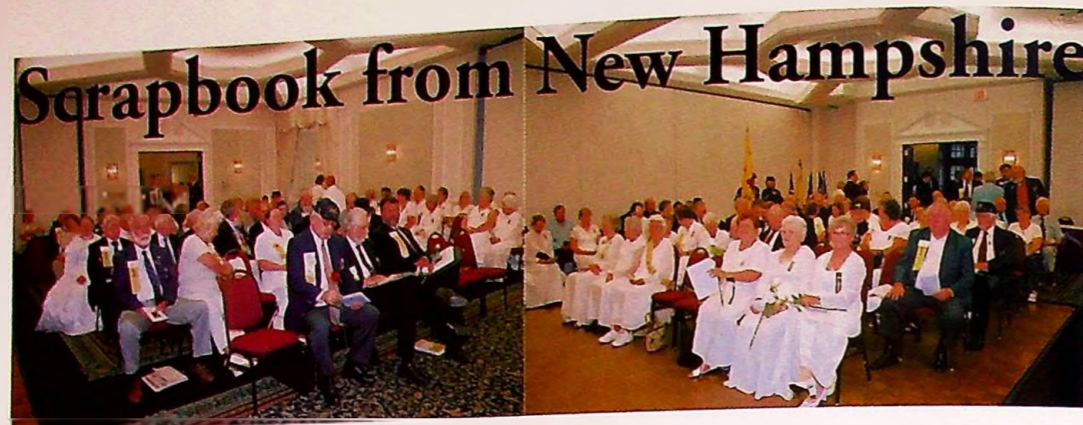




Commander-in-Chief Don Darby, right, is congratulated by former Commander-in-Chief Steve Michaels in Nashua, New Hampshire

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Participants at the opening ceremonies of the National Encampment

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Cher Petrovic



Leaders of the Allied Orders gather for joint opening prayer service at annual National Encampment in New Hampshire.



The SVR posts the colors to open the encampment



Danielle Michaels pins past commander pin on husband Steve.



The Ladies of the GAR, left, conduct visitation while former Commanders-in-chief pose with new C-in-C Darby, at podium.



Elected and appointed officials are administered their oath of office.



Some good-natured fun at the campfire for our leaders, right

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General Orders No. 1

1. It is my honor and privilege to be elected your Commander-in-Chief for the upcoming year, a year that will take us to our 125th Anniversary. My deepest gratitude to the delegates for their faith in me to lead what I consider the best Brotherhood in the world for the next year. We have accomplished much and have still more to accomplish in the coming years. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to the above address.

2. My thanks to the Department of New Hampshire for hosting the Encampment, the Credentials Committee for another outstanding job, and the National Site Committee for all their hard work this year.

3. On behalf of the Order I wish to congratulate all the new Presidents of the Allied Orders. I look forward to working with all the Allied Orders to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. All business correspondence should be directed to the National Executive Director, Lee Walters, P.O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865.

5. All supply requisitions, with payment, are to be sent to the National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, PCINC, 501 Willow Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850.

6. All billing for payment and tax-deductible donations to various funds of our National Order 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 Eagle Scout Certificate are to be sent, with payment, to our National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler at the address in item 5.

8. All Civil War Memorials grant requests are to be sent to the senior elected member of our National Council of Administration: David Stephen, 3207 Waveland Drive NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

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

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 the deceased's name, date of death, Camp and Department.

11. A roster of all elected and appointed National Officers and Committee members for the 2005-2006 administrative year can be found on the National Website:

www.suvcw.org

12. Please see the ad for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There will be a Council of Administration meeting held at the Eisenhower Inn on the Sunday following at 8:00 a.m.

13. Camps and Departments should ensure that Memorial Day activities are carried out in accordance with the wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic. Let us be sure that their actions and sacrifices are "kept ever green in our memory."

14. We have much to do in the year. The Department of Pennsylvania is working hard to make the upcoming Encampment "one to remember!" Start making plans to attend the 125th National Encampment in Harrisburg, PA.

General Orders No. 2

1. Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy that I write this General Order. For those of you who attended the 124th National Encampment, you will know that Brother John Hart was called away for a family emergency. As it is His
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General Orders No. 5

will in these matters. God choose to call John's wife Meg home.

2. Brother Hart was doing the work of the Order as he has done in the past with great vigor and love. Those Past Commanders-in-Chief that have worked with John on THE BANNER, know his dedication.

3. Please join with me, in keeping Brother John and his family in our thoughts and prayers in their hour of need.

Ordered this 8th Day of August 2005

General Orders No. 3

1. Brothers, I am sure that all of you have been watching the news concerning the events that have occurred in the aftermath of the Hurricane in our Southland. Our fellow citizens are in dire need of assistance.

2. It is requested that we live up to Charity portion of F.C. & L. and contribute to the Hurricane Relief Fund of your choice.

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2005

General Orders No. 4

1. Brothers, we have done much over the years to record and collect the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, as is our purpose. We have however, not been as successful in recording the history of the Sons. Brother Gary Gibson published a book on the SUVCW a number of years ago, and Brother Bob Wolz has been kind enough to contribute some of the SUVCW history to THE BANNER over the past issues. While these items deal mainly with the National Organization, we need to account for the work of the Camps and Departments. Many of the "Old Guard" are slowly slipping from our ranks. Before they are gone we need to record their images and memories of the "good old days."

2. Therefore it is ordered that each Camp begin writing the history of the Camp, to include photographs of the Camp Commanders, and other officers. These histories will then be forwarded to the Department, which will do the same for the Department level. Once completed the Camp and Department histories will be forwarded to National for inclusion into the National History.

3. I realize this will not be an "overnight" project, but the sooner we get started the better. We are quickly approaching the 125 Anniversary and it would be great to report the progress of the project to the National Encampment in August 2006. As I or one of the National Officers attend your Encampment next Spring one of the first questions we will ask is "How is the history project doing?" What will your answer be?

Ordered this 6th Day of September 2005

1. Brothers, it has come to my attention that the 1st of October 2005 is a very special day. Brother Clifton Gaunt, A.A. Sherman Camp 18, Department of Massachusetts will celebrate his 104th birthday.

2. Brother Gaunt has been ill these last few weeks, but he is home now. Please join me in wishing Brother Gaunt good health, good wealth, and a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Ordered this 25th Day of September 2005

General Orders No. 6

1. Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy and a heavy heart that I report the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Donald Leroy Roberts. PCinC Roberts passed away on 12 October 2005.

2. Brother Roberts was Commander-in-Chief from 1985 to 1986 and hailed from the Department of New York. He claimed his eligibility through his maternal grandfather, Byron Cronk of Company B, 121 st New York Cavalry. PCinC Roberts was very active in the SUVCW at all levels of the Order. He also shared equal commitments to his Church, the Grange and Cub Scouts.

3. A memorial service will be held on Monday, 17 October 2005, at the Candor Funeral Parlor, 137 Main Street, Candor, New York. Viewing hours are 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday prior to the 7 pm service. Brothers wishing to make donations in memory of PCinC Roberts should send them to the MARCH OF DIMES. Please remember PCinC Roberts's family in your thoughts and prayers during their hour of need.

4. It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 14th Day of October 2005

Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Michael Bennett, Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Orders No. 14

1. It is with great pleasure and pride that I present, with the approval of the Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Todd A. Shillington, Department of New York, for his tireless efforts, maintaining contact and working with legislative, Department of Defense, law enforcement and news media personnel, ensuring that a Civil War cannon was returned to the Kendall, New York, cemetery.

2. It is apparent that his actions also resulted in several similar memorials, throughout the nation, being investigated for ownership and potential return to their original sites.

3. PDC Shillington's vigilance and perseverance serve as examples to all.

Ordered this 5th Day of May 2005.

General Orders No. 15

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother George Weldon Thomson Clark, a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a WWII veteran, on April 6th in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was 90 years old. As a member of Daniel Chaplin Camp 3, Bangor, Department of Maine, Br. Clark honored the memory of his father, Edwin T.S. Clark, who served as Ordinary Seaman aboard the USS Maria A. Wood.

2. All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National Website, are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Clark's family.

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2005.

General Orders No. 16

1. 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-six (26) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

PDC Keith D. Ashley of Brooks - Brooks Grant Camp 7, Department of Ohio, has recruited eight (8) new Brothers.

Samuel R. Booth of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio, has recruited seven (7) new Brothers.

Craig W. Keller of Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, and James W. Oiler of Cadot-Blessing Camp 126, both of the Department of Ohio, have each recruited five (5) new Brothers.

Ken L. Freshley of James A. Garfield Camp 142, Department of Ohio, has recruited four (4) new Brothers.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Larry Brewer of Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75, Department of Iowa, Gary W. Young of L.G. Armstrong Camp 49, Department of Wisconsin, and Christopher L. Greene, Esq. of James A. Garfield Camp 142, Department of Ohio.

Ordered this 11th Day of July 2005.


General Orders No. 17

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C.R. Stephen of J.Q. Wilds Camp 235, Department of Iowa, and PDC Kenneth Spurgeon of Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Department of Kansas, have each recruited five (5) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

PDC Gary L. Gibson of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, and PDC Alan L. Russ of Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas, have each recruited four (4) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

Ordered this 1st Day of August 2005.


Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Council of Administration Meeting
August 4, 2005
Nashua, New Hampshire

The meeting was opened by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Darby at approximately 8:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Past Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong. An opening prayer was then offered by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James Pahl. Upon the roll call of officers, the following were present, or would shortly be present:

Commander-in-Chief Stephen A. Michaels
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Donald E. Darby
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Counselor James B. Pahl

National Secretary Michael S. Bennett
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 Past Commanders-in-Chief George L. Powell, Edward J. Krieser, Elmer F. "Bud" Atkinson, Charles W. Corfman, and Richard Greenwalt
 Guests of the Council of Administration: Chief of Staff Donald Palmer, Executive Director Lee Walters, Past Department Commander Ron Gill, and Department of Maryland Commander James Hanby.

Communications were read by National Secretary Bennett including a recommendation from the Department of Kansas for two Brothers to be appointed National Aides for their recruiting efforts, a letter from PDC Gary Gibson expressing his regret at not being able to attend this year's Encampment, a letter from Taylor Camp 53, Dept. of Tennessee, regarding license requests connected with certificates they would like to produce and make available for sale to the SUVCW membership, a letter from the Department of Indiana expressing their desire to host the 2009 National Encampment, and several letters of support for candidates seeking elected National Office. A previous resolution by the Tanner Camp 134, Department of New York, seeking Honorary Membership for a New York Assemblyman was withdrawn.

Counselor Pahl noted that the \$17,000 stipend paid to the Executive Director includes reimbursement for expenses, and that no wording in the contract stipulates how that figure is to be broken down, leaving it to the Executive Director to decide how he wishes to allocate the funds.

Council Member Petrovic then reported on the manner in which he suggests Commanders-in-Chief receive their commemorative photographic albums. The incoming C-in-C will receive his album shortly after installation, so that he may fill them with

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Darby 14th Ohioan to serve
as commander-in-chief of The Sons

Donald E. Darby, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 124th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Nashua, New Hampshire on 6 August 2005. He is the 14th Ohioan to serve as Commander-in-Chief.

Donald Eugene Darby, the son of Air Force SMSgt. Eugene J. Blaser and Delores Darby, was born in Barberton Ohio. He was raised in Athens County, Ohio and graduated from Alexander High School in 1971. After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy where he served his country for 23 years rising to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4).

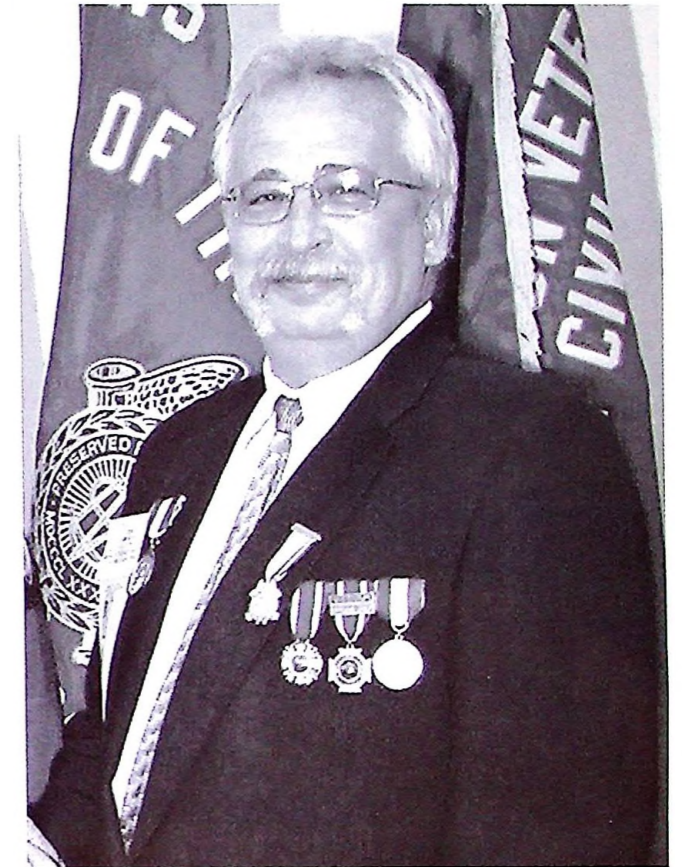
While in the Navy he served on the USS Enterprise, USS Nimitz, USS America, C-in-CUSNAVEUR (London, UK), SEAL Team FOUR and various other commands. He also managed to attend college while in the Navy, graduating summa cum laude from St. Leo College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1994, C-in-C Darby has been employed at the Ross County (Ohio) Court of Common Pleas Juvenile and Probate Court first, as a Juvenile Probation Officer and currently as the Mediator of the Court.

Brother Darby became a member of the SUVCW 30 July 1988 at Gov. Dennison Camp 125 in Athens, Ohio where he served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. He later became a charter member of Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 in Chillicothe, Ohio where he served as Secretary/Treasurer, Junior and Senior Vice and Camp Commander.

At the Department level C-in-C Darby has held the positions of Patriotic Instructor, Graves Registration Officer (registering over 5,000 GAR gravesites), Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected Ohio Department Commander 2001. He also brought to fruition the "Last Soldier" Project in the Department of Ohio, which was later adopted as a National project.

Nationally, C-in-C Darby has served two terms as National Patriotic Instructor, a full three-year term as an elected member of the Council of Adminis-



tration. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. In coordination with the National Webmaster, he brought the "Patriotic Recollections" and the "Teachers and Scholars" to the National Web page. At his suggestion, the current National Patriotic Instructor instituted the "Adopt-a-School" and "Adopt-a-Unit" program.

C-in-C Darby has also supported the SUVCW Charitable Foundation by transcribing on to CD's the GAR and SUV Blue Books, History of the Grand Army of the Republic by Robert Beath, Camp Fire Chats by Washington Davis. For the Sgt. Enderlin Camp he transcribed The Early History of the Ohio Department of the Grand Army of the Republic (1866 to 1880) by T. D. McGillicuddy.

C-in-C Darby's membership in the SUVCW is through his great uncle George Kidd, a private in the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry Company C.

photographs during his term of office. The albums are a high, archival quality.

PC-in-C Krieser then reported on the progress made with the compilation of National Encampment Proceedings noting that 1998, 2003 and 2004 are now completed. This would leave just a few years to be completed. C-in-C Michaels instructed National Secretary Bennett to notify the PC-in-Cs from the years not yet completed that they need to wrap up their Proceedings as soon as possible and that arrangements with PC-in-C Krieser should be made to have these transcribed and published as soon as possible. PC-in-C Krieser also reported that he has learned that Congress will now accept an electronic copy of our annual Proceedings in order to satisfy the requirement that we submit our annual Proceedings to Congress. SVC-in-C Darby clarified that producing the Proceedings electronically, perhaps on CD, would save considerable costs over publishing hard copies. Counselor Pahl began a search through our C & R to confirm our own requirements for publication of Encampment Proceedings. A concern was discussed that documents appearing in .pdf format can easily be altered. JVC-in-C Pahl and National Quartermaster Wheeler suggested that the matter be brought before the National Encampment for discussion and decision.

Chief of Staff Donald Palmer noted that a complete compilation of Officer and Committee Reports was being assembled by the National Secretary for distribution to the Encampment, and he presented a summary of the reports containing recommendations requiring the attention of the Council. Chief of Staff Palmer also noted that 94% of National Officers and Committees submitted reports. In an attempt to offer further assistance to present and future National Officers, Brother Palmer presented a document he developed entitled "Guidelines for Effective Committee Organization and Operation." It was further reported that assistance would be needed with the Joint Opening Ceremonies in the morning, and that many of the Council Members would be asked to escort their Auxiliary counterparts, and others, into the ceremonies. Council Member Petrovic added that we would need to perform a quick change-over of the room between the Joint Memorial Service and

the Joint Opening Ceremony and the Joint Opening Ceremony and our own 1st Business Session. In conclusion, Brother Palmer offered his appreciation for the opportunity to serve this year as National Chief of Staff.

National Treasurer Newman presented his budget for the year 2005-2006, including a 34 page Financial Report. Brother Newman offered many explanations and clarifications of the entries in his report, and further explained that payment to the Executive Director will be taking place a few weeks earlier than in the past, so that it will take place during the quarter covered by the check. Brother Newman also noted that there are a number of outstanding checks from the National Organization that have not been cashed in more than a year, and that he has received a number of "thank you" letters from entities within our Order that have received checks, particularly those who have received Memorials Grants.

SVC-in-C Darby reported that tax forms have arrived late to the stenographer transcribing our Encampment Proceedings, and asked that they be provided sooner, specifically within the period allocated by the IRS. National Treasurer Newman noted that he will be performing this function himself in the future, as our auditors have demonstrated for several years that they are not able to do this in a timely manner. Treasurer Newman further explained that he has been informed that the SUVCW is supposed to be operating in a manner called zero-based budgeting, which he described as prohibiting the carrying over of balances from one year's budget to the next. Rather, excess funds can only be placed in reserve funds from which they can possibly be drawn. One of the programs of the Order to be affected by this change is the Civil War Memorials Grant program, which often permitted excess funds to be granted to projects by vote of the National Encampment. As there can now be no funds in excess by the time of the National Encampment, this can no longer be done. Further, it was agreed that the deadlines by which applications to the Memorial Grants program must be received in order to be properly examined and approved should be moved back to permit more time for these applications to be fully processed before the end of the fiscal year.

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JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the proposed Budget be approved as presented. This was seconded by Council member Charles Kuhn and was unanimously approved.

It was noted that the Memorials Assessment Form 61 required to be submitted to the National Civil War Memorials Officer in order to qualify, in part, for Memorials Grants has not, in all cases, been provided prior to grant checks being written. The National Civil War Memorials Officer has expressed his displeasure that the correct and clearly specified procedure is not always being followed, and that a large part of the basis and spirit of this program, to help grow our Order's collection of assessment information for Civil War Memorials, is being lost.

C-in-C Michaels brought up the subject of the proposed policy regarding entering into contracts on behalf of the National Organization. National Secretary noted that as of the early morning hours of August 4, 2005, there were 9 votes electronically cast in favor of this new policy. C-in-C Michaels noted, therefore, that the motion to approve this policy has passed.

SVC-in-C Darby then addressed several questions or concerns regarding the Last Soldier Project submitted by Brother Todd Shillington. It was noted in the Policy read by Brother Darby that the Last Soldier Project falls under the purview of the National Graves Registration Officer and that a Graves Registration Form must be on file before funds can be requested or allocated towards this project. The funds for Last Soldier Memorials do come out of the Civil War Memorials Fund. The National Organization does not have a prescribed plaque that must be used to identify the final resting places of the Last Soldiers in this project, however a sample concept may be found on the National website. It was moved that specific reference to the Last Soldier plaque available for sale from the Department of Illinois be removed from the Official Policy, noting that the Illinois Department's plaque is not a mandated design, but merely one possibility of design which is currently being produced and offered for sale through The Banner. Reference to Last Soldier project information and images depicted on the Ohio Department website was also discussed and it was moved that this reference be retained in the Policy. The motion to remove the reference to the Illinois plaque passed. The motion

to retain the Ohio Department website reference was defeated 6/5. Both references are to be removed.

Discussion then took place regarding the creation and wearing of a miniature SVR medal, which would conflict with portions of the current C & R. After lengthy discussion, the matter will be forwarded to the C & R Committee for their review and recommendation.

The Charitable Foundation then displayed three new products available for sale: a valise/portfolio, wrist watch, and umbrella. All three of these items will be on sale during and after the Encampment. Council Member Petrovic then showed a large "Personal War Sketch" acquired from eBay, altered and duplicated to be usable by Brothers in recording the history of their ancestor's service. It is to be available for \$10. An SOV certificate was also shown that Brother Petrovic had reworked for potential sale, noting that National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler had a similar item produced, which is currently ready to be sold. The Charitable Foundation's version is not to be sold at this time. Upon approval by the Council, the National Quartermaster's certificate will be available for \$3.50. A motion was made by JVC-in-C Pahl to approve the National Quartermaster's certificate for sale. This motion was seconded by Council Member Kuhn and passed unanimously.

SVC-in-C Darby noted that a New Hampshire Camp appears to be offering an Encampment tee shirt for sale that features the name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. C-in-C Michaels instructed National Secretary Bennett to contact this Camp and inquire as to licensing matters.

A brief discussion then took place regarding the structure of the 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation and its relationship, financial and otherwise, with the 501(c)4 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It was noted that as soon as sufficient funding becomes available, the Charitable Foundation can begin to provide financial support for specific SUVCW projects.

Council Member Kuhn then presented a draft Definition and Statement of Purpose regarding Remembrance Day, as solicited by the COA at the previous Council of Administration Meeting. SVC-in-C Darby moved that the fourth sentence from the bottom of the third paragraph referencing "winter drought" be removed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Council Member Kennedy suggested that the word President should be inserted

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prior to Lincoln in several locations within this statement. JVC-in-C Pahl suggested that the "for all intents and purposes" by removed from the bold faced paragraph, and C-in-C Michaels suggested that this paragraph be made the first paragraph of this statement, with the supporting paragraphs to follow. PC-in-C Armstrong suggested the removal of specific wording that would restrict this statement to 2005. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the Council adopt the fourth, bold, paragraph as the official Policy Statement as to our purpose for Remembrance Day, and accept the other paragraphs as the Remembrance Day Committee's report in support of their work in creating this statement. This was seconded by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. This amendment was accepted, and the motion passed unanimously.

After considerable discussion, Council Member Kuhn moved that the Remembrance Day Parade Rules be presented on the floor of the National Encampment for their discussion and decision. This motion was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby and passed unanimously.

Returning to the matter of National Encampment Proceedings, JVC-in-C Pahl moved that each person who is in attendance at the Encampment receive one complimentary copy of the proceedings, in the format in which they are produced, including the incoming and outgoing Commander-in-Chief. Additional copies may be purchased for an appropriate fee. This was seconded by Council Member Leo Kennedy. Council Member Kuhn offered an amendment that the wording be changed to include all of those registered for the Encampment, to include those who paid a registration fee but may not have been able to attend. The amendment was accepted, and the motion passed unanimously.

National Quartermaster Wheeler expressed his desire to put photographs of items for sale on the National website, and/or to create a catalogue featuring photographs, so that members can see an image of the items for sale. PC-in-C Wheeler suggested that a simple brochure could even be inserted into packages containing outgoing orders at little cost. C-in-C Michaels stated that creating such a catalogue could be left up to the judgment of the National Quartermaster. Placing advertising on the National website would require a review of Policy as

Camps and Departments are prohibited from engaging in sales via the National website. Additionally, Brother Wheeler announced that the National Quartermaster will now be selling 3' x 5' American Flags selling for \$8 and 4 x 6' for \$10. He also revealed that he expects to have a 2 x 4' SUV CW flag available for sale soon that should retail for approximately \$30. This flag would be designed for flying on a flag pole, beneath an American flag, much as a POW/MIA flag is often displayed. It would NOT be a substitute for a Camp flag.

The National Webmaster's recommendation that the Council explore the possibility of purchasing SUV CW domain suffix names (.biz, .usa, .net, .info, etc.) was then discussed. Council Member Stephen moved that the Council follow the recommendation of the National Webmaster and purchase the top four names on the list of existing SUV CW domains, at this time. The motion passed 6/5. It was further suggested that the incoming National Webmaster make inquiry as to the status of the taken domain suvcw.com.

A brief report was given by JVC-in-C Pahl regarding the current status of the talks with TACOM and the possibility of the SUV CW being given custodianship of certain cannon. At present, only two pieces are being included in talks. Liability concerns were briefly discussed, as well as the responsibilities which would be assumed by the SUV CW and local municipalities and other entities.

For the Good of the Order, PC-in-C Armstrong showed pictures of some of the rejected US Postal Service designs for the GAR Stamp issued back in 1949, and provided copies to those assembled.

In conclusion, C-in-C Michaels thanked the Council Members present for their service and for allowing him to be a part of their lives, and for them to be a part of his, during the past year.

Following a closing prayer offered by Council Member Kuhn, the meeting was ended at approximately 11:45 p.m.

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As the Sons organization became a civilian lodge in 1903, they created again a military organization within themselves known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). The Sons of Veterans Reserve were organized into Brigades, Regiments, Battalions and Companies based upon US Army regulations. The 1905 Constitution, Article XXIV Military Department also called for a Sons of Veterans Naval Reserve to uniform and follow the US Navy regulations. It is not known if any Naval units were actually organized.

At various times, these units have been under the national organization's command. At other times, they have reverted to state organizational control. The commanding officer was the Sons of Veterans National Chief of Staff. For many years, the commanding officer was Brigadier General Edwin Ames of Pennsylvania.

At the tenth anniversary of the SVR in 1914, The Sons of Veterans Reserve had 346 commissioned officers and 4997 enlisted men. The Pennsylvania Brigade was the original and largest organization within the SVR. It consisted of 197 commissioned officers and 2960 enlisted men organized into four regiments of Infantry, 5 troops of Cavalry and two batteries of Artillery and a fully equipped Field Hospital unit.

Each year the SVR units encamped in the field much like the National Guard going to summer training today. Various badges are marked "Penna. Brigade. SVR". Separate encampment badges, attendance badges with service bars and field service medals have been collected. Most of these badges date from 1903 to World War I. During World War I, the First Pennsylvania Regiment SVR enlisted and was assigned to the 109th Infantry regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. The Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment SVR enlisted

and was assigned to the 108th and 109th Machine Gun Battalions, Pennsylvania National Guard. Officially, these units were known as Pennsylvania National Guard units, but they were also SVR units. These units served as part of the Pennsylvania National Guard's famous 28th Division.

Following World War I, a semi-official status continued between the Sons of Veterans Reserve and the state

National Guard organizations. Senator Warren Harding (later. President) was a member of the Sons of Veterans, USA and had helped pass federal legislation equipping the SVR units with surplus

military equipment.

A commission issued in 1934 by the Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR states the individual was assigned to the "air service". As the SVR never had any airplanes, this individual had to be attached to the National Guard. Changes in Federal law during the 1930s with regard to these semi-military organizations left the SVR as a ceremonial organization and not the military training component it had been. Less than 200 men were enrolled in the SVR in 1960 and these were under command of their various Departments usually as

Camp Guards and firing squads for funerals and Memorial Day.

In order to plan for the national observance of the American Civil War Centennial, the Sons of Union Veterans once more creating a National Military Department, SVR in 1960. Command was once more assigned to the National Organization. The Commander-in-Chief appointed a five member advisory board known as the National Military Affairs Committee. The committee then appointed the Commanding Officer with the rank of Colonel subject to approval by the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW. The nation was divided into three military districts: Northern District consisting of the New England states. Central District consisting of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey and Western District representing Ohio, Indiana & Illinois and other western troops. The rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Brigade, SVR were adopted for national use. Before the Civil War Centennial ended, six military districts covered all the United States. A Colonel

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commanded each Military District and the National Commanding Officer was given the rank of Brigadier General.

All SVR members were required to be members in good standing of their local Sons of Union Veterans Camps. From 1961 through 1963, the "Union Forces" of most Civil War Centennial battle re-enactments were lead by the SVR. Colonel O. G. MacPherson of Pennsylvania was the

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General Orders No. 18

1. I have the honor to present the following recognitions:
 a. Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award (Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation) - General Henry Banning Camp 207, Department of Ohio

b. Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (Most Outstanding Brother in the Nation)-PDC Bob Lowe, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21, Department of California & Pacific.

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-26 recruits

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

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

f. Marshall Hope Award for the Best Camp newsletter-Lt. Com. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2, Department of the Southwest's "Harriet Lane," edited by Br. Michael J. Lance For the best Department newsletter-Department of Massachusetts' "Clarion Call," edited by Br. Reynaldo Rodriguez

g. Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award (for the most successful new Camp in the Nation) - Col. James Brady Camp 63, Department of Maryland.

h. Founders Award (presented to a non-member of the Allied Orders in accordance with the Council of Administration for outstanding service in the memory of the Union soldiers, sailors and marines)-Ms. Margaret Morrison for her efforts to preserve of the GAR Hall in Redfield, Iowa.

2. Thank you for the privilege of serving as the 118th Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Ordered this 5th Day of August 2005.

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

Attest:
 Michael S. Bennett, PDC
 National Secretary

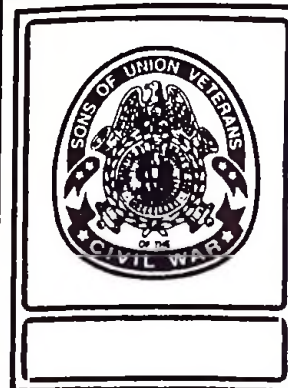
National Commanding Officer of the SVR. Conflicts in leadership lead to a splintering of the SVR organization in late 1963. Twenty-eight commissioned officers and 150 enlisted men from the Third Military District were discharged. From 1964 to 1967, a number of commemorative re-enactments were held with no official SVR presence. In 1967, many of these "re-enactment" units and individuals returned to Sons of Veterans Reserve membership. Brigadier General Chester Shriver was the national commander. Major Robert J. Wolz, the author of this book, served as Quartermaster General, SVR. Later, he served as the Adjutant General, SVR. He proposed the first National SVR Encampment in 1970. Annual National SVR Encampments were begun in 1970 and continued into the mid 1980s. These were large gatherings of Civil War uniformed soldiers who "re-enacted" a battle for the public. Other activities included a "Grand Parade" of troops and a Civil War style military ball. Life-long friendships were formed around campfires in the evening hours and in large part, the whole family was involved in this living history activity. An amazing safety record exists as less than a dozen serious accidents occurred from 1960 through the 1980s with thousand of troops. Union and Confederate, firing tons of black powder blanks in rifles and cannons.

The Annual Remembrance Day Observance held each November brings numerous members of the SVR and invited independent Union and Confederate re-enactment units to Gettysburg to honor the Grand Army of the Republic. The federal blue uniforms of the Sons of Veterans Reserve remains the visual link between today's Sons of Union Veterans and the Civil War veterans of the GAR.

The Junior Order Sons of Veterans, USA
 In 1908 in Framington, Massachusetts the Sons wanted to attract more grandsons into the Order. Camp # 1 of the Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, USA was organized for boys between the age of 12 and 18. A constitution, bylaws and ritual were developed. A Junior camp consisted of fifteen boys under the direction of a senior camp. Elections were held every June and December. The Junior Camps could choose their own uniform. One suggestion was white trousers with dark blue shirts. In some cities, the Junior Camps grew large and upon reaching the age of 18 the members transferred into regular membership. The Junior Order quietly faded from existence sometime around 1920. The 1918 Proceeding report a national membership of 18 junior camps and 559 junior members. In 1949 through 1953 an unsuccessful attempt was made to revive it. No badges, charters or rituals for the Junior Order have been located by the author.



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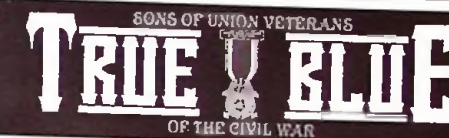
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Department News

Kentucky dedicates monument

Kentucky's only Sons of Veterans Reserve company dedicated a monument to the unit it is named for June 11th. The monument was installed at the Lesllie Morris Park on Fort Hill in Frankfort. It is the first monument to be placed at this historic site. The dedication was the culmination of two years of planning and fund-raising led by Company Commander Captain Timothy Downey. Company A, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards was joined by SUVCW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jim Pahl, Frankfort Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Carter and Tom Fugate of the Kentucky Heritage Council.

The company was formed in early 2000. Within the first five years of its existence, it grew in strength to over 40 members. Members are drawn from all over the Department of Kentucky as well as other Departments. Members of the Company have participated in numerous parades, memorial programs, Memorial Day services, and monument dedications. The Company is named for A Company of the Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards. After much discussion, this unit was arrived at in order to reflect the diverse nature of uniforms and arms which members owned when the unit was being formed. The major combat action which the Battalion was engaged in was conducted by various units and even civilians. Soldiers representing a variety of service branches thus joined the "Kentucky Scouts" who are listed as a cavalry regiment in the Official Records, in the defense of Frankfort. When A Company is present at activities, it is not out of place for men uniformed and armed as cavalry, infantry and artillery to muster together.

The Capital Guard Regiment, Kentucky State Troops, was raised under sanction of the War Department dated July 11, 1863, and consisted of three battalions - one stationed in the neighborhood of Frankfort, one at or near Paducah in western Kentucky, and one in the Sandy Valley in the east. The Frankfort battalion protected the capital from the frequent incursions of guerilla forces. Frankfort was attacked June 10, 1864 by a detachment of general

John H. Morgan's raiding command. Federal forces, including elements of the Frankfort Battalion held the artillery positions at Ft. Hill. The fort overlooks the city and provided an excellent field of fire into the enemy positions. Fighting continued throughout the rest of the day and into the 11th when the secessionist forces withdrew, having suffered yet another defeat on Kentucky soil.

The monument reads, "In memory of the officers and men of the Kentucky Scouts, Frankfort Battalion, First Regiment Capital Guards who helped defend the city of Frankfort from an attack by Confederate forces June 10-11, 1864 KY Sons of Veterans Reserve, Dedicated 2005.

Department of Missouri

With the temperatures in the 90s and a heat index of almost 103, ten members of the Department of Missouri, SUVCW, fathered at a deserted small family cemetery, called Inks Cemetery in Eureka, Missouri, to dedicate a plaque which noted the service of Maj. William C. Inks, commander of the Pacific Battalion Home guard during the Civil War.

Inks Battalion, as the Pacific Battalion Home Guard was commonly known, was formed in June, 1861 under order of Maj. Gen. John C. Fremont. Inks Battalion served for three months guarding the railroad in Franklin and St. Louis counties. Maj. Inks would drill his battalion in fields in the Allentown, MI, area. It finished its three months service in September, 1861. Many of its members went on to serve in other regiments after their three months in Inks Battalion.

Inks Cemetery has been adopted by the U.S. Grant Camp 68. The camp will make sure the grass is cut and that Maj. Inks' grave site will be one that will do honor to his memory.

Department of Massachusetts

Several Civil War enthusiasts gathered Nov. 5, 2005 to honor Gen. Benjamin Franklin Butler at a private cemetery in Lowell, MA. Organized by PCC Benjamin Emerick of Uxbridge, MA, a member of A.A. Sherman Camp 18, special permission was obtained to enter the private cemetery and honor Butler and Maj. Gen. Adelbert Ames, Butler's son-in-law who is also

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Report of the National Counselor Changes to the National Regulations at the 124th Annual National Encampment • Nashua, New Hampshire

As part of my final duties as National Counselor during the year ending with the 124th Annual National Encampment, the following is my report of the amendments to our National Regulations:

CHAPTER I, ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.

CHAPTER I, ARTICLE VI Section 6

CHAPTER II, ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Department shall be a Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, three members of the Department Council, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary - Treasurer), Department Chaplain, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer, Department Historian, Department Patriotic Instructor, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer) and at the option of the Department; a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, A Civil War Memorials Officer and such other officers as may be established in its By-Laws.

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE IV Officers

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, five members of the Council of Administration (of which no two may be from the same Department), Banner Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief-of-Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR Records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National

Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor and a Washington DC Representative. The same member may hold the office of National Secretary and the office of National Treasurer simultaneously.

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

Section 5 (b) In the next to last line change the number from 5 to 9 beyond the sums so appropriated, except by a vote of nine (9) members of the Council of Administration."

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE V

Section 5 Line three should read "National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5)"

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VI Finances

(new) Section 7. There shall be established an Annual Proceedings Fund (hereinafter APF) to be used to pay the expenses of preparing and printing those Annual Proceedings which have not been previously published except the current year. This APF shall be initially funded with a transfer of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the General Fund reserve. Additional funds may be added from time-to-time by action of a National Encampment. When all of the unpublished past proceedings have been published, this fund shall terminate and any monies therein transferred to the General Fund Reserve.

Renumber current Section 7 to Section 8

CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the National Organization shall be as follows: Americanization and Education, Civil War Memorials and Monuments, Communication and Technology, Constitution and Regulations, Encampment Site, Fraternal Relations, GAR Post Records, Graves Registration, History, Legislation, Life Membership Investment, Lincoln Tomb Observance, Membership, Memorials & Monuments, Military Affairs, and Remembrance Day. A standing committee on Program 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 of this

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Pennsylvanian tapped to serve as Auxiliary President

Cynthia Fox has been a member of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over 25 years. She is a member of Auxiliary 44, Williamsport, Pennsylvania and is also a member of Auxiliary 10, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Cindy joined under her great, great, great grandfather, Private Adolphus Sutton, K company, 143rd Infantry, New York. Mr. Sutton enlisted on August 21, 1862 in Tusten New York at the age of 18 and mustered out in Washington D.C., on July 20, 1865. Cindy is currently trying to find information about her great great grandfather, Private John A. Shaffer, Company C, 42nd Infantry, Ohio.

Cindy has served three terms as the Pennsylvania Department President and has served in many other offices in her Department. She served in the capacity as Chaplain, Chief of Staff, and Vice President at the National level before becoming the National President. Her mother, Faye Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is a Past National President.

Cindy is a certified massage therapist specializing in neuromuscular and cerebro spinal fluid therapy. She is married to Victor Fox, a member of Camp 8, Scranton and is the mother of two daughters; Tara Fleming, Troy, Pennsylvania, and Katie Updegraff, Trout Run, Pa. She

has three grandchildren, 1 step grandchild, and one grandchild on the way. Her daughter Katie just gave birth to twins in May.

Cindy enjoys the outdoors and has hiked in the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, Pine Creek Gorge in Pennsylvania, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana. Her favorite view was from Badger Pass in Montana after hiking 11 miles through a "green tunnel" to get there. Cindy has been on the water in one vessel or another during every month of the year. She loves history, sailing, reading, cooking, the outdoors and spending time with her family and friends.

Cynthia's husband Victor has been on a liver transplant list since January of this year. On September 1, 2005, Cynthia gave her husband 60 percent of her liver as a live donor. Both Cynthia and her husband are recuperating well and have 100 percent of their livers as it is the only organ that regenerates itself.

National President Cynthia wishes to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, gifts, and many acts of kindness.

Report of the National Counselor

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committee shall be the promotion of the Order and the creation of guidelines for the continuance of the organization as approved by the National Encampment.

CHAPTER V, ARTICLE III

Section 2 (c) At the end of this section add the following: Brothers wearing the miniatures of the Order may only wear one such miniature badge, except that the SVR miniature badge may be worn in conjunction with the miniature membership badge.

CHAPTER V, ARTICLE VI

Section 7 Change the term Commander-in-Chief in the last line to National Organization.

"National Organization, nor can charges be filed by a Camp or Department."

Also, change the term Commandery-in-Chief to National Organization throughout the C&R

Respectfully submitted in
fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl
Ex-National Counselor

buried in the family cemetery. The first order of business was to removed the tattered national flag and replace it with a new one donated by Camp 18 and then a wreath and GAR marker placed.

Department of New Hampshire

On Saturday, June 11, members of Company A, 12th New Hampshire, Sons of Veterans Reserve, along with members of the Kearsarge Afterguard unveiled a Medal of Honor stone to Charles Melville who's real name was James Ramsbottom.

Dave Nelson of the Kearsarge Afterguard, a New Hampshire educational organization dedicated to preserving the maritime history of the American Civil War first read the history of the Battle of Mobile Bay and the part the U.S.S. Hartford played in that battle.

1 Sgt. Dan Meehan of Company A, 12th NH Sons of Veterans Reserves told the history of James Ramsbottom. James was the son of John Ramsbottom, who came to Rochester, NH in 1840. James was born in England about 1826 and served in the U.S. Navy for almost 20 years before the Civil War. During the Civil War he enlisted into the Navy as Charles Melville and was assigned to Admiral Farragut's flag ship, the U.S.S. Hartford.

During the Battle of Mobile Bay James was manning a nine-inch cannon as a loader of the gun, a rifle shell burst near his position killing and wounding 15 men. James was among the severely wounded having been stuck by shrapnel He was taken below for medical help but he had no intention of staying below while the battle raged on. Refusing medical help he continued to man his gun the rest of the battle event though he was barely able to stand.

After recovering from his wounds he re-shipped at Portsmouth in April 1864. but in about two weeks he had a shock of paralysis. He was medically discharged and went to live at his father's home in Rochester. James was examined by Surgeon James Wheeler, who stated, "He is in much pitiable condition, He is unable to speak, and his right arm is totally paralyzed and distorted and his right leg totally paralyzed. He is totally dependent on is friends for support. He is obliged to lie in his bed at all times." He was awarded an additional pension of \$8 per month, for a total of \$33 per month,

payable at Portsmouth, NH.

James Ramsbottom, aka Charles Melville, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by order No. 45 Dec. 31, 1864 and passed away in his father's home Jan. 5, 1867. Research is ongoing to learn why he change his name.

While the stone was being unveiled Dave Nelson read general Order No. 45, dated Dec. 31, 1864: " Charles Melville, Ordinary Seaman, U.S. Navy. On board the flagship U.S.S. Hartford during action against rebel gunboats, the ram Tennessee, and Fort Morgan in Mobile Bay, 5, August, 1864. Wounded and taken below to the surgeon when a shell burst between the two forward 9-inch guns, killing and wounding 15 men. Melville promptly returned to his gun on the deck and, although scarcely able to stand, refused to go below and continued to man his post throughout the remainder of the action resulting in the capture of the rebel ram Tennessee.

Other members attending were George Hall, Lance Robicheau and Bob Baker of the 12th N.H. and Eric and Andrew Nelson of Kearsarge Afterguard.



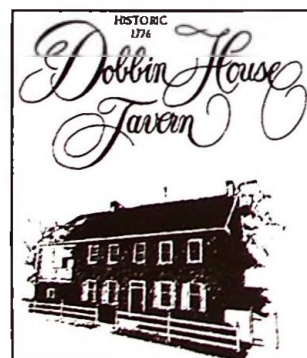
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GENERAL ORDER 2005-13

15 July 2005

Effective 25 April 2005, First Lieutenant Larry A. Roach, Commander of Co. B, 20th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Fourth Military District, SVR, at his written request, is relieved of command and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve at his present rank of First Lieutenant.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-14

15 July 2005

1. Effective 15 July 2005, 2nd Lieutenant Charles J. Gardali, Commander of Co. G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is recommissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 14 July 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-15

21 July 2005

1. Effective 21 July 2005, Private Talbot S. Hackett, Jr., Co. G, 42nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Captain, SVR, and is appointed Commander of the Seventh 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 2005-16

28 July 2005

1. Effective 28 July 2005, 1st Sgt. James T. Hawk, Commander of Co. A, 37th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 27 July 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-17
03 August 2005

1. Effective 03 August 2005, 1st Sgt. James R. Hanby, Adjutant of Company C, Col. Henry A. DuPont Guard, SVR, and recently appointed Public Information Officer of the Second Military District, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-18

17 August 2005

1. Effective 17 August 2005, and upon his written resignation, Captain Timothy H. Downey, SVR, is relieved of duty as Commander of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, Third Military District, SVR.
2. Effective 17 August 2005 the commission of Timothy H. Downey, as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-19

17 August 2005

1. Effective 17 August 2005, 2nd Lt. Lindin R. Lairson, Adjutant of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, Third Military District, SVR, having been duly elected Commander of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, SVR, is hereby commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 August 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-20

17 August 2005

Effective 17 August 2005, Private Scott A. Hurst, a member of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, Third Military District, SVR, having been duly promoted and having been appointed Adjutant of A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Regiment Capital Guards, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 August 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-21

17 August 2005 2005

1. Effective 17 August 2005, Second Lieutenant Alan H. Sweeney, Adjutant of The Delaney-Delacy Guard, Second Military District, SVR, having been duly promoted, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 August 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-22

17 August 2005

1. Effective 17 August 2005, First Lieutenant William S. Poulton, Jr., Commander of the 355th Northcoast Volunteer Infantry, Second Military District, SVR, having been duly re-elected Commander of the 355th Northcoast Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is hereby re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 August 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.



SVR Scrapbook



Members of the SVR attend breakfast at National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire this past August. Gen. David Meddert, right, addresses group.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-23

17 August 2005

1. Effective 17 August 2005, Sergeant Melvin C. Cole, a member of the 355th Northcoast Volunteer Infantry, Second Military District, SVR, is hereby commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 16 August 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-24

03 September 2005

1. Effective 03 September 2005, Private Eric B. Peterson, a member of 14th Corps, HQ Guard, Seventh Military District, SVR, and recently appointed Chaplain of the Seventh Military District, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-25

12 September 2005

1. Effective 12 September 2005, Captain Ralph R. Miller, Jr., Commander of Co. A, The Potomac Guard, Second Military District, SVR, at his written request, is relieved of command and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve at his present rank of Captain.



GENERAL ORDER 2005-26

12 September 2005

1. Effective 12 September 2005, First Lieutenant Jay H. Peterson, Adjutant of Co. A, The Potomac Guard, Second Military District, SVR, at his written request, is relieved of his duties as Adjutant and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve at his present rank of First Lieutenant.

GENERAL ORDER 2005-27

24 October 2005

1. Effective 24 October 2005, 1st Sgt. David F. Burkett, a member of Company B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, having been duly elected Commander of Company B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is hereby commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 23 October 2008 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

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

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

Brothers honored



Why are these men smiling? Because the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Minuteman medal to these two SUVCW members. Pictures is Henry N. McCarl, immediate past president general of the SAR and Andrew M. Johnson, past commander in chief of the SUVCW.

The Minuteman medal is the highest award of the SAR and is awarded annually to no more than six SAR members who have performed outstanding services over a considerable period of time at the national level. PG McCarl is treasurer of William L.S. Tabor Camp 162 of the Massachusetts Department and is an active member of the SVR. Former CinC Johnson now serves as the SUVCW's Washington, D.C. representative while continuing his activities in the Maryland Department and in the SVR.

A personal note from Publisher John Hart

I have had the honor to serve as your publisher for some four years now and through that time have had the good fortune to meet some really fine people from all the General Orders. During the last national encampment I was summoned home with the sudden death of my wife of 26 years, Meg. Meg was a member of Auxiliary 10 and my dearest best friend. I miss her terribly.

To the hundreds of brothers and sisters who showed their expression of sympathy to myself and my children during this time words cannot express my feelings for you. The prayer service at the National Encampment and the General Order by Commander-in-Chief Darby will be remembered for the rest of my life. My wife was a teacher by

vocation and always kept the following in her possession. I would like my brothers and sisters to remember her through the words she held so dear. Again, many thanks
— John Hart

*To laugh often and much
to win the respect
of intelligent people
& the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation
of honest critics & endure
the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty,
to find the best in others;
to leave the world
a bit better, whether
by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a
redeemed social condition;
to know even one life
has breathed easier
because you have lived, Meg...
This is to have succeeded.*
— Ralph Waldo Emerson



MEG HART
"A giving person"
MAY 9, 1950 - AUGUST 6, 2005

DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOTS



Brother Tracy Lucas, left, and members of Elijah P. Morris Camp 5, Nicholasville, KY, stand with Brother Lucas' cannon.



Participants at the 15th anniversary of the Civil War Revisited historical display in Fresno, CA, are members of the Californic and Pacific Department, above.



Participants at the funeral and burial of corporal John Payton Byrne, the last funeral of a Civil War veteran, conducted May 28, 2005 are, from right: Chaplain Vern Stottlemeyer, PDC; Allen Teller, PDC and Adj. for the 27th Ind. Co. D., SVR; Thomas W. Rung, Sr. V. Cmdr of William T. Sherman, Billy Yank Camp 65; Dennis Daniels, historian for John McNeil Camp 62 and Charles Ed Funck III, Dept. Commander of Mo. This real life project was spearheaded by Patricia Mullenix, junior vice national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.



Members of Company A, 12th New Hampshire, Sons of Veterans Reserve along with members of the Kearsarge Afterguard unveil a Medal of Honor stone to Charles Melville. Story on Page 17.



Participants of the chartering of the Jeremiah Smith Camp 2 in the Department of Oklahoma.



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Calling favorable attention to our Order is something that ALL of us can do, in general, and it is a particular responsibility of Senior Vice Commanders at all levels of the organization. Please keep in mind that all of our activities can be promoted in a way that makes a good first impression. We should continually make the public aware of our accomplishments in: the recording and marking of veterans' graves; the preservation of veterans' memorials; the cataloging of veterans' records and other activities that honor the memory of "The Boys in Blue." By providing such positive examples of who we are and what we do, we will attract like-minded men to join us in our efforts, as new and active Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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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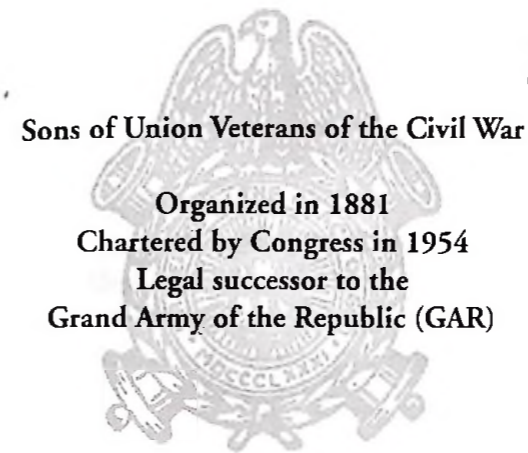
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