should cover us. PCinC Pierson stated he believed the ability to sue us would be based on those camps legal structure with the National Organization.
11. PCinC Pierson asked if the CinC would have a travel schedule for Department Encampments in place for the COA meeting in Gettysburg. The CinC replied he would.
12. JVCinC Hritsko indicated a problem with a dead link to the membership application form on the new members section of the National website. National Webmaster, Harry Reinecke, stated he would correct the problem.

13. Brother Beard indicated he would be moving to Florida and staying in a Residence Inn while construction on his new home was being completed. Any mail sent to him by US mail might take additional time to reach him.

There were no items for the Good of the Order.

A closing prayer was provided by National Chaplain Kowalski.

The meeting closed at 1509 ET.



## November 21, 2021 Meeting

### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration

#### MINUTES

November 21, 2021, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette called the meeting to order at 8:00 am on November 21, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

CinC Michael A. Paquette  
SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC  
National Quartermaster Jim Lyon  
National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis, PDC  
National Treasurer Michael Beard  
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson

CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC  
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC  
CofA Joseph Hall  
CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC  
CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor  
National Counselor PCinC Mark R. Day  
PCinC Edward Norris  
PCinC Donald Shaw

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

SVR National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski  
Executive Director David Demmy, Sr.  
National Signals Officer Tim McCoy

Nat. Aide-de-Camp Ross Schwalm  
Assist. Nat. Quartermaster Daryl VerStreate, PDC

#### **ITEMS FROM 2019 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS**

##### **1. 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2) We should add advertisement banners to some of our database pages, i.e. search page and results page. These banners would be controlled by the SUVCW and the profit from them would go to the upkeep of the database (up to the yearly amount that has been budgeted) any additional funds could go into the General or Permanent Funds. The upgraded database and our new server location give us the ability to add banners, collect and track revenues. We should take advantage of this.

[ACTION: Motion by Brother Day that we allow the Technology and Graves Registration Committees to work on developing the program or plan on how this would be implemented by 2019 Gettysburg, seconded. Passed. CONTINUED ACTION: Report deferred action till web site updated.]

3) We should create and market a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru a database web store to people who learn of their relatives or are helping with our project. Some ideas are certificates that identify American Civil War Service, t-shirts or polo shirts that submitters or admin users can purchase that would identify them as working and/or supporting our project. These items would be dual purpose; they would generate revenue and promote our database, which in turn promotes the SUVCW. The revenue would pay for the expenses generated in this product line, go towards the budget for upkeep of the database and lastly any additional could go into the General or Permanent Funds. This line would not interfere at all with the Quartermaster store or the Charitable Foundation as it is targeting a different group of buyers. As this three year



plan is a base to my ideas for the future, we should discuss these before I submit a complete five or ten year plan.

**[ACTION: Coordinate with QM on feasibility, deferred to Gettysburg CofA Meeting] [Moved to strike the motion, seconded. Passed]**

## **2. 5.8 National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

3) The committee recommends that the CoA authorize it to produce a presentation to be made at the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years. A small individual gift (\$540 total) can become increasingly significant when multiplied by 1,000. The total would yield \$540,000. It seems feasible that 1,000 members would commit to giving \$15 per month. And perhaps some would commit to give even more. The presentation would be reviewed by the entire CoA prior to it being made at the Encampment.

**[ACTION: National Treasurer to look at individual funds. See Reports for draft, keep open and provide feedback to committee. This is also in seeking grants, discussion on awards for donations. Corp badges to be used. Deliver complete by Gettysburg CofA] [Motion to strike this item, seconded. Passed]**

### **2021 SPRING CofA REPORTS**

#### **INTRODUCING the SUVCW LETTER**

3. **[Action: Turned over to Marketing and Promotions as a publication, include on review schedule and review by P&P and Programs and Marketing]. [Continued ACTION: In the hands of P&P, minor edits to the writing but approved for publication. Item Closed]**

#### **ITEMS FROM 2021 ST. LOUIS REPORTS**

4. Department of Massachusetts has issue to IRS of 501c3 status stating that IRS states system declares all departments and camps are 501c4. **[ACTION: Incoming CinC to address issue.] [ACTION: Motion to defer to Springfield, seconded. Passed].**

5. The Order advocate to the DOD, US Army, Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath-laying on Memorial Day. **[ACTION: Currently being tracked, ongoing action]**

#### **NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. **[ACTION: Need recommendation from the Social Media Committee, report back by Springfield].**

7. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts. **[ACTION: Assigned to Nat. Signal Officer, to present by Springfield].**

### **2021 GETTYSBURG REPORTS**

#### **Commander in Chief Paquette Discussion Topics**

- GAR Kit Carson Monument located in Santa Fe, NM **[CofA Meeting In Springfield]**
- Request from Vicksburg National Cemetery requesting our participation as a consulting party



- **[ACTION: Henry Duquette to be representative].**
- NPS Policy on placing of flags in the Gettysburg National Cemetery – what is our way forward?  
**[ACTION: Commander-in-Chief Paquette will pass on to DCs that a joint effort to flag all graves within the National Cemetery.]**
- Congressional initiative to promote Ulysses Grant to General of the Armies of the United States  
**[ACTION: Letters are ready to send out to the Senators who sponsored such legislation].**
- Resolution of SUVCW copyright infringement by DUVCW **[ACTION: Covered in Executive Session]**
- Potential additions to the National Secretary job description  
**[ACTION: Task to P&P Committee]**
- Contract for Gettysburg events starting 2023 currently being reviewed.

### 2.15 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr.

**Recommendation:** Records, reports, documents, correspondence photos, proceedings, auxiliary proceedings, fiche, credential cards of old encampments, national encampment VHS tapes, old department records, PCinC records, former JVC records, and potential surplus *Banners* at Hqs be added to our Retention Schedule or be a stand-alone schedule or policy.

**[ACTION: P&P Committee just released a retention policy to cover this recommendation, deferred to Zoom Meeting in late January]**

### 3.33 Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC, Daryl V. VerStreate, PDC

#### **Recommendations**

- I would request that the ROTC Officer on the website be updated to [daryl7374@gmail.com](mailto:daryl7374@gmail.com) I get a lot of garbage mail with my Hotmail address and Gmail seems to handle this a lot better.  
**[ACTION: National Signal Officer to handle]**
- I would like to see Space Cadet added to the Form 7. Last year I received at least 2 requests for space cadet. **[ACTION: Deferred to P&P Committee]**
- On the Department Patriotic instructors report (Form 41) Line 17 says did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program...the last two boxes are blacked out for Hours and amount. I would like to see these two boxes opened so camps can report the hours invested and then calculate the amount equivalent to dollars as demonstrated above. These forms turned in to be forwarded to the ROTC chairman each year to be tallied and written into the ROTC officer yearly report for National Records in case we are ever audited by the IRS for our tax-exempt status. **[ACTION: P&P Committee to address, un-blackout the boxes]**

### 6.23 Department of Ohio, Richard A. Davis, DC

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Given** the rampant confusion at all levels of The Order, the topic of “virtual”, “in-person”, or some combination of “mixed” meetings at the National-, Department-, and Camp-levels, needs to be addressed

For example (but definitely not limited to): **[ACTION: Deferred to virtual meeting committee].**

a. The possibility of the National organization’s acquiring, and paying for, a subscription to ZOOM or suchlike that would allow all departments and camps to use the system without their having to acquire and pay for individual subscriptions **[ACTION: Moved that National does not pay for any virtual meeting capabilities for department, camps or SVR, seconded. Amended that Departments, Camps or SVR be responsible for subscriptions for virtual meetings. Passed].**

b. What equipment and practices need to be (¿ are required to be ?) used at the National-, Department-, and Camp-levels, how much it will cost, and how those costs will be covered, and by whom **[ACTION: Deferred to Virtual Meeting Committee].**

c. Is it permitted at the Department level for Department By-Laws to specify whether and how “virtual”, “in-person”, or some combination of “mixed” meetings be used at the camp-level? ----- especially with the proscription against “paper-camps”? **[ACTION: To be communicated to the DCs).**

**6.27 Department of Southwest, John R. Conrad, DC**

**Recommendation:** We recommend that Form 30 Line 5 (Change of Status) be amended to include a box to check for Termination of Dual Status; currently, that has to be written in by hand. Camp Annual Report Form 27 has such a line (14) for noting loss by Termination of Dual Status. [ACTION: Deferred to P&P Committee]

**Executive Session entered 9:44 am**

**Executive Session Closed 9:48 am**

**OLD BUSINESS**

PCinC Mark Day brought up discussion on Scholarship donation. [ACTION: Deferred to Springfield CofA Meeting].

Sr. Vice CinC Bruce Frail on digital documents. [ACTION: Request will be placed in The Banner for any brothers that might have certain dates of proceedings needed scanned that current copies at headquarters were bound to tight].

Henry Duquette additions to his report on Confederate Graves Registrations. [ACTION: Motion by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail to limits to actual burial sites, seconded. Passed].

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review of the new web site Nat. Signal Officer
2. Form 5 Resolution for Dept. of IL (Talked during the Zoom Meeting. Hand over to P&P for action.
3. Honoring Departments who host National Encampment Turn over to P&P to cover by Springfield
4. Motion by Bruce to raise the cost for National Encampment room night to max of \$150
5. Motion by CofA Member Joseph Hall to increase the donation to departments hosting National Encampments to \$10,000, seconded. Motion Failed
6. Motion by Nat. Treasurer to accept brother Ward offer of \$1000 for computer that he holds from a committee he chaired, seconded. Passed
7. National Quartermaster James Lyon brought new National ties for purchase
8. 2022 Department Encampment Representatives Chief of Staff Harry Reineke
9. Assistant within the National Headquarters, to be addressed during Spring CofA Meeting in Springfield.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- CofA Member Kevin Martin gave his intent to seek the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.
- PCinC Donald Shaw gave his intent to seek the office of National Quartermaster during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.
- CofA Member Harry Reineke, IV gave his intent to seek re-election next year during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Adjournment: 11:28 am

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Jonathan C. Davis, PDC  
National Secretary



# January 18, 2022 Meeting

## Minutes of the Virtual Council of Administration Meeting

18 January 2022

CinC Paquette opened the meeting at 1903.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski

Attendance: CinC Michael Paquette, JVCinC Peter Hritsko, COA member Kevin Martin, COA member Shane Milburn, COA member Harry Reineke, COA member Joseph Hall, PCinC Brian Pierson, PCinC Mark Day, PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Tad Campbell, PCinC James Pahl, PCinC Steve Michaels, PCinC Ken Freshley, PCinC Danny Wheeler, National Quartermaster James Lyon, National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Executive Director David Demmy Sr.

Excused: SVCinC Bruce Frail, National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, National Secretary Jonathan Davis

Absent: COA Member Kevin Tucker

Agenda

**1. National Document Retention Policy Updates.** Submitted by Brother Frail. CinC deferred discussion until a future date when Brother Frail is available to discuss them.

**2. Kit Carson Monument, Santa Fe, NM.**

Background: GSA contacted Brother Walt Busch two years ago asking if the SUCVW claims ownership of the monument. He responded that a National Encampment would have to decide.

The local GAR Post erected the monument on United States Government (USG) property and kept possession of the monument itself. There is no documentation that shows the transfer of the monument from the Post to the Dept of NM GAR, or subsequent transfer to the Dept of the Southwest. Therefore, could it be considered abandoned property?

The monument is not popular with the local tribes or city government and has been vandalized on occasion for the past 50 years. It is located on federal property, not city property.

The monument is a sandstone obelisk on a base with engraved inscriptions. USG restored it in the 1970s; however, it would likely require further restoration.

A lengthy discussion proceeded and included the following points:

- Possible options (1) SUCVW claims ownership; (2) SUCVW does not claim ownership, thus allowing GSA to attend to its disposition as they see fit
  - There will be Brothers on each side of this issue who will advocate for one option or the other. It is expected that a notable percentage of our membership will demand we claim it.
- Question: If we don't claim it, would this violate the monument protection policy? PCinC Day stated the intent of the policy was to allow flexibility to deal with a variety of situations, including those that are financially outside of our capability

- Question: Does the Deed of Conveyance apply in this case?
  - PCinC Pahl explained that the only thing a Post passed on per the Deed of Conveyance were GAR records, not real property or monuments.
  - It was noted that we have never gone to a National Encampment on issues regarding the Deed of Conveyance. There are other monuments on federal property to which we don't lay claim.
- Question: What precedent are we setting WRT Deed of Conveyance if we lay no claim?
  - PCinC Pahl stated that anything we do will set precedent.
- Question: Who has the authority to decide whether the Order claims the monument or not?
  - Not resolved whether that would be CinC, COA, or National Encampment
  - CinC will therefore remain noncommittal in any discussions with outside agencies in order to preclude inadvertently usurping a National Encampment decision.
- Question: What is GSA's intent?
  - Could GSA be trying to prevent getting sued by SUVCW if they do something?
  - If we claim it, what would GSA do or direct us to do? What should we communicate to GSA?
- Best / worst case results for SUVCW:
  - Worst case – bankruptcy if the Order is forced to respond to any lawsuits.
  - Most likely case – GSA directs SUVCW to move it or to pay for its restoration and maintenance. Possible \$100K+ in cost
  - Best case – no consensus
  - CinC Paquette noted that the City of Richmond KY is building a park to Kit Carson's honor and would like to have the monument. Question: Can we see if Richmond would want it, and if so would they be willing/able to defray moving costs?

**Actions:**

- CinC will open a careful dialogue with GSA.
- CinC will reach out to Richmond KY.
- CinC will keep Dept Commanders of SW and KY involved.

**3. Directed Fund Raising.**

Background: Should the National Organization establish guidelines on directed fundraising or allow Depts to do it on their own? A brief discussion

A brief discussion included the following points:

- Question: Would a National Policy directed at the National Organization only, or would it apply to Departments and Camps?
- How a Dept raises funds is up to Depts and Camps as long as they don't break the law.
- There is some desire to put a framework in place that allows flexibility at the Dept level.
- Most other organizations have policies in place that set limits and caps.
- PCinC Pahl remarked that some directed donations may not be tax deductible, due to telling a charitable organization what to do with the funds.
- It was noted that a national policy is not prescriptive as is a National Regulation



There was no consensus reached on this; however, the discussion served to make COA members aware of the complexities of such a policy.

Further discussion was deferred until Brother Frail is available to present the proposal he's working on

#### **4. DUVCW Little Brown Buttons (follow up).**

Background: CinC Paquette recently received a letter from the LGAR National President demanding that the SUVCW have a third party destroy any remaining buttons in our possession.

There was a brief discussion on this topic.

**Motion** by PCinC Pierson: COA authorize CinC to destroy the LBBs in a manner at his discretion and document it appropriately. Seconded by Brother Reineke. **Vote:** Passed 7 yea – 0 nay.

#### **5. Document Retention Schedule.**

Brother Frail submitted a proposal, structured as a proposed amendment to National Regulations, not National Policy, therefore it needs to go to C&R Committee, not COA.

Further discussion was deferred until Brother Frail is available to discuss the topic.

#### **6. Computer and Backup Capability at National HQ.**

CinC Paquette reported on behalf of Brother Demmy that the hard drive of the backup computer is failing. This has the impact that the intern who has been using it to scan in documents will soon be unable to continue scanning.

In addition, it was reported that Brother Demmy's primary computer is running very slowly. An examination revealed that this computer is getting backups pushed to it from the second computer.

One or two new computers may be needed. CinC Paquette had confirmed with Brother Beard that there are contingency National HQ funds available (\$4,000).

PCinC Freshley suggested that HQ consider utilizing Network Accessible Storage (NAS) to preserve the data vs backing up between the devices.

Action: CinC to direct the Comm & Tech Committee to evaluate the computers and make a recommendation on replacement or refurbishment.

**Motion** by Brother Hall: Allocate up to \$4,000 for new computers. Seconded by Brother Millburn. **Vote:** Passed 7 yea -0 nay.

#### **7. Dept Encampment Schedule**

The Department Encampment schedule was reviewed to fill current vacancies. There are still a few open Encampments.

**8. Special Order. Board of Inquiry Dept of CO & WY.**

CinC explained that reason for the special order is that he has received complaints from multiple camps within the Department. In good conscience the CinC could no longer ignore the situation or depend upon the Department to resolve the matter. The Board of Inquiry will determine if the complaints can be substantiated or not. PCinC Darby is the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry.

**9. Good of the Order**

PCinC Pahl reported that Michigan's National Encampment Website is up and the hotel is open for reservations.

PCinC Pierson provided a brief update on the National Encampment Streamers and polled the COA on a few design elements. Further report to come at the Springfield COA meeting in April.

PCinC Day reported that he had drafted a "Draping of the Charter Ceremony" for departed brothers based upon one used in the Department of the Chesapeake and other organizations and will send it to P&P for consideration whether to incorporate it into the Ritual & Ceremonies.

CinC Paquette stated that he will conduct one more virtual COA meeting before Springfield COA meeting

National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski provided a Closing Benediction

CinC Paquette closed the meeting at 2005.

MINUTES END

## March 5, 2022 Meeting

### Minutes of the Virtual Council of Administration Meeting

5 March 2022

Meeting opened at 1500 ET by CinC Paquette

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brother Joseph Hall

Invocation by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski

Roll Call by CinC Paquette

Attendance: CinC Michael Paquette, SVCinC Bruce Frail, JVCinC Peter Hritsko, National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, National Quartermaster James Lyon, COA member Kevin Martin, COA member Shane Milburn, COA member Harry Reineke, COA member Joseph Hall, COA member Kevin Tucker, PCinC Brian Pierson, PCinC Ed Norris, PCinC Mark Day, PCinC Tad Campbell, PCinC Danny Wheeler, National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, Executive Director David Demmy ,Sr.. PCinC James Pahl joined the meeting after attendance was taken.

Excused: National Secretary Jonathan Davis

Discussion Topics:

1. Recap of Department Encampment coverage (CinC Paquette)
2. Lincoln Memorial 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 22 May 2022 in Washington, D.C. (CinC Paquette)
  - a. Brother Kevin Martin volunteered to be the SUVCW National representative.
3. Travel Reimbursement Discussion. (CinC Paquette) It was noted that travel costs are rising to the point where the current reimbursement cap is not adequate for air travel. There is a \$750 cap for each travel event to represent the CinC. It was noted that the cap is set by the COA and therefore can change by a vote.
  - a. In the annual budget, \$15K is set for CinC travel, \$5K set for National Secretary, National Treasurer, National QM, and Banner Editor travel, and \$6K set for other Brothers' travel.
  - b. **ACTION:** Brother Beard to provide data on past travel expenses to be presented at the Springfield COA meeting.
  - c. CinC tasked COA members to consider this topic for further discussion at the Springfield COA meeting. The COA will determine if a change is needed so that it can be included in next year's budget.
4. P&P Topics (Brother Frail)
  - a. The "About the SUVCW" information document was recommended for adoption. PCinC Day read the text. Numerous minor administrative amendments were offered. As this was a committee recommendation no motion was required. **Vote:** Passed, 10 for – 0 against.



- b. Records Retention guidance was recommended to C&R for review. This would require a change to the CC&R, most notably adding a new section 6 to include records not previously addressed for retention. The topic was discussed in detail, including how the period for retaining certain records was determined (rationale was to comply with the US Tax Code). No action was taken on this recommendation, and it was deferred to the Springfield COA meeting.
  - i. Of note, Retention guidance for Form 2A and the annual Credentials Report was discussed in great detail. Currently, obsolete credentials cards are stored at the National HQ, taking up space. It was offered that the cards themselves do not need to be retained. It was observed that the annual credentials report is included in the proceedings of the National Encampment and should only be retained until the proceedings are published.
- c. The Electronic Meeting policy was recommended for adoption. Electronic meetings were approved at the 2021 National Encampment; this policy was drafted in order to comply with the newly adopted Regulations to provide key guidance on how electronic meetings are to be publicized and conducted. CinC Paquette noted that it was imperative to publish guidance so it would be available for upcoming Department Encampments. It was noted there was one typo to be corrected. **Vote:** Passed, 9 for – 1 against.
- d. The Treasurer’s Handbook was recommended for adoption (specifically that P&P had no objection to it). Brother Beard had revised the handbook and had thought it is within his authority to publish. Brother PCinC Day, acting in his capacity as National Counselor, offered his opinion that in past practice, this has not gone before the COA for approval; and that it is within the purview of the National Treasurer to provide guidance to Departments and Camps. CinC Paquette ruled that Brother Beard is cleared to publish the handbook.
- e. Fundraising Campaign Structure request (follow-up discussion from the last COA meeting). Brother Frail asked for the COA to decide whether to adopt a “Corps” or “Rank” naming construct. PCinC Pierson moved for a rank structure; seconded by Brother Hall. **Vote:** Passed, 10 for – 0 against.
- f. Assistant National Executive Director (ANED) position was presented. CinC Paquette noted up front that this will be discussed at the Springfield COA meeting but that some discussion was needed at this time to clarify the topic. The topic was closely coupled with the intern position at the National HQ, and at times the two were apparently conflated during the discussion.
  - i. ANED. Brother Frail stated that this position would manage the intern. PCinC Pahl’s email concerns were read, (1) that the position would not be a member of the Order, and (2) there is a fiscal concern about paying anything other than reimbursement.

- ii. Intern. The intern contract expires at the end of May 2022, two months prior to the next fiscal year, thus leaving a funding gap. At the Springfield COA meeting, it must be decided whether to continue the position next year and if so, include funding for the position in next year's budget.
  - 1. It was also observed that the intern was funded by a directed donation, and that a decision needs to be made in that regard (to include developing a policy on directed donations for the SUVCW, which has been in discussion for a couple of years).
  - 2. Clarification was needed regarding the terms of the directed donation currently being used to fund the intern: specifically, if remaining funds could be used to pay the intern past May and until the new budget was approved. **ACTION:** SVCinC Frail was tasked to retrieve the email received from the intern's position anonymous donor to determine if payment terms had been specified in the email.

5. New Business:

- a. Capital Campaign. CinC Paquette asked when it will be launched. Brother Beard replied at the next National Encampment. PCinC Day asked that a proposal be presented at the Springfield COA meeting. **ACTION** to Brother Frail to draft the proposal.
- b. Upcoming National Encampments:
  - i. 2023, Nashua NH
  - ii. 2024, KY has a bid
- c. Promotion & Marketing Committee asked for funding to place an insert in the Banner to update the membership on fundraising. The cost is \$1K per issue. There are funds set aside in the committee's budget. CinC Paquette determined the committee did not need to request funding as sufficient funding existed in the committee's budget.
- d. Banner Editor, PCinC Pahl, reminded all that the deadline for the next issue of the Banner is 15 March.

6. Good of the Order

- a. The National Signals Officer obtained the password for the QM website and multiple updates to the website.
- b. Drupal Connect continues to make progress on the new National website. The goal is to launch it by the National Encampment.
- c. The cost of integrating the QM website into the National website is being investigated.
- d. Brother Lyon informed the COA of the new Department of Illinois Stephenson Memorial Committee and the work they are doing.
- e. PCinC Day is working on the 2023 National Encampment contract with the ASUVCW.

- f. CinC Paquette announced the establishment of a CinC appointed special committee to investigate membership qualifications.
- g. CinC Paquette announced that he has received the materials from the Board of Inquiry regarding the Dept of CO & WY.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Jerry.

The meeting closed at 1700 ET.



# April 16, 2022 Meeting

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Council of Administration

#### MINUTES

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel

April 16, 2022, Springfield, Illinois

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on April 16, 2022 and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration:

#### Voting Members:

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette, CinC – Present  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Brue D. Frail, PDC – Present  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Peter L. Hritsko, PDC – Excused  
National Secretary Johnathan C. Davis, PDC – Excused  
National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC – Present  
National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC – Present

Council of Administration Member Joseph Hall, PDC - Present  
Council of Administration Member Shane Milburn, PDC - Present  
Council of Administration Member Harry W. Reineke, PDC - Present  
Council of Administration Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC - Present  
Council of Administration Member Kevin P. Tucker, PDC - Present  
Council of Administration Member Brian C. Pierson, PCinC - Excused

#### Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC James B. Pahl, Assistant National Counselor (C&R), Banner Editor  
PCinC Mark R. Day, National Counselor

#### Guests of the Council of Administration:

SVR National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski  
Robert Petrovic, PDC  
Robert Welch

#### Conversation and history of Springfield Events by Robert M Petrovic, PDC, Committee Chairman

- We started with the Death Day Association, whose event was always on April 15, no matter which day of the week that fell on which caused low attendance on weekdays
- In 2007, when Jim Pahl was Commander-in-Chief, the 15<sup>th</sup> fell on a Sunday. He informed the Chairman of the Death Day Association that Sunday violates national policy, but the Chairman refused to move it to Saturday. Commander-in-Chief Pahl then dissolved the association, recontacted MOLLUS, and put us back in charge.
- Bob took over organizing the event in 2010. The job description for the Lincoln Tomb Chairman was updated and we completed a Memorandum of Understanding between the SUVCW and MOLLUS.
- During Bob's first 3 years, a bus was supplied for a roundtrip to the tomb and back to the hotel for the luncheon, followed by a roundtrip to Petersburg. Due to Extremely low ridership, the cost (\$700-\$800) could not be justified and this was discontinued.
- Starting 2021, due to Covid-19 concerns, we were not allowed to use the steps in front of Lincoln's Tomb for the wreath laying event. That is why we now allow an individual one at a time to present of a wreath with a photo opportunity.
- This year, there were several issues with the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield DoubleTree Hotel. Since we may owe the hotel additional funds, the CinC asked Bob to attend the meeting. Bob shared some details:
  - a. Our last hotel contact made themselves available throughout our event just in case we needed anything. Our new hotel contact is not responsive to our questions and concerns and left on Friday afternoon, never to be seen again.
  - b. When we received our contract, the three (3) luncheon options (all with different rates) were now all being charged at the highest rate.
  - c. Multiple people were told there were no more rooms available. No one contacted Bob to inform him we did not have any more rooms (which was not true). A few people were also told that the room rate would not be honored. [We ended up one (1) room short of the 80% minimum room requirement]. Bob will work with the hotel to eliminate any additional fees.
  - d. Commander-in-Chief Paquette did indicate that we did meet our food and beverage quotas.
  - e. We have two (2) more years on our contract with this hotel. To prevent these issues in the future, we need to do the following three (3) things:
    1. **[ACTION: Update the Job Description for this committee in the C&R for to include a change that when this event falls on Easter, that the committee can change the date to either one week prior to or one week after Easter].** \*\*Commander-in-Chief Paquette has already informed MOLLUS of this change to which they had no objection\*\*
    2. **[ACTION: Update the language in our agreement with MOLLUS to reflect the change above].**
    3. The committee is exploring the possibility of selecting a new hotel after the current contract expires. A new Ramada Hotel with a Banquet Center is offering better room rates.
- This year, there was an abundance of last-minute requests to present wreaths. Bob did not have assistance to register them.  
**[ACTION: Motion 1 by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail to charge a late fee for unregistered wreaths, seconded by Brother Beard. Amended to remove the fees and allow all Organizations to register wreaths on the day of the event. Passed, 8 for – 0 against].**

Executive Session started 7:40 pm, closed 8:27 pm

#### Recommendation by Brother Bobby Welch to approve changes to the Form 5

- The document handed out contains the same information that was presented at the Gettysburg CofA meeting, just better organized
- PCinC Don Darby has an issue with the "Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal"
- Will create an Email Tree to the membership that an updated version of this document is available
- No vote was taken. Will have one more meeting with an electronic vote prior to the Encampment.
- Medals received prior to these changes are grandfathered. Qualified people are also eligible to receive them now if requested.

#### Issues requiring votes from the Executive Session

**[ACTION: Motion 2 by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail - Having received notice from the Commander-in-Chief that the National Secretary can no longer discharge the duties of his office, it is moved that the CofA elect Alan Russ, PDC (Kansas) to a Temporary Acting National Secretary, discharge the duties of that office until such time that the CofA determines that the National Secretary is able to resume his duties. In the event that the National Secretary resigns his office, Alan Russ, PDC be temporarily be appointed National Secretary until the next National Encampment elections are held. He shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office, seconded by Brother Beard. Passed, 8 for – 0 against].**

- Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette appointed Kevin L. Martin, PDC for the purpose of this meeting of capturing the minutes and other responsibilities normally performed by the National Secretary.

**[ACTION: Motion 3 by CofA member Harry Reineke - The Commander-in-Chief requests the CofA to grant permission to exercise summary discipline pursuant National Regulations Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 17a, that upon the approval of the CofA, the complaint stands as formally filed and the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief is to proceed by the National Regulations Chapter 5, Article 6, Section 17b, it is ordered that the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) that Eric D. Richhart, PDC of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming is hereby suspended and is not to be present at or participate in any function of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level; 2) Disobedience of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations and Policies or other lawful orders of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; 3) Conduct unbecoming of a Brother and his relation to the Order; 4) Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline per the of the Board of Inquiry report. Seconded by Brother Hall. Passed, 7 for – 1 abstained (SVCinC Frail)].**

#### Items from 2019 Springfield CofA Reports

- 4.11 National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2) We should add advertisement banners to some of our database pages, i.e. search page and results page. These banners would be controlled by the SUVCW and the profit from them would go to the upkeep of the database (up to the yearly amount that has been budgeted) any additional funds could go into the General or Permanent Funds. The upgraded database and our new server location give us the ability to add banners, collect and track revenues. We should take advantage of this.

**[ACTION: Motion by Brother Day that we allow the Technology and Graves Registration Committees to work on developing the program or plan on how this would be implemented by 2019 Gettysburg, seconded. Passed] [ACTION: Report, defer action till web site updated.]**

#### Items from 2021 St. Louis CofA Reports

- 5) Department of Massachusetts has issue to IRS of 501c3 status stating that IRS states system declares all departments and camps are 501c4. **[ACTION: Closed – being tracked by the National Treasurer]**

#### PCinC Pierson Recommendations

- 6) A special committee with a term of five years (2026) be established to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of the independence of the United States. **[ACTION: Closed - Committee appointed]**
- 8) The Incoming Commander-in-Chief reappoint the Virtual Meeting Committee with a term of one year to work on implementing the policy that will be adopted at this Encampment. **[ACTION: Committee re-appointed]**  
**[ACTION: Motion 4 by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail to undo the prior vote from the March Virtual Meeting, seconded by Brother Tucker. Passed, 8 for – 0 against.]**
- 9) The Order advocate to the DOD, US Army, Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans' organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath-laying on Memorial Day. **[ACTION: This is being tracked, ongoing action]**

#### National Signals Officer Recommendations

- 10) Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. **[ACTION: CinC, to be reviewed by Gettysburg] Need recommendation from the Social Media Committee, P&P has action.**
- 11) The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts. **[ACTION: CinC to appoint one-year term Special Committee] Assigned to Nat. Signal Officer, Commander-in-Chief to follow up.**

#### 2021 Gettysburg Reports - Commander-in-Chief Discussion Topics

- GAR Kit Carson Monument located in Santa Fe, NM  
**[ACTION: The Commander-in-Chief talked with GSA, has not yet talked with the Mayor of Richmond, Kentucky, but will prior to the National Encampment. Must make a decision on whether or not we claim it with GSA]**
- Request from Vicksburg National Cemetery requesting our participation as a consulting party  
**[ACTION: Henry Duquette to be representative]**
- NPS Policy on placing of flags in the Gettysburg National Cemetery – what is our way forward?  
**[ACTION: The Commander-in-Chief will establish the Committee to start the planning]**



- Congressional initiative to promote Ulysses Grant to General of the Armies of the United States [Letters sent out to the Senators who sponsor such legislation. **The Commander-in-Chief sent out General Order #6**]
- Resolution of SUVCW copyright infringement by DUVCW [Covered by Executive Session - **The little brown buttons were destroyed**]
- Potential additions to the National Secretary job description [**ACTION: Undocumented Tasks need to be added - P&P**]
- Potential need to identify a second source of supply for Camp and Department flags [No need]

### **2.15 Executive Director: David W. Demmy, Sr.**

**Recommendation:** Records, reports, documents, correspondence photos, proceedings, auxiliary proceedings, fiche, credential cards of old encampments, national encampment VHS tapes, old department records, PCinC records, former JVC records, and potential surplus *Banners* at Hqs be added to our Retention Schedule or be a stand-alone schedule or policy. **[P&P just released a retention policy to cover this recommendation]** According to National Treasurer Michael Beard, Accounts Receivable Records, Canceled Checks, Bank Statements, and Records of Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds after redemption can be three (3) years. He visited the National Headquarters last year and destroyed anything older. Original checks to the Quarter Master can also be destroyed after three (3) years. The National Treasurer has digitized everything on his national owned computer that is backed up, therefore there is no need to keep paper copies. Everything at the National Headquarters can be destroyed. Ledgers can be destroyed after digitization. Audit Reports do not need to be retained. All of the Records Retention above the Forms is in the C&R. Make a recommendation to Strike the Records Retention Policy from the C&R. Change Form 1 to retain for three (3) years by the National Treasurer. Change Form 2 on the website to Form 2A. Add jj for Disciplinary Proceedings which must be retained until a licensed attorney reviews it and not less than the Statute limitations. Form 7 does not need to be retained. Change j (Form 10), k (Form 11), and m (Form 13) to three (3) years. Change n (Form 17) to permanently.

### **3.33 Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC, Daryl V. VerStreate, PDC**

#### **Recommendations**

- I would like to see Space Cadet added to the Form 7. **[ACTION: Change "Space Cadet" to Space Force Cadet" and add the Form 7]**
- On the Department Patriotic Instructors report (Form 41) Line 17 says did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program...the last two boxes are blacked out for Hours and amount. I would like to see these two boxes opened so camps can report the hours invested and then calculate the amount equivalent to dollars as demonstrated above. These forms turned in to be forwarded to the ROTC chairman each year to be tallied and written into the ROTC officer yearly report for National Records in case we are ever audited by the IRS for our tax-exempt status. **[ACTION: Un-blackout the boxes. Ask to not fill in the amount]**
- I received a request for medals from previous years. **[ACTION: Motion 5 by Council Member Joe Hall to not provide ROTC medals for past years, seconded by Brother Lyon. Passed, 8 for - 0 against]**

### **6.27 Department of Southwest, John R. Conrad, DC**

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that Form 30 Line 5 (Change of Status) be amended to include a box to check for of Dual Status; currently, that has to be written in by hand. Camp Annual Report Form 27 has such a line (14) for noting loss by Termination of Dual Status. **[ACTION: P&P approved - Commander-in-Chief Paquette will add it to the Form 27]**

### **PCinC Mark Day brought up discussion on Scholarship donation**

- The deadline has passed and they have four (4) people. Unless there is a recommendation from the committee that all four (4) are qualified, we are not going to give away four (4) this year. Hopefully we get at least two (2). The guidance from the Commander-in-Chief to the committee is, since there is additional money this year, the committee has the option to awarding none, one (1), two (2), three (3), or four (4). Normally they can go from zero (0) up to two (2). The criteria are to not give away four (4) just because we have the money, rather have the committee determine, based on the quality of the applications this year as compared with other past years, we have a standard for providing the award. If we do not have at least two (2), we will need to go back to the donor to see if they are willing to extend it another year. Otherwise, we will need to return it.

### **Directed Fund Raising**

**Background:** Should the National Organization establish guidelines on directed fundraising or allow Depts to do it on their own?

A brief discussion included the following points:

- Question: Would a National Policy directed at the National Organization only, or would it apply to Departments and Camps?
- How a Dept raises funds is up to Depts and Camps as long as they don't break the law.
- There is some desire to put a framework in place that allows flexibility at the Dept level.
- Most other organizations have policies in place that set limits and caps.
- PCinC Pahl remarked that some directed donations may not be tax deductible, due to telling a charitable organization what to do with the funds.
- It was noted that a national policy is not prescriptive as is a National Regulation

**[ACTION: The P&P committee is working with Brothers Jim Pahl and Mike Beard]**

### **Draping of the Charter Ceremony**

PCinC Day reported that he had drafted a "Draping of the Charter Ceremony" for departed brothers based upon one used in the Department of the Chesapeake and other organizations and will send it to P&P for consideration whether to incorporate it into the Ritual & Ceremonies.

**[ACTION: Deferred to the National Encampment]**

### **Travel Reimbursement Discussion (CinC Paquette)**

It was noted that travel costs are rising to the point where the current reimbursement cap is not adequate for air travel. There is a \$750 cap for each travel event to represent the CinC. Brother Beard provided the following data on past travel expenses from page 6 of the Report packet:



- We have not exceeded \$6,000 in the past
  - 2015 \$2,766
  - 2016 \$5,788
  - 2017 \$5,773
  - 2018 \$4,490
  - 2019 \$4,049
  - 2020 \$3,398
  - 2021 \$2,362

Issues to consider:

- Is the per trip ceiling of \$750 sufficient?
  - Is the \$6,000 budget sufficient?
  - What happens if we exceed the budget?
- a. For trips exceeding \$750 for a representative to travel, the CinC has the option to cover the overage from his own budget that does not have a ceiling
  - b. In the annual budget, \$15K is set for CinC travel, \$5K set for National Secretary, National Treasurer, National QM, and Banner Editor travel, and \$6K set for other Brothers' travel.  
**[NO ACTION REQUIRED]**

### **P&P Topics (Brother Frail)**

- a. The "About the SUVVCW" information document was recommended for adoption. PCinC Day read the text. Numerous minor administrative amendments were offered. As this was a committee recommendation no motion was required.  
**Vote: Passed, 10 for – 0 against. [ACTION: Closed]**
- b. The Electronic Meeting policy was recommended for adoption. Electronic meetings were approved at the 2021 National Encampment; this policy was drafted in order to comply with the newly adopted Regulations to provide key guidance on how electronic meetings are to be publicized and conducted. CinC Paquette noted that it was imperative to publish guidance so it would be available for upcoming Department Encampments. It was noted there was one typo to be corrected.  
**Vote: Passed, 9 for – 1 against. [ACTION: Need input from Virtual Meetings committee]**
- c. The Treasurer's Handbook was recommended for adoption (specifically that P&P had no objection to it). Brother Beard had revised the handbook and had thought it is within his authority to publish. Brother PCinC Day, acting in his capacity as National Counselor, offered his opinion that in past practice, this has not gone before the COA for approval; and that it is within the purview of the National Treasurer to provide guidance to Departments and Camps. **[ACTION: Closed]**  
**CinC Paquette ruled that Brother Beard is cleared to publish the handbook.**
- d. Fundraising Campaign Structure request (follow-up discussion from the last COA meeting). Brother Frail asked for the COA to decide whether to adopt a "Corps" or "Rank" naming construct. PCinC Pierson moved for a rank structure; seconded by Brother Hall.  
**Vote: Passed, 10 for – 0 against. [ACTION: Closed]**
- e. Assistant National Executive Director (ANED) position was offered to volunteers of the Organization – none came forward. The intern contract expires at the end of May 2022, two months prior to the next fiscal year, thus leaving a funding gap. At the Springfield COA meeting, it must be decided whether to continue the position next year and if so, include funding for the position in next year's budget.
  1. It was also observed that the intern was funded by a directed donation, and that a decision needs to be made in that regard (to include developing a policy on directed donations for the SUVVCW, which has been in discussion for a couple of years).
  2. Clarification was needed regarding the terms of the directed donation currently being used to fund the intern: specifically, if remaining funds could be used to pay the intern past May and until the new budget was approved. Most interns are not paid.
  3. Where do we get the money other than raising the per capita (\$2) or suspending the Preservation fund?  
**[ACTION: SVCinC Frail was tasked to retrieve the email received from the intern's position anonymous donor to determine if payment terms had been specified in the email. Followup – no terms were specified in the email.]**  
**[ACTION: Need to advertise the sub-contractor position of Assistant Executive Director or give Susan 1<sup>st</sup> chance]**  
**[ACTION: Need a virtual meeting to continue the budgeting discussion]**
- f. Capital Campaign. CinC Paquette asked when it will be launched. Brother Beard replied at the next National Encampment. **ACTION: Brother Frail to draft the proposal. [NO ACTION TAKEN]**

### **2022 SPRING CofA REPORTS**

1. 3.6 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC, pages 9-10

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** We need information left on the monument files so we contact people. Letterheads, bid estimates, photos, etc. are all information needed by us and should be left. So too are e-mail addresses to a general contact for an organization. However, we need to redact information on the old forms that contain contact information for members. [Personally, my information is so out there on the web, I really don't care about redacting mine, but I know a story about a monument to start this off. It's short. Louisiana, Missouri, use to have a monument to Senator/Major General Frank Blair in front of their hospital. They have a large GAR monument in Riverview Cemetery to the 6 men of the area who were executed during the Civil War. Apparently 2 Union monuments aren't allowed in the town. I have been checking into if there ever was a Blair monument in Louisiana and if there was, what happened to it. This March I found out. I was speaking to a man who use to be journalist in the town. He reported to me that it had been cut down and thrown into the Mississippi River. Such vandalism is why we need good documentation of monuments.]

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** We need information left on the monument files so we contact people. Letterheads, bid estimates, photos, etc. are all information needed by us and should be left. So too are e-mail addresses to others are concerned. **Therefore, I recommend that, if we must redact, only 1 method of contacting a member be left on forms previously submitted.** Normally, the form has Name, Address, E-Mail and Phone No. I recommend that all information except name and address be redacted; unless the only information provided is an e-mail or phone number. We must have some way to contact the person filling out the form in case there are questions by other researchers. Name and address would be the least hacked. All they can do with that is send someone junk snail-mail. Once a decision is made as to what information is to be redacted, I will amend the forms and submit them for approval. Also, several hundred can be ready to go on-site once I know if we are going to redact or not, and if so what will we redact.  
**[ACTION: Assigned to Communications and Technology]**

2. 4.16 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC, pages 25-26  
**RECOMMENDATION 1:** Scholarships: Change C&R Section 15. 2c: to read:

The committee shall evaluate, ~~the applications and~~ select and recommend to the Commander-in-Chief the applicant or applicants ~~(consistent with the number of scholarships available) for the scholarship awarding. of the scholarships, providing supporting information.~~ Recommendations shall be determined by the number of individuals with distinctive records of performance as demonstrated in the committee's evaluation criteria and the number of available scholarships. Recommendations need not match the number of available scholarships, but cannot exceed that number.

**[ACTION: Assigned to C&R]**

3. 6.25 Department of Pennsylvania, John Gipson, DC, pages 50-51

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** That the SUVCW update the Form 7 to read "ROTC/JROTC/NSCC" wherever it currently reads "ROTC/JROTC," and provide an explanation of the NSCC program in the text on the ROTC/JROTC Award page on the SUVCW.org website. Doing so shall ensure that there is no ambiguity regarding NSCC cadets/midshipmen being eligible for receiving the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC Award. [See attached Army Form 3126\_1 (contract) demonstrating that NSCC must meet the same rigorous standards as JROTC]

**[ACTION: Assigned to P&P]**

## New Business

1. **[ACTION: Need to include the oath back on the Form 3 - Assigned to P&P]**
2. **[ACTION: Motion 6 by Council Member Harry Reineke to provide streamers for National Encampments from 2000, other years for a set price, seconded by Brother Lyon. Passed, 8 for - 0 against]**
3. Loran Burris (with a second opinion from John Conrad) identified a problem of us adopting the new Roberts Rules in virtual meetings. The way we use to conduct business of exchanging discussions, making motions, and other things via email is supposedly in conflict now with needing to be simultaneous. When doing a Zoom session, everyone is participating in the dialog at the same time and according to both John and Loran, Roberts Rules of Order now with the addition of virtual, doesn't comply. The issue is you can't follow half the time the conversation of an email chain that is bouncing on and then someone starts another email chain over here and you lose track of who is responding to what part of the conversation. Whereas, if you are doing a Zoom meeting, you are participating in the live meeting and everyone is following the same conversation. **[ACTION: Assigned to Jim Pahl]**
4. **[ACTION: Motion 7 by Council Member Joseph Hall to eliminate both the current Department and National Chaplain awards for a single National Award seconded by Brother Tucker. Failed, 1 for - 7 against]**
5. **[ACTION: Motion 8 by Council Member Harry Reineke to rename the Department Chaplain Award to the Dwight L. Moody Award seconded by Brother Lyon. Passed, 8 for - 0 against]**
6. **Last Soldier Project**  
**[ACTION: Motion 9 by Council Member Kevin Tucker to rename the Last Soldier Project to the Last Union Veteran Project seconded by Brother Hall. Passed, 8 for - 0 against]**
  - Need to replace the Website, Instructions, and Marker
  - The current Marker is sold by the Department of Wisconsin. They hold the current license
  - The Department of Wisconsin can continue to sell existing stock
  - Make it known that we are not demanding that the old Markers be replaced
  - Talk to Brian McManus about the future versions
  - Give the Department of Wisconsin the first refusal option for the next license with the new verbiage
  - Kevin Tucker is giving the website updates to Harry Reineke
  - License renewals are due this year

## For the Good of the Order

- PCinC Don Shaw affirmed his candidacy for National Quartermaster
- Rob Payne, PDC (Dept of Michigan) announced his candidacy for CoFA
- Dan Murray announced his candidacy for National Secretary
- Harry Reineke announced that he is taking at least a year off

**Benediction: Chaplain Jerry Kowalski**

**Adjournment: 11:45 pm**

**Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Kevin L. Martin, PDC**



## May 11, 2022 Meeting

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MAY 11, 2022, VIA "ZOOM"

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM (EDT) by CinC Michael A. Paquette.
2. National Secretary Alan L. Russ called the roll of officers, as follows:

**Voting Members Present:**

CinC Michael A. Paquette, PDC  
SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC  
National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC  
CofA Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC  
CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC  
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC  
CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC  
CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC  
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson, PCinC

**Voting Members Absent Excused:**

JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Executive Director David W. Demmy Sr., PCC  
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC  
National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski  
Edward J. Norris, PCinC  
Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC

3. After the roll call of officers, Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation, followed by PDC Kevin Tucker leading the CofA in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Prior to the meeting, Treasurer Beard had submitted the following motion, along with his discussion of it, to be considered by the CofA. At this time Brother Beard officially made the motion, which was seconded by Brother Frail. The motion read as follows:

I move the Council of Administration fund the proposed Assistant Executive Director position using dividends and interest from the General Fund's Brokerage Account for the next three years starting when an Assistant is contracted and ending three budget years hence. At such time the Treasurer will report to the Council the status of the budget and recommend how to go forward with funding the Assistant Executive Director position.

Motion was discussed by the CofA and voted upon. The motion carried with ten votes for and no votes opposed.

5. The Council next addressed how best to fill the position. After much discussion, Brother Kevin Tucker moved the following motion which was seconded by Brother Hall:

Advertise the position to the brothers of the Order with a cutoff date of June 15. Position is to be filled by the National Encampment. Mike Beard to prepare input for special message to go out. Interview by CinC, SVCinC, and Executive Director with recommendation to CofA. The council is to approve the hiring of the Assistant Executive Director.

Motion was discussed and voted upon. The motion carried with eight votes for and one vote opposed.

6. Next was discussion of an intern position at the National Headquarters. After discussion, CinC Paquette directed Brother Bruce Frail to pursue the issue.

7. Approval of Electronic Meeting Policy, as proposed by committee. Brother Pahl recommended the policy be rejected as written. CinC Paquette will send the proposed policy back to the Virtual Meeting committee for further action.

8. The CofA next discussed approval of the Document Retention Policy, as amended at the Springfield CofA meeting. After discussion, the CofA recommended some additional changes be made to the policy. These are reflected in red in the attached copy. [NOTE: The attached copy has not been renumbered to take care of deleted items.] Motion was made by Brother Frail and seconded. Motion carried with ten votes in favor and no votes opposed.

9. The following forms were submitted for approval by the P&P Committee.

a. Forms 40, 41, and 42: Un-blackened and added a field for Brothers to enter the number of hours spent supporting the JROTC program as requested by Daryl Ver Streate. This is row 17 on Forms 40, 41, and 42.

b. Form 7: Added a check box and text for "Space Force (Cadet)" as requested by Daryl Ver Streate.

c. Form 30: Added a check box to line 5 to check when a Brother terminates his dual status, as requested by John Conrad.

The above forms were accepted by vote of ten in favor, none opposed.

10. Job Descriptions for Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director were reviewed and will be submitted to National Encampment for approval, with minor change recommended be Treasurer.

11. CinC Paquette advised that three scholarships will be awarded this year.

12. CinC Paquette advised there will be one more Zoom meeting for CofA before National Encampment.

13. CinC Paquette directed that, for other than in-person meetings of the CofA, the Secretary is to capture votes from Zoom meetings and put them into summary like what was done with the old electronic boardroom votes. This summary is to be kept current and posted on the National website.

14. Brother Kevin Tucker addressed a possible issue on markers about the Last Soldier Project. Per CinC Paquette, since the Last Soldier Project was approved by a National Encampment, the National Encampment would need to approve any change of name to the project.

15. The Department of New Jersey had requested a determination of whether or not they would need a license for a "button and ribbon" to be sold to its brothers at department encampments. CinC Paquette stated that because the sale was limited to brothers of the department, a license was not required. The secretary was directed to advise the department of the decision.

16. Chaplain Kowalski gave the closing prayer.

17. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM (EDT).



## June 21, 2022 Meeting

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING JUNE 21, 2022, VIA "ZOOM"

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM (EDT) by CinC Michael A. Paquette.
2. National Secretary Alan L. Russ called the roll of officers, as follows:

**Voting Members Present:**

CinC Michael A. Paquette, PDC  
National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC  
National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC  
CofA Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC  
CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC  
CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC  
CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC  
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson, PCinC  
CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC (joined meeting at 8:00 PM)

**Voting Members Absent Excused:**

SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC  
JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

National Counselor Mark R. Day, PCinC  
Executive Director David W. Demmy Sr., PCC  
Edward J. Norris, PCinC  
Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC

3. CinC Paquette addressed a motion previously made via email. He stated that the current regulations and Roberts Rules of Order do not allow for discussion of the issue in that format.
  - a. PCinC Pierson had moved that the proposed streamers be procured in white, due to the nonavailability of the appropriate gold ribbon and had been seconded by SVCinC Frail. Discussion was conducted at the meeting. The vote on the motion to use white ribbon was 2 for and 5 opposed. **Motion failed.**
  - b. PCinC Pierson then moved to wait for the availability of gold streamer material. Motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to wait for the gold material was 7 for and 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**
4. Next were the recommendations for award of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. Applications had previously been sent to the CofA members for their review. [Note: voting for nominees who failed to receive a majority of votes from CofA members was redacted.]
  - a. Motion to approve recommendation for Roderick Fraser by PCinC Pierson and seconded. The vote on the motion was 8 for and 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**
  - b. Motion to approve recommendation for David Wildermuth by PDC Harry Rienke and seconded. The vote on the motion was 6 for and 2 opposed. **Motion carried.**
5. Next were two recommendations for the Founders Award. As this award may only be one time per calendar year, there was discussion on both recommendations before a motion was accepted.
  - a. Motion to approve recommendation for Ethel French by PDC Tucker and seconded. The vote on the motion was 8 for and 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

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- b. As the recipient of the Founders Award was determined by the passage of the prior motion, no action could be taken on the other recommendation.
- 6. There was a discussion concerning the SUVCW IRS 501(c)(3) status.
- 7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

## July 31, 2022 Meeting

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING JULY 31, 2022, VIA "ZOOM"

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1. Meeting was called to order at 3:07 PM (EDT) by CinC Michael A. Paquette.
2. Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation, followed by PDC Kevin Tucker leading the CofA in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Voting Members Present:**
  - CinC Michael A. Paquette, PDC
  - SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC
  - National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC
  - National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC
  - National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC
  - CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC
  - CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC
  - CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, departed by 3:30 PM – returned at 4:06 PM
  - CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC
  - CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson, PCinC
4. **Voting Members Absent Excused:**
  - CofA Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC - Excused
  - JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC - Excused
5. **Non-Voting Members Present:**
  - Executive Director David W. Demmy Sr., PCC
  - National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
  - Tim McCoy, National Signal Officer
  - Tad Campbell, PCinC
  - Mark Day, PCinC arrived as of 4:04 PM
6. **Guests Present:**

None.
7. **Discussion about dress code for National Encampment.** CinC Paquette plans to issue a general order addressing what will constitute proper attire during the business meeting.
8. **SUVCW Social Media Policies and Guidelines:** Social Media Committee recommendation was sent to P&P. This proposed policy has been revised since then. The P&P Chairman, Bruce Frail, feels the committee would agree with it as revised. Committee recommendation was to accept the policy as submitted. Brother Pierson recommended to amend to add paragraph numbering in the policy, which was accepted by Brother McCoy. The vote for the motion was 8 for, 0 opposed. **Motion passed.**
9. **FROM GETTYSBURG MEETING, November 21, 2021**
  - a. *"PCinC Mark Day brought up discussion on Scholarship donation. [ACTION: Deferred to Springfield CofA Meeting]."*

This item has been completed.COMPLETED



**10. FROM VIRTUAL MEETING, January 18, 2022**

- a. *“National Document Retention Policy Updates. Submitted by Brother Frail. CinC deferred discussion until a future date when Brother Frail is available to discuss them.”*  
*[NOTE: March 5 meeting deferred this item the Springfield CofA Meeting.]*

This item has been referred to the C&R Committee.

- b. *“Kit Carson Monument, Santa Fe, NM. CinC will open a careful dialogue with GSA. CinC will reach out to Richmond KY. CinC will keep Dept Commanders of SW and KY involved.”*

**This item will be addressed under New Business at the Encampment.**

**11. FROM SPRINGFIELD MEETING, April 16, 2022**

- a. *“Conversation and history of Springfield Events by Robert M Petrovic, PDC, Committee Chairman [ACTION: Update the Job Description for this committee in the C&R for to include a change that when this event falls on Easter, that the committee can change the date to either one week prior to or one week after Easter]. \*\*Commander-in-Chief Paquette has already informed MOLLUS of this change to which they had no objection\*\*”*

This item has been referred to the C&R Committee.

- b. *“[ACTION: Update the language in our agreement with MOLLUS to reflect the change above].”*

The incoming CinC will address this with MOLLUS.

- c. *“Recommendation by Brother Bobby Welch to approve changes to the Form 5. The document handed out contains the same information that was presented at the Gettysburg CofA meeting, just better organized. PCinC Don Darby has an issue with the “Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal” “*

**This will be addressed at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.**

- d. *“Medals received prior to these changes are grandfathered. Qualified people are also eligible to receive them now if requested.”*

**This will be addressed at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.**

- e. *NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS: “10. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. [ACTION: CinC, to be reviewed by Gettysburg] Need recommendation from the Social Media Committee, P&P has action.”*

The CinC plans to issue a certificate award for this. The next P&P Committee can address making it a permanent award.

**This will be addressed at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.**

- f. *NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS: “11. The incoming Commander-in-Chief direct the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be*



*made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts. [ACTION: CinC to appoint one-year term Special Committee] Assigned to Nat. Signal Officer, Commander-in-Chief to follow up."*

**National Signal Officer stated that a lot of work has been done to date. It should be ready to review after encampment. The Signals Officer was encouraged to include in his report to National to extend the committee for another year.**

## **12. FROM 2021 GETTYSBURG REPORT:**

*a. "NPS Policy on placing of flags in the Gettysburg National Cemetery – what is our way forward? [ACTION: The Commander-in-Chief will establish the Committee to start the planning]"*

CinC has manpower concerns to be able to place flags for Remembrance Day. SVCinC Bruce Frail believes there will be personnel available to accomplish this on Thursday and Friday before Remembrance DAY.

**Deferred to incoming CinC.**

*b. "Potential additions to the National Secretary job description [ACTION: Undocumented Tasks need to be added - P&P]"*

**If this is not in this year's C&R Committee Report, defer it to P&P Committee and National Secretary for next year.**

*c. "Directed Fund Raising: Background: Should the National Organization establish guidelines on directed fundraising or allow Depts to do it on their own? [ACTION: The P&P committee is working with Brothers Jim Pahl and Mike Beard]"*

**Committee recommendation to National Encampment from the Promotions and Marketing Committee is to appoint a committee for five years to address this.**

*d. P&P Topics (Brother Frail) "c. The Electronic Meeting policy was recommended for adoption. Electronic meetings were approved at the 2021 National Encampment; this policy was drafted in order to comply with the newly adopted Regulations to provide key guidance on how electronic meetings are to be publicized and conducted. CinC Paquette noted that it was imperative to publish guidance so it would be available for upcoming Department Encampments. It was noted there was one typo to be corrected. Vote: Passed, 9 for – 1 against. [NOTE 1: Also addressed at Springfield CofA meeting][NOTE 2: Awaiting input from Virtual Meeting Committee.]"*

**The chairman of the Virtual Meeting Committee informed CinC Paquette he plans no additional action for the committee. The committee will need to be reappointed.**

## **13. FROM 2022 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS:**

*a. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC: RECOMMENDATION 1: We need information left on the monument files so we contact people. Letterheads, bid estimates, photos, etc. are all information needed by us and should be left. So too are e-mail addresses to a general contact for an organization. However, we need to redact information on the old forms that contain contact information for members.*



**National Signals Officer Tim McCoy has been working with Brother Busch on this, and has come to an agreement with him on this. The P&P Committee will need to update the Forms 61 and 62 to include the changes.**

*b. National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC: RECOMMENDATION 2: We need information left on the monument files so we contact people. Letterheads, bid estimates, photos, etc. are all information needed by us and should be left. So too are e-mail addresses to others are concerned.] Therefore, I recommend that, if we must redact, only 1 method of contacting a member be left on forms previously submitted. Normally, the form has Name, Address, E-Mail and Phone No. I recommend that all information except name and address be redacted; unless the only information provided is an e-mail or phone number. We must have some way to contact the person filling out the form in case there are questions by other researchers. Name and address would be the least hacked. All they can do with that is send someone junk snail-mail. Once a decision is made as to what information is to be redacted. I will amend the forms and submit them for approval. Also, several hundred can be ready to go on-site once I know if we are going to redact or not, and if so what will we redact. [ACTION: Assigned to Communications and Technology]*

**National Signals Officer Tim McCoy has been working with Brother Busch on this, and has come to an agreement with him on this. The P&P Committee will need to update the Forms 61 and 62 to include the changes.**

**CinC stated he believes the SUCVW should have a policy on what personal information is made available. This would also affect departments and camps.**

*c. Department of Pennsylvania, John Gipson, DC: RECOMMENDATION 1: That the SUCVW update the Form 7 to read "ROTC/JROTC/NSCC" wherever it currently reads "ROTC/JROTC," and provide an explanation of the NSCC program in the text on the ROTC/JROTC Award page on the SUCVW.org website. Doing so shall ensure that there is no ambiguity regarding NSCC cadets/midshipmen being eligible for receiving the SUCVW ROTC/JROTC Award. [See attached Army Form 3126\_1 (contract) demonstrating that NSCC must meet the same rigorous standards as JROTC] [ACTION: Assigned to P&P]*

The 2015 National Encampment discussed this on the floor; however, CinC Tad Campbell elected to refer it to the P&P Committee (2015 Proceedings, page 76)

**CinC ruled this to be out of order based on it previously being addressed by a National Encampment. He plans to revisit it at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.**

*d. "[ACTION: Need to include the oath back on the Form 3 - Assigned to P&P]"*

**To P&P Committee for next year.**

*e. "[ACTION: Motion 6 by Council Member Harry Reineke to provide streamers for National Encampments from 2000, other years for a set price, seconded by Brother Lyon. Passed, 8 for – 0 against]"*

**This is pending, but it will probably be after the National Encampment before it can be completed due to supply chain issues.**



**14. FROM VIRTUAL MEETING, May 11, 2022**

*a. Approval of Electronic Meeting Policy, as proposed by committee. Brother Pahl recommended the policy be rejected as written. [ACTION: CinC Paquette will send the proposed policy back to the Virtual Meeting committee for further action.]*

**Addressed in item 12d, above.**

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. MASK AND HAND SANITIZER AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.** It was moved by Brother Frail for the National Organization to provide up to \$250 to Department of Michigan to provide masks and hand sanitizer at National Encampment. **Motion seconded by Brother Pierson. Vote was 9 votes in favor 9, with 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.**

**b. NATIONAL QM WEBSITE.** Brother Beard raised the question about QM website and have the changes been made? Brother McCoy has worked on some items, but cannot change some items. Brother Freshley is no longer under contract to make changes to QM page. SUCVW needs to address these issues and start looking into some form of longer support for websites. It was recommended to reach out to Ken Freshley to see if he is willing to contract for the next year. Brother Beard will contact Brother Freshley about status and such.

Per CinC, it looks like we will need 2 or 3 candidates to bid on it.

Brother Day suggested that Brother Frail and Brother McCoy look at options and bring to them to the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting. Also, he recommended that we take the QM online store down about one week before the encampment and state it is under revision.

Mike Beard recommends we go with new QM form and prices at the National Encampment. Brother Lyon will use new form.

**CinC Paquette is deferring price increase discussion until the post-encampment CofA meeting on August 14, 2022.**

**c. CINC AWARDS POLICY DISCUSSION.** The wording for the Marshall Hope Award and the Horace Greeley Award are not clear that an award can be made to both a department and a camp. It was moved by Brother Tucker to change the words "Department or Camp" to read "Department and Camp". Brother Pierson seconded the motion. **The vote was 8 votes for the motion, and 0 votes opposed. Motion passed and is effective immediately.**

**d. GRANT CUP DISCUSSION.** Brother Pierson opened discussion concerning the Grant Cup and whether the award should be changed to a plaque.

**This will be addressed at the August 11, 2022, meeting in Grand Rapids.**

**e. MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2022, CofA MEETING:** Brother Russ brought up a question about the minutes from the June 21, 2022, meeting.

**This will be discussed on August 11, 2022, in Grand Rapids.**

16. Chaplain Kowalski gave the closing prayer.

17. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM (EDT).

## August 11, 2022 Meeting

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AUGUST 11, 2022 Grand Rapids, Michigan

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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM (EDT) by CinC Michael A. Paquette.
2. Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation, followed by PDC Kevin Tucker leading the CofA in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Voting Members Present:**
  - CinC Michael A. Paquette, PDC
  - SVCinC Bruce D. Frail, PDC
  - JVCinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC
  - National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC
  - National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC
  - CofA Member Harry W. Reinke, IV, PDC
  - CofA Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
  - CofA Joseph S. Hall Jr., PDC
  - CofA Member Kevin L. Martin, PDC
  - CofA Member Immed. PCinC Brian C. Pierson, PCinC
  - CofA Member Shane Milburn, PDC (*arrived at 7:38 PM*)
  - National Quartermaster James L. Lyon, PDC (*arrived at 7:42 PM*)
4. **Voting Members Absent Excused:**
  - None
5. **Non-Voting Members Present:**
  - Executive Director David W. Demmy Sr., PCC
  - National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
  - Tim McCoy, National Signal Officer
  - Tad Campbell, PCinC
  - Mark Day, PCinC
  - Don Darby, PCinC
  - Don Shaw, PCinC
  - Ed Kreiser, PCinC
  - Ed Norris, PCinC
  - Perley Mellor, PCinC
  - Don Palmer, PCinC
  - Steve Michaels, PCinC
  - Jim Pahl, PCinC
  - Bob Grim, PCinC
6. **Guests Present:**
  - Dave Demmy, Jr., Dept of Pennsylvania
  - William Fischer, Jr., PCC, Dept of Pennsylvania
  - Tony Howell, Dept of Alabama
  - Dan Murray, Dept of Massachusetts
  - Dane DiFebo, DC, Dept of Pennsylvania
  - Rob Payne, Dept of Michigan
  - Robert Wolz, Dept of Ohio
  - Dale Crandel, Dept of Missouri



**7. FROM SPRINGFIELD MEETING, April 16, 2022**

a. *“Recommendation by Brother Bobby Welch to approve changes to the Form 5. The document handed out contains the same information that was presented at the Gettysburg CofA meeting, just better organized. PCinC Don Darby has an issue with the “Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal” “*

**ACTION:** P&P Committee has reviewed for the changes to the Form 5 and agree with the recommendation. Discussion followed. Brother Pierson moved the CofA accept the recommendation, Brother Tucker accepted. Vote: 9 for; 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

b. *“Medals received prior to these changes are grandfathered. Qualified people are also eligible to receive them now if requested.”*

**ACTION:** P&P Committee has reviewed for the changes to the Form 5 and agree with the recommendation. Discussion followed. Brother Pierson moved the CofA accept the recommendation, Brother Tucker accepted. Vote: 9 for; 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

c. *NATIONAL SIGNALS OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS: “10. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. [ACTION: CinC, to be reviewed by Gettysburg] Need recommendation from the Social Media Committee, P&P has action.”*

**ACTION:** Brother McCoy read the proposal for the Albert J. Myer Award. Discussion followed. **REFERRED BY CINC TO INCOMING P&P**

**8. FROM 2022 SPRINGFIELD CofA REPORTS:**

a. *Department of Pennsylvania, John Gipson, DC: RECOMMENDATION 1: That the SUVCW update the Form 7 to read “ROTC/JROTC/NSCC” wherever it currently reads “ROTC/JROTC,” and provide an explanation of the NDCC program in the text on the ROTC/JROTC Award page on the SUVCW.org website. Doing so shall ensure that there is no ambiguity regarding NDCC cadets/midshipmen being eligible for receiving the SUVCW ROTC/JROTC Award. [See attached Army Form 3126\_1 (contract) demonstrating that NSCC must meet the same rigorous standards as JROTC] [ACTION: Assigned to P&P]*

The 2015 National Encampment discussed this on the floor; however, CinC Tad Campbell elected to refer it to the P&P Committee (2015 Proceedings, page 76)

CinC ruled this to be out of order based on it previously being addressed by a National Encampment. He planned to revisit it at the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting in Grand Rapids.

**ACTION:** William Fischer, Dept. of Pennsylvania, provided discussion. **REFERRED BY CINC TO INCOMING P&P**

**9. FROM REMOTE MEETING, July 31, 2022:**

a. **NATIONAL QM WEBSITE.** Brother Beard raised the question about QM website and have the changes been made? Brother McCoy has worked on some items, but cannot change some



items. Brother Freshley is no longer under contract to make changes to QM page. SUVWCW needs to address these issues and start looking into some form of longer support for websites. It was recommended to reach out to Ken Freshley to see if he is willing to contract for the next year. Brother Beard will contact Brother Freshley about status and such.

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Brother Day suggested that Brother Frail and Brother McCoy look at options and bring to them to the August 11, 2022, CofA meeting. Also, he recommended that we take the QM online store down about one week before the encampment and state it is under revision.

Mike Beard recommends we go with new QM form and prices at the National Encampment. Brother Lyon will use new form.

CinC Paquette is deferring price increase discussion until the post-encampment CofA meeting on August 14, 2022.

**ACTION:** Brother Beard will approach PCinC Ken Freshley to update, put flag prices on inventory sheet, only; put current price sheet online. Brother McCoy will get price from vendor for incorporating QM onto new form. Price increases will be as needed.

b. **GRANT CUP DISCUSSION.** Brother Pierson opened discussion concerning the Grant Cup and whether the award should be changed to a plaque.

**ACTION:** Brother Pierson will get the engraving for the cup updated. Brother Pierson will give recommendation at Gettysburg on cups and plaques.

#### 10. MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2022, CofA MEETING:

a. Brother Russ brought up a question about the minutes from the June 21, 2022, meeting.

Brother Beard moved to redact from those minutes for those who were nominated and received the award, seconded by Brother Russ. Vote: 11 for, 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

b. CinC Paquette discussed should there be a National Policy on what personal information is available to public? PCinC Darby provided comments about finding out who to contact. Brother Tucker recommended the incoming CinC appoint a committee to review all forms and information for what should be available to public.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Brother Bruce Frail discussed the possibility of purchasing a paypal card reader for QM to allow for credit card payment versus check or cash. It was moved by Brother Frail to purchase one, seconded by Brother Tucker. **Motion withdrawn. QM to handle.**

b. PCinC Darby stated the transcriptionist is still being paid \$4 per page after 12 years. He asked if it could be raised to \$5.

Motion by Brother Beard, seconded by Brother Pierson, to raise payment to \$5 per page. Vote: For 10, 0 against, 1 abstain. **Motion carried.**

c. PCinC Mark Day stated he had received a request from a Department about sponsoring a Boy Scout troop. Day advised he would recommend NO, but he would take it to the CofA.

Brother Pierson recommended we investigate it. Brother Tucker moved to not sponsor scout troops, seconded by Brother Reinke. Vote: For 11, 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

## **12. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**PCinC Palmer:** Presented survey that will be sent out to membership. Asked CofA to review the survey and provide feedback to committee.

Operating in the form of a 501(c)(3) – Addressing grants as revenue. Discussion of developing a virtual museum based upon the GAR and Allied Orders to give a broader visibility.

**PCinC Darby:** Perceived problem with not posting votes on electronic board room. Also concerned that the CofA needed to do a better job of posting CofA minutes on the National Website. Noticed in the minutes to have 24/7 IT support. Have not had dues increase since 2010. Consideration to increase dues by \$5. *Banner* could be sent out electronically to departments for further distribution.

**Brother Russ:** Moved to extend current licenses until Gettysburg CofA Meeting. Seconded by Pierson. Vote: For 11, opposed 0. **Motion carried.**

**Brother Tucker** stated he will be candidate for JVCinC at Nashua.

CofA was informed that Mark Hale, GA&SC will be candidate for CofA in 2023.

**Brother McCoy** would like the new Social Media distributed as soon as possible.

**CinC Paquette.** Kit Carson monument will be addressed to encampment.

13. Chaplain Kowalski gave the closing prayer.

14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM (EDT).



## Actions Approved by CofA at Virtual Meetings

### ACTIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION AT VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 8, 2021 – August 11, 2022

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#### September 18, 2021, Meeting

1. **Master Service Agreement with Drupal Connect.** Brother Harry Reinecke moved that we accept the Master Service Agreement with Drupal Connect pending the incorporation of the Website Requirements document and that we also approve that document on the same vote. Seconded by Kevin Martin. After considerable discussion, the matter was put to a vote. The vote was 9 for and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

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#### January 18, 2022, Meeting

2. **DUVCW Little Brown Buttons.** Motion by PCinC Pierson, seconded by Brother Reinecke: COA authorize CinC to destroy the LBBs in a manner at his discretion and document it appropriately. **Vote:** Passed 7 yea – 0 nay.

3. **Computer and Backup Capability at National HQ.** Motion by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Millburn: Allocate up to \$4,000 for new computers. **Vote:** Passed 7 yea -0 nay.

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#### March 5, 2022, Meeting

4. **“About the SUVCW”** The “About the SUVCW” information document was recommended for adoption by the P&P Committee. Numerous minor administrative amendments were offered. As this was a committee recommendation no motion was required. **Vote:** Passed, 10 for – 0 against.

5. **Electronic Meeting Policy.** ~~The Electronic Meeting policy was recommended for adoption by the P&P Committee. Electronic meetings were approved at the 2021 National Encampment; this policy was drafted in order to comply with the newly adopted Regulations to provide key guidance on how electronic meetings are to be publicized and conducted. CinC Paquette noted that it was imperative to publish guidance so it would be available for upcoming Department Encampments. It was noted there was one typo to be corrected.~~ **Vote:** Passed, 9 for – 1 against.

[NOTE: At the Springfield, Illinois, CofA meeting on April 16, 2022, it was moved by SVCinC Bruce Frail to undo the prior vote from the March Virtual Meeting, seconded by Brother Tucker. **Vote:** Passed, 8 for – 0 against.]

6. **Treasurer’s Handbook.** The Treasurer’s Handbook was recommended for adoption (specifically that P&P had no objection to it). Brother Beard had revised the handbook and had thought it is within his authority to publish. Brother PCinC Day, acting in his capacity as National Counselor, offered his opinion that in past practice, this has not gone before the COA for approval; and that it is within the purview of the National Treasurer to provide guidance to Departments and Camps. CinC Paquette ruled that Brother Beard is cleared to publish the handbook.

7. **Fundraising Campaign Structure request.** (follow-up discussion from the last COA meeting). Brother Frail asked for the COA to decide whether to adopt a “Corps” or “Rank” naming construct. PCinC Pierson moved for a rank structure; seconded by Brother Hall. **Vote:** Passed, 10 for – 0 against.

August 23, 2022 (Revised)

**ACTIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION  
AT VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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**May 11, 2022, Meeting**

8. **Assistant Executive Director Position.** Brother Beard officially made the motion, which was seconded by Brother Frail. The motion read as follows: "I move the Council of Administration fund the proposed Assistant Executive Director position using dividends and interest from the General Fund's Brokerage Account for the next three years starting when an Assistant is contracted and ending three budget years hence. At such time the Treasurer will report to the Council the status of the budget and recommend how to go forward with funding the Assistant Executive Director position." Motion was discussed by the CofA and voted upon. **Vote:** Passed, 10 for – 0 against.

9. **Filling the Assistant Executive Director Position.** The Council next addressed how best to fill the position. After much discussion, Brother Kevin Tucker moved the following motion which was seconded by Brother Hall. "Advertise the position to the brothers of the Order with a cutoff date of June 15. Position is to be filled by the National Encampment. Mike Beard to prepare input for special message to go out. Interview by CinC, SVCinC, and Executive Director with recommendation to CofA. The council is to approve the hiring of the Assistant Executive Director." Motion was discussed and voted upon. **Vote:** Passed, 8 for – 1 opposed.

10. **Revised Forms for Approval.** The following forms were submitted for approval by the P&P Committee.

a. Forms 40, 41, and 42: Un-blackened and added a field for Brothers to enter the number of hours spent supporting the JROTC program as requested by Daryl Ver Streate. This is row 17 on Forms 40, 41, and 42.

b. Form 7: Added a check box and text for "Space Force (Cadet)" as requested by Daryl Ver Streate.

c. Form 30: Added a check box to line 5 to check when a Brother terminates his dual status, as requested by John Conrad.

**Vote:** All of the above forms passed, 10 for – 0 opposed.

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**June 21, 2022, Meeting**

11. CinC Paquette addressed a motion previously made via email. He stated that the current regulations and Roberts Rules of Order do not allow for discussion of the issue in that format.

a. PCinC Pierson had moved that the proposed streamers be procured in white, due to the nonavailability of the appropriate gold ribbon and had been seconded by SVCinC Frail. Discussion was conducted at the meeting. The vote on the motion to use white ribbon was 2 for and 5 opposed. **Motion failed.**

b. PCinC Pierson then moved to wait for the availability of gold streamer material. Motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to wait for the gold material was 7 for and 0 opposed. **Motion carried.**

12. The remainder of the business meeting pertained to approval of awards. These will be announced at the National Encampment.

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**July 31, 2022, Meeting**

13. **SUVCW Social Media Policies and Guidelines:** Social Media Committee recommendation was sent to P&P. This proposed policy has been revised since then. The P&P



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Chairman, Bruce Frail, feels the committee would agree with it as revised. Committee recommendation was to accept the policy as submitted. Brother Pierson recommended to amend to add paragraph numbering in the policy, which was accepted by Brother McCoy. The vote for the motion was 8 for, 0 opposed. **Motion passed.**

14. **MASK AND HAND SANITIZER AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.** It was moved by Brother Frail for the National Organization to provide up to \$250 to Department of Michigan to provide masks and hand sanitizer at National Encampment. **Motion seconded by Brother Pierson. Vote was 9 votes in favor 9, with 0 votes opposed. Motion carried.**

15. **CINC AWARDS POLICY DISCUSSION.** The wording for the Marshall Hope Award and the Horace Greeley Award are not clear that an award can be made to both a department and a camp. It was moved by Brother Tucker to change the words "Department or Camp" to read "Department and Camp". Brother Pierson seconded the motion. **The vote was 8 votes for the motion, and 0 votes opposed. Motion passed and is effective immediately.**



## **General Orders 2021-2022 Series**



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### **General Order #1**

Series 2021-2022  
20 August 2021

#### **Administration**

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 140th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. As such, I will endeavor to perform each of the duties of the office in a manner befitting our Order and our forefathers.
2. We are now in the process of returning to some semblance of normalcy having endured a year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the entire Order, I extend our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson for his leadership, perseverance, and insight during the past year.
3. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Elizabeth Rock, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Norma Fiedler, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Allison Pollitt, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year.
4. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 11901 Branchwater Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407-6701. Correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to the same address. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at [CinC@suvcw.org](mailto:CinC@suvcw.org). Text or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 540-850-8090. Please, no routine calls after 10 PM Eastern Time.
5. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.
6. Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard,

PDC at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950. (NOTE: the National Treasurer will move to Florida in September and a new mailing address will be provided at that time.)

7. All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162. His email address is secretary@suvcw.org and phone number is 614-745-6079.

8. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, Harry Reineke IV, PDC, PO Box 249 Sumerduck, VA 22742. He can be reached by email at CofA3@suvcw.org and phone 630-806-9693.

9. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and a final for the 141st National Encampment in 2022.

10. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule as the National Officers and Committees.

11. National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, PCC, can be reached by email at paptom@msn.com and phone at 773-631-1610. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Kowalski will send a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

12. Applications for Civil War Memorials grants will be sent to Brother Kevin Martin, PDC, 8209 Skipwith Dr Frederick MD 21702-9499; his email is CofA5@suvcw.org and phone number is 301-682-7336.

13. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStrete, Jr., PDC, 4300 Covell Road, Clyde, NY 14433; his email is rotc@suvcw.org and phone number is 585-305-9475.

14. All Camps and Departments are strongly encouraged to submit articles and photographs for The Banner to Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519; his email is banner@suvcw.org and phone number is 517-676-1471. Brother Pahl, PCinC was previously appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2022.

15. The following National Special Committees continue per action of previous National Encampments:

- a. National Special Committee on Website Redesign (through 2023), Chair Timothy McCoy, PDC
- b. National Special Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied

Orders (through 2024), Chair Mark Day, PCinC

16. The following National Special Committees were appointed or re-appointed this year by the National Encampment:

- a. National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning, (through 2026) Chair Bruce Frail, PDC
- b. National Special Committee on Social Media Management (2023), Chair National Signals Officer, Timothy McCoy, PDC
- c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (re-appointed through 2023), Chair Dexter Bishop, PDC

17. The following are the CinC-appointed committees for 2021-2022:

- a. CinC appointed Committee on Memorial University, Stephen Michaels, PCinC
- b. CinC appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Chair Loran Bures, PDC
- c. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Chair Jerome Kowalski, PCC
- d. CinC Appointed Committee for Strategic Development of Information Technology, Chair Henry Duquette, PDC

18. The Committee on Encampment Credentials, previously a CinC Appointed Committee, was made a Standing Committee by action of the National Encampment. The Chair is Joseph Hall, PDC.

Ordered this 20th Day of August, 2021



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Attest:

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Jonathan C. Davis  
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### **General Order #2**

Series 2021-2022  
14 September 2021

### **Passing of Real Daughter Florence (Pool) Wilson**

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Real Daughter Florence (Pool) Wilson, on 31 August 2021, at the age of 98 years. She had been a resident of Bolivar, Missouri.
2. She was the sister of Real Son William Pool, member of Colonel John C. Bryner, Camp 67, Department of Illinois. She was born to Charles Parker Pool and Clara Bell Straw on October 4, 1922 and married the late Harry O. Wilson. Her father, Private Charles Pool, was enlisted in Company D of the 6th WV Infantry and served from August 20, 1861 to August 27, 1864.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of her.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 14th Day of September, 2021

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Attest:

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### **Special Order #3**

Series 2021-2022  
2 January 2022

### **Appointment of a Board of Inquiry**

1. A Board of Inquiry is hereby appointed to investigate alleged abuse of authority and possible violations of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order by Officers of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.
2. The Board of Inquiry will be composed of the following Brothers: Donald E. Darby, PCinC; David V. Medert, PCinC; and D. Michael Beard, PDC.
3. All Brothers shall cooperate with the Board of Inquiry and provide all documents, correspondence, email, and materials requested by the Board.
4. The Board of Inquiry will report its findings and any recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief no later than 28 February 2022.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January, 2022

Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

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### **General Order #4**

Series 2021-2022  
31 December 2021

#### Passing of Real Son John Wilson Oliver Jr.

1. It is with deep regret that I report the death of Real Son and Life Member John Wilson Oliver Jr., on 15 November 2021, at the age of 96 years. Brother Oliver was a member of the Major William Anderson McTeer Camp 39 of the Department of Tennessee and had resided in Morristown, Tennessee prior to his passing.
2. Brother Oliver was the son of John Wilson Oliver, Sr., who was mustered into service into Company F, 4th Tennessee Infantry with the rank of private. The 4th Tennessee Infantry was subsequently re-organized into the 1st Tennessee Cavalry. The unit was engaged in numerous actions in Eastern and Middle Tennessee, Northern Alabama, and Northern and Central Georgia including the Battles of Franklin and Nashville and the pursuit of General John Bell Hood. He was honorably discharged August 2, 1865.
3. The National Organization sends sincere condolences to Brother Oliver's family, friends, and our Brothers in the Department of Tennessee with Mississippi for their loss.
4. In remembrance of Real Son and Brother John Wilson Oliver Jr. the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges.
5. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 31st Day of December, 2021



Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
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Attest:

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### **General Order #5**

Series 2021-2022  
26 January 2022

### **Installing Officer Reports (Form 22) Due to National Headquarters by 15 March Annually**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to a request from the National Executive Director for a review of the Constitution and Regulations regarding the due date for the submission of Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers (Form 22), by Department Secretaries to the National Headquarters and following a review of the Constitution and Regulations by the National Counselor, no specific date was identified in either the Constitution and Regulations or the Form 22 as to when the form was to be received at the National Headquarters.

Section 2. Per Chapter I, Article VII, Section 4 (b) of the Constitution and Regulations, a subset of the job description and duties of the Camp Secretary, "The Secretary shall forward to the Department Secretary the Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) on or before February 15th of each calendar year".

Section 3. As the National Counselor found no specific date for the submission of Form 22s to the National Headquarters by Department Secretaries, I hereby rule and Order that Department Secretaries shall forward to the Executive Director Installing Officer Reports (Form 22s) on or before the 15th of March each calendar year.

Ordered this 26th Day of January, 2022





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### **General Order #6**

Series 2021-2022  
13 February 2022

### **Department Commanders Authorized to Lobby in Support of H.J. Res. 58 and S.J. Res. 26**

Whereas, House Joint Resolution 58 and Senate Joint Resolution 26 of the 117th Congress will soon be working their way through the House of Representatives and the Senate to elevate Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant to the Rank of General of the Army, and,

Whereas, the Congressional Charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War states that we are to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 -1865, and,

Whereas, Lt. General Grant was a key player in the ultimate victory which saved the Union, and,  
Whereas, it is only proper that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War support the proposed elevation in rank to General of the Army.

Therefore, the following is Ordered:

1. Department Commanders are hereby authorized under the provisions stated withing the SUVCW Lobbying Policy as found in General Order #14 Series 2020-2021, issued by PCinC Brian Pierson, to forward letters of support for the proposed Resolutions to the members of the House of Representatives and Senators from those states within their Departments.
2. This authority to Lobby is granted only to the Department Commander, who will speak as the representative of the SUVCW in his Department. Department Commanders are encouraged to consult with their membership on this matter, but the decision to support the Resolutions is solely at his discretion.
3. In accordance with GO #14 Series 2020-2021 (Lobbying) Department Commanders will file a report to the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with Paragraph 7 sub-paragraph b. This Order does not preclude the rights of Brothers acting as private citizens to communicate with their members of the House of Representatives and Senators, however they must not represent themselves as speaking for their SUVCW Camp, Department, or the National Organization. Additionally, in doing so as an individual, Brothers must not express their

connection by membership to the SUVCW.

Ordered this 13th Day of February, 2022



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### **General Order #7 Revised**

Series 2021-2022  
7 March 2022

#### **Use of Photographs and Video Imagery by the SUVCW**

1. Background: recently a question was raised about the need to obtain permission to use the images of those appearing in photographs or video clips taken at Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War events, ceremonies, or meetings.
2. Brothers of the SUVCW, its official photographers, members of the other Allied Orders, and guests may and will take photos of attendees throughout all meetings and events of the Order, including Camp meetings, Camp ceremonies, Department meetings, Department Encampments, National meetings, and National Encampments. These photos are for SUVCW use and may appear in the Banner, on the SUVCW website, promotional brochures, social media outlets or in other future SUVCW promotional material.
3. Individuals attending events hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of their attendance, agree to the usage of their likeness in the Banner, any Camp or Department Newsletter, any SUVCW website and/or on any SUVCW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUVCW material.
4. It is Ordered that the following statement be noted on the Official Programs for all SUVCW events, ceremonies, and meetings, along with posting on any SUVCW website homepage and photo galleries: "Individuals attending events hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by virtue of their attendance, agree to the usage of their likeness in the Banner, any Camp or Department Newsletter, any SUVCW website and/or on any SUVCW Social Media outlet, promotional brochures, or any other SUVCW material".
5. It is further Ordered that no one shall post to any Social Media outlet and/or web site, or any other means of communication, any live or video recordings or selected video clips from any business sessions (including committee meetings) of a Camp, Department, or National Encampment, with an explicit exception of the presentation of awards or special recognitions. There shall be no prohibition against the posting of still photography during or after any such meeting. Nothing in this Order shall be considered as any type of prohibition in the use of interactive video technology via Zoom or other such program for Brothers of the Order and

invited guests attending meetings by electronic means consistent with National Regulations and/or National Policy.

Ordered this 7th Day of March, 2022



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Attest:

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### **General Order #8**

Series 2021-2022  
8 March 2022

### **CinC Appointed Committee to Review Membership Qualifications**

1. A committee to review Membership Qualifications is hereby established as a Commander-in-Chief appointed committee. The Chair is John Conrad, PDC, from the Department of the Southwest. Committee members are Donald Shaw, PCinC, from the Department of Michigan and Timothy Klob from the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

Ordered this 8th Day of March, 2022

**Michael A. Paquette  
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**General Order #9**

Series 2021-2022  
6 April 2022

**CinC Appointed Representative for the Department of Nebraska Annual Encampment**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is hereby ordered:

Due to health related issues preventing the designated Commander-in-Chief's representative from attending the Department of Nebraska Annual Encampment on 9 April, 2022, PDC John Surman is hereby appointed to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of the Department of Nebraska and to act as the installing officer for the newly elected officers of that department.

Ordered this 6th Day of April, 2022

Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
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### **General Order #10**

Series 2021-2022  
19 April 2022

### **Appointment of National Secretary**

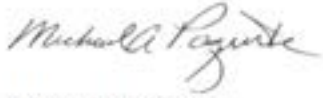
As the Commander-in-Chief, I have determined that National Secretary Jonathan Davis is unable to discharge the duties of his office at this time. Pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 4b, I notified the Council of Administration of this. By unanimous vote of the Council of Administration members present at the spring meeting held in Springfield, Illinois on April 16, 2022, they appointed Alan L. Russ, PDC as the Temporary Acting National Secretary until such time as the Council of Administration determined it was appropriate to restore duties to Brother Jonathan Davis.

Further, the Council of Administration, upon motion, second and unanimous vote, determined should Jonathan Davis resign from the office of National Secretary, in that event, Alan L. Russ, PDC is appointed National Secretary until the next National Encampment, where an election shall be held. I received a notice of resignation from Brother Jonathan Davis at 9:41 PM on 19 April, 2022.

It is therefore Ordered that Brother Alan L. Russ, PDC will serve as National Secretary, with the full authority of that office, until the next National Encampment. Brother Russ can be contacted at [secretary@suvcw.org](mailto:secretary@suvcw.org).

Ordered this 19th Day of April, 2022





Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:



Alan L. Russ  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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### **General Order #11**

Series 2021-2022  
22 April 2022

### **Suspension of Eric D. Richhart, PDC**

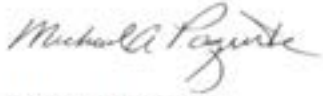
During the regular meeting of the National Council of Administration on April 16, 2022 in Springfield, Illinois, per National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article 17(A), I filed with the Council of Administration a proposed Complaint against Eric D. Richhart, PDC, asking of the National Council of Administration, permission to exercise Summary Discipline, Chapter IV of our National Regulations.

Having received permission of the Council of Administration in said meeting on April 16, 2022, I am suspending Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC from the office of Department Secretary, Department of Colorado/Wyoming and further, suspending Brother Richhart from participating in any event of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War pending the outcome of a hearing.

Therefore, the Complaint stands as formally filed and I call upon Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce D. Frail to proceed pursuant to National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article 17(B).

IT IS ORDERED that the membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Eric D. Richhart, PDC of the Department of Colorado/Wyoming is hereby SUSPENDED. Eric Richhart shall not be present at nor participate in any function of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at any level.

Ordered this 22nd Day of April, 2022



Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:



Alan L. Russ  
National Secretary  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## **Addendum to General Order 11**

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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IN RE Eric D. Richhart, PDC

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#### **Findings of the Hearing Council September 12, 2022**

On or about June 10, 2022, a Hearing Council was duly convened by Brother Bruce D. Frail, PDC, under his authority as then Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief, pursuant to the order of then Commander-In-Chief Michael Paquette, in accordance with Chapter IV of the National Regulations, to hear evidence and make recommendations as the result of a complaint duly filed by CinC Paquette against Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Department of Colorado/Wyoming. Brother Joe Hall, Department of Rhode Island, was appointed chairman of the council.

#### **The Complaint**

On April 22, 2022, CinC Paquette charged Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Department of Colorado/Wyoming, with the following:

#### **Count I**

**DISOBEDIENCE OF POLICIES OR LAWFUL ORDERS OF THE SUVCW, EMANATING FROM PROPER AUTHORITY**

Specification 1: Fraudulently modifying the Thomas D. Osborne Camp 43, Department of Colorado and Wyoming Bylaws after they had been signed by the Camp's officers.

Specification 2: Using a signature page of a previous signed version of the Thomas D. Osborne Camp 43, as the signature page for a fraudulently modified version of the camp's Bylaws.

Specification 3: Attesting the signature of an individual not authorized to sign the modified Thomas D. Osborne Camp 43 Bylaws in violation of CC&R Article XIV, Bylaws Section 1.

#### **Count II**

**CONDUCT UNBECOMING A BROTHER IN HIS RELATION TO THE ORDER**

Specification 1: Repeated uncharitable correspondence with Brothers at the Camp level.

### **Count III**

#### **CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE**

Specification 1: Demeaning behavior with Camp Chapman Compliment #2 camp members resulting in the resignation of four camp officers.

Specification 2: Demeaning behavior with Camp Chapman Compliment #2 Camp members resulting in multiple members of the Camp terminating their membership in the SUVCW.

Specification 3: Intentionally misleading Brothers of the Camp Chapman Compliment #2 in stating that members residing within the confines of the Department could not belong to another Department.

#### **The Hearing**

Chairman Hall convened an organizational meeting of the council via Zoom on June 20, 2022. Thereafter, the council met via Zoom with the parties in attendance for the purpose of receiving additional evidence and in-person testimony of witnesses on July 11 th , July 25th , and August 8 th.

The council noted that, in accordance with commonly understood adjudication procedures throughout the nation, the burden of proving each of the charges fell to CinC Paquette as the complaining party.

CinC Paquette first presented the case against Brother Richhart, referring to various documents filed with the council which included national, departmental and camp policies, bylaws and other governance documents. He also directed the council's attention to various emails and written correspondence likewise filed with the council. Brother Richhart was given the opportunity to cross-examine and question the evidence placed before the council by CinC Paquette. The council asked questions and received answers to its satisfaction from the CinC.

Brother Richhart then presented his case, which included the testimony via Zoom of several brothers from the Department of Colorado/Wyoming. CinC Paquette was permitted to cross-examine the witnesses and the evidence placed before the council by Brother Richhart. The council asked questions and received answers to its satisfaction from the witnesses and Brother Richhart. Brother Richhart concluded his portion of the case at the council meeting on August 8, 2022. The council then took the case under advisement.

The council also reviewed Chapter IV of the National Regulations and Article XIV of the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations.

The council met to discuss and make a determination of each of the charges of the complaint via Zoom on September 12, 2022.

## The Council's Findings

### **Count I, Specification 1:**

Held: Not guilty. The council believed Brother Richhart's unrefuted testimony that his department commander had directed him to make the modifications that were made, so could not find that his actions were fraudulent.

### **Count I, Specification 2:**

Held: Not guilty. The council believed Brother Richhart's unrefuted testimony that his department commander had directed him to make the modifications that were made, so could not find that his actions were fraudulent.

### **Count I, Specification 3:**

Held: Guilty. The council found that Brother Richhart—who was serving as the Department Secretary at the time—technically did not attest to any signature, because he admitted in his testimony that he “attested to” an unsigned approval form [Exhibit 5, p. 9]. Further, Article XIV of the CC&R did not require him to attest to the department commander's signature approving any camp bylaws. However, since he chose to attest to the approval, his execution of the unsigned bylaws approval form was a violation of the spirit of the regulation, because his attestation served as a verification in writing to a reader that the commander actually did sign the form confirming that he had approved the camp bylaws and found them to be in compliance with department bylaws and the National Constitution and Regulations—which he clearly did not do.

### **Count II, Specification 1:**

Held: Not guilty. The council saw only one piece of correspondence that it agrees was “uncharitable”. [Exhibit 22] While Brother Richhart testified that Exhibit 22 was a personal letter sent in response to an uncharitable and personal accusation and argued that it was, therefore, not relevant, the fact that he used the title PDC after his name in that letter tended to make it department business. However, since this was the only correspondence presented to the council, and since the word “repeated” is used in the specification, the council could not find that his actions violated the regulation.

### **Count III, Specification 1:**

Held: Not guilty. The council heard no testimony concerning Brother Richhart's behavior that showed that his behavior ever sank to the level of “demeaning.” Further, his department commander testified that he was unaware of any such behavior that sank to that level.

### **Count III, Specification 2:**

Held: Not guilty. The council heard no testimony concerning Brother Richhart's behavior that showed that his behavior ever sank to the level of “demeaning.” Further, his department commander testified that he was unaware of any such behavior that sank to that level.

### **Count III, Specification 3:**

Held: Not guilty. The council believed Brother Richhart's testimony that he never intentionally misled any brother about dual membership across two departments. After hearing

the testimony and reviewing the exhibits, the council was convinced this was a simple misunderstanding.

### **The Council's Recommendation**

Having found Brother Richhart guilty on only one specification of one count, it recommends that his administrative suspension be immediately lifted and he be given a reprimand for attesting a blank form without witnessing the Department Commander's signature, as it was his duty as Department Secretary to do so, having chosen to so attest.

You may appeal this decision in writing within 30 days of receipt of this notice. The appeal must be filed in writing with the Commander-in-Chief. Failure to appeal within the 30 days will terminate your right to appeal.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joseph S. Hall, Jr.  
Chairman  
Hearing Council  
Department of Rhode Island



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### **General Order #12**

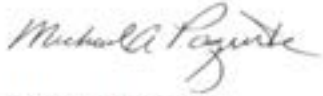
Series 2021-2022  
24 May 2022

### **Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson**

1. With a heavy heart, I have the sad duty to report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson on 22 May 2022 at the age of 86.
2. PCinC “Andy” Johnson, life member #393, was a long-time member of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of Washington D.C. and served as Camp Commander, Commander of the Department of Maryland, and ultimately as Commander-in-Chief in 1998-1999. PCinC Johnson retired as a Colonel after 30 plus years of active and reserve service in the United States Army. He was a member of and served in positions of leadership in other National Organizations to include the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Colonial New England, and the American Legion. Always the gentleman, PCinC Johnson was a stalwart and wise leader in our Order and his willingness to mentor others was a true gift to us all.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War’s social media platforms and the charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of PCinC Johnson.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 24th Day of May, 2022





Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:



Alan L. Russ  
National Secretary  
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### **General Order #13**

Series 2021-2022  
25 May 2022

### **Memorial Day / Decoration Day 2022**

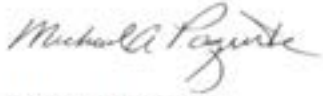
This year traditional Decoration Day coincides with nationally observed Memorial Day. We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have the opportunity to fulfill our sacred oath “to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of 1861 to 1865” concurrently with our fellow Americans’ observance of Memorial Day.

As we gather around the country in cemeteries and around monuments to our country’s fallen service members and listen to General John Logan’s General Order #11, let us recommit ourselves to the hope that we have not forgotten as a people “the cost of a free and undivided republic”.

Due to the COVID pandemic, many of you are conducting and participating in events in your local communities in some cases for the first time in three years. Let your love of country and sense of patriotism be evident as you are doing so. I also ask that at some point during the day you take a moment to remember and connect with your Civil War ancestor or another fallen service member in a special way.

I thank all of you for the good work you continue to carry out for the good of our Order.

Ordered this 25th Day of May, 2022



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### **General Order #14**

Series 2021-2022  
6 June 2022

### **Reactivation of the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations**

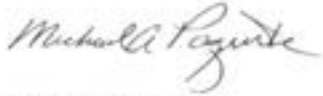
It has recently been discovered that Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 National Regulations, containing six definitions, was not transferred into the reorganized 2014 National Regulations. The Reorganization of the National Regulations was approved during the 133rd National Encampment in 2014.

After the Reorganization to the National Regulations was approved, PCinC James Pahl moved “that the Special Committee be discharged with the provision that in the event that it's discovered that items existing in the National Regulations did not get transferred into the reorganized format, the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to reactivate the Committee for the sole purpose of incorporating such language into the reorganized format that upon approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations such language can be inserted into the published Constitution and Regulations”. The motion carried.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted me by the 133rd National Encampment, the Special Committee to Reorganize the National Regulations is hereby reactivated for the sole purpose of incorporating Chapter V, Article I, Section 3 of the 2013 National Regulations into the current reorganized format and upon approval of the National Counselor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations the language be inserted into the currently published Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

The committee will consist of the original chairman, James Pahl, PCinC, with the following original committee members: Don Darby, PCinC; Don Martin, PCinC; Alan Russ, PDC; and Bob Wolz, PDC.

Ordered this 6th Day of June, 2022



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### **General Order #15**

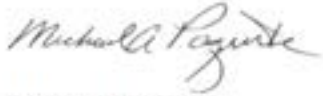
Series 2021-2022  
13 June 2022

#### **Attendance at SUVCW Camp, Department, and National Organization Meetings**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, and supported by a formal opinion issued by the National Counselor; who reviewed the language contained in Chapter I Article IV Section 3, Chapter II Article III Section 3, and Chapter III Article III Section 6 of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations found that further direction regarding actions to be taken in the case of the suspension or dishonorable removal of a member from an Allied Order who remains in good standing in another Allied Order was warranted. Therefore, the following is hereby ordered:

A member of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, or the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who has been suspended or dishonorably removed from that Order shall not be allowed to attend Camp, Department, or National Organization meetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War while representing themselves as a member of the Order which has suspended or dishonorably removed them. Conversely, that person shall be allowed to attend Camp, Department, or National Organization meetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, if they represent themselves as a member of another Allied Order in which they are a member in good standing.

Ordered this 13th Day of June, 2022



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### **General Order #16**

Series 2021-2022  
21 June 2022

### **Suspension of the Department of Kentucky**

1. The National Executive Director has advised me that the Department of Kentucky has not yet filed their required annual reports. Departments must file a Form 35, along with the current Department Roster and per capita dues to the Executive Director no later than May 31st each year. "Any Department which fails to file the Department Annual Report Form 35 by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension." (Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 11).
2. The Department of Kentucky is hereby placed under suspension.
3. The Department of Kentucky will be brought back in good standing when the delinquent reports are received by the Executive Director.
4. While under suspension, the Department may not meet or conduct business except for that activity to bring the Department back in good standing. In addition, their delegates to the National Encampment will not be seated.

Ordered this 21st Day of June, 2022

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### **General Order #17**

Series 2021-2022  
23 June 2022

### **Revocation of General Order 16**

1. Upon review of the suspension of the Department of Kentucky it was discovered that the department had submitted their required forms to the National Headquarters on time and the grounds for suspension did not exist.
2. The suspension of the Department of Kentucky is thus null and void. The department currently is and has been in good standing.
3. General Order 16 is hereby revoked.

Ordered this 23rd Day of June, 2022

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### **General Order #18**

Series 2021-2022  
1 July 2022

#### **Age Qualification for Candidates Seeking Election as National Officers**

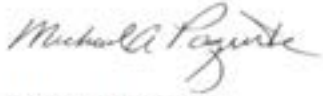
A Brother of the Order requested a formal opinion from the National Counselor regarding the eligibility of a member, who is currently 15 years of age and therefore a minor in all 50 states of the Union, to run for the office of National Quartermaster.

After consulting the Charter, Constitution and Regulations of the Order Chapter III Article VIII (Officer Job Descriptions & Duties) Section 7, Chapter III Article IX (Finances) Section 9, Sub section (c), Chapter V (General Regulations) Article III (Bonds), General Order #22 series 2013-2014, Proceedings of the 2014 National Encampment pages 86-88, the current Sons of Union Veterans or the Civil War Policy regarding Minors, and the Federal Fair Labor Act, the National Counselor determined that “as an organization it is incumbent on us to ensure the proper stewardship and leadership expected by the brothers of the Order. As the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are silent on the matter of an age requirement for National Officer; it is within the power of the Commander-in-Chief to provide clarification and direction in this matter. Based on the research and findings herein, any petitioner desiring to candidacy as a National Officer should be disqualified unless the individual has met the age of 21 years at the time the petition for candidacy is presented.”

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and supported by a formal opinion issued by the National Counselor the following is hereby ordered:

Any Brother seeking election as a National Officer shall be disqualified if he has not met the age of 21 years at the time the of his election.

Ordered this 1st Day of July, 2022



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### **General Order #19**

Series 2021-2022  
2 August 2022

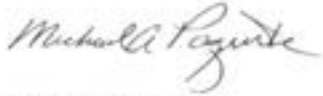
### **Dress Code for National Encampments**

Per Chapter III, Article III, Section 1 footnote 67 of the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations “Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire. This particularly applies to officers at their stations and those seated adjacent to and in front of the Altar during business meetings of National Encampments. This means jacket, tie, long pants and (membership) medal. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. The Guide, Color Bearer and Guard may wear uniforms.”

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations the following is hereby ordered:

While attending any business session of the National Encampment all Brothers in attendance shall be in appropriate male business attire. This attire shall be as stipulated by General Order #3, Series 2016-2017 to include jacket, tie, long pants and membership badge. Jackets may be removed to prevent over heating but should be present. Brothers may optionally wear uniforms patterned after United States Armed Forces uniforms 1861-1865 or the current National Encampment polo shirt and long pants if a polo shirt is made available by the National Encampment Host Committee. Membership badges shall also be worn on uniforms and the National Encampment polo shirt regardless of what may be embroidered on the polo shirt.

Ordered this 2nd Day of August, 2022



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### **General Order #20**

Series 2021-2022  
13 August 2022

#### **Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to Roderick Fraser**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother Roderick Fraser, of the Department of Massachusetts.

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of 9 September 2016 until 18 May 2022, Brother Roderick Fraser of the Department of Massachusetts. Since becoming a member of the SUVCW in September of 2016, Brother Fraser, a retired Naval Surface Warfare Officer, Commander of the USS Underwood during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and former City of Boston Fire Commissioner from 2006 to 2014, has dedicated himself to this organization, and has gone above and beyond his duty as a member to strengthen and improve the Order.

In his first year as a member, Brother Fraser revived the Department of Massachusetts newsletter, The Clarion Call, which he continues to edit and publish. He also maintains the Department electronic mailing list and conducts mass mailing for the Department facilitating communication within the Department.

Brother Fraser initiated and coordinated the Department's sponsorship of the Massachusetts History Bowl State Championship for high school students, advancing recruiting and branding for the Order.

He was a member of the Encampment Host Committee for the 2018 National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts, where, as some may remember, he provided the gigantic federal flag used as background at the head table. This added greatly to the patriotic atmosphere at the 2018 National Encampment. This flag was a gift from his men upon his retirement from military service.

Brother Fraser initiated and continues to coordinate and raise funds for a major ongoing project to restore the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post No. 7 burial plot at Mount Hope

Cemetery in Boston. The project includes the straightening and cleaning of federal headstones, repairing vandalism on the plot's granite curbing and decorations, restoring two artillery pieces and their bases, which are on static display. This project has given Brother Fraser, his Camp and the SUVCW great recognition among Boston city officials, local Veterans groups and the local community.

Brother Fraser has referred 10 Brothers for Membership in the SUVCW, in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, where he is a dual Member. He continues recruiting efforts among members of military and hereditary groups to which he belongs, such as the Sons of the American Revolution and Massachusetts Military Society.

Brother Rod is a graduate of the SUVCW's Memorial University and has authored a Camp Secretary's Handbook for the National Organization, which is under review by the National Secretary. In this way, he uses his education and communication skills to lead and teach others within the Order.

He is the cofounder and current Camp Commander of the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was also the author of the Camp's initial By-laws. His organizational and communication skills are of great benefit to expanding the membership and conducting of the business of SUVCW.

Brother Rod found that the first African American Union Army Nurse was buried in Boston without any notation of her name and accomplishments. He conceived of, planned for, raised funding (through grant requests and lobbying for matching funds), procured and coordinated the erection and engraving of a monument for Susie Baker King Taylor, the Union Army's first African American Nurse, and had her name engraved on the headstone of the grave she shares with her husband. This work furthers the mission of the SUVCW, to honor all veterans and especially those who served from 1861 to 1865.

Brother Rod currently serves as the Department of Massachusetts Department Senior Vice Commander and is appointed to the National Promotions and Marketing Committee, where, among his other achievements, he initiated and maintains the SUVCW's YouTube Channel.

Brother Fraser is a member of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and serves as the District's Public Information Officer. His leadership and technical skills are a great asset to the Order and promotes the order on the internet.

This past year, Brother Fraser organized a dedication ceremony for the Susie Baker King Taylor monument, which included speeches by Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, Boston Mayor Kim Janey and Historian Rebecca Byrd. For the public, the ceremony is as important as the monument, as public recognition of those who served, regardless of race or sex, and inspires the current generation to do the same. And, with a good deal of media coverage, both on television and in print, it reinforces the SUVCW name and brand in the public's mind.

Brother Fraser is currently conducting video interviews with SUVCW members for the Order's,

“What Makes Us Brothers” video series on the SUVCW’s YouTube channel. He is using his technical skill to promote Fraternity and inspire others to join our order.

Brother Fraser is coordinating 1st Military District SVR participation in the rededication of the Robert Gould Shaw 54th Massachusetts Monument in Boston, Massachusetts on June 1, which will include 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry reenactors, the Boston Children’s Choir, and noted VIPs and speakers, such as US Vice President Harris and US Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III. This will be an historic event, and Brother Fraser is determined to include the SUVCW in the public celebration.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother Roderick Fraser reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 13th Day of August, 2022



Michael A. Paquette  
Commander-in-Chief  
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Alan L. Russ  
National Secretary  
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### **General Order #21**

Series 2021-2022  
13 August 2022

### **Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star Awarded to David Wildermuth**

The Commander in Chief and Council of Administration, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pleasure in presenting the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Brother David Wildermuth, of the Department of Illinois.

For Meritorious Achievement in the superior performance in the accomplishment of the Ideals and Principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War during the period of May 2021 until May 2022, Brother David Wildermuth of the Department of Illinois, has for the past year worked tirelessly and made many trips from his home in Fairview, Illinois near St. Louis to work on the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson gravesite improvement project at Petersburg, Illinois. He has worked with the committee to fulfill the backlog of memorial brick orders that were left during the transition from the City of Petersburg administration to Department of Illinois control. This period was during the last illness of committee chair PDC Terry Dyer and the onset of the COVID pandemic. PDC Dyer's wish was for the project to continue and be successful as he knew he wouldn't live to see it completed. Many bricks were left to be engraved and installed and Brother David drove up to Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg to install them himself.

Brother David was also on the Department Encampment Site Selection Committee and made countless calls and several trips in the last couple of years to procure suitable locations for the Department to hold its annual and midterm encampments.

Brother David, as Commander of Col Hecker Camp #443 has been a tireless promoter of the SUVCW and has set up many displays to promote knowledge of Civil War history and local figures who played a part. He has also worked on several monument restorations for his camp, most recently to recover a small, damaged GAR marker in the back corner of a local cemetery in Fairview Heights and move it to a place of prominence at the city's government complex.

The actions, ability, initiative, and dedication of Brother David Wildermuth reflect great credit upon himself, his Department, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 13th Day of August 2022.



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## **General Order #22**

Series 2021-2022  
13 August 2022

### **Annual Awards**

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Charter, Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered that the following awards be made at the 141st National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan:

1. Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Brother Roderick Fraser, Department of Massachusetts, and Brother David Wildermuth, Department of Illinois. See General Orders 19 and 20 respectively for the detailed description of the awards. Both Brother Fraser and Brother Wildermuth reflect great credit upon themselves, their Departments, and the SUVCW.
2. Meritorious Service Award: Fred Mossbrucker, Department of New Jersey; Steve Bauermeister, Department of Nebraska; Fred Campbell, Department of Wisconsin; David Demmy Jr., Department of Pennsylvania.
3. Cornelius F. Whitehouse (Brother of the Year): James T. Crane, PDC, Department of Ohio
4. John C. Clem (Best Junior member): William Blair Reither, Department of Georgia and South Carolina
5. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award: Jerome Orton, PDC, Department of New York and Nicholas Kaup, PDC, Department of Illinois.
6. Founder's Award: Ethel B. French, Watertown, New York
7. Chaplain William Corby Award: Dean H. Shearer, Department of the Columbia; Craig G. Pete Department of the Columbia; Carlos A. Pasillas, PCC, Department of the Columbia.
8. David R. Medert Award (Most new members recruited in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois

9. National Aide Award (Recruit five or more new members in the past year): Bobby Welch, Department of Illinois; Clark McCullough, Department of New Jersey; Loran Bures, PDC, Department of the Columbia; Steven Gibbons, Dept of Maine; Brian McManus, PDC, Department of Wisconsin; Benjamin Frail, PDC, Department of Rhode Island; Gary Carlberg, Department of Wisconsin

10. Certificate of Recognition: Department of Wisconsin for placing the Last Union Veteran markers in every county within the state of Wisconsin.

11. Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award (Best camp): C. K. Piers Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin

12. Joseph S. Rippey Award (Best new camp chartered in the past year): Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina

13. Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award (Department with greatest number of new members): Department of Pennsylvania

14. U.S. Grant Cup (Department with greatest percentage increase): Department of Maine

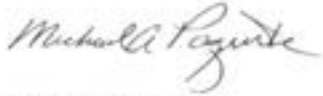
15. Under Forty Award: Department of New York

16. Marshall Hope Award (Best newsletter):  
Camp: Lt. Commander Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp No. 2, Department of Texas and Louisiana  
Department: Department of Missouri

17. Horace Greeley Award (Best website):  
Camp: Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Department of Indiana  
Department: Department of the Columbia.

18: Certificate of Recognition (Best social media)  
Camp: Admiral David G. Farragut Camp #5, Dept of Alabama  
Department: Department of Kentucky

Ordered this 13th Day of August, 2022



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**General Order #23**

Series 2021-2022  
13 August 2022

**Scholarship Awards for 2022**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarship Committee selected the following Brothers as recipients of SUVCW scholarships for 2022. Each will receive a \$2,500 SUVCW Scholarship.

Mason Flatt, Governor Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Department of the Columbia

William H. Freeman, General William H. Lytle Camp #10, Department of Ohio

Joshua P. Lance, Joel Searfoss Camp #273, Department of Pennsylvania

Congratulations Brothers – the Order wishes you much success in college!

Ordered this 13th Day of August, 2022

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### **General Order #24**

Series 2021-2022  
13 August 2022

### **Mary Walker Award Presented to Sister Fran Hanchett, ASUVCW**

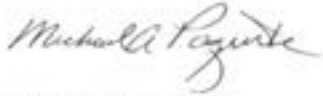
The Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, takes great pleasure in presenting the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to Sister Fran Hanchett, Department of New England, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sister Hanchett discovered there were 100 Civil War veterans in New Hampshire cemeteries with no military information on their gravestones. After being informed that the federal government would not provide metal markers for these veterans, in 2013 Sister Hanchett initiated the Adopt a Civil War Veteran project in Lebanon, New Hampshire to raise the funds needed to procure markers. She reached out to local communities and offered the opportunity to adopt specific graves. The SUVCW and ASUVCW also solicited donations towards this project by offering hot dogs, cider, and cookie bars at the rest area on I-91 at White River Junction allowing them to procure an additional 3 – 4 markers per year. As of 2018 only 25 gravesites remained to be marked.

Michael Shklar, PDC of the Department of New Hampshire stated the following: “Fran has been an inspiration to the SUVCW. She has worked tirelessly... Fran has done an amazing amount of work and is an inspiration to the organization. She has really given us the kind of public visibility we need to be able to increase our membership, increase our level of activity and form a bond in the community and surrounding areas. Thank you, Fran.”

This award was presented to the National President of the ASUVCW, Allison Pollitt, on behalf of Sister Fran Hanchett during the National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ordered this 13th Day of August, 2022



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Commander-in-Chief  
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## Opinions From The National Counselor

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette requested four Opinions during 2021-2022 from National Counselor Mark R. Day, PCinC.



Mark R. Day  
National Counselor  
April 15, 2022

### **Opinion #1**

In response to a request from the Commander-in-Chief for an opinion regarding the attendance of members of the Allied Orders, who had been suspended or discharged from one Order but remained in good standing with another, at Meetings and Encampments of the SUVCW; the following is provided:

Research:

1. The following sections of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations of the SUVCW were reviewed:
  - a. Chapter I Article IV Section 3, Chapter II Article III Section 3, and Chapter III Article III Section 6 of the Charter.

Findings: The language found in all three of the cited sections of the Constitution and Regulations was generic in nature and lacked any specific direction answering the questions posed by the Commander-in Chief. As the C&R lacked clarity on the issue of attendance by a member of an allied Order who was suspended from one Order but remained in good standing in another further clarification was warranted.

Opinion: It is recommended that the Commander-in-Chief using his authority as granted by the Charter, Constitution, and regulations take action to further delineate and define the regulations regarding the attendance of members of the Allied Order who are under suspension or discharge

from one or more Allied Orders but remains in good standing within another.



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26 May 26, 2022

## Opinion #2

In Response to a request for an opinion originating from Brother Bobby Welch of the Department of Illinois; regarding the following questions

1. Are Past Department Commander Honors awarded to a brother who resigned from that office without fully completing his elected term.
2. Is it the withing the preview of the Department Council reject the resignation of an elected officer which have bee4n communicated in writing stating that his resignation from that office is to take effect immediately?

Applicable sections of the C,C,&R pertaining to the above question #1

### 1. 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 officers (except Aides). Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department.

### Opinion for Question #1

The section of the C&R above clearly states the requirements for being an honors delegate holding membership in the Department Encampment . Among those requirements is the completion of a full term of office states that the membership of a department encampment. **As the brother resigned prior to the end of his term he clearly is not then entitled to the**

**Honors afforded a Past Department Commander (PDC) and should not receive either the badge of a PDC or the Honors which go with that rank.**

Applicable sections of the C,C,&R pertaining to the above question #2

1. Chapter II Article VII, Section(s) 4 & 5

**Section 4. Whenever an elected officer of the Department declares to the Department Council that he is unable to discharge the duties of his office, and until he declares to them the contrary, such duties shall be discharged by the appointment of a temporary officer serving in an Acting capacity, appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Department Council. The temporary appointee shall have full authority and responsibilities of that office during the period served.**

**Opinion for Question #2**

The section of the C&R which deals with the inability of an elected officer to complete his term contains no language that supports any action on the part of the Department Council other than the acceptance of the resignation of this officer in question. Only the person submitting the resignation could rescind it and his statement that the resignation was effective immediately left no doubt as to his desired outcome. The Department Council had no authority under the rules stated in our C,C,R to reject the resignation and should have meet immediately and acted to replace the resigning Department Commander.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
Mark R. Day



Mark R. Day  
National Counselor  
June 10, 2022

### Opinion #3

In answer to a letter from the Commander of the Department of Texas, which was forwarded to me by the Commander-in-Chief, regarding membership issues arising from the inadvertent omission of the definition of a blood relative in the 2014 through 2022 published versions of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulation Chapter V, Article 1. Section 3, I provide the following research and opinion.

#### Research:

1.0 Upon first learning of the issues brought forward by the department of Texas, I consulted with the Assistant Counselor for the Blue Book and confirmed that the following language had been omitted from Chapter V, Article I, Section 3: Definitions. **“(a) For the purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendant of a brother, sister, half-Brother, or half sister of a veteran. This definition section shall not apply to any brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999”**

2.0 **An opinion by then National Counselor Richard Orr was found on page 162 of the 2008 Proceedings of the 127<sup>th</sup> National Encampment, which reads as follows:**

2.1 Opinion 8 Series 2007-2008

No one may be admitted to the SUVCW on the service of a cousin. The C&R and charter are very clear on this matter. The Regulations define collateral as being a direct descendant of a sibling of a veteran. While it is true that blood relative includes anyone with a common ancestor no matter who that common ancestor is, our charter also gives the Order the right to define membership and further limit

it. The SUVCW originally only included the eldest son of a veteran. This was expanded to include all sons circa 1900 and further expanded to include collateral descendants in the early 1950's. (I am not providing exact dates as that material is buried in several boxes of historical data on the Sons.) Chapter V, Article I. Section 3: Definitions. (a) For purposes of administering Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, blood relative is defined as a direct descendent, or a direct descendant of a Brother, sister, half-Brother, or half-sister of a veteran.” **This definition section shall not apply to any Brother admitted to membership prior to August 21, 1999. The definition does not apply prior to adoption because some Brothers had been admitted as cousins preceding the adoption of this provision to clarify the long standing working definition of collateral. Anyone admitted as a cousin since that date is not a Member but an Associate and all restrictions on Associates apply. An error on the part of a camp in admitting a Brother as a member who does not meet these qualifications does not vacate the regulations. The status of such a Brother must be immediately changed and reported on the proper form to the Department and the Executive Director. The number of permitted associates in a camp still applies.**” Richard D. Orr, PCinC National Counselor 23 September 2007

3.0 A footnote relating to Brother Orr’s opinion #8, which is labeled as footnote 21, appears on page 36 of the Charter Constitution and Regulations and is attached to Chapter I (Camps) Article II (Membership) Section 1, which reads as follows **“The son of a person who was a cousin of a veteran, not eligible. NC Orr, Op 8, 127th, 162.”**

4.0 The following is taken from the proceedings of the 108<sup>th</sup> National; Encampment in 1999 page 29

**James Pahl, Constitution and Regulations Committee** Under Chapter V, general regulations, article 1, definitions, the definition of a blood relative be included for the purposes of interpreting section V of the Articles of Incorporation, a blood relative is hereby defined as being a direct or collateral descendent of a Union Veteran, as collateral is defined within these Regulations as uncle, not cousin. Moved and seconded Discussion. **Richard Orr** Proposes a grandfather amendment to this recently passed change, the grandfather clause means it is only operational from this day forward and has no bearing on those brought into the Order before its adoption.

**Keith Harrison** So moved. It is seconded.

More discussion. **Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson**

I call for a vote on the amendment to the Regulations. It passes.

Reasoning: Having reviewed the facts presented in the research of our records, it is evident that the intention of the 108<sup>th</sup> and 127<sup>th</sup> National Encampment was to limit full membership to only those with direct decent from a veteran of the Civil War. However, the omission of the definition of blood relative from the Charter Constitution and Regulation during the period from 2014 through 2022 may have created a situation where Brothers of the Order seeing no specific guidance in the regulations defining the blood relative requirement and not being fully cognizant

of the multiple and somewhat disjointed notes that are contained in footnote 21 to Chapter I, Article I, Section 1 could have admitted members who were not fully qualified.

Opinion: As a precedent had been established at the 108<sup>th</sup> National Encampment to grandfather in members who had not meet the criteria for full membership as a direct blood relative, and with evidence which points out that our Charter, Constitution and Regulations have not included the definition for blood relatives for the past eight (8) years, I believe it would be proper that a motion be made at the upcoming 141<sup>st</sup> National Encampment to allow anyone who has been brought into the Order after the 133<sup>rd</sup> Encampment in 2014, where the reorganized National Regulations were adopted, until the 141<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of 2022; who was admitted under a cousin to be Grandfathered into the Order, and that the definition / requirement of blood relative not be applied to such brothers.



Mark R. Day PCinC  
National Counselor  
June 29, 2022

#### **Opinion #4**

In response to a request by the Commander-in-Chief regarding the eligibility of a member, who is currently 15 years of age and therefore a minor in all 50 states of the Union, to run for the office of National Quartermaster.

#### **Research:**

- I. The following sections of the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are germane to the issue and apply to contractual powers and other fiduciary roles / duties assigned to the office of National Quartermaster**

Chapter III Article VIII (officer Job descriptions & duties) Section 7

**The National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies, procuring sufficient inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, the Departments, the Camps and the brothers and the filling of all orders for supplies. He shall receive payment for inventory sold and shall forward same to the National Treasurer along with the order forms. He shall forward all bills for inventory purchased to the National Treasurer for payment. He shall take an inventory of all supplies on-hand at the close of the fiscal year and provide a written detailed list to the National Treasurer for summary and inclusion in the financial reports. He shall take supply of badges and other supplies to the National Encampment for sale to the membership.**

Chapter III Article IX (Finances) Section 9, Sub section (C )

**The National Quartermaster, National Proceeding Secretary and Executive Director are authorized to execute contracts on behalf of and in the name of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (National Organization), with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.**



Chapter V 9General Regulations) Article III (Bonds)

Section 1. **The bonded officers shall be as follows:** The Camp Treasurer (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp); Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer); National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer), National MAL Coordinator, **National Quartermaster**, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer(s), National Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor. Also, Department Commanders if so ordered by Department bylaws.

Section 2. The above officers shall be bonded in amounts to be fixed by the various Council of pertaining to child abuse. the respective bodies, in some acceptable surety company, provided that Camp and Department Officers may furnish acceptable personal surety. Bonded officers shall be held liable for the funds remaining in their possessions until payment to their successors who have been properly

**2. General Orders that are applicable and provide regulations for the supervision or interaction with members who fall under the various State youth protection laws that exist throughout the Union**

CinC Ken Freshly GO #22 Series 2013-14

Here are the initial objectives of the policy that all brothers should use as MINIMUM requirements for having Juniors and Junior Associates in our Camps and at our events.

A. All Brothers under the age of 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or person designated as a Guardian (Grandfather, Brother over the age of 18 years, or Uncle) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.

B. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted 'one on one' contact with a brother under the age of 18. Any interaction with a brother under the age of 18 must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age 18 at all times.

C. Any Brother who witnesses or suspects in good faith any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any member under the age of 18 will immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first and local Camp and Department Commanders immediately.

D. Every Brother over the age of 18 who may have contact with a brother under the age of 18 should complete training related to protecting children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America at <http://www.myscouting.org> , You will need to create an account, then select the Training, E-Training, then choose the youth protection training. It takes about 30 minutes to complete. Upon completion, you will be able to print a certificate along with a wallet-size certification card which is good for a period of 2 years. While this training is not a requirement, it is highly suggested that it is completed to be used as a tool to protect our youth and Brothers.

E. Ultimately, all brothers also need to comply with all applicable Local and State laws

**3. Other pertinent information as found in the 2014 National Encampment of the Order detailing the discussions of that body on the subject of members who had not reached the status of Maturity and still feel under the youth protection policies of the various states**

Proceedings of the national Encampment 2014 pages 86-88

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you. Child Protection. I believe that Committee was dispensed of at Springfield.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, I know the Secretary from Pennsylvania didn't send the resolution in. There was supposed to be a resolution from Pennsylvania. Since this would require a change to the amendments, I am going to make this as a motion for Constitution and Regulations. Because of Pennsylvania law, we still find ourselves in Pennsylvania in a quandary, even after the last General Order, that you issued regarding Juniors. **Pennsylvania is proposing that the ages for Juniors be changed from six to eighteen 'cause anyone under the age of eighteen still falls under the child protection laws, at least in Pennsylvania. And we feel that we need to have that in order to require that anyone under eighteen be accompanied by a parent because issue's been raised within the Department that as a full member, why are we requiring a parent to accompany them to SUVCW event. So the proposal from the Department was to change the age of Juniors to eighteen. You must be eighteen to be a full senior member. That this be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations to review and develop appropriate language.**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

**We have a motion.**

Unknown

**Second.**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

We have a second. Discussion. Brother Danny.

Danny L. Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief

Danny Wheeler, Past Commander-in-Chief, Quartermaster. We have a little problem with that in New York also. It's in the wording that they have to be with them at all times. We have no problem with anything else. We have checked out the laws in New York and there isn't a problem with the age. It isn't a problem with them coming to things. You have to have a designated person. It doesn't matter whether it's an uncle, a father, grandfather, as long as it's a designated person. I think what we need to look at here is each Department and what their laws are because they're different in all the States. If we had that taken out that says "all times," we would be okay with it. Thank you.

Michael Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake

Commander, Mike Paquette, Department of the Chesapeake. We also have another issue with full-fledged members that are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. That proposal from the Department of Pennsylvania does not explain how we're to address those members.

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

**Commander-in-Chief, Don Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor. I would caution putting the age of eighteen there because in some States the age of majority is sixteen. I would suggest that rather than putting a number limit, you say from the age of sixteen to the age of majority within that Department.**

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

The age of majority is sixteen?

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

**Yes.**

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

**Age of consent, not age of majority. Where?**

Donald E. Darby, National Counselor

**South Carolina to be exact.**

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Okay.

Douglas Fidler, Department of Tennessee

Sir, Doug Fiddler, PDC Tennessee. Just a question. Will present Junior members who are in that gap, would they be grandfathered? Or could they be grandfathered?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It would depend upon what the C&R Committee develops. In the past, when we have done things like this, we have grandfathered existing members.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Thank you, sir.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

Jim Lyon, Department of Illinois. Are we not using The Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection Certificate or their policy?

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, through you to the Brother. It is not a requirement. It is a suggestion, and that's the rub. If we required every Brother who had contact with a child under the age of eighteen to complete that training and keep it up to date and retrain every two years, then it

would not be the same issue.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

Because the major thing in their policy is that you're not alone. It's either two kids and an adult or two adults and a child together at the same time, and not left alone one on one is the main crux of that training.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Right. The Commander-in-Chief's General Order which is now what we're following, they were suggestions. Not requirements.

James Locke Lyon, I, Department of Illinois

It would be a good one to look at and use.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

**The whole premise behind that General Order is because there are so many different States with so many different variables. This was a suggested outline for all the different States and Camps to follow using your own local laws. Cause for us to try to write something that encompassed everything, I'm sorry, wasn't going to happen. So, that's why we wrote it, more of a suggested outline.**

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**

**Just an informational comment. I wasn't the one who brought this up, but Pennsylvania. I'm just delivering the message because I don't think anyone else is back from lunch. There's a way to do this and it's the same as what we did with Juniors. We can empower the Departments to set the age at which a Brother becomes a full member as opposed to a Junior. And by doing that, we let each Department then comply with their individual State laws. If I'm still on the C&R Committee next year, it's certainly what I'd be working towards developing language that would basically say that a department can set the age for a Senior member between fourteen and eighteen. Requiring at eighteen and allowing as you go, as young as fourteen, but that they set it in order that they comply with their own State laws.**

George A. Huttick, Department of Tennessee

Commander, George Huttick, Department of Tennessee. Standing next to me is George Michael Huttick. Believe it or not, he's fifteen. He'll be sixteen in a few months While in general we agree with the principle of what's being proposed, he's a little bit shy and he's still learning how to talk in public. But he would prefer to be grandfathered in as he is now currently a full member and is in a National Encampment. He's earned the right to be here. He doesn't want to slip back to being a Junior.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Okay. Can you re-read the motion just to be clear?

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary

Move that the following be sent to the Constitution and Regulations Committee: proposed to change the age for Juniors from six to eighteen years. And must be eighteen to be a full senior member.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief  
Okay.

**James B. Pahl, National Regulations Committee  
Commander-in-Chief, one friendly amendment. That that be the standing committee report back next year as opposed to the Encampment committee to report back today.**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief  
Okay. Ready?

**Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief  
Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Don Darby. I think there were a couple, if they weren't, I'll make it a friendly amendment to grandfather the youth that are currently in that gap where they become members at fourteen, that they be grandfathered in and allowed to be remain as members and have the full privileges granted to a regular member.**

Several  
**Second.**

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer  
I'll accept it as a friendly amendment. I had already alluded to that.**

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large  
Excuse me, Commander.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief  
Yes, sir.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large  
The General Order did not deal with a very important point with Juniors and with those under the age of majority. Our current membership applications do not have any place for their parent or legal guardian to give them permission for them to join this organization. We need to create a separate form for application form for those under the age of majority that will require at least one parent or legal guardian's permission for them to join the organization. Some States require both parents or legal guardians even in the case of divorce. We don't have anywhere currently because it's a combined form. And I really think that needs to be developed and part of this policy because that's part of the policy that's used by The Boy Scouts of America to help protect them and that you know the parents have approved their joining the organization or their legal guardians.

**Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer**  
**Just refer it to P and P.**

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

I was going to say let's go ahead and refer that to the P and P so it can be developed.

Loran Bures, Isaac Stevens Camp #1 at Large

That is fine. I just want to make sure we get that in the record that that really needs to be part of our process of members under the age of majority.

Ken L. Freshley, Commander-in-Chief

Do the Encampment Committees have their reports done? First one I have is Rituals and Ceremonies.

Richard L. Orr, National Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief, We are almost out of current printing of the Rituals. And there are updates to the Ritual that have never been incorporated in it. Actually, we did propose appointing a National policy on Minor members

#### **4. Current Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Policy Regarding Minors**

For purposes of this policy, the term "minor" refers to any Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) under 18 years of age, regardless of their membership status within the SUVCW as a Junior, Junior Associate, Associate, or Member. Further, should a federal, state or local statute define a minor as older than this, the SUVCW will observe that older definition, and such statute shall immediately be brought to the attention of the National Counselor.

The following are the MINIMUM requirements regarding minor Brothers of the SUVCW:

1. All minors shall be accompanied by a parent or designated guardian (e.g., a family member or friend who is 18 years of age or older) when participating in ANY SUVCW activity.
2. At no time will a non-related Brother be permitted "one-on-one" contact with a minor. Any interaction with a minor must include at least two (2) Brothers over the age of 18 years at all times.
3. Any Brother who, in good faith, witnesses or suspects any type of physical, mental or sexual abuse of any minor shall immediately report such suspicion to local authorities first, and then to the appropriate local Camp and Department Commanders immediately thereafter.
4. All Brothers shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws pertaining to child abuse and the reporting thereof.
5. While not a requirement, it is recommended that every Brother, who is 18 years or older, who may have contact with a minor, complete training related to the protection of children from abuse of any type. Free training is available from the Boy Scouts of America through their website at

<http://www.myscouting.org>. Local Camps may wish to retain a record of those Brothers who have completed such training.

Adopted by the Council of Administration as a National Policy on July 11, 201

#### **5. Additional factors to consider**

- a.** All States but 3 States have the age of majority set at 18. The exceptions being Alabama and Nebraska (19) and Mississippi (21).
- b.** the Uniform Transfers to Minor Act UTMA states that a person can't receive a monetary gift without a guardian and applies in every state until the individual reaches the age of 21.
- c.** **Businesses will not execute contracts with minors**
- d.** **State laws dealing with work permits for minors vary and as we operate in all fifty states there is no assurance that a minor would be allowed for conduct the Orders business in every state.**
- e.** **The Federal Fair Labor Act establishes limits on the use of minors that are in addition to any State Laws.**
- f.** **A minor can not be held accountable for the loss or misappropriation of the Orders Quartermaster Store inventory, or the misuse of the income derived from the stores sales. Additionally, many States have laws which shield the Guardians of a minor from being sued to recoup the losses.**
- g.** **State and Federal Law set the ages at which a minor can be employed for example in NY you must be 16 years of age to obtain a permit.**
- h.** **Both Federal and State Laws restrict work schedules for minors both during the school year and the summer.**
- i.** **The Child Labor Laws in the state of Massachusetts state that no one under the age of 16 can be employed.**
- j.** **Can a Minor enter into a legal and binding contract? The person signing must have sufficient understanding that he's entering into a contract and the terms he's agreeing to.** For most contracts, the general rule is that while it's not illegal to enter into a contract with a minor, the contract is voidable at the discretion of the minor. Voidable contracts are usually valid contracts and are binding unless the child cancels it. Therefore when someone chooses to enter into a contract with a minor or an infant, they are doing so at their own risk. Contract laws provide minors the option to exit a contract as they desire, which is called "voiding a contract." These

#### **Findings and Reasoning:**

**The Charter Constitution and Regulations do not speak to a specific age requirement for an individual seeking National Office in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War however it is reasonable to believe that a candidate should meet certain criteria for maturity, experience, ability to carry out the duties expected of an individual holding National Office. The Charter Constitution and Regulation does require that the National Quartermaster shall have the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of supplies, procuring sufficient inventory to meet the needs of the National Organization, the Departments, the Camps, and the brothers. This requirement obviously requires the**

**National Quartermaster to enter into contracts with our vendors for various services. Under the current laws for contracting with minors it is likely that our vendors would refuse to negotiate or engage in contracts originating with or being signed by a Minor. A second area of Concern would be the Orders ability to obtain a bond for the Quartermaster if he was a Minor and that could put the Order at risk. Current Laws around the country fail to hold a Minor accountable for any loses that the Order might incur. Lastly dealing with the various Child Labor Laws at both the State and federal Level could entangle the Order in legal issues related to the employment of Minors for example work hours, work permits, and potentially even compensation.**

**Opinion:**

**As an organization it is incumbent on us to ensure the proper stewardship and leadership expected by the brothers of the Order. As the Charter, Constitution, and Regulations are silent on the matter of an age requirement for National Officer; it is within the power of the Commander-in-Chief to provide clarification and direction in this matter. Based on the research and findings herein, any petitioner desiring to candidacy as a National Officer should be disqualified unless the individual has meet the age of 21 years at the time the petition for candidacy is presented.**



## **Past Commanders-in-Chief**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
1881	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1882	Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania
1883	Frank P. Merrill	Maine
1884	Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania
1885	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1886	Walter S. Payne	Ohio
1887	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1888	George B. Abbott	Illinois
1889	Charles L. Griffin	Indiana
1890	Leland J. Webb	Kansas
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York
1892	Marvin E. Hall	Michigan
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts
1894	William E. Bundy	Ohio
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas
1896	James L. Rake	Pennsylvania
1897	Charles E. Darling	Massachusetts
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois
1899	A.W. Jones	Ohio
1900	Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland
1902	Frank Martin	Indiana
1903	Arthur B. Spinks	Rhode Island
1904	William C. Dustin	Illinois
1905	Harvey V. Speelman	Ohio
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland
1909	George W. Polliet	New Jersey
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York
1915	A.E.B. Stephens	Ohio
1916	William T. Church	Illinois
1917	Fred T.J. Johnson	Pennsylvania
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts
1920	Phelam A. Barrows	Nebraska
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois

1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania
1928	Delevan B. Bowley	California
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York
1930	Allen S. Holbrook	Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois
1936	William A. Dyer	New York
1937	William A. Dyer	New York
1938	William L. Anderson	Massachusetts
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	California
1940	J. Kirkwood Craig	Minnesota
1941	Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey
1942	Henry Towle	Maine
1943	C. Leroy Stoudt	Pennsylvania
1944	Urion W. Mackey	Michigan
1945	H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts
1946	Neil D. Cranmer	New York
1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts
1948	Perle L. Fouch	Michigan
1949	John H. Runkle	Pennsylvania
1950	Cleon E. Heald	New Hampshire
1951	Roy J. Bennett	Iowa
1952	Frederick K. Davis	Washington & Oregon
1953	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1954	U.S. Grant III	Maryland
1955	Fredrick G. Bauer	Massachusetts
1956	Fred E. Howe	New York
1957	Albert B. DeHaven	Maine
1958	Earl F. Riggs	California
1959	Harold E. Arnold	Rhode Island
1960	Thomas A. Chadwick	Vermont
1961	Charles L. Messer	New York
1962	Chester S. Shriver	Pennsylvania
1963	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1964	Joseph S. Rippey	New York
1965	W. Earl Corbin	Ohio
1966	Frank Woerner	California

1967	William H. Haskell	Massachusetts
1968	Frank M. Heacock, Sr.	Pennsylvania
1969	Fred H. Combs, Jr.	New Jersey
1970	George L. Cashman	Illinois
1971	Norman R. Furman	New York
1972	John C. Yocum	Pennsylvania
1973	Allen B. Howland	Massachusetts
1974	John H. Stark	Pennsylvania
1975	Clarence J. Riddell	Pennsylvania
1976	Kenneth T. Wheeler	New Hampshire
1977	Harold T. Beilby	New York
1978	Richard L. Greenwalt	Ohio
1979	Elton O. Koch	Pennsylvania
1980	Richard E. Wyman	New Hampshire
1981	Harry E. Gibbons	New York
1982	Richard C. Schlenker	Maryland
1983	William L. Simpson	Pennsylvania
1984	Eugene E. Russell	Massachusetts
1985	Donald L. Roberts	New York
1986	Gordon R. Bury II	Ohio
1987	Richard O. Partington	Pennsylvania
1988	Clark C. Mellor	Massachusetts
1989	Charles W. Corfman	Ohio
1990	George W. Long	Pennsylvania
1991	Lowell V. Hammer	Maryland
1992	Elmer F. Atkinson	Pennsylvania
1993	Allen W. Moore	Indiana
1994	Keith G. Harrison	Michigan
1995	David R. Medert	Ohio
1996	Alan R. Loomis	Indiana
1997	Richard D. Orr	Pennsylvania
1998	Andrew M. Johnson	Maryland
1999	Danny L. Wheeler	New York
2000	Edward J. Krieser	Indiana
2001	George L. Powell	Pennsylvania
2002	Robert E. Grim	Ohio
2003	Kent L. Armstrong	Michigan
2004	Stephen A. Michaels	Wisconsin
2005	Donald E. Darby	Ohio
2006	James B. Pahl	Michigan
2007	Charles E. Kuhn Jr.	Pennsylvania
2008	David V. Medert	Ohio
2009	Leo F. Kennedy	Rhode Island
2010	D. Brad Schall	California
2011	Donald E. Palmer	Missouri

2012	Perley E. Melor	Massachusetts
2013	Kenneth L. Freshley	Ohio
2014	Tad D. Campbell	California & Pacific
2015	Eugene G. Mortorff	Chesapeake
2016	Donald L. Martin	Ohio
2017	Mark R. Day	Chesapeake
2018	Donald W. Shaw	Michigan
2019	Edward J. Norris	Massachusetts
2020	Brian C. Pierson	Georgia and South Carolina
2021	Michael A. Paquette	Chesapeake

### **Honor Conferred By The Commander-In-Chief**

1883	A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
1899	R.J.M. Reed	Pennsylvania
1939	Horace M. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1953	Albert Woolson	Minnesota

### **Sons Of Veterans**

1881	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1882	Albert Cope	Pennsylvania
1883	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1886	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania
1887	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania

### **The Post System**

1889	George W. Marks	New York
1890	George T. Brown	New York

### **Past Grand Division Commanders**

Isaac S. Bangs	Maine
A.V. Bohn	Colorado
Frank Challis	New Hampshire
Charles S. Crysler	Missouri
A.P. Davis	Pennsylvania
E. Howard Gilkey	Ohio
H.P. Kent	Massachusetts
William Maskell	Illinois
Walter S. Payne	Ohio
R.M.J. Reed	Pennsylvania
William Ross	Maryland
Raphael Tobias	New York
Leland J. Webb	Kansas

## National Encampments

<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
1st	1882	October 18	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	August 6-7	Columbus, Ohio
3rd	1884	August 27-30	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4th	1885	September 17-18	Grand Rapids, Michigan
5th	1886	September 1-2	Buffalo, New York
6th	1887	August 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa
7th	1888	August 15-17	Wheeling, West Virginia
8th	1889	September 10-13	Patterson, New Jersey
9th	1890	August 26-29	St. Joseph, Missouri
10th	1891	August 24-29	Minneapolis, Minnesota
11th	1892	August 8-12	Helena, Montana
12th	1893	August 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio
13th	1894	August 20-23	Davenport, Iowa
14th	1895	September 16-18	Knoxville, Tennessee
15th	1896	September 8-10	Louisville, Kentucky
16th	1897	September 9-11	Indianapolis, Indiana
17th	1898	September 10-14	Omaha, Nebraska
18th	1899	September 7-9	Detroit, Michigan
19th	1900	September 11-13	Syracuse, New York
20th	1901	September 17-18	Providence, Rhode Island
21st	1902	October 7-9	Washington, D.C.
22th	1903	September 15-17	Atlantic City, New Jersey
23rd	1904	August 17-19	Boston, Massachusetts
24th	1905	September 18-20	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
25th	1906	August 20-23	Peoria, Illinois
26th	1907	August 20-21	Dayton, Ohio
27th	1908	August 25-27	Niagara Falls, New York
28th	1909	August 24-25	Washington, D.C.
29th	1910	September 20-22	Atlantic City, New Jersey
30th	1911	August 20-25	Rochester, New York
31st	1912	August 27-29	St. Louis, Missouri
32nd	1913	September 16-18	Chattanooga, Tennessee
33rd	1914	September 1-3	Detroit, Michigan
34th	1915	September 28-30	Washington, D.C.
35th	1916	August 30-31	Kansas City, Missouri
36th	1917	August 22-23	Boston, Massachusetts
37th	1918	August 20-21	Niagara Falls, New York
38th	1919	September 9-11	Columbus, Ohio
39th	1920	September 22-23	Indianapolis, Indiana
40th	1921	September 27-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
41st	1922	September 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa
42nd	1923	September 4-6	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

43rd	1924	August 12-14	Boston, Massachusetts
44th	1925	September 1-3	Grand Rapids, Michigan
45th	1926	September 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa
46th	1927	September 13-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
47th	1928	September 18-20	Denver, Colorado
48th	1929	September 10-12	Portland, Maine
49th	1930	August 26-28	Cincinnati, Ohio
50th	1931	September 14-17	Des Moines, Iowa
51st	1932	September 19-22	Springfield, Illinois
52nd	1933	September 19-23	St. Paul, Minnesota
53rd	1934	August 14-16	Rochester, New York
54th	1935	September 9-12	Grand Rapid, Michigan
55th	1936	September 22-24	Washington, D.C.
56th	1937	September 6-9	Madison, Wisconsin
57th	1938	September 5-8	Des Moines, Iowa
58th	1939	August 29-30	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
59th	1940	September 10-12	Springfield, Illinois
60th	1941	September 15-18	Columbus, Ohio
61th	1942	September 15-17	Indianapolis, Indiana
62nd	1943	September 20-23	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
63rd	1944	September 12-14	Des Moines, Iowa
64th	1945	October 1-4	Columbus, Ohio
65th	1946	August 25-29	Indianapolis, Indiana
66th	1947	August 10-14	Cleveland, Ohio
67th	1948	September 26-30	Grand Rapids, Michigan
68th	1949	August 28-31	Indianapolis, Indiana
69th	1950	August 20-24	Boston, Massachusetts
70th	1951	August 19-23	Columbus, Ohio
71st	1952	August 24-28	Atlantic City, New Jersey
72nd	1953	August 23-27	Buffalo, New York
73rd	1954	August 8-13	Duluth, Minnesota
74th	1955	August 21-25	Cincinnati, Ohio
75th	1956	September 9-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
76th	1957	August 18-22	Detroit, Michigan
77th	1958	August 17-21	Boston, Massachusetts
78th	1959	August 16-20	Long Beach, California
79th	1960	August 21-25	Springfield, Illinois
80th	1961	August 20-24	Indianapolis, Indiana
81st	1962	August 19-23	Washington, D.C.
82nd	1963	August 18-23	Miami Beach, Florida
83rd	1964	August 16-20	Providence, Rhode Island
84th	1965	August 15-19	Richmond, Virginia
85th	1966	August 14-15	Grand Rapids, Michigan
86th	1967	August 6-10	Chicago, Illinois
87th	1968	August 18-22	Wilmington, Delaware

88th	1969	August 17-21	St. Louis, Missouri
89th	1970	August 23-27	Miami Beach, Florida
90th	1971	August 15-19	Boston, Massachusetts
91st	1972	August 13-17	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
92nd	1973	August 5-9	Palm Springs, California
93rd	1974	August 18-22	Bretton Woods, New Hampshire
94th	1975	August 10-14	Rochester, New York
95th	1976	August 15-19	Columbus, Ohio
96th	1977	August 14-18	Des Moines, Iowa
97th	1978	August 13-17	Grand Rapids, Michigan
98th	1979	August 12-15	Hartford, Connecticut
99th	1980	August 10-14	Richmond, Virginia
100th	1981	August 9-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
101st	1982	August 14-18	Providence, Rhode Island
102nd	1983	August 13-19	Portland, Maine
103rd	1984	August 12-16	Akron, Ohio
104th	1985	August 10-15	Wilmington, Delaware
105th	1986	August 10-13	Lexington, Kentucky
106th	1987	August 9-12	Buffalo, New York
107th	1988	August 14-17	Lansing, Michigan
108th	1989	August 13-16	Stamford, Connecticut
109th	1990	August 12-15	Des Moines, Iowa
110th	1991	August 11-14	Indianapolis, Indiana
111th	1992	August 13-16	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
112th	1993	August 13-15	Portland Maine
113th	1994	August 11-14	Lansing, Michigan
114th	1995	August 10-13	Columbus, Ohio
115th	1996	August 8-11	Columbus, Ohio
116th	1997	August 7-10	Utica, New York
117th	1998	August 6-9	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
118th	1999	August 19-22	Indianapolis, Indiana
119th	2000	August 17-20	Lansing, Michigan
120th	2001	August 10-12	Springfield, Missouri
121st	2002	August 9-11	Springfield, Illinois
122nd	2003	August 8-10	Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
123rd	2004	August 12-15	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
124th	2005	August 4-7	Nashua, New Hampshire
125th	2006	August 11-13	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
126th	2007	August 9-12	St. Louis, Missouri
127th	2008	August 7-10	Boston, Massachusetts
128th	2009	August 13-15	Louisville, Kentucky
129th	2010	August 12-15	Overland Park, Kansas
130th	2011	August 12-15	Reston, Virginia
131st	2012	August 10-12	St. Louis, Missouri
132nd	2013	August 9-12	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

133rd	2014	August 14-17	Marietta, Georgia
134th	2015	August 19-23	Richmond, Virginia
135th	2016	August 11-14	Springfield, Illinois
136th	2017	August 10-13	Lansing, Michigan
137th	2018	August 9-12	Framingham, Massachusetts
138th	2019	August 8-11	Independence, Ohio
139th	2020	October 24	Virtual
140th	2021	August 5-7	St. Louis, Missouri
141st	2022	August 11-14	Grand Rapids, Michigan

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