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of the Civil War*



Encampment Snapshots



C in C Armstrong gets his past commander's pin from his true commander - in - chief, above, while, at right, C in C Michaels gets a salute from his wife, Danielle, outgoing president of the Auxiliary.



C in C Michaels poses with national elected and appointed officers at the National Encampment this past August in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Below, a filled ballroom at the National Encampment bring about many new friends and much interesting conversation.



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ON THE COVER: Stephen A. Michaels is sworn in by PCinC David R. Medert as the 118th National Commander-in-Chief, and the 1st from Wisconsin, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the recent National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. CinC Michaels is surrounded by the "ghosts" of the GAR, represented by current members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Michelle Langley was elected National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW at that Order's National Encampment, held coincidental to the SUVCW's. The 17-year member of the Auxiliary is a member of D.G. Caywood Camp Auxiliary 72. (Cover Photo was designed by Cher Petrovic with the thanks of this editor)

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General Orders No. 1

1. It's both a privilege and an honor to be elected your Commander-in-Chief. My sincerest appreciation to the delegates at the 123rd National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for their vote of support. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ... there is much to be done. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.

2. I wish to thank the Department of Iowa for its hospitality, during our convention. The Credentials Committee is to be complemented too for its difficult work.

3. On behalf of the Order, I extend congratulations to the new Presidents of the Allied Orders:

- President Michelle Langley, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
- President Margaret Lauth, Woman's Relief Corps
- President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
- President Orabella "Ozzie" Thompson, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I look forward to working with each of you in preserving and perpetuating the memory of the GAR.

4. All business correspondence should be directed to the 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 Quartermaster -- PCinC Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.

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

7. All purchase requests for the SUVCW's Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent with payment to our National Quartermaster -- PCinC Danny Wheeler, 501 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850.

8. All purchase requests for the SUVCW ROTC award are to be sent with payment to our National Patriotic Instructor -- PDC Bruce B. Butgereit, 1691 Summerfield Street, Kentwood, MI 49508-6499.

9. All Civil War Memorial grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration -- PDC Robert Petrovic (address listed above).

10. The deaths of Brothers are to be reported to our National Chaplain, Jerry W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (PapTom@msn.com). Please include deceased's name, death date, Camp and Department name.

11. A roster of all elected and appointed national officers and committee members for the 2004-2005 administrative year can be found on the National website.

12. Timely reporting continues to be an issue. Please consult the instructions on each reporting form. Late reporting often translates to a loss of benefits to our membership.

13. My itinerary for 2004-2005 is filling quickly. I will visit as many Department Encampments and other events as are possible. Please send details of same as soon as they are available.

14. This year's Remembrance Day event will take place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 20th. All members of the Council of Administration (CofA) are reminded that we will meet at 8am on Sunday, November 21st, in the Eisenhower Inn.

15. The public observance of Memorial Day 2005 will occur on May 30th. In anticipation, I encourage all brothers to contact their Congress, regarding the permanent return of this holiday to May 30th.

16. We, as an Order, are limited only by our imagination and our size. Membership growth should be a goal that every Camp and Department sets annually. Those brothers who accept the challenge and distinguish themselves by recruiting new members will be recognized appropriately.

17. Our volunteer members are our most valuable asset. Productive, regular meetings and relevant, well-planned activities are the key to recruiting and retention in any volunteer organization. Our Camps and Departments are only able to serve the GAR's memory after first serving our membership.

18. We are each charged with an important responsibility ... honoring the memory of those, who sacrificed so much. I implore all to answer the call. Together, let us continue to build a living memorial to the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865.

Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2004.

General Orders No. 2

1. I regret to inform the membership of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker on Friday, August 20, 2004.

2. PCinC Schlenker served this Order with distinction as its Commander-in-Chief, from 1982 to 1983, from the Department of Maryland. Afterwards, he served as the Order's Washington D.C. Liaison until 2002, when he was granted emeritus status. He also served as Public Informant.

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First Wisconsinite takes helm of SUVCW

Stephen Michaels, of Franklin, Wisconsin was elected Commander-in-Chief of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 14, 2004, at the 123rd National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Brother Michaels' ascension represented the first Wisconsinite in the 123-year history of the SUVCW to serve in the Order's highest office.

Commander-in-Chief Michaels traces his SUVCW eligibility back to ten Ohio Civil War soldiers, including one great great grand-father (Pvt. William Howard Wilson, Company G, 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry), eight great great uncles and one cousin. The Ohio Regiments represented by his ancestors include the 12th, 34th, 48th, 59th, 79th, 89th, and 153rd.

Born in Milwaukee, the eldest of three children and the only son of Virginia Cordes Michaels and the late John Michaels, Brother Michaels attended Milwaukee's Casimir Pulaski High School where he graduated in 1973. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication in 1977 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Brother Michaels has served the Order in many capacities on the national level, Serving as Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Fraternal Relations Committee chairman, National History Committee and National Headquarters Staffing Committee member. On the Department level in his native State of Wisconsin, he has served as Department Commander for three years, during which time he doubled the Department's membership. Three new Camps were also organized in the Department during his tenure. He served two years as Department Senior Vice Commander, during which time he started the publication of the Department newsletter, and has also served on the Department Council for three years. At the Camp level, Brother Michaels reorganized his local Camp C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 in 1995 and tripled its membership. He served as Camp Commander for four years and as Camp Secretary/Treasurer since 1999. He has been a member of the Order since 1993, and was a Member-at-Large in the Ohio Department from 1993-1994.

Commander-in-Chief Michaels has worked to build the Order by publishing several booklets for use at the Camp level. His works include:

"Introduction to the SUVCW;" "The Camp Companion," "The Junior Handbook (Vol. 1)" "The Recruiting Handbook," "How to Organize an SUVCW Camp," "Press Forward the Good Works, The History of the Wisconsin Department, 1882-1923."

Brother Michaels organized the Central Region Conference in 1977, which has enjoyed a record attendance. His instruction at subsequent Region Conferences prepared him for many future roles. His topics at the Conference included: Recruiting and retention, Effective Planning, the Committed Volunteer and Marketing the Allied Orders.

Actively involved in Civil War Memorial preservation, Brother Michaels focused attention and helped raise funds for "the Union," Racine, Wisconsin's smoothbore cannon monument and "The Victorious Charge," Milwaukee's Civil War monument. He has also actively supported the preservation of Milwaukee's Soldiers Home historical district on the grounds of the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

Within the SUVCW's Sons of Veterans Reserve, Brother Michaels has served as the 4th Military District's Chief of Staff and Commander of the 4th MD Headquarters Company since 1997 and as District Public Information Officer from 1997 to 2002. He currently holds the rank of captain. He received a Commander's Commendation in 2000 for redesigning the SVR's form and the Meritorious Service Award in 2001 for his work in recruiting. In addition to editing his District's semi-annual newsletter, "The Thin Blue Line," he devised recruiting literature and a recruiting display, responsible for attracting new members into his district. He organized the 4th MD Artillery Safety School in 2002 and 2004.


Brother Michaels has served for over 30 years in the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has received the Exceptional Service Award for his work with its Cadet Program. He also held positions in Logistics, Search & Rescue, Professional Development, Inspection, and as Wisconsin's Wing's Chief of Staff, supervising a volunteer staff responsible for 1400 members across the State. He now occasionally serves as an Assistant Inspector and guest lecturer.

He is a member of several historical, patriotic and civic organizations, including Sons of the American Revolution, the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans, the Milwaukee County Historical Society and Soldier Home Foundation. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Commander-in-Chief Michaels has over 35 years experience in editing and publishing house organs and recruiting literature. He worked for 22 years in retail sales for Target stores. He has also worked as an announcer at radio station WKLH, WZTR and WMIL. He is currently the anchor and commercial copy coordinator for Metro Networks, an international news and traffic service, and is heard daily on WTMJ.

In his spare time, Commander-in-Chief Michaels enjoys collecting Milwaukee Soldiers Home memorabilia, Wisconsin GAR and Sons badges and historical artifacts. He also has a pre-war Lionel train and a large collection of accessories.

He is married to the former Danielle M. Schreiber of Muskego. She served as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 2003-2004. They have four children: Andreas, a student at UW-Green Bay; Allison a student at UW-Stevens Point; and Andrew and Anne, who are students at Whitnall High School. Allison and Anne are members of the ASUVCW.


Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration Meeting
August 12, 2004
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong called the meeting to order at 8:00P.M. CDST. He thanked PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Edward Kreiser, PCinC Robert Grim and PDC Ronald Gill for their service to the Order as their terms expire this weekend. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

All voting members of the Council were present as follows: Commander-in-Chief (CinC) Kent Armstrong, Senior Vice Commnader-in-Chief (SVCinC) Stephen Michaels, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVCinC) Donald Darby, National Quartermaster PCinC Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC Robert Grim, National Treasurer Max Newman, National Secretary PCinC Edward Kreiser, PDC Ronald Gill, PDC Robert Petrovic, and PDC David Steven. In addition were PCinC Richard Greenwalt, PCinC George Powell, PCinC David R. Medert, National Counselor PDC James Pahl, and Executive Director PCC Lee Walter, National Chief of Staff PDC Michael Bennett and PDC Todd Shillington.

Officers' reports were reviewed for possible Council action.

Orders of CinC Michaels

tion Officer and Commanding General of the SVR. In 1995, he completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each. Many will miss his learned counsel and his thoughtful words.

3. I hereby charge all Department Commanders to drape Department Charters in his honor and to require that all Camps do likewise for a period of 30 days from this date. The National Webmaster will drape the National website.

4. Pursuant to per C&R, Chap. V, Art. III, Sec. 9, all Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

5. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Br. Schlenker's family.

General Orders No. 3

1. Following Commander-in Chief Kent Armstrong's suspension of Douglass R. Knight from any and all duties as an officer of the William Tabor Camp 162, Dept. of Massachusetts, a hearing council was appointed, pursuant to the C&R, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 17B.

2. The Council was composed of six brothers, one each

JVCinC Donald Darby moved, PDC Robert Petrovic seconded that the Pre-1996 Life Member Program reimbursement rate remain at \$4 for another year. The motion passed unanimously.

PCinC Bud Atkinson moved, seconded by JVCinC Donald Darby that the proposed budget as amended above be adopted. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim moved, SVCinC Steve Michaels second to approve CinC Kent Armstrong's recommendation to grant Honorary Membership to Attorney Carole Wildoner Walbert in recognition for her extensive volunteered legal expertise toward the recovery of Civil War era cannon that had been removed from veterans' memorials. Passed by unanimous vote.

PCinC Robert Grim moved, PDC Robert Petrovic second for the Order to pay the Remembrance Day expenses of insurance, streamers, mailing and postage for the year 2005 and onward. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned

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

from the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont. A seventh, from New Hampshire, recused himself.

3. On August 4, 2004, the hearing council completed its deliberations. The council found that Br. Knight was guilty of the charges, described in the Commander-in-Chief's General Order 16. It was the sentence of the council that Douglass R. Knight be removed from all current elective and/or appointed offices of the Order. They further ordered a lifetime ban on holding any elected and/or appointed office of the Order.


4. A copy of the council's decision was sent to Br. Knight by certified mail on August 9th, 2004. Receipt by Br. Knight was refused. On September 12th, the requisite 30-day appeal period expired.

5. The members of the hearing council were subsequently discharged with the thanks of the Order.

Ordered this 15th day of September, 2004.

By Order of:
Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary


POST-ENCAMPMENT REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR
AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE ORDER
AS ADOPTED BY THE 123rd NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

I. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1: (delete underline and add *italic*):

Section 1. The officers of the National Organization shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, three five members of the Council of Administration (*of which not two may be from the same Department*), National Counselor, National Graves Registration Officer, a Washington DC Representative, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Historian, National Chief-of-Staff, National G.A.R. Highway Officer, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Banner Editor; National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, a National Civil War Memorials Officer, and a GAR Records Officer. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

II. Amend Chapter III, Article IV, Section 4: (delete underline and add *italic*.)

Section 4. The terms of office of the National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Quartermaster shall be for three (3) years beginning in 1995. The term of office of the members of the Council of Administration shall be for three years with one Brother being elected annually except in 1993 when one member shall be elected for a three (3) year term and one member shall be elected for a two (2) year term with two brothers being elected in 2004 for three year terms and one brother being elected in 2004 for a two year term. The terms of office for all other elective or appointment officers shall be for one year.

III. Amend Chapter III, Article V, Section 5h: (delete underline and add *italic*):

(h) Four Six members of the Council shall be a quorum, but a less number may meet and transact business provided a majority of those present shall vote in the affirmative on the question to be decided, and five six members by personal vote or in writing over their signatures shall assent to any final action taken.

IV. Amend Chapter V, Article III, Section 2(b): (deleted underline and add *italic*):

(B) All elected officers of the National Organization, while holding office or having been granted emeritus status by a National Encampment, and past elected national Officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that

term, a ribbon, the center a broad stripe of old gold, with narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. (Remainder of the section to remain unchanged).

V. Amend Chapter V, Article III, Section 2c): (delete underline and add *italic*):

C) While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket or tails, Members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, a miniature of the Badge of the Order, without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, currently elected National officers and past elected National officers granted emeritus status by a National Encampment who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an un-expired term and who served until the end of that term, the ribbon shall have a yellow center. (Remainder of the section to remain unchanged).

VI. Chapter I, Article VI, Section 9: (deleted underline):

Section 9. The Secretary of each Camp shall be required to send to the Department Secretary -together with the annual report required in Section 4 of Article VI, Chapter I of these Regulations to be sent in on the 30th day of April in each year - a list of the names and addresses (including zip code numbers) of all Brothers there carried on the rolls of the Camp, on whom per capita tax is being paid.

VII. National Regulations, Chapter III, Article IV, Section 2 (Add *italics*)

Section 2: The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer), National Quartermaster, and the elected members of the Council of Administration shall be elected at the Annual Encampment by a roll-call of the Departments, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, *except in the case of the Council Members, wherein a plurality vote shall elect*. If there be but one nominee for an office, they may be elected by viva voce vote.

VIII. National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article I, Section 2 (add *italics*)

Section 2: To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a brother shall be a member, associate, or Junior, in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Juniors, in SVR events, may not carry any

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General Orders No. 22

It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of their membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue). Those who recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into the Order will also be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

John M. Hart of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania, has recruited twenty-five (25) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

Those who've recruited nine (9) new Brothers are PDC Keith D. Ashley of Brooks - Grant Camp 7 and Craig W. Keller of Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, both from the Department of Ohio.

Steven Hall of Gen. A. S. Diven Camp 77, Department of New York, has recruited seven (7) new Brothers.

PDC Todd A. Shillington of Abraham Lincoln Camp 6, Department of New York, has recruited five (5) new Brothers.

Those who've recruited four (4) new Brothers are Douglas E. Deuel of Sydney Camp 41 and William R. Parker of Philos Cook Camp 223 (both from the Department of New York) as well as Roger May of Captain John Bruck Camp 96, Department of Ohio.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Michael H. Swartwood of Sydney Camp 41 and PDC Michael S. Bennett of

Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (both from the Department of New York), John Clark of Captain John Bruck Camp 96 (Department of Ohio), and Dennis Shirk of Seven Shay's Camp 7 (Department of Pennsylvania).

2. Chairman Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC and his fellow members of the National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Post Records are to be commended for their efforts. Departments are strongly urged to promote this work by appointing a Brother "to assist in collecting information for the Post Records database as well as review Post location listings and records location data prior to loading them onto the National Web site."

3. Brothers Barry L. Spink and PDC Charles H. Engle, Jr. are hereby recognized as National Aides in appreciation for representing our Order at the funeral of Mrs. Alberta Martin in Elba, Alabama. At the time of her passing, Mrs. Martin was believed to be the last widow of a Confederate veteran from the American Civil War.

Many of us were able to meet Mrs. Martin at the special "Widows Reunion" at Gettysburg that PCinC David R. Medert helped arrange.

4. As we prepare to celebrate another anniversary of our nation's independence, let us pause to reflect on the symbolism of the patriotic trinity of red, white, and blue (see "Presentation of Badge" within the Initiation ceremony, described within our Order's Ritual and Ceremonials). Let us also remember that the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy today were first won (and have been protected since) by the sacrifices of American soldiers, sailors, and marines. Let us be mindful of - and thankful toward all who serve us in uniform, today. Many of them are far from home. Many of them are in harm's way. Many of them continue to make the ultimate sacrifice. Please think of them on this 4th of July.

Ordered this 2nd day of July, 2004.

General Orders No. 23

1. A Camp Officer Installation Report, submitted to our National Executive Director, indicates that someone from outside our Order was elected and installed as an officer of a Camp of the SUVCW.

2. This is contrary to the nature of our organization as well as its Ritual and Ceremonials.

3. Therefore, it is the ruling of this C-in-C that to hold office in our Order, whether it be as an elected officer or as an appointed officer or appointed committee member, the position MUST be filled by a person from within the membership of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (that person being a Brother in good standing, as either a "Member" or an "Associate" within the SUVCW).

Ordered this 2nd day of August, 2004.

General Order 24

1. It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Orders. Colonel David Ireland Camp 137, located at Binghamton, NY with Date of Rank from June 6, 2004.

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A Certificate of Merit will be issued to PCinC Danny L. Wheeler, Camp Organizer.

General Alexander S. Asboth Camp 5, located at Wentzville, MO with Date of rank from June 15,

2004. A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother Emmet P. Taylor III, Camp Organizer.

General U.S. Grant Camp 9, located at Modesto, CA with Date of Rank from June 16, 2004. A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother Carl Taylor, Camp Organizer.

Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104, located at Doylestown, PA with a Date of Rank from June 16, 2004. A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother John McNulty, Camp Organizer

Colonel William Kinsman Camp 23, located at Atlantic, IA with Date of Rank from June 23, 2004.

A Certificate of Merit has been issued to Brother Dennis L. Sasse, Camp Organizer.

2. Department of Kentucky Commander James C. Kiger and National Treasurer Max Newman are hereby recognized as National Aides in appreciation for representing our Order at the annual national meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, respectively.

3. It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of the membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue).

Those who recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into our Order will also be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

Those who've recruited five (5) new Brothers are - Department of Kansas, Commander Thomas E. Schmidt of Corporal Patrick Coyne, Camp 1, Department of Kansas, and Paul Hadley of Shiloh Camp 2, Department of Nebraska.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Randall L. Durban of Old Abe Camp 16 and PDC Kenneth R. Spurgeon of Corporal Patrick Coyne Camp 1, both from the Department of Kansas.

Ordered this 6th day of August, 2004

General Orders No 25

1. A question has been asked concerning Life Membership and payment of National per capita for the Life Member, when that Brother has membership in more than one Camp of the Order.

2. Dual membership has been allowed for a short time now, as recorded in National Regulations, Chapter 1, Article II, 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."

3. Those Brothers who have applied for Life Membership and paid the appropriate fee, are exempt from National per capita assessment. See National Constitution, Article VII, Section 1(b) Life Members: "Members who have paid the requisite Life Membership fee as established by the National Organization. Life Members are exempt from National per capita and otherwise, enjoy all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership."

4. There are two Life Member programs where the National Organization shall reimburse a Camp various amounts, but such reimbursement is limited to one Camp only, at the designation of the Brother. See National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VI, Section 3.

5. Our Constitution in Article VII, Section 1(b), make no distinc-

tion between those Brothers who are in one Camp and those Brothers who are members of multiple Camps. The Constitution says that Life Members are exempt from the National per capita tax, 6. Therefore, it is the formal opinion of the National Counselor, and affirmed by this CinC, that Life Members are exempt from all National per capita, regardless of the number of Camps that they maintain membership in.

This ruling to take effect, this 9th day of August, 2004

General Order 26

1. It has been my pleasure to sign a charter for Abraham Lincoln Camp 56, located at Hodgenville, KY with Date of Rank from August 12, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Lester D. Crosswhite, Camp Organizer.

2. I have the Honor to present the following recognitions:

a. Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation)- Charles W. Canney Camp 5, Department of New Hampshire

b. Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation) - Gary L. Scheel, Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri

c. Benjamin F. Stephenson Award (for recruiting the most new Brothers into the Order)- John M. Hart, Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania -32 recruits

d. August P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award (for the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership) - Department of Ohio

e. U.S. Grant Cup (for the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership) - Department of Kansas

f. Marshall Hope Award For best Camp newsletter - Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific - For the best Department newsletter - Department of Nebraska

g. Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award (for the Most Successful New Camp in the Nation) -

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Department of Colorado & Wyoming

h. Meritorious Service Award - with Gold Star- affirmed by the National Council of Administration (CofA) James B. Pahl, PDC, and Robert M. Petrovic, PDC for thier years of distinguished service in a long list of offices and committee assignments.

i. Founders Award (presented to a non-member of the SUVCW or any of the Allied Orders by the CofA for outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors and marines.

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"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"

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PCinC Richard C. Schlenker Passes

It was with great sadness that Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels reported to the membership that Past Commander in Chief Richard S. Schlenker answered the final roll call on August 20, 2004.

Brother Schlenker distinguished himself by over 30 years of service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both in his native Department of Maryland and on the National level.

He joined the Order in 1974 to carry on the noble work that had been begun by his ancestor, Daniel B. Schlenker, Company G, 167th Pennsylvania Militia, and as a member of Hermany GAR Post 606, of Steinsville, PA.

Richard Carl Schlenker was elected Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW at the 101st National Encampment held in Providence, Rhode Island, August 15-18, 1982. He later served as the Order's Washington, D.C. Liaison until 2002, when he was granted emeritus status. Brother Schlenker also served as the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve as well as Public Information Officer of that organization.

Never one to rest on his laurels, Brother Schlenker, in 1995, completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each.

Commander-in-Chief Schlenker was a veteran of World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Ardennes. He

was active in the Wheaton, Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He also held membership and was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Decendants of Colonial Tavernkeepers and the Society of the War of 1812.

Brother Schlenker was always mindful of his duty to God and Country. As such, he was active in many community projects including dedicating a number of years to the leadership of the Boys Scouts of America. He was also an ordained Presbyterian Elder.

In 1946, he married Dorris R. Weider and together they were the proud parents of four daughters and two sons.

Dorris R. Schlenker was elected as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the same National Encampment as Brother Schlenker became Commander-in-Chief. This was the second time in the 101-year history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its Auxiliary that a husband and wife team served in the top National Officers.

The leadership and counsel of Past Commander-in-Chief Schlenker will be missed by the members of this Order.

Kentucky Department Commander Laid to Rest

Kentucky Department Commander David M. Adkinson passed away on October 5, 2004.

Commander Dave joined the SGT Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 in 2000. He quickly rose through the offices in the Camp and served two terms as Commander. He was elected Department Commander in June 2004.

Brother Dave was active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, holding a commission as Second Lieutenant and serving as Company A, 1st Capital Guards Regiment's Adjutant for a number of years. Dave joined the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in 2002 and his efforts were instrumental in helping form the first ever Kentucky Commandery of MOLLUS.

Dave was retired from the Emergency Management Administration of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs. In his time with the State, he served as State Search and Rescue Coordinator as well as, in many other positions within the Agency. Dave also served in the United States Navy.

Department Commander David Adkinson is survived by his wife, Kandie Adkinson; one son, Travis Adkinson, and three granddaughters.

He will be missed by the Members of this Order. Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the Adkinson Family and our Brothers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Honor Roll donations are a tribute to any Union soldier/sailor or departed Brother in whose memory a donation (\$10 min.) was submitted to the National Treasurer.

Michigan Monument at Andersonville rededicated

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC
Dept. of Michigan

"It is a far cry from Michigan to Georgia, But Michigan will not forget or cease to honor the men who filled the ranks of her volunteers..."

Such were the words of General James H. Kidd, 6th Michigan Cavalry, at the May 30, 1904 dedication of the Michigan monument at Andersonville, GA.

One hundred years to the day, the people of Michigan were once again to prove those words true.

It was shortly after the National Woman's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, had purchased the Prison Pen at Andersonville (GA), known as Camp Sumter by the Confederates; efforts were made to erect memorials at the site.

On May 28, 1904, a special train, carrying Michigan Governor A.T. Bliss and other dignitaries, left Detroit bound for Georgia. Their destination was the National Cemetery at Andersonville, one of the most infamous prisons during the American Civil War. The purpose of their journey was to dedicate a new monument to the Michigan soldiers who had been imprisoned and died there. On Friday, May 28, 2004 a group of people traveled by air from Detroit on a special mission to rededicate that same monument; they were joined later by others traveling by auto from several States.

The Michigan monument, with its life-size weeping angel, is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful memorials on the grounds of the Andersonville National Historic site. It is also one of only a few to actually be erected within the stockade of the prison. Created by the Lloyd Brothers Monument Co. of Toledo, OH, the State of Michigan authorized the purchase of the \$5,500 memorial. Missing a bronze laurel wreath for many years, through the efforts of Mercene Karkadoulis, of Karkadoulis Bronze Art, Inc. of Cincinnati, OH the memorial was restored to its original 1904 condition. The entire cost of restoring the wreath was borne by Mrs. Karkadoulis as "her contribution to the dedication and efforts of Bruce and Marcia Butgereit (of Grand Rapids, MI) in restoring and preserving our Civil War memorials. (Mercene is a nationally renowned conservator whose company she established in 1971, has restored hundreds of sculptures, monuments and Statues across the United States including the 119-year old Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI., Civil War Monument.

The Michigan Monument is constructed of light gray Vermont granite and is about 10 feet tall. The inscription on the front face reads:

IN MEMORIAM
Erected by the State of Michigan
to her soldiers and sailors

who were imprisoned on these grounds

In 1904, that special train was met at every depot along the route to Andersonville by throngs of open-armed citizens of the south, usually with plenty of refreshments. In Nashville, the Governor of Tennessee led a tour of the city's points of interest. Upon arriving at their destination, the group found special trains bringing in a large number of ex-slaves for the event, estimated at six thousand. The City of Fitzgerald, established in 1896 by ex-Union soldiers who, suffering through the 1890 depression or with the drought that crippled the Midwest decided that they could start their lives anew in Georgia, sent an official delegation and 10 carloads of people on a train to the event. The GAR Posts from Fitzgerald, GA and the WRC were there in force. The Central Congregational Church of Atlanta provided their Reverend and a vocal quartet for the service.

Several months leading up to the rededication date, we had received an outpouring of invitations to visit numerous sites throughout the area and everyone was anxiously looking forward to our visit. Upon our arrival in Americus, GA, a number of our party stayed at the

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Bearss speaks on Sherman during Ohio GAR visit

By Brother Carl Denbow
Townsend Camp 108

Edwin Bearss, well-known history guide and Civil War scholar, made several presentations about the War of the Rebellion during a visit to Athens, Ohio in late April. His major talk was about Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman from nearby Lancaster. It was entitled "Making Georgia Howl -- Southeastern Ohio Boys March to the Sea with Sherman."

The first Helen and Foster Cornwell Memorial Lecture, this talk was sponsored by the Athens County Historical Society and Museum (ACHS&M) and also part of the Ohio University Bicentennial Celebration.

Brother Carl Denbow, Junior Vice Commander of the John S. Townsend Camp 108 and the chairman of the ACHS&M committee responsible for the lecture, made welcoming remarks.

"Ohio University contributed more men to the cause than any other university in Ohio," Denbow said. "Also, we understand that this action in far off Georgia is an integral part of the history of our region as about 25 per cent of military-age men from Southeastern Ohio were on the MARCH to the Sea. In fact, he added, a total of about 50 Ohio regiments were involved.

Bearss addressed an overflow crowd in Ohio University's Walter Hall with an "old-school" style of elocution that seemed appropriate to his subject. Throughout his lecture Bearss focused with incredible detail on the role of the regiments from Southeastern Ohio and how Sherman's tactics had greatly shortened the length of the war and saved lives of many men on both sides.

"I would think people would like General Sherman," Bearss said. "His battles, both for the Union and Confederates, did not have the long lists of dead that other generals did. The chance of being killed or seriously maimed was significantly less than if you followed Ulysses S. Grant or Robert E. Lee."

To the men involved, Bearss said, this was a most glorious adventure. In a little more than three months and 250-mile march through hostile lands, Sherman had accomplished the "unthinkable" with the nearly bloodless capture of Savannah.

Proceeding the talk, two SVR units conducted a wreath laying ceremony at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on East Union Street. The re-dedication ceremony was lead by Brother Sam Booth, Commander of Townsend 108. Despite heavy rain, the 63rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry and Battery I of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery



appeared in full uniform and ended the ceremony with a 21-gun salute.

The Monument on Union Street was erected in 1893 to honor those who fought to preserve the Union. One of its major inscriptions reads: "The people will ever remember how much of our national prosperity is due to the patriotism and valor of the men who died in the service of their country."

Mr. Bearss also attended a dinner hosted by Townsend Camp 108 at the Frost, Ohio GAR Hall. The Frost GAR Hall is one of the few remaining GAR Hall still standing in Ohio.

York, Nebraska Dedication Honors Union Veteran

By Paul Hadley,
Commander, Dept. of Nebraska

On May 22, 2004, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered at York, Nebraska to dedicate a new headstone for Pvt. Rutson Jesse Bullock, a Civil War Veteran buried in Greenwood Cemetery in 1928.

Pvt. Bullock (1845-1928) was born in Penfield, Illinois. He enlisted in 1862 in Company H, 105th Illinois Infantry and was discharged in 1863 due to an inflammation of his eye, which resulted from a forced march from Frankfort to Nashville, Tennessee.

After the war Pvt. Bullock was employed as a driver for a mule train hauling mining machinery to Colorado and Nevada. He married Sarah Catherine Cross in 1866 and moved to Seward.

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A Belated Tribute

By Jim Yable

Gen. William H. Lytle Camp 10, Dept. of Ohio

We customarily honor our "gone but not forgotten" veterans in somber yet highly respectful ceremonies across the nation every year. It is fitting and proper that we should remember our veterans and their sacrifices through the continuance of these traditional services. Every now and then, we find ourselves paying tribute in ceremonies that somewhat deviate from the traditional gravesite services. In the little village of Clarksville, located in Vernon Township, Clinton, Ohio, on a rather hot Sunday afternoon late in May, one such service was held.

A small pioneer cemetery located at Main Street and Springhill Road in Clarksville had been the center of a case of "disputed ownership" for some time. After all was said and done, preservation was assured as Vernon Township became the legal owner of the cemetery. Although several parties were involved in this successful outcome, much support had come from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Veterans' Service Commission for among the buried at the cemetery are three Union veterans of the Civil War.

On 23 May 2004, the once neglected cemetery was rededicated as the Old Clarksville Cemetery. The remembrance of three Union veterans: Private Jacob Camp, Company D, 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Private James Bogan, Company K, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery; and Private John W. Shaw originally of Company G, 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was the focus of the rededication.

The ceremony was well attended and the SUVCW was represented in fine fashion. Area politicians and citizens alike listened to period music performed by a local folk band.

Union Veteran Honored

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Nebraska in 1874; four years later the couple and their four children relocated to York, where Bullock lived for 50 years.

His grave was unmarked for more than 75 years until his great-great granddaughter, Diane Straight, of Hampton, Nebraska, obtained a military headstone through the Veterans Administration.

Shiloh Camp 2 members, with assistance from other Brothers, representatives of the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Nebraska Rangers SVR, the County Veterans Service Officer, and the American Legion Color Guard conducted the Service of Dedication.



Brother Robert Grim, PCinC, opened the ceremony by leading those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. After instructions and a brief history of the cemetery, a moving speech was given by local historian and playwright Gary Kersey. There was dead silence in the audience as Kersey delivered highlights of each of these veterans. During his pauses, the only sound to be heard was that of the posted Colors flapping in the warm summer-like breeze. It was if Old Glory wanted to be sure she made her presence known.

The presentation of the memorial wreath and the rifle salute by Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, captured the sanctity of the moment.

It was truly an honor to be present with our Brothers representing the SUVCW; the Henry Casey Camp 92 (Washington Court House, Ohio); the Gen. William H. Lytle Camp 10 (Cincinnati, Ohio); and Company C, 20th OVI, SVR, as the long awaited homage and tribute was finally bestowed upon Privates Camp, Bogan and Shaw - may they rest in peace.



Brothers of Department of Michigan and Alexander H. Stevens Camp 78 meet at the Michigan Monument at Andersonville Prison for rededication ceremonies. Story on Page 9 of this edition.

Members receive UDC Medal

By Charles Christian

Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 23

At the recent UDC, California Division, convention in Sacramento, CA, Charles Christian (left) and Lou Olker

(at right) of Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 23, Santa Rosa, CA were presented with the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the General Robert S. Garnett Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Fairfield CA. The medals were awarded for "Excellence in history, essay writing, declamations and any other points of special attainment in keeping with the organization's

aims and purposes," and also in the case of Mr. Christian "for researching, interpreting, and preserving our Confederate history through presentations and tours in the Santa Rosa Old Rural Cemetery."

For the past 6 years Mr. Olker and Christian have been a team in finding, researching and where needed, ordering and placing grave markers on the graves of both U.S. and CSA veterans whenever they are found. This especially in the old rural cemetery at Santa Rosa, Ca, but also at other local cemeteries. In addition both have participated in UDC/SCV activities as participants and/or speakers at meetings and wreath laying ceremonies for CSA veterans. They are not only authorized to wear the medal with their SUVCW attire, but were encouraged to do so by National SUVCW to further their aim of encouraging friendship and cooperation between all civil war groups, north and south. It is understood that this medal is "not given lightly by the UDC" and is therefore all the more appreciated by both awardees.

GAR Post 123 becomes museum

The home of Kennesaw GAR Post 123 at Elmwood, Nebraska, came alive May 25, 2004 with period music, demonstrations of 1860s soldiering and a dedication that included modern veterans and members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Daughters of Union Veterans.

The one-story GAR Hall opened in 1882, is one of just a handful of GAR Halls still standing in Nebraska, later it was home to American Legion Post 247.

With the help of local high school students from Future Business Leaders of America and others in the community of Elmwood, \$50,000 was raised to create a military museum.

Department Commander Hadley addressed the audience, noting the sacrifices of the Boys in Blue and their contributions to the growth of Nebraska in the decades following the Civil War.

School children presented videotapes of oral histories of local World War II veterans to the museum's curator.

Patriotic Instructor's Notes . . .

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC
National Patriotic Instructor

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "patriotism" as feeling, expressing or inspired by love for one's country; the dictionary also defines "instructor" as one who instructs; a teacher. The job description of the Patriotic Instructor (found on the National website) helps define how we are to apply those definitions in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A quick glance will immediately tell you that, as with most of the responsibilities of our Order, the brunt of the work is borne by the CAMP Patriotic Instructor; the DEPARTMENT and NATIONAL Patriotic Instructors simply exist to oversee, support and encourage their counterparts.

In order to fulfill my obligation as your National Patriotic Instructor, I will be communicating with each Department to determine what actions are being taken, what system of communication is being used between Camps and the Department officer, to offer support and instruction and to offer praise for a job(s) well done. To help make this task as easy as possible, I have created a form (questionnaire) that I will ask Camps to submit to the Department officer no later than July 10 and a form for Department officer to submit to me not later than July 20 in order to allow me time to assemble my final report to

Commander-in-Chief Michaels and the membership. As the National Patriotic Instructor, I also chair the committee on Americanization and Education and am assisted in this by Brothers Bruce Kolb (IN), Timothy Downey, PDC (KY), Richard Young (VA) and Jerry Sayre (CA). In the 1950s and 60s, one of the roles this committee played was to speak out against the threat of communism. Today, we face a great challenge in educating new citizens about our nation, our flag and our history, even before we begin trying to tell the story of the Civil War; multi-culturism and diversity sometimes places more emphasis on teaching our students about other countries than the one in which we live.

I encourage Camps and Departments to take a look at our ROTC application (presentation rules and requirements are at the end of the form) found on our National website (<http://suvcw.org/ftp/form7.pdf>). This program can serve as a tool for honoring the achievements of young men and women in our schools and a way of getting the word out about the SUVCW. Please contact your local high schools and/or colleges and universities to inquire if they have an ROTC program; some of these programs already have additional or varied requirements the students must attain in order to receive such a reward and you can choose which one might suit what you wish to accomplish in presenting the award.

In the next issue, I will share a look at what some of the questions were from an early 1900s Annual Report of a (GAR) Post Patriotic Instructor; I think you'll quickly notice the difference of what was important to those old boys of the GAR in comparison to what is important in the educational system of today. What you see should also serve as an incentive to do everything we can to encourage patriotism and the love and respect of the flag and our nation's history to the public.

CinC Armstrong's Orders

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3. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 117th Commander-in-Chief of this Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless the Boys in Blue, and all who honor them.

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Andersonville monument . . .

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Windsor Hotel (est. 1892), an elegant Victorian hotel where we received our first taste of souther hospitality, 2004 style.

In an effort to repeat history, the good people of the Andersonville Guild, a local group dedicated to preserving the history of the prison and which conducts annual living history events for the public on Memorial Day and once again in October, requested those of us attending the 2004 rededication ceremony to "bring our Michigan flags and march with us in the parade." The Americus, GA-based Alexander Stephens Camp No. 78, Sons of Confederate Veterans officially welcomed the 2004 travelers at the start of the parade and following the march, a Brother in gray escorted each of us to a local restaurant where we were once again welcomed and where they then provided a delicious lunch for all of us. The Camp 78 Color Guard would also stand side-by-side with us at the rededication ceremony the next day.

Several days before our journey south, I had received a call from Mr. Charlie Newcomer, a resident of Georgia whose ancestor Alfred Newcomer had served in the 7th Michigan, Company H and who had been one of the founders of the City of Fitzgerald. Charlie and his wife served as our tour guides both Saturday and Sunday of our stay.

Following lunch, our party was escorted to Fitzgerald, where we were given a tour of their Blue and Gray Museum and had our picture taken with the Michigan flag which will be placed on their "wall of honor." We were then driven around the city to see the various historical sites, the cemetery, their blue and gray sidewalks and fire hydrants as well as their famous wild chickens.

One hundred years ago, the delegation from Fitzgerald had failed to deliver their official greetings and an invitation to visit their fair city due to the severity of a sudden storm and the decision to quickly conclude the ceremony: one hundred years later, that invitation was finally delivered as Mr. Cam Jordan, representing the City, came and graciously welcomed us and shared some more history of the city.

Exactly one hundred years to the date of the original dedication, on Sunday, May 30, 2004 at 11 A.M., the Michigan Commandry of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, with assistance from the Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War performed the 1917 Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Service of Rededication. This ceremony marked the first time on record that any State had officially returned to rededicate the memorial erected to

their sons who wore the Blue.

The morning of Sunday, May 30 opened a bit overcast but soon gave way to sunshine and a temperature in the mid-nineties. Shortly after the service began, a cooling breeze came about, which was referenced to as a "Michigan breeze" by the National Park Service Superintendent of Andersonville, Mr. Charles Fenwick (might it been a small thank you from those boys to whom we were paying our respects too that day?)

As Commander of the Michigan Commandry of MOLLUS and PDC of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, Bruce Butgereit conducted the service of rededication. Although traditionally a service performed solely by members of the GAR in the past and the SUVCW today, Butgereit often modifies such ceremonies to include parts for the Order's fraternal sisters in the WRC, DUVCW and AUX. Marcia Butgereit, National Chaplain for the WRC, read a poem, Those Rebel Flags, in keeping with the same theme of peace extended by Michigan Governor Bliss in 1904. Sister Wenda Fore, Department Chaplain for the Michigan DUV, offered the prayer of rededication. Sister Jeannine Trybus, WRC, also participated by placing a wreath of Michigan evergreen at the monument with her husband Mr. Chester Trybus. All four of these individuals were dressed in period clothing of 1904; the ladies making their outfits and large straw hats especially for this occasion, and Mr. Trybus' outfit complete with a straw "boater" hat of the period.

In attendance at the 1904 dedication, the Central Congregational United Church of Christ of Atlanta was once again represented with a coed-quartet consisting of Ms. Jill Hendrix, Ms. Maureen Jenci-Shelton, Rev. Donald Miller, and James Hilden-Minton who sang Nearer my God to Thee. Ms. Hendrix and Shelton also sang two songs they had written. Ms. Shelton, an ordained minister of the church also provided the opening prayer, as written by Rev. Edward Martin Brown III, the grandson of a 15-year-old Confederate guard at Andersonville.

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weapon or accoutrements pertaining to weapons, nor may they work any artillery piece except position 5,6, or 7.

IX. National Regulations, Chapter IV, Article I, Section 5. Section 5. 5th sentence add (in italics): *In no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than that of Major General.*

X. National Regulations, Chapter III, Article V (Duties of officers) and add (in italics) Section 8. The National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Organization. *He shall also act as editor of the Digest of the Order. As each National Encampment proceedings are published, he shall glean from the proceedings, the various rulings and opinions as to our Constitution and Regulations, and then cause to be published an updated Digest.* The definition of the phrase "to be published" shall include any means of communication of the item as the Order may determine from time to time, including electronic means.

XI. National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1. (Add italics) Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Constitution and Regulations, Legislation, Military Affairs, Membership, Americaniza-

tion and Education, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Remembrance Day, Fraternal Relations, Encampment Site, History, Life Membership Investment, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, and GAR Post Records Committee. A standing committee on Programs and Policy shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, the chairman of this committee shall be the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; each year one member shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the purpose shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

XII. National Regulations, Chapter III, Article III, add Section 21. add (in italics) Section 21. *The GAR Records officer shall chair the GAR Records committee. He will provide leadership and direction to Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all GAR records of all types.*

XIII. Amend The Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations as follows:

Section 2: 3rd Sentence: in no case shall the rank of the Commanding General be higher than that of Major General. Section 5:

Position	Less than 500	500-1000	Over 1500
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118th Auxiliary President Selected

Michelle Langley was installed as National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 14, 2004 at the 118th National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sister Michelle is a 17-year member of the Auxiliary. She is a member of the D.G. Caywood Camp Auxiliary 72, Department of New York. She has served in many offices in her local and Department Auxiliary, serving Department President 3 different terms. At the National level she has served as Vice President, Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chief of Staff and Supply Officer.

Her eligibility is through her great-great-grandfather Samuel McCoombs who enlisted at the age of 15 on April 13, 1861 in Company K, 72nd Infantry

Wisconsin Auxiliary Responds

As in days past, Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary Auxiliary 4 have again risen to the call of the needs of the troops serving in Iraq. The 118th Medical unit from Waukesha, Wisconsin, who are deployed to Baghdad, was in desperate need of surgical scrubs. The scrubs that were issued to the troops were "heavy weight." Not actually what one would need in the summer desert of Iraq (130 degrees and no shade).

Regiment, New York. He was mustered out in Petersburg, VA on June 20, 1864.

A life-long resident of Central New York State, she graduated from Seneca High School in 1975 and Herkimer Community College in 1978. At present she is co-operator of Terry's Drive-In, Ovid, New York.

Her interests are in promoting Patriotism, helping to see that monuments to Civil War veterans are erected and maintained; educating the community through Civil War lectures and parades. She is also involved in her community church.

The Sisters of the Auxiliary were up to the task. They responded to this need by sewing 150 camouflage scrubs, light weight. Much to the relieve of the recipients.

Not resting on their laurels the Sisters of the Auxiliary have also been busying quilting laps pads for the wounded soldiers sent to Milwaukee's Veterans Hospital.



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News of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDER 2004-15

1. Effective 10 July 2004, and as a result of the dissolution of the Seventh Military District Headquarters Staff as delineated in General Order No. 2004-12 dated 28 June 2004, Major Frank B. Harned, Commander of the Seventh Military District, SVR, is transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve and at his present rank of Major.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-16 12 July 2004

1. Effective 12 July 2004, 1st Sgt. David C. Schleeter, Commander of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 11 July 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-17 12 July 2004

1. Effective 12 July 2004, Corporal Daniel R. Earl, Adjutant of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 11 July 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled. of Contents

GENERAL ORDER 2004-18 17 July 2004

1. Effective 17 July 2004, Private John M. Hart, Jr., Commander of The Delaney-Delacy Guard, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 July 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-19 17 July 2004

1. Effective 17 July 2004, Private Alan H. Sweeney, Adjutant of The Delaney-Delacy Guard, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 16 July 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-20 9 August 2004

1. Effective 09 August 2004, First Lieutenant Timothy H. Downey, Commander of A Company, 1st Capital Guards Regiment, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 08 August 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-21 9 August 2004

1. Effective 09 August 2004, First Lieutenant Michael Harris, Commander of Co. C, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 08 August 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulle

GENERAL ORDER 2004-22 9 August 2004

1. Effective 09 August 2004, Sergeant Russell J. Manning, Adjutant of Co. C, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 08 August 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled. of Contents

GENERAL ORDER 2004-23 17 August 2004

1. Effective 17 August 2004, Private Eric J. Schmincke, SVR, Co. C, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Second Military District, is commissioned First Lieutenant, SVR and is appointed Deputy Provost Marshal 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.

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

Henry E. Shaw, Jr.
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

The Last GAR Department Commander

By George G. Kane
Member, SUVCW National History Committee
Editor, *The Veteran, Newsletter of the Civil War Veterans' Historical Assoc.*

On a late April afternoon in 1952, the last act of an old ritual was playing itself out in a Van Nuys, California home. An encampment of one, not unlike similar meetings throughout the country in the last ten years, was quickly here and gone. William A. Magee, the last civil war veteran in California, opened the encampment with a prayer. He gave a quick Department Commander's Report; nominated and elected himself; and adjourned the encampment. What had happened so quickly was the last department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department Commander Magee would not live to see another encampment.

William Allen Magee was born in Findlay, Ohio, August 19, 1846. At the age of 12, Magee joined Company M, 12th Ohio Cavalry as a drummer boy. He would later become the company bugler. His regiment would fight in numerous battles and skirmishes, including Gettysburg and Sherman's March to the Sea. At one point in the Civil War, Magee and a number of his comrades were captured and incarcerated at the infamous Libby Prison. Magee escaped and made his way back to Union lines with the aid of "Negro slaves." After the war, Magee returned to civilian life for a short time before rejoining the Army. He served 38 years, 7 months, retiring in 1898 as a Master Sergeant. During that time, he fought Indians, the James Brothers and Poncho Vila, retiring in Tampa, Florida at the end of the Spanish American War, where he served in Co. H, 2nd U.S. Infantry. In 1946 the US Army recognized his long service by making him an Honorary Recruitment Sergeant.

During his lifetime he had four daughters, one who predeceased him, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

In the 1930's, Magee joined the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a member of Stanton GAR Post No. 55 of West Los Angeles, California. In 1935, the Post formed the "Last Man Club." 42 members, all over 90 years old bought a single bottle of wine. Only the last member would taste that wine. In 1952, William Magee was the man

drinking that wine and saluting his old comrades soon after the death of Douglas T. Story. Magee was now alone, the last Union Veteran in California. The Stanton Post had four members as late as 1948. In May of 1949, the John C. Fremont Post No. 729 of Alliance, Ohio, held its last Post meeting. The Post's last member, Past Commadner-in-Chief John Henry Grate, died the next month at 103 years old. The Stanton Post was now the only active GAR Post in the County. At that time, Charles L. Chappel was Commander of Stanton Post. He would pass away in September of 1949.

The last GAR National Encampment in 1949 did not make any provisions for future Department Encampments. The Encampment merely froze the condition of the National Officers. They would hold their current title until they died. There was a notation hoping that Comrade Chappel would hold Post meetings as long as he could, but nothing was said about Departments.

In 1950, at least three Departments held Encampments. Oregon and Wisconsin would hold their last Department Encampments in that year. The Department of California would continue to hold Encampments through 1952.

On January 23, 1953, William Allen Magee passed away, the last survivor of the battle of Gettysburg and the Last GAR Department Commander.

On his last birthday, August 19, 1953, Department Commander Magee is quoted as saying, "Our beloved United States has never been licked in a war and we never shall be licked. They just can't lick her because we have the Power. We have real Power and we have real men."



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HISTORY OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR FILII VETERANORUM (Part I)

By Robert Wolz
National SUVCW Historian

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(In light of the upcoming 125th Anniversary of the Founding of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this BANNER editor requested that Brother Wolz provide an expanded history of our Order. As we are limited to space, the BANNER will publish this history in parts until complete. The Editor.)

"Of all the Allied Orders, The Sons organization are the most unique in terms of history and quantity of badges. At times, they were a military training organization and at other times, civilian based and this contributes to their complexity. No one individual or area can claim to be the originators of the Sons of Veterans. The Grand Army men realizing in the late 1870s and early 1880s in eastern and western Pennsylvania, Missouri, New England New Jersey and New York.

On September 17, 1878, Anna M. Ross Post #94 GAR of Philadelphia began a son's organization known as Anna M. Ross Cadet Corps #1. Today, this branch is called the "cadet corps" faction. Within a year, other local GAR posts organized Cadet Corps throughout eastern Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Delaware and affiliated with the Philadelphia Sons organization. A National organization was formed called the Sons of Veterans with Alfred Cope elected National Commander [i]. At the same time, similar efforts in New England created a Sons organization under the leadership of Edwin Earp of Lynn, Massachusetts and they too affiliated with the Philadelphia Sons. A Sons of Veterans membership badge was created. Unfortunately, this Order was plagued with financial problems and could not supply badges and charters to their rapidly expanding ranks. Dissensions arose and most chapters by 1886 affiliated with the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. organization headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In 1880 in Albany, New York, the GAR organized their sons into Filii Veteranorum, the Sons of Veterans. Today this branch is called the "Post system." Members greeted by the title, "comrades." The local chapter was called a "post" and their regular meetings were known as "encampments."

Officers of this chapter were the Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Post Adjutant, and Post Quartermaster, and Chaplain mirroring

the ranks of the GAR Post and Department. They had posts in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The ritual is strikingly similar to the GAR. During initiation the recruits seeking admission received this solemn charge: "whenever an enemy of liberty shall appear in out front, may the touch of elbow to elbow assure each comrade that he is supported on either side by sworn friends. Be ever ready to defend the honor of a comrade, to bind up his wounds, and to loosen the flap of your haversack to the needy. Whether quartered in the shelter tent of a private, or wearing the shoulder straps of worldly favor, remember that here all are comrades." [ii].

[i] Beath, Robert B. History of the Grand Army of the Republic. New York; Bryan, Taylor and Co. c1888. page 669

[ii] Sons of Veterans (Post System) ritual of the Sons of Veterans Revised 1887. Albany, NY: CF Williams Printing c.1887. pp. 13-14.

Refurbished Sheridan monument due rededication April 2 in Scranton Parade, grand ball planned

Ezra Griffin Camp 8 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve of Scranton, PA, will rededicate the recently refurbished Sheridan Monument on Lackawanna County Courthouse Square Saturday, April 2, 2005.

The monument was recently reburbished through the efforts of the Sons of Union Veterans National Monument Restoration Fund and the Lackawanna Historical Society Lt. Alan Sweeney, president of the Society and adjutant of the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR of Scranton, chaired the fundraising effort.

A parade will kick off events from the GAR Hall Saturday at 11 a.m. with ceremonies at the monument at noon. Guest speaker will be PA Superior Court Judge Sheamus McCaffety, Col., ret.

A reception will follow at the nearby Catlin Mansion of the Lackawanna Historical Society.

Later that evening, at the historic Watres Armory, a Grand Ball featuring the 28th Regimental Band of Philadelphia will bring to a close the day's events.

Capt. John M. Hart Jr., Delaney Delacy Guard commander, is chairman and Lt. Col. Loris F. Lepri, of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, is serving as honorary chairman. SVR units wishing to participate in the parade and ceremonies are asked to contact Hart at delaneydelacy@aol.com or at 570-241-1774.

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