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It's an honor to present . . .

1. Retiring C-in-C George L. Powell (left) greets newly installed C-in-C Robert E. Grim at the 121st. SUVCW National Encampment.

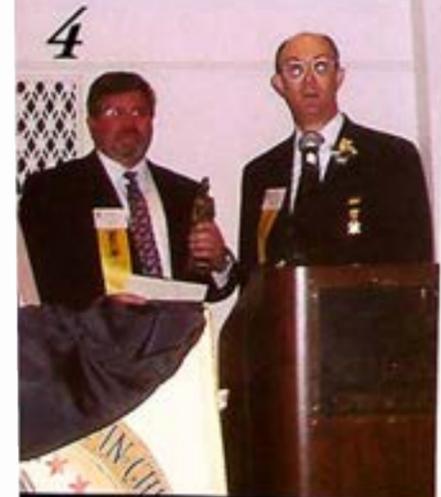
2. C-in-C George L. Powell presents delegates from the newly formed Department of Oklahoma their Department Charter.

3. C-in-C George L. Powell (left) presents the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (Most outstanding member award) to PA Dept Commander Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

4. The Marshall Hope Award for the best Department newsletter is accepted by Michigan Department Commander Bruce B. Butgereit, on behalf of John R. Mann, Editor of the Michigan Messenger.

5. The Marshall Hope Award for the best Camp newsletter went to Old Abe Camp No. 16, Department of Kansas and is accepted by Department Commander Alan L. Russ, who also serves as editor of that newsletter.

6. The Department of Missouri received both the Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award (greatest number of new members) and the U. S. Grant Cup (greatest percentage increase in membership). Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer (center), accompanied by Department Chaplain Emmett P. Taylor III, right, accepts the awards.



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As of the 2002 National Encampment, the National Secretary reported 6,724 Brothers in Good Standing within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This total represents: 5,829 Members; 20 Real Sons; 298 Life Members; 3 Honorary Members; 85 Juniors; and 489 Associates. The total also reflects an increase in membership of 298 from 2001, for a 4.69% gain. Our membership is spread throughout 217 Camps within 26 Departments, 3 Camps-at-Large, and a National Membership-at-Large (NMAL). (The NMAL is composed of Brothers who live in a state that is not currently administered by a Department.)

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Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief by the assembled delegates at the 121st National Encampment at Springfield, Illinois on August 10, 2002, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address and all correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander-in-Chief should be sent to this address.

Department Secretaries are reminded that all Quarterly Reports for the calendar year 2002 and the new Annual Report form and the new Camp Status Report form for the year 2003 should be sent to the National Executive Director, Lee Walters, P. O. Box 1865, Harrisburg, PA 17105

All supply requisitions with payment are to be sent to: Elmer F. Atkinson, PCinC, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St. Philadelphia, PA 19116.

All bills and requests for payment are to be sent to the National Treasurer, Max Newman, 4995 E. Wilkinson Rd., Owosso, MI 48867-9616

All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Robert Petrovic, PDC, 6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527.

The death of any member of our Order should be reported to the National Chaplain, The Honorable Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Esq., 27 Griswold Street, Delaware, OH 43015-1716.

My sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who elected me to serve as your Commander-in-Chief. I will do my best to merit the confidence you have expressed in my ability to lead this great organization.

A special "thank you" goes to the host committee and the Department of Illinois for providing the delegates to the 121st National Encampment a most enjoyable and productive encampment.

The Constitution and Regulations of our Order are the corner stone on which our organization operates. All officers and members should read and become familiar with the C & R. A copy of these documents are available from the National Quartermaster or they can be downloaded from our website: <http://suvcw.org>

We will continue our efforts at graves registration and grave marking, Civil War memorial registration and restoration, locating G.A.R. and SUVCW records, participating in commemorative events and celebrating the deeds of the Boys in Blue. The G.A.R. Post Records Committee will continue to catalog the location of the various G.A.R. Post records. Our goal is to compile a list of the record locations so that we can direct inquires to the proper place.

It is my intention to visit with as many Brothers as possible during the upcoming year. Please extend your

invitations for your encampments, meetings and ceremonies as early as possible to assist me in making my itinerary. Please do not wait until all arrangements have been finalized before sending your invitation. The sooner I learn of an event the easier it is for me to add it to my schedule.

The Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies at Gettysburg are designed as a means of remembering the G.A.R. and paying homage to its members. Brothers are encouraged to attend this event on November 16, 2002.

All members of the Council of Administration are advised there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:00 A.M., Sunday November 17, 2002 at the Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg, PA.

On behalf of the Order, I would like to extend congratulations to the new National Presidents of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.; the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and the Woman's Relief Corps. I ask that all members extend the hand of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to the members of our Allied Orders.

Appointments of most non-elected National Officers, Standing Committees, Special Committees, and National Aides have been made. These officers and committees may be found on our National Web Site: <http://suvcw.org>

Do your part to restore Memorial Day to May 30th. This is a special day for members of our Order and we should not allow it to simply become part of a three day week-end.

Department and Camp Secretaries should take notice of the \$6.00 annual increase in per capita tax enacted by the 121st National Encampment of the SUVCW. This increase becomes effective January 1, 2003. They should also take notice of the change from a Quarterly to an Annual Reporting period effective for the calendar year 2003.

The duties of the National Membership List Coordinator have been transferred to the National Executive Director. The position of National Membership List Coordinator has been eliminated.

All Departments who have not already done so this year are to send current rosters to the National Executive Director.

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

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCincC
National Secretary

(General Order No. 2 on Page 14)

13th Ohio Brother is elected National Commander

At the 121st National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois on August 10, 2002, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Robert E. Grim of Sabina, Ohio as their 116th Commander-in-Chief. He is the thirteenth Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Ohio.

Robert Elroy Grim was born at his parents' home in Madison Mills (Fayette County) Ohio. He is the fifth of ten sons born to Raymond Morgan Grim, Sr. and Nellie Irene Schomburg.

The family moved to nearby Bloomingburg when he was two years old. He entered the first grade at Bloomingburg High School and twelve years later graduated from that school.

Following high school he served a four-year enlistment in the United States Air Force. He was assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and served during the beginning of the Vietnam War. He served a two-year tour of duty in Morocco, North Africa. He's a member of the Paul H. Hughey Post No. 25 American Legion.

He completed three years of college work while serving in the U.S. Air Force and finished the work for his Bachelor of Arts Degree on the University of Maryland campus at College Park, Maryland. He worked as an insurance adjuster for a brief period before taking a job as a teacher at Miami Trace High School near Washington Court House, Ohio in 1967. He earned a Master of Education Degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1969. He retired in 2001 from Miami Trace High School after 34 years as an educator. At the time of his retirement he was serving as President of the Miami Trace Education Association and had been Chairman of the Social Studies Department for ten years.

He served as President of the Bloomingburg Board of Trustees of Public Affairs from 1968-1970. That is the publicly elected body that manages the village utilities. He was elected to the Bloomingburg Village Council in 1970 but resigned his seat to fill an unexpired term as Village Clerk-Treasurer (Chief financial officer of the village) from 1970-1972. He was elected and served as Village Clerk-Treasurer from 1972-1976. He also served as Chairman of the Bloomingburg Bicentennial Commission from 1974-1976. He has been a member of the United States Selective Service Ohio Board No. 15 (Covers Clinton and Warren Counties) since 1990. He was a volunteer deputy voter registrar from 1991-2001.

He married Charlotte Ann Morris on July 31, 1976. They have lived on a farm outside Sabina, Ohio since that time. They have one son, Irven Robert, who is married to Carolin J. Gruber. They have two grandsons: Jason Robert born April 7, 2000, and Michael David born Feb. 18, 2002.

He is active in a variety of civic and fraternal organizations and is past District Deputy Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons; a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He is currently serving as National Secretary of the National Society Sons of Colonial New England, and as Na-

tional Registrar of the General Society of the War of 1812. He served as Vice President General for the State of Ohio of the General Society of the War of 1812 from 1988 to 1993. He is a Past President of the Ohio Society of the War of 1812 and has been the Ohio Society Graves Registration Officer since 1996. He is also a member of the Maryland Society of the War of 1812. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Arthur St. Clair Chapter of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Commander-in-Chief Grim joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1988 as a member-at-large in the Ohio Department.

His membership in the SUVCW is based on the military service of his Great Grandfather Private William F. Grim, who served in Company K, 8th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, from 29 Feb. 1864 to 30 July 1865, and was a member of the Marian Judy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Bloomingburg, Ohio. Grim has proven eleven other ancestors who served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

At the National level Brother Grim served as National Guide (1993-94); National Color Bearer (1995-96); Acting Chaplain (1995) and was elected to the National Council of Administration (1994-97). He was National Patriotic Instructor (1998-99); Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2000-01) and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2001-2002). He served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee (1995-2000); Chairman of the Resolutions Committee (1996, 1999, 2000 and 2001); Member of the Program and Policy Committee (1992-2000) and chairman of that committee (2001-2002); Member of the Budget and Finance Committee (1997) and was the Master of Ceremonies for the Allied Orders Banquet in 1996 and 1997. He attended his first SUVCW National Encampment in 1993 at Portland, Maine and has not missed an encampment since.

He currently holds the rank of Colonel and is serving as the Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR). In 1998 he was appointed SVR Adjutant General and promoted to Lt. Colonel and in 2000 was promoted to Colonel. In 2001 he was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal and named Deputy Commander of the SVR.

Commander-in-Chief Grim also belongs to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and the Lt. Jonathan Bressler Camp No. 1536 Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In his free time, Commander-in-Chief Grim and his wife Charlotte enjoy Western Square Dancing. They are members of the Clinton County Country Squares and served the club as Co-Secretary in 1993. They dance at least once a week and have missed only one national square dance convention since 1993.



Cynthia Brown elected new Auxiliary President

A native of Lawrence, and a lifelong resident of the Greater Lawrence area, Cynthia Brown bases her membership in the Auxiliary on the service of her paternal great grandfather, James Walsh, who served with the illustrious Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, in Company I. The Sixth Massachusetts was begun during the Revolutionary War, and continued in service to Massachusetts until it was absorbed into the Yankee Division. James Walsh served in southern Virginia in the siege of Suffolk, against General Longstreets' troops. He was mustered out of the 6th in June of 1862. Family legend has it that he then served a paid enlistment in the 9th New Jersey, but research thus far has failed to document this.

Cynthia has served her Auxiliary in many capacities. Currently, she is the Secretary-Treasurer of Auxiliary 128, of Lawrence. She has also served as Massachusetts Department President for three terms as well as other Department offices. Currently, she is Secretary of the Department of Massachusetts. Nationally, she has served as Council 42, Chief of Staff for PNP Mary Scofield, and Vice President under Faye Carlisle. She is also a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans Mrs. Governor Andrews Tent #1 of Boston.

Cynthia is a nurse. Her career was in the Operating Room of the Lawrence General Hospital, followed by some time as a private Surgical Assistant for a plastic surgeon. She was co-founder and part owner of a nursing agency providing temporary personnel to operating rooms throughout the eastern Massachusetts/southern NH area. Currently she is doing pediatric private duty on a part time basis.

Cynthia has six children: Pastor Edward Cullen of NY;

David P. Cullen of Methuen; Robert M. Cullen of Nashua, NH; Sheilah E. Judge of Orange, MA; Mary Elizabeth Foley of Dracut, MA; and Cathleen A. Rosa of Derry, NH plus fifteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Many of this large family also claim membership in the ASUVCW. Her mother, Dora Conley, has been Chaplain of Auxiliary 128 since its inception.

She is married to Ellsworth W. Brown, Past Department Commander and enjoys participating in parades, school programs, and Civil War presentations with her Auxiliary, Sumner H. Needham Auxiliary 128 of Lawrence whose latest project is the \$50,000.00 restoration of the Civil War monument on the Lawrence Common. This was accomplished through grants and donations, not the least of which was an SOS grant (Save Outdoor Sculpture - a Smithsonian institute partner) first introduced by the SOS staff presentation at the SUV/ASUVCW National Encampment in 1996.

Re-enacting is another favorite pastime, her role is that of laundress with the 3rd Maine Volunteers, where the opportunity to interact with the public helps to fulfill some of the goals of the Auxiliary, to promote patriotism and to perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Real Son, Daughter help dedicate Sultana Marker

On April 24, 1865, the Steamer Sultana left Vicksburg, Mississippi with over 2,300 Union Soldiers aboard, many of whom were former prisoners of war. Some 200 civilians were also on board, despite a legal limit of 376 people. Due to a faulty boiler, the Sultana exploded north of Memphis, killing at least 1,800, the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history.

On April 27, 2002 Brother Robert Charles Warner traveled to Vicksburg to participate in ceremonies that included placing a wreath at a new marker for the Sultana. Brother Warner is the REAL SON of Private William Carter Warner, 9th Indiana Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. Joining him in this honor was Glenna J. Green, REAL DAUGHTER of Samuel Washington Jenkins, Company I, 3rd Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry Regiment.

The ceremony was part of a reunion of members of the Association of Sultana Descendants & Friends. Sixteen "friends", including authors Gene E Salecker, (Disaster on the Mississippi) and Jerry O. Potter (The Sultana Tragedy) joined 87 Sultana descendants to lay the wreath. Warner and Green, at left, place a wreath at the new marker in Vicksburg.

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General Orders No. 21 Series 2001 - 2002

This is to announce that pursuant to the National Regulations of our Order, Chapter II, Departments, Article I, Charters, Section 8, Departments shall be composed of one or more states, commonwealths, republics, territories or the District of Columbia. All camps within the geographical area assigned to a Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. In accordance with this section, I am today assigning the geographical area included within the boundaries of the State of Georgia to be part of the Department of Tennessee. All camps in this area are now under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Tennessee.

Ordered this 9th day of June, 2002.

General Orders No. 22 Series 2001 - 2002

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

Lt. Adam Slemmer Camp #6, Department of Florida, Date of Rank from January 27, 2002;

Maj. Francis Wilhelms Camp #17, Department of Missouri, Date of Rank from June 5, 2002;

Col. John B. Weber Camp #44, Department of New York, Date of Rank from June 5, 2002; and

Gen. John Buford Camp #4389, Department of New York, Date of Rank from June 5, 2002.

Congratulations for a job well done to all of the Brothers who worked so hard to get these camps formed.

Ordered this 11th day of June, 2002

General Orders No. 23 Series 2001 - 2002

1. It is with great sadness and profound regret that I announce the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey who answered his last roll

call on July 28, 2002.

2. PC-in-C Rippey was the senior Past Commander-in-Chief and the last man to serve 2 terms as Commander-in-Chief, 1963-1964 and 1964-1965. He was a member of the Department of New York.

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.

Ordered this 4th day of August, 2002

By Order of:
George L. Powell
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

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Formal organization of the Department of Oklahoma

On Saturday, May 4, 2002, Tulsa, was the site of the formation of the new Department of Oklahoma, SUVCW. Commander in Chief George L. Powell presided over the proceedings, which commenced at 10:00 AM in the Hampton Inn.

The sixteen delegates in attendance were selected from three Oklahoma Camps consisting of the David L. Payne Camp #2, Stillwater; the Indian Nation Camp #3, Tulsa; and the Thomas Custer Camp #4 of Guthrie. After C-in-C Powell's preliminaries were established for the 'temporary meeting,' the actual process of "making" the Department of Oklahoma ensued.

As a final action, or should it be said a beginning of new business for the Department, officers were nominated, elected, and duly installed. The key officers of the Department of Oklahoma for the term 2002-2003 are: Department Commander Mahlon G. Erickson; Senior Vice Department Commander



Mahlon Erickson, left, receives a congratulatory handshake from Commander in Chief George L. Powell after being elected the first Commander of the new Department of Oklahoma, SUVCW. Photo by Carl Fallen

A. Carl Fallen; Junior Vice Department Commander Michael D. Rusk; Department Secretary Walt Cross; Department Treasurer John Irons.

The delegates of the first Oklahoma Department Encampment are greatly indebted to the strength, knowledge, and sincere dedication of PCinC

George L. Powell. Without his leadership and quality assistance the polished process of this Department's development would not have been realized. The Department also wishes to acknowledge the long and sustained drive of Commander Erickson to make this Department a reality.

In closing, and with this spirit in place, the vision of many forward looking individuals, working with absolute commitment and tireless effort, have finally succeeded in placing the new Department of Oklahoma within the Department ranks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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POST ENCAMPMENT REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS at the 121st Annual Encampment, SUVCW.

MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS OFFICER - CAMP AND DEPARTMENTS.

Amend National Regulations Chapter I, Article IV Officers, Section I, to add as underlined:

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

Amend National Regulations, Chapter I, Article IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS, by adding a new section II.

"Section II. The duties of the Camp Memorials and Monuments Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs) in the location served by the Camp. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Camp area shall be made from time to time to the Department Memorials and Monuments officer upon appropriate form."

National Regulations, Chapter II, Article IV OFFICERS, amend Section I to add as underlined:

"Section I. 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 Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer), Department Historian, Department Counselor, Department Graves Registration Officer and at the option of the Department, a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, a Civil War Memorials & Monuments Officer, and such other officers as may be established in its By-laws

National Regulations, Chapter II, Article V, DUTIES OF OFFICERS, add new section 13:

"Section 13. The duties of the Department Memorials and Monuments Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs) in the Department. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Department shall be made from time to time to the National Memorials and Monuments officer upon appropriate form."

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Amend National Regulations Chapter III, Article II Membership, Section I, by eliminating the underlined language as follows:

It's own elective and appointive officers (except brothers detailed for special duty).

Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief and National elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the National Secretary. Appropriate credentials for all Department Commanders, Past Department Commanders, delegates and alternates shall be issued by their respective Department Secretaries.

MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL:

Amend National Regulations, Chapter V, Article III BADGES AND DECORATIONS Section 3

New Section G and re-letter all subsequent sub-sections:

G. Military Service Medal: Authorized for any Brother who has served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States. If a brother is qualified for this medal and the War Service Medal, the brother may purchase both, but may only wear one or the other at any one time.

Amend National Regulations, Chapter V, Article 5, by adding the underlined language

Group C
War Service Medal
Military Service Medal

When worn, the War Medal or Military Service Medal must be accompanied by a Group A or Group B Badge of the Order. The War Medal is approved for wear by the Brother's Camp and shall include a device identifying the period of qualifying service. Those devices shall not be worn upon any other badge. Administration. are removed from the National Web Site.

AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL REGULATIONS TO CHANGE FROM PAYMENT OF PER CAPITA FROM QUARTERLY TO ANNUAL

CHAPTER I

ARTICLE V

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(Please turn to Page 10)

“Tell Your Children”

Speech by: Charles C. Horton, Colonel, 2nd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry Regiment Commandant, Iowa Soldiers Home - Marshalltown, Iowa. Delivered at the 3rd Reunion of the Iowa Cavalry, Muscatine, Iowa, October 1887

Submitted by: John H. Brockway, grandson of Col. Horton, and Member of Greenville A Dodge Camp #75, Dept. of Iowa

Yes, go back to your homes and loved ones, tell your children of the ties and comradeship that bind us together; tell them the story of the war; see that they read aright the history of the great conflict, the great sacrifice of life and treasure, necessary to the preservation and perpetuation of the Union; but teach them no sectional bitterness; instill within their hearts no hatred or animosity toward the boys in gray, who met us in honorable warfare. Teach them that they were as brave (and) as gallant as any men who ever drew saber or shouldered a musket. Teach them that we are one people, whose aims and interest, hopes and fears, should and must be the same. But teach them the difference between loyalty and treason; teach them that the cause for which the Union army fought, was the cause of justice and humanity; that it was right- eternally right. That the cause of secession and disunion was the cause of oppression, and was of necessity wrong, eternally wrong. Teach your boys to love and venerate the old flag with the same sentiment, the same enthusiasm, that led you to rally in her defense. Teach them all this, and you will leave the flag, and all that it represents, in the hands and to the protection of sons worthy of the sires to whose gallantry and patriotism we owe the present prosperity and grandness of this nation.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: One Hundred and Fifteen years later, Col. Horton's message still has special meaning to the "sons" and successive descendants of those who *Saved the Union*. These sentiments are lost on many of those who teach 'history' today, and we owe it to these men to share this insight of their postwar patriotism.]



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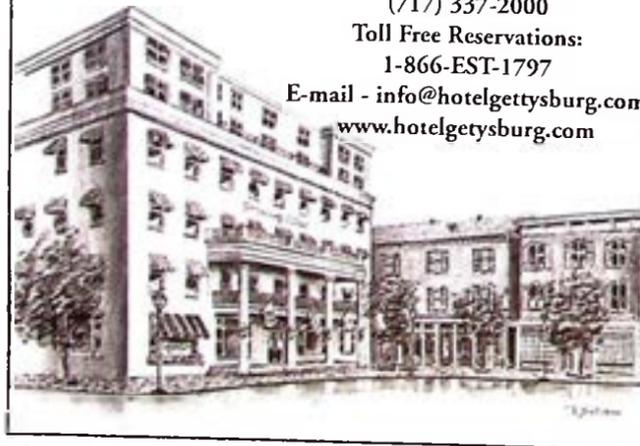
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Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDER 2002-18

Sons of Veterans Reserve

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, and upon his written resignation, Captain Daniel R. Earl, SVR, is relieved of duty as Adjutant General, Sixth Military District.
2. Effective 15 July 2002 the commission of Daniel R. Earl, as a Captain in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-19

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, and upon his written resignation, Second Lieutenant Daniel M. Bunnell, SVR, is relieved of duty as Chaplain, Sixth Military District.
2. Effective 15 July 2002 the commission of Daniel M. Bunnell, as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-20

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Captain Charles J. Reed, SVR, Commander of the Sixth Military District, is commissioned a Major, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-21

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Second Lieutenant Charles J. Reed, SVR, Commander of Company G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 14 July 2005 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-22

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Pvt. Mark S. Wilson, SVR, Company G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, is commissioned a Captain, SVR and appointed Adjutant General of the Sixth Military District.

2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-23

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Pvt. Carl M. Taylor, SVR, Company G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and appointed Chaplain of the Sixth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-24

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Pvt. Charles J. Gardali, SVR, Company G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 14 July 2005 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-25

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 April 2002, Pvt. Jerome W. Kowalski, SVR, Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Fourth Military District, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR and appointed Chaplain of the Fourth Military District.
2. This commission will expire on 28 July 2003 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-26

17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002, Pvt. Tommy V. Smith, SVR, Commander of Company A, 18th US, Seventh Military District, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 14 July 2005 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

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Section 3. "and shall at the end of each quarter, render a complete report"

CHANGE:

Section 3. "and shall at the end of each *calendar year*, render a complete report"

Section 4. "shall make duplicate quarterly reports to the Department Secretary on the first days of January, April, July and October" "on or before the tenth(10th) day of the month."

CHANGE:

Section 4. "shall make duplicate *annual* reports to the Department Secretary *by April 30*"
Eliminate "on or before the tenth(10th) day of the month".

Section 5. "He shall make a quarterly report to the Department Secretary."

CHANGE:

Section 5. "He shall make an *annual* report to the Department Secretary."

Section 9. "-together with the quarterly report required"
"sent in on the first day of January"

CHANGE:

Section 9. "together with the *annual* report required"
"sent in *by April 30*"

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. "forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the quarterly per capita tax report"

CHANGE:

Section 1. "forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the *annual* per capita tax report"

CHAPTER II

ARTICLE II

Section 1. "or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the quarter next preceding the Encampment."

CHANGE:

Section 1. "or major fraction thereof, based upon the *annual report* next preceding the Encampment."

ARTICLE V

Section 1. "He shall in the first month of each quarter supply to each Camp, Quarterly Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer report blanks."

CHANGE:

Section 1. "He shall *during the month of January each year* supply to each camp, *Annual* Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer report blanks."

Section 3. "He shall within thirty days after the first of each quarter make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander and forward a copy of the same to the National Secretary, together with the amount due to per capita tax."

CHANGE:

Section 3. "He shall *by May 31* make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Department Commander and forward a copy of the same to the *National Executive Director*, together with the amount due for per capita tax."

Section II. "On or before January 1st of each year.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Section 11. "On or before *May 31* of each year"

Section 14. The Membership List Coordinator

CHANGE:

Section 14. Change the name "Membership List Coordinator to *Executive Director* throughout this section

Section 15. "reported to the Membership List Coordinator"

CHANGE:

Section 15. " reported to the *Executive Director*"

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. "in good standing at the end of each quarter."

"Such tax shall be payable in four equal installments,"

"forwarded by the Department Treasurer to the National Secretary, on or before the last days of January, April, July and October."

CHANGE:

Section 1. "in good standing at the end of each *calendar year*."

"Such tax shall be payable in *one annual payment*,"

"forwarded by the Department Treasurer to the National Executive Director on or before May 31."

ARTICLE VII

Section 9. The Life Membership Investment Committee

CHANGE:

Section 9. Eliminate this section.

Section 10.

CHANGE:

Section 10. Change the number from Section 10 to Section 9.

CHAPTER V

ARTICLE 1

Add Section 6. All changes in the regulations relating to the change from quarterly to annual reporting and payment of per capita tax shall become effective January 1, 2003.

Add Section 7. Effective April 30, 2003 the camp secretary must submit by the 15th day of the following month to the Department Secretary two copies of a Camp Status Report form when one of the following changes occur: (1) A new brother joins the camp (2) A brother is reinstated after being dropped for non payment of dues (3) A brother dies (4) A brother has a change of address (5) A brother transfers in or out of the camp. If the Camp Status Report form reports a new brother, then a pro-rated per capita amount for the remainder of the year shall accompany the form. Such pro-rated amount shall be calculated on a quarterly basis. If the Camp Status Report form reports a brother reinstated after being dropped for non payment of dues, then the full annual per capita for that brother shall accompany the form.

Add Section 8. Effective May 30, 2003 the Department Secretary must submit a copy of all Camp Status Report Forms to the National Executive Director by the 15th day of the month following the submission, along with a check for the proper amount of money due the National Organization for a new brother or a reinstated brother as provided for in Section 7.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
James B. Pahl, National Counselor

CANDID ENCAMPMENT MOMENTS



Attendees of the National Encampment Campfire are greeted by President and Mrs. Lincoln as portrayed by Max and Donna Daniels.



The 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regimental Band, Inc., provides dinner music at the Banquet of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.



Past Commander-in-Chief Joseph S. Rippey was eulogized by New York Department Commander Todd Shillington during the Memorial Service.



Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell ends his administration as the 115th SUVCW leader.



GENERAL ORDER 2002-27
17 July 2002

1. Effective 15 July 2002. Pvt. William S. Pearce, SVR, Commander of 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Seventh Military District, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 14 July 2005 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-28
2 September 2002

1. Effective 02 September 2002, Major Charles J. Reed, SVR, is relieved of duty as Commander of the Sixth Military District.
2. Effective 02 September 2002, the commission of Charles J. Reed, as a Major in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, is terminated and annulled.
3. Effective 02 September 2002 or as soon thereafter as is practicable, all property owned by the Sixth Military District or the Sons of Veterans Reserve and in the possession of Charles J. Reed, shall be turned over to Captain Mark S. Wilson, District Adjutant and temporary Commander, Sixth Military District.
4. In conformity with General Order 2002-21, Charles J. Reed, Commander of Company G, 1st California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, shall retain his rank as a First Lieutenant, SVR, until 14 July 2005, unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2002-29
2 September 2002

1. Effective 02 September 2002, Captain Mark S. Wilson, SVR, Adjutant General of the Sixth Military District is appointed temporary Commander of the Sixth Military District until such time as a Commander is appointed and commissioned.
2. Effective 02 September 2002, Captain Mark S. Wilson, as temporary Commander of the Sixth Military District, will report directly to the Adjutant General, SVR.

SPECIAL ORDER 2002-1
Sons of Veterans Reserve
17 July 2002

1. Effective 08 August 2002 Captain Emmett P. Taylor III, SVR, Inspector General, Fourth Military District, is commissioned Major, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and is appointed Provost Marshal for the 121st National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This commission and appointment expires at 2400 hours 11 August 2002.
2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 121st National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the Commandery is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

Brigadier General David V. Medert
Commanding Officer
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Attest:

Lt. Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.,
Adjutant General
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Council of Administration Meeting
August 8, 2002, Springfield, IL

After a prayer for guidance and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag discussion commenced on the budget. It was moved by the National Quartermaster PCinC Bud Atkinson, seconded by Council of Administration (CoA) Member Ron Gill, and unanimously approved to propose a \$6.00 National Annual Per Capita increase in order to maintain current quality of the Banner and foreseeable increase in request for monument and memorial restoration project money.

Jr. Vice C-in-C Kent Armstrong moved, Brother Gill seconded and passed by unanimous vote to cash in "E" bonds in exchange for "H" bonds.

CoA member Don Darby moved, CoA Member Bob Petrovic second and unanimously passed to remove "Return to Sender if Undeliverable" on future mailings of the Banner. This was due to the high cost being incurred by too many numerous copies being returned because the recipient was no longer at the address and we did not have a more current one.

PCinC Atkinson proceedings to show the ROTC medal and ribbon that will be available soon for camps or departments to present to ROTC and Jr. ROTC cadets. Brother Petrovic moved, Brother Darby second and unanimously passed to have a simple form made up to be submitted to the National Patriotic Instructor giving pertinent information such as the name of the camp or department awarding the medals, Name of the recipient, name of ROTC unit as well as name and address of school. In the case

that the name is unavailable at the time the medal is ordered, it may be provided later.

Moved by PC-in-C Atkinson, seconded by Sr Vice C-in-C Bob Grim to have the National Treasurer give concealed copies of the National Officers E-mail address passwords to the Nation Signals Officer to hold for safe keeping as a second party. It passed by unanimous ballot.

The CoA heard a request from Brother Mark Trout of the Missouri Department for support of the Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks. It was decided to have a letter of support written but to table any financial support at this time.

The Department of Missouri request to use SUVCW emblem on their own logo to be placed on items for sale. It was noted that the logo would then be the SUVCW emblem within a variation of the seal of the State of Missouri. Brother Gill moved, National Treasurer Max Newman second to deny the use of the SUVCW emblem in this manner. The motion to deny was passed.

Sr. Vice C-in-C Grim moved and Brother Darby second for PC-in-C Richard Schlenker to be Washington DC Representative Emeritus. The motion was passed by unanimous ballot.

The meeting was adjourned by C-in-C George Powell.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

Council of Administration Meeting
August 11, 2002, Springfield, IL

Voting Council of Administration members present were Commander-in-Chief (C-in-C) Robert E. Grim, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVC-in-C) Kent L. Armstrong, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (JVC-in-C) Stephen A. Michaels, National Treasurer, Max L. Newman, National Secretary PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser, National Quartermaster PC-in-C Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, Council of Administration Members PC-in-C George L. Powell, PDC Donald E. Darby, PDC Ronald B. Gill and PDC Robert M. Petrovic. In addition were National Washington DC Representative PC-in-C Andrew M. Johnson, National Encampment Site committee Chairman PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman, National Counselor PDC James B. Pahl, and National Camp and Department Organizer PDC Gary L. Gibson.

C-in-C Grim led prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting of the Council of Administration (CoA) was called to order by C-in-C Grim at 8:01 a.m. The C-in-C welcomed JVC-in-C Steve Michaels to Council of Administration.

The next order of business was to set when the National \$6.00 Per-Capita increase would take effect. Moved by Don Darby many seconds to take effect January 1, 2003. Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded to increase NMAL Per-Capita from \$25.00

to \$30.00 to begin January 1, 2003. Passed by unanimous vote.

Vote unanimously for Life Member plan prior to 1996 reimbursement to camps to remain at \$4.00 for this fiscal year.

Vote unanimously to set On Line Application Fee from \$35.00 to \$41.00 with the increase to be effective January 1, 2003.

C-in-C Grim mentioned the decision of the National Encampment to institute the Service Medal and appointed PDC Darby to chair the committee for the design and assigned the Program and Policy Committee to create the Service Medal Application Form. The Program and Policy Committee was also commissioned to make the form for the ROTC Medal Application and look into revising the Camp Officer Election and Installation Form 22.

The Encampment also chose to do something with the National C-in-C Seal since it is in such bad condition. Max Newman moved, Ron Gill seconded to appropriate funds to repair or replace the Seal. Passed unanimously. C-in-C Grim appointed Program and Policy Committee to propose a plan for this.

Brother Don Darby moved, second by Bob Petrovic to supply additional funds to purchase a portrait case for the Seal to be transported and protected in. Passed unanimously.

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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1. The 121st National Encampment increased the National level per capita tax \$6.00 per year effective January 1, 2003 and changed the Quarterly Reporting system to an Annual Reporting system, effective January 1, 2003.

2. Department and Camp Secretaries will follow the current Quarterly Reporting system and per capita tax structure for the quarter ending September 30, 2002 and the quarter ending December 31, 2002.

3. Effective January 1, 2003 the Annual Reporting system will replace the Quarterly Reporting system.

4. Camp Secretaries must file the new Annual Report form (same type of information as on the current Quarterly Report form) with the Department Secretary by April 30, 2003 and include the per capita tax reflecting the \$6.00 increase for the entire period January 1 - December 31, 2003.

5. Brothers who have not paid their dues (per capita tax) by the date that the Annual Report is submitted by the Camp Secretary, should be dropped for non-payment. If a Brother is dropped from the Camp membership roster prior to the Annual Report being submitted, the Camp need not pay the per capita for such a dropped Brother.

6. Department Secretaries must file the new Annual Report form reflecting the \$6.00 increase in per capita tax with the National Executive Director by May 31, 2003.

7. After the Annual Report form is filed, if one of the following events occur, the new Camp Status Report form must be filed by the Camp Secretary with the Department Secretary - (a) A new Brother joins the Camp (b) A Brother

is reinstated after being dropped for non-payment of dues (c) A Brother dies (d) A Brother has a change of address (e) A Brother transfers in or out of the Camp.

8. After April 30 of each year (beginning in 2003) two copies of the Camp Status Report form must be filed by the Camp Secretary with the Department Secretary no later than the 15th of the month following the event that prompted the need to file the Camp Status Report. If a new Brother is being reported, then the pro-rated per capita for the remainder of the calendar year shall accompany the form. Such pro-rated amount shall be based on a calendar year quarterly basis. If the Camp Status Report form reports a Brother reinstated after being dropped for non-payment of dues, then the full annual per capita for that Brother shall accompany the form.

9. After May 31 of each year (beginning in 2003) the Department Secretary must submit a copy of all Camp Status Report forms to the National Executive Director by the 15th of the month following the submission, along with a check for the proper amount of money due the National Organization for a new Brother or a reinstated Brother.

10. The new Camp Status Report form and the new Camp and Department Annual Report forms are being developed by the National Program and Policy Committee and should be available from the National Quartermaster or the SUVCW website by December 1, 2002.

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

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PCincC
National Secretary

Council of Administration Meeting August 11, 2002, Springfield, IL

SVC-in-C Armstrong moved, Ed Krieser second to appoint a committee to look for the means of producing a professional 15 to 30 minutes S.U.V.C.W. video for the Order. Passed unanimously. C-in-C Grim appointed SVC-in-C Armstrong to chair that committee.

Brother Darby moved, PC-in-C Atkinson second to open the Monument and Memorials Fund to new monuments. That the policy should read, "The grant fund is open to the preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials as well as supporting the production of new monuments. Priority of funds will be for preservation. Requests for new monuments will be accepted between 1 May and 15 June. The committee is authorized to revisit and issue remaining money, of that year, to camps and/or departments who have submitted requests for that year on a need basis." The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Darby moved, Brother Petrovic second to allow host

departments to sell National Encampment Badges to members only unless specifically prohibited by the Council of Administration. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

PC-in-C Powell moved, PC-in-C Atkinson second to send each camp a copy of proceedings in addition to all the attendees. Motion failed. 2 votes for and 7 votes against.

Brother Newman moved and PC-in-C Powell second to pay from Reserve if needed to print all proceedings that have yet to be printed. Motion passed by 8 votes for and 1 vote against.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
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Final Roll Call for Past C-in-C Joseph S. Rippey

Joseph S. Rippey was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War twice (the sixth and last Brother to do so). The first time was at the 82nd National Encampment held in Miami, Florida, August 18 - 22, 1963 and the second time at the 83rd National Encampment held in Providence, Rhode Island, August 16 - 20, 1964. He was a Life Member of the SUVCW and our Senior PCinC. Brother Rippey's great-grandfather, John Smith, enlisted with the 69th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and his grandfather, Bernard Smith, was a member of Company I, 54th Regiment, New York National Guard.

Brother Rippey joined the SUVCW in 1948, becoming an active Member of the Department of New York's Glidden-Pierce Camp #6 (now chartered as Abraham Lincoln Camp #6). He held the office of Camp Commander and most other Camp offices. Brother Rippey was elected New York Department Commander in 1958 and again in 1959. He also served the National Organization as a member of several committees, and as chairman of the Com-

mittee on Americanism, chairman of the Committee on Legislation and as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

After graduating from college, Brother Rippey entered the United States Navy prior to World War II. He saw combat duty as an officer aboard ship in the Southwest Pacific and was later assigned to Naval Intelligence and the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Gaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he continued to serve our country in the Naval Reserve after the war.

In civilian life, Brother Rippey was an attorney and partner in the law firm established by his father. He had the honor of being chosen by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court to present nine cases during his career all of which were successful.

Brother Rippey was active in many other organizations, including the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester, NY, serving a term as its President. He was a decades long member of Calvary St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish in Rochester, serving as a Vestryman, Senior Warden and as Head Usher at the time of his death on July 28, 2002.

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On Memorial Day 2002, members of the Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp #23, Department of California, gathered to rededicate the 'Monument to the Unknown' of the Civil War, located at Oak Mound Cemetery in Healdsburg, CA. From left: Lou Olker, Jim Spencer PCC, Charles Christian PCC, Camp Commander Steve Martin, and Ron Cannon. The 4 uniformed personnel are also members of local Sons of Veterans Reserve units of the SUVCW.



Pictured above (L-R) are: Charles Woodhead (with bugle); Charles Engle, Tennessee Senior Vice Department Commander; Mark Kemp, PCC; Frank Harned, PDC / Commander of the 7th Mil. Dist., SVR; and Robert Dobbs, Commander of Missionary Ridge Camp #63, Department of Tennessee. On July 13, 2002, they helped dedicate a new stone monument that was installed to honor the "Unknown Soldier" who was buried at "Confederate and Citizens Cemetery" in Chattanooga, TN last year after the remains were discovered on Missionary Ridge in 1999.

4th Military District

As a follow-up to the announcement in the Summer 2002 BANNER, Captain Emmett Taylor reports that Company C, 5th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry Regiment is now forming a Dismounted Platoon for Brothers "who do not ride, but would like to be in a SVR cavalry unit." The unit will also welcome you to its Mounted and Mountain Howitzer (horse drawn) platoons.

[CORRECTION]

In reference to the rededication of the cannon and headstones in Riverside Cemetery at Charles City, Iowa (as reported in the Summer 2002 BANNER), Camp Commander Larry Roach of the Charles H. Huntley Camp #114 in Mason City, IA reports that Company A, 37th Iowa Vol. Inf. was not able to attend. Rather, it was the Brothers of C. H. Huntley Camp #114; Company B, 20th Iowa Vol. Inf. (SVR); and Co. B, 32nd Iowa Vol. Inf. who performed the honors.

7th Military District

Major Frank Harned, PDC reports the success of the second Spring Memorial / Blue and Gray Ball (April 27, 2002) which will now be an annual event in Chattanooga, TN. This year's memorial ceremony included a parade through Lafayette, GA, from their train depot to the city park, where the SVR Honor Guard assisted the Sons of Confederate Veterans unveil a monument, inscribed with the names of all Confederate soldiers from Walker County. Several Georgia State legislators and county officials attended the dedication and "BBQ" that followed. The evening's Blue/Gray Ball was held in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel in Chattanooga and attended by 200 guests who enjoyed music provided by the Eighth Regimental Band from Rome, GA.

Promoting the SUVCW

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,
Kent Armstrong
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

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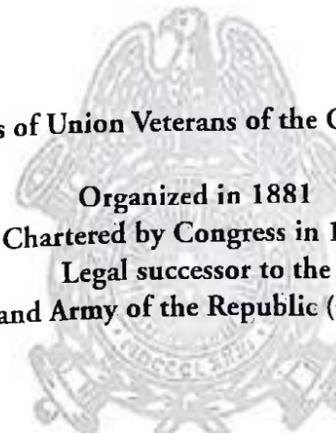
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Each of us has been called to honor the memory of Union soldiers by active membership in the SUVCW. When I think of my years as a Member, I recall the enjoyment I've experienced, the many friendships I've made and the great fulfillment I've felt, completing various service projects. Each of us has found something important here and we need to communicate that "something" to others. It's true, enthusiasm is contagious.

We do the Union Soldiers, our ancestors, no honor and our Order no good by keeping their story and the meaningful work of the SUVCW to ourselves. Developing a communication culture is essential. Some Camps are already preparing for the year-end release of a major Civil War film. They're working with movie theaters now. Given the heightened sense of patriotism in our country, this will be a great opportunity to

tell our story, gain favorable attention and secure prospects.

As important as recruiting is to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is only half of the membership equation.

While attending the National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, I was surprised to learn that while this office processed 299 new Brothers' applications last year, our Order's overall membership increase was only 298. Retention in our Camps needs to be an issue. Besides regular recruiting efforts, each of us needs to consider our Camp's relevant activities, meeting programs, leadership, retention efforts, visibility and relevancy in the community, membership benefits, relocations, age and deaths. Almost all of these are actionable. Developing goals and a clear, constructive strategy for retaining our present members while recruiting new prospects will determine our future success. And the accomplishment of the SUVCW's missions depends on it.

I look forward to working with you and helping you in any way that I can.

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