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## 1996 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALAN LOOMIS AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT BETTY BAKER - ASUVCW, INSTALLED IN COLUMBUS, OHIO**



Commander-in-Chief Loomis brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the highest position in our Order. Beginning in Valparaiso Indiana with the David Porter Camp No. 116 as Secretary/Treasurer, he continued working as Senior Vice Commander, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee and finally Camp Commander for two terms. In the Indiana Department, the Commander-in-Chief held almost all positions available, including three terms as Department Commander. He has also served at many positions with the Central Region Conference, at which he presided as Commander in 1995.

The new Commander-in-Chief traces his SUVCW eligibility to four Illinois veterans through his maternal ancestry. They include his great-grandfathers James A. Latimer of Co. K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, John L. Barber, Co. L, 15th Illinois Cavalry, and great granduncles Cicero and Alden Barber of Co. K, 39th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Brother Loomis is a graduate of Ottawa High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree (1956) from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. Additionally, in 1966 he received a Master of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University, and in 1971 a Master of Science degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Commander-in-Chief Loomis is a retired Junior High Science Teacher with thirty five years experience. At present he is Curator of the "Old Jail Museum" in Valparaiso. He also organized and chaired the first committee that attempted to raise funds for restoring the GAR Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso.

Betty J. Terry Baker was installed as National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW on August 10, 1996 at the National Encampment. She is the second generation of her family to obtain this high office, following in the footsteps of her mother, PNP Beatrice Terry Greenwalt.

Sister Betty's eligibility is through her Great-great Grandfather (maternal), Henry Reinheimer who served in the 143rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. From the paternal side, her Great Grandfather Hiram Stout, served in Co. E of the 148th New York Volunteers and later re-enlisted into Battery C of the 1st New York Light Artillery.

At 14 Betty joined the D.G. Caywood Auxiliary No. 72 of Ovid, New York. She has devoted 36 years to the Auxiliary by repeatedly holding every office on the local and state level. In 1977 Betty was elected Department President of New York.

On the National level, she has served as Guide, Assistant Guide, Color Guard, National Vice-President (twice), Chief of Staff (twice), Chaplain and Council Member (twice).

Besides being dedicated to the advancement of the Auxiliary, Betty is active with the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, her church and Girl Scouts. In Interlaken, New York, she is the owner and operator of Terry's Drive In.

National President Baker has three married daughters, two of which are members of the Auxiliary. They have given her four grandchildren which hopefully will lead to her family having a fifth generation belonging to the Order.

**The Journal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



The U.S. Grant Camp No. 68 is now accepting orders for Camp Banners, Golf Shirts and Baseball jackets (flannel-lined or quilted) with the SUVCW logo embroidered on them. All of these items have been approved for sale by the National Organization. Those who attended the National Encampment were able to see the quality of these items. Banners are \$60.00 (price includes Camp name, number, city and state) are available in royal blue with gold fringe or red with gold fringe. Golf shirts (price includes name on front) are \$35.00 in S - M - L - XL - 2X and \$41.00 for sizes 3X and 4X. They are available in royal blue, white, red and yellow. Baseball jackets (price includes Camp name, number, city and state on back and name on front) are \$90.00 for S - M - L - XL - 2X, \$98.00 for 3X - 4X - 5X, flannel lined. Quilted lined are \$94.00 for S - M - L - XL - 2X, \$102.00 for 3X - 4X - 5X. Jackets are available in royal blue, black, red and yellow. For orders and information contact:

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# GENERAL ORDERS

## General Orders No. One

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1. I wish to express my profound appreciation to all members that attended the 115th National Encampment and elected me Commander-in-Chief. I appreciate the great privilege bestowed by this office and humbly accept the challenges it presents.

2. I would like to congratulate William Dennison Camp No. One, Department of Ohio and Past Department Commander Jim Hilton in particular for the outstanding success of the 115th National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio. They deserve an extra measure of recognition and congratulations from all of us that attended since this was the second National Encampment in a row they hosted. The Department of Ohio should be doubly proud of their enthusiasm and dedication to a job well done.

3. All correspondence to this office should be directed to the above address or e-mail. All business correspondence including quarterly reports, address changes, etc. should be processed through Camps and Departments and sent to National Secretary David Wallace. Quarterly reports and per capita from Camps to Departments and from Departments to the National Secretary should be sent on time. Requisitions for supplies are to be sent directly to National Quartermaster Elmer Atkinson, PCinC. Quarterly reports of National Officers and Chairman of Standing and Special Committees will continue to be sent to the Chief of Staff. Addresses, e-mail screen names, telephone and FAX numbers of Brothers elected or appointed to National Offices or Committees are listed in this issue of the Banner.

4. As previously stated, National Officers and Committee Chairmen will submit Quarterly reports to the Chief of Staff. Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Chief of Staff by the following dates: November 8, 1996; February 14, 1997; May 16, 1997; and July 18, 1997 (three weeks before the National Encampment). The final report should summarize the preceding three quarters plus information about

the forth quarter. With the advent of the Chief of Staff acting as a liaison and the use of e-mail and FAX communication within the Order, the flow of information has increased over the last two years which has resulted in a greater awareness in the mission statement of the Order, section 3 of the Congressional Charter, and improved efficiency.

5. I would urge all Brothers to consult the Constitution and Regulations when questions arise concerning the appropriate resolution of problems. The National Legal Staff and finally the National Counselor are also available when difficulties arise over the interpretation of the C & R. I would recommend that all National, Department, and Camp Officers study the most recent version of the C & R available. Copies or supplements may be obtained from the National Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, PCinC.

6. All Brothers are urged to contribute to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's Fund which is used to buy membership ads. Our membership has increased considerably the past few years due directly to these expenditures. Send your contributions to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard D. Orr, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214. Checks and money orders should be made out to: National Organization, SUVCW

7. In addition, Brothers are encouraged to send contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor, Mr. Edward Krieser, 1354 Gilleevan Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383. These funds are used to support Patriotic programs which perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Checks and money orders should be made out to: National Organization, SUVCW.

8. The Scholarship Application developed by the Scholarship Committee will continue to be used during the current administration. Applicants may obtain a copy by contacting me at the above address. All completed applications and supporting documentation should be returned to me and will then be submitted to the Committee for evaluation. Recommendations will then be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief for final selection. The dead line for submission of applications will be March 31, 1997.

9. On behalf of our Order, I would like to extend greetings and congratulations to all the

new National Presidents of the four ladies organizations that compose the Allied Orders of the GAR with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These organizations include the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Woman's Relief Corps. I look forward to working with all four ladies and their organizations as we combine our efforts in behalf of the Allied Orders in honoring the Grand Army of the Republic.

10. Past experience indicates that my schedule for the year will begin to fill rapidly. I would strongly suggest that Departments that desire that I attend their Department Encampment and/or other activities submit their requests as soon as possible. Written requests are recommended since memory overload and misunderstandings can and do occur. For reasons of fairness, invitations will be accepted and acknowledged on a first-come, first-served basis.

11. I would urge all Brothers who have the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg on Saturday, November 16th. I have attended the past two years and I can assure you that this activity is one of the highlights of the year. Brigadier General Corfman and his committee have done an excellent job in the past and I am sure that this year will be no exception. All members of the Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 8:30AM Sunday, November 17, in the Gettysburg headquarters hotel.

12. Two items were emphasized by the previous two administrations and I would like to reemphasize them again, namely membership recruitment and technology. A motto which I have often quoted is as follows: Without recruiting new and younger members, our organization is doomed to extinction. This is an activity in which each one of us must be involved. Additionally, the development of the rapid communications network, e-mail and FAX, within the Order has greatly increased the efficiency with which we are conducting our business. I would like to support and encourage the continued use and improvement of this network. I would like to encourage all those in leadership position who do not use at least

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# 115th National Encampment

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BY THE  
115TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL  
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COLUMBUS, OHIO  
AUGUST 8 - 11, 1996**

The Encampment took the following actions regarding recommendations included within Officer Reports:

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue the National Legal Staff.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue the use of the Member Data Form and its periodic publication in *The Banner*.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue the use of the Scholarship Application and Scholarship Committee, allowing the Commander-in-Chief the prerogative to accept or decline the Committee's recommendations.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to annually award the B. F. Stephenson Award to the Brother who obtains the most new members within the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to maintain the Chief of Staff position as a working position, supervising all reports and committees.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to maintain the current progress in the electronics field and to encourage all nominees for national office to obtain and use e-mail.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue to recognize Past Commanders at all levels with Certificates of Service.
- The Encampment referred a proposal recommending that those seeking membership through the Office of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be enrolled as a National Member-At-Large to the Council of Administration.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that a National Aide be appointed to assist the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief with responsibilities as the National Recruitment Officer. It is to be understood that this will be a multi-year position to provide continuity similar to that which we have with the

National Membership-At-Large Coordinator.

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that an e-mail address be maintained for the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief on our Web site. This address will remain the same from year to year and should be configured to forward all e-mail to the personal e-mail address of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the National Recruitment Officer.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to purchase a full page scanner for the use of the National Organization.
- The Encampment referred the recommendation toward determining ways of improving membership retention to the National Membership Committee.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to amend the National Regulations, Chapter V - General Regulations, Article III - Badges and Decorations, as follows:  
  
**Section 12.** Eliminate this section.  
  
**Section 13.** Renumber as Section 12.  
  
**Add a new Section 13** to read: A Brother is allowed to wear up to three badges of the Order, which shall be worn on the left breast of the jacket. The following order of precedence shall be followed from the wearer's right to left: A) The official Membership Badge of the Order. This badge is replaced by the appropriate badge of the current office held - i.e., Camp Commander, Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief. If the Brother is a current sitting Department or National Officer, then he may wear the appropriate color ribbon with his membership badge. B) Past Commander's Badge of the highest past office entitled, i.e.: a Past Department Commander should wear only the Past Department Commander's Badge, not both the Past Department and Past Camp Commander's Badges. C) Bronze War Medal. The Brother may wear any one official badge of the Order he is entitled to without the other badges being present, except the Bronze War Medal, which should only be worn along with one of the other two types of badges allowed.  
  
**Add a new Section 14** to read: When Brothers wear their membership badge and other badges of the Order with badges not of the Order, the following precedence shall be followed from the wearer's right to left: Federal decorations, federal campaign medals, state decorations, state campaign medals, insignia of Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies, foreign decorations, private and miscellaneous decorations.

**Add a new Section 15** to read: When Brothers wear their Membership Badge and other badges of the Order with badges of other Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies, the following order of precedence shall be, from the wearer's right to left, according to the recognized date of founding or creation of the particular Order or Society (i.e., for Civil War related organizations, the order from the wearer's right to left would be: Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States -1865; Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - 1881; Sons of Confederate Veterans - 1896; Order of the Stars and Bars - 1938. Other organizations may belong to include the Society of the Cincinnati - 1783; and the General Society of Colonial Wars - 1893).

**Add a new Section 16** to read: Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The only two exceptions are: A) When the Brother is actively engaged in a first person impression of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, or B) Wearing a miniature commemorative reproduction of such a badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. (NS Note: Due to subsequent changes to this section of the Regulations, this Section will be labeled "Section 17").

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation for the National Organization to annually budget \$200 to place a wreath at the Grant National Tomb during the ceremony conducted by the Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26, Department of New York. In addition, the National Organization will make arrangements to participate in the 100th anniversary commemoration of the dedication of the Tomb.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that each Department appoint a Brother to act as the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. The duties of the Coordinator will be to coordinate the presentation of the Eagle Scout Certificate Award to qualifying Scouts within the Department. Certificates and pamphlets will requested through the National Quartermaster.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the National Patriotic Instructor is to directly receive contributions to the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, with the appropriate modifications being made to the Contribution Form published in *The Banner*.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the Commander-in-Chief remind each Department to appoint a GAR

Highway Officer (where applicable).

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that a search be conducted for a manufacturer who can make Grand Army Highway signs at a reasonable cost.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the National Organization present floral tributes in the amount of \$75 each on Memorial Day, May 30th, at the annual re-enactment of the original 1868 GAR ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and at the Confederate Memorial at Arlington in early June, when invited.
- The Encampment referred a request for a specific overrun of issues of *The Banner* for the National Membership-At-Large Coordinator to the Council of Administration for review and action.
- The Encampment referred a recommendation to "streamline" the procedure for submitting new members names for *The Banner* mailing list to the Council of Administration for review and action.
- The Encampment referred a recommendation to "streamline" the transfer process to the Council of Administration for review and action.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the mission of the National Camp and Department Organizer is to serve those seeking to build Camps (or Departments) in areas outside of an existing Department. Organizers working within an existing Department should seek the sanction and assistance of the Department Officers as outlined within the C&R.

The Encampment took the following actions regarding recommendations included within Committee Reports:

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to amend the National Regulations as follows:

**Chapter I - Camps, Article VI - Duties of Officers:**

**Add a new Section 10** to read: Camp Officers shall have such other duties which are described in the official Camp Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandrey-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

**Chapter I - Camps, Article VII - Finances:**

**Add a new Section 4** to read: Each Camp to which a Brother belongs shall report him as a member or associate and pay all applicable fees and per capita tax.

**Chapter II - Departments, Article I - Department Formation (new article name)**

**Add a new Section 4** to read: Departments may consolidate with one another, provided a two-thirds vote of each Department shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to each Camp and Past Department Commander thereof by mail

at least thirty days prior to any vote. Vote may be by mail ballot or at a Department meeting. Such action to be subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. In such case, the books, papers, and property shall belong to the consolidated Department.

**Add a new Section 5** to read: Departments may petition the Commander-in-Chief to divide themselves into more than one Department provided that a superior majority (two-thirds) of the Camps within the Department consent to the reorganization and no resulting Department shall have less than the requisite number of Camps for a provisional status Department and the remnant of the original Department shall not have less than the requisite number of Camps for a permanent status Department. The Commander-in-Chief shall deny such request if he believes it is not in the best interest of the Order.

**Add a new Section 6** to read: In no case may a Camp secede from a Department.

**Add a new Section 7** to read: The Commander-in-Chief may by Special Order establish a Department from the Camps-At-Large attached to the Department-At-Large when a sufficient number of Camps are established within a contiguous geographical area or when a sufficient number of Camps-At-Large petition for the formation of a Department.

**Add a new Section 8** to read: 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 the Department by the Commander-in-Chief must become part of the Department. A Department may consist of part of a state, commonwealth, republic, or territory of the United States.

**Chapter II - Departments, Article III - Meetings**

**Amend Section 2:** A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise stated in the Department Bylaws.

**Chapter II - Departments, Article IV - Officers**

**Amend 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 Patriotic Instructor, Department Chaplain, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (or Department Secretary-Treasurer), Department Historian, Department Counselor, and at the option of the Department a Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer, and a Graves Registration Officer, and such other officers as may be established in its Bylaws.

**Chapter II - Departments, Article V - Duties of Officers**

**Add a new Section 12** to read: Department Officers shall have such other duties which are

described in the official Department Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandrey-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

**Chapter II - Departments, Article IX - Department-At-Large (new article)**

**Section 1:** For Administrative purposes all Camps-At-Large attached to the National Organization pursuant to Article VI Section 5 of the Constitution shall be organized into the National Department-At-Large.

**Section 2:** The Commander-in-Chief shall serve as the Commander of the Department-At-Large. The National Camp and Department Organizer shall serve as the Senior Vice Commander of the Department-At-Large. The National Membership-At-Large Coordinator shall serve as the Junior Vice Commander of the Department-At-Large. There shall be no other permanent officers or standing committees of the Department-At-Large except as provided by Section 3 herein.

**Section 3:** The Commander-in-Chief shall appoint an Assistant National Secretary to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department-At-Large.

**Section 4:** The provisions of Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Council of Administration shall establish the Department per capita tax to be levied on Camps-At-Large.

**Section 5:** The provisions of Chapter II, Article III, Section 1, notwithstanding, the Department-At-Large shall hold its meetings at the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

**Section 6:** The Department-At-Large in not required to comply with the provisions of Chapter II, Article VIII.

**Chapter III - National Organization, Article II - Membership, Section 1:**

Delete paragraph 3 "Of one delegate each..." (NS Note: not needed with the establishment of the Department-At-Large).

**Chapter III - National Organization, Article V - Duties of Officers**

**Amend Section 9** by deleting the second paragraph.

**Add a new Section 19** to read: National Officers shall have such other duties which are described in the official National Officers Job Descriptions as adopted by the Commandrey-in-Chief and included herein by reference.

**Chapter III - National Organization, Article VI - Finances Amend Section 3:**

The Life Membership fee shall be a multiple of the National per capita tax rounded to the next \$5.00 increment based upon the age of the Brother at the time he requests Life Membership as follows:

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AGE	MULTIPLIER
<25	63
25-29	60.5
30-34	50
35-39	47.5
40-44	44
45-49	41
50-54	37
55-59	33
60-64	28
65-69	24.5
70-74	20
75-79	16
80-84	13
85-	11.5

Not less than one-third of the fee shall accompany the application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the Brother within three (3) years from the time of the application. If the total fee is not paid within three (3) years of the date of application, the application will have deemed to be withdrawn and all payments shall be forfeited as donations to the Permanent Fund. Interest payments are payable after January 1 of each calendar year and request must be received by the National Treasurer on or before June 30. A member is not considered a Life Member until all Life Member fees have been paid. Therefore, no interest payment shall be made to a Camp until the entire Life Member fee has been paid for at least one complete calendar year.

Add a new Section 4 to read: (A) There shall be a Life Membership Fund. All life membership fees received after August 15, 1996, shall be placed in the Life Membership Fund. The investment of the Life Membership Fund assets will be in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution and an investment plan prepared by the Life Membership Investment Committee. (B) The new Life Membership program will annually distribute an amount equal to twice the National per capita tax for each living participant as follows: an amount equal to the National per capita tax to the National General Fund and an amount equal to the per capita tax to the member's Camp. The Camp shall pay the Department per capita tax from its portion of the distribution. If a Life Member belongs to more than one (1) Camp, he must designate which Camp will receive the disbursement.

**Chapter III - National Organization, Article VII - Committees**  
**Amend Section 1** ...History, Life Membership Investment, and Graves Registration.

Add a new Section 9: The Life Membership Investment Committee shall be composed of three Brothers with one Brother appointed by the Commander-in-Chief each year for a three year term except in 1996 when one Brother shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. The Life Membership Investment Committee shall

present an annual investment plan to the Council of Administration at their first meeting following each annual Encampment. A status report on the investments made under the plan will be presented to the Council of Administration six months following the close of the annual Encampment. The Council of Administration shall either accept or reject the investment plan, but may not amend it. In the event the Council of Administration rejects a plan presented to it, an amended investment plan will be prepared by the Investment Committee and presented at the next Council of Administration meeting.

**Chapter IV - Sons of Veterans Reserve (amended by replacing the current chapter with the following):**

**Article I - Organization and Structure**  
**Section 1:** The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It shall include all military bodies of the Order with the exception that Camps may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard for parades, services, and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp with which the unit is associated. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp Guard shall be that of Captain.

**Section 2:** To be eligible for and in order to obtain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a Member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (NS Note: this is identical to the current section)

**Section 3:** The SVR shall be governed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the SVR, herein incorporated in these Regulations by reference. The responsibilities of the SVR shall include participation in ceremonies, programs and parades such as Remembrance Day, Lincoln Birthday, Memorial Day, and National Encampment programs and at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, special ceremonies and parades on behalf of and representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Individual units of the SVR and individual members of SVR units may participate in non-SVR or SUVCW sponsored National Civil War reenactments, living histories and educational demonstrations. Non-SVR members of independent Civil War reenactment units may participate with the SVR at SVR or SUVCW sponsored events and/or programs.

**Section 4:** The Standing National Military Affairs Committee created under Chapter III, Article VII of these Regulations shall be composed of five (5) Brothers of the Order appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. The Committee shall have continuity of membership with the Commander-in-Chief appointing in 1997 three Brothers to serve two years and two Brothers to serve for one year, and, in subsequent years, appointing

two (2) Brothers in even numbered years and three (3) Brothers in odd numbered years to serve for two years. The Chair of the National Military Affairs Committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. The duties of the Committee shall include preparation of an initial SOP in 1997 and subsequent modifications of the SOP through proposed amendments, general oversight of the SVR, and, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, appointment of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The SOP and any amendments thereof must be approved by the National Encampment.

**Section 5:** The Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be appointed by the National Military Affairs Committee with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. The appointment shall be made for a period of not more than three (3) years and may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms subject to the same procedures used for the original appointment. The duties of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall be to administer and command the SVR pursuant to the Regulations of the Order and the SOP. The rank of the Commanding Officer of the SVR shall not be higher than provided for in the SOP and based upon the total membership of the SVR. In no case may the rank of the Commanding Officer be higher than Brigadier General. Current and Past SVR Commanding Officers holding ranks higher than that permitted according to the SOP, may retain their current rank for the remaining period of the SVR appointment, adhere to the rank permissible under the SOP, transfer to the Cadre at their current rank, or retire from the SVR at their current rank. The Commanding Officer of the SVR may be relieved by a majority of the Military Affairs Committee, subject to the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief.

**Section 6:** The SVR shall be administered by a national body known as the National Military Department, Sons of Veterans Reserve (NMD, SVR). The Commanding Officer of the SVR may appoint a NMD staff consistent with the SOP. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. The period of all such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR. Current holders of such appointments who hold ranks higher than the maximum provided for such appointments in the SOP may either adhere to the stated ranks, transfer to the Cadre at their current ranks or retire from the SVR at their current ranks. All NMD staff shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

**Chapter V - General Regulations, Article I - Definitions,** (NS Note: a subsequent opinion issued by the National Counselor

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**Summary of Pre-Encampment Council of Administration Actions**

8 August 1996  
 Columbus, Ohio

The Council directed the National Secretary to advise all authorized Camps and Departments currently selling merchandise with the badges, emblems, seal or symbols of the Order that they may continue to sell such merchandise until 30 June 1998, at which time they may seek authorization to renew under the terms and conditions of the Policy on the Use of Protected Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols as adopted by the 114th National Encampment. Such request to renew this authorization shall be made in writing to the Commander-in-Chief prior to the March 1998 Council of Administration meeting.

The Council granted permission for the US Grant Camp No. 68, Department of Missouri, to produce and sell banners, golf shirts and two types of jackets with the insignia of the Order until 30 June 1998, with an option to renew at that time under the policy stated above.

The Council granted permission for the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, Department of Michigan, to produce and sell various apparel with the insignia of the Order to its Camp members only under the policy stated above. The Council granted permission for the Department of Pennsylvania to produce and sell T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets and similar apparel with the insignia of the Order as proposed under "Make It Special" until 30 June 1998, there after, pending approval of the Commander-in-Chief, to become the property of the National Organization - SUVCW.

The Council referred a request to establish a \$5,000 legal fund to the National Counselor for legal review, and to the Order's Certified Public Accountant for tax status review. The Council recommended the 1996/1997 Budget as amended to the National Encampment for approval.

The next Council of Administration meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 11 August 1996, 10:30 AM, Columbus, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.,  
 David F. Wallace, National Secretary

**Summary of Post-Encampment Council of Administration Actions**

11 August 1996  
 Columbus, Ohio

The Council established the reimbursement amount for Life Members at \$6 for this year. The Life Membership Coordinator, Brother Richard Orr, will submit an article to The Banner reviewing the changes in the manner of funding Life Member reimbursements.

The Council established National Membership-At-Large fees for 1996/1997 as follows: \$20 Application Fee and \$15 Annual Dues.

The Council established the subscription rate for The Banner at \$5 for members of the Allied Orders and \$10 for non-members.

The Council approved the appointment of Brother Gregory D. Hayes (Department of Michigan) as Managing Editor for The Banner. They further approved the appointment of Brother Danny L. Wheeler (Department of New York) as Advertising Editor for The Banner. The position of Assistant Editor for The Banner was not filled at this time.

The Council approved the appointment of Brother William R. Ward (Department of Colorado & Wyoming) as National Membership-At-Large Coordinator.

The Council approved the appointment of Brother Edgar Dowd (Department Michigan) as National Camp and Department Organizer.

The Council approved the appointment of Brother Richard Williams (Department Michigan) as National Membership List Coordinator.

The Council approved the appointment of Brother Kenneth Hershberger (Department Maryland) as Assistant National Membership List Coordinator.

The Council approved a motion to accept the recommendation of the Legal Staff to not further pursue any legal action regarding recovery of property removed from the IOOF Cemetery in Marion, Indiana. The National Counselor, Hon. James B. Pahl, will submit an article to The Banner giving further direc-

tion to the Camps and Departments regarding the identification of GAR property and the process for legal notification to the proper authorities.

The Council approved a motion establishing a Special National Committee composed of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and all Past National Membership-At-Large Coordinators to review and recommend procedures for handling incoming membership requests. (Notes: 1- This item was referred to the COA by the National Encampment. 2- Brother Richard Schlenker was excused from serving on the Committee at his request).

The Council referred recruiting brochures and materials, submitted by the Departments of Indiana and Wisconsin, to the Program and Policy Committee for review and report.

The Council approved the purchase of a lap top computer up to \$2,500 as a capital expense.

The Council approved the purchase of a full page scanner up to \$400 as a capital expense.

The Council approved a motion to direct the National Encampment Site Committee to continue planning, up until its final deadline with the hotel, for the 1999 National Encampment in Indianapolis, IN, as if all of the Allied Orders were participating.

The Council approved scheduling its March 1997 meeting for 8:30 AM, Saturday, 15 March 1997, Radisson Columbus - North, Columbus, OH.

The meeting of the Council of Administration is scheduled for 8:30 AM, Sunday, 17 November 1996, The Battlefield Inn (formerly the Ramada Inn), Gettysburg, PA.

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advised the CinC that this section may be null and void).

**New Section 3: Collateral Line - Effective August 10, 1996,** for purposes of administering Article III of the Constitution, collateral descendant is defined as being a direct descendant of a brother or sister of a person who served between April 12, 186 and April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue-Cutter Service and of such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers between the dates above mentioned.

### Article III - Badges and Decorations

**Amend Section 2:** All Camp Commanders who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, shall be entitled to use the title Past Camp Commander, may wear the prescribed Past Camp Commander's Badge attached to the regulation Camp ribbon and may use the suffix P.C.C. All Department Commanders who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, shall be entitled to use the title Past Department Commander, may wear the prescribed Past Department Commander's Badge attached to the regulation Department ribbon and may use the suffix P.D.C. All Commander-in-Chief who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, shall be entitled to use the title Past Commander-in-Chief, may wear the prescribed Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge attached to the regulation Commandrey-in-Chief ribbon and may use the suffix P.C.-in-C.

**Amend Section 3:** Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Medal attached to the Department ribbon. Brothers who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America faithfully and honorably in any War or any military conflict shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration. Entitlement to wear the same may be determined by a Brother's Camp at a regular meeting thereof. A gold bar may be attached to the ribbon of the War Medal naming the war or military conflict in which the Brother served. Such bars may not be attached to any other medal or badge of the Order.

**Add a new Section 18** to read: It is not the correct protocol to wear miniature badges with standard size badges.

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to increase the budget of the National Site Committee from \$500 to \$1,000 for the local committee's encampment expenses.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to support H.R. 1091 and S. 305 which would establish 12 Civil War sites as part of the Shenendoah Valley National

Battlefield Park and effectively double the size of the Richmond National Battlefield.

- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to support H.R. 2603 and S. 77 which would restore the federal observance of Memorial Day to May 30th.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to support H.R. 1774 which would provide long-term maintenance and protection of the tomb of our 18th President, U.S. Grant.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to urge recognition by the Congress of a strategy designed to raise public and private funds for the restoration of many existing memorials and outdoor sculptures of historic significance that have been entrusted to the care of the National Park Service.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that appropriate measures be taken to ensure the protection of our flag from mutilation or wanton destruction.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that all Departments send patriotic articles of interest to *The Banner* and the Americanization & Education Committee.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that our Order develop a handout on flag etiquette.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the appropriation in the amount of \$400 be continued for the support of the 1997 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that each Department should develop GAR information pertaining to that Department and submit it to the National Historian.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation to continue to provide complimentary copies of *The Banner* to the National heads of various Civil War organizations.
- The Encampment referred the question of 501 (c)3 structure for the proposed Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Foundation to the Council of Administration for further study and analysis.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the Order establish a projected goal(s) relating to the type(s) of National Headquarters it wants to establish (office, depository, museum, etc.).
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the Managing Editor of *The Banner* be directed to publish an article

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one of these forms to consider and installing one or both.

13. I would like to now address what I consider to be a very serious and crucial topic concerning the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its mission. I would first like to quote Section 3 of our Congressional Charter.

"The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865; to asset in every practicable way the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have patriotically served our country in any war, to teach patriotism and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of, our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and impartial justice for all."

On April 21 I received a telephone call concerning the sale of two parrot gun tubes that were part of the GAR monument in the former I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Marion, Indiana. With the help of a committee of SUVCW members in the Marion area evidence was gathered, included a court-certified copy of the Deed of Conveyance, and a complaint was filed with the Marion Police Department. During the on-going investigation the FBI and Grant County Prosecutor's Office were contacted. It was the judgment of the Prosecutors Office that we persue a civil case rather than their office prosecuting the case. The conclusion is based on the fact that no one of any organization had attempted in any way to maintain the GAR monument. Indiana law, and I suspect most states are similar, indicates that it is essential that successor organizations such as ours conduct some type of maintenance in order to substantiate their claim of ownership. Another area of this problem that I have become aware of is the implementation of the Deed of Conveyance. Since the 1950's when this document was executed, the SUVCW has generally not located, cataloged, or attempted in any way to claim ownership of GAR properties, particularly monuments that are

located in cemeteries. It is my understanding that using the Deed of Conveyance, our organization can locate and transfer a deed, which a GAR Post executed for building a monument to our organization. The legal exercise along with some type of maintenance on the monument or plot would establish our legal claim of ownership. If this had been done in Marion, I am sure that by this time these two gun tubes would be back in their proper place.

The question is, as it appears to me, have we fulfilled our obligation, as descendants of our forefathers that preserved the Union, to preserve the "...documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic..."? It is my intent during this administration to set in motion the process, briefly outlined above, to identify and begin the process of preserving GAR properties and materials throughout the United States. Although this is a huge undertaking, a journey must always start with the first footstep. I would ask that each member of our Order rededicate himself to his obligation by committing to a preservation project, no matter how large or small, individually or as a group. As Benjamin Franklin commented during the American Revolution, "We must hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

15. Department Commanders are encouraged to appoint a Department Webmaster to work with the National Webmaster to establish and maintain a Department Home Page on the Internet. The appointed brother must have access to the Internet. The National Communication Technology Committee has created a Department Home Page Template which the appointed brother can download, modify and ship to National Webmaster Glenn Knight to be added to the National Website. Those appointed must send an email message to Bro. Knight at [gknight@SUVCW.org](mailto:gknight@SUVCW.org) who will respond with the Internet address for the template and complete instructions.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace  
National Secretary

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- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the 115th National Encampment endorse the National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the location of the National Headquarters, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that any use of a identification number on membership cards, reports or for other purposes still needs to be defined and worked out within the Program and Policy Committee.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that the National Scholarship Committee be continued.
- The Encampment concurred with the recommendation that 4 Brothers from different sections of the country be appointed to assist the Advertising Editor of *The Banner* in soliciting advertisements.

**The Encampment took the following actions regarding Resolutions introduced during the Encampment:**

- The Encampment approved a motion supporting the display of the Confederate Battle Flag in South Carolina.

**The Encampment took the following actions regarding Items of New Business introduced on the floor of the Encampment:**

- The Encampment approved a motion supporting the dedication of the Irish Brigade Monument at the Antietam National Battlefield on September 17, 1997, with a donation of \$150.
- The Encampment referred to the Program and Policy Committee a request to develop a SUVCW "greeting" card that could be used to send to Brothers.
- The Encampment approved a motion supporting the dedication of the monument to the United States Colored Troops in Washington, DC, on September 8, 1996, with a donation of \$150.
- The Encampment approved a motion appointing Clark W. Mellor, PC-in-C, as National Chief of Staff Emeritus.
- The Encampment approved a motion appointing Richard C. Schlenker, PC-in-C, as Washington DC Representative Emeritus.
- The Encampment approved a motion to adopt the 1996/1997 Budget as presented by the National Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted in F, C and L,  
David F. Wallace  
National Secretary

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