

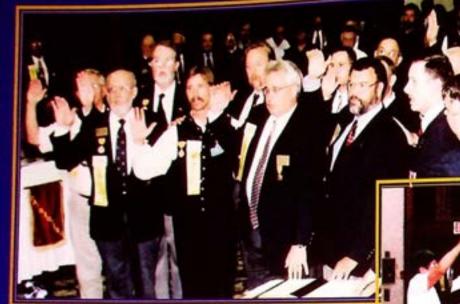
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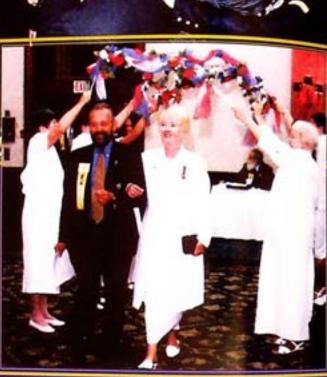
Images of the National Encampment



Newly elected national officers take their oath of office



Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, left, lights candle during memorial service.



Chaplain Henry Shaw escorts Auxiliary National Pl Rosemary Lowe during joint opening ceremony.



The C-in-C's wife, Mrs. Judy Armstrong, and National Guide David Allyn look on and REAL SON Edward Blakely (whose father, Egbert Blakely, served in the 10th Michigan Calvary, places his hand on C-in-C Kent L. Armstrong's shoulder, a C-in-C Armstrong is congratulated by his som PCC Douglas Armstrong after presenting him with the badge of office

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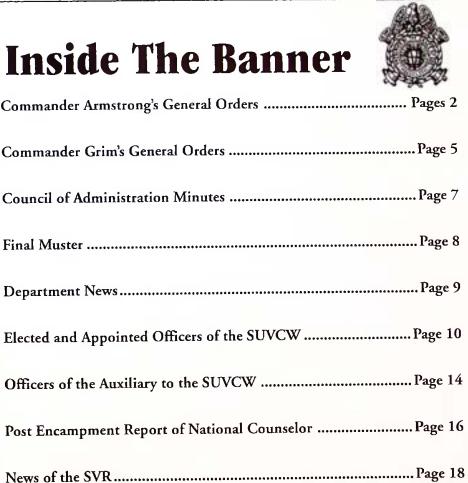
ON THE COVER: Kent L. Armstrong was elected National Commanderin-Chief of theSons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the recent National Encampment in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. He is the fifth brother from Michigan to be elevated to the high post, the last being in 1994. Br. Armstrong is a charter member of George W. Anderson Camp #58 in DeWitt.

Danielle M. Michaels was elected National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW at that Order's National Encampment, held coincidental to the SUVCW's. She is the fourth sister from Wisconsin and the third from her Auxiliary to serve in that post, the last being in 1954. Sr. Michaels is an officer of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #4.

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1. It is a great honor to have been elected and installed as the SUVCW's 117th Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 122nd National Encampment in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on August 9, 2003. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this office and I look forward to working with you to further our Order's efforts in tribute to those who answered President Lincoln's call to "Save the Union" between 1861 and 1865. You may contact me regarding any concern, at the address above. 2. The 2003 National Encampment Host Committee (comprised of volunteers from the Departments of Kentucky and Ohio) is to be commended for providing this year's delegates with business and social facilities that promoted an enjoyable and productive annual convention.

3. Special thanks also goes out to the National Committee on Credentials for their long hours of processing the registration of our delegates, and to all other Brothers who volunteered their time to various Encampment duties.

4. All business correspondence should be directed to our National Executive Director - Lee F. Walters, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865 (SUVEXDIR@aol.com).

5. All supply requisitions with payment are to be sent to our National Ouartermaster - Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719.

6. All billing, requests for payment, and tax-deductible monetary donations to the various funds of our National Organization are to be sent to the National Treasurer - Max L. Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Road, Owosso, MI 48867-9616.

7. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Robert M. Petrovic, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill. MO 63016-2527.

8. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's R.O.T.C Award (for graduating seniors) are to be sent with payment to our National Patriotic Instructor - Timothy H. Downey, 632 Apache Trail, Danville, KY 40422-1711. The application and instructions are available on the national website (http://suvcw.org),

9. All Civil War memorial grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration - Ronald B. Gill. 655 Sheffield Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46385-2948. The application and instructions are available on the national website. I had the honor of making the first \$100 contribution to this fund. before a portion of the national per capita was allocated toward it. I hope that all Camps will eventually apply this funding toward the restoration of a nearby GAR monument or other Civil War related memorial.

10. The death of any Brother of our Order is to be reported to our National Chaplain - William B. McAfee, 9080 Dorado Court, Milan, MI 48160-9773 (thistleis@sprynet.com). If possible, please include the departed Brother's full name; date of his passing; name of his Camp and Department: name, rank and unit that his ancestor served with,

11. It is imperative that all reports be sent on time to the National Executive Director and National Secretary as instructed on each reporting form. All such forms are now available on the national website.

12 All Department Commanders are respectfully instructed to assure that their Department website information (and the Camp related info within) be up to date. An ever-increasing amount of the public forms its first impression of the SUVCW through what is posted on the Internet. Your effort to provide current information and keep links in working order will help assure that a website visitor's first impression is positive.

13. In addition to internal business forms for the SUVCW, our national website is a resource for interested Brothers to learn more about the Order and how it functions. The paramount document that guides this organization is our Constitution and Regulations ("C&R"). All Brothers are encouraged to become familiar with the C&R as it can answer most procedural questions that come to mind. An updated version, with amendments made at the 2003 Ntl. Encampment will be available on the website soon. Work will continue this year on the updating of our Order's "Ritual and Ceremonials."

14. Several of our various Camp, Department, and National officer & committee job descriptions, were updated at this year's NIL Encampment and will also be available on the national website.

15. A roster of all elected and appointed national officers and committee members for the 2003-2004 administrative year can be found on the national website (http://suvcw.org/officers.htm).

16. RECRUITING - This is every Brother's job. It's been said many times that if each of us were to bring in just one new Member. Associate, or Junior, we would double the size of the Order. Please do your part to help our organization grow, and thereby accomplish more in honor of those who Saved the Union. All of us want to feel as though our efforts have made a positive difference and recruiting is an activity that can give you that satisfaction

17. RECOGNITION - A Brother who recruits at least three new applicants in the 2003-2004 administrative year, will be declared in General Orders as a National Aide and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors, to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new applicant's in that time frame, will additionally receive a Certificate of Merit. It will be my very great pleasure to present the National Organization's Major Stephenson Award at next year's Ntl. Encampment to the Brother who recruited the greatest number of new Members, Associates, and Juniors, nationally, All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported through the Department Secretaries.

18. RETENTION - Much of what we do to honor Union soldiers & sailors, happens at the local level through our Camps. Thereore, Camps are encouraged to support and promote a variety of activities. This will not only help attract new Brothers, but will more importantly allow varied contributions of time and talen from current Brothers. The SUVCW's Graves Registration Program, Civil War Memorials Assessment Project, and the search for GAP records are just a few of the many activities that our membership can make a valuable contribution toward – even they cannot attend Camp meetings due to personal schedules and/

117th National C-in-C is fifth from Michigan

Kent L. Armstrong was elected to serve as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the organization's 122nd National Encampment, held at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky on August 7 - 10, 2003. He is the fifth C-in-C elected from the Department of Michigan, over the years since the SUVCW was organized in 1881.

Commander-in Chief Armstrong was born in St. Johns, Michigan on October 12, 1951, the elder of two sons born to Jessie E. ("Pat") Patterson Armstrong and the late Woodrow Wilson ("Woody") Armstrong. A life-long resident of DeWitt, MI, C-in-C Armstrong is a graduate of DeWitt High School and Michigan State University. His interest in the "War of the Rebellion" began at an early age, when the centennial observances of the American Civil War began in 1961. Some of his favorite memories are those made during his first trip to Gettysburg at age 13.

Brother Armstrong learned of the Grand Army of the Republic through his own community's history (the George W. Anderson GAR Post 58 having been organized at DeWitt in 1882. George Anderson was a DeWitt resident who marched off to war with the 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Private Anderson was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee in December of 1863 and later died of starvation at the Andersonville prison in Georgia where he rests in grave number 2546 of the National Cemetery there. George Anderson's former home in DeWitt still stands on property that is immediately adjacent to Brother Armstrong's residence.

C-in-C Armstrong became acquainted with "Civil War re-enacting" in the mid-1980's. He first joined an artillery unit that honored Michigan's famous "Loomis' Battery A" and enjoyed several years of interaction with other artillery units within the First Michigan Light Artillery Association. Later, he joined an infantry re-enactor unit that a co-worker/friend belonged to.

The co-worker/friend, Brother John R. Mann, also invited Kent

Auxiliary's National President fourth from Wisconsin

At its 116th National ASUVCW Encampment in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Danielle M. Michaels as its National President. She is the fourth National President, elected from the Department of Wisconsin and the third from her Auxiliary.

Sister Danielle, an identical twin, is the eldest of four daughters born to Donald and Bernadine Schreiber in Muskego, Wisconsin. She bases her membership on the service of her paternal great-great grandfather Joseph Friedl, who entered the Union Army on February 9, 1864. He enlisted in Company H, 35th Wisconsin Infantry from Milwaukee. Friedl fought at Simmsport, Louisiana and at the Siege of Spanish Fort, Alabama, where he was wounded. Due to his injuries, his left arm was amputated and he was discharged December 9th, 1865. Later, he served as commander of Milwaukee's Rank & File GAR Post #240 for five terms.

Sr. Danielle has been a member of the Auxiliary for eight years, joining Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #4 shortly after attending a National Encampment as a guest. She has served in all elected positions at the Auxiliary and Department level, as Commander of the Central Region Association, and as National Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Council Member and Vice President.

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to join the SUVCW through the Governor Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson, MI, which he did so (as an Associate) in 1992.

Eventually, the special teamwork in-the-ranks of an infantry unit gained Brother Armstrong's full interest and time spent in re-

Another 'draw' that this particular unit had for him was that it honored Michigan's 24th Infantry - a regiment whose history he had become familiar with in his study of the Battle of Gettysburg. Over several years' time, Brother Armstrong qualified to serve in all non-commissioned ranks and was also elected to serve as the unit's First Lieutenant and later as Captain. He was elected three times to serve as President of the 100+ member non profit corpo-

An incredibly coincidental surprise came to Brother Armstrong when family members helped him put together the "final puzzle pieces" on an ancestor who honorably served the Union "thus allowing him to become a 'Member of the SUVCW.' The difficulty in proving out the family reunion stories of an ancestor who was "in the Civil War," was due to the fact that no living relative could remember the true first name of a certain great, great grandfather (to Kent). Then, over coffee one day, Brother Armstrong's mother and an Aunt decided to check the death certificate of their grandmother (on their father's side of the family), to see if it listed her parents' names. "Bingo," Brother Armstrong could hardly believe it himself - and so, in addition to military and pension records, he also acquired copies of census records plus birth and death certificates that show every link between him and his Great, Great Grandfather - Sgt. John Tait, who served in Company G of the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Sergeant Tait was killedin-action on April 30, 1863 during the Chancellorsville Campaign and is buried in grave number 2162 at the Fredericksburg Na-

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She graduated from Marquette University with a degree in foreign language and subsequently returned to school, becoming a certified teacher in special education--behavior/emotional disabilities. She currently instructs high school science and math at Kradwell High School in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

In her spare time, Sr. Danielle enjoys public speaking on the Civil War, presenting to schools and community groups. She participates in parades with her Auxiliary and Camp as color guard commander. At Civil War events, she can be found recruiting and teaching others about the Civil War, using her exhibit of artifacts. She is a lieutenant colonel in the USAF Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, where she has served as an instructor at several residency courses and as Director of the Great Lakes Region Cadet Officers' School and the Wisconsin Cadet Academy. She also finds time to serve as a middle school and Confirmation instructor at her Church.

Sr. Danielle was married in 1982 to Stephen Michaels, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. They have four children: Andrea, who is attending the University of Wisconisn--Green Bay; Allison, who is attending the University of Wis .--Stevens Point; Andrew, who is in the 9th grade, and Anne, who is in the eighth. Allison and Anne are also members of the Aux-

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or travel distances.

19. PUBLICITY - We must take advantage of every opportunity to bring respectful attention to our Order. The public needs to become more aware of the SUVCW and our purposes. Positive promotion of our accomplishments will provide an example that will attract new Members, Associates, and Juniors alike.

20. Please inform your community's High School and/or nearby college that the SUVCW National Organization awards two annual \$1.000 scholarships. An application plus details on the "Standards of Selection" are available on our national website (http:// suvew.org/scholar.htm).

21. With our nation's armed forces again being put in harm's way this year, we are reminded of the importance of formal ceremonies that honor American veterans of ALL eras. Thus, cooperation with other veterans' organizations provides another important activity for our membership. Our participation in Memorial Day observances also respectfully reminds the public of the origin of this national observance.

22. Please join me in contacting members of Congress, regarding the return of Memorial Day to May 30th!

23. I look forward to visiting as many Department Encampments, and other functions, as requests for time off from work will allow. Please send invitations when details are available so that I may plan accordingly. Thank you.

24. On behalf of the SUVCW it is my privilege to extend Congratulations and BEST Wishes to the newly elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders of the GAR: the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW); the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR); the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW); and the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC). May the efforts of our five organizations continue to compliment one another in honor of all Union soldiers and sailors.

25. This year's Remembrance Day functions will take place in Gettysburg. Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 15th, 1 hope to see many of you there. Those of us who return each year, should invite a "new pilgrim" to share in this observance. A schedule will be posted on the national website and in The BANNER. 26. All members of the National Council of Administration (CoA) are advised that we will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. November 16. 2003 in the Eisenhower Inn. just south of Gettysburg. 27. BEST regards to all, in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty as we begin another year in our unending efforts to maintain the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and to promote public pride toward all who honorably served the Union between 1861-1865.

By Order of Kent L. Armstrong

Commander-in-Chief

Attested: Edward J. Krieser, PCinC National Secretary

General Orders Number 2 Series 2003-2004 Kent L. Armstrong, Commander-in-Chief

1. PCinC Robert E. Grim is hereby authorized to investigate on behalf of our Order, the available services provided by various Professional Financial Advisors (and their fees). His report to the National Council of Administration will help evaluate the merits of our Order making investments, based on such advice (and fees).

2 PCinC Lowell V. Hammer and PDC Joseph Long, Jr. have respectfully requested to be relieved from the remainder of their respective appointments to the National Committees on Constitution and Regulations (C&R) and Program & Policy. With sincere appreciation for their years of dedicated service to our Order, at many levels of the organization, these requests have been respect fully granted. In place of these Brothers, Henry E. Shaw will serve on the C&R Committee until 2004 and PCinC Danny I Wheeler will serve on the Program & Policy Committee until 2005 PDC Long is also to be commended for his generous gift of several back issues of The BANNER. for records keeping at our National Headquarters in Harrisburg, PA.

3. Our "C&R" directs the National Executive Director to "maintain a mailing list of the entire membership." To assure accurate records keeping, all Departments are hereby respectfully reminded to submit an updated Department Roster when filing the Department's Annual Report Form 35. [The database for our national membership list was created by Brother Dick Williams and he will be developing a standardized form for Department rosters.] After a Form 35 is filed (deadline of May 31 each year) the Executive Director will not make an addition to, nor deletion from the membership list without the appropriate documentation being received from a Department Secretary, via Form 30.

4. Per previous reference, only current versions of the SUVCW's various forms, reports and membership application will be accepted by the National Secretary or Executive Director. Outdated materials will have to be rejected and returned to the originating Camp or Department.

5. The 2003 National Encampment approved the creation of a new Special Committee, charged with the cataloging of original Civil War battleflags and promoting their professional conservation, wherever they are found. Our "National Committee on Civil War Flag Conservation" will be chaired by Jeffrey L. Stephen.

6. An additional Special Committee, approved by the 2003 National Encampment, is charged with raising and distributing money to help with litigation related to stopping the sale of Civil War Memorial items, or legal action for the return of such items that were already sold or stolen, when found. Our "National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund" will be co-chaired by PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. and retired Judge Henry E. Shaw. Case information is to be sent to Brother Shaw, whose address is posted on the national officer roster, located on the Internet and in The BANNER. I have the honor of making the first \$100 contribution to this fund and I invite you to consider supporting it as well. Please consult the Autumn 2003 issue of The BANNER for a special notice that includes information on how to make a tax deductible donation.

7. All Departments are respectfully instructed to furnish their full list of all Past Department Commanders and the years that they served in that office. This applies to living PDC's, in Good Standing, and those who are deceased. Send the information to PDC Gary Gibson, 2339 Harmon Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49004-1527 (Glgsuvcw@aol.com). The records are to be used in a special recognition being planned for our Order's 125th Anniversary celebration in 2006.

8. All Camps and Departments that would like to have their newsletter considered for award recognition by the CinC, are welcome to send issues to me at PO Box 618, DeWitt, MI, 48820. 9. During the 2002-2003 administrative year, CinC Robert E. Grim

Rinney with award to honor the memory of PCinC Joseph S. Rippey, who passed away shortly before our 2002 National E-

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War General Orders Number 20, Series 2002-2003 **Robert E. Grim, Commander-in-Chief**

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1. The following Brothers, all in the Department of New York, are hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of recruiting three new members into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(a) Clarence C. Berry, Past Commander, General Newton M. Curtis Camp No. 142 (24 new members).

(b) Todd A. Shillington, Commander Department of New York and member of Lincoln Camp No. 6 (10 new members).

(c) Michael S. Bennett, Past Commander Department of New York and member of Worden Camp No. 150 (Nine new members).

(d) John W. Gleason, Past Commander, Ellis Camp No. 124 (Six new members).

(e) Stephen N. Booth, Buford Camp No. 4389 (Five new members).

(f) Alvin L. Stewart, Commander Buford Camp No. 4389 (Four new members).

(g) Robert L. Pugsley, Commander Lincoln Camp No. 6 (Three new members).

2. Pursuant to my General Order No. 7 dated 16 January 2003 each of the above named Brothers are authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements.

3. Pursuant to my General Order No. 7 dated 16 January 2003 those Brothers listed above who recruited five or more new members will receive a certificate of appreciation.

4. I hereby commend all of these Brothers for their efforts and encourage others to follow their example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this Fifth day of June, 2003.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 21 SERIES 2002-2003

It is my extreme pleasure to announce the creation of the following new Camps:

I. General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 Department of California and Pacific located in Garnerville, Nevada with date of rank from 2 June 2003.

2. Colonel Roderick Matheson Camp No. 16 Department of California and Pacific located in Cazadero, California with date of rank from 2 June 2003.

Congratulations for a job well done to all of the Brothers who worked to get these camps formed. Ordered this Seventeenth day of June 2003.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 22 SERIES 2002-2003

1. The following named Brothers are hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of recruiting three or more new members into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (a) Bob Lowe, Past Commander, Department of California and Pacific (5 new members).

By Order of: Robert E. Grim Commander-in-Chief

(b) Neal F. Breaugh, Senior Vice Commander Department of Michigan (6 new members).

(c) Keith D. Ashley, Past Commander Department of Ohio (20 new members).

2. Pursuant to my General Order No. 7 dated 16 January 2003 each of the above named Brothers are authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements, and will receive a certificate of appreciation.

3. I hereby commend all of these Brothers for their efforts and encourage others to follow their example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this Fourteenth day of July, 2003.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 23 SERIES 2002-2003

1. The following named Brothers are hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of recruiting three new members into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

(a) Clark McCullough, Past Commander, Department of New Jersey and member of Custer Camp 17

(b) David Martin, Past Commander, Department of New Jersey and member of Lincoln Camp 100.

2. Pursuant to my General Order No. 7 dated 16 January 2003 each of the above named Brothers are authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements.

3. I hereby commend all of these Brothers for their efforts and encourage others to follow their example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this 15th day of July, 2003.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 24 SERIES 2002-2003

1. The following named Brothers are hereby appointed a National Aide in recognition of recruiting three new members into the Sons of UnionVeterans of the Civil War:

(a) Charles Engle, Commander Department of Tenn.

(b) Edward J. Nyberg, Jr. Department of Tennessee 2. Pursuant to my General Order No. 7 dated 16 January 2003 each of the above named Brothers are authorized to wear a piece of ribbon in the National Colors behind his membership badge as a sign of his recruiting achievements.

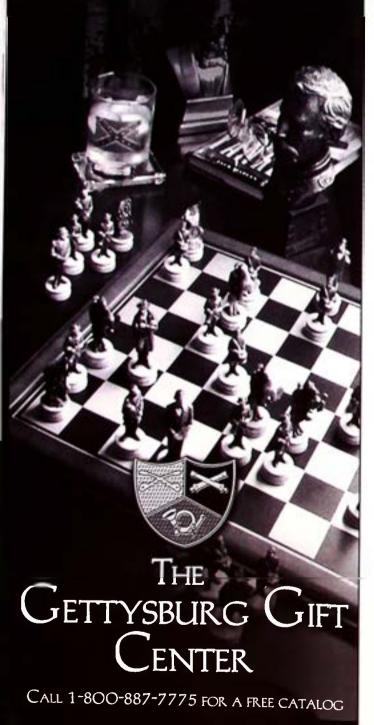
3. I hereby commend all of these Brothers for their efforts and encourage others to follow their example in recruiting worthy Brothers into our Order.

Ordered this 3rd day of August, 2003.

Attest: Edward Krieser, PCinC National Secretary

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An extensive collection of Civil War gifts, collectibles, books, prints and home decor.



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campment. Brother Rippey was elected to two terms as Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW in 1963 and 1964. The PCinC Joseph S. Rippey Award recognizes a new Camp that is deemed to be most active in the areas of recruiting, Civil War veteran graves registration, and Civil War memorials assessment. Nominations and accomplishment descriptions of a Department's newly formed Camps are welcome from Department Commanders and/or Department Secretaries. Please send this information to my attention at the address above. Thank you.

10. It has come to my attention that two of our Members are celebrating very special birthdays this year. The fourth quarter of 2003 marks the 102nd birthday of Brother Clifton E. Gaunt and the 100th birthday of Brother (and 'Real Son') Edward Blakely. Brother Gaunt honors the memory of his grandfather, Alphonso D. Steere (who served with the 2nd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery), with membership in A. A. Sherman Camp 18, Department of Massachusetts. Brother Blakely honors the memory of his father. Egbert Blakely (who served in Company E of the 10th Michigan Cavalry), with membership in Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1. Department of Michigan. Please join me in wishing these centenarian Brothers a very Happy Birthday!

General Orders Number 3 Series 2003-2004

1. A Brother in Good Standing has sent our National Secretary a respectful request to honor a recently deceased relative withmembership in the SUVCW.

2. An applicant's signature on the official application form of our Order is a prerequisite of membership in all categories (Member, Junior, or Associate). Without his signature, a gentleman's application cannot be accepted by any Camp nor any Membership-at-Large at either the Department or National levels of the organization.

3. Therefore, it is the ruling of this C-in-C that the SUVCW will not accept a posthumous application for membership. Ordered this 15th day of September, 2003.

By Order of Kent L. Armstrong Commander-in-Chief

Attested: Edward J. Krieser, PCinC National Secretary



Council of Administration Meetings August 7 and August 10, 2003 - Ft. Mitchell, Ky

August 7, 2003 Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

Commander-in- Chief, Robert Grim called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. EDST, then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Roll Callof Officers was read, all voting members of the Council were present asfollows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Robert E. Grim, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCin-C George L. Powell, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, PDC Donald E. Darby, PDC Ronald B. Gill and PDC Robert M. Petrovic. In addition were PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt, PC-in-C Charles Corfman, PC-in-C Lowell V. Hammer, PC-in-C David R. Medert, PC-in-C Alan R. Loomis, PC-in-C Danny Wheeler, National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee F. Walters.

Officers' reports were reviewed for possible Council Action. First item of business was the 2002-2003 proposed budget presented by the National Treasurer, Max Newman. Don Darby moved, seconded by Max Newman in the General Fund to move \$7500.00 from the Special Projects to Contingency leaving \$2500.00 in the Special Project. Passed Unanimously.

PC-in-C George Powell moved with many seconds that the proposed budget as amended above be adopted. Passed by unanimous vote.

As a concern of the Executive Director, Lee Walters regarding the Internet address change form does not go thru the Department Secretary with the Form 30 and that he is then making changes to the Department Database possibly without the knowledge of the Department Secretary. PC-in-C Elmer Atkinson moved with numerous seconds to authorize the Executive Director to notify the Department Secretary that the address change was received and entered in the database.

Discussion on Eagle Scout Certificate. Bob Petrovic moved. Ron Gill seconded to reverse the Order's membership Badge and the GAR badge so the GAR Badge is on it's own right side and to get another graphic for the GAR Badge showing the canton of the flag in the upper (it's own) right. Passed by a unanimous vote.

Discussion on Life Membership category one payment to camps remain the same this year as last at \$4.00 with many seconds. Unanimous vote passed the motion.

Treasurer, Max Newman informed members that he had

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong opened the meeting at 7:58 a.m. by asking PC-in-C Robert Grim to lead a prayer which PC-in-C Grim did eloquently. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the Commander-in- Chief. Council of Administration present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Senior Vice

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checked into what was needed and cost of bonding the additional National Officers as instructed at the March 2003 Council of Administration meeting and that he will be ready to get it done after this National Encampment and new officers are in the positions.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C National Secretary

August 10, 2003 Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

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Commander-in-Chief Armstrong honored a request by the Ladies of the G.A.R. led by National President Lynne Bury, to address the Council of Administration regarding a matter of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty between the Allied Orders. Points shared as follows:

1. In planning for the 2003 Allied Orders' Encampment,

difficulties have been incurred by the LGAR. Paramount among these problems we have found that most of the difficulties have resulted from a lack of communication.....

2..... The hotel took an "approximation" the morning of the meals, as an "actual count" and wants to charge us on that

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Kent Armstrong new C-in-C

tional Cemetery.

The highlight of Brother Armstrong's re-enacting experiences came in 1996 when he was authorized by the National Park Service to coordinate a Living History Weekend at Gettysburg National Military Park, combining over 200 volunteers to honor both the 24th Michigan Infantry and the 26th Regiment of North Carolina Troops. C-in-C Armstrong was also active within the SUVCW during the 1990s. After several months' effort in 1993. he garnered the cooperation of his state legislature to name Highway U.S.-12 in Michigan as the "Iron Brigade Memorial Highway." The legislation also directed the state Department of Transportation to provide signage along the route. [The route of U.S.-12 links the home states of the Iron Brigade's infantry regiments (2nd, 6th, 7th Wisconsin; 19th Indiana; 24th Michigan).]

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Another 1995 project for Brother Armstrong was to gain permission to organize a new local chapter of the SUVCW to serve Clinton County, Michigan. The Camp opened in July, with Kent being elected as its Charter Commander. The new Camp (George W. Anderson, 58) was named and numbered in honor of DeWitt, Michigan's GAR Post. During Kent's terms as Michigan's Junior and Senior Vice Department Commander, he organized eight more Camps and was recognized as having recruited the most new Brothers into the Order, nationally, two years in a row. He also served as Michigan's first Department Civil War Memorials Officer. Brother Armstrong was elected to two terms as Department Commander and served as a co-organizer of the National Encampment that was hosted by the Department of Michigan in 2000.

Brother Armstrong became a Life Member (# 426) of the National Organization, SUVCW in 1996. He approached the National leadership that year with the idea of a special committee whose task would be to coordinate inspecting and recording the condition of GAR Monuments and other Civil War related memorials across the country. Attention would then be focused on securing repair or restoration of those memorials found to be in immediate need. He accepted appointment as chairman of the new committee, which was eventually recognized as the Order's

Final Muster

Earle W. Briggs, no date of death provided, 763 Plumtree Drive. Springfield, MA. Member of H. A. Grant Camp No. 24, Department of Massachusetts.

Bruce B. Butler, died on July 12, 2003, 28 Wilderness Road, Asheville, NC. Life Member and National Member-at-Large.

Leo Cuyler, died on June 15, 2003, 16913 Ten Mile Road, Battle Creek, MI. Member of Colgrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22, Department of Michigan.

James P. Durkin, died on September 12, 2002, 3072 Secane Place, Philadelphia, PA. Member of Searfoss Camp No. 273. Department of Pennsylvania.

Harry F. Fanicase. Jr., died in April of 2003, 532 Jackson Avenue, Manville, NJ. Member of Lincoln Camp No. 100, Department of New Jersey.

Dale O. Farnsworth, (A REAL SON), died on July 22, 2003. No address listed. Member of Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp No.

"Civil War Memorials Committee," and now has perpetual status. To "practice what he preached," he helped raise several thousands of dollars for the restoration of GAR Memorials in mid-Michigan.

After serving three years as National Civil War Memorials Officer. Brother Armstrong was appointed as National Chief-of-Staff in 1999 by C-in-C Danny Wheeler. Kent was also elected to the National Council of Administration in 1999 and served as the Junior Vice Commander of the Central Region Association of SUVCW Departments that year. After a turn as regional Senior Vice, he served as Commander of the Central Region Association in 2001 and was elected as SUVCW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief that year. Having been elected as Senior Vice Commanderin-Chief. Brother Armstrong enjoyed serving as both Publisher and Editor of The BANNER during the 2002-2003 administrative year. His committee assignments along the way have been on the National Committee on Constitution & Regulations and included serving as chairman of both the National Committee on Membership and the National Committee on Program & Policy. Another important cause supported by C-in-C Armstrong is the conservation of original flags that were carried with Civil War regiments. He is a member of the State of Michigan's Civil War Battle-Flags Task Force and has raised several thousands of dollars toward professional care for Michigan's Civil War banners. He also raised \$1,000 to initiate a matching funds effort toward conservation of the famous Iron Brigade Banner under the care of the State of Wisconsin.

Brother Armstrong has been employed by General Motors Corporation for over 26 years, beginning his career with the Fisher Body Division assembly plant in Lansing, MI. He is a "skilledtrades employee" (Journeyman Millwright) responsible for installation and maintenance of mechanical conveyor components. C-in-C Armstrong has been married to his High School sweetheart, the former Judy Jackson, for over 32 years. Having fourteen "Civil War ancestors" of her own, she is very supportive of his work with the SUVCW. They raised one son, Douglas (32), and one daughter, Nicole (30). Currently, they are the proud grandparents of Douglas and Pennie (Bradshaw) Armstrong's daughters, Ashleigh (3), and Emma (2),

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the following Brothers:

69, Department of Maine.

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John L. Loll, no date of death provided, 9120 Stebbing Way, Laurel, MD. Member of Garfield Camp No. 4, Department of New Jersey.

Travis Nott, died on July 21, 2003, 6497 State Route 78, Glouster, OH. Member of John S. Townsend Camp No. 108, Department of Ohio.

Thomas Shay, died on May 24, 2003, 200 Timber Road, Mt. Gretna, FA. Member of Seven Shays Camp No. 7, Department of Pennsylvania

Robert Walls, no date of death provided, 42 Village Road, Lewisburg, WV. Member of 7th West Virginia Camp No. 7, Department of Maryland.

Department News

California and Pacific

A real rarity occurred on May 31st, at the Civil Center in Brea.California, when a brother and a sister were simutaneously awarded the top rank in their respective scouting organizations. James Edward McDaniel, Jr., 17, and Crystal Rose McDaniel, 18. of Brea, were honored for their achievements in Scouting. Appropriately, both their Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects were designed and produced to honor and benefit American Veterans. PCC Ed Berger of the Sgt. Wm. Pittneger Camp 21 heard of the upcoming Court of Honor and arranged for SUVCW and ASUVCW presence and presentation of certificates of commendation. Uniformed in Civil War period attire, PDC Bob Lowe. of the Dept. of California and Pacific and National ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor Rosemary Lowe made the actual presentations. They gave a brief description and mission of their Orders and commitment to the youth of America, before presenting th certificates and letters of commendation.

Indiana

On June 21st, Brother of David D. Porter Camp #116, changed its usual meeting place and time in order to tour South Bend Replicas, a modern machine shop that specializes in creating reproduction cannon tubes. The experience was rewarding and education for all attending. Owner J. Paul Barnett told some interesting stories during the tour, including one about clearing an authentic tube for Hank Williams, Jr. He also invited to reformed Russia to fire the cannons sued in the first presentation of the 1812 Overture since the Russian Revolution.

There were four naval 18th Century replicas, ready to be shipped and a 3" ordnance rifle getting the bore drilled. There were many samples of length cut replica tubes, illustrating various other methods of production, as well as their own. There were many epoxy castings of breaches of authentic cannons of various sizes and types.

The tour was preceded by a picnic lunch at the home of Br. Mike Downs, where Camp Commander PCinC Alan Loomis described programs that the Camp could participate in.

Maine

Haskel-Marston Camp #56 and its Auxiliary, in cooperation with the Gray, Maine Historical Society, recently placed four new headstones on unmarked Civil War veterans' graves and rededicated the town's Civil War monument. The forgotten veterans' graves were researched by Br. Howard Black, who secured the government headstones. One of the graves had gone unmarked since the young soldier's death in 1864

The Gray Civil War monument was erected in 1911 at a cost of \$2,000. Recently, the town appropriated \$3,000 to have the names of the local Civil War veterans engraved on the monument's granite face.

The Department color guard from the 11th Maine Infantry, SVR, and members of the 1st Maine Cavalry and the 3rd Maine Infantry also took part in the ceremonies. This was followed by

Mrs. John Broughton spread soil on the grave from Brandon, Vermont, Haydon's birthplace. The gravestone was unveiled by the Broughton's son, John C., a 13-year veteran of the USAF and Desert Storm. Civil War re-enactors attending and rendering honors were

the 102nd USCT, the 1st Michigan Infantry, the 3rd Michigan Infantry and the 12th Michigan Infantry. Michigan SUVCW Camps 1, 14, 22 and 85 also attended. Several groups presented floral tributes. The Decatur High School Band performed "America the Beautiful" and "Bring Him Home." Decatur's Boy Scout Troop 170 handled parking and VFW Post 6248 bugler Danya Jackson played "Taps." The day's moving event was very touching and instilled pride and patriotism in all that attended.

George Armstrong Custer Camp #17, with the help of Libbie Bacon Custer Auxiliary #17, placed wreaths at six locations this past Memorial Day. Camp JVC Art Green and Aux. Pres. Michelle Green placed a wreath at Gettysburg, Pa.; PDC Clark McCullough placed a wreath at Fairview Cemetery in Middletown with wife Teresa, who is the Aux. Secretary, and their two daughters Diana and Candace, who are also Auxiliary members. Camp SVC Frank McGonigle, with Br. Bill and Sr. Joane Sinclair, were at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains. Camp Commnader Daniel J. Lynch placed a wreath at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange. And Camp Historian Bob Bowell placed a wreath at the Asbury Park Civil War Memorial on behalf of both the Camp and Auxiliary. Abraham Lincoln Camp #100 celebrated its 50th anniversary at a dinner held in Hightstown. Forty-eight members and guests attended, including PCinC Bud Atkinson and his wife, Margaret, PNP of the Auxiliary. Other guests included Dept. Co. Clarence Smithcors and Commander Robert Wilhelm, Co. A. 1st NJ Bat

a 19th Century style picnic in the town cemetery.

Michigan

Gen. Benjamin Prichard Camp #20 hosted a ceremony to honor LtC. Charles Broughton Haydon, who served in Co. E & I., 2nd Michigan Infantry. Camp 20 placed a new military headstone on Haydon's unmarked grave and dedicated it to honor the fallen hero. Haydon was wounded through the shoulder in July 1863, near Jackson, Mississippi. He died in March 1864 and was lain in a grave, marked only by a large cedar tree. His Civil War diaries were published in 1993, under the title of "For country, Cause and Leader," edited by Mr. Stephen W. Sears.

Speakers included U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Michigan State Senator Ron Jelinek, Michigan State Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, Haydon cousin John H. Broughton of Wisconsin, Van Buren County Commissioner Don Hanson, Hamilton Twp. Supervisor Dr. Carl Druskovich, Michigan Dept. Commander Bruce Butgereit and Radio Station WSJM Program Director Annette Weston.

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Three members of the George Armstrong Custer Camp #17 were honored recently, at the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel. PDC Clark D./ McCullough, Camp Memorials Officer Michael Truex and Camp Historian Bob Bowell received the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal, along with certificates from Governor James E. McGrcevey, the State General Assembly and Adi. Gen, Glenn K. Rieth.

New York

The roar of a full scale Civil War howitzer caught the attention of residents living in Towanda, Pennsylvania, recently. The three blasts, just before "Taps" marked the conclusion of a dedication ceremony for 40 new headstones installed for Civil War veterans, buried in Riverside Cemetery.

The project began in Fall 2002, when Steve Hall, commander of Gen. A.S. Diven Camp #77 of Elmira, began grave registration work in the cemetery. By the time his work was completed, 28 stones had been identified as needing replacement and 12 others were nonexistent. With the help of Cemetery Association members, Boy Scout Troop 4065 and the Towanda Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the new stones were set. The last stones arrived two days before the ceremony and were installed on time.

Despite the threat of rain, the ceremony took place as planned with speakers from the Cemetery Assoc, and the Bradford County Veterans Services office. New York Dept. SVC Dale Theetge gave a presentation on the Gettysburg Address and also presented Camp #77's new charter to Commander Hall and members of the Diven Camp. Commander Al Stewart,

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On July 19th, the DUVCW, LGAR, WRC and ASUVCW joined biothers from the Ohio Department to observe the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Buffington Island, Ohio's only Civil War battle. 12,000 soldiers took part in the July 19, 1863 battle, which effectively ended Morgan's Raid.

The remembrance took place at the monument at Buffington Island Park near Portland, Ohio. Representatives from ten Ohio Camps were present for the ceremony. they were from Dennison Camp #1, Fearing Camp #2, Brooks-Grant Camp #7, McLaughlin Camp #12, McPherson Camp #66, Voris Camp #67, Townsend Camp #108, Dennison Camp #125, Garfield Camp #142 and Banning Camp #207. The program included a memorial wreath laying, acannon salute, and taps.

Members of McLauglin Camp #12 participated in the dedication of a plaque to honor the eight Richland County residents who received the Medal of Honor. A short biography and Medal of Honor citation for each recipient was presented to the assembled

Members of Tulsa's Indian Nations Camp #3 have begun a tradition of annual cleanup and maintenance of the land and historical marker, indicating the Battle of Chustenahlah (Caving Banks). fought on December 26, 1861. The site lies three miles west of the city of Skiatook on State Hwy. 20. Members, armed with chain saws, weed eaters, riding mowers and a great attitude were successful in transforming a disorderly, overgrown property. Camp Commander Gene Turner remarked, "This gratifying experience has provided a refreshing knowledge of accomplishment for those who participated."

Camps-at-Large

the charter to the Camp. CinC Grim's General Order #19 and congratulatory letter were then read. Immediately following the ceremony, the Camp participated in the annual Memorial Day Services. During these, the event hosts honored Camp Sedgewick as their newest member organization. The Camp's charter will be hung in the Salem VFW Post #661 Hall, which sponsors the Camp. On June 14th, camp Sedgewick provided two officers as VIP escorts at the DUVCW State Convention. Brother D.H. Shearer and Camp Commander Dennis Bell shared the duty, escorting Nat. 1st vice President Donna Vaughn and National president Celestine Hollings. They also presented greetings on behalf of the SUVCW. A number of the Camp's Officers had a presence at the Willamette Mission Civil War Re-enactment over Independence Day Weekend. A suitable tent was procured through donations from the brothers and the Information Booth staffed by volunteers during the event.

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crowd by members of the Camp. The bronze plaque is located on the Richland County Courthouse lawn and was an Ohio Bicentennial project by the Richland County Joint Veterans Council. Fearing Camp #2 of Marietta has marched in the Memorial Day. Independence Day and Ohio Bicentennial Flag parades. In addition, it participated in an encampment at Beverly and in the Washington County Veterans program

Oklahoma

Gen. John Sedgewick Camp #10 of Salem Oregon, conducted a chartering ceremony on May 26th, Memorial Day. The ceremony was part of the annual observance held by the Greater Salem Area Veterans Organization (GSAVO), a coalition of area veterans and patriotic organizations, at Salem's Cityview & Pioneer Cemetery. Veterans from as far back as the War of 1812 rest on a hilltop in the cemetery, overlooking the Willamette Valley and the gold Pioneer statue on the dome of the State Capital building. The significance of receiving the Camp charter on the holiday that the GAR helped to create added meaning to the ceremony. The Guest of Honor, LtC. H.R. MacDonald, USMC Retired, presented

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War **Post Encampment Report of the National Counselor** Amendments to the regulations of the Order as adopted by the **122nd National Encampment**

I. Amended Chapter V, Article III Badges and Decorations, by adding section 10: "Those brothers obtaining life membership may wear a life member bar, as provided by the National Ouartermaster, upon their membership badge.'

II. Amended Chapter V. Article III Badges and Decorations, by addingsection 11: "Those brothers who have been brothers of the Order for twenty-five continuous years (never having been dropped), may wear a service numeral "25", as provided by the National Quartermaster, upon their membership badge. Such numerals are also authorized for 30 years, 35 years, 40 years and 45 years. 50 years, 55 years, 60 years, 65 years, 70 years and 75 years as brothers of the Order. Years as a Junior and/or Associate of the Order are counted toward the year totals."

III. Amended Chapter I, Article II Membership, by adding a new section7: A Brother in good standing shall be granted an Honorable Discharge upon written request to the Camp Commander. A Brother issued an Honorable Discharge may apply for admission to any other Camp or membership-at-large at a later date.

IV. Amended Chapter I, Article II Membership, by changing Section 3 to now read: "A Brother whose dues are not paid by March I may be dropped for nonpayment of dues by a vote of the Camp. A Brother so dropped shall not be admitted to another Camp or membership-at-large unless having received the concurrence of the Camp which dropped him. The Camp which dropped the Brother may require the payment of all indebtedness prior to concurring with the admission to another Camp. A Brother so dropped from the rolls of a Camp shall be issued a General Discharge for the Good of the Order."

V. Amended Chapter V. Article I. Section 3, by adding subsections as below: (d) Honorable Discharge - a certificate of voluntary separation from membership granted to a Brother in good standing upon his request. (e) General Discharge for the Good of the Order - a certificate of a less than honorable discharge, but not a punitive discharge issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he requested a discharge. (f) Dishonorable Discharge - a certificate of separation from membership following a conviction under disciplinary procedures as presented in National Regulations, Chapter V. Article VI.

VI. Amend National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article I, Organization and Structure, Section 1 to now read: Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps and Departments may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard or Department Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp or Department with which the unit is associated. A Camp Guard must be the name of the Camp, followed by the Camp number and then the phrase "Camp Guard", with no other additional words or numbers. All members of the Camp Guard must be brothers of the Camp. A Department Guard must be named: "Department Guard, Department of (name of Department)", with no other additional words or numbers. All members of the Department Guard. must be brothers of the Department. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp or Department Guard shall be that of Captain, At all functions where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard.

VII. Amend National Regulations, Chapter V, Article II Bonds, to now read: Section 1. The bonded officers shall be as follows: The Camp Treasurer (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp); Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer); National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer), National Ouartermaster, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer, National Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor. Also Department Commanders if so ordered by Department By-laws.

VIII. Change title of the Civil War Memorials and Monuments officer throughout the National Regulations to "Civil War Memorials Officer" on all levels of the Order. This will amend the following sections of the National Regulations: Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 1; Chapter 1, Article VI, Section 11; Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1; Chapter II, Article V, Section 13; Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1; Chapter III, Article V, Section 20 and Chapter III, Article VII, Section 9 IX. Amended Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3(d) to now read: "All written requests for reimbursement from any of the several Life Member Programs must be submitted to the National Treasurer between January 1 and March 31 of each year. Any requests received after March 31 shall not be reimbursed."

X. Amended National Regulations Chapter II (Departments), Article 5, Section 9 - to change the name of the Department Organizer to Camp Organizer.

XI. Amended National Regulations Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1 and Chapter III, Article V, Section 5, to change the name of the Camp & Department Organizer to Camp-at-Large & Department Organizer.

XII. Amended National Regulations Chapter V, Article III, Section 9, to now read: Section 9. Upon the death of a Brother, a Commander may, at his discretion, issue through a Special Order, directive to the Brothers under his command to attach a 1 inch wide band of black grosgrain ribbon to the Member, Junior or Associate badge, as a sign of mourning. The black ribbon shall be attached in a horizontal fashion around the suspension ribbon of the badge and attached in the rear of same with a straight pin. In the alternative, the brother may wear a 2"x8" "In Memoriam" black (Please turn to Page 17)

Council of Administration Meeting

3.... It was our understanding that pianos were included in the original arrangements for the site. Later we were told we must provide our own piano, estimates we were told were as high as \$500.00 for the weekend. We found this outrageous, and we were forced to make our own arrangements.

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong informed the Ladies we would get back with them after certain questions were answered by others not in the room at the time.

Upon continuing with the meeting the C-in-C thanked PC-in-C George Powell for his years of service as a voting member of the Council of Administration, welcomed immediate PC-in-C Robert Grim in his new capacity and welcomed newly elected Council of Administration Member PDC Dave Stephen.

C-in-C Armstrong recapped the recommendations of Executive Director Lee Walters which were looked at during last C.of A. meeting August 7, 2003.

1. That standardized forms for department rosters be developed and mandated for use by all departments which will contain all the information required for the National Database. C-in-C directed SVC-in-C Steve Michaels as Chair of the Program & Policy Committee to contact Brother Richard Williams about the Database.

2. Changes to be made to the Eagle Scout Certificate and the Membership Certificates. National Quartermaster PC-in-C Bud Atkinson to check into this.

PC-in-C Grim moved, second by SVC-in-C Michaels to retain Brother Linn Hoadley as National Membership at Large Coordinator and PDC Gary Gibson as National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer. This immediately passed by unanimous vote.

C-in-C Armstrong directed National Treasurer Max Newman to check with auditors on how to best handle the Litigation Fund that the National Encampment created this weekend. Had discussion on liability insurance. Executive Director Lee Walters was instructed by C-in-C to check into what can be covered and for what price.

PC-in-C Grim moved, second by PDC Petrovic to re-evaluate the Executive Director's contract vs. his current duties. Unanimously passed

PC-in-C Grim moved Treasurer Newman seconded to grant temporary pre-approval to the Charitable Foundation of several items for them to pursue and return for formal approval when design is determined. There was a friendly amendment by JVC-in-C Darby to limit the pre-approval for 1 year. (Till August 2004) The motion as amended passed by a vote of 9 to 1. The items are:

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ribbon behind their Member, Junior or Associate badge. This ribbon would also contain the words "The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and then may also contain the name of the Department or Camp on the ribbon, at the expense of the Camp or Department. The wearing of the mourning ribbon shall coincide with the time specified for the draping of the respective Charter.

XIV. Amended National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 5 to now read: Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall hot have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department. If the Department does not concur, those Camps wishing to organize themselves into a new Department, may appeal to the Commander in Chief. The Commanderin-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity & loyalty: James Pahl National Counselor

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It was decided by consensus from now on, if the National Encampment Memorial Service and/or Joint Opening will have to be in the same room where the SUVCW Business Meeting will occur, that the room be set up for the meeting (Lodge Style setup) a ead of time. This will help reduce the time that is lost due to the need for furniture rearrangement between functions in the same

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Edward J. Krieser, PC-in-C, National Secretary

Amendments -

(Continued from Page 7)

XIII. Amended National Regulations Chapter I. Article II, by adding new Section 6: "Applicants who are brothers of the Order in another Camp or a Member-at-large, may become a dual member of another Camp. The applicant need not pay the application fee, however, is subject to the full per capita assessment in both Camps,'



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Sons of Veterans Reserve marks its 100th year

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the 47th annual observance of Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, 15 November 2003. The Sons of Veterans Reserve. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), cordially invites units to participate in the Parade and attend the Grand Military Ball later in the day.

Formed from the SUVCW to be the National Military Department, the SVR conducts uniformed ceremonies and services. In addition, it sponsors an annual military encampment for training and instructional purposes.

The SVR will hold its breakfast on Saturday, 15 November 2003 in the Eisenhower Inn on Emmitsburg Pike (US Business Route 15) south of Gettysburg. Due to space considerations, the breakfast is restricted to SVR members and their family members. It will start at 8:00 A.M. and will tentatively cost \$10.00 per person. Limited edition SVR Centennial

Medals can be purchased from Capt. Ed Kreiser at the breakfast.

A parade briefing for all participants is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on 15 November 2003 in the Eisenhower Inn. All units participating in the Parade should send a representative to this briefing. At this time, specific information and instructions regarding the parade will be announced, so it is important that each unit have a representative in attendance.

Units should form for the Parade at 12:00 noon on Lefever Street between Baltimore and East Confederate Avenue. The parade will move at 1:00 P.M. heading north on East Confeder-

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ate Avenue to East Middle Street; left (west) on East Middle Street to Baltimore Street, left (south) on Baltimore Street to Steinwehr Avenue; up Steinwehr Avenue to the Park entrance.

All units will maintain 20 feet between them and the unit in front of them. No unit will be permitted to stop along the parade route after leaving the mustering area. Mounted units will exit at the entrance to the National Park by continuing straight on Steinwehr Ave, then turning west (right) on the next available street. All mounted personnel are responsible for the clean up and removal of all manure from their mounts.

A brief "Hands across the Wall" ceremony will take place at the High Water Mark followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Woolson Monument. All Union and Confederate troops are encouraged to attend both moving ceremonies.

Under the terms of the permits issued to the SVR for these two ceremonies, troops are permitted to keep bayonets fixed and swords drawn. This permission only applies while troops are participating in the Federal and Confederate ceremonies. Upon leaving these two ceremonies, all troops are subject to the terms of their own permits.

All unit commanders are reminded they are responsible for ensuring that their troops do not have any ammunition, powder or caps upon their persons. Cap pouches and cartridge boxes must be checked before the parade begins.

During the last week of August flyers announcing Remembrance Day 2003 and registration forms were mailed. Please return the registration form to the Provost Marshal for the event, Major Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. His address, phone, and e-mail address are on the form. There is no fee for the parade, but the form must be returned by 01 November 2003. Anyone not receiving forms and wishing to participate may get forms by contacting Col. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., 27 Griswold St., Delaware, OH 43015-1716 or his email at: hshaw@columbus.rr.com

Later in the evening the Eisenhower Inn, on the Emmitsburg Pike, will be the site for the Grand Military Ball. The Ball will begin at 9:00 P.M. Tickets for the ball are \$15.00 per person and may be obtained from: Colonel Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson, Inspector General, SVR, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719

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GENERAL ORDER 2003-08 11 June 2003

Effective 11 June 2003, and in view of the serious illness and subsequent long standing and continuing recovery process experienced by Major Frank Harned, Commander of the Seventh Military District, 1st

Tommy V. Smith, SVR, Commander of Company A, 18th US, Seventh Military District, is appointed temporary Commander of the Seventh Military District and is temporarily commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This temporary Appointment and Commission shall be reviewed by the Commanding Officer, SVR, for such further action as may be appropriate, on or before 31 August 2003.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-09 15 July 2003

1. Effective 16 November 2002, Major James A. Grismer, Commander of the Second Military District, SVR, at his request, is relieved of command and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-10 15 July 2003

1. Effective 15 July 2003, Captain Joseph Pucciarelli, Adjutant of the Second Military District, SVR. at his request, is relieved of duty and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-11 15 July 2003

1. Effective 15 July 2003, 1st Lieutenant William B. Neal, Commander of Co. C, DuPont Guard, Second Military District, SVR, at his request, is relieved of command and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-12 15 July 2003

1. Effective 15 July 2003, Sgt. Major George Shadman, Command Sgt. Major of the General Staff, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR, and appointed Commander of the Second Military District,

2. This Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

3. Effective 15 July 2003, Captain George L. Powell, temporary Commander of the Second Military District, SVR, is relieved of his duties as temporary Commander. is ti

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GENERAL ORDER 2003-13 21 July 2003

1. Effective 21 July 2003, 1st Lieutenant Herman T. Black, a member of Headquarters Company, Fourth Military District, SVR, because of age and physical infirmities, and at his request, is transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-14 21 July 2003

1. Effective 21 July 2003, Colonel E. A. von Frankenberg, a member of Headquarters Company, Fourth Military District, SVR, because of age and physical infirmities, and at his request, is transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-15 28 July 2003

1. Effective 29 July 2003, the following men are commissioned to therank indicated by their name and are appointed to the General Staff to serve in the position indicated:

Colonel Robert E. Grim -Deputy Commander Colonel David R. Medert - Chief of Staff Colonel Elmer F. Atkinson - Inspector General Colonel Andrew M. Johnson Washington, D.C. Liaison Lt. Colonel Larry D. Freed Lt. Colonel Henry E. Shaw. Jr. - Adjutant General Major Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. - Provost Marshall Major James B. Pahl - Judge Advocate General Major Peter N. Rotando - Cmdr. 1st Military District Captain George Shadman - Cmdr. 2nd Military District Major Donald E. Darby - Cmdr, 3rd Military District



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Major Jack G. Grothe - Cmdr, 4th Military District Colonel Robert E. Grim- TempCmdr, 5th Military District Captain David E. Allyn - Cmdr, 6th Military District Major Frank B. Harned - Cmdr. 7th Military District 2. Effective 29 July 2003, Ivan E. Frantz is appointed Musician Sergeant Major to serve on the General Staff. 3. The above Commissions and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

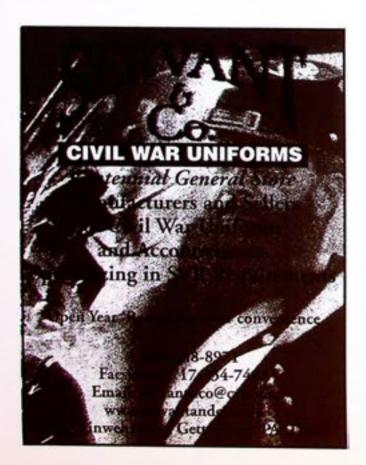
GENERAL ORDER 2003-16 1 August 2003

1. Effective 01 August 2003, 1st Sgt. Kenneth V. Early, SVR, Commander of Company B, 1st Nevada Volunteer Infantry, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and is appointed Public Information Officer of the Sixth Military District. 2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-17 09 August 2003

1. Effective 09 August 2003, Private Leo F. Kennedy, SVR, National Headquarters Company, is commissioned a Captain, SVR, and is appointed Public Information Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.



GENERAL ORDER 2003-18 09 August 2003

1. Effective 09 August 2003, Lt. Col. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Adjutant General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, is commissioned a Colonel, SVR, and is re-appointed Adjutant General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-19 09 August 2003

1. Effective 09 August 2003, 1st Sgt. Glen L. Roosevelt, SVR. Co. G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 08 August 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-20 16 August 2003

1. Effective 16 August 2003, Second Lieutenant Jay H. Peterson, SVR, Adjutant of Co. A. Potomac Guard, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 15 August 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-21 16 August 2003

1. Effective 16 August 2003, Second Lieutenant John P. Portanova, SVR, Adjutant of Co. I, 83rd New York Volunteer Infantry, is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR. 2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 15 August 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2003-22 16 August 2003

1. Effective 16 August 2003, Captain George J. Weinmann, SVR, Commander of Co. I, 83rd New York Volunteer Infantry, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This Commission and Appointment will expire on 15 August 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Brigadier General David V. Medert Commanding Officer Sons of Veterans Reserve

> Attest: Lt. Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Adjutant General Sons of Veterans Reserve

SVR Scrapbook



Brig. Gen. David Medert, right, addresses memorial service at Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery. Above, national officers reflect during the service prior to the national encampment.

SVR members, below, demonstrate flag folding ceremony during annual SVR Breakfast. Form left: Cpt. David Allyn, Pvt. J. Alan Teller; Sgt. Jerry Sayre and Maj. Jack Grothe.





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Our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund is utilized to pay for advertising to promote the Order and to help boost membership. Five dollars from each new Brother's Application Fee goes to this fund, but individual donations allow us to accomplish so much more. Please join me in supporting this fund and the others listed below. Thank you.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Steve Michaels Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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TO ARMS! TO ARMS! THE MEMORY OF OUR ANCESTORS IS UNDER ATTACK!

As the call went out to our ancestors, the call goes out now for us to help stop the devaluing, defacing or the destruction of monuments and sites erected by our forefathers, marking their sacrifices to save this Nation.

In recent years more and more monuments have fallen under attack by individuals who would sell pieces or parts off of these monuments for monetary gain! Civil War cannon barrels have been sold from GAR & SUVCW monuments and GAR burial plots from Maine to Colorado by individuals who are not the rightful owners of this property. These monuments stand in nearly every village, hamlet, Town Square or cemetery throughout our native land. Brothers, this must stop!

These individuals have worked on the fringes of the law for some time but have done almost irreparable damage to our Nation's history and the memory of the saviors of this great Nation. It is time that we take action.

At the 122nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, action was taken up to establish a legal litigation fund to fight these legal battles and bring an end to the further descration of these cherished icons. C-in-C Armstrong has designated this special SUVCW fund to be known as our "Civil War Heritage Defense Fund."

WHAT CAN WE DO? WE CAN FIGHT!

It takes money to bring these individuals to justice and force the restoration of these priceless pieces of our history. What will we tell our children and grandchildren when they ask us why these monuments have been disassembled, devalued and desecrated and that they must pay an entrance fee to a museum to see something that was rightfully theirs? Will we tell them that we did not care enough to try protecting and/or returning these pieces of our history to their prior grandeur?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

As our ancestors answered the call of our Nation, we too must answer this call to protect our Nation's heritage and history. Your financial support is needed to fight these legal battles in court. Court fights tend to be expensive and our Order does not have the resources necessary to become involved in lengthy litigation. The General Fund is able to support the day-to-day operation of this organization, but unable to bear an added burden. That is why this fund was established. It is our duty to answer this call or we, as an organization are unfit to bear the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Through your financial support we can make a difference in this fight and stop these "thieves of history" from desecrating another monument. As our forefathers paid their last full measure of devotion for our freedoms, will we now fall short in this hour of peril, when future generations need us the most?

The SUVCW National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund thanks you for your support.

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