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116th National Encampment: Long, Divisive, Fraternal

One of the longest, and most divisive encampments in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was concluded in harmony and fraternity. All of the problem issues which cast a pall over the, otherwise well organized and comfortable event, were resolved with a combination of statesmanship and honor.

The most difficult problems were overcome when Past Commander in Chief Charles Corfman resigned as National Treasurer and accepted an honorable transfer to the Sons of Veterans Reserve Cadre in the grade of brigadier general. He had earlier pledged his full support for the command of Brigadier General David V. Medert.

Late, Saturday evening, Richard D. Orr a life member of Davis * Camp, Pittsburgh, and the sitting Senior Vice Commander in Chief, was unanimously elected Commander in Chief. He was installed in office at a rare Midnight installation ceremony by Past Commander in Chief Lowell Hammer.

The 116th National Encampment Commander in Chief Al Loomis whose first act was to introduce Peter W. Orlebeke, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who brought the greetings of his membership to our encampment.

The conduct of business is contained in a summary of the encampment by the

National Secretary, David Hann, on pages 6 and 7 of this edition of *The Banner*.

Two brothers were cited for their outstanding performance of duty, above that expected in the normal discharge of his responsibilities, by being given the Meritorious Service Award and being authorized to wear a 1/2 inch gold star on their member badges. Past Commander in Chief David R. Medert was cited for his organization and execution of the meeting of the Civil War widows on July 1 at Gettysburg. National Webmaster and *The Banner* editor Glenn B. Knight was cited for his exceptional work as webmaster and chairman of the Communication Technology Committee. These awards bring to four, the number of brothers so cited.

The encampment passed, with minimal changes, the new Standard Operating Procedure for the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Since some members expressed serious reservations with portions of the SOP, the National Military Affairs Committee was charged to review and return to the 117th National Encampment.

A resolution was passed during Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii for introducing Senate Bill 116 which would restore Memorial Day to its historically correct date of May 30. The resolution also charges each member of the SUVCW to contact their senators and encourage passage, to contact their representatives to the

U. S. House and encourage them to introduce a companion bill in that body.

The Encampment directed the Council of Administration to make Mrs. Daisy Anderson, the last known widow of a Union soldier, sailor or Marine, an Honorary Member.

The Encampment Committee and the Department of New York were thanked by the Encampment for conducting a truly outstanding gathering under the most difficult of circumstances.

The 117th National Encampment will be held Aug. 6-8 in Harrisburg, Penna.



Brother Thayne C. LaBanta has a 50 year pin attached to his past department commander badge by CinC Alan Loomis. The recognition given during the 116th Annual Encampment honors his 50th year as Past Commander of the Dept. of Michigan. Brothers Max Miller and Bill Lowe, Austin Blair Camp 7, look on. LaBanta, a True Son, is a member of Blair Camp 7.

Orr Named Commander in Chief



Richard David Orr

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Richard David Orr of Pittsburgh, Penna. Commander in Chief at the 116th National Encampment in Utica N.Y. on Aug. 9. He was born Oct. 13, 1948 in Pittsburgh, the eldest child of Bernadette Elizabeth Wetter Orr and the late David Bernard Orr, Past Department Commander of the Pennsylvania Department.

As a youth the new Commander in Chief was very active in Scouting where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was awarded the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. Richard received a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in June, 1970 and completed the Master of Science in Biology at Idaho

State University in May, 1972. While attending college he maintained his affiliation with the Boy Scouts and his community service through his membership in Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity where he held several leadership positions.

For his many years of service to youth as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, Brother Orr was awarded the District Award of Merit in May, 1974. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting recognized his contributions to youth when he was presented the St. George Award in October, 1977. When he received this award it became the first time in the history of Scouting that a father and son had both received this award. His father having received the same honor some ten years earlier. The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America recognized Brother Orr's contributions to Scouting when it presented him with the Silver Beaver Award in May, 1983. This is the highest award a local council can recommend that the National Court of Honor bestow upon a volunteer. Scouting history was once again made when this presentation was made. It was only the second time that a father and son had both been so honored. And to the best of anyone's knowledge Richard and his father remain the only father and son who were both honored with the St. George Award, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard joined Davis * Camp in Pittsburgh on April 11, 1981 and he is a life member. He bases his eligibility for membership on the service of his Great-great-grandfather Pvt. Peter Paul Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, his Great-great-grandfather Sgt. Martin Schaefer, Pennsylvania Militia of 1863 (Federalized to defend the arsenal at Pittsburgh during the Gettysburg Campaign), Great-great-grandfather Sgt. David Orr, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Great-great-great Uncle Capt. Bardle Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and 135 other cousins and uncles including Col. Robert L. Orr, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry who was awarded the Medal of Honor. He has served Davis * Camp in numerous capacities including Camp Commander for two years and twelve years as Treasurer. He attended his first Department Encampment in June, 1982 and immediately took an active role at the Department level. He has served the Pennsylvania Department as Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Counselor, Department Council member and Department Commander. The same year he attended his first National Encampment at Portland, Maine. He has served the National Organization as a member or chairman of numerous committees. He served as Trial Commissioner, six years as National Treasurer and National Counselor to eight Commanders in Chief. Most recently he has served as Junior Vice

Commander in Chief and Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

In addition to his activities in the SUVCW and Scouts, Brother Orr is an active member of the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society, where he has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion and is a Charter member of the Congress of Patriotic Organizations. He is also a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, life member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and life member of the National Rifle Association.

Richard is employed as an Environmental Health Administrator by the Allegheny County Health Department, Pittsburgh. He has worked for ACHD for the past 19 years in a variety of programs

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including Public Drinking Water, Waste Management, Food Protection, Housing, Community Environment, Emergency Response and the Deputy Director's staff. Currently, he is the Department Training Coordinator and is responsible for the evaluation of the training needs, the acquisition of training and coordination of internal and external training for all ACHD employees. During his tenure with ACHD he has been issued two community service citations by the Allegheny County Board of Commissioners and recognized by his subordinates for his uncompromising dedication to sound principles of environmental health and environmental protection. He has also been recognized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for his role in the development of an intra-governmental plan for the provision of an uninterrupted supply of drinking water during environmental emergencies with the Corps' Planning Excellence Award.

He has two brothers—Donald and Robert, one sister—Geraldine, two nephews Nathan and Jonathan, and two nieces—Emily and Karen. Don, Bob and Nathan are members of Davis * Camp. Gerrie is the accountant for the SUVCW.

Editorial

Gentlemen and Civility

A civil tongue and a contrite pen are the visual hallmarks of a gentleman.

As our society rushes headlong into a new millenium we seem less inclined to take the time to be genteel. As we discuss changes in our organization which will have an impact well into the next century we still must take time to consider the primary tenant of etiquette—do nothing in public that would embarrass or offend another.

Gentlemen are capable of disagreeing—and disagreeing with force even some anger. To make a point in discourse it is often necessary to shock or fall to the more base methods of gaining attention in the body. But after the discussion gentlemen will walk up to one another and offer the hand of friendship and have the disagreement fade to the minute books. After the discussion, correspondence may be lively but it is never cruel or vicious—and it ends with a friendly salutation.

Our ancestors-whom we have

sworn to honor-reminded themselves at the conclusion of every correspondence that they are placed on this earth to serve not to reign. It would not be bad for us to conclude our correspondence in the same manner.

For some reason, vindictiveness, anger and hurt have replaced fraternity, charity and loyalty over the last few years. It is past time for us to regain the moniker of gentleman, to engage in hearty debate and honorable correspondence. It is time for us to reclaim, and if necessary to relearn, the phrase that we tend to use too loosely. It is time to internalize the concepts of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; to live them, not just use them.

In true consideration of the phrase and in the hope that civility shall reign in our Order I remain,

*Your Obedient Servant,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*

Obituaries

Robert E. Thompson of Orlando A. Sommers Camp 1, Dept. of Indiana, has died according to a report from PC in C Allen Moore and Camp Secretary Phillip Bergin. Brother Thompson, was the descendant of Private Willard Thompson, Co. E, 53rd Ohio Infantry, on which he biased his membership in the Order. Brother Thompson lived in Kokomo Indiana.

John H. Galebach, age 45, a charter member of Brobst Camp 23, Dept. of Pennsylvania, died Sept. 7, from an allergic reaction to a bee sting. He was a native of Manheim, Penna. and was owner of Galebach's Floor Finishing, a business started by his grandfather. More than 600 mourners attended the viewing and the services were conducted to a packed sanctuary. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Galebach (also a charter member of the camp), his wife and two sons. He was laid to rest in Penryn Cemetery where he had served as treasurer of the cemetery association and trustee of the adjacent Lutheran Church.

National Secretary Needs Your Help

By David K. Hann
National Secretary

tered desk of the National Secretary. Before I start I would like to thank all of the Brothers for their kind words, the Departments that sent me all of their information and forms so promptly, and especially Dave Wallace, and Commander in Chief Richard Orr, for their help.

It is because of these two brothers that the transition went so smoothly. I am indebted to you both.

By now all of the Department Secretaries should have received a package containing various forms for conducting Department and Camp business for the entire year. It is hoped that by getting these forms to you earlier it will cut down on late returns, making the Department Secretaries job and mine a little easier. I had the chance to speak with many of our Brothers at National and I understand your concerns. But now here are some of mine. I have some ideas that will speed up communications but for that I need your help. I have asked all Department Secretaries to send me a list of their Department Officers with email addresses if available to build a "Department Directory". This "directory" will be sent to all Department Commanders and Secretaries, with copies available to others for a nominal fee. I hope that a little later on this year a directory will be available for our Camps. Another concern that I have is per capita tax returns. I will be honest Brothers I received some of these reports after the National Encampment. Please remember in accordance with Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution and Regulations, "A Department which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment meetings". I want to make sure that all Brothers are aware of this so there are no misunderstandings.

Brothers I look forward to working with you over the next year. If you have any questions please let me know. Please

have all of my information.

I have a supply of the National Archives form NATF-80. If you would like one please send me a self addressed legal size stamped envelope. Regrettably I can only send one per envelope.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am searching for a civil war rifle carried by great, great grandfather, Jacob G. Miller, 152nd PA Vols., Company G, 3rd Heavy Art, 1862-65. G. Miller (or G. Mueller) carved in gun. The gun may have been auctioned in 1960's from the Valley Forge area or Montgomery County area. Contact Matt Fricker at (215) 453-9487 or Fricker@Comcat.com.

(Hope this helps. Editor)

To the almost Editor

Please take me off your list of who will receive the bummer...(yes I know it is misspelled) If I want to receive drivel and half truths, I will subscribe to the *National Inquirer*.

Terrance L. McKinch

(At least you said please. Editor)

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the E. B. Baker Camp, Dept. of Pa. & just recently confirmed that my Great, Great Grandfather fought with 2 N.J. units (30th & 14th N.J.). I am looking for some assistance. Last Saturday I found an old SUV Badge at a Flea Mkt. & purchased same. It looks just like the current badge except that the writing is all in Latin. Any chance someone can date it for me? Also, it needs a new ribbon. Can I purchase one? Your assistance will be appreciated.

Cliff Laing
Hatboro, Penna.

(You can purchase ribbon from National Quartermaster Bud Atkinson, PCinC, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116. Write to him for a price list and order form. As to your first question, I have asked Commander in Chief Richard Orr to pen an article on SUV Badges. Look for it on page 4. Also check out the new on-line Quartermaster Store at <http://suvchw.org/gm.htm> Editor)

Dear Editor

Recently I was persuaded to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as my great grandfather served in Buffalo, N.Y. 21st Regiment. However, I have not received any official welcome into my camp, nor have I received *The Banner*, even though my \$35 check has been cashed. What shall I do?

Ellsworth Mills II
Highland Park, Ill.

(You have done a good bit already. I have forwarded your name and address to the National Membership List Coordinator and, hopefully, you have received this copy of The Banner, You also point out our distressing lack of member support which we should have been discussing at the National Encampment but for all of the petty personnel and ego issues that ate up most of our time. One item that was approved, however, was a requirement for the Commander in Chief to send a welcome letter to each new member of the SUVCW. Commander in Chief Orr has made that requirement a high priority item. But the question of member support, addresses of new members and timely changes in address will be discussed by the Council of Administration meetings this year and early next. Those things which the COA can fix will be fixed, those which require the action of the National Encampment will be discussed at the Aug. 6-9 encampment at Harrisburg, Penna. The issues you bring up are cogent and the national leadership is responding to the best of its ability. If you have further suggestions direct them to any member of the Council of Administration-their addresses are in this issue of The Banner. Thanks for writing—and welcome aboard, Editor.)

Editor@suvchw.org

GENERAL ORDERS

General Order # 1
Series 1997-1998

National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Penna.

1. Having been elected and installed Commander in Chief by the assembled delegates at the 116th National Encampment at Utica, N.Y. on Aug. 9, 1997, command is hereby assumed and headquarters established at the above address. All correspondence requiring the attention of the Commander in Chief should be sent to the above address.

2. All business correspondence should be addressed to David Hann, National Secretary PO Box 386, Hammonton, NJ 08037-0386.

3. All supply requisition with payment should be sent to Elmer F. Atkinson, National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

4. All bills and requests for payment should be sent to The Hon. James B. Pahl, National Treasurer, 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854-1519.

5. All requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be sent to Robert M. Petrovic, Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, 4729 Mehl Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63129-1626.

6. The confidence which the Brothers have shown in me is greatly appreciated. I want to express my sincere thanks to those Brothers who supported me. Particularly, those Brothers who called and emailed when I was considering withdrawing because of the events which immediately preceded the Encampment. It is only because of the encouragement and support which these Brothers expressed that I did continue.

7. The Department of New York is to be congratulated for all of their efforts in planning and hosting a most successful National Encampment.

8. The past year has been very difficult for all members of this Order. It is time for us to begin the healing process. Time to renew our obligation of membership. We must not lose sight of our purposes — to keep alive the memory of our forefathers, to decorate and preserve their graves and monuments, to teach patriotism to our fellow Americans. We have a common cause and purpose. That is the basic building block of our Order. This common purpose and the fraternal ties of our ancestors are the foundation of our Order. In working to fulfill those obligations we must not put ourselves above the good of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil or above the maintenance of the history and spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic. But we also need to be tolerant of those who do not always agree with of us. We need to use our differences for the growth of the Order. We need to regain sight of true fraternalism. I am asking each Brother to look into his heart and recommit himself to this Order, to each other, to a renewed spirit of purpose and fraternalism.

9. We have seen significant growth in membership over the past few years, but we cannot lessen our recruitment efforts. Each Brother must make an effort to increase the ranks of our Order. With over 5,000 current members, we should be able to double that number during the next year. All it takes is for each member to enroll a son, brother, nephew, cousin, father or friend. I am asking each Brother to actively recruit one new member this year. If we can do this over the next two years, we can commemorate the 50th anniversary of the closing of the G.A.R. in 1999 with 20,000 members. All it takes is one new member by each Brother each of the next two years.

10. Even though we have made progress in membership recruitment, membership retention is still a problem. My observation has been that members are most frequently lost because of a lack of opportunity to serve. Each camp needs to develop a program for its meetings and activities for its members. These activities and programs need to be varied to meet the needs and expectations of all members. Recruiting new members is less effective when there is a high turnover in the membership.

11. The National Organization and Departments need to provide direction and fund-
mental support for the various projects. These projects should be managed by breaking them into numerous smaller projects.

12. The Graves Registration Committee has been assigned the task of locating all Union veteran graves outside of the National Military Parks and the National Cemeteries. This is a monumental task. We are attempting to locate 2 million graves. A project we cannot accomplish without assistance. The Graves Registration Committee is charged with the following tasks. Some of these will require years to complete. (A) Finalize the database structure and distribute copies of the database structure and the data forms to all Departments. We need to all be using the same format. (B) Working together with the Communication Technology Committee develop a Webpage for our Web site which will allow the input of data. (C) Provide guidance to each Department to organize the Department into manageable areas for surveying and verifying grave sites. (D) Obtain all information available from the National Cemeteries and the Civil War Honor Roll. (E) Organize the Member-at-Large and Camps-at-Large into a network of volunteers to survey the county in which they live. (F) Solicit the support of veterans organizations in this effort. (G) Departments submit all existing information. (H) Departments, Camps, NMAL, and other organizations begin soliciting information.

13. The National History Committee is, in part, responsible for the identification of all G.A.R. records. Through time many of these records have been lost and others are tucked away on back shelves in libraries and historical societies. It is our responsibility to make these available for future generations. With an emphasis on locating and not on taking possession of these records, the History Committee is charged with the following tasks for the coming year. (A) Define what a G.A.R. record is and determine what records are of importance. (B) Based on item 1 begin developing a database structure and data form. (C) Survey all state archives, state libraries, and historical societies. (D) Through appropriate national organizations contact libraries for records which may be in their holdings. (E) Assisted by the Departments, Camps-at-Large and Members-at-Large contact historical societies for holdings. (F) Working together with the Communication Technology Committee develop a Webpage for our Web site which will allow the input of data. (G) Begin survey of all VFW, American Legion and other veterans organizations for materials which may be in their possession. Contact will be made through the respective national organizations.

14. The National Civil War Memorials Committee has been created for the purpose of locating all Union monuments, memorials and sculptures excluding those under the care of the National Park Service, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense and ascertaining their condition. To begin this project the committee has been charged with the following tasks for the 97-98 year. (A) Determine what information is needed. (B) Based on item 1 begin developing a database structure and a data form. (C) Working together with the Communication Technology Committee develop a Webpage for our Web site which will allow the input of data. (D) Determine what information is already available from SOS1 and other sources such as the book written by Danny Wheeler about the New York Monuments. (E) Working with the Departments, Camps-at-Large and Members-at-Large design a method to systematically survey the nation for Civil War monuments, memorials, and sculptures. (F) Solicit assistance from veterans organizations and the Civil War community. (G) Implement the collection of the information.

15. In August, 1999 we will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is an opportunity to bring attention to the G.A.R., to keep alive the memory of the Boys in Blue which we cannot ignore. To this end the 1999 G.A.R. Memorial Committee has been charged with the following tasks. (A) Determine a suitable location and date for such an activity. (B) Determine what the activity or activities will be. (C) As soon as possible, in conjunction with the Sons of Veterans Reserve, advise and invite the re-enactment community to participate. (D) Begin planning the event, media coverage etc.. (E) Design and commission a suitable commemorative medal. (F) Coordinate activities with MOLLUS and Allied Orders through the Liaison to MOLLUS and the Fraternal Relations Committee.

16. All Department Commanders are requested to take all measures necessary to assure the participation of your Department in these activities.

17. All Department Commanders of Departments through which the G.A.R. Highway passes are to assure that the Department GAR Highway Officer provides copies of information concerning the GAR Highway to the National G.A.R. Highway Officer.

18. While the committee members have been appointed, any Brother with an interest in assisting with these projects should contact the appropriate officer or committee chairman.

19. Recruiting and retaining young members is vital to the long term survival of this Order. For that reason, I am appointing a number of National Aides who will function as a special advisory committee to the Commander in Chief. They are charged with developing ways to attract young members and keep them. They have been authorized to consider all facets of the functioning of the Order. I would like to appoint two more Aides to this committee. Requirements are less than 21 years of age, able to articulate their ideas, willing to work in a committee setting, an earnest interest in the future of the Order, and an understanding that change comes slowly to this Order. If you meet these requirements and would like to serve in this capacity, please contact me.

20. As reported in the July issue of *The Banner*, Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has introduced legislation to return Memorial to May 30. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary chaired by Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah. I am requesting every Brother to send a letter to Senator Hatch asking him to discharge S 116 from committee without amendment. If one of your Senators sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, send a letter to that Senator also. Copies of all letters should be sent to Senator Inouye with a note of thanks for his efforts. Send your letters to: Hon. Orrin C. Hatch Hon. Daniel Inouye United States Senate United States Senate SR 131 722 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 Washington DC 20510-1102 Five thousand letters about one bill will get attention.

21. The 41st Annual Remembrance Day will be held Nov. 15, 1997 in Gettysburg, Penna. Please note the change in time for the activities. The ceremony will be held at 1:45 PM. Immediately thereafter, all uniformed troops and all others who wish to do so will proceed to the Angle for the Confederate memorial. There will be no program in the Cyclorama. The annual Dinner sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Central Pennsylvania will be at the Eisenhower Inn. For information contact Past Commander in Chief George Long, 222 Lincoln, Lancaster, PA 17603. The National Civil War Ball will begin at 9 p.m. at the Eisenhower Inn. Donation for the ticket is \$10. Tickets can be obtained from The National Civil War Ball, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116. Please make checks payable to The National Civil War Ball.

22. Brothers are reminded to support the National Patriotic Instructor's Fund, Sr. Vice Commander in Chief's Fund, National Headquarters Fund and Permanent Fund.

23. The Commander in Chief's calendar will be planned to best serve the Order. Please extend your invitations as early as possible to assist me in making up my itinerary. Space permitting the Commander in Chief's itinerary will be published in *The Banner*.

24. All Departments and Camps are encouraged to report their activities for publication in *The Banner*. If sufficient numbers of planned activities are sent to the Editor, we will publish a calendar of upcoming events.

25. All Brothers are encouraged to submit appropriate articles for publication in *The Banner* to the Editor. Submission does not necessarily mean it will be published. Space, topic and appropriateness effect all submittals.

26. Any and all complaints regarding *The Banner* should be addressed to the Senior Vice Commander in Chief who has been designated as the Publisher.

27. If your Department is having any situation or problem that requires the attention of the Commander in Chief, please contact me immediately by telephone or email. These situations will be given priority.

28. Information about the ill or bereaved should be brought to the attention of myself or the National Secretary in order that proper attention may be given to the needs of the member or his family.

29. All Brothers are encouraged to extend a welcome and lend support and assistance to the recently organized Descendants of African American Union Soldiers/Sailors and their White Officers in the Civil War 1861-1865..

30. Appointments of National Officers, standing committees, special committees, advisory committees to the Council of Administration, and National Aides have been made.

31. All members of the Council of Administration are advised that there will be a meeting of the Council at 9 a.m. on Sunday Nov. 16, 1997 in Gettysburg, Penna. at the Eisenhower Inn. Location and time is subject to change.

32. All sitting Department Commanders are invited to attend and observe the above referenced Council of Administration meeting.

33. To all the elected and appointed officers and committees, I extend my best wishes for a productive year. With the assistance of the Divine Being we will succeed. "You do what you can, where you are, with what you have and then you do more." Theodore Roosevelt

34. On behalf of the National Organization SUVCW, our condolences are extended to Bro. William Reynolds PCC, Aide to the National Graves Registration Committee. Bro. Reynolds' wife answered her final muster call on Sept. 1. May she find eternal peace and happiness.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

General Order # 2
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National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Penna.

1. The service area of the Department of Tennessee is hereby expanded to include the State of Alabama effective Oct. 1.

2. The name of the Department shall remain the Department of Tennessee.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

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1. The National Organization is in need of vital information concerning all camps within the Order. The National Secretary has sent a request to each Department Secretary asking for the following information: 1) all current department officers with mailing addresses, for the following information: 1) all current department officers where they exist; 2) the names and addresses of all telephone numbers and e-mail addresses where they exist; and 3) the date (day of week and week of month) when each camp meets, location of camp meetings, time of camp meetings, camp application fees and camp annual dues and verification of IRS EIN number.

2. All Department Commanders and Camp Commanders are hereby directed to assure that this information is provided to the National Secretary on or before Nov. 1.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

Why not Women as Sons of Vets?

By Glenn B. Knight

National Signals Officer & Webmaster

From: Debbie Dunn [SMTP:imzadi@cyberhighway.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 1997 10:24 PM
To: webmaster@suvcw.org

It would be nice if you would welcome ALL descendants of Union veterans, male or female. My great-great-grandfather served honorably with the 61st New York Infantry, and was wounded at Gettysburg, losing the lower third of his leg as a result of a gunshot wound in the Wheatfield fighting. I'm very proud of his service, and as a reenactor, I've taken his name in battle. Any reason why I can't be a member?

Response: by the Webmaster:

You can not be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War because you are not a son. We are a hereditary society that was formed by the men from whom we draw our eligibility. It was their choice to select the SUVCW as the only male organization under their sponsorship. The four women's organizations provide a way for women to relate to the Grand Army of the Republic and in fact the membership requirements allow a broader base of female membership.

Today the five "Allied Orders" of the Grand Army of the Republic work together in cooperation and harmony. We are all eligible to attend the meetings of the other orders and in many instances male and female orders meet together.

It is easy to apply the standards of political correctness and espouse the notion that sex should not divide the descendants of these soldiers, sailors and Marines. But our charter is to preserve their memory and maintain their history. We do that by ritualistic work that was given to us by the Grand Army of the Republic and that ritual calls for us to meet as brothers, while the other allied orders meet as bands of sisters. We meet the needs of a modern society by opening our meetings to each other and working together as a single entity. It is not right to destroy the single sex ethic of the 1860s through 1940s so long as that exclusivity does not interfere with meeting our social mission.

Consider this. Rotary, Lions and Kawanas Clubs have been forced to admit women. That was a correct decision because general commerce was often discussed at these meetings and women as a class were therefore excluded from participation in that commerce. Masonic Lodges, The General Federation of Women's Clubs and Knights of Columbus have not been forced to integrate by sex because the public good is not harmed by allowing these single sex social gatherings. We do not bar women from attending our meetings so long as they belong to an Allied Order and we work closely together on projects. The only separation is a clinging to an historic precept which, in the end, harms no one.

Can I send you an application for one of the Allied Orders?

Glenn B. Knight
Webmaster@suvcw.org
Visit us at <http://suvcw.org>

History of the

SUVCW Membership Badge

By Richard D. Orr
Commander in Chief

Occasionally, members have inquired about early designs of SUVCW membership badges. The history of the badge has never been compiled and published.

The original Sons of Veterans, USA (name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1922) membership badge was designed and patented by Augustus P. Davis in 1881. Over the years there have been several major changes to the badge, changes in the metal from which the badge is struck, and other minor changes. This article will attempt to describe the known membership badges.

The original badge (type I) was suspended from a ribbon of three broad vertical stripes of red white and blue. The ribbon was attached to a bar with the inscription "FILII VETERANORUM." The obverse of the medal consists of crossed cannon tubes overlaid with a wreath of laurel. Atop the wreath sets an eagle facing to the eagle's right. Centered within the wreath is a sunburst with the rays of the sun cast in all directions. The intertwined letters "S V" are placed over the sun in the center of the badge. Around the inner edge of the wreath and outside the circle of sun rays is the inscription "GRATIA DEI SERVATUS." This inscription extends from the center line of the breech of one cannon tube to the center line of the breech of the other. The date MDCCLXXXI. The reverse of the medal is very simple as it only contains the patent number and the name of the manufacturer—Bailey, Banks and Biddle. The type II badge was adopted in 1888. At the suggestion of A. P. Davis, the coat-of-arms of the Sons of Veterans, USA was added to the reverse of the badge. Except for this addition the badge was the same as the type I badge.

The type II badge remained in use until 1893 when the type III membership badge was adopted. Two significant changes were made. The ribbon was changed from three broad red, white and blue stripes to the current ribbon of blue, red, white, wide blue, red, white, blue and the coat-of-arms on the reverse was deleted. In place of the coat-of-arms was a belt in a circle centered on the



reverse. Inscribed on the belt are the words "FILII VETERANORUM." Within the circled belt is an intertwined "U S A." The combination of the letters on the obverse and reverse of the badge is SVUSA—Sons of Veterans, USA. According to the Davis * Camp minutes this design change was adopted following the final merger of the Sons of Veterans (Philadelphia camps) and the New York Post system chapters into the Sons of Veterans, USA to identify the surviving organization clearly.

In 1897 the Latin inscriptions were changed to English and variations in the metal became apparent. The inscription on the bar was changed to "SONS OF VETERANS." The inscription within the wreath was changed to "SERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD." On the reverse the inscription was also changed to "SONS OF VETERANS." The badges had been cast from old cannon barrels. Because of the growth of the Order, several companies were authorized to manufacture the badges. The result was the adoption of a bronze with a higher copper content.

The differences in the metal are very apparent in a side-by-side comparison. The 1897 badge struck from cannon barrels has been designated type IV and those struck from the higher copper content medal as type V. Type VI is the rarest SUVCW membership badge. It is the 1897 design in rose gold. This badge may predate the type V badge. This badge was given by A. P. Davis to each member who recruited 25 new members. The existence of this badge is noted in

the minutes of Davis * Camp. There is no mention of the period during which a member could qualify for this badge. The minutes reflect that A. P. Davis also presented rose gold Auxiliary membership badges to any lady who recruited 25 new members.

The final change to the membership badge was made in 1922 to reflect the change in the name of the organization. The inscription on the bar was changed to "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR." The belt on the reverse was dropped and replaced with a simple circle surrounding the intertwined "U S A." The inscription was changed to "SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR." This is the type VII membership badge and continues in use today. There have been a variety of manufacturers and changes in the composition of the metal used to strike the badges. Just recently, we have noted another change on the metal composition.

On occasion, individual departments and camps have designed and issued membership badges. I have not attempted to cover these badges for two reasons. First, very limited information is available and second, none of those badges are official SUVCW membership badges. The foregoing is based upon the information currently available to the author. There may be variations of the design or had described to me, or to which I have not found any reference. Any Brother or collector who has knowledge of other variations, please submit the information to the Editor or myself so that we may record the existence of these badges.

This article is based upon information recorded in the minute books of Davis * Camp, Department of Pennsylvania, several proceedings of National Encampments and observations of badges in my collection and collections of other brothers. With the issuance of the Congressional Charter to the SUVCW, all of these badges have been protected in perpetuity. No entity except the National Organization can legally reproduce any present or former badge used by the SUVCW or the Sons of Veterans, USA.



The G.A.R. Nathaniel Lyon Post 5 monument in Denison, Texas, is only one of three monuments to the Union in Texas.

General Orders continued

General Order # 4
Series 1997-1998

National Headquarters
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, Penna.

1. Having full faith and trust in the ability of the Department Commanders to determine the need for new camps within their departments and because of a need to streamline the Camp chartering process, in conformity with Article I Chapter I Section 1 of the Regulations, all Department Commanders are hereby authorized to organize camps within their jurisdiction when they have determined that a need exists and that the proposed camp will prosper.

2. In lieu of submitting Form 23 to this office for signature, all Department Commanders are authorized to attach a copy of this blanket approval to the Form 23 in place of Chief's signature line to see the attached authorization. Completion, filing and approval of Form 24 as evidenced by the Commander in Chief's signature is required before a camp is considered to be constituted and chartered.

3. This authorization expires at midnight July 31, 1998.

4. Nothing in this General Order should be construed to alter the organizing process except the need to obtain prior approval before beginning the process of organizing a new camp.

By Order of:
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
David Hann
National Secretary

GUIDON

From the Adjutant General

by Lt. Col. Kenneth D. Hershberger, SVR

We survived another National Encampment Aug. 9-11. SVR members wore their uniforms to the Campfire program on Friday evening.

Thirty-seven SVR members and guests attended the SVR Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Friday evening, the National Military Affairs Committee met to finalize the proposed changes to the SVR Standard Operating Procedures which were published in preliminary form in the last issue of *The Banner*. The Committee approved with some changes which Brig. Gen. David V. Medert requested. Late Saturday, encampment delegates voted to accept the revised SOP. General Medert received the final version of the SOP for signature this week. As soon as he sends it to me, I will make copies and send them to District Commanders for distribution to the troops.

In an effort to improve communications within the SVR, we plan to make use of electronic mail. If you have access to e-mail, please let us know your e-mail address. Send your address to me at mdsuvcw@aol.com or to Capt. Glen Zook, SVR Public Information Officer, at gzook@swbell.net.

Our next event is, of course, Remembrance Day on Nov. 15 in Gettysburg, Pa. I urge all of you to attend and participate in this year's parade and National Civil War Ball. For information concerning these activities, please contact Gen. David V. Medert.

As a reminder, the schedule of events for Remembrance Day is:

- 8 a.m. SVR Breakfast (*Eisenhower Inn*)
- 10 a.m. Parade Commanders' Meeting (*Eisenhower Inn*)
- 12 noon Form parade (*Gettysburg High School*)
- 1 p.m. Parade steps off
- 9 p.m. Grand Military Ball (*Eisenhower Inn*)

Finally, on a personal note, I appreciate being given the opportunity to serve the SVR as Adjutant General. Gen. Medert left me some large shoes to fill. I hope to be a worthy successor, rather than replacement, to him.

Reminder: Semi-Annual Strength Reports should have been submitted to the Brigade office by June 1. The next Semi-Annual Reports will be due with Annual Unit Applications to Brigade Headquarters with dues by Feb. 1. National dues are \$2 (enlisted) and \$3 (officers).

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GENERAL ORDERS

SPECIAL ORDER 1997-1

1. Effective 29 July 1997, Lt. Colonel DAVID V. MEDERT, Adjutant General, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is promoted to BRIGADIER GENERAL and appointed COMMANDING OFFICER, of the SVR.
2. This promotion and appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 28 July 2000 unless otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Edward Krieser
Chairman, NMAC

Alan R. Loomis
Commander In Chief, SUVCW

SPECIAL ORDER 1997-2

1. Effective 31 July 1997, Captain KENNETH D. HERSHBERGER, Adjutant 2nd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is promoted to LT. COLONEL and appointed ADJUTANT GENERAL of the SVR.
2. This promotion and appointment is for a period of three years to expire on 28 July 2000 unless otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Edward Krieser
Chairman, NMAC

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding Officer

GENERAL ORDER 1997-7

1. Effective 1 August 1997, Lt. Daniel V. Graves, Adjutant, 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is Honorably Discharged from the SVR. His many years of service have been gratifying and rewarding.

David V. Medert
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

Keith G. Harrison
Brig. General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-8

1. Effective this date, Lt. Colonel Kim D. Shaw, Sons of Veterans Reserve, resigns his position as Judge Advocate General, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and his commission as Lt. Colonel.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-9

1. Effective 24 July 1997 Brigadier General Keith G. Harrison, Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is transferred to the Cadre (Inactive Reserve) with the rank of Major at his request. His many years of devoted service to the Sons of Veterans Reserve will be sorely missed.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

GENERAL ORDER 1997-10

1. Effective 29 July 1997, Major ROBERT J. BATEMAN is promoted to COLONEL and appointed DEPUTY COMMANDER of the SVR.

2. Effective 29 July 1997, Colonel DAVID R. MEDERT is re-appointed COLONEL and appointed CHIEF OF STAFF of the SVR.
3. Effective 29 July 1997, Captain NORMAN F. WHEELER is promoted to CAPTAIN and re-appointed COMMANDER, 1ST MILITARY DISTRICT of the SVR.
4. Effective 29 July 1997, Colonel ELMER F. ATKINSON is re-appointed COLONEL and appointed INSPECTOR GENERAL of the SVR.
5. These appointments are for a period of three years to expire on 28 July 2000 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined and annulled.

Kenneth D. Hershberger
Lt. Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General

David V. Medert
Brigadier General, SVR
Commanding

Medert Named 5th SVR BG

On July 25, Brig. Gen. Keith G. Harrison, resigned as Commanding Officer of the SVR and requested a transfer to the Cadre. Upon his transfer, General Harrison nominated Lt. Col. David V. Medert, Adjutant General, Sons of Veterans Reserve, as Commanding Officer. The National Military Affairs Committee approved his nomination and Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis concurred. Thus, David V. Medert became the fifth person to hold the rank of Brigadier General in the SVR and is now the new commanding officer.

The military is nothing new to General Medert. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1993 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer with over 23 years service in the field of Naval Intelligence and Cryptology. His assignments included various surface combatants, aircraft, submarines, state side and overseas commands. His last command was at Naval Headquarters in Washington D.C. where he served as a community manger for over 4,000 sailors.

His involvement with the Civil War began in 1957 when he watched his father, PCinC David R. Medert build his first of six cannons. From

that day on he was hooked. He participated in many reenactments during the late 50's and early 60's.

He joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in June of 1988, belonging to Gov. William Dennison Camp 125, Department of Ohio. Upon his retirement, he served as secretary/treasurer of the camp and in 1996, he formed Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73, Department of Ohio where he is currently serving as the Camp Commander.

His involvement with the SVR also began in 1993 when he joined Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. In the fall of the same year he was appointed as the Battery's Commander and during the summer of 1997, was re-elected to serve another 3 years.

Since his retirement from active military service, General Medert has served as Commander of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, 3rd Military District Public Information Officer, National Public Information Officer, assistant to the Adjutant General, Adjutant General, and now Commander, SVR.

His involvement with the SUVCW includes, secretary/treasurer Camp 125 Department of Ohio,

Commander Camp 73 Department of Ohio, two years on the National Legislation Committee, and is now the Department of Ohio Junior Vice Commander. He has helped form two SUVCW camps in Ohio and 5 new SVR units throughout the U.S.

Medert's goal is better communication within the SVR and to increase it's membership both in members and units. "In order for the organization to grow, we must ALL feel we are part of it. The best way to do this is to communicate both up and down the chain of command" quotes General Medert. "If any member of the SVR has a suggestion on how we can improve things, I'd like to hear from them. I am very open to improvement. We have an energetic staff in place at the National Headquarters and we intend on improving on that staff. We all want to see the SVR grow. In order to do that, we must all become active in recruiting and promote the SVR."



New Camp in "Heart of Dixie"

By Allan Howey

On Memorial Day, May 30, a camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War forming in the "Cradle of the Confederacy" kicked off a recruiting drive by sponsoring a Union Veterans Memorial Day Service on a small G.A.R. plot in Montgomery's Old Oakwood Cemetery. Nearly a dozen uniformed Federal reenactors participated in the thirty-minute ceremony.

SUVCW member and camp organizer, Allan Howey of Montgomery, delivered a short speech on reconciliation and tolerance. Recalling that most veterans of the North and South gradually overcame their bitterness towards each other, he observed that their spirit of reconciliation had, in some instances, been replaced by intolerance shown by their descendants. He declared, "It is high time to honor the soldiers of the North and South alike, regardless of how we might feel about the motives and political objectives of the Union and Confederacy. Both Billy Yank and Johnny Reb fought nobly and sacrificed all for the cause in which they believed. As Americans, united by a common heritage, it is our duty to respect the soldiers of both sides and treasure their memories."

Barry Spink of Elmore, Ala., recited the SUVCW Memorial Day prayer and Greg Martineac of Montgomery, read General Logan's G.A.R. General Order #11. Following the presentations the spectators decorated the three dozen Union veterans' graves with miniature U. S. Flags and reenactors fired three musket volleys in salute.

The new camp has eleven hereditary members and hopes to attract many more.



Organizers of the Memorial Day activities at the G.A.R. Memorial in Old Christine Spink and Barry Spink.



Members of the 1st Lone Star Infantry (Union) line up before parading into the monument area at the G.A.R. Nathaniel Lyon Post 5 monument at Denison, Texas.

116th Annual Encampment at Utica, N.Y. Friday General Session Summary of Events

By David Hann
National Secretary

The 116th annual Encampment commenced on Friday morning Aug. 8, with 102 Brothers present. The first order of business was a visit from a special guest. Presenting greetings on behalf of the 24,000 Sons of Confederate Veterans was Commander in Chief Peter W. Orlebeke. In his remarks Commander Orlebeke thanked us for our past support, and reminded us how the SUV and the SCV have stood "shoulder to shoulder" preserving our history.

A resolution from the floor was presented in honor of Past Michigan Department Commander, and Real Son, Thayne LaBanta. This resolution was to allow Brother LaBanta to wear the 50 year device on his Past Department Commander's Medal. This is to celebrate Brother LaBanta's fiftieth anniversary as a Past Department Commander. This resolution was unanimously approved by the encampment.

The following awards were presented:

The **Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award** for the Most Outstanding Camp, as selected by the Commander in Chief, went to U. S. Grant Camp 68 of St. Louis, Mo.

The **Cornelius Whitehouse Award** for the Most Outstanding Brother as selected by the Commander in Chief went to Charles Yates for his work in forming the Department of Tennessee.

The **Best Newsletter Award** established by Past Commander in Chief Lowell V. Hammer went to Austin Blair Camp 7, Department of Michigan for their publication, the Austin Blair Courier.

The **Major Stephenson Award** for most members recruited went to John Mills and Ken Armstrong.

The **Under Forty Award**, for recruiting the most new members under the age of 40 went to the Department of Pennsylvania.

The **Grant Trophy** for the greatest percentage growth was awarded to the Dept. of Vermont.

The following Brothers were recognized as the top recruiters in their Departments. Andy Johnson, Maryland, Steven Lynn, Kentucky, M. B. Crawford, Indiana, David Martin, New Jersey, and Roger Beverage, Maine.

Two **Meritorious Service Awards** were presented by Commander in Chief Loomis. The first recipient was David R. Medert, for his work with the meeting between Civil War Widows Daisy Anderson, and Alberta Martin, at Gettysburg on July 1. This was truly a monumental task with the numerous arrangements that had to be made. At the event Brother Medert served as Mrs. Anderson's personal escort. In his report summarizing the event, Brother Medert requested the Brothers to "write to her from time to time".

Her address is:

Mrs. Daisy Anderson,
Amberwood Nursing Home,
4686 Asbury Circle,
Denver, CO. 80222

The second recipient was Glenn B. Knight for his superb work on the SUV Web site. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit

our web site—DO IT!. The Web site has yielded many new Brothers and provides loads of information on our order. You can visit the Web site at <http://suvvw.org>

The encampment received news that the Department of Florida has organized its fourth Camp.

Among the various items presented during the Friday session was the reading of officer and committee reports, and various resolutions that will be dealt with in the summary of Saturday's meeting. One resolution that was brought to the floor deserves special attention. This resolution brought forth by Glenn Knight was overwhelming approved. Many Brothers may not know but Senator Daniel Inoye of Hawaii, introduced Senate Bill 116, to move Memorial Day back to the proper observance of May 30. The resolution introduced is as follows:

—A Resolution—

WHEREAS John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic did, on May 5, 1868, call for all citizens to "gather around the sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds... with choicest flowers of springtime" on May 30th of that year and each year thereafter, and

WHEREAS Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30th of each year for more than one hundred years, and

WHEREAS The United States Senate and House of Representatives did in the politically correct 1970s move Memorial Day to a perpetual Monday thus making it simply another day off work, and

WHEREAS Every Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic, takes a sacred obligation which includes the words "...always to observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same,", and

WHEREAS Senator Daniel Inoye, of Hawaii, has introduced Senate Bill 116 to the First Session of the 105th Congress which would correct the previous modification and return Memorial Day to May 30th of each year, and

WHEREAS It is the desire of the 116th National Encampment at Utica, New York to do all in its' power to effect the passage of S.116 by both houses of the US Congress and subsequently signed into law by the President, and **WHEREAS** All Brothers are hereby directed to contact their elected US Senators and Representatives in support of S.116.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled at Utica, New York, August 6th through 9th 1997 do hereby commend Senator Daniel Inoye for his sponsorship of Senate Bill 116 and we pledge to support his efforts to give back to this nation its day to remember its true and honorable fallen heroes, and we direct that a copy of this resolution be delivered, in hand, by a National Officer of the Order, to Senator Inoye, to add emphasis to our support.

Remembrance Day Activities

by Capt. Anthony Waskie, SRV

The festivities for Remembrance Day, Nov. 15, will be held at Gettysburg, beginning with a parade meeting at the Eisenhower Inn. The exact meeting room is not known at this time, but will probably be in the ballroom complex. A minimum of one representative of battalion or larger group organization are requested to attend, and representatives from smaller groups are welcome as well. This goes for both Union and Confederate units. Every unit, both blue and grey, need to register with the parade organizers. The purpose of this is to establish a mailing list / database for mailings and other information dissemination.

The exact order of the parade is not available at press time, but should approximate the following:

- Dignitaries of the Sons of Veterans Reserve/Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- SVR Color Guard
- SVR Field Music
- SVR Marching Units
- Federal Infantry Battalions (with the Mifflin Guard as honor guard)
- Federal Artillery Units
- Dignitaries of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other Confederate organizations
- Confederate Color Guard
- Confederate Infantry Units
- Confederate Artillery Units
- Federal and Confederate Mounted Troops Following

directly behind their respective military units will be civilians dressed in authentic period clothing.

The parade will assemble at 12:30 p.m. in the town park and will "step off" at 1 p.m. The parade route will be through Gettysburg to the National Park at the Woolson Monument for the first stop at which there will be a series of speeches, music, and the laying of wreaths. A time frame for these activities is approximately 2 p.m. Continuing from the Woolson Monument, the parade will march on Hancock Avenue to the "Angle" at which the Confederate contingent will hold their ceremonies. These are scheduled to end at around 3 p.m.

Additional ceremonies will be held, beginning at 3: p.m., at the General Meade Monument. The Mifflin Guard will be featured from 3 to 4 p.m. and the General Meade Society of Philadelphia will take over at approximately 4 p.m.

The final festivities of the day will be the National Civil War Ball held at the Eisenhower Inn beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be provided by the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band, a Sons of Veterans Reserve unit. Tickets for this even are \$10 per person and are available from PNP Margaret Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116

Saturday General Sessions Encampment Summary

By David K. Hann
National Secretary

In an effort to streamline things the following recommendations were adopted and approved by the body at the Encampment.

That the SOS! committee (Save Outdoor Sculpture) name be changed to the Civil War Memorials Committee, and be changed from a special committee to a standing committee.

That the organization develop appropriate methods whereby the Graves Registration and the Civil War Memorials Committee would share appropriate information gathered by one of the committees that would fall under the jurisdiction of one of the other committees.

Upon the recommendation of Commander in Chief Loomis to have each Department appoint a member attorney as a Department Counselor and also to have at least one member attorney as a member of the National Legal Staff.

Letter from CinC

That the order institutes the procedure of sending a letter to each new member from the Commander in Chief welcoming him into the Sons.

That a special committee review the manner in which Camps and Departments report to the National Organization.

That the organization returns to the practice of issuing commemorative medals in place of ribbons at each National Encampment.

That the order explore the feasibility of producing a color brochure of supplies available from the National Quartermaster. This brochure would accompany the order form. That the Commander in Chief on behalf of the order enter into a contract with a professional file maintenance and storage company for the secure storage of the Order's records.

Camp Info. Required

That each Camp furnish the following information to their respective Departments. The Camp meeting dates, times, and location, and yearly dues. This information to be passed on to the Department Secretary who will send to the National Secretary by Sept. 1 of each year.

That along with SUVCW information sent out by the Junior Vice Commander in Chief, included will be an SVR application blank and a brochure. That at the strong urging of the Junior Vice Commander in Chief that the name of each new Brother be reported immediately to the National Membership List Coordinator.

The purchase of a printer for the lap top computer owner by the order was approved. This computer is used extensively at National Encampments.

That the order look into the use of "Public Service Announcements" as a possible vehicle for recruiting.

That the order open a corporate account at a nationwide chain on the order of a "Staples" or "Office Max." There would be a limited access to this account.

The National Organization contributes \$200 yearly to the Tilden Camp 26, Department of New York, for a wreath in the name of the Sons to be placed at Grant's Tomb.

Eagle Scout Coordinator

That a National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator be appointed, and urge all Departments to appoint an Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator within their Department.

That the order explore in cooperation with the National Membership List Coordinator ways to improve the flow of

membership information especially change of addresses.

Banner Policy

That the Banner editor remain a non-voting member of the Council of Administration but that his duties be placed under the Senior Vice Commander in Chief. In addition the Senior Vice Commander in Chief would have the additional title of Publisher of *The Banner*. With this additional title there will be the need to change the Senior Vice Commander in Chief's job description to reflect this action.

That a committee be established (or the charging of a current committee) that will address and write a policy statement for the Editor of *The Banner*.

That a special edition of *The Banner* be created to send to prospective members. This Banner would include history of the G.A.R. and SUVCW as well as other important membership information.

That with the passing of any Brother that the National Chaplain is notified immediately.

That the Constitution and Regulations be amended to require all Departments and Camps to appoint or elect a Graves Registration Officer.

That the duties of the Camp Graves Registration Officer to be encouraged to seek out and record all Civil War Veterans grave sites possibly, both Union and Confederate, and including all information with record of service on the grave marker, those that have a grave marker with no a grave marker.

That the information of the Camp Graves Registration Officer be a minimum of that information required by the National Graves Registration Committee's data base and of a computerized format convertible to a DBIII compatible software program.

That the Camp Graves Registration Officer be required to submit a report to his Department Graves Registration Officer at least once annually, the report to include the activities of the Camp concerning the documenting of Civil War veterans grave sites and to include a printout and computer disk containing any new information added to a Camp's data base during the report period. Camps that do not have the capability to submit information on computer disk would be required to submit copies of the completed graves registration form to the Department Graves Registration Officer. National Camps-at-Large shall report to National Graves Registration Officer.

Graves Data Coordinator

That the duties of the Department Graves Registration Officer be to coordinate the collection of Civil War Veteran's grave sites information throughout his Department and pass along the information amassed from Department to the National Graves Registration Officer along with a summary of the graves registration work by the Camps of his Department at least once annually.

That the Department Graves Registration Officer provide upon request from a Camp within his Department, one copy, on computer disk of the Graves Registration data base.

That the National Graves Registration Committee provide to each Department Graves Registration Officer and National Camp-at-Large a minimum of one copy, on computer disk, of the National Graves data base structure.

That National needs to have a supply of Grand Army of the Republic Highway signs available for sale.

It was strongly recommended that all who accepted Staff positions this year to note on your calendars the deadlines each quarter for submission of quarterly reports.

The adoption of new "Standard Operating Procedures" by the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

The adoption of a SUVCW greetings card. These cards would be available in blue and cream, with the badge of the order on the outside, and blank on the inside.

C&R Changes

Changes to the Constitution and Regulations:

Chapter V. General Regulations.

Article 1. Section 4. Voting. Subsection (a) *Proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and at National meetings. Further proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.*

Chapter V. General Regulations.

Article 1. section 4. Subsection (b) *Absentee voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further absentee voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.*

Chapter V. General Regulations.

Article 1. section 3. Definitions.

Member in good standing—a member, junior or associate whose dues are current has no outstanding indebtedness to the Order, and who is not under suspension as a result of a disciplinary procedure.

That the position of National Signals Officer is created and that all Departments and Camps are encouraged to establish similar positions at their level.

Dept. Web Space

That space be made available on our Web site to any Department or Camp which requests the service, provides the Webmaster/National Signals Officer with properly coded page or pages, updates the pages as necessary, and pays the suggested fee to the National Treasurer. The Commander in Chief is authorized to waive the fee for any Department whose financial status is tenuous and which, in his sole opinion, can not afford the fee in any one specific year. (Fee set at \$60 per year)

The name of the Blue/Gray Ball held at Gettysburg, Remembrance Day has been changed to the **National Civil War Ball**. That a portion of the proceeds donated to Gettysburg National Military Park for monument restoration. This donation will be monitored by the Council of Administration to insure that it is used for monument restoration.

Brother Allen Peterson's rank was restored and is recognized as a Past Department Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. (When a Past Department Commander transfers to another Department he can not be recognized as a Past Department Commander of that Department. This also allows the Brother to be seated at the National Encampment as a Past Department Commander. It is a three step process starting with the approval of the Camp, then the Department, then at National.)

The body of the National Encampment directed the Council of Administration to grant Mrs. Daisy Anderson an Honorary membership.

Council of Administration Report

The Council unanimously approved an Honorary Membership for Mrs. Daisy Anderson. It also created the position of Special Aide to Daisy Anderson, which will be held by Past Commander in Chief David Medert.

Brother Speaks brought to our attention the possibility of a site for the National Headquarters in Topeka, Kansas. It is the old Headquarters used by the Kansas Department Grand Army of the Republic. This will be investigated further.

Commander in Chief Orr recommended Past National Secretary Jim Lyons for the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star. This was unanimously approved.

Approved was a capitol expenditure of \$4,000 for a national "server" for our web site. This will give the Order the ability to store vast amounts of computer data.

Approved up to \$300 for a printer for the lap top computer.

Approved the Budget for this year.

Gave permission for U.S. Grant Camp 68 to sell Station Banners, and Camp & Department Flags.

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Departments: 25

Camps: 171

Future Encampments:

1998 Harrisburg, Pa.,

Aug. 7-9

1999 Indianapolis, Ind.,

Aug. 20-22



Senior Vice Commander in Chief Andrew M. Johnson presents a SUVCW wreath during the Confederate Memorial Day on Jackson Circle in the Arlington National Cemetery, June 1. The other wreath shown was presented by a tribe of native Americans.



Past Commander in Chief David Medert and Dr. Kenneth Chancey reenact the Hands-across-the-wall ceremony at the bloody angle on the Gettysburg Battlefield July 1. Joining them for this historic event are Daisy Anderson, one of two remaining widows of a union soldier and Alberta Martin, sole surviving confederate widow. The photo repeats similar events held throughout the years by members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans at Gettysburg.

Past Commanders, Presidents to Meet at Gettysburg

The 67th annual Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of South Central Pennsylvania dinner will be held on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg Nov. 15. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center. This is a celebration event and is open to all.

Remembrance Day was started to remember the sacrifices of the men of the Grand Army of the Republic and is sponsored each year by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the military department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Remembrance day is held on the Saturday closest to Nov. 19, the day the National Cemetery was dedicated and President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous "Gettysburg Address".

Reservations must be made prior to Nov. 8. Send a check for \$20 per person to: George W. Long PCinC, 222 Lincoln St., Lancaster, PA 17603. Please note the change in time to 6 p.m. to accommodate the National Civil War Ball, which will follow the dinner.

Wins SOS! Prize

The Department of Iowa's efforts to preserve the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Des Moines has earned it a first place in a national preservation competition sponsored by SOS! and the National Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Property. The award was made in the category of Preservation and Scholarship by a non-profit organization.

The \$1,000 prize will be used to make all of Iowa's Civil War Monuments and Memorials available via the Internet. Brother Bradley S. McGowan was the project officer.

Victorian Wardrobe

Schlenker Dress Collection to Benefit G.A.R. Museum

The Dorris Weidner Schlenker Memorial Civil War Dress Collection is being donated to the G.A.R. Museum and Library in Philadelphia to raise funds for that institution.

The collection consists of thirty plus dresses authentically fashioned by Sister Dorris in recent years and according to her widow, Richard C. Schlenker, PCinC, many of the dresses were shown in her series of 135 lectures on "Women of the 1800s and their Fashions."

Past National President of the Auxiliary Dorris passed away June 21.

Additionally, the Dorris Weidner Schlenker Memorial Reference Library is also being donated to the G.A.R. Museum and Library where it will be available to all who wish to study the life and times of the population during the Victorian Era.

For additional information on the dress collection contact PNP Margaret Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719 or email her at MarAuxSUV@aol.com.

Sextet Cites Same Ancestor in Minnesota

Six members of the newly formed William Colvill III Camp 56 of Litchfield, Minn. All claim the same ancestor—Amund Olsen of the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry—the "Scandinavian Regiment".

The oldest of the sextet is Brother Arnold Olsen of Lakefield, Minn. who, at the age of 85, lays claim to the title of "True Son" of a Union Veteran. He is a retired plumber. Also joining the camp was Ernest Thompson, a grandson, who is retired and living in Wadena, Minn.; Lee Stephenson, great grandson, a history teacher from Wayzata, Minn. Another great grandson is Leonard Thompson, a retiree living in rural Verdale, Minn. Rev. Mark Thompson of Arlington, Minn. is a great, great grandson and high school student Jake Johnson of Cloquet, Minn. is a great, great, great grandson.

The new camp, part of the Department of Wisconsin, is named for William Colvill II, colonel of the 1st Minnesota Regiment at Gettysburg, while the number 56 refers to 1956, the year the last G.A.R. member, Albert Woolson of Minnesota, died. The camp meets in the restored G.A.R. Hall in Litchfield.



Six members of the newest camp in the Department of Wisconsin all claim the same ancestor. They are: (rear from left) Ernest Thompson, Arnold Olsen (a True Son) and Lee Stephenson. As well as (front from left) Leonard Thompson, Mark Thompson and Jake Johnson.

Highway Signs offered by Dept. of Wisconsin

The new SUVVCW Highway Signs were made available for the first time at the recent National Encampment in Utica, N. Y. The signs, patterned after the Sons' window decal, are being sold as a Wisconsin Department fund raiser.

Each sign measures 18x24 inches and is enameled in blue, gold and black on a white aluminum panel with an ultraviolet protective coating. The signs are suitable for posting at entrances to communities and meeting places and includes a space for a phone number, contact or meeting time. They are priced at \$30 each, four or more at \$25 each, and may be ordered by contacting Department Secretary Ron Aronis at (414) 284-3654 or RMAUSVVCW@aol.com.

Kent Armstrong, commander of George W. Anderson Camp 58 purchased the first four signs for his camp in DeWitt, Mich.

According to Aronis, the sign makes an excellent love token for Auxiliaries to present to their camps.



Gen. Thomas Camp 19 Meets thlrd Wednesday Lancaster Co. Historical Soc.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department held its 114th Annual Encampment in Milwaukee recently. Officers and delegates representing 5 camps acted on a variety of business, including a rewrite of department bylaws and allocating money for restoring a nonfunctioning G.A.R. flagpole.

During the proceedings, Brother Thomas L. W. Johnson announced that he would not be seeking reelection to another term as department commander. Senior Vice Commander Stephen Michaels was elected to fill the top post. Chief of Staff Robert Wiesian was elected senior vice commander and Brother Fred Murphy junior vice commander. All three are members of Milwaukee's C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1.

The Wisconsin Auxiliary, meeting at the same time, elected Michaels' wife, Danielle, department president. Once formal

were completed, the two orders held a joint memorial service for departed members of the G.A.R. and the Allied Orders.

The Department of Wisconsin presented its annual Ulysses S. Grant Award of Excellence to military education students for excellence in leadership and academics.

PDC Herman Black presented the award to Marquette University Navy ROTC Cadet Brent Escola. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Kevin McCullough received the award from Department Secretary Ronald Aronis. Chief of Staff Robert Wiesian presented the award to Marquette University Army ROTC Cadet David Nowicki.

Florida

Lucius Mitchell Camp 4 will be participating in a parade in St. Cloud, Fla. Nov. 8 to celebrate the placing of the G.A.R. Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. The G.A.R. Hall was dedicated in 1914 and was built in the center of the community. With more than 800 members it was reported to house the second largest Post in the country and was the only G.A.R. Hall south of

will become a War Museum, open by appointment, after the dedication.

Camp Commander Ron Criswell said the hall was bought by Dr. Woodrow Everett of St. Cloud, eleven years ago and he has cared for it meticulously ever since. Dr. Everett allows the newly formed Lucius Mitchell Camp 4 to meet in the building and has given them the opportunity to participate with the museum. Beverly Groshek, a local historian, is the curator.

During the ceremony the cornerstone, which was removed a little more than a year ago, will be replaced. The contents of the cornerstone were removed and displayed in the hall and local school students are working on an essay and plans are being made to add current information and items. It will be opened in one hundred years.

Missouri

Missouri Department Commander Steven Leicht invited the Sons of Confederate Veterans to join the Sons of Union Veterans in a joint Memorial Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Members of the

marched with the Sterling Price Camp SCV. This is the first time in the history of the St. Louis area that both organizations participated in a joint ceremony for Memorial Day. Members from both the Sherman Camp and the Grant Camp participated in the color guard. Ed Eller (Sherman), Bob Amsler Jr. and Mike Woulfe (Grant). A riderless horse was supplied by the 10th Missouri Cavalry. Other reenactor units that participated were the 3rd Missouri Infantry, 10th Missouri Cavalry, 34th Illinois Infantry, 9th Missouri Battalion CSA, 11th Mississippi Infantry. Department Commander Steven Leicht, Camp Commander Paul Leistritz, Camp Commander Bob Amsler Jr. and Bob Amsler Sr. Placed flowers on the memorial wreath. Missouri Division Commander Oliver Sappington and LtCol. James Speicher placed flowers on the wreath for the SCV. After the ceremony both organizations went to the Union and Confederate gravesites to do a private ceremony. Daughters of Union Veterans Missouri Department Senior Vice President Betty Chapman gave a speech at the monument the DUV installed in the cemetery.



In an historic ceremony, members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans in St. Louis provide an honor guard on Memorial Day at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Of Paint Balls and Patriots

by Glenn B. Knight
National Signals Officer

It all started when, in my capacity as Webmaster, I received the following email message (I have not corrected the spelling or grammar):

From: PatriotUS@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 1997
To: webmaster@suvcw.org
Subject: Union Veterans

Hey, why don't you guys and the Sons of Confederate Veterans get together and do some cool thing? Y'know, like a huge battle reenactment, (maybe of Gettysburg) or have some paintball guns and stage a deciding victory for all time. Please reply, I'm serious.

Greg Wise

A bit irritated at the level of ignorance being openly demonstrated by this "patriot" I responded and sent copies to most of the National Officers.

Mr. Wise

Because we are a heritage and lineal society chartered to remember the sacrifices of our ancestors, not to engage in mock war games. Once the soldiers came back home they never reenacted their battles with weapons. They would go to the battlegrounds with flowers and outstretched hands and hearts. Their credo was Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and they fought their battles for social good in the houses of state legislatures and Congress.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve, the uniformed department of the SUVCW, came in to being as the early National Guard and at one time was part of the military establishment, being issued "modern" weapons and uniforms. Most recently the SVR has become a ceremonial unit taking part in events like Remembrance Day at Gettysburg where we honor the "boys in blue"

Reenactors abound and on the anniversary of battles you will find them "burning power" in the vicinity of the battlefield. We aim to educate the public, not entertain them. And your idea that we could stage a deciding victory—that sir, was

accomplished in 1865.

I have addressed copies of this reply to a number of my brothers, and they are free to disagree if they wish. I, personally, hold the Order to a higher standard of public service.

Glenn B. Knight

Most of our members reported back that I had done a good job of answering him. Commander in Chief Orr wrote a bit more scathing response and asked if he should send it. I advised that, given the demonstrated level of intelligence, it would do absolutely no good. Brother Orr agreed and didn't send his message. Later he checked the America On Line membership listings and found out a bit more about our message writer. His AOL file, which he filled out himself says:

Member Name: Greg Wise
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Hobbies: Saving the world, taking over the small countries, and that kind of stuff.
Computers: Many
Occupation: U.S. Marine
Personal Quote: S#iT Happens. Flush it and move on.

Brother Orr was unable to control himself when he found this information and I found the following message in my in-box:

Dear Brothers:

I had composed this last week and after discussing it with Bro. Glenn had decided not to send it. But since the cat is out of the bag and this yahoo actually is being paid with my tax dollars to handle arms and ammo, I edited it slightly and sent it. Sorry, Glenn. I couldn't resist.

In F. C. & L.
Rich

Subj: RE: Union Veterans
Date: 97-08-18 11:53:08 EDT
From: SUVCW ORR
To: PatriotUS

Dear Mr. Wise:

Glenn Knight's (USMC Ret.) response to you stated the position

of our Order very clearly regarding your proposal. If you truly are a patriot as your screen name states, perhaps you should rethink your "serious" proposal. I for one find it an insult to the memory and sacrifices of my ancestors. To plunge to gest staging a paintball battle between the SUVCW and SCV to satisfy your banal need for entertainment is licentiousness at its utmost. You, sir, mock and belittle the 5,000,000 plus participants in the Civil War. You have placed the satisfaction of your need for pleasure above the accomplishments of the Civil War veterans.

With a few keystrokes you have demeaned, insulted, slapped in the face, all Union and Confederate soldiers. You have equated the Civil War with any of the hundreds of inane television shows or grade B movies.

I say to you sir, run do not walk, to the nearest Grand Army of the Republic cemetery plot or United Confederate Veteran cemetery plot, throw yourself prostrate upon the ground and beg the forgiveness of those whom you have harmed through your indiscretion. Then go home and apologize to your children for denying them their heritage and their right to know the true meaning of the Civil War and the true history—good, bad, and ugly—of the Civil War. And last but not least, beg your fellow Marines and all the US Marines who have preceded you for their forgiveness for your words debase and besmirch the good and honored name of the United States Marine Corps.

When you have done all that change your screen name. Your actions do not support your claim to being a US patriot.

Sincerely,
Richard D. Orr
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To that I can only add an amen and apologize for the Marine Corps that my wife, my daughter and I have served and continue to serve. Semper Fi.

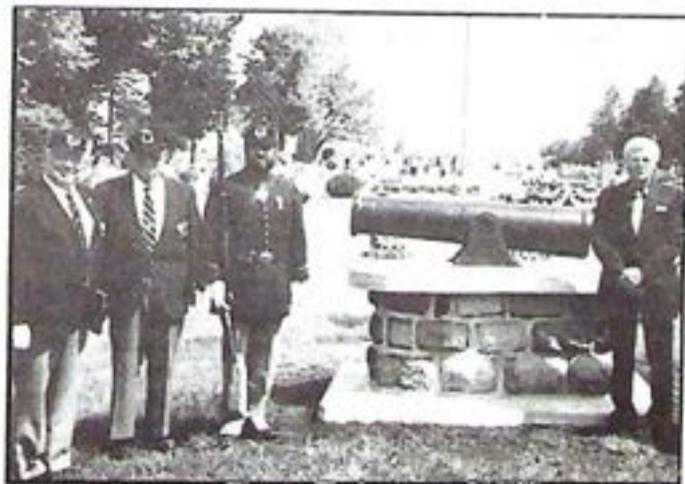
A Success Story:

Returned & Rededicated

In June of 1996, it came to the attention of the Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW, that a Memorial Cannon dedicated by the G.A.R. had been removed from the public cemetery at White Pigeon, Michigan. John Wagner of White Pigeon telephoned Department JVC Kent Armstrong and sent clippings from two local papers. Both articles featured a photo showing the original cannon barrel mounted on a newly constructed carriage. One caption stated, "Ready? Aim. Fire! This cannon, a 24-pound, built Chesterfield County, Va. In 1899 the U.S. War Department shipped the cannon to the G.A.R. Elliott Post in White Pigeon. In 1994 an agreement was made between the White Pigeon Township Board, The St. Joseph County Historical Society and an area industrialist to remove the cannon and replace it with a replica. It (the original cannon) will first be displayed in White Pigeon on May 30, 1996 and then on June 29, it will be heard at the Grand Jubilee at the Kirsch Municipal Airport in Sturgis."

Department Commander David F. Wallace wrote to the 1996 Township Board and respectfully informed them of the SUVCW's claim to the cannon, as legal heir to the G.A.R. His letter closed with, "We respectfully request that this cannon be immediately returned to its rightful place of honor on the monument from which it was removed, and that no further attempts to disturb the sanctity of this monument be made." These sentiments were also conveyed in person, at a following Township Board Meeting, by Commander in Chief Alan R. Loomis and PCinC Keith G. Harrison.

The SUVCW's efforts prevailed! The White Pigeon Township Board voted to secure the return and reinstallation of the original cannon barrel and invited the SUVCW to its rededication. Department of Michigan representatives traveled to White Pigeon on May 26 and delivered a Service of Rededication, adapted by Commander Wallace from the 1917 G.A.R. Service of Dedication.



DEPT. OF MICHIGAN REDEDICATES G.A.R. CANNON—The 24-Pound Howitzer Memorial, erected by Elliott Post 115 of the G.A.R., White Pigeon, Mich., was rededicated at a formal ceremony conducted by the SUVCW, in cooperation with the American Legion and V.F.W. on May 26. Pictured above are, from Left to Right: Past National Secretary & PDC James Lyons; Dept. SVC Paul Hodges; Dept. JVC Kent Armstrong and newly elected White Pigeon Township Supervisor Donald Gloy.

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National Quartermasters Report

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We still have a limited number of the badges struck for the Last Reunion of the Widows in Gettysburg on July 1, 1997. The medal is made of .999 fine silver, two sided. One side honors Daisy Anderson, widow of Robert Anderson, 125th Colored Infantry U.S.A., the other side honors Alberta Martin, widow of Jasper Martin of Co. K, 4th Alabama Infantry, CSA. The ribbon is half blue and half gray. The price is \$55.

We are also taking orders for Sons of Veterans swords in 5 styles. Prices range from \$310 to \$450 and must be paid when placing the order. The manufacturer requires us to place an order of 10 or more at a time. After the orders are placed it will require 8 to 10 weeks for delivery. For more information contact me.

Our Order has been growing faster than ever before, I am happy to report, but because of the increase in new members and the 1997 Price List of Supplies having been printed in the last issue of *The Banner*, I have been receiving a number of requests for information on the supplies. I will try to answer some of those questions here:

No. 202, Membership Certificate—Tri-color, \$5 each. This is a 10"x14" certificate with the SUVCW Coat of Arms and space for your name, your camp name, department, your Civil War Ancestor's name, and a space for your Camp Commander, Department Commander and Commander in Chief's signatures. The certificate comes with the current Commander in Chief's signature already affixed.

No. 301, Supplement to Constitution & Regulations 1996. If you have a C&R printed prior to 1996, this supplement will update it.

No. 361-362-363-364-365, War Medal and Service Bars. A completed Application, Form 5, is needed before these items can be issued.

No. 367-368, Replacement Ribbons. All ribbons except the Associate have a red, white and blue border on each side of a 5/8" center. On the National ribbon the center is gold, on Department it is red, and on members it is blue. On an associate badge, the ribbon is all blue.

No. 369, Service Numerals. Indicate number of years you have been a member. To be attached to any badge.

No. 370, Bronze Recognition Button. Brothers may wear this miniature lower portion of the membership badge as the official recognition button.

No. 371-501-502-503-504-505. These items are for members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

No. 374, 1/8" stars (bronze, silver or gold) to be worn on the miniature medals only. Commander in Chief and Past CinC with a yellow center ribbon may wear three gold stars. Presiding and Past Department Commanders on a red center ribbon wear two silver stars. Presiding and Past Camp Commanders on a blue center ribbon wear a bronze star.

No. 375, Silver Palm. Worn by members who served in the armed forces in time of war.

No. 376, Neck Ribbon. A 36" length of ribbon (state color) for the member to suspend a past commander's badge around the neck for formal occasions.

All orders are assessed a \$3 shipping charge, regardless of size.

An on-line order form is available at <http://suvcw.org/qm.htm>.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Ohio

At the 115th encampment of The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the following officers were elected: Commander, Keith Ashley, Pomeroy; Senior Vice Commander, Mark Eckley, Stow; Junior Vice Commander, David V. Medert, Chillicothe; Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Greenwalt, Alliance. Members of the Department Council: Robert Grim, PDC, Sabina; Richard Smyser, PDC, Canton; James Hilton, PDC, Grove City.

In addition Commander Ashley appointed the following offices: Personal Aide, Rolland Colburn, Pomeroy; Chief of Staff, Robert Davis, Winchester; Patriotic Instructor, Terry Frost, Athens; Chaplin, Ralph Sulser, Vincent; Counselor, Charles Corfman, PCinC, Holmesville; Guide, Thomas Gorrell, Sandyville, WV; Guard, Karl Schaeffer, Massillon; Color Guard Kirby Bauman, Dayton; G.A.R. Highway, Ralph Scott II, Portsmouth; Historian/Graves Register, Tim Park, Manfield; Genealogist, Eric Nagel, Dayton. Commander Ashley, is a resi-

member of several hereditary organizations. Camp commander and organizer of **Brooks-Grant Camp** in Pomeroy, Keith has served the Department of Ohio in many offices and as Senior Vice Commander prior to his election as Department commander.

Commander Ashley is very active in saving Buffinton Island Battlefield, the only battlefield in the state of Ohio. Commander Ashley and the entire Department of Ohio would greatly appreciate any assistance in this preservation effort. The officers were installed by Past Commander in Chief, Charles Corfman.

Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honors Keith Ashley, Commander, and Sarah Cherry, Auxiliary President.

Lancaster, Ohio, the birth place of William T. Sherman, was this year's site of the SUV and Auxiliary to the SUV's recognition dinner honoring Department Commander Keith Ashley and Department President Sarah Cherry.

The program was opened by Robert Davis, Department Chief-of-Staff, with the Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 1 Color Guard serving as color bearers and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim Park, Acting Chaplin, gave the invocation.

Following dinner, department officers, friends and family were introduced that were in attendance. We were fortunate to have



Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from the Department of Tennessee participate at a recent rededication of a local cemetery.

Commander in Chief of The Sons of Union Veterans, Richard Orr.

CinC Orr spoke for a few minutes giving his congratulations and support for the coming year. Also attending the function were Past-Commanders in Chief, Richard Greenwalt, Charles Corfman and David R. Medert.

Musical selections were provided by Commander Ashley and his daughters and Tim Park performed a solo. All in attendance joined in the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

The guest speaker, Si Debolt gave a very informative presentation on the Railroad operations during the Civil War.

The celebration concluded with the Benediction by Chris Park, Department Chaplain and the securing of the colors.

Tennessee

Congratulations to PDC Charles Yates, Organizer. Charter

Camp Commander and member of **Memphis Camp 1** for being named SUVCW Member of the Year by outgoing CinC Allan Loomis at the 116th National Encampment. At a recent camp-meeting, members of Memphis Camp 1 received an outstanding presentation by Brother Tim Jobe of Memphis who creates military miniatures.

Members of the **Fort Donelson Camp 62** were honored to host National Auxiliary President Betty Baker, of New York, National Auxiliary Chief of Staff Michelle Langley, of New York and National Aide Linda Fields, of New York. President Baker activated the first Auxiliary within the **Department of Tennessee** and installed its officers. The officers for Auxiliary 1 are: President, Kim Hoover; Vice President, Deborah Courtney; Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Duffel; Patriotic Instructor, Mary Ellen Forsyth. Meetings were held at the historic Dover Hotel, part of Fort Donelson National Battlefield.

Farragut Camp 6 Commander, John E. Anderson, recently presented, on behalf of CinC Allan Loomis, Certificates and Letters of Appreciation to the Winnie Davis Chapter 24, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Winston Cameron Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for their outstanding efforts in caring for graves of soldiers who served the Union and are buried in the Lauderdale Springs Cemetery in Lauderdale County, Miss.

A final organizational meeting was recently held for **Missionary Ridge Camp 63**. Camp officers elected to serve the remainder of 1997 are: Camp Commander, Frank Harned; SVC, Mark Kemp; JVC, Bill Shackelford; Camp Council, John Brooks, Bill Shackelford and Mark Kemp and Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Bock. Appointed Officers are: Patriotic Instructor, Carl Latham; Chaplain, Harold Taylor; Guide, Stephen Newton; Color Bearer, Douglas Towne and Guard, Robert Newman. Rev. John Sims of Chattanooga was recently awarded a Patriotic Instructor Certificate of Appreciation for his patriotism and support of the flag.

The Department of Tennessee proudly announces a new camp, the **Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson Camp 1** of Alabama, organized by Brother Allan W. Howey of Montgomery. This new camp, the first in Alabama, will remain a member of the Department of Tennessee until a Department is formed in Alabama.

Congratulations to the **Fort Donelson Camp 62** which was awarded the William H. Bell Membership Award and the Henry Hoover Membership

Award for the largest percentage of growth and initiation of the most new members for 1996/1997.

The **Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke Tent No 2 Tennessee** (detached) Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War received its charter April 19. This was the same day as the Tennessee Department Encampment SUVCW. Sister Ruth Marie Funck, PNP was the installing officer.

They currently have thirty-one charter members with one being a real daughter, Sister Jewel Gadberry Huffman. She is the sister of Walden Gadberry who is one of the three real sons in **Farragut Camp No 6**.

Vermont

William Scott Camp 302 from Barre & Montpelier, Vt. received the third place award for their Color Guard Unit in the July 4th parade marching from Woodsville, N.H. to Wells River, Vt. The prize is a \$50 check.

Camp Senior Vice Commander Daniel Whitcher organized the effort which included members from the **H.E.K. Hall Camp 28** in Chelsea, Vt.

The Camp which was started a year ago has marched in three parades so far.

The camp also held a Civil War forum in Montpelier which over 80 people attended under the guidance of Camp Commander Thomas McKenna. Plans are underway for a second forum.

Camp members have also assisted Dept Commander Floyd Blodgett at Civil War night at the state house generating Civil War Veteran Family research documents.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department Commander Glenn B. Knight and Pennsylvania Auxiliary Department President Beverly D. Knight were guests of honor at a Joint Testimonial Luncheon Aug. 23 in Lancaster. The event was co-sponsored by **Brobst Camp 23**, Lititz, and **Gen. George H. Thomas Camp 19** and its Auxiliary, Lancaster. Commander Knight is a past camp commander of Camp 23. President Knight is serving as president of Auxiliary 19. Colors were presented by the 30th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company E, in which both Knights are members and first person interpreters. Master of Ceremonies J. D. Jenkins introduced David M. Sullivan, author of the series of books titled, *The U. S. Marine Corps in the Civil War* who outlined the heroic action of the Marines at Bull Run and debunked the untruths that have become accepted. Music was provided by the Hard Luck Singers who presented period music to the assembly, about half of which was in period attire. Eighty four people, including Commander in Chief Richard D. Orr, attended to honor the department leaders at the Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster. J. D. Jenkins, of Camps 19 and 23, and Past Department President Peggy Frantz, of Auxiliary 19, served as co-chairs for the event. The Knights are both Marine Corps veterans.

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