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## Past C in C Corfman relieved of SVR Command, Charged with Omissions

By Bro. Alan R. Loomis  
Commander in Chief

It is with regret and sadness that I find it necessary to inform the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Veterans Reserve that Brigadier General Charles W. Corfman was relieved of command of the Sons of Veterans Reserve by the Military Affairs Committee and the concurrence of the Commander in Chief on Nov. 16, 1996.

Persuant to the Orders' Constitution and Regulations, the Trial Commissioner process is on-going. In addition, the Order is currently trying to resolve the above in as fraternal a manner as possible.

The following documents are reprinted on page 5 in order to inform the membership of the steps taken to bring about an orderly transition of leadership in the SVR.

Additional documentation relative to the change in command is available at \$.10 per page payable in advance from National Secretary David F. Wallace, National Counselor James B. Pahl, SVR Adjutant General David V. Medert Jr., or Commander

in Chief Alan R. Loomis. The documentation is rather extensive and the cost, including mailing, may be in excess of \$15.

The documents on page 5 are:

- Letter relieving PCinC Corfman of command of SVR. Military Affairs Committee.

- Appeal Right. Honorable James B. Pahl, National Counselor.

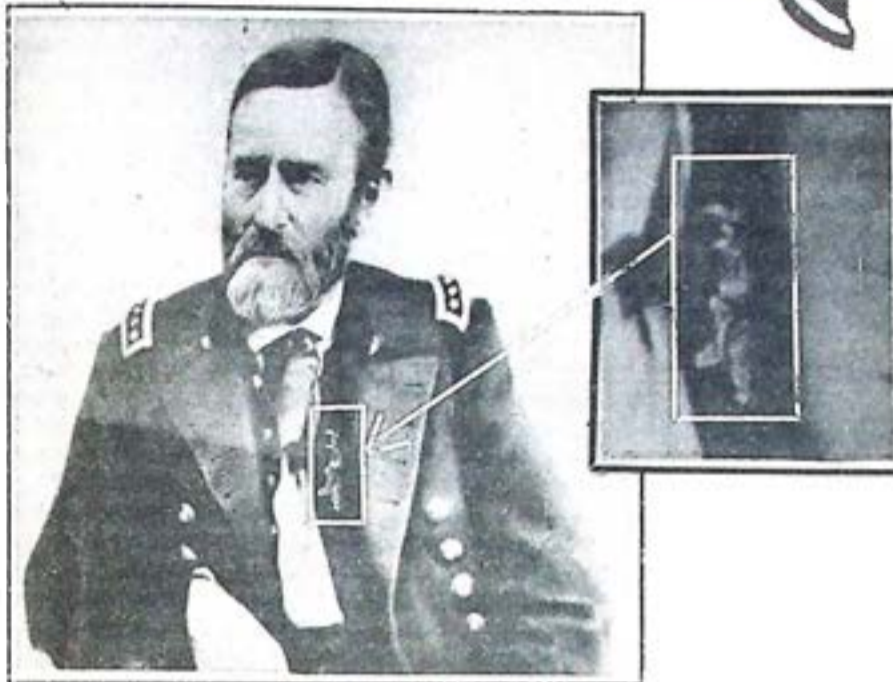
- Feb. 4, 1997 letter with order to PCinC Chuck Corfman to turn over all SVR property, financial records and instruments. Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis.

- Audit by Accountant. Robert E. DeLaney, CPA.

- Special Order # 1. Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis.

- Special Order # 2. Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis.

- Charges and Specifications. Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis.



General Ulysses S. Grant, in a post-war photograph, is shown wearing a Grand Army of the Republic membership badge on the vest of his uniform. This photograph hangs on a wall at Carlisle Barracks, Penna. It was photographed by Brother Kent Armstrong while visiting Carlisle recently to do research.

## Utica, N.Y. to be Host to 116th National Encampment

Utica, N. Y. will be the site of the 116th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Aug. 7-10, at the Radisson Hotel—Utica Center.

The event will get underway Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. with a meeting of the National Council of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Registration for the delegates and visitors will begin at 9 a.m. on Aug. 7. The first business sessions will be at 1 p.m. with the joint opening scheduled for 4 p.m.

Thursday evening will conclude with the Past Commanders in Chief and Past National Presidents Banquet at 6 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. Council of Administration meeting.

Friday's events will include the Department and National Presidents Breakfast, various club meetings, business sessions and the evening Campfire, at 7 p.m., with Courtesy Hour immediately following.

Saturday will include business sessions, as needed, exchange of greetings and conclude with the 6:30 p.m. Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Banquet.

The Joint Memorial Service for members of the SUVCW, Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Adjournment is tentatively scheduled for Noon.

For more information, schedules and registration forms, see page 4.

### Project SOS!

## Offers Help with Preservation Efforts, Funding

By Bro. Kent L. Armstrong  
Chairman, National SOS! Committee

There has been a very positive response to the special Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!) "Update" that was mailed out in the summer of 1996. The SOS! Program is a joint project of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Art and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property. A special benefit of SOS! to our Order is their advice for: contacting professionals who can evaluate any necessary restoration; hiring professionals to carry out the conservation work; and fundraising guidance for both.

The preservation of monuments, memorials, and outdoor sculpture that were erected and dedicated by the G.A.R. is one of the most important purposes of our Order! Obviously, Project SOS! is focused on sculpture, but we can utilize advice and information from them toward ALL physical tributes to the men who served and sacrificed to save the Union. Since there are many G.A.R. monuments that do not include sculpture, the SUVCW has a wider interest.

In November of last year, this committee sent a special mailing to the commander of each department, asking that he review and share the contents with the camps he represents. Included, were: lists of SOS! surveys for each state and their

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## SOS! continued

established "Contact-Person"; information about SOS! workshops and a fact-sheet on the SOS! Fundraising Kit, which features two video tapes plus written ideas on raising money for restoration and perpetual care—for just \$7 (includes "S&H").

We also encouraged each department commander to ask his camps to accept the challenge of inspecting and recording the condition of each and every memorial in their locale that is dedicated to Union servicemen of the American Civil War, 1861-1865. Ideally, photographs of all viewable sides should be included with the written data. We'd like this effort to go beyond G.A.R. monuments, to include ALL Civil War related memorials. This means all memorials, with or without sculpture, including those that include cannon, and even the most modest plaque. It is all part of the heritage that we must protect! Even if there has already been a listing made of G.A.R. & other Civil War related memorials, a current physical inspection should be made to assess the effects of nature or vandalism.

We have seen memorials dedicated with Civil War era ordnance, desecrated all over the nation. This includes vandalism, outright theft, and even the sale of the cannon by the current property owner of the site that the memorial stands on! We have stressed to our National Leadership, the need to be "pro-active" in this matter and want to thank Commander in Chief Loomis and National Counselor Pahl for sharing this message in the February 1997 issue of *The Banner*.

Our committee wishes to acknowledge the enthusiasm and efforts being reported to us from the Departments of: Indiana; Iowa; Michigan; New York; Ohio; Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. We will soon offer an "Assessment Form" to each department with the respectful idea of standardizing the data recorded for both the memorial itself—and the property where it is located. Those who are responsible for municipal and private property where memorials are located, need to learn of our interest and purpose. Otherwise, the "hand of man" can be a greater threat to a memorial's longevity, than nature.

Please contact SOS! Headquarters if there is a Civil War related sculpture near you that is in need of attention. Those who identify themselves as a member of the SUVCW and mention the special "Update," will receive the SOS! Veterans' Resource Packet (while supplies last). It contains more info on various projects involving military monuments across the nation, and fundraising ideas. SOS! HQ may soon be able to offer small grants (matching funds) to help with a professional evaluation of an outdoor sculpture's condition and proposed best care. You may telephone 1-800-422-4612 and ask to speak with Anita Overcash or Lynn Clark. They can offer more information and accept orders for their Fundraising Kit over the phone.

Members and Associates with Internet access are invited to visit the SOS! Web-site (<http://www.nic.org/sos.html>). The Department of Michigan offers its "Monument/Memorial Page" at <http://www.centuryinter.net/suvcw.mi/mempres.html>

Also, another excellent source of advice for Fundraising is Timothy A. Smedick, Senior Consultant of a professional fundraising consulting firm (Holliman Associates) in Harrisburg, Penn. Mr. Smedick submitted a very thorough article on this subject in the April 1997 issue of *The Civil War News*. He can be reached at 1-800-516-8322.

We'd like to learn about your efforts related to the restoration/conservation of a Civil War Memorial near you. Please mail your report to: Bradley S. McGowan, 344 S. Maple St., West Branch, IA 52358

Kent L. Armstrong, Chair  
213 E. Madison St.  
DeWitt, MI 48820-0618  
(517) 669-5765 = voice  
(517) 669-1865 = fax  
e-mail = KENT24MICH@aol.com

# GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

General Order No. 11  
May 5, 1868

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic  
Washington, D.C.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foe? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude,—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective

By command of:  
JOHN A. LOGAN,  
Commander-in-Chief

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
Adjutant-General

## Fraternity Charity and Loyalty

Our forefathers, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic left us many legacies, not the least of which is "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty".

Charity was intended to remind them to care for the indigent veteran and watch out for the welfare of the widows and orphans of those who paid the supreme price for a united nation. Loyalty was a reminder that we must be loyal to the underlying principles of democracy—the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the honored flag of our country. Those are the simple concepts—simple to understand but perhaps difficult in their execution.

Fraternity is the hardest of the three to pin down. Fraternity is certainly more than just calling each other "brother". Fraternity supposes a kinship, a common goal or mission. Fraternity requires us to think of one another in family terms.

While the goal of a family should be to add to the quality of human existence, it should also have a goal—to rear good citizens who have the intelligence to understand our form of government and ensure

its continuation. Our family is the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic but what is our mission?

Years of declining membership forced us to change our mission from "remembering the sacrifices of the men who saved the Union" to survival as an organization. Without a strong mission emphasis, every camp and every department began doing their own thing. So we do a lot of things, but how much is in support of our historic mission? How many members can tell you what our inherited mission actually is?

General John Logan, the father of Memorial Day, set out our mission quite simply in his General Order No. 11. Let's take a look at it and get back to those roots. And, let's do it with the civility that is a prime characteristic of all good families. We need to set aside our personal agenda and work toward the common good.

As a force of more than 5,000 members, and growing rapidly, we have a strong voice. As individuals all seeking our own personal glory we fall into the disarray shown at the building of the Tower of Babel.

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## Officers Announcements

Members who have expressed a desire to run for national elected office are encouraged to send a "Notice of Announcement" to *The Banner* for publication in the Summer issue. This issue is scheduled to be mailed prior to the National Encampment at Utica, NY on Aug. 7-10. In addition, copies will be available at the encampment for attendees.

Due to space limitations, *The Banner* will not publish endorsement letters from camps, departments or individuals.

In fairness to all parties, previously submitted announcements will not be used. Deadline for the next edition is June 30. There will be no extensions.

## Getting Published

By Bro. Glenn B. Knight, PCC  
Editor

The eye of a newt, the molar of a chicken and a witch's incantation! All part of the process of getting your camp or department represented in *The Banner*.

Not really.

What is needed is for you to send your article and photo to *The Banner* editor for review and placement. I used every piece of camp and department news that I had in the winter edition of *The Banner*. Some of the stories and photos that had been submitted earlier ended up lost in the process of transition from one editor to another. When you have a national organization that is still working out of a hundred brief cases, transitions will be difficult and things will get lost.

This edition also contains every news item and photograph from camps and departments that was in the hands of the editor on deadline day.

As the membership develops trust in the new editor it is anticipated that submissions will increase and camps and departments will find themselves in competition for a limited news hole.

To enhance your changes of having your camp or department information included, here are some tips for you to consider.

**Electronic filing.** Submitting your article as an email delivers it to the editor already in electronic form and must not be re-typed. Send it to: [gknight@suvcw.org](mailto:gknight@suvcw.org). If you don't yet have email but do have a computer, send a disk with your copy in any of the popular word processor formats (generic text files NAME.TXT are preferred).

**Don't use special mail.** First class mail gets to the editor the quickest. Certified, registered or special priority mail actually takes longer since the editor usually has to go to the post office to sign for it.

**Keep your submission short.** Like a good speech or a young lady's skirt, it needs to be short enough to keep your interest but long enough to properly cover the subject.

**Photos.** The old excuse that color photos can not be used is absolutely false. Any good photo can be copied for newspapers—the key word is *good*. Some rules of thumb are that no head should be smaller than a dime and groups should be limited to no more than 5 people. Also identify EVERYONE in the photo. Do not write on the back of a photo with a pencil or ball point pen—it creates an impression which makes it impossible to photograph—which is how you get a photograph in print.

We will not reprint articles from another publication without the written permission of the publisher or editor. That permission should be attached to the article when sent.

We will not reprint a photo from another publication without the written permission of the publisher or editor and then only on extremely rare occasions. The nature of photo reproduction makes copies of published photographs look very bad. It has something to do with the dots that actually make up the picture. Send original photos only, with instructions and possibly an envelope, if you want them returned.

Include in all submissions the name, department and honors (PCC, PDC or PCinC, if applicable) of the writer and complete names of all participants (first, middle initial, last name and honors if applicable).

**Style.** We use the "Associated Press Stylebook" supplemented by some rules of our own. We do not use No. or # in front of camp or G.A.R. post numbers. We use *The Banner* in reference to our publication.

### Printing Schedule

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- **Winter Edition**  
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mailed by Jan. 15
- **Spring Edition**  
deadline March 31  
mailed by April 30
- **Summer Edition**  
deadline June 30  
mailed by July 31



# Memorializing: Ancestors & Brothers

By Bro. Ronald B. Gill  
National Chaplain

The time is drawing near for the National Encampment to take place, and one element of the program is the Memorial Service that will take place on Sunday morning at the close of the encampment. I have received reports of departed members from the Department of Ohio and New York at this point, and this is above the report you have received about Past Commander in Chief Fred H. Combs Jr., from New Jersey. I would certainly appreciate all reports of departed members (with dates) be sent to my office in a timely manner, so all members are so memorialized at the ceremony. My address is:

Ronald B. Gill, National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
655 Sheffield Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

Second, MEMORIAL DAY is fast approaching, and all camps should be doing some kind of Memorial Service on May 30 or May 26 (the "legal" holiday). We are obligated to do this type of patriotic work to remind the people about the holiday, how and why it got started and that we must continue to foster Patriotism and Reverence in this great land of ours. Take the time, if you will, read General Logan's General Order initiating Memorial Day and use that to plan out an event for your fellow Americans. When you do, you might drop me a line, with publicity (if you have any) and I will initiate a "scrapbook" of memorial events we in the SUV put on, as I know there are a lot of unique ceremonies put on by the Sons. Any questions—just ask!! I look forward to the 1997 National Encampment in Utica, N.Y. on August 7-10, and to see each of you during the meeting. Please consider attending the Memorial Ceremony on Sunday morning, it will be a good way to end the encampment.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I just received the new issue. I really like the new format. Easier to read, informative, good articles. I look forward to the Spring issue!!

Keep up the good work.  
Bob Nutt, Orcas Island, WA  
Gen. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, Dept of Washington

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading *The BANNER* and you are doing a wonderful job. Keep it up, we appreciate it.

Frank E. Werner, Meadville, PA  
Davis \* Camp, Dept of Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

I received *The Banner* today 3/25/97. Fantastic job. I like the new look. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,  
Mark Eckley  
Department of Ohio

Dear Editor:

I received the excellent *The Banner* by last class mail on Sat, March 22. I personally don't care for the format but it is a good medium for more news and articles than previously available. Nice Job!!!!!!

Andy Johnson  
Junior Vice Commander in Chief

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed *The Banner*. I noticed somewhere that you want advertisements. Could our organization advertise some of its merchandise? If not, could you list the address of the Quartermaster General where we can buy SUVCW merchandise? I need a new tie clip!

Boris N. Bulatkin  
Wichita, Kansas

[Look for the Quartermaster Order Form in this edition of *The Banner*. We were wondering here how you wear out a tie clip.—Ed.]

Dear Editor:

Enjoyed the new look of *The Banner*, you have done a great job with it. Thanks for the plug about SOS! and for including the Iowa Department News.

For some unknown reason Camp VP Twombly has yet to be recognized by National, hence the 21 members of the Camp do not receive the *Banner*. Would you be so kind as to forward 21 copies of the *Banner* to me for distribution to my Camp members? We have been meeting for the past 6 months and it is important that these men who have joined receive the Son's publication.

I am very proud of our new Camp, it is made up of individuals with a great sense of patriotism and a great deal of pride in their heritage. We plan to set the example for the rest of the Department.

The Commander in Chief hit the nail right on the head in regards to "inaction".

Keep up the good work.  
Bradley S McGowan, West Branch, Iowa  
Commander, V.P. Twombly Camp 2  
Department of Iowa

Dear Editor:

Received *The Banner* on the 17th. Looks great. Left me wanting to see more pages. (not a complaint a compliment).  
Richard Orr  
Senior Vice Commander in Chief

Dear Editor:

Hope this finds you doing well. We really enjoyed the new look of *The Banner*. Good Job!

Enclosed please find the Department of Tennessee news for the Department News section of the next issue.

Edward J. Duffel, PCC  
SVC, Department of Tennessee

Dear Editor:

Hello and greetings from the Brothers of Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp 7. I recently received my copy of *The Banner* and I have one word to say, FANTASTIC! You did a great job on it. I must say it looked professional and I am honored to be in it as I am the gentleman placing the wreath for Commander in Chief Loomis. My wife says the picture shows my best side!

In speaking with some of our camp members today they, told me that they haven't received their copies yet. I realize that you may not have a current list of our camp members, one is enclosed.

David K. Hann PCC  
Secy / Treas, Col. Francine Camp 7  
Department of New Jersey

[I would venture to guess that most of the missing copies have been delivered by the time you read this. Those which have not been delivered are probably because we have an address that the USPS calls undeliverable. It is important that you send address changes immediately to the National Membership List Coordinator, Richard A. Williams, 1917 Teel Ave., Lansing, MI 48910. Ed.]

Dear Editor:

I was sorry to hear that Gettysburg National Military Park is broke, but there is an alternative Superintendent Latscher does not mention: why not hold an annual reenactment at Gettysburg, proceeds to go to the park? These have proven to be effective vehicles for raising money for historic preservation. Although reenactments are now held near the Gettysburg battlefield, the cachet of reenacting on the actual field would attract more reenactors and public than most events (even as it prompted Ted Turner to make a big contribution in return for being allowed to film reenactors on the battlefield).

This solution is not problem-free: the monuments reduce available authentic vistas, and the relatively recent (compared to the park's history) ban on counterforce demonstrations would have to be lifted. But these problems are more easily overcome than that of trying to wrest more tax money out of the current Congress.

John Braden  
Fremont, MI

[A copy of this letter has been sent to Superintendent Latscher who has not yet responded.]

# GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3  
SERIES 1996-1997

National Headquarters  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. I would like to announce the following changes in National Offices that have taken place recently. National Secretary David F. Wallace has resigned effective July 1, 1997 and was replaced by the Council of Administration at its March 15th meeting by Department Commander David Hann, Department of New Jersey. Dave Wallace has done an excellent job as National Secretary since 1994 and has encountered increasing responsibilities at his place of business as well as Department Commander of the Department of Michigan. We wish him God's speed as he steps aside at the National level. The Council of Administration approved the appointment of George Powell of Philadelphia, as National Membership at Large Coordinator to replace William Ward of Salt Lake City James Hilton, Department of Ohio, recently resigned as National Site Committee Chairman and the Commander-in-Chief named James Lyons of the Department of Michigan as his replacement.

2. I would like it to be noted that I inadvertently omitted in General Order No. 2 that I attended a dinner/reception for Helen Meyer, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 in Le Sueur, Minnesota on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1996 and I also attended a camp meeting of Ben Harrison Camp #356 in Indianapolis, Indiana on Sunday Nov. 10, 1996.

3. On Feb. 8th, 1997 I attended the annual President Abraham Lincoln Birthday Luncheon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin sponsored by the Allied Orders of the Department of Wisconsin. It was a pleasure to participate in this luncheon and renew old friendships with several members of the Allied Orders and to make new friends.

4. I participated with several members of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW, in the Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial near Lincoln City, Indiana on Sunday, Feb. 9, 1997. SUVCW members participated in the indoor part of the program by presenting the N of Indiana Colors and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the indoor program, the SUVCW color guard led the assembly to the grave of President Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, for laying of wreaths and eulogy.

5. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. was the setting of the Lincoln Birthday Ceremony which I and the National President of the Allied Orders attended on Feb. 12, 1997. The day before, I attended a ceremony in Ford's Theater sponsored by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, SUVCW and MOLLUS member Lowell Hammer, PCinC, read several of President Lincoln's poems which was followed by a tour of the theater and Peterson House.

6. I attended the 1st Annual Department Encampment, Department of Kansas in Wichita, on Feb. 22, 1997. I was impressed with the enthusiasm shown at the first encampment and look forward to hearing more from the Department of Kansas.

7. I attended and presided at the Council of Administration meeting held in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, March 15, 1997.

8. I would like to remind all brothers to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander in Chief's Fund as well as the G.A.R. Memorial Fund. Both funds are essential components of our order in that the former is used to support our membership program and the later supports the various activities related to honoring and memorializing the Grand Army of the Republic. THE SUVCW Contribution Form printed in the *Banner* may be used or copied for use and can be sent with the contribution to Senior Vice Commander in Chief Richard Orr, Patriotic Instructor Edward Krieser, or to the National Officer listed on the form. Checks for both funds, made out separately or as one check with directions for distribution, should be made out to the "National Organization—SUVCW."

9. Recent e-mails I have received concerning members experiencing health problems are as follows: (a) PinC Clark Mellor recently under went surgery to implant a pacemaker and appears to be doing well. (b) PCinC George Long had a series of tests that turned out to be negative and he also appears to be doing well. He is reported to have attended a recent camp meeting and is active and in good spirits. (c) I would like to pass on information I received from Kansas Department Commander Dean Speaks about George Schultz, Camp Commander of the MAL Camp in Omaha, Nebr. George suffered a massive heart attack on Jan. 27 followed by a stroke. He has been in the VA Medical Center since and was transferred to the Douglas County Hospital for further treatment and therapy. He will be there for about 2 months or so and I am sure that he would appreciate cards and letters sent to: George A. Schultz, c/o Douglas County Hospital, 4102 Woolworth, Omaha, NB 68105, and (d) All Camps are requested to tend to the needs of members and their families that have suffered illness.

10. I would like to remind members but particularly all officers of the two publications that deal with job descriptions. These two publications are: "Job Descriptions for Camp and Department Officers SUVCW" and "Job Descriptions for National Organization Officers and Standing Committees." They, along with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order, are indispensable to each officer fulfilling his duties as outlined in these publications. The National Quartermaster should be contacted concerning obtaining copies and their cost. Updated supplements to the Constitution and Regulations are also available from the National Quartermaster.

11. The National Park Service and Oliver Tilden Camp 26, SUVCW will be conducting the annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant on April 27 at Grant's Tomb, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan, New York City. This year's ceremony has double significance since it is the 175th anniversary of his birth as well as the centennial of the tomb. I will be attending and will participate both in the parade and the ceremony which follows.

12. The Department of Ill. will host the 131st anniversary of Post 1, Grand Army of the Republic near Decatur, Ill. on Sunday, April 13. In addition, the Department is planning to conduct a ceremony at the grave of Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson in Petersburg, Ill. Further details can be obtained by contacting Department Commander David Bailey, 1569 Marquette Ave., Naperville, Ill. (708) 983-1585.

13. I will represent the SUVCW at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Ill. on Tuesday, April 15. The Military Order of the Loyal Legion co-sponsors this ceremony with the SUVCW and the National Presidents of the Allied Orders also participate. I would like to encourage all brothers that have the opportunity to attend to make every effort to do so.

14. All members of the SUVCW are urged to attend and participate in Memorial Day Activities in order to fulfill your obligation to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. We all have accepted the task of teaching patriotism, respect of our flag and country, and to honor those who have given their lives in order to protect and perpetuate our form of government. I believe we can do no less than to dedicate part of our time and effort to taking part in Memorial Day programs in our local communities.

15. Camps are reminded to render aid and comfort to the families of members that have passed away and to drape their Charters in respect for departed brothers.

16. Please note the information in this issue of the *Banner* concerning the National Encampment to be held in Utica, N. Y. Aug. 8-10, 1997. I would recommend that members plan on attending and make reservations at the Radisson Hotel at your earliest convenience.

17. I would like to announce that those that have submitted names of members for Certificates of Merit and/or National Aid status for membership recruitment and the certificates have not as yet been issued to send me a reminder. I am in the process of catching up in this area and I do not wish to miss anyone.

By Order of:  
Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
David F. Wallace  
Natl. Secty.  
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# National Encampment

## August 7-10, 1997; Utica, N.Y.

The 1997 National Encampment of the Sons of Union veterans of at the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. will be held jointly Aug. 7 through 10. This tentative schedule/program of events is subject to change. Consult your final program at the Encampment.

### Wednesday, August 6, 1997

7:30 p.m. .... Council Meeting ASUVCW (at Headquarters)

### Thursday, August 7, 1997

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. .... Registration  
 9:30 a.m. .... Rehearsal for Ritualistic Work ASUVCW  
 10:30 a.m. .... Rehearsal for Joint Opening ASUVCW  
 1:00 p.m. .... First Business Session  
 4:00 p.m. .... Joint Opening  
 6:00 p.m. .... PCinCs and Past President's Banquet  
 7:00 p.m. .... Council of Administration Meeting—SUV

### Friday, August 8, 1997

7:00 a.m. .... Department and National President's Breakfast  
 8:00 a.m. .... Registration Opens—SUV and Auxiliary  
 9:00 a.m. .... First Business Session—SUV and ASUVCW  
 11:30 a.m. .... Lunch (Club meetings) ASUVCW  
 Noon .... Recess—SUV  
 1:00 p.m. .... Second Business Session—SUV  
 3:00 p.m. .... Patriotic instructor's Presentation ASUVCW  
 4:00 p.m. .... Recess—ASUVCW  
 5:00 p.m. .... Recess—SUV  
 6:00 p.m. .... PCinCs and Past President's Banquet  
 7:00 p.m. .... Campfire Program/Music/Speaker  
 8:00 p.m. .... Courtesy Hour (immediately following campfire)

### Saturday, August 9, 1997

7:00 a.m. .... Sons of Veteran Reserve Breakfast  
 8:00 a.m. .... Registration Opens  
 8:30 a.m. .... Business Session—SUV  
 9:00 a.m. .... Business Session—ASUVCW  
 9:00 a.m. .... Exchange of Greetings—Allied Order  
 Noon .... Recess—SUV and ASUVCW  
 1:00 p.m. .... Business Session—SUV and ASUVCW  
 5:00 p.m. .... Adjournment Recess of Business Sessions  
 6:30 p.m. .... Allied Orders of the GAR Banquet—SUV, ASUVCW and LGAR

#### Joint Open Houses to follow Banquet

### Sunday, August 10, 1997

8:00 a.m. .... Rehearsal for Joint Memorial Service  
 9:00 a.m. .... Joint Memorial Service—SUV, ASUVCW and LGAR  
 10:00 a.m. .... Business Session (if required)—SUV  
 10:30 a.m. .... Outgoing and Incoming Council of Administration Meeting—ASUVCW  
 Noon .... Adjourn  
 1:00 p.m. .... Council of Administration Meeting—SUV  
 (Note: 10:30 a.m. if no Business Session is required)

### 116TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

## Registration

The 116th National Encampment will be held in Utica, N.Y. from Aug. 7 through 10. Attendance is open to all brothers of our Order. A valid dues card is required for admission. In addition, all voting delegates must present a valid credentials card to be admitted to the Encampment. These cards are obtained from your Department Secretary who must sign them to validate your participation. Your dues card is not sufficient to gain admittance for voting delegates.

The registration fee for the Encampment is \$10. Once again we are offering a discount for all those who register in advance. This preregistration fee is \$7. To preregister you must complete the form in this edition of *The Banner* (top right) and send the completed form with a check made out to: National Organization, SUVCW to James Grismer, 313 Earle Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563-2135. All preregistration must be postmarked no later than July 31, 1997.

Please note: all those who preregister will receive an advance copy of materials to be considered at the encampment.

## Banquet Information

The Banquet will take place Saturday Evening Aug. 9, 1997.

\$20 for adults  
 \$12 for Children

The meal is a Bordelaise Beef Dinner or Baked Stuffed Chicken Dinner. The meals include a beverage and dessert.

Cut off on Banquet reservations is Aug. 1. Send Banquet Reservations to the chairperson at the address below. Make check payable to: Michelle Langley, Chairperson, ASUVCW, 3191 County Road 139, Interlaken, NY 14847.

## Preregistration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Current of Highest Past Office:  
 (check only one)  
 Commander in Chief  
 Past Commander in Chief  
 Department Commander  
 Past Department Commander  
 Delegate  
 Alternate

Complete this form with a check or money order (no cash) for \$7 made out to: National Organization, SUVCW and send it to: James Grismer, 313 Earle Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563-2135. All preregistration must be postmarked no later than July 31, 1997.



## welcomes the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War 116th National Encampment

\$60.00 single or \$70.00 double occupancy, plus 10% tax

#### About our accommodations:

To make reservations—Call our Reservations Office at: (315) 797-8010 or Toll Free: 1-800-333-3333 by July 9, 1997.

First night's deposit will be required to guarantee reservation.

Included in your stay—At the Radisson Hotel—Utica Centre, we have taken the meaning of a "Grand" Ballroom literally... not just in the dramatic architecture unique decor, and scope of way to serve you. From preparing gourmet meals to meeting the most demanding schedules for groups large and small, we make it our business to provide everything you need on a truly grand scale. Offers include:

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Be sure to indicate that you are attending the SUVCW National Encampment.

Radisson Hotel—Utica Center  
 200 Genessee Street, Utica, NY 13502  
 (315) 797-8010 Fax: (315) 797-1490

## Utica Area Map/Hotel Location

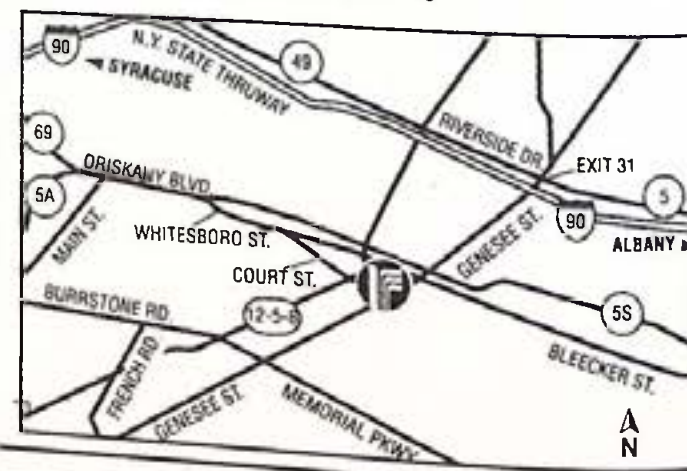
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From West—I-90 (New York State Thruway) to exit 31 Genessee St. South to Hotel at 200 Genessee St.

From East—I-90 (New York State Thruway) to exit 31 Genessee St. South to Hotel at 200 Genessee St.

From South or North—Take Interstate Routes to I-90 and follow directions from East or West above.

Radisson Hotel—Utica Center  
 200 Genessee Street, Utica, NY 13502  
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## Banquet Reservaton Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the National Encampment Banquet.

I request the following meal choice(s).

- Roast Beef
- Chicken
- Childs Roast Beef
- Childs Chicken

Make check payable to:  
 Michelle Langley  
 Chairperson, ASUVCW  
 3191 County Road 139  
 Interlaken, NY 14847.





# Correspondence Relative to Charges Against PCinC Corfman

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS**

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Chairman National Military Affairs Committee**  
2401 E. 10th Ave.  
Tomball, Michigan 48166  
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Charles W. Corfman, BG  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
9017 St. Rt. 83 N  
Holmesville, OH 44633

17 November 1996

Dear General Corfman,

This is to inform you that by a vote of the National Military Affairs Committee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) takes on 17 November 1996, your services as Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) are terminated immediately.

In the opinion of the members of the Committee, your performance in the role of Commanding Officer of the SVR has been contrary to both the National Regulations and Fraternal spirit of the SUVCW and to the current Standard Operating Procedures of the SVR. This includes, but is not limited to the following charges:

- Your encouragement and allowance of non-SUVCW members into the SVR and promising those non-members that they would not have to join the SUVCW in order to remain in the SVR.
- Your five month delay (without reason and only after continued prodding by the Chair of the Military Affairs Committee) in promoting Major Keith G. Harrison to the position of Deputy Commander as you agreed to on 10 August 1995 after being directed by the National Military Affairs Committee.
- Your lack of willingness to enforce the regulations in the SOP Article VIII Uniform and Equipment.
- Your divisive attempt in Chillicothe, Ohio to get Brother Terry McKinch to go along with you to fight against the proposed 1996 change to the SUVCW Regulations by promising as the reward the command of the SVR after your retirement.
- Your failure in your fiduciary duty to provide financial accountability, by failure to supply the National Military Affairs Committee the financial reports and records as requested in the 22 August 1996 letter.
- Your failure to follow the National Military Affairs Committee's orders dated 22 August 1996 and 5 September 1996 concerning the appointments of SVR members to non-existent positions in the SOP.
- Your willful disobedience (as exemplified in Special Order 1996-1) to Commander-in-Chief Loomis' order to not appoint SVR members to non-existent SVR positions, and
- Your ordering of the preparation and processing of a certificate of promotion of a SVR member (Terry McKinch) to a SVR senior officer position in the absence of any request or applications from the Brother McKinch and without first seeking or obtaining permission from the National Military Affairs Committee.

Any action such as this is always unfortunate. However, we consider these and other infractions significant and consistent with an unyielding attitude of disrespect for the Order's Constitution and Regulations and the SVR's SOP and, therefore, not in the best interests of the SVR or the SUVCW.

In F., C., and L.,

Terrance L. McKinch, Chairman  
National Military Affairs Committee

George Powell, Member

L. Deas Lamphere, Jr., Member

Edward Kneser, Member

Sub: Appeal Right  
Date: 97-02-04 23:24:20 EST  
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To: MICHRCOLN, JMW1200VI, amonerson@uno.com  
To: JDPARK@compuserve.com, 104151.2027@compuserve.com  
To: GBury6019, RWILLICH, P31713, gknight@suvvcw.org

Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis  
Council of Administration  
National Military Affairs Committee  
Interested Brothers

I have been asked to render a legal opinion on the right of Brother Charles Corfman to appeal his removal from the office of Commanding Officer, SVR by the National Military Affairs Committee. This action was concurred with by the Commander-in-Chief at the last National Council of Administration meeting.

This really presents a larger question than just brother Corfman, and I find that I must remove from my consideration who we are talking about and consider a much larger issue - what right does any appointed officer have to appeal his removal? Brother Chuck Corfman has been of great service to the Order over the years and achieved the highest honor the Order can confer - the office of Commander-in-Chief. But I cannot consider the person involved when rendering my decision.

I have struggled with this question for some time and consulted with a few members of the National Legal Staff. I have read and re-read both the Constitution and Regulations of our Order. I have consulted historical documents, including the old digest of opinions and the blue book of the Order, as they existed many years ago. I have also considered general contract law and corporation law.

First of all, Chapter III, Article IV, Section 6 of the National Regulations clearly give the Commander-in-Chief the authority to remove all appointive officers. Nothing is mentioned in this section or in the Article concerning any right of appeal. Yet the Article on Discipline in Chapter V clearly lays out an appeal procedure if someone is brought up on charges under that Article. The absence of appeal language in Chapter III, Article IV therefore indicates that it is the intent of the Regulations that no appeal exists for such removal.

Yet we are talking about the actions of a committee. This committee is clearly regulated in Chapter IV of the National Regulations. Those regulations were amended at the 1996 National Encampment and clearly apply to this situation. The argument advanced by brother Corfman that amendments to the National Regulations duly adopted by a National Encampment do not apply to existing officers is without merit. It is my official opinion that all amendments to the National Regulations take immediate effect upon their adoption by a National Encampment and apply equally to all brothers of the Order - even if those Regulations change the duties or the nature of the office held. Such changes are effective immediately and regulate each and every brother of the Order immediately. As a side note, the appointment of a brother to any elective and regulate each and every brother of the Order immediately. As a side note, the appointment of a brother to any elective office does not constitute a contract. As a contract is legally defined (and this is apparent to any first year law student) it must contain an offer, an acceptance and consideration. These elements do not exist - there is no contract.

Chapter IV, Article 1, Section 5 states - "The Commanding Officer of the SVR may be relieved by a majority of the Military Affairs Committee, subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief." Nothing in this article requires that the committee must have good cause. This language implies that the appointment of an individual to the office of Commanding Officer, SVR, is an at will position - which must be affirmatively renewed periodically. Either party in an at will situation may terminate the relationship at any time. The safeguard here is that the Commander-in-Chief must concur in the removal from office of this particular individual.

My reading of the Regulations as a whole, reveals that the Commander-in-Chief has broad powers. The Commander-in-Chief may revoke a charter. He may summarily discipline a member. This section contains a review procedure, which again makes the absence of a review procedure in Chapter III, Article IV indicate no right of review exists. He acts as the executive officer of the corporation, with all the powers that implies.

The National Constitution and Regulations serve as the "Bylaws" of this corporation. They are an affirmative grant of authority. If the "Bylaws" do not affirmatively grant something, then the absence of any affirmative grant, it seems to me, affirmatively deny such authority or request. For there to be an appeal right for any appointed officer, such appeal right must be clearly and specifically granted in the Regulations. The absence of such an appeal right is therefore in itself, an affirmative indication that no such right exists.

It is therefore my official opinion that appointed officers may not appeal in any fashion their removal from office. In this specific case, the dismissal from office is a committee action - not that of the Commander-in-Chief. But the action does require the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief. That is the appeal. If the Commander-in-Chief concurs in the removal of the Commanding Officer, SVR, no further right of appeal exists.

I therefore call upon the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations to review this issue and make appropriate recommendations to the next National Encampment, respecting whether or not the National Regulations should be amended.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,  
James B. Pohl  
National Counselor

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E-Mail: ARLSUVCW@AOL.COM**

February 4, 1997

Charles W. Corfman, PC-in-C  
National Treasurer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
9017 State Route 83 North  
Holmesville, Ohio 44633

Dear Brother Chuck,

Pursuant to Chapter III, Article I, Section 1 of the Regulations in the C & R, I hereby order you to turn over all Sons of Veterans Reserve property and records, including any and all SVR financial instruments such as checking and/or savings accounts, in your possession to your successor, SVR Commanding Officer Keith Harrison or his designee. In addition, I order you to provide to the Chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee, Terrance McKinch or his designee, "a complete accounting of the 1996 Gettysburg Remembrance Day activities, including the military ball, and a complete report of all financial matters during your tenure as Commanding Officer of the SVR." You are required to complete the transfer of the SVR property, records and financial information to the above designated recipients no later than Monday, February 24, 1997.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

**Robert E. DeLaney, CPA  
420 East Spring Road  
Naperville, IL 60563-4106  
(630) 717-7706**

February 22, 1997

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief, S U V C W  
1310 Forest Park Avenue  
Valparaiso, IN 46383-3329

Re: SVR Financial Records

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have carefully reviewed the SVR Financial Records recently submitted to me for audit consideration.

As a result of this review I have concluded that these records are not auditable for the following reasons:

- No formal accounting records appear to exist.
- Many bank statements and canceled checks are missing.
- Receipt back-up is substantially missing.
- Very little auditable back-up exists.

Also the preparation of Annual Federal Tax Reports would be affected by the above.

I recommend that effective ASAP:

- Formal accounting records be established under the control of the Treasurer.
- All bank accounts be under the direct control of the Treasurer.
- Retain only those bank accounts that are necessary.
- Treasurer should receive and retain all bank statements, canceled checks, deposit slips and support for all receipts and disbursements.

I appreciate the opportunity afforded me to do this review. Enclosed are the SVR Financial Records sent to me.

Fraternally,

Robert E. DeLaney, CPA

James B. Pohl  
Terry McKinch

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**SPECIAL ORDER # 1  
March 3, 1997**

To: Charles W. Corfman, PCinC  
National Treasurer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
9017 State Route 83 North  
Holmesville, Ohio 44633

From: Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1310 Forest Park Avenue  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

Re: Turnover of Sons of Veterans Property

Communication from Adjutant General David V. Medert, Jr. indicates to me that you have not turned over to him all Sons of Veterans material you were ordered to turn over or that you indicated that you would in your letter of February 20, 1997. Specifically, the American flag and SVR flag used at the last two National Encampments and Remembrance Day on November 16, 1996. In addition, there are the financial records and instruments of the Military Ball which have not been turned over as well as any other properties that are in your possession.

Therefore, pursuant to Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, I suspend you from membership in the Order. This suspension is subject to reconsideration pending your return of all SVR material by March 8, 1997 to Terrance McKinch, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, Sons of Veterans Reserve Commanding Officer Keith Harrison, or their designee. I take this action under authority of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, summarily discipline, for failure to obey orders and that the scope of this suspension from membership includes the following: (1) suspension from the office of National Treasurer and (2) you are not entitled to admittance to the next Council of Administration meeting. Richard Orr, Assistant to the National Treasurer will assume the duties of the National Treasurer until the suspension is terminated, a replacement is named by the Council of Administration or elected by the National Encampment. I will be appointing a trial commissioner within 10 days.

I find this course of action regrettable but necessary for the good of the order.

Sincerely in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

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Special Order # 2  
March 6, 1997

To: Council of Administration Members and others  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

From: Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

Re: Attendance of Charles Corfman, PC-in-C  
Council of Administration Meeting March 15, 1997

I am informing the members of the Council of Administration and PC-in-C Charles Corfman that I am rescinding the part of Special Order # 1 that reads: "you are not entitled to admittance to the next Council of Administration meeting." I am directing the National Secretary to include thirty (30) minutes at the end of the meeting agenda for PC-in-C Charles Corfman to make a presentation with the understanding that the Council of Administration cannot make a judgment concerning his dismissal as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. National Counselor Jim Pahl has given his opinion that there is no appeal process in the C & R in this situation. It is my intention that the first fifteen (15) minutes be allowed for the presentation, a fifteen (15) minute discussion period, followed by a closing prayer and adjournment. Furthermore, it is my intention to turn over the meeting to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at this point so that the presentation and discussion period are not prejudiced in any way.

Attest:

David F. Wallace  
National Secretary

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

**Charges and Specifications  
filed against Charles Corfman, PC-in-C, former  
Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
submitted to Charles Yates, Trial Commissioner,  
March 21, 1997**

Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 of the Regulations

II Charge: Insubordination to Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

Specifications:

- Disregarded directive to not make appointments of Sons of Veterans Reserve Officers to staff positions that did not exist in the Standard Operating Procedure then in force by issuing a news release that announced the appointments.
- Did not submit copies of current SVR financial statements and records as directed.
- Issued Special Order which made appointments of SVR Officers to staff positions that did not exist in the SOP then in force.

III Charge: Insubordination to Commander-in-Chief per Order stated in letter dated February 4, 1997

Specifications:

- Refused to turn over SVR properties, financial records and instruments by February 24, 1997.

IIII Charge: Opening and maintenance of an unauthorized checking account, collection of monies under false pretenses and expending of monies without authorization.

Specifications:

- Opening and maintaining of a unauthorized checking account ("SVR Dance Committee" checking account) without the knowledge or approval of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- Collecting of monies from participants to the Annual SVR Military Ball under false pretenses (SVR was advertised as the sponsor of the Ball) and depositing of collected monies into an unauthorized SVR or SUVVCW checking account without the knowledge or approval of the SUVVCW.
- Expending of monies from the SVR Dance Committee checking account without the knowledge or approval of the SUVVCW.

IV Charge: Insubordination to Commander-in-Chief per Special Order Number One

Specifications:

- Incomplete compliance with Order to turn over all SVR properties, financial records and instruments by March 8, 1997.
- Refusal to turn over the SVR Dance Committee checking account and all records pertaining to it.
- Refusal to turn over SVR flags purchased with funds from the SVR Dance Committee Account.
- Failure to provide any documentation that the SVR Dance Committee funds are independent from the SUVVCW or that they were for his use as Commanding General as contended in his March 10, 1997 letter to Commander-in-Chief Loomis.

V Charge: Insultation to Commander-in-Chief by making false and libelous statements in his Remembrance Day Committee Report

Specifications:

- The following quote from the report is false and libelous - "This year, however, C-in-C Loomis insisted in taking over the event."
- The following quote contains false statements concerning the Commander-in-Chief "He has ignored his appointed committee, bypassing them, or going over their heads. This has caused strained relations with Park personnel and City Officials. It has caused twice as much work for the committee members, and has made no changes with the Park Service other than to alienate them."

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



# Supplies

## ORDER FORM

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
1997 PRICE LIST OF SUPPLIES

(This List Supersedes All Previous Years)  
Only Orders Received on Current Registration Forms Will Be Honored

No.	Item	Unit	Price	Quantity	Color	Total Amount
101	Transfer Form (Form 4)	10	\$1.00			
102	Department Transfer Form (Form 4 1/2)	10	\$1.00			
105	Camp Council Quarterly Reports (Form 13)	10	\$1.00			
106	Statement of Account (Form 12)	100	\$2.00			
107	Notice to Discharge Member (Form 14)	100	\$2.00			
108	Honorable Discharge (Form 6) Camp use only	10	\$1.00			
109	Promotion & Advertising Pamphlet	100	\$4.00			
111	Membership Application (Form 3)	25	\$1.00			
113	Application for War Medal (Form 5)	10	\$1.00			
114	Son's Letter-head Stationery	10	\$1.00			
367	Eagle Scout Certificate	each	\$0.10			
200	Membership Cards Camp use only	48	\$4.00			
201	Membership Certificate - Blue	each	\$0.10			
202	Membership Certificate - Tri color	each	\$5.00			
205	Membership Certificate - White	each	\$0.25			
206	History of the Sons of Union Veterans		\$50.00			
256	Credentials - National & Department	25	\$2.50			
300	Constitution & Regulations 1996	each	\$5.00			
301	Supplement to Constitution & Regulations (1995)	each	\$1.00			
302	Rituals & Ceremonies	each	\$3.00			
350	Life Membership Bar Life Member use only	each	\$5.00			
351	Membership Rosette	each	\$4.75			
352	Membership Badge	each	\$17.00			
353	Associate Badge	each	\$17.00			
354	Junior Badge	each	\$17.00			
355	Camp Commander Badge Camp use only	each	\$25.00			
356	Past Camp Commander Badge Camp use only	each	\$17.00			
357	Department Commander Badge Dept. use only	each	\$30.00			
358	Past Department Commander Badge Dept. use only	each	\$50.00			
359	50 Year Member Badge	each	\$17.00			
360	Miniature Badge (Member, Department officer, National Officer)	each	\$7.00			
361	War Medal (Application must be included)	each	\$22.00			
<b>Service Bars to Be Worn on War Medal Only</b>						
362	World War II Service Bar	each	\$4.00			
363	Korean Conflict Service Bar	each	\$4.00			
364	Vietnam Action Service Bar	each	\$4.00			
365	Person Gulf Service Bar	each	\$4.00			
366	Replacement Ribbon for Badges	6 inches	\$1.00			
367	Replacement Ribbon for Miniature Badges	6 inches	\$1.00			
369	Service Numerals (Attach to Badge 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75)	each	\$0.50			
370	Bronze Recognition Button	each	\$6.00			
371	SVR Insignia for Badge	each	\$5.00			
372	Decal (inside of window)	each	\$3.00			
372	Decal (reflective)	each	\$3.00			
<b>For Miniature Badges Only</b>						
374	1/8" stars (bronze, silver, or gold)	each	\$0.50			
375	Silver Palm	each	\$1.25			
376	Neck Ribbon	36 inches	\$4.50			

No.	Item	Unit	Price	Quantity	Color	Total Amount
500	Neck Tie (blue or red)	each	\$16.00			
501	Tie Clasp with insignia	each	\$10.00			
502	Tie Tac (Polished Bronze)	each	\$5.00			
503	Cuff Links with Insignia	pair	\$10.00			
504	SVR Collar Insignia 1/2"	pair	\$10.00			
504	SVR Collar Insignia 3/8"	pair	\$10.00			
505	SVR Tie Clasp	each	\$10.00			

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Camp Secretary

I declare that I have served the \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Camp as Commander  
 and I was awarded the honor of Past Department/Camp Commander for having completed the term of office for the  
 year ending \_\_\_\_\_

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## Name Tags

Harrison Camp 356 Indianapolis, Announces the availability again of name tags for all SUVCW members. The tag is made of hard plastic measuring 2x3 inches. A pin clasp makes for easy attachment. A choice of colors is now available.

- **Camp:** Blue with White Lettering \$5
- **Department:** Red with White Lettering \$5.25
- **National:** Gold with Black Lettering \$5.50

Please print or type the information desired to avoid errors. We will edit and abbreviate when needed. To help control our costs we request each camp place one order for all members desiring a tag. Orders will be processed in the order they are received. We encourage all Sons to participate as the name tag will be of benefit at various functions. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument located in the center of downtown Indianapolis and other camp projects. In addition, a Grand Army of the Republic sponsored landmark will get a new look for all to enjoy.

Send all orders to:  
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Make checks or money orders payable to: Ben Harrison Camp, SUVCW.

## From the National Secretary

The National Identification Number Committee has assigned a database identification number to all records in the national database. The number only serves to identify a unique record in the national database. It does not have any quality beyond that statement.

Starting with the 1996 fall issue of *The Banner*, the database identification number assigned to your information in the national database has appeared behind your name on the mailing label.

National Chief of Staff David A. Turpin reports that his email address is now [datsuvvw@juno.com](mailto:datsuvvw@juno.com). It was listed in the Fall edition of the National Officer's Directory as [ACNG78A@Prodigy.com](mailto:ACNG78A@Prodigy.com). He has dropped that service and is now exclusively on Juno. Please correct your directory.

## New Camps approved by the CinC

- Department of Maryland: Antietam Camp 3 of Frederick
- Department of Massachusetts: William Jenkins Camp 129
- Department of Missouri: John H. McNeil Camp 62 of Huntsville
- Department of Wisconsin: William Covill Camp 56 of Litchfield, Minn.
- Department of Tennessee: Missionary Ridge Camp 63 of Chattanooga
- Department of Michigan: Col. George W. LaPoint Camp 76 of Monroe  
 Henry White Quigley Camp 147 of Cadillac  
 Archibald Stewart Camp 259 of Hillsdale  
 Albert & James Lyon Camp 266 of Daggett
- Department of the Southwest: Capt. David L. Payne Camp 2 of Stillwater, Okla.

## Funds Help Cover Costs

Contributions to the various funds help in financially supporting the missions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and mail this form:

My contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is submitted for the fund checked.

- Honor Roll**—Donations to the permanent fund in memory of a Union Veteran or departed brother. Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- G.A.R. memorial Fund**—Our 501-(3) charitable activities fund. donations are tax deductible.
- National Patriotic Instructors Fund**—Money raised by the National Patriotic Instructor for the G.A.R. Memorial Fund.
- Senior Vice Commander in Chief's Fund**—Money donated for the promotion of the Order. Membership advertising.
- National Headquarters Fund**—Fund established for the operation of a permanent national headquarters.
- Permanent Fund**—Restricted Fund where only the interest may be used for operation of the Order.
- General Fund**—General operating fund.

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## Honor Roll

In Memory of:  
**Sgt John Tait, CoG,**  
**24th Mich. Inf,**  
**by Kent Armstrong**  
**QMSgt. Smith**  
**Maxwell, U.S. Corps**  
**of Marienes,**  
**by Glenn Knight**



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	baseball style caps		
	SUVCW 5.25 X 4.25 embroidered color patch	\$12 ea.	
		Subtotal	
		Packaging and Shipping and 10%	
		Total Remittance	

The Department of Indiana will be hosting the 1999 National Encampment in Indianapolis. This will be a special event as it is the 50th year since the last National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1949 which was also held in Indiana-polis. Members in Indiana are very proud to have this honor and look forward to hosting a Encampment to be remembered. The department of Indiana is therefore offering as a fund raising effort for the encampment a baseball style cap and a patch depicting the badge of our order. Fill out the order form and send to address listing on the form. Make check or money order payable to: David D. Porter Camp 116. And send orders to: David D. Porter Camp 116 Encampment Fund 1354 Gillbevan Drive



## Commanding Officer's Field Notes

By Brig. General Keith G. Harrison  
Commanding Officer, SVR

As most of you are aware, Charles Corfman was removed and I was appointed on Nov. 17, 1996, by the National Military Affairs Committee with the concurrence of the Commander in Chief as the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). While certainly starting out as a SVR—Military Affairs Committee issue, it has grown into a SUCVW issue and as such really should be addressed by the SUCVW Administration. It is my understanding that information regarding Brother Corfman's current situation will be addressed by the SUCVW Administration in this edition of *The Banner*. I would refer anyone who may have questions regarding Brother Charles to contact the SUCVW National Counselor, James B. Pahl.

The purpose of this communication is to (1) introduce myself and (2) to provide you with a brief overview of my goals and vision for the SVR. First of all, many of you may remember me from my 1994–1995 tenure as Commander in Chief of our Order. My background in the SVR includes the formation and being the first Commander 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR; and, temporarily, the Deputy Commander of the SVR. I have been a Civil War reenactor for 15 years and just recently retired from active field command in the non-SVR affiliated 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B and the nationally known Cumberland Guard where I rose from the rank of Private to that of brevet Lt. Colonel. During my years of reenacting, I have been fortunate to command at the company, battalion, brigade and Army levels. In addition, I have also served as the battalion Adjutant and brigade Chief of Staff. I am familiar with and have employed the use of Hardee's, Coppee, and Casey in my field commands. In addition, I was fortunate to have been able to attend most of the 125th and 130th anniversary Civil War battle reenactments.

Within the SUCVW, I have served the National Organization as Commander in Chief, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Council of Administration member, National Patriotic Instructor, National History Book Coordinator, and am currently serving as a member of the National Standing Constitution and Regulations Committee and Special Communication and Technology Committee. Within Michigan, I served as Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Chief of Staff. I am a member of the Curtenius Guard Camp #17 of Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan where I served as Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

The second purpose of this communication is to provide you with a general overview of what I see for the SVR in the coming years. In years past, several misconceptions have arisen regarding the SVR structure, and purpose and operation. Regarding structure, and pursuant to the Order's Constitution and Regulations, the SVR is neither an independent nor autonomous organization. Rather it is a subordinate Department which has as its overseeing body the National Military Affairs Committee. The National Military Affairs Committee is composed of five Brothers of the Order appointed by the Commander in Chief. The Commanding Officer is the administrative officer of the Department and is accountable to the National Military Affairs Committee. The Committee is, in turn, accountable to the Commander in Chief and the Order. The operation of the SVR is governed by the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which are a part of

the National Organization's Constitution and Regulations. At the last National Encampment, the National Military Affairs Committee was charged with the rewriting of the SVR's SOP. The proposed SOP is to be brought before the 1997 National Encampment. Until such time as a new SOP is adopted by the National Organization, the SVR must continue to operate under August 1993 SOP.

In terms of purpose and operation, the SVR is not a reenactment organization. Rather it is a voluntary, ceremonial, uniformed entity whose purpose it is to assist the parent Order in fostering the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of all Union soldiers who served our country during our American Civil War. The SVR membership is composed of both non-reenactors and reenactors from many non-SUCVW affiliated reenactment organizations. Individual members and units of the SVR are encouraged and do participate, when and where feasible, in Civil War living histories and reenactments. As an organized entity, however, the SVR tends to sponsor and participate more in Civil War-related memorials, ceremonies, parades, demonstrations and special SUCVW programs. Having said this, this is not to say that the SVR doesn't have a place in Civil War reenactment-related programs. On the contrary, the SVR over the years has been actively involved and highly instrumental in providing artillery safety training programs and has recently developed an infantry school of the soldier and company in order to assist and provide non-reenactors, new reenactors and veteran reenactors with a better understanding of Civil War infantry tactics and military life of our ancestors.

Additional misconceptions which have appeared over recent years and which are being addressed now include that a SVR member does not need to belong to the SUCVW, that local SVR unit finances may be commingled with that of local SUCVW Camps and that SUCVW Camps and SVR units are the same thing. In all three examples, the opposite is true. SVR membership is contingent upon being and maintaining ones membership in the SUCVW, Camp and SVR finances (in the absence of affirmative decisions) must be kept separate and Camps (and Departments) are totally separate civilian entities within the Order and are governed by a separate set of provisions within the Constitution & Regulations.

Issues which I see as important and which will be addressed in the future include the streamlining of reporting responsibilities throughout all SVR levels, development of job descriptions for district and national administrative positions, elimination of some unnecessary and the creation of some more pertinent district and national administrative positions, reduction of the top heaviness of rank within the SVR, adhering more closely to all, rather than selective provisions of the C & R and SOP, adding incentives for personal and unit growth, increasing the effectiveness of internal and external communications via email and the World Wide Web, and furthering the development of training programs in Civil War ceremonial protocols and military tactics, drills and portrayals.

As an entity, we can expect to see many, and I hope, exciting and positive changes. I look forward to working with the National Military Affairs Committee and all the members of the SVR in realizing an even greater fulfillment of our responsibilities to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and, consequently, to those who served our country during the Civil War.

## GENERAL ORDERS

### GENERAL ORDER 1997-1

1. Effective Nov. 17, 1996, Colonel Larry E. Freed, National Chaplain, SVR, is reassigned to the rank of Lt. Colonel to bring his rank into compliance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2 of the SOP. This action is taken pursuant to Chapter IV, Article 1, Section 6 of the National SUCVW Regulations, and at the request of Lt. Colonel Freed. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire Nov. 16, 1999.  
David V. Medert  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
SVR Adjutant General  
Keith G. Harrison  
Brig. General,  
Commanding Officer

### General Order 1997-2

1. Effective Nov. 17, 1996, Kim Donald Shaw is appointed Judge Advocate General, SVR and commissioned to the rank of Lt. Colonel, SVR. This appointment is for a period of three years to expire Nov. 16, 1999.  
Keith G. Harrison  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General  
Brig. General, SVR  
Commanding Officer

### General Order 1997-3

1. Effective March 15, 1997, 2nd Lieutenant Charles H. Horr is commissioned 1st Lieutenant, SVR and reappointed Commanding Officer, Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. This commission is for a period of three years to expire March 14, 2000.  
2. Effective March 15, 1997, Sgt Harold A. Jordan is commissioned to 2nd Lieutenant, SVR and appointed Adjutant, Battery L, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. This commission is for a period of three years to expire March 14, 2000.  
David V. Medert  
Lt. Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General  
Keith G. Harrison  
Brig. General, SVR  
Commanding Officer



## From the Adjutant General

by Lt. Col. David V. Medert SVR  
The Adjutant General

Springtime is finally in the air and with the warmer weather comes the excitement of parades, ceremonies, living histories, and reenactments. Yes, once again, many of us will be donning the uniform and heading for the fields to hear the shouts of battle and smell the acrid stench of burnt sulfur! What a country!

This also presents an excellent time for recruiting. Our members in uniform is one of the best recruiting tools at our disposal for drafting new members into the Order. At the end of 1996, we had close to 600 members in the SVR. If each of us recruited one member, we will be over 1100 by the end of the year. That's an impressive number!

We are writing new SVR brochures and hope to have them printed within the month. We will distribute them to the units and districts upon request. Please feel free to photocopy them for your use. I also have membership cards for issue at this time. District Commanders, let me know how many you need.

Unit commanders and adjutants, when submitting your annual strength reports, don't forget to include an up to date roster. These rosters are required semi-annually. It helps me keep addresses current. DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE ZIP CODES!

## Eratta

In the "Guidon" article, in the last edition of *The Banner* announcing the appointment of Past Commander in Chief Keith Harrison to the position of commanding officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the word elected was used in error. The commanding officer of the SVR is an appointed position—serving at the will and pleasure of the National Military Affairs Committee, with the concurrence of the Commander in Chief.

There may be a little confusion regarding dues. For the annual and semi-annual reports, we have \$2 per member to National Headquarters. Each District has a dues fee as well. Usually \$1 per member. Please contact your District Commander or Adjutant to determine what your respective District dues are. Officer dues are \$4 per officer to National Headquarters and again, usually \$1 per officer for the District. Commission requests are \$3 per request. \$2 goes to the National Headquarters and \$1 stays with the District. Officers of the General Staff will submit their \$5 dues directly to the Adjutant General. Members of the Cadre (Inactive Reserve) submit your dues directly to the Adjutant General. \$5 per officer and \$3 per enlisted. Headquarters Company members follow the same procedure as the Cadre (Inactive Reserve). If anyone has any questions, contact your District Commander or Adjutant first, then me.

The Headquarters Company is for Membership At Large or for those who do not meet the minimum requirement of six men to form a unit. All members of the Headquarters Company are reminded that your dues are due. Please submit to me as soon as you can.

As a reminder to all, in order to belong to the SVR the member must belong to the SUCVW. I verify each name with the National Database to ensure compliance with regulations regarding membership. I have written to a couple of Unit Commanders and questioned some of their membership. I realize there may be a delay between departments and National when personnel join the SUCVW and they may not appear on my list. However, each Unit Commander is responsible in ensuring there members belong to the SUCVW.

Promotions and commissions: Before promoting or commissioning members in your unit, please refer to the SVR SOP for manpower requirements. By doing this, we will prevent units and the SVR from becoming top heavy. If you do not have a copy of the SVR SOP, contact your District Commander/Adjutant.

The National Military Affairs Committee (NMAC) has been assigned to re-write the SVR SOP. They have spent many hours in this endeavor and a copy of the proposed

SOP is scheduled for the next issue of *The Banner*. Please review it. The proposed SOP will be voted on at the National Encampment in August. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, forward them to your District Commander who in turn will forward them to me. If at all possible, attend the National Encampment and express your concerns or suggestions.

We would like to welcome a new unit to the SVR. Company A, 1st California Infantry commanded by Sgt. Charles Davis who also is the Camp Commander of General G. Wright Camp 22 Department of California and Pacific. Congratulations!

The National Encampment is scheduled for August 1997 in Utica, New York. We would like to get as many members from the SVR to attend and help with the Friday evening Camp Fire program as well as the SVR Breakfast Saturday morning. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to meet each other, exchange ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie. Please try to attend.

Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery will be hosting its 4th annual School of the Piece and School of the Soldier May 30, 31, and June 1, 1997, in Chillicothe, Ohio. If you desire to attend, please contact me. Registration fee is \$3 per person which includes all amenities and lunch on Saturday. Registration deadline is May 15, 1997.

Please note my address and NEW email: Lt. Col. David V. Medert 489 Caroline Dr. Chillicothe, OH 45601 (614) 773-7646 email: batteryi@bright.net

Units and districts are reminded to submit articles to me for inclusion into *The Banner*. Pictures are welcomed!

If anyone is interested in serving as the SVR Public Relations Officer (PIO), please contact me.

In closing, I am receiving a lot of phone calls and email regarding BG Charles Corfman being relieved as Commanding Officer of the SVR. This action was taken by the NMAC with the concurrence of the Commander in Chief on Nov. 17, 1996 at Gettysburg, Penna. If any of you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the National Counselor, Hon. James Pahl or the SVR Judge Advocate General, Lt. Col. Kim D. Shaw.





## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Maine

**Haskell—Marston Camp 56, SUVCW** was instituted on Lincoln's Birthday—Union Defender's Day, Feb. 12 in the town of Yarmouth, Maine with the requisite fifteen charter members, seven more joining after the charter application had been submitted including two junior members, the first in the state.

After the charter had been presented, the elected and appointed officers were installed. They are: Commander, Roger Beverage, Sr.; Vice Commander, Paul Dionne; Junior Vice Commander, R. Spruce Whited; Secretary-Treasurer, David Gowen; Patriotic Instructor, Dana Cobb; Chaplain, John Clarke; Guard, Robert Swan, Guide, Clayton Baker and Color Bearer, Matthew Swan.

The Camp was named for two of Yarmouth's veterans of the Civil War, William L.

Haskell, for whom Yarmouth's G.A.R. Post 108 was named, the first of Yarmouth's residents to perish in the war, and Charles Levi Marston, Yarmouth's last surviving veteran and last member of the Haskell Post 108, G.A.R. The number chosen represents that of Yarmouth's first Sons of Veterans Camp, John A. Logan, formed in 1897.

The formation of the camp is representative of Maine's continuing growth in SUVCW membership. After winning the Grant Cup in 1994 and 1995 it is again on the move with plans to establish another full camp in the Augusta area and a Provisional Camp in the Bangor area in 1997.

### Michigan

The Department of Michigan proudly announces the organization of three camps since December.

The first was **Henry W. Quigley Camp 147** in Cadillac with Pete Carlson as commander.

In February, **Col. George W. LaPoint Camp 76** was organized in Monroe with John Reaume as commander.

In March it was **Albert and James Lyon Camp 266** in

Daggett near Menominee with Patrick Kennedy its commander. This is Michigan's first camp in the Upper Peninsula. With the establishment of this camp enables the Department of Michigan to share, with the Department of Indiana, the distinction of having camps in two time zones.

The ceremonies establishing these camps were conducted by National Secretary and Department of Michigan Commander David F. Wallace; Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander Kent Armstrong and Department of Michigan Secretary Richard F. Lee.

### Tennessee

Members of **Fort Donelson Camp 62** set up a recruiting / information booth at the 10th Annual Civil War Show and Sale held Dec. 7 and 8 in Nashville, Tenn. Several new member applications were received.

During a recently held meeting, Department of Tennessee Commander Charles C. Yates, installed the camp officers for the 1997 year. The following brothers were installed: Camp Commander, Allen F. Smith; Senior Vice Commander, Craig S. Courtney; Junior Vice Commander, Trent D. Johnson; Secretary / Treasurer, Larry J. Waggoner. Also in attendance was Memphis Camp 1 Commander James Edward Green Jr., Outgoing Camp Commander Edward J. Duffel was presented the past camp commanders badge by Department Commander Yates.

Members of the **Memphis Camp 1** recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dorothy Wetzel Eastham honoring her Patriotism and support of the flag.

The Memphis Camp 1 participated in the Memphis Civil War Show held Feb. 22 and 23. Members set up a SUVCW information booth and recruiting table at the event. Participating with the Memphis Camp were members of the **Hetty M. McEwen Tent 1**, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

### Vermont

More than 80 Vermonters attended the Civil War Forum jointly sponsored by the **Vermont Department** of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and **William Scott Camp 302**, Jan. 4 in the dining hall at the National Life Insurance of Vermont headquarters in Montpelier.

At least a dozen SUVCW members and associates as well as reenactors brought Civil War artifacts and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia. About eight of the attendees gave short talks on the items they had brought.

James Wilson of Northfield, VT, displayed an engraved sword which he believed had been owned by Brig. Gen.

Edward H. Ripley of Rutland, Vt. Robert Morey, a member of the William Scott Camp, brought his Union infantryman's uniform, rifles and other equipment that he uses as a reenactor in the Vermont Hemlocks.

Using his computer and a Vermont Union Army and Navy roster book, SUVCW Vermont Department Commander Floyd Blodgett assisted many attendees to identify their Civil War ancestors' military units. After an ancestor's regiment or other unit was determined, the descendant was given a certificate, suitable for framing, attesting to the ancestor's service in the Union Army or Navy.

Commander Blodgett said that four men used the research information at the Civil War Forum to complete and submit their applications to join the SUVCW that very afternoon. He said that several others indicated they would submit applications later.

A resident of Barre, Vt., John Neddo, won the Italian-made .58 caliber, muzzle-loading, percussion-cap replica Remington Zouave rifle in the raffle organized by the William Scott Camp.

Commander Thomas P. McKenna of the Scott Camp said the camp had limited the raffle to a maximum of 1,000 tickets, and he said the camp was pleased with the raffle's success.

### Wisconsin

Members of **C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Department of Wisconsin**, recently gave a Civil War presentation to a Cub Scout Pack meeting at South Milwaukee's E. W. Luther School.



Brother Ron Aronis speaks to scouts about soldiers personal equipment.

Talking to about 50 Scouts, their leaders and parents, Brothers Steve Michaels and Ron Aronis, in period uniforms, discussed Civil War soldiers' weaponry and war time experiences. Reproduction equipment and actual war artifacts were displayed. The highlight of the evening was when several Scouts and a parent tried on the displayed uniform items and were formed into a squad.

After the meeting, the brothers answered questions and distributed literature about the SUVCW.



Commander in Chief Alan Loomis giving Eulogy at grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln during ceremonies at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial near Lincoln City Indiana.

### Indiana

Under the leadership of Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis the **Department of Indiana** of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in the Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial on Feb. 9. On the invitation of Dusty Shultz, superintendent of the memorial, CinC Loomis got more men to come in and participate in the ceremony that was held in the afternoon of Feb. 9, by way of presenting the colors at the program and at the wreath-laying ceremonies.

The program got underway at 2 p.m. in the Abraham Lincoln Hall of the Memorial Building, where several patriotic groups participated and the program featured a talk by Lloyd Ostendorf, a noted author and artist. Mr. Ostendorf has authored many books that were displayed at the memorial and did a composite painting of Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks. He explained the process he used to come up with the likeness of

Nancy Hanks and the painting was on display there.

Immediately after the program the group made a pilgrimage to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln where wreaths were presented and eulogies given. Commander in Chief Loomis gave his eulogy on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans, Department Commander Ron Gill gave a presentation on behalf of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW, and other groups did likewise. Immediately after the ceremony, about a dozen of the group got together and folded the U. S. flag that measured about 30' x 48'. The day was concluded with a reception in the Memorial Building.

The Sons who participated, besides Commander in Chief Loomis were: Department Commander Ron Gill; Edward Kreiser PDC and Camp Commander Michael Fittinger, all of **David D. Porter Camp 116**. Also, Mark Lehman, Robert Hall and Charles Hubbard of Evansville, members of **Harrison Camp 356**, Indianapolis and Henry Dumond from Mitchell, Ind.

## Stats ...

Members: 5,003

Departments: 25

Camps: 170

Future Encampments:

1997 Utica, N.Y., Aug. 8-10

1998 Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 7-9

1999 Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20-22

## Postal Dealings

Non-delivery of *The Banner* is one of our biggest on-going problems and in this continuing column the Editor and the National Membership List Coordinator will try to explain some of the problems with dealing with the new, modern U. S. Postal Service.

Seventeen brothers did not receive Vol. 101, No. 2 because they were "Temporarily Away".

They had gone on vacation or off to the winter home or on the road again with the Winnebago and they had notified the post office to forward their mail. The Post Office will not forward third class mail unless you promise to pay the forwarding fee or direct that all third class mail be held. Your *Banner* was sent back to us and we were charged 50 cents for the service. The other option is to tell us your new address. But under the late 19th Century system of reporting address changes that our Order clings to, that has been impossible.

Beginning with this issue we will try to run a change of address form that you can copy or clip and send us your new or temporary address. You must still notify your Camp Secretary who will make the "official" change of address. Please do not send us your schedule and ask us to update our records automatically—with about 6,000 records to maintain, that is too much to ask of a volunteer.

The brothers who were temporarily away and did not get the last *Banner* are:

- John R. Poole, Terre Haute, IN
- Layton M. D. Aves, Lakeview, MI
- Thomas J. Bond, Vienna, VA
- Gerald J. Lynady, Carbondale, PA
- Arnold Owen, Westtown, PA
- William J. Clayborn, Marshall, MI
- Lou Chamberlain, Saint James City, FL
- Gerald A. Snyder, Venice, FL
- Owen H. Morse, Winnetka, IL
- Samuel L. Crawford, Niles, OH
- James J. Brogle, E. Rockaway, NY
- Robert W. Linnell, Denmark, ME
- Richard H. Smyser, Canton, OH
- Robert E. O'Neil, Norwood, MA
- Frank J. Curtis Jr., Big Rapids, MI
- John F. Emmons, Big Rapids, MI
- Duane C. Branson, Glendale, AZ

### Change of Address

Please list your name and address below and mail to: Richard A. Williams, National Membership List Coordinator, SUVCW, 1917 Teel Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910. Or send the same info in an email to: rawsvw@aol.com

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