

Kenneth T Wheeler Sr
128 AMHERST ST
Milford NH 03055-4013

16
110

ON VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Lancaster, PA
Permit #55

The

BANNER

April 1998

<http://suvcw.org>

Volume 102 • Number 3

CinC Orr Uses Power of General Orders

Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr is exercising his authority and, according to his most recent General Orders, that authority includes recognizing outstanding performers and disciplining those who have become disruptive to the harmony for which we strive.

[See the full text of the Commander in Chief's General Orders on Page 3 and on the Internet web site at <http://suvcw.org/go.html>]

General Order Number 7 presents the Meritorious Service Award to Past National Secretary James Lyons of the Department of Michigan, National Membership List Coordinator Richard Williams of the Department of Michigan and David Bailey Sr. of the Department of Illinois. Brothers David Hann, Frank B. Harned and Allan W. Howey were named National Aides for recruiting five or more members.

In General Order Number 8 the Commander in Chief announces the issuance of camp charters to:

Lt. Commander Edward Lea USN, Camp 2, Department of the Southwest; William D. Allen Camp 96, Department of Iowa; V. P. Trombly Camp 2, Department of Iowa; William Covill Camp 56, Department of Wisconsin; Henry Quigley Camp 147, Department of Michigan and Col. George W. LaPoint Camp 76, Department of Michigan. Also Albert & James Lyon Camp 266, Department of Michigan; Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, Department of Florida; Archibald Stewart Camp 259, Department of Michigan; James D. Morgan Camp 70, Department of Michigan and James A. Wilson Camp 1, Department of Tennessee.

Dr. Walter Powell, Abner Rainbow and Laverne Louie have been dishonorably discharged from the Order for failure to meet their fiduciary responsibilities while officers of Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Pennsylvania. They are further barred from future membership in this Order. This action is contained in General Order Number 9. These men engaged in actions which are consistent with an intent to force the closing of Gettysburg Camp 112 while serving as board or committee members of Historic Gettysburg-Adams County [see front page of last edition of *The Banner*].

General Order Number 10 deals with problems in the Department of Massachusetts and voids specific portions of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6. Brother Frank Tucker, in General Order Number 11, is removed from office as department commander, stripped of his rank as Past Department Commander, stripped of his rank as Past Camp Commander and ordered to hold no office in the Order for a period of 10 years.

In both disciplinary actions a Trial Commissioner has been appointed to hear arguments in accordance with the Regulations of the Order.

August 6-9; Harrisburg, Penna.

National Encampment to attack serious questions

The 117th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is expected to set records for productivity and at least equal the fun factor shown last year in New York.

Scheduled for Aug. 6-9 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, in New Cumberland, Penna. near Harrisburg, current plans call for a broad legislative schedule for the general meetings and some special surprises on the entertainment end. All culminating in a six-hour tour of Gettysburg Battlefield after the encampment closes on Sunday.

Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr expects to preside over an encampment that resolves difficult issues, such as: Per Capita tax collection procedures; Membership-increasing the enrollment rate from national leads; Paid National Staffing; Revisions to the Regulations on disciplinary procedures; deletion of provisional camps and departments from the Constitution & Regulations and approval of a *Banner* Policy. In addition there will be action on changes to the Sons of Veterans Reserve Standard Operating Procedure, discussions on re-claiming G.A.R. property and a series of changes to the job descriptions.

The U. S. Army Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga. has suggested that we commission a monument to the Union Infantryman in a field of honor that they are establishing—the cost would be around \$50,000. That opportunity will be discussed fully.

There will also be some fireworks in the form of appeals from rulings by the Commander in Chief on issues of uniforms and the authority of department commanders. Add to all of this significant committee reports and election of officers and we will have a fast-paced and productive encampment.

Friday evening will be the annual Campfire program where the Patriotic Instructors of the Allied Orders make donations to local charities. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Latschar, Superintendent of the Gettysburg Military Park, and entertainment will be provided by a local musical review, courtesy

of Brindle Camp 50 of Carlisle.

The banquet on Saturday evening will offer your choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Sliced Top Round of Beef Bordelaise for only \$23 per person (a child's chicken nuggets dinner is available at \$11 for children only). Entertainment at the banquet, a closely held secret, will be a uniquely Pennsylvania experience. Past Commander in Chief Bud Atkinson reported, "New York's Scottish Bagpipe Band last year will be hard to beat, but we think that we have lined up something that National Encampment organizers will be trying to top for years". Atkinson is chairman of the National Encampment Committee for the host Department of Pennsylvania.

Meeting at the same time and place will be the National Encampments for the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are also expected to attend.

All department commanders have

been asked to make their department flag available to the encampment so that the organization can display their "massed flags". All departments have also been encouraged to send a full slate of delegates to this important encampment. "This is where the final decisions are made, this is where the absolute power in our Order rests," said Commander in Chief Orr. "There are some important issues that will be resolved and any department not fully represented will be unable to properly present their opinions."

In a break from tradition the host department commander, Glenn Knight, is inviting all to the Dutch-Treat, Pennsylvania Luncheon on Saturday. "Our department wants to be your host for the encampment and the traditional Pennsylvania Luncheon will be open to all," said Knight. "Our event will include a chance to meet and greet others as well as Civil War period entertainment."

More complete information on all of these subjects can be found on pages 6-7 of this edition of *The Banner*.

Internet Site Offers Allied Orders A New Place to List Ancestors

Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic now have a way to proclaim their pride in their Civil War ancestor, literally, to the world. The National Communication Technology Committee in cooperation with Brøderbund Software has established a SUVCW page on its popular Family Tree Maker web site. Members of the Allied Orders are invited to list their personal lineage on this page which will be maintained by Brøderbund and made available to everyone on the Internet.

"This was a natural match," notes National Signals Officer Glenn B. Knight, "we needed to write a very complex form to gather the data on our members' ancestry and make it available to the world." "Brøderbund, whose Family Tree Maker genealogical software is used by millions, was looking for emerging data bases for their web site and they have the high quality web technicians who could write the code for the site."

Members of all of the Allied Orders can enter data that is passworded and that, with the password, can be changed if corrections need to be made later. It also makes it impossible for someone else to change the data on your genealogy. The best place to start is with the instructions located at <http://suvcw.org/tree.htm>. From there, click on the link to <http://www.familytreemaker.com/suvcw/> and follow the instructions.

The pages can be searched for key words from the Family Tree Maker search page at <http://www.familytreemaker.com/search.html>.

There is no charge for either listing your ancestors or searching the database. The database is open to everyone and as members of the Allied Orders get on line the base will grow. It's a win-win situation for all participants and is an excellent example of a cooperative effort between a for profit and not for profit.

The next step is to take the National Secretary's records and input them into the database so that the genealogy of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have been members of the Allied Orders throughout the years are available for open research. Anyone interested in participating in such a project is encouraged to contact the National Signals Officer at gknight@LititzPA.com.

IN THIS ISSUE:	
Opinions	2
General Orders	3 & 9
National Encampment	6 & 7
Department News	11 & 12
The GUIDON	9

National Chaplain Commends Fellows Asks "Roll Call"

By Chaplain, Captain George W. Pucciarelli, USN

First of all, let me introduce myself. I am George W. Pucciarelli. In real life I serve as "The Chaplain, United States Marine Corps." I work at USMC Headquarters, Washington D.C. where I have three hundred chaplains and the same number of enlisted personnel who faithfully serve around the world in various conditions and capacities. These chaplains and enlisted people serve the men and women in uniform and by their endless sacrifices and endurance are held commendatory. Whether on land, at sea or deployed to a troubled spot, chaplains conduct meaningful and timely ministry.

In the same way, those who serve within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War conduct the same unique commendatory ministry. Their position is to help people in a special way. Worship services connect people to God. Devotions, Memorial Services and Ministry of "presence" assist people to displace fearful uncertainties. New life in baptism, the bliss of a wedding day or the grief expressed at funerals are all part of life's special moments where chaplains and ministry play an important role. Chaplains remind people of that "better place" if only they can remain confident and faithful servants. Chaplains give hope...they energize people...they build community!

I commend chaplains who serve in the capacity of "Chaplain!" It is certainly a noble and fitting profession. I pray their endeavors within the SUVCW be ones befitting their position!

I concur that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is an impressive organization. I served previously with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (of which I am one...served in two conflicts) and Disabled American Veterans in the capacity of "Chaplain." I am equally impressed with the endeavors of the SUVCW I can easily say I am honored to work on its behalf. In my mind, no one can ever forget what has been done on the battlefield. The memories of men and women who willingly offered up their most precious gift...their lives...can never be forgotten! The SUVCW is a realistic commitment. It is a strong active involvement...as well as a reminder to emulate those courageous heroes and heroines of our past...to remember and honor those daring AMERICANS who fought and died during the Civil War!

In the Area of Assistance, I must ask all chaplains to send me, in a timely fashion, all pertinent information pertaining to the passing of our loyal and faithful members. If feasible, enclose the addresses of the families so I may write extending the condolences of the National Organization. This effort may also keep my necrology accurate.

Also, all chaplains please send me your name and unit you presently serve...again for record purposes. A Chaplain's "Roll Call" would be of great benefit! We have many a fine chaplain serving the flock whom I have not met...but would like to. It would be nice to know a little bit about your ministry and fine work performed. Continue to serve with pride! God Bless!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As we are commemorating the Centennial of the Spanish American War, I wish to prepare brief, c. 500 words, biographies of Civil War Veterans who served in the Spanish American War in which I will highlight their service in each war.

I have prepared one which I will submit for the newsletter of my camp, William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp 65, Department of Missouri. I would be glad to share this with any other camps or departments which may want to include them in their newsletters. I have completed the article on Adm. George Dewey and am about to start one on William McKinley.

Please let me know if I should contact anyone else to extend this offer. Thank you for your service to the brotherhood.

Yours in F, C & L

Jim Gallen

Asst. National Counselor

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed *The Banner* very much. Please note and correct the spelling of Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. (Do not use Women's as it isn't correct, nor is it the official title).

Jacqueline D. Wright, President

B. F. Stephenson Corps No. 17

WRC, Auxiliary to the G.A.R.

Springfield, Ill

[Editors Note: You have both boosted and deflated our morale. Glad that you enjoy our efforts yet embarrassed that you had to tell us the correct spelling of one of the Allied Orders. Our apologies for our errors. Thank you. Editor]

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on the photograph and caption of the Color Guard of Pfeiffer Camp 60, New Oxford, PA on page eight of the January 1998 edition of *The Banner*. As a member of Centennial Camp 100, Colorado/Wyoming Department of the SUVCW, SVR, a living historian and an active Civil War reenactor I find the "modern design uniform with a Civil War touch" ludicrous.

It is more than unfortunate that groups such as this are formed and featured in a publication by the SUVCW. I feel it is wrong to show such a group to the public as representatives of the SUVCW when they resemble in no way the ancestors we honor. Again I am certain the brothers in New Oxford had good intentions but were not well directed in their efforts.

David R. Swearingen

Colorado Springs, Colo.

[Editors Note: As I have heard General Medert explain many times, the SVR is not a reenactment organization-it is a ceremonial organization. Further, the SVR is not the SUVCW. The great majority of SUVCW members do not belong to the SVR. We are a modern civilian service organization with a mission to "keep green" the memory of the boys of the G.A.R. Some choose to meet the mission by reenacting, others by building data bases, others by saving monuments and still others by providing their small town with a color guard. There is no intention among the brothers of Pfeiffer Camp 60 to imitate a Civil War soldier, only to provide a contingent of citizens who render proper honors to our flag, our nation and its emblems. No one is putting down reenacting or reenactors but reenactors must understand that the SUVCW mission can be accomplished without reference to the General Regulations of the Army. Editor]

Trust: The Secret of True Brotherhood

Recently, a camp secretary wrote to his commander complaining about the department and its lack of response to the needs of the camp. He concluded by suggesting that even if everything was done well and on time the department would probably add roadblocks which they inform him of after the fact.

The camp is not active in the Department Encampment and is generally unresponsive to requests for information or offers of help. It's a good camp, doing the mission of the Order at the community level and that is outstanding.

But to effectively meet the total missions of the Order-to do what our ancestors of the Grand Army of the Republic charged us to do, we need an active department and a strong National Organization. What appears missing from comments like those above is TRUST. That trust can only be built if the people become more than just duty titles. The camp secretary needs to become "Bob" to the department officers; the department patriotic instructor needs to become "Fred".

A number of tools exist to develop that trust but it takes some work and may sometimes force you to re-think your position on some things. An underlying problem with the continuing lack of communication is the interpretation and application of regulations. It is extremely picky of the national or department counselor to say that your by-laws are not in compliance-after all, they work well for you. The problem is, that as we encroach deeper and deeper into the legal arena to redress grievances against the callous disregard of the sacrifices of the men of the G.A.R., we are increasingly being asked to prove that we have a set of rules and that we have followed our own rules. Courts just love to stick it to organizations that complain about the actions of others while not abiding by their own rules.

So if the "roadblocks" appear "after the fact" then there is generally a very good reason and the person raising the roadblock is probably not too happy about it either.

A department commander faces the same problems that a camp commander faces plus all of the problems of each of the camps in his department. The commander in chief is responsible for everything that goes on-even if he is not fully aware of the events. Department and national staff officers and committee members are all doing the best they can. They are no different than our camp secretary above-and in many cases also serve in important positions in their local camp.

The best solution to this impersonalization of department and national officers is for each camp to send its entire authorized delegation to the Department Encampment and see both how the department functions but what the department officers are doing. Similarly, each department needs to send a complete caucus of delegates to the National Encampment. Organizationally, we are a representative democracy and, as in our national democracy, those who don't vote have no right to complain-yet they are usually the ones shouting the loudest.

Obituaries



Richard I. Cuyler

Past New York Department Commander **Richard I. Cuyler** passed away Jan. 12 from the effects of cancer. He was 76 years of age. Dick was a 42-year member of D. G. Caywood Camp 146, Ovid, N.Y. and served as New York department commander in 1963. He started the 148th New York Volunteers, Sons of Veterans Reserve, in 1962 and served the SVR in many capacities including commander of the 2nd Military District.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served on a B-24 as a gunner in the European Theater of Operations. He was also a member of the VFW and held many positions including County Council Commander.

A sister, Elizabeth Johnson of Port Charlotte, Fla, survives him.

Ernest Thompson

Brother **Ernest Thompson**, charter member of Wm. Colvill III Camp 56 in Minnesota Department of Wisconsin passed away on December 4 at age 94.

Ellis Goe Jr.

Brother **Ellis Goe Jr.**, member of Hancock Camp #2, Department of Florida Ft. Myers, Fla. died April 4.

Mary Estridge

Past Department President **Mary Estridge** of Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary 3, Washington, D.C. died March 11 at the age of 88 years. She was the first president of Auxiliary 3 which was instituted in 1980 and served as President of the Department of Maryland in 1988. Sister Estridge brought to us her vast knowledge and experience gained from many years of active leadership in several other hereditary societies and leaves her husband, Past Department Commander Willard Estridge, who survives her.

BANNER

The *Banner* is published quarterly by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Corporation.

Editorial Offices are located at 233 Conway Dr., Liütz, PA 17543-8689.

All material contained herein is the intellectual property of the SUVCW. All illustrations are either proprietary in the case of emblems or photographs, or are in the public domain. Reproduction by mechanical or electronic means of the contents is prohibited without prior permission.

Send all changes of address and mailing inquiries to Bro. Richard Williams, National Membership List Coordinator, 1917 Teel Avenue Lansing, MI 48910.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7
SERIES 1997-1998

National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1. On behalf of the National Organization, the National Officers and myself may each Department have a productive and harmonious encampment. As you deliberate the issues before you remember why we exist and always conduct your affairs with an eye towards fraternalism. We have been experiencing an epidemic of petty bickering, improper use and abuse of the disciplinary process, and abuse of authority by a very small group of Department officers. When the Department officers cannot resolve differences among themselves, how can they expect the Brothers to follow them or heed their directions. The continued abuse of authority and out right warfare in one department will not be tolerated. We have made too much progress as an Order and have too many positive actions being taken by the vast majority of the Brothers to allow the bickering and egos of a few to hinder continued progress.

2. Every camp is encouraged to send your total compliment of delegates to your Department Encampment. The SUVCW functions through a representative form of government. When you do not participate, you are allowing others to decide the future direction of your Department. Every camp which is in good standing (all fees, per capita tax, and reports filed) is entitled to send a delegation composed of the Camp Commander, all Past Camp Commanders, one delegate plus one delegate for every ten members or major fraction (six or more) thereof.

3. Every department is encouraged to send its full compliment of delegates to the National Encampment. The National Encampment is the supreme authority of the Order. Any action by a National Encampment can only be changed by another National Encampment. This is the body which determines the direction we will follow for the coming year. Elsewhere you will find information on some of the topics to be discussed at this years encampment. If any Department does not know the number of delegates to which they are entitled, please contact the National Secretary.

4. The 118th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania August 5-9, 1998. The tentative agenda and preregistration forms are elsewhere in this issue of the Banner. The host committee is hard at work and has planned a tremendous program. Bring your family. World renowned Hershey Park is a short distance away. If you buy your admission tickets at the hotel they will provide free shuttle service to and from the park.

5. All appointed officers and committee chairmen are reminded that their next quarterly reports are due to the Chief-of-Staff by May 15, 1998. All elected officers are reminded that their next quarterly report is due to this office by May 15, 1998. All officers and committee chairmen are advised that their respective reports to the National Encampment should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes unless prior arrangements have been made with this office. When possible, all reports should be submitted to the National Secretary on a 3 1/2 inch IBM compatible computer disc. The documents should be in Word Perfect 6.1 or less, MS Word 5.0 or less or an ASCII text file. Additionally, two copies of all committee reports must be presented in typed form and three copies of all officers reports must be presented in typed form. All reports should be sent to the National Secretary prior to July 25, 1998.

6. Pursuant to action of the Council of Administration, the service area of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming is hereby expanded to include the State of Utah and the State of Montana retroactive to March 1997

7. The service area of the Department of Wisconsin is hereby expanded to include the State of Minnesota effective January 1, 1998.

8. The following Brothers have been appointed National Aides for recruiting five (5) or more new members: David Hann, Frank B. Harned and Allan W. Howey

9. The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star was presented to Brother James Lyons of the Department of Michigan.

10. The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother Richard Williams of the Department of Michigan.

11. The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Brother David Bailey Sr. of the Department of Illinois.

12. Brothers are reminded to support the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund, the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, the Permanent Fund, and the National Headquarters Fund. Send all donations to the National Treasurer. Please be sure to indicate the fund to which you are donating. All contributions to the SUVCW are tax deductible (1941 IRS ruling).

13. Department Commanders, Department Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries are reminded that it is vital that you submit the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses where they exist of new officers to the National Secretary. Also, you need to submit your EIN number. We must verify these with the IRS annually. When applying for or amending an EIN you must inform the IRS that you are a subordinate unit of the National Organization SUVCW and provide the Group Exemption Number (GEN) 0429. This number references the IRS exemption ruling and is not valid for exemption from any state or local sales taxes etc. This is not an optional submittal. The Regulations require you to submit this information. Any Department or Camp which does not submit the required information (Form 22, Form 49, EIN, quarterly reports and the above information) is not in good standing and is not entitled to representation at the National or Department Encampment respectively.

14. On behalf of the National Organization our condolences are extended to the family of Brother Robert Delaney, Chairman Life Membership Investment Committee. Our sympathies are extended to all Brothers and Sisters who have lost a loved one, are ill, or suffering in any manner.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested by:
David Hann
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDER No. 8

1. The following Camp charters have been issued:

- Lt. Commander Edward Lea USN Camp 2, Dept. of the Southwest with rank from July 16, 1994
- William D. Allen Camp 96, Department of Iowa with rank from Aug. 10, 1996
- V. P. Trombly Camp 2, Department of Iowa with rank from Sept. 18, 1996
- William Covill Camp 56, Department of Wisconsin with rank from Dec. 1, 1996
- Henry Quigley Camp 147, Department of Michigan with rank from Dec. 8, 1996
- Col George W. LaPoint Camp 76, Department of Michigan with rank from Feb. 24, 1997
- Albert & James Lyon Camp 266, Department of Michigan with rank from March 22, 1997
- Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, Department of Florida with rank from March 24, 1997

- Archibald Stewart Camp 259, Department of Michigan with rank from April 20, 1997
- James D. Morgan Camp 70, Department of Michigan with rank from May 4, 1997
- James A. Wilson Camp 1, Department of Tennessee with rank from Aug. 17, 1997

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested by:
David Hann
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDER No. 9

1. During the course of investigating the situation with the G.A.R. Hall in Gettysburg, Penna., it has become painfully clear that certain members and former members of Gettysburg Camp 112 did act in a manner inconsistent with the well-being of Gettysburg Camp 112, Pennsylvania Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the members of Corporal Skelly Post 9, Pennsylvania Department, Grand Army of the Republic.

2. These certain individuals did negotiate the sale of the G.A.R. Hall to Historic Gettysburg-Adams County, Incorporated (HGAC) with full knowledge of their personal conflict of interest. That these individuals represented the SUVCW while at the same time serving HGAC as either a member of the HGAC Board of Directors or as a member of the HGAC Building Committee.

3. These individuals did fail to perform their fiduciary responsibility to Gettysburg Camp 112 in a manner which best served the interest of the Camp.

4. That two of these individuals did conspire to deprive the SUVCW and the G.A.R. of their rights as specified in the Deed of the property know as the Corporal Skelly Post 9 G.A.R. Hall and further they conspired to bring about the demise of Gettysburg Camp 112.

5. Based upon the foregoing information provided by members of Gettysburg Camp 112, contemporaneous notes of meetings taken by a member of Camp 112, examination of the records, actions of one of the individuals mentioned below, comments from one of those individuals, the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department Commander, the recommendation of an Assistant National Counselor, the recommendation of an independent legal scholar and pursuant to the authority invested in me by Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 the following actions are ordered:

A. Dr. Walter Powell, formerly Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Camp council of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged

B. Abner Rainbow, formerly a member of Camp 112, is hereby prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharge

C. Lavern Louey, formerly member of the Camp council of Camp 112 and currently a member of Camp 112, is hereby expelled from the Order and prohibited from ever again holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He shall be borne upon the rolls of this Order as having been dishonorably discharged

D. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, Brother Charles Kuhn, Jr. Vice Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania is hereby appointed Trial Commissioner to take written and/or verbal testimony relative to the above items and to ascertain if further action is required by this office.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested by:
David Hann
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDER No. 10

1. A request for a ruling having been made to this office relative to the validity of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 dated March 17, 1998 issued by Frank Tucker, Massachusetts Department Commander and attested by Edward W. Parks, PDC Department Secretary, the following ruling is hereby made and is effective immediately.

2. Item one (1.) Of said order suspends Charles Russell Lowell Camp 9 for failure "...to hold nomination, election and installation of said Camp as mandated by the C & R..." Additionally, item one (1) states that Commander Thomas Smith, Camp 9 failed to appoint a trial commissioner to hear charges filed against Brother Leslie Covey.

3. Chapter I. Camps, Article I, Charters, Section 7 states: "A Camp failing to pay per capita tax or neglecting to forward reports within the time specified by law may be suspended by the Department Commander." No other provision exists within the C & R permitting a Department Commander to suspend a camp. Camp charters are issued by the National Organization. Therefore without specific language adopted by the National Organization, no Department Commander has the authority to suspend a charter for any reason other than that quoted above. Pursuant to the provisions of the C & R, this authority resides solely with the Commander-in-Chief and the National Encampment.

4. Chapter V. General Regulations, Article VI Discipline, Section 1 states: "The Commander-in-Chief shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Departments of the Order and also against members and Camps when Camps or Departments fail or neglect to act upon any breach of discipline within their jurisdiction." If it was believed that Camp 9 failed to act in regard to the charges filed against Brother Covey, the established course of action is to refer the case to the Commander-in-Chief and not to suspend the Camp charter.

5. Therefore, because the actions specified in item one (1) of the Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations and in so issuing this Order, the Department Commander exceeded his authority as granted by the Constitution and Regulations, Item one (1) of the Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and vacated.

6. Item two (2) of said Massachusetts Order stripes Brother Leslie Covey of rank as a Past Department Commander and Past Camp Commander for a variety of reasons. The reasons stated for this action are charges of misconduct. The removal of past rank is a disciplinary action. No trial has been held according to Item one (1) of same Order. This is a summary discipline action by the Department Commander.

7. Chapter V. General Regulations, Article VI Discipline, Section 6 states: "The Commander-in-Chief may in extraordinary circumstances summarily discipline a member ..." No such authority is given to a Department Commander.

8. Therefore, item two (2) of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and vacated as no Department Commander has the authority to take such action.

9. Any action taken at the Massachusetts Department Council meeting on March 28, 1998 is null void and vacated as the premise for any action (item one [1] of said Order) is invalid.

10. Item five (5) of Massachusetts Department Order No. 6 Series 1998 is null, void and

Continued on page 9

Civil War Memorials

Preservation effort

The National Civil War Memorials Committee appreciates the reception that Form CWM 61 has been given and the thorough data that is being submitted, by volunteers in various departments across the country.

The SUVCW Civil War Memorials Project has two, complimentary purposes. The first, is to maintain a search for, and physical condition assessment of, ALL tributes to Union Civil War soldiers & sailors. For exclusions, please see C-In-C Orr's G.O.I., Par. 14 (*The Banner*, September '97). Periodic re-examinations for damage by weather and/or vandalism should be planned. The second purpose, is to promote the perpetual care of these tributes. Data evaluated from the forms will help prioritize which memorials should receive attention before others. Please refer back to the "Project SOS!" article on pages 1 & 2 of the April 1997 issue of *The Banner* for more background information on this effort.

With the approval & support from CinC Orr, our committee has recommended that each department form its own Civil War Memorials Committee. This team would have the responsibility of assigning mutually agreeable areas of geographic responsibility to the various camps in their department, for the search & physical examination of Civil War memorials. The concept may also be adopted by each camp so that a committee (or coordinator) at that level, can control the project & thus avoid duplication of effort. The department level committee would be responsible for the collection of the assessment forms and entry of the information in a computer database that is being developed. Departments are encouraged to consider publishing photos of the memorials, plus brief references. The Dept. of New York did this in 1992 and its sale proved to be an excellent fundraising effort for them. The document can also be shared with libraries & other historically minded groups, to advance the name of the Order. Departments could also have a brief "cyber-catalog" of memorials linked to their web page (ref. Iowa & Michigan examples).

In promoting the proper care of memorials, we can continue referring responsible parties to the folks at Project SOS! for fundraising ideas and to learn the value of hiring professional conservators. Since our last article, Jill Wiley, who spoke at the 116th National Encampment, has become their new contact person. Joining her, is Hilary Hoopes, who can advise anyone interested in applying for an SOS! grant (of up to \$1,000) for a professional conservator to determine what work actually needs to be done on a memorial, (that includes sculpture) & estimate the cost. They can both be reached at 800 422-4612.

The September 1997 issue of *The Banner* has a listing of our committee's members and addresses. Each member serves as a project liaison with his own, and neighboring departments. In alphabetical order & affiliated departments: Armstrong — Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin; Bauer — Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee; Martin — Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania; Peterson — Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont; Speaks — California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Kansas, Southwest. All of us are eager to help & advise.

When a memorial's restoration is complete, we should all maximize the media coverage of the fact — whether there is a formal rededication ceremony or not. These accomplishments are a big part of what we're all about. They present yet another opportunity to put the name of the Order in the public eye and gain community good will. We can thus offer an example to be proud of and thereby attract new members and associates. Please continue to submit your accomplishments for publication in *The Banner*, too.

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: rawsuvcw@aol.com or complete the form at <http://suvcw.org/address.htm>

NAME _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

NEW CITY _____

NEW STATE _____ NEW ZIP _____

OLD ZIP CODE _____

This change is: permanent temporary

Remember '49?

Were you at the 1949 National Encampment when the Grand Army of the Republic turned its colors over to the Smithsonian Institution? Do you remember the Comrades that were there—Theodore Penland, Albert Woolson and the others? Do you have recollections of any of the Comrades on Memorial Day, or at other encampments?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, the committee for the 1999 National Encampment in Indianapolis would like to hear from you.

As part of the 50th Anniversary observance of the "Last Encampment of the G.A.R." they would like those who had the privilege to know the members of the G.A.R. to share those memories with the world.

Take a few moments to write down what you remember best about these Grand Old Men who once were the Boys in Blue. It could be about your grandfather or the last veteran from your local G.A.R. post or a memory from that last encampment. Sent it to: 1999 Memorial Committee, 2339 Harmon Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

These memories will be compiled into a booklet so as to preserve them for future generations and especially the brothers and sisters of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. The booklets will be available at the National Encampments in Indianapolis.

Printing Schedule

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

Summary of the March Council of Administration Meeting

The following items were approved by the Council of Administration Meeting on March 7 in Sharon, Penna. The following departments and camps were granted an extension to use the logo. This will expire on June 30, 2000.

- Department of Wisconsin for Road signs.
- Department of Michigan for jacket pocket insignia and embroidered Coat of Arms.
- Ben Harrison Camp 356, Department of Indiana name tags.
- U.S. Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri for various apparel.
- Department of Indiana for various items including new stickers. This will expire December 31, 1999.
- Department of Indiana approval for a special medal for the 1999 Encampment commemorating the 50th anniversary of the last Encampment of the G.A.R.

New approval was given to the following:

- Garfield Camp 1, Department of Maryland for the Coat of Arms for personal metal nameplates. This will expire June 30, 2000.
- Dennison Camp 1, Department of Ohio for various wearing apparel. Permission was granted pending review of items. This will expire June 30, 2000.

The Council unanimously endorsed the following Bills in congress. (For a full description see January issue of the banner)

- H.R. 157 Request the President to award the Medal of Honor posthumously to BG Strong Vincent
- H.C.R. 147 The issue of a commemorative stamp honoring General Lawrence Chamberlain.
- H.R. 2153 Commemorative coins honoring African-American Civil War Veterans
- H.R. 2346 Prohibit desecration of Veteran Memorials.
- H. R. 1602 Restore Veteran's allowance for non-government headstones.

Approved the expenditure of \$3,240, for purchase of 10 Son's swords. The swords can only be order in 10 sword lots. The Ames Sword Company, the same company that made the originals, will make these swords. The company will be using the original molds. These swords will be for sale to the members.

Department information packets were previewed. These packets will be mailed to all Department Commanders.

Letter of appreciation to Dean Speaks for all of his hard work on the Membership -at -Large.

The Council was brought up to date on negotiations with Historic Gettysburg - Adams County.

The Council is looking into the possibility of placing a monument honoring Union Infantry at Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field. (See letters January issue of *The Banner*)

Approved a Provisional Charter. This Charter will be issued to the Provisional Camp at no charge. The Camp will still have to pay the \$25 Charter application fee and will received the full charter when it reaches 15 members or 3 years existence.



LINCOLN DAY—Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr is flanked by (left) Barbara Tyler, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and National President Jacquelyn W. Johnston of the Auxiliary during the Lincoln Day activities in Washington, D.C. The national leaders are supported by members of the Lancaster Fencibles of Ruhl Camp 33, Dept. of Penna., York, Penna. They are (left to right) Carl Hulshart, Rance Hulshart, Charles Kelly, Tyler, Orr, Tom Hambleton, Tristin Seiple, Johnston, Steve Hambleton and Larry Seiple.

National Organization

Policy on the use of Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols

1) No person, business, organization, government agency or other entity may use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, except as provided in the Articles of Incorporation Section 17, without the express written consent of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2) No person, business, organization, government agency or other entity may manufacture, duplicate, or replicate any badge, emblem or seal, including but not limited to the 1881 membership badge, the 1893 membership badge, the 1907 membership badge, the 1922 membership badge, the current membership badge, associate badge, Camp Commander badge, Past Camp Commander badge, Department Commander badge, Past Department Commander badge, Commander-in-Chief badge, Past Commander-in-Chief badge, 50 year member badge, War Medal, miniature badges, the various ribbons attached thereto, the coat-of-arms, seal, or any other badges or medals previously adopted and used or which may be adopted and used in the future or otherwise perform any action which results in the manufacture, duplication, or replication of said items without the express written consent of the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

3) Departments and camps may photographically or through any generally available means reproduce images of the badges, emblems, and seals for the production of department or camp flags, letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, business cards and other material necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Organization nor to embroidering or of any badge, emblem, or seal or the production of decals or other similar devices.

4) Current National, department and camp officers and those entitled to "Past" honors of office may photographically or through any generally available means reproduce images of the badges, emblems, and seals for the production of letterhead, envelopes, business cards and other material necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals, literature, or other items supplied by the National Organization nor to embroidering of any badge, emblem, or seal or the production of decals or other similar devices.

5) Departments, camps, current officers and former officers may not authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or reproduce, manufacture, or otherwise duplicate or replicate any badge, emblem, or seal of the Order except as specified in items 3 and 4 above except that the National

Treasurer and National Quartermaster may cause such items to be produced for the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the performance of the duties of their respective offices.

6) The Sons of Veterans Reserve is hereby authorized to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the conduct of all their business related to that Organization until notified in writing to the contrary. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expressly withholds authorization from the Sons of Veterans Reserve to authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or any of its badges, emblems, or seal. In the event that the Sons of Veterans Reserve should cease to exist as it is now constituted, the above authorization shall not accrue to any successor organization.

7) The National Organization Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. and its subordinate units are hereby authorized to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the conduct of all business related to that Organization until notified in writing to the contrary. The National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expressly withholds authorization from the National Organization Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. and its subordinate units to authorize any non-subordinate entity to use the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or any of its badges, emblems, or seal. In the event that the National Organization Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or a subordinate organization should cease to exist as it is now constituted, the above authorization shall not accrue to any successor organization or subordinate organization.

8) The Commander-in-Chief after consultation with the Council of Administration or after an affirmative vote of the Commandery-in-Chief may authorize the use or reproduction of the badges, emblems, seals, or coat-of-arms or other symbols of our Order.

Approved March 1994

The Order of the Gopher

The Ancient Order of the Gopher is known to have been an organization within the SUVCW. As part of an effort to compile the history of the SUVCW, we are seeking any information on the AOG which members may have. This includes items such as purpose, requirements for membership, dates when it existed, member rosters and any other pertinent information. Please send this information to Richard Orr, 153 Connie Dr. Pittsburgh PA 15214

\$1,000 SOS! grants aid Assessments

Unsure of the best way to proceed with a Civil War Sculpture that needs care? Hiring a professional conservator to conduct a condition assessment will provide you with a report of what needs to be done and a cost estimate. This information gives you a target for fundraising, and the professional's report itself, helps present a better case to potential donors.

Save Outdoor Sculpture! has announced that it will offer fifty-one "SOS! 2000 Assessment Awards" between March 1 and November 1, 1998. Each Award will provide up to \$1,000 to hire a professional conservator for a condition assessment. Maintenance Training Awards and Achievement Awards are also available. For an application and/or more details, telephone Ms. Hilary Hoopes at 800 422-4612.

SOS! is a joint project of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Art, and Heritage Preservation [formerly known as the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property (NIC)].



Support SUVCW mission forever!

By including the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in your will, you can ensure that future generations of Sons will have the financial resources to "keep green the memory of the Union veterans of that great war". Donors can stipulate how their gift is to be used and an "endowment" gift will go into a fund where the principal amount is never touched but the income from that money may be used to benefit the Order. See your lawyer and ask him or her to amend your will to include something similar to:

"I give and bequeath the sum of (an amount you are willing to donate) (or a percentage of the residue of your estate) to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a congressionally chartered corporation with offices in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of fulfilling its missions (or, to be held in trust as an endowment)."

If your lawyer has questions, they should be directed to National Counselor, The Honorable Jim Pahl, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519 (email jbpahl@aol.com).

You can designate a fixed amount of money (say \$5,000) or you can designate a percentage of the residue of your estate (like 5%) to go to the SUVCW. When you make that change to your will it would be helpful if you would send a copy to the National Secretary as suitable recognition of such dedicated members and friends is being considered.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a federally chartered corporation under Title 36, Chapter 24 of the U.S. Code and maintains an office of record in Washington, D.C.

—Classified—

I am trying to locate those members of the SUVCW who are descendants of veterans who served in the 119th Pennsylvania Infantry (Grays Reserves). The Union veteran on whose service I joined the SUVCW, Richard Barker SITHENS (my great-great grandfather) served in that regiment. What I hope to do is locate a group of descendants of veterans of the 119th and organize a campaign to restore the monument to the 119th Pennsylvania Infantry at Gettysburg.

Michael Willis Freeland

Anna M. Ross Camp 1, Dept of Penna
410 Penn Road, Wynnewood, PA 19096-1811
freelanm@erols.com

Seeking info on Charles Dudley Person, Co. G. 23d Iowa Volunteer Infantry, later a member of I. B. Sexton Post 425, Carlisle, Iowa.

Dennis P. Renken

Albert & James Lyon Camp 266, Dept of Mich
1900 24th Ave So.
Escanaba, MI 49829-1939

National Signals Officer seeking person to accept a long-term project to record the genealogical records of prior members into the Internet database. Info will be taken from the records of the National Secretary. This challenging data input project will make the genealogy of our past members easily available to the entire Internet community. For questions or to volunteer, email the NSO at gknight@LititzPA.com.

National Signals Officer seeking computer literate individual with email and Internet capability to serve as moderator of the SUVCW Family Tree Maker data site. Person would review entries, evaluate data, correspond via email with posters of information, determine eligibility and coordinate the removal of inaccurate or inappropriate information with Brøderbund web site personnel. Will train. Email the NSO at gknight@LititzPA.com.

Commander in Chief seeking member with experience in Fund Development for advice and assistance on planned giving and bequest programs. May lead to national office. Please send brief resume to the Commander in Chief at suvcworr@aol.com. Experience required.

National Secretary seeking individual with calligraphy skills to prepare charters and special awards. Contact National Secretary at ColEllet@erols.com.

Classified ads will be accepted for publication in The Banner by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They must be submitted in the above form and preferably sent as an attachment to an email message or a disk to the editorial office. The email address is ads@suvcw.org. All ads are subject to editing and may be dropped, without notice, to resolve space limitations.

From the National Secretary

by David K. Hann
National Secretary

In the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, hello from the cluttered desk of the National Secretary. Before I start my normal complaining I would like to thank all of the department, and camp secretaries who have sent me the information I so desperately needed. It is making my job a lot easier. While we are months away from the National Encampment I need to pass along important information to you now. Please pay close attention to the following:

1. Per Capita Tax: Yes I know I am always complaining about this but you must be aware of Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 3, of the Constitution and Regulations, "A Department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in National Encampment meetings". Brothers this could impact your Department at National. Please make sure that your per capita tax is current!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

2. Awards: We have a number of revolving award plaques and the Grant trophy out in various departments. Please make sure that I get these back by July 10, so I can have them engraved and ready for National.

3. Recruiting: Last encampment there was some confusion about the recruiting awards. Please get that information to me by July 10. I need the top recruiters in your Departments.

4. NATF-80 Forms: I would like to thank Past Commander-in-Chief, and current Web Master Keith Harrison for the announcement about the NATF-80 forms on the web. I have a supply of these forms and if you need any please let me know. Please send me a self addressed stamp envelope. Unfortunately I can only send one per envelope.

Brothers I am working on new camp and department packets that I hope will make our jobs easier. As always if you have any questions, comments, want to yell at me, whatever, please feel free to contact me. My address is 440 Clark Drive, Hammonton, NJ 08037, Phone is (609) 567-7527, E mail Colellet@Erols.Com.

National Encampment August 6-9, 1998; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Encampment Events

Sign up and Advancement Payment required for some events

Thursday, August 6, 1998—6 p.m.—Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief Dinner in the Harrisburg East Room. \$20 per person. *Contact: Margaret Atkinson, PNP 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719.*

Friday, August 7-8, 1998—8 p.m.—Joint Campfire. The guest speaker is Dr. John Latschar, superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park. The entertainment is provided courtesy of J.P. Brindel Camp 50, Carlisle. Advance registration not required.

Saturday, August 8, 1998—7 a.m.—SVR Breakfast in the Courtyard. (SVR members only) \$10 per person. *Contact: Kenneth Herschberger, PDC 17-C Queentree Court, Baltimore, MD 22152-1424.*

Saturday, August 8, 1998—11:45 a.m.—Pennsylvania Luncheon in the Courtyard. *Menus distributed on Friday and must be turned in by 3 p.m. (Dutch Treat)*

Saturday, August 8, 1998—6:30 p.m.—Allied Orders Banquet See coupon on page 7.

Sunday, August 9, 1998—10 a.m.—The National Encampment Committee will be offering a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. We will be leaving for the tour immediately after the Memorial Service. The tour will include round trip transportation and a Licensed Battlefield Guide. It will spend around four hours at Gettysburg and will stop at the National Visitor's Center, Cyclorama and National Cemetery. The fee will be \$15 and advance reservations and payment are required. *Contact: Charles Kuhn, PCC, 464 Lake Meade Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316.*

Department Commanders

Department Commanders are reminded that the Commander in Chief has asked each department commander to arrange for his department flag to be at the National Encampment. The "Massed Flags" will be the backdrop for the Allied Orders Banquet. Please, no camp flags.

300 Encampment Medals to be Struck

In accordance with the resolution of the 116th Encampment, an encampment medal is being designed and will be given to each registered participant as a souvenir. As only 300 numbered medals will be struck this will quickly become a collectors item.

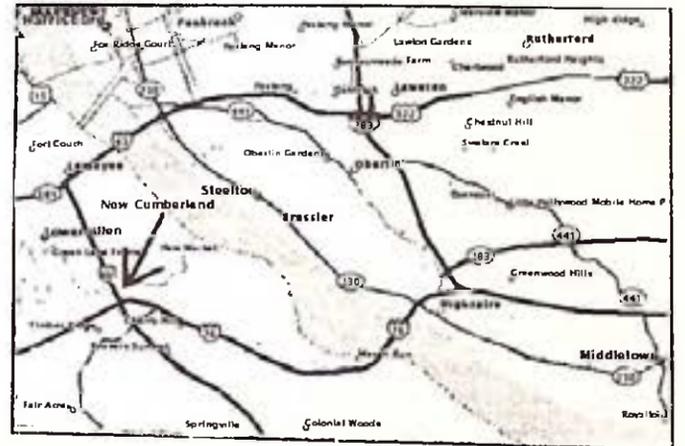
117TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT Registration

The 117th National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Penna. from Aug. 6 through 9. 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* and send the completed form with a check made out to: National Organization, SUVCW to George L. Powell, PDC, 6114 Gillespie Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135.

Harrisburg Area Map/Hotel Location

Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center
I-83 & PA Turnpike (exit 18), New Cumberland.
Free transfer service from Harrisburg International Airport.



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: George L. Powell, PDC, 6114 Gillespie Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135.

Tentative Schedules, Correct schedules will be printed in the Encampment booklet which will be given to all participants

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Thursday, August 6, 1998

1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration (Lobby)
 6:00 p.m. Past National Presidents & C in C Dinner (Harrisburg Room)
 6:00 p.m. CommTech Committee Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Council of Administration Meeting (Presidential Suite Room 110)

Friday, August 7, 1998

9:30 a.m. Joint Opening (York Room)
 9:30 a.m. Business Sessions (York & Dauphin Rooms)
 12:00 noon MOLLUS Lunch (Restaurant)
 1:00 p.m. Business Sessions (York & Dauphin Rooms)
 4:30 p.m. Department Commanders' Dinner (Fairview Room)
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment (Ball Room)
 8:00 p.m. Campfire (Ball Room)
 9:00 p.m. Courtesy Hour (Ball Room)

Saturday, August 8, 1998

7:00 a.m. SVR Breakfast (Courtyard)
 11:45 a.m. Pennsylvania Luncheon (Courtyard)
 1:00 p.m. Business Sessions (York & Dauphin Rooms)
 6:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet (Ball Room)
 9:00 p.m. Open House (Susquehanna Room)

Sunday, August 9, 1997

9:00 a.m. Memorial Services (York & Daluphin Rooms)
 10:30 a.m. Business Session (if necessary)
 10:30 a.m. Council of Administration Presidential (Suite Room 110)

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Thursday, August 6, 1998

3:00 p.m. . Budget Committee Meeting (Headquarters)
 3:00 p.m. ... Council of Administration (Headquarters)
 7:00 p.m. ... Advisory Council Meeting (Headquarters)

Friday, August 7, 1998

9:30 a.m. Registration
 9:00 a.m. Opening & Exemplification of Ritual
 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
 1:20 p.m. Friendship Luncheon
 1:30 p.m. Business Meeting
 5:30 p.m. ... Past National Presidents' Dinner Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment
 8:00 p.m. Campfire Program
 9:00 p.m. Fun Night

Saturday, August 8, 1998

7:00 a.m. Betsy Ross & Pioneer Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
 12:00 noon Recess for Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Greetings
 1:30 p.m. Patriotic Instructor's Program
 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting/Adjournment
 4:00 p.m. Installation of Officers
 6:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet
 9:00 p.m. National President's Open House

Sunday, August 9, 1997

9:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Service
 10:30 a.m. Advisory Council Meeting

Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Thursday, August 6, 1998

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Registration (Lobby)
 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting (Headquarters)
 1:00 p.m. Rehearsal Ritualistic Work
 2:00 p.m. Rehearsal Joint Opening
 3:00 p.m. Exemplification of Ritual
 4:30 p.m. Recess
 6:00 p.m. Banquet, Past National Presidents and Past Commanders in Chief (Harrisburg)
 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration (Lobby)

Friday, August 7, 1998

7:00 a.m. Department & National President's Breakfast at Headquarters
 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration (Cumberland)
 8:30 a.m. Joint Opening (York)
 9:00 a.m. Business Session
 11:30 a.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Business Session
 Nomination and Election of Officers
 3:00 p.m. Patriotic Instructor's Presentation
 4:30 p.m. Recess
 7:00 p.m. Entertainment (Ballroom)
 8:00 p.m. Campfire (Ballroom)
 9:00 p.m. Courtesy Hour (Ballroom)

Saturday, August 8, 1998

8:00 a.m. Registration
 9:00 a.m. Business Session
 11:30 a.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Business Session
 Receive and Send Greetings Committees
 Financial Reports
 3:00 p.m. Installation of Officers
 4:00 p.m. Recess
 6:30 p.m. Allied Orders Banquet (Ballroom)
 6:30 p.m. Joint Open House (Susquehanna)

Sunday, August 9, 1997

8:00 a.m. Rehearsal Memorial Service
 9:00 a.m. Joint Memorial Service (York/Dauphin)
 10:30 a.m. ... Old & New Council Meeting (Headquarters)

For additional information and updates visit the SUVCW website at:
<http://suvchw.org/encamp.htm>

The 1998 National Encampment will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on August 6 through the 9 at the Holiday Inn on 183 situated in New Cumberland at exit 18 of the Penna. Turnpike.

Room rates will be \$65 (1-4 in a room). Telephone number (717) 774-2721. When making reservations, state you are with the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Cut-off date for reservations at the group rate will be July 5.

Plan to arrive early or stay an extra day or two after the Encampment and enjoy the sites of Central Pennsylvania. Within an hour's drive is the Gettysburg National Military Park, Hershey Park and the Hershey Chocolate Factory and the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Discount tickets and transportation to Hershey Park are available at the hotel.

We would appreciate your support of the Encampment by the purchase of an ad in the program book.

Express your pride in your Civil War ancestor, thank your department of camp officers, congratulate the Commander in Chief and the National Presidents or just send greetings to your fellow members of the Allied Orders.

The program book will be 6" x 9". Send camera-ready copy or simply write down the information and it will be set in type for you at no additional charge. A full page is only \$30; a half page, \$20; while a quarter page is \$10 and an eighth of a page is \$7. Send copy and payment before July 1 to:

Joseph Long Jr., PDC
 505 Marcy St.
 Duryea, PA 18642

Company & business ads are also solicited at the same rates.

Allied Orders Banquet

Stuffed Chicken Breast

OR

Sliced Top Round of Beef Bordelaise

Soup of the Day Garden Salad
 Potato and Vegetable Assorted Pies
 Choice of Beverage

Cost: \$23.00 per person

Children Only Menu:

Chicken Nuggets French Fries
 Applesauce Dessert
 Choice of Beverage

Cost: \$11.00 per child

Banquet Reservation Form

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Reserve ___ Stuffed Chicken Breast meals @ \$23.00 each
 Reserve ___ Top Round of Beef meals @ \$23.00 each
 Reserve ___ Childrens Chicken Nugget meals @ \$11.00 each
 Total # ___ of persons attending the Allied Orders Banquet

Make check payable and mail to:
 Joseph Long, Jr. PDC, 505 Marcy Street, Duryea, PA 18642

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 spring-time; 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

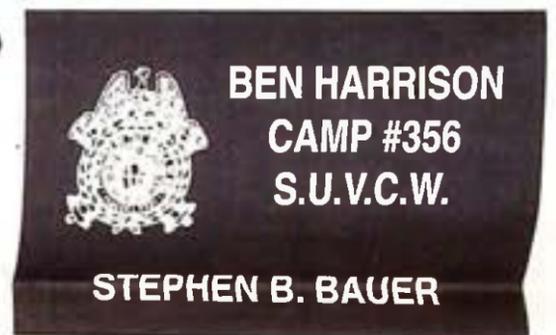
N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant-General



MASTER STONESETTER—Past Department Commander Charles E. Sharrock has received an award from Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colo. for setting more than 300 headstones of Civil War Veterans, some of which are shown in the background. Some of the headstones are on graves of veterans who never had markers, including some Confederate veterans. In addition he has set 10 headstones at Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs, Colo.



Name Tags



Harrison Camp 356 Indianapolis, Announces the availability again of name tags for all S.U.V.C.W. 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:
Stephen B. Bauer • 2412 North Saturn Drive • Indianapolis, IN 46229-1152

Highway Signs offered by Dept. of Wisconsin

The new S.U.V.C.W. Highway Signs were made available for the first time at the recent National Encampment in Utica, N. Y. The signs, patterned after the Sons' window decal, are being sold as a Wisconsin Department fund raiser.

Each sign measures 18x24 inches and is enameled in blue, gold and black on a white aluminum panel with an ultraviolet protective coating. The signs are suitable for posting at entrances to communities and meeting places and includes a space for a phone number, contact or meeting time. They are priced at \$30 each, four or more at \$25 each, and may be ordered by contacting Department Secretary Ron Aronis at (414) 284-3654 or RMA S.U.V.C.W. @ aol.com.

Kent Armstrong, commander of George W. Anderson Camp 58 purchased the first four signs for his camp in DeWitt, Mich.

According to Aronis, the sign makes an excellent love token for Auxiliaries to present to their camps.



Gen. Thomas Camp 19
Meets third Wednesday
Lancaster Co. Historical Soc.

NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Color: Camp Department National

NAME OF MEMBER (FIRST/MIDDLE/LAST) _____

CAMP NAME _____

CAMP NUMBER _____

NAME _____

DEPARTMENT NAME _____

OFFICE NAME (IE: DEPARTMENT COMMANDER) _____

FIELD OFFICE YEARS (IE: 1995-1996) _____

Make checks or money orders payable to: Ben Harrison Camp, S.U.V.C.W.
See our Web page at <http://suvchw.org> under Department of Indiana.

SVR Commanding General's Field Report

Brig Gen. David V Medert,
Commanding General

I had the honor of attending the Department of Michigan's Mid-winter meeting on February 7, 1998 to discuss SVR matters with the Department and the 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry SVR. Col. David R. Medert, Chief of Staff and Major Robert Grim, 3rd Military District Commander accompanied me. We were all impressed with the many projects and the enthusiasm the SUVCW and the SVR in Michigan are involved with in preserving the memory of our ancestors. While we were there, we presented Brother Richard Williams a Commanding Officer, SVR Letter of Commendation for his efforts in preventing a thief from stealing a woman's pocketbook. Brother Williams received several wounds for his efforts.

With Memorial Day rapidly approaching, I encourage all SVR units to render honors on behalf of our ancestors. In today's world, many citizens have forgotten what Memorial Day is and how it was founded. In some minds it is a three day weekend from work. It is our duty to educate everyone on the significance of Memorial Day.

Just around the corner from Memorial Day is the annual National Encampment in Harrisburg, Penna. The SVR serves as the Ceremonial Honor Guard for the Allied Orders Campfire on Friday evening. Let's see a good turnout for this event.

The 1999 National Encampment will be held in Indianapolis, Ind. This will be the 50th anniversary of the last G.A.R. Encampment. Plans are being made to celebrate this anniversary. The SVR will be playing a major role in this historical event. I am looking for volunteers to help plan activities for the Encampment. Some ideas being discussed are: a parade open to all Civil War enthusiasts (much like Remembrance Day), a military ball on Saturday evening, a Campfire program much like the G.A.R.'s, etc. If you have ideas or if you or your unit want to help, please

contact me. Although it is a year away, we must have plans in place very soon in order for it to be successful. We especially need help in the Indianapolis area.

All District PIOs are reminded to submit articles for *The Banner* to Captain Glen Zook. Articles are to be submitted in time for him to prepare them and forward them to the editor of *The Banner*. Should you have questions on what to submit and time lines, please contact him.

We recently combined two Military Districts. The 5th and

6th Military Districts have been temporarily combined into the 5th Military in order to form one district. Each district has only one or two units forming a district with administrative and operational control under the Deputy Commander, SVR. As a result of the realignment, the 5th Military District now has enough units to merit a Commander, with staff, and transfer command from the Deputy Commander to the district. This realignment will remain in effect until enough units in the respective districts warrant return to the original structure.

SVR GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER 1998-01

1. Effective 7 March 1998, the 5th and 6th Military Districts have been temporarily combined into one district which will be the 5th Military District.
2. Effective 7 March 1998, all units previously assigned to the 6th Military District are transferred to the 5th Military District.
3. This realignment will remain in effect until such time as there are enough units in each Military District to justify two separate districts.
4. Until a Military District Commander is appointed, Col. Robert Bateman, SVR Deputy Commander, will remain the 5th Military District Commander.
5. This realignment action is taken with the approval of the National Military Affairs Committee.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

vacated. Since there is no basis under the Constitution and Regulations for the suspension of Camp 9, exclusion of delegates from Camp 9 at the Department Encampment by reason of suspension of the camp is invalid. Camp 9, unless there are other grounds for exclusion, is entitled to their full compliment of delegates to the Massachusetts Department Encampment. For the same reason the members of Camp 9 shall not be excluded from receiving the Banner.

11. Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Regulations this ruling is appealable only to the National Encampment.
By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested by:
David Hann
National Secretary

GENERAL ORDER No. 11

1. Since 1991 the National Officers of this Order have repeatedly found it necessary to intervene in disputes within the Department of Massachusetts. Beginning with the reversal of a merger of two camps in 1991. PCINC George Long, then National Secretary James Lyons and then National Treasurer Richard Orr traveled to Boston to audit the camp's books and arbitrate a plan for the division of the camp property. The division of the Camps was a result of disputes between two groups of brothers one lead by Frank Tucker and the other by James Marley.

This was followed by accusations against Brother Marley by Brother Tucker. These accusations concerned topics which had and have nothing to do with the SUVCW. Then came the disputes between Frank Tucker and Douglas Knight which lasted several years. This was succeeded by Frank Tucker, as Department Secretary, forging the signature of Ellsworth Brown, Department Commander, to a number of letters and documents. The forgery was accomplished through the use of a signature stamp. Frank Tucker sent letters to numerous Brothers over the "signature" of the Department Commander and presented the content of the letters as official Department positions. When Commander Brown was asked about these letters and position, he had no knowledge of them. And now we have the Frank Tucker - Leslie Covey - Camp 9 1998 version of this behavior. There is an obvious common thread in all these problems.

2. It is the finding of this office that Brother Frank Tucker:

- (A) Has been and continues to be a disruptive force within the Department of Massachusetts;
- (B) Has repeatedly exceeded his authority to wit: Suspended Camp 9 without authority to do so Stripped Brother Leslie Covey of rank as a Past Camp and Past Department Commander without authority to do so Issued Department position statements when Department Secretary without authority to do so and without the Department Commander, Department Council or Department Encampment approving the position statements. Caused the Department Commander's signature to be affixed to letters and documents without specific authorization to do so;
- (C) Has removed Leslie Covey from the officer of Department Secretary for allegedly failing

to perform his duties without requiring the previous Department Secretary to provide the records necessary for Brother Covey to perform the duties of his office.

(D) Has failed to take action against the current Department Secretary for the same failings as alleged against Brother Covey. (The Department of Massachusetts has failed to file its quarterly reports on time and is currently in arrears.) Has violated his oath of office by failing to rule with urbanity by failing to rule with impartiality by failing to assure compliance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order by failing to bring the Department of Massachusetts Department by-laws into agreement with the National Constitution and Regulations as required by Chapter II Article VIII of the Regulations By failing to adhere to the Constitution and Regulations in the performance of his duties as Department Commander

3. After consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers, for all of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter II, Article IV, Section 7 of the Regulations, Brother Frank Tucker is hereby removed from the office of Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

4. After consultation with the Council of Administration and other National Officers, for all of the forgoing and pursuant to the authority vest in me by Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6 of the Regulations Brother Frank Tucker is stripped of rank as a Past Department Commander. He is stripped of rank as a Past Camp Commander. He is barred from holding any appointed or elected National office, any appointed or elected Department office and any appointed or elected Camp office for a period of ten (10) years. He is barred from serving on any National or Department committee. He is prohibited from representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in any capacity other than as a member of his local camp.

5. All Department property in Frank Tucker's possession shall be conveyed to Brother Frederick Cauldwell, Department Sr. Vice Commander within five (5) days of the date of this Order. All camp property in Frank Tucker's possession shall be conveyed to the proper camp officer within five (5) days of the date of this Order.

6. Department Sr. Vice Commander Cauldwell and Department Treasurer Edward Parks shall immediately notify any and all organizations, governmental agencies and financial institutions with whom the Department of Massachusetts has established relationships that Frank Tucker no longer represents this Order in any official capacity by presenting a copy of this Order to those organizations, agencies and institutions.

7. Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter V, Article VI, Section 6, Brother Gregg Mierka, Commander of the Department of Rhode Island is hereby appointed Trial Commissioner to take written and/or verbal testimony relative to the above items and to ascertain if further action is required by this office.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attested by:
David Hann
National Secretary

Internet Access Soars Under New Webmaster

Keith G. Harrison, PC-in-C
National SUVCW Webmaster

On Jan. 1, PCinC Keith G. Harrison was appointed by CinC Richard D. Orr as National Webmaster of the Sons' World Wide Web page. The appointment was made at the request of a highly dedicated but then much overloaded Brother Glenn B. Knight, who was serving as Webmaster in addition to Chair of the National Committee on Communication Technology, National Signals Officer, *The Banner* Editor and Pennsylvania Department Commander. Since January, PCinC Harrison has logged over 100 hours per month, updating, streamlining and expanding the national web site. The extra time has paid off with a per day visit increase from just over 2,000 hits per day in January to a current average high of 10,000 hits per day. Brother Harrison also serves as the National Webmaster for the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Some of the updates and improvements that have taken place on the SUVCW web page include: (1) the availability of the Order's Constitution and Regulations, National Policies, Sons of Veterans Standard Operating Procedures, updated National and Camp and Department Job Descriptions, complete National Proceedings for the years of 1984, 1988 and 1994, and General Orders and CinC National Encampment presentations back to CinC Allen Moore. Three noteworthy new features include a program to begin cataloging G.A.R. and Civil War monuments nationally, a cooperative undertaking between the SUVCW and Brøderbund Software Family Tree Maker to develop a large Civil War genealogical database and the availability of a new Announcement/Inquiry Forum page for use by the Order and the public. The site is affiliated also with two Internet rings, Civil War Heritage Ring and Civil War Circuit. The affiliations have also helped to increase the use of the site.

In addition to the site's excellent in house references to the histories of the G.A.R. and the SUVCW, the site also provides top notch links to other World Wide Web sites dealing with the G.A.R., individual unit and general histories of the Civil War, genealogical links, and reenactment organization links. The Sons' web page even provides a link to our Civil War cousins, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Currently anticipated new features for the future include the development of on-line Department reporting capabilities and the availability of additional downloadable National forms including the Order's membership application.

If you haven't visited the site yet, do so. If have been a recent visitor, visit the site again - its been updated. The Internet address is <http://suvcw.org>

Becoming Proactive

Camps, Departments Take on Legal Battles

Legal action seems to be the direction of things within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, many of whom are now starting to assert their position as legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the last edition of *The Banner* was an article about a Michigan Cemetery where a canon was sold without the permission of the SUVCW. In that case the court required the cemetery company to buy back the canon and re-install it.

In the Scranton, Penna. area Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania is on the court calendar to complain about the sale of canon in a local cemetery there, while in Lebanon, Penna., the commander of 7 Shay's Camp 7 is pursuing legal action for the removal of canon from a Grand Army of the Republic monument in Fredericksburg, Penna.

In Union City, N.J., City Parks Commissioner James Madonna just simply threw away two cannon during renovations of Ellsworth Park. The commissioner thought the two tubes were in bad shape and gave them to the contractor to be melted down for scrap.

Meanwhile, word comes from Lawrence, Mass. that a hobby-group looking for a project decided to adopt a G.A.R. plot in the St. Mary Cemetery. With the permission of the cemetery board they erected a flagpole (with a suitable plaque dedicated to themselves with no mention of the G.A.R.) and arranged for a re-dedication ceremony with much fanfare. At the ceremony it was noted that the group had moved four stones from various places throughout the cemetery and added them to the G.A.R. plot. Members of Camp 21, Department of Massachusetts, stepped in noting that state law had been violated and that their rights as heirs to the G.A.R. were trampled. The camp was able to produce the deed to the G.A.R. plot and the errors were corrected.

In Gettysburg, the local preservationist group Historic Gettysburg-Adams County continues to refuse to abide by the terms of a deed they signed in 1988 and honor the memory of the men of the G.A.R. Gettysburg Camp 112, Department of Pennsylvania, has asked the Commander in Chief for help in negotiating since their own negotiations and those of the department both ended unsatisfactorily. In the mean time the camp has sent a letter to HG-AC activating an unused portion of the deed which gives them unimpeded access to the building. They have informed HG-AC that they will be using the hall for the next 365 days-effectively making it unavailable for income-producing rental. Legal action is being planned with the help of a former U. S. Attorney.

"The bottom line is that we must be ever vigilant and pro-active in asserting our rights as the legal heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic," notes the Honorable Jim Pahl, National Counselor. "Our rights to the property of the G.A.R. include our responsibilities to be their representatives in an uncaring world." The Order's top legal officer suggests that camps and departments find out where the property of the G.A.R. is located and immediately lay claim to it-so that incidents like those above can be avoided in the future.

NOTE-A complete version of the Deed of Conveyance which grants ownership of all G.A.R. property is available from the National Secretary or on-line at <http://suvcw.org/deed.htm>

Memorial Day is central to our obligation

Glen E. Zook,
National Patriotic Instructor

Of prime importance will be the observance of the Memorial Day Holiday with appropriate celebrations and remembrances. Each camp is encouraged to participate in organized observations and each member is encouraged to participate as well. Please let me know how your camp participated in these activities.

In celebration of Memorial Day, I have had printed Commander in Chief of the G.A.R. Logan's General Order Number 11 in a format suitable for framing. These are on 8.5 X 11 inch heavy paper, tan in color, and are available for a self-addressed stamped envelope 9 X 12 inches in size with appropriate postage for 2 ounces (\$.55). Please do not send an envelope smaller than the 9 X 12 since I don't want to fold the document. Send the SASE to:

Glen E. Zook, National Patriotic Instructor
410 Lawndale Drive
Richardson, Texas 75080

I have been asked to again issue the certificate of appreciation to those members who display the United States flag on a 24 hour a day basis (lighted, etc.). Thus, I have prepared a suitable computer format and can prepare these with the appropriate name. The only problem is that there will be a cost involved for the certificate forms and their mailing. This is in the neighborhood of \$3 for each certificate. In terms of an application form, a letter stating the name of the member, his address, etc., a check made out to myself as National Patriotic Instructor, and a photograph of the flag showing the lighting will suffice. Use the mailing address listed above. Any funds left over from the certificates will be used for other National Patriotic Instructor activities.

Getting back to Memorial Day: During the late 1940s and 1950s, when I was a child in Northern Indiana, each Memorial Day was spent travelling from cemetery to cemetery, laying flowers on the graves of our ancestors. Therein, on the graves of all veterans were small United States flags, placed primarily by members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many of these were placed in the bronze G.A.R. emblems which marked many of the graves. Unfortunately, today many of these markers have been removed from the graves, sometimes by vandals, more often by cemetery workers who were too lazy to mow the grass around them. This fate has also befallen many of the military headstones that formerly marked the graves of many veterans, not only of the Civil War, but other wars as well.

In another ceremony, this sponsored by the American Legion and VFW, the flags placed on the graves were removed on June 13 and then suitably destroyed (burned) on Flag Day, June 14. As a member of an American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, and Senior Corps as well, I often played taps at these ceremonies. This was after a firing squad had fired three volleys in salute of the flags that had served their purpose well.

Although the veterans organizations still place flags on the graves of veterans, most of the populace no longer take the time to honor those who have gone before. Today Memorial Day is a day off from work with pay. In fact, it often no longer even falls on May 30. We go our separate ways, taking in ball games, going to the beach, on picnics, watching the Indianapolis 500 race, etc. We have forgotten the original purpose of Memorial Day: Honoring those who have gone before us. Even though it should go without mention, I sincerely urge each and every SUVCW member to take an hour, or two, and actively participate in the recognition of not only those who served in the Civil War, but all those ancestors who now lie in perpetual slumber.

Again, I urge all who participate in any activity promoting the SUVCW to send that information to me. Please include photographs, newspaper clippings, and the like. I would like to include this information to the entire organization via *The Banner*, as well as a help for ideas for camps that seek my advice on these matters.

\$13,000 Gift to GNMP by Dance Committee

Text of the presentation to Superintendent John Latschar, Gettysburg National Military Park, by Janice M. Corfman, PNP, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, during Remembrance Day 1997.

"The success of the Grand Military Ball held annually at the Eisenhower Inn in conjunction with the Remembrance Day activities for the past several years has been largely due to the efforts of Dorris Schlenker, PNP of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Her study and research in the social activities of the period added much to the enjoyment of the event.

"Sister Dorris, with her husband Richard, PCinC, SUVCW, enjoyed sharing their knowledge of this historic era by presenting programs for schools and organizations.

"We will all miss her charm and sparkle as well as her knowledge, and will keep in our hearts the love and excitement she so willingly shared with us.

"It is with great honor the Remembrance Day Dance Committee presents this check of \$13,000 from the proceeds of the Grand Military Ball in her memory to the Gettysburg National Military Park to be used for monument restoration within the park."

Father, Brother, Chaplain, Padre, Captain, Sailor, Marine, Friend

Just call him "Padre Pooch" National Chaplain, Father George Pucciarelli has left the Marine Corps behind and after a decade of service is returning to his Navy roots. The Navy captain has been reassigned to the Naval Security Group at Ft. Meade, Md.

As a chaplain serving with the Marine Corps he was with the Marines on Oct. 23, 1983 when 241 Marines were killed in a terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. The Catholic priest gave last rites to the dead and dying on that horrible day. He served with Marines in Lebanon, Somalia and the Gulf War and his most recent assignment was as Chaplain of the Marine Corps.

"These days are challenging days, with the armed forces changing and the Marine Corps changing," he stated to a *Navy Times* reporter. "I think our men and women today are probably stronger than ever before." The military, especially the Marine Corps, "is a vocation today, you have to have a special calling to be a Marine."

The chaplain is serving his first year as National Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

(continued from page 12)

Tennessee

The newly formed **Major General James H. Wilson Camp 1 of Montgomery, Ala., Department of Tennessee**; extends an invitation to members of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Allied Orders, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Allied Orders, United Daughters of the Confederacy - Alabama Division and re-enactors in the Alabama area, both Union and Confederate, for participation in Memorial Ceremonies honoring America's veterans.

The Camp will hold two ceremonies; the first at Old Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery, Ala. on May 30 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will also include the reenactment of the 1908 dedication of the G.A.R. memorial. The second will be a Flag Day ceremony and decoration of veteran's graves at Oak Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Ala. on June 14 at 2 p.m.

If you are interested please contact: John Sering, Camp Chaplain and Memorial Day Coordinator Email: olsarge@mail.bhm.bellsouth.net Col Allan W. Howey, USAF, Camp Commander Home email: WDPOWERS02@aol.com Or work email: ahowey@larry.cdsar.af.mil Commander Frank Harked of **Missionary Ridge Camp 63, Department of Tennessee**, and his wife, Rita, as well as Junior Vice Commander Bill Shackelford and his wife, Anna, attended the 1998 Lee and Jackson Banquet. Held on the Chattanooga Star River Boat by N. B. Forrest Camp 3, Sons of Confederate Veterans the program included "Battlefield and Broken Hearts" consisting of poetry, period songs and Irish ballads. Harned was awarded the Patrick Cleburne Award by the Patrick R. Cleburne Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The award recognized his help in the restoration of the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery.

Vermont

The **William Scott Camp 302** third open forum was held at the National Life Building in Montpelier on Feb. 28.

More than forty-five people came to the event bringing items belonging to family members and telling a story about their family's Union or Confederate Veteran's life during the Civil War. Author Howard Coffrin told of his new book on the Civil War. Camp Commander Dan Whitcher displayed badges from

plus badges from the early days of the Grand Army of the Republic. Doug & Richard Pike brought a large framed record of the Civil War veteran in their family. Dept Commander & Mrs. Floyd Blodgett Sr. researched Vermont Civil War Veterans' records of service using Peck's Revised Roster and provided certificates of service to the public. Approximately 30 people requested the information during the three hour event.

Camp Commander Dan Whitcher indicated five men filled out applications to join and two or three women took Auxiliary applications.

Department Commander Floyd Blodgett indicated he had some inquiries about the formation of a new camp in Burlington area and plans to work on both that camp and the Newport Camp this spring. Vermont Department of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans 1998 Annual Meeting Saturday, May 23, 1998 At Odd Fellows Hall Mount Holly, 9:00 to 9:30 Coffee.

Last Department Annual Encampment, we agreed to move the meeting near various camps and try to increase statewide participation. Rutland Camp offered to host the meeting this year.

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch - Turkey dinner complete with Vegetable, Potato, Coleslaw, Rolls & Dessert Lunch will be approximately 12:30 PM. Cost \$8 per person.

Camp commanders will collect money for lunch for their respective camps & forward to Dept Commander. Visiting Sons & Auxiliary can send their money directly to Department Commander Floyd Blodgett RD 4 Box 3185 Montpelier, VT 05602 or Auxiliary National Chief of Staff Teresa Doyle.

Professor Paul Andriscin from Middlebury College will be speaking and showing slides on Gettysburg. Professor Andriscin has made presentation before the Ripley Camp and they indicated we are in for a good presentation.

1) From Central Vermont area, take Interstate 89 South to the Bethel exit. Follow Route 107 west to Route 100 West & South then to Route 103. Go North on Route 103 (approximately 5 miles) to the flashing yellow light. Turn left at the light onto Belmont Road. After driving approximately 2.5 miles you will be entering the village of Belmont. Take your first left in the village and the hall is the two story building on the left.

2) From New Hampshire, Massachusetts or that area, take Interstate 91 to the Rockingham (Route 103) Exit. Follow Route 103 north through the Town of Ludlow. At the junction of Route 100 and Route 103 continue on Route 103 to the flashing yellow light, and then follow the same directions as in direction # 1.

3) From Rutland, Burlington follow Route 7 south (approx-

mately 5 miles) to Route 103. Follow Route 103 South to the flashing yellow light. Turn right onto Belmont Road and follow the directions as indicated in direction # 1.

4) From New York, take route 4 from Whitehall, NY into Rutland, and then follow directions # 3.

All members are requested to wear their uniform if they have one. I hope to arrange a group picture. All officers are requested to review their roles in the conducting of business at annual meeting.

Wisconsin

C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Department of Wisconsin, and **Auxiliary 4** recently presented a commemorative plaque to Milwaukee's Central Library during ceremonies there. The plaque honors **E. B. Wolcott Post 1** of the Grand Army of the Republic, which met at the Library's G.A.R. Memorial Hall (now Centennial Hall) from 1914 to 1941.

Acting as honor guard in period uniforms were Ron Aronis, Lyman Elliot, Tony Szabo and Bill Teshner of Alonzo Cushing Camp 4.

Remarks were made by Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, County Executive F. Tom Ament, Wisconsin Veterans Affairs Secretary Raymond Bolan (representing the governor) and Wisconsin VA Claims Director Melvin Hall. City Librarian Kathleen Huston accepted the plaque on behalf of the library.

James Lyons of Lansing, Mich., whose grandfather served as commander of the post, and Lincoln impressionist Paul Stache, **Ammi Hawks Camp 3**, also addressed the participants.

Presentation of the plaque concluded a 6-year fund raising and coordination effort by Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4.

Milwaukee's **C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1** and **Auxiliary 4** hosted their annual Presidents' Day Luncheon recently. Members of ten area patriotic and hereditary societies attended. Among those represented were Sons of the Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, VFW Auxiliary, Sons & Daughters of Pilgrims and the General Society of the War of 1812. The luncheon included a talk by Steven Rogstad, secretary of the Wisconsin Lincoln Fellowship. The luncheon continues a Milwaukee tradition which dates back at least 70 years.

Just prior to the luncheon, Wisconsin Department and camp staff officers held their mid-Winter meeting. The agenda included a discussion of department membership trends and programs, completion of a revision to the by laws and explanation of the Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials programs.

Wisconsin Department

members and other Civil War enthusiasts recently gathered in northeast Wisconsin to dedicate a new government monument to First Sergeant Egbert J. Scott, Co. D, 21st Wisconsin Infantry. Scott, a relative of General in Chief Winfield Scott fought in numerous campaigns and was captured and imprisoned at Andersonville, Ga. He died there of scurvy on Aug. 5, 1864 and was buried in grave #4788.

Department Junior Vice Commander Paul Stache, of

Ammi Hawks Camp 3, organized the memorial ceremony at Portland Cemetery in Calumet County, where Scott's parents had placed a marker more than 130 years ago. After remarks by Department Commander Steve Michaels, uniformed members from **Henry Harnden Camp 2** and **Alonzo Cushing Camp 4** fired three volleys. Members of **C. K. Pier Badger Auxiliary 4** placed red carnations at the new marker.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Illinois

The **Mary Anne Bickerdyke Auxiliary 2, Department of Illinois**, was instituted on April 16 at the G.A.R. Hall in Aurora, Ill by National President Jacquelyn Johnston. This auxiliary is sponsored by **Gen. Philip H. Sheridan Camp 2** which also meets in the G.A.R. Hall.

Past Camp Commander Dennis G. Kelly spearheaded the efforts to begin an auxiliary. Several of the new auxiliary's new members are in the nursing profession and felt it appropriate to honor a Civil War nurse by naming the auxiliary. **Mary Anne "Mother" Bickerdyke** lived in Galesburg, Ill. both before and after the war. She is buried there and a monument was erected in the town to honor her selfless devotion to the Union soldiers as well as the work she did after the war for the returning veterans. Nurse Bickerdyke was so beloved by the soldiers they referred to her as "Mother"-a title she bore for the remainder of her life.

The president of the new auxiliary is Laura Gates who also serves as Junior Vice Commander of the G.A.R. Memorial Association that manages the G.A.R. Hall and Museum. Her husband, Chuck, is commander of the association.

It is anticipated that this is the beginning of a revival of the Illinois Department of the Auxiliary. Although strong in numbers at one time, only **John Buford Auxiliary 11** in the Rock Island area was still active. Department President Laurie Bolivar is daughter of Past National President Florence Forbey.

Pennsylvania

Gretchen Kroger of Anna M. Ross Auxiliary 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and a senior at Rowan University, was required to do a service project for her history professor. She chose to serve the G.A.R. Civil War Museum in Philadelphia

by making weekly trips to the museum to assist board member James Durkin in sorting, storing and cataloging original Civil War documents letters and papers. The project took several months and was of great assistance to the museum.

Past President of Auxiliary 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Edna Rosenberg received appreciation and recognition from the Frankford Hospital of Philadelphia for the numerous lap robes she has crocheted and donated to the hospital for the use of its patients.

Maryland

Lincoln-Cushing Auxiliary 3, Department of Maryland, held a luncheon meeting on March 14 at the Channel Inn on the waterfront in Washington, D.C.

Obligated at the altar was **Mildred Ames of Wheaton, Md. PCinC Richard Schlenker** presented her with her membership badge.

A program on the Civil War in the far west was presented by Keith Young of the camp.

Massachusetts

Summer H. Needham Auxiliary 128 to Camp 21, Department of Massachusetts, Lawrence, Mass. applied for and received a grant from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Art and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property through Save Outdoor Sculpture!

Ronald Harvey of Tuckerbrook Conservation, Lincolnville, Maine, a noted authority recommended by the National Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, traveled to Lawrence to study the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Built in 1881, its base contains three bronze statues of an infantryman, a sailor and a dismounted cavalryman. A single column (30 ft. high) is crowned by a figure representing "Union".

Neglect and vandalism has taken a toll of this magnificent monument. Harvey's recommendations will provide the beginning of a movement to restore and maintain the monument. The auxiliary and its affiliated camp are spearheading a drive for the funds needed



DEPARTMENT NEWS

At Large

Governor Isaac Stevens Camp 1 elected officers for 1998 at their regular meeting Dec. 6.

Rod Fleck of Forks was reelected camp Commander. Milt Vaught of Kent was voted Senior Vice Commander. Ken Richmond, Sequim, will serve as Junior Vice Commander. Harley Crain, Edmonds, is the organization's Secretary/Treasurer for 1998.

Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp-at-Large is currently the only camp in Washington state and in the entire Pacific northwest.

Also discussed at the December meeting was the possibility of participating in the first Memorial Day ceremonies at Washington's new Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery. Created late last year, Mt. Tahoma is Washington's only national cemetery. Camp 1 is also arranging a tour of the Fort Lewis Military Museum, Tacoma. As a part of the camp's active recruiting efforts, the tour may also be open to the public.

Maryland

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Department of Maryland, is again sponsoring the Memorial/Decoration Day program at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30.

The day's events will begin with a sit-down luncheon at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club at 11 a.m. Luncheon will cost \$21 per person and pre-registration will be required prior to May 25. Checks and a listing of the guests must be sent to John Marc Wheat, 4966 34th Rd. N., Arlington, VA 22207-2872.

Following luncheon the body will move to Arlington National Cemetery where, promptly at 1 p.m. a ceremony at the Custis-Lee mansion will begin. Consisting of the presentation of colors and a close approximation to the ceremony on that spot on that day in 1868. General Logan's General Order Number 11 will be read.

Following that ceremony the entourage moves to the Memorial to the Unknown Dead of the War Between the States for the presentation of wreaths and then to the Amphitheater for the closing ceremonies.

To help defray the costs the camp will be accepting benefactor (\$50), sponsor (\$25) and



REINSTATED CAMP—Garfield Camp 1, Department of Maine, Waterville Maine was re-chartered Jan. 31 with six members. Camp Commander Charles McGillicuddy, was installed by Department Commander Dennis Gray. The Camp Commander's badge was presented by T. W. Hyde Camp 46, Charlie's original camp, and pinned on by Camp Commander Larry Smith. More than 25 members attended and refreshments were provided by the Bath Camp and Auxiliary. Shown (l to r) are: PDC Lester Nadeau, unidentified member, Prof. Jay Hoar and McGillicuddy.

Patron (\$10) listings in the official program. Anyone wishing to honor an ancestor is asked to send the name, rank and unit of the ancestor, along with the name and address of the donor to James A. McCafferty, 613 Rosier Road, Fort Washington, Md. 20744-5554 before May 15. For each ancestor indicate the level of contribution and include a check with the list.

California

The 112th Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific was held March 28 at San Luis Obispo, Calif. The SUVCW and its Auxiliary were joined by representatives of the California Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Women's Relief Corps. They were honored by the attendance and participation in the encampment of Past Commander in Chief Ken Wheeler, Past National Auxiliary Presidents Emma Wheeler and Betty Woerner as well as National Auxiliary President Jacquelyn W. Johnston. Four of the department's five camps were repre-

sented and attendance again increased. The department now has more than 250 and continues to grow. Actions taken by the encampment included an appropriation to assist in the restoration of the Sheridan Monument in New York's Christopher Park and a resolution in support of the candidacy for Junior Vice Commander in Chief of Robert Grim of Ohio. Roger Knox presented a program on "The Burden of the Soldier" about what the Union soldier had to carry on his back. A second program by Fred Bohmfalk covered the personality of General Phil Sheridan.

Department officers elected for 1998-99 were: Commander Gene Armistead, Escondido; Senior Vice Commander Dan Bunnell, San Jose; Junior Vice Commander Bob Lowe, El Cajon; Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Davis, Elk Grove; Department Council Fred Bohmfalk, Sacramento, Charles Christian, Santa Rosa and Don Pray, Cupertino. Appointed were: Patriotic Instructor Roger Knox, Santa Barbara; Chaplain Clark Seum; Guide Duane Benell, Whittier; Guard & G.A.R. Highway Officer Joel Robbins, Simi Valley and Color Bearer Dennis Bunnell, San Jose.

Brothers of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 participated in the February dedication for the new wings of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine in Redlands, Calif. And others in the 75th annual George Washington Commemorative Service on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

Uniformed members of the Gen. George Wright Camp 22 manned an information booth in February at the San Francisco

"Celebrate History" conference and exhibition.

The Gen. John A. Logan Camp 20 cleaned and refurbished the gravestones of Union veterans buried in the G.A.R. Plot in Los Gatos Memorial Park on April 18.

Florida

Senior leadership changes in the Department of Florida, which took place in December put former Secretary/Treasurer Leland Smith in command of the department. William Dale Ellis was named to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position until elections in July. Additionally, Department Junior Vice Commander Warren Gentzle, Winfield Hancock Camp 2, has moved out of state and has been replaced by Richard Macauley, of the same camp, by vote of the Department Council. These actions fill out the slate of officers for the current year.

New Jersey

On March 29 services were held at the grave of our Camp namesake, Colonel Louis R. Francine. Among those in attendance were members of the Camp and members of Company A, 7th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Remarks for the occasion were made by Steven J. Wright, curator of the Civil War Library & Museum in Philadelphia. We were honored to have in attendance Mrs. Phoebe Meade Francine Wetzel, Grandniece of the Colonel, her daughter Anne Wetzel, and great-grandniece Emilie Francine.

Colonel Francine of the 7th New Jersey was mortally wounded on June 2 at the battle of Gettysburg, and died at his father's home in Camden, N. J. on July 16. He is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia. Laurel Hill contains the remains of General George G. Meade, General Robert Patterson, members of the Dalgren family, and many famous citizens of Philadelphia.

The Camp is finalizing plans for the annual joint Memorial service at Finns Point National Cemetery, located in Salem County. This ceremony is conducted with members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and will be held on May 16 at 11 a.m.. Finns Point contains the remains of 136 Federal and 2,436 Confederate soldiers who died at nearby Fort Delaware.

The New Jersey Department is pleased to announce the charting of a new Camp. The George Armstrong Custer Camp 17 has started in the Middletown area with 22 new members. The Department recently has started a Web site. We invite all Brothers to check it out at <http://www.njsuvcw.org>. The 115th Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department has been slated for Saturday June 13 at the Dutch Mill Inn off of Route 295 and exit 17 in Gibbstown. The Encampment will start at 11 a.m. followed by an evening banquet honoring Department Commander Michael R. Horgan and Auxiliary President Ruby Kissinger. For information please contact David Hann at (690)567-7527.

DAVID D. PORTER CAMP 116 DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA SUVCW ENCAMPMENT FUNDRAISER

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 Indianapolis. 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 listed 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 Gilleevan Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383



NAME _____

MY ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

QNT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTALS
	SUVCW embroidered color emblem	\$15 ea.	
	baseball style cap		
	SUVCW 5.25 X 4.25 embroidered color patch	\$12 ea.	
		Subtotal	
		Packaging and Shipping and 10%	
		Total Remittance	

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 clip 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 501C(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.

SUBMITTED BY: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

MAIL TO:
Hon. James Pahl
National Treasurer
445 W. Maple Street
Mason, MI 48854-1519

Department Encampments

- May 2: Illinois
- May 23: Vermont
- June 6: Michigan, Southwest, Indiana
- June 12-14: New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin
- June 19-21: Ohio, Missouri
- June 25-27: Pennsylvania, Maine

Visit our Web Site at <http://suvchw.org>