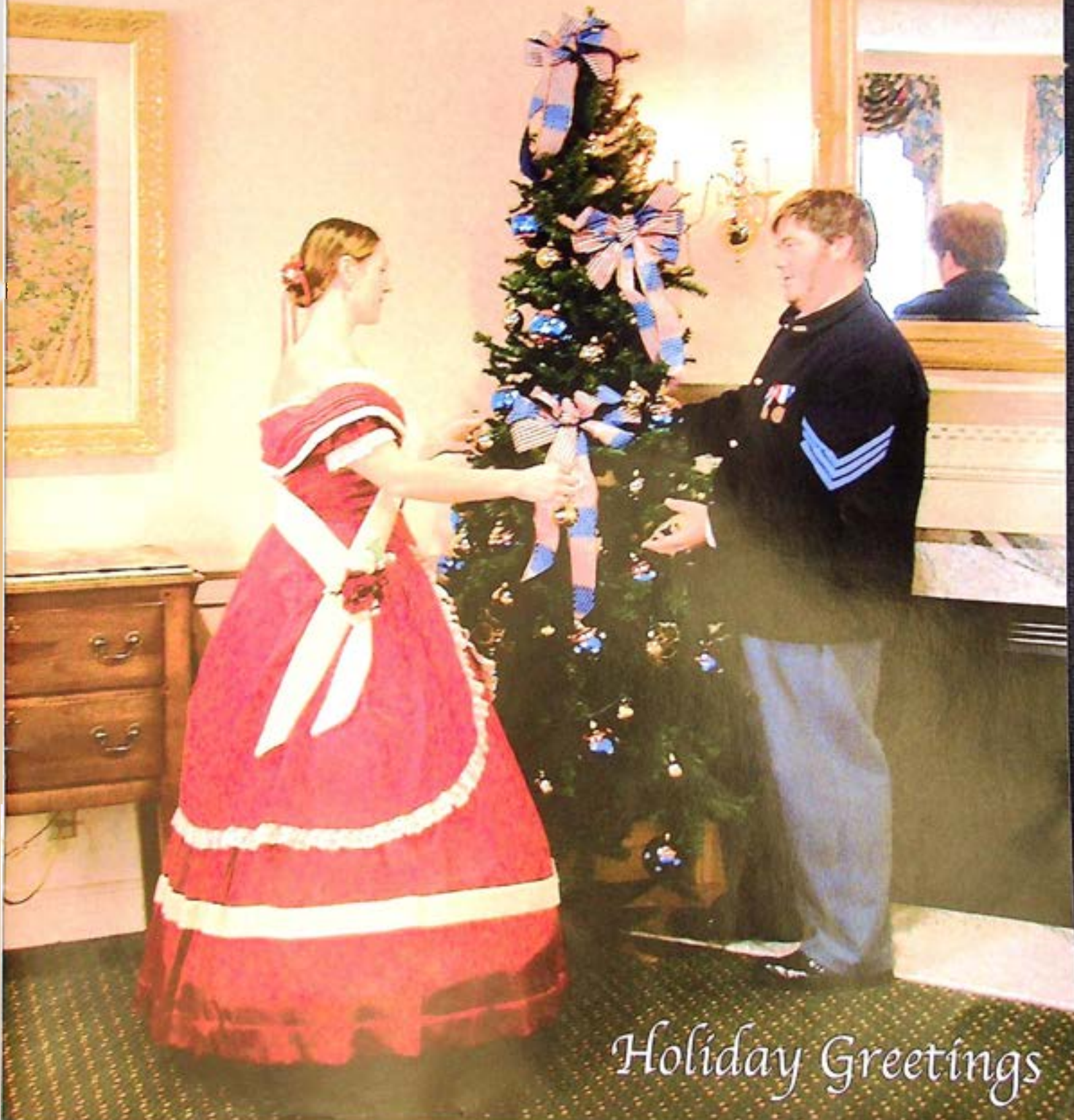


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*Holiday Greetings*



NEWLY INSTALLED AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HONORED - Michelle E. Langley, newly-installed national president, is honored with a luncheon Oct. 2, 2004 in Waterloo, N.Y. Past presidents attending are Bea Greenwalt, Frances Murray, Catherine Zapatka, Mary Scofield, Eileen Coombs, Faye Carlisle, Betty Baker and Mary Jo Long.



AT RIGHT: AUXILIARY 10 AT GETTYSBURG - The ladies of Auxiliary 10 of Scranton, PA, unveil the new Camp and auxiliary banner at the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg Nov. 20. From left: Judy Wolfe, Meg Hart and President Mary Solger. -Photo by Howard Wolfe



THE HANDSHAKE - Participants of the annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies at Gettysburg gather at The Angle for the traditional Handshake Across the Wall Bill Ryerson Photo



AT THE PODIUM - National C-in-C Steve Michaels addresses those attending annual Remembrance Day services at Gettysburg Nov. 20, 2004. Behind him is Col. Elmer Atkinson, chairman.

- Photo by Cher Petrovic



AT THE BALL - Lauren Daghini, Hillary Scull, 28th Regimental Bandmaster Richard Cummines and daughter Lori Cummines-Huck pause at the Blue and Grey Ball to display the ladies' custom creations.

- John M. Hart Jr. Photo

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ON THE COVER: The ballroom lobby of the Gettysburg Hotel provides the setting for our annual Holiday Greetings cover as Sgt. John M. Hart III, SVR, of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 of Scranton, PA, assists sister Elizabeth Mary of Auxiliary 10, also of Scranton, in applying the finishing touches to a festive and patriotic Christmas tree.

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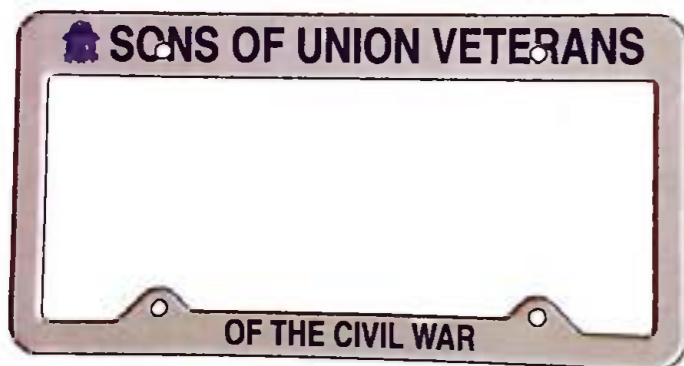
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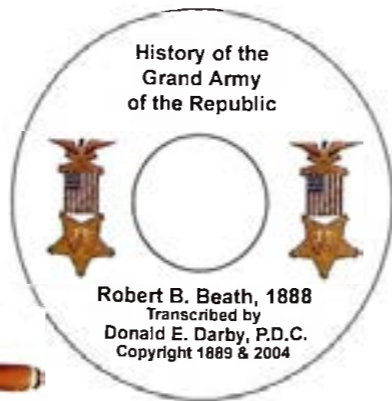
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### General Orders No. 4 SERIES 2004-2005

It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order:  
**Corporal James Tanner Camp 134**, Department of New York, located at Cobleskill, NY, with date of rank from 15 October 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Floyd J. DeWitt, Camp Organizer.

**Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6**, Department-at-Large, located at Eugene, Oregon, with rank from 20 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Harold J. Slavik, Jr., Camp Organizer.

**Colonel James D. Brady Camp 63**, Department of Maryland, located at Petersburg, Virginia, with rank from 21 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. Bill Rose, Camp Organizer.

**Almeron J. Patchin Camp 26**, Department of California & Pacific, located at Los Molinos, California, with rank from 21 November 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Br. John P. Patchin, Camp Organizer.

Ordered this 21st day of November 2004.

### General Orders No. 5 SERIES 2004-2005

1. Sincere thanks go to all Brothers, who actively observed Veterans Day this year. We owe so much to the more than 48 million Americans, who have served in our Armed Forces over the last 228 years. As we enjoy the holiday season, let us be mindful of the sacrifices being made by our Nation's military in harm's way.

2. I am pleased to announce that our Council of Administration has voted unanimously to again waive the national per capita for any Brother serving in an active combat zone as of January 1, 2005.

To request a waiver of national per capita, a Camp must indicate on a sheet of paper that names, rank and unit of each Brother being exempted. Please

note that the Brother must be in an active combat area/zone to qualify for the exemption. For purposes of implementation, any Brother deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan shall be deemed to be in an active combat zone.

3. All Departments and Camps are encouraged to likewise waive Department and Camp dues for these Brothers for the year 2005.

Ordered this 24th day of November 2004.

### General Orders No. 6 SERIES 2004-2005

1. The observance of "Union Defenders Day" was established by the Sons in 1890. All Brothers are encouraged to observe President Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 2005

2. The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will again be held at 11 a.m., April 15th at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. The GAR Founder's Day Ceremony, honoring the Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, will be held Saturday, April 16th, at 2 p.m., at Rosehill Cemetery in nearby Petersburg, Illinois. All brothers are encouraged to attend these events.

3. The National Council of Administration will conduct its Spring meeting on Saturday, April 16th, at 8 a.m., in the basement of the Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield, Illinois. Our thanks to PDC Ronald Clark and Gen. John A. McClermand Camp 4 for their assistance with the arrangements for the Lincoln Tomb and GAR Founder Ceremonies, and Council meeting.

4. The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial will be held in 2009. PCinC Alan R. Loomis is hereby appointed liaison and point of contact for this project. Many states, in particular Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, where Lincoln lived, have already formed task forces to begin preparations. Wherever practical, Camps and Departments should offer their assistance, coordinating their inquiries and other communications with PCinC Loomis.

Ordered this 2nd day of December 2004.

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## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Council of Administration Meeting August 15, 2004 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The National Council of Administration meeting was held at the Collins Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA on August 15, 2004. Council Members present were: C-in-C Stephen A. Michaels, SVC-in-C Donald E. Darby, JVC-in-C James B. Pahl, National Secretary Michael S. Bennett, National Treasurer Max L. Newman, National Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, PC-in-C Kent L. Armstrong, Council Of Administration Members PDC Robert B. Petrovic, PDC David P. Stephen, PDC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC Leo F. Kennedy, PDC D. Brad Schall, PC-in-C George L. Powell, PC-in-C Elmer F. Atkinson, and PC-in-C Edward J. Krieser. Also present were Chief of Staff Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PDC Todd A. Shillington, PDC Gary Gibson, PDC Les Weber, Camp Commander R. Keith Young, and SUVCW Executive Director Lee F. Walters.

Following an inspirational opening prayer by Brother Kuhn, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by C-in-C Michaels, the new voting members of the Council of Administration were introduced and welcomed. C-in-C Michaels thanked the Commanders-in-Chief for their service and guidance, and specifically cited PC-in-C Krieser for his hard work as National Secretary during the past three years. PC-in-C Kent L. Armstrong was then welcomed and invited to address the Council regarding use of the website Boardroom. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that National Officers would continue to use the aol e-mail addresses currently in place, until National Webmaster Kent Peterson has suvcw.org addresses up and running. National Treasurer Newman will provide aol e-mail information to the newly elected Officers. PC-in-C Armstrong then presented Treasurer Newman with a love token from the National Auxiliary in the sum of \$250.

CinC Michaels then brought up the subject of the Encampment Site Committee and the resultant concern over PC-in-C Charles Corfman's health. He announced that PDC James Houston would be chairing the committee with PC-in-C Charles W. Corfman and PDC Robert Petrovic serving as members of the committee. C-in-C Michaels noted that both the Auxiliary and the LGAR made a specific request to have input into the planning of the National Encampment.

The Council then addressed the subject of the Office of National Member-at-Large Coordinator. It was moved

by Brother Petrovic and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby that DC Linn Hoadley be selected to continue serving in this Office. The vote was unanimous. It was noted that it would be desirable to clone Brother Hoadley, whose performance during the past year has been exemplary.

Due, in part, to Brother Hoadley's good work and success in having applicants quickly placed into Camps, and to the logical connection between the two positions, C-in-C Michaels suggested that Brother Hoadley would be an ideal candidate to serve as National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer.

It was so moved by SVC-in-C Darby and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. The vote was unanimous. It was further moved by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler, that NMAL dues be maintained at \$30. The motion passed unanimously. SVC-in-C Darby then moved, and PC-in-C Armstrong seconded, that the on-line application fee of \$41 (\$31 per capita + \$10 application fee) be maintained. The motion passed unanimously.

The matter of the Hearing Council charged with hearing the matter of charges filed against Brother Douglass Knight of the Department of Massachusetts by PC-in-C Armstrong (during his term as C-in-C) was then discussed. The six-member Council, a seventh member having been recused, deliberated over the evidence presented, and their findings were submitted to then-SVC-in-C Michaels prior to the National Encampment and to Brother Knight by priority mail. The findings will be included in a forthcoming General Order, after Brother Knight has had the opportunity to appeal.

Brother Petrovic then addressed the Council on behalf of the SUVCW Foundation. Having presented the Council with a list, last year, containing all of the items the Foundation wishes to receive license approval for, with regard to use of the SUVCW name and logo, Brother Petrovic moved that the list be accepted again and the licenses renewed for two years. JVC-in-C Pahl offered a friendly amendment to indicate in the list of merchandise that the lapel pin is not to be substituted for the membership badge or miniature badge. Following discussion, the amendment was accepted, the amended motion seconded, and the new motion passed unanimously.

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On the subject of advertising in The Banner, SVC-in-C Darby suggested that Foundation advertising be provided on the paper wrapper which covers The Banner. National Quartermaster Wheeler moved that one page of Foundation advertising be included in The Banner each issue, either on the wrapper or an inside page. SVC-in-C Darby clarified that his suggestion had intended for the advertising to be on the wrapper, rather than the more costly interior pages. JVC-in-C Pahl offered the friendly amendment that the provided advertising be at no cost to the Foundation. SVC-in-C Darby noted that this was his expectation. National Quartermaster Wheeler accepted the amendment as that was his assumption as well. The motion passed unanimously. Extensive discussion ensued concerning the possible location for such advertising and costs.

Brother Petrovic suggested that a list should be created and maintained detailing all SUVCW licensed merchandise. National Secretary Bennett was charged with exploring this concept. He noted that, as all licenses were scheduled to terminate at this 123rd National Encampment, it should be a simple matter to start such a listing at this time, adding items as their licenses are approved.

Presentations were then made to the Council of Administration from Departments and Camps wishing to receive licenses to use the SUVCW name and/or logo on merchandise:

Twombly Camp 2, Department of Iowa, PDC Dr. Les Weber: Embroidered SUVCW Camp hats with text not to obstruct SUVCW name or logo

Approval moved by SVC-in-C Darby and seconded by PC-in-C Armstrong. Vote unanimous.

Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Department of Maryland, Camp Commander R. Keith Young: Shirts/Hats w/ embroidered Camp name & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Only to be sold within the Camp

Approval moved by JVC-in-C Pahl and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby. Vote unanimous.

Gen. Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, Patriotic Instructor Gary Gibson, PDC: Sweatshirt w/ logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Also to be used on golf shirt with Camp name and number only within Camp

Approval moved and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of New York, PDC Todd A. Shillington: PDC's Badge Suspension/Name Bar with Department Symbol

No use of SUVCW logo or name. Device authorized in Constitution and Regulations. Approval not required by Council of Administration. Suggested that documentation be provided by those purchasing such device to ensure it is sold to PDCs or for PDCs.

Department of Ohio, SVC-in-C Don Darby: Get Well/ Sympathy Cards featuring logo & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by PC-in-C Armstrong and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of Wisconsin: Multi-purpose road sign featuring logo & Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Approval moved and seconded. Vote unanimous.

Department of Pennsylvania, PDC Charles Kuhn, Jr.: Items for Gifts and Post-Encampment Sale related to 125th Anniversary Encampment

Motion by Brother Kuhn that PA, being the local Site Committee for the 2006 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, be allowed to use the words 125th Anniversary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the logo (unobstructed) on merchandise related to Encampment and for pre and post-Encampment sale to offset the cost of the

Encampment. Seconded by National Quartermaster Wheeler. Vote unanimous.

Sydney Camp 41, Department of New York, PC-in-C Danny Wheeler: Silk-screened logo caps (mesh and solid) and logo on medallions & paperweights

Approval moved by PC-in-C Wheeler and seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, PCC Lee F. Walters: Brass Belt Buckle with SUVCW logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by PDC Kuhn and seconded by National QM Wheeler. Vote unanimous.

Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, PCC Lee F. Walters: License Plate Frame with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and logo

License Plate with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, SUVCW and logo

License Plate Frame on Foundation merchandise list, therefore license not available. Plate approval moved by PC-in-C Armstrong, seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Ross Camp 1, Department of Pennsylvania, PC-in-C George L. Powell: Mat featuring SUVCW logo, Camp name and number, and Sons of Union Veterans

Approval moved and subsequently seconded by PDC Petrovic. Vote unanimous.

Given Camp 51, Department of Ohio: Camp & Department Flags

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by PDC Stephen. Vote unanimous.

Department of Michigan: Gold Bullion SUVCW Pocket Patch with logo or coat of arms SUV Wreath Kepi/hat pin

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SUVCW Mouse Pad featuring logo and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by PDC Stephen. Vote unanimous.

US Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri: Embroidered logo Satin Jacket Embroidered logo Polo Shirt, Embroidered logo Denim Shirt, Embroidered logo Sweatshirt, Porcelain Coffee Mugs, Plastic Name Placards, Station Banners, Camp/Department Banners

Approval moved by National QM Wheeler and seconded by JVC-in-C Pahl. Vote unanimous.

It was noted that approval was given to the Department of Massachusetts for use of the image of the membership badge and the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on a Bumper Sticker.

A token/coin, produced by the Mitchell Camp 4, Department of Florida, for use only within their Camp and featuring neither the SUVCW logo nor the words Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War did not require a license from the Council of Administration. The National Secretary was instructed to notify the Camp of this decision.

SVC-in-C Darby moved, but without second urged that any Camps or Departments known to have merchandise requiring licenses, who have not obtained or renewed them as required at this meeting, be contacted by the National

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Secretary so that they may formally make such request of the Council.

C-in-C Michaels noted that the 123rd Encampment voted that the Programs and Policy Committee should review and revise the Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers Form 22 and the Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers Form 49 to include space for full mailing and e-mail addresses, as well as the Annual Camp and Department Report Forms 27 and 35 to include an adequate way to recording Life, Honorary, Junior Members.

From the Resolutions Committee, it was noted that the National Secretary needs to look into a National Parks Department letter regarding funding. National Secretary Bennett was instructed to check with PC-in-C Grim regarding past action on this matter.

C-in-C Michaels informed the Council that PC-in-C Powell will chair the Rituals and Ceremonies Committee, and will be working on formalizing SUVCW funeral services for use by our membership.

Sample posters promoting Remembrance Day in Gettysburg were then shown to the Council. A favorite was chosen for use. Additional information will be added including indication of SUVCW and SVR sponsorship, our website address, and instructions to visit the website for event details. JVC-in-C Pahl moved that the cost for the posters come from the Special Projects Fund. SVC-in-C Darby offered a friendly amendment to direct that the funds come from the Contingency Fund. The amendment was accepted by JVC-in-C Pahl and the amended motion was seconded by National QM Wheeler. The vote was unanimous.

PDC Stephen moved that the Constitution and Regulations Committee explore a possible change to the C & R, Article 7 Section 6, to add a National Officer to oversee and provide continuity within the Encampment Site Committee. SVC-in-C Darby offered the friendly amendment that the Committee report on their investigation at the November Council of Administration Meeting in Gettysburg. C-in-C Michaels noted that he can, and will direct the Committee to do so. The motion was withdrawn.

National Treasurer Newman confirmed the policy regarding travel reimbursement policy for National Officers representing the C-in-C in attending Department Encampments. The sum of \$300 is available to National Officers representing the C-in-C, with his authority, to assist with travel and accommodations.

Treasurer Newman then brought up the matter of our Order's inability to retain an accountant as no CPA can be found who will provide the services required for the budgeted amount of \$2400. It was moved by National

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Quartermaster Wheeler and seconded by SVC-in-C Darby that Treasurer Newman be reimbursed the budgeted amount of \$2400 for the accounting services he provides. The motion passed with Treasurer Newman's abstention. Brother Kuhn was not present for the vote.

After a brief discussion, C-in-C Michaels stated that he will authorize Council Member Stephen to further investigate, on behalf of the Council of Administration, the matter of an Iowa property potentially offered for SUVCW/SVR/Re-enactment use.

PC-in-C Krieser asked about the forthcoming use of suvcw.org e-mail addresses, and when they will replace the existing aol addresses. It was estimated that at least three or four weeks will be required, possibly more, and it was suggested that the aol addresses continue to be used throughout this transition, and that the new address be provided in the next issue of The Banner.

National Quartermaster Wheeler stated that there should be no interruption in Quartermaster service during the transition from PC-in-C Atkinson. PC-in-C Wheeler expects to be taking and filling orders within 2 weeks.

PDC Kennedy stated that there has been poor performance with the online Graves Registration database and that the current database is simply not functioning correctly. The previous seven month period has been an ongoing "test." SVC-in-C Darby recommended that the Graves Registration Committee Chair examine the situation for 30 days and then make a decision as to whether progress is likely to be made, or if other avenues should be explored. C-in-C Michaels gave PC-in-C Armstrong authorization to speak with the SCV regarding their experiences and current progress with a similar project. As there is some uncertainty as to how much should have been paid thus far for the services provided in this project, it was suggested that the National Treasurer and Secretary check the 2001 financial records and meeting minutes from the 2001 mid-winter COA meeting to confirm how much was allocated for this project, and how it was to be disbursed.

JVC-in-C Pahl provided copies of the revised Executive Director Contract/Retainer Agreement for the review of the Council, which contains changes to the contract including an increase to \$15,000 per year, and acknowledgement of the many additional duties the Executive Director is performing beyond those originally outlined. JVC-in-C Pahl moved the revised agreement be approved. This was seconded by SVC-in-C Darby and approved unanimously by vote of the Council.

Amendments to the SUVCW Regulations, as approved by the 123rd National Encampment, were provided to the Council and will be incorporated into the Regulations and then forwarded to the Constitution and Regulations

Committee for their approval. If/when approved, the revisions will be published on the SUVCW website.

JVC-in-C Pahl also noted that it would be helpful if as many SUVCW members as possible knew each others' e-bay user names so that we might have the opportunity to elect not to bid against our Brothers.

PDC Gary Gibson was asked if he could provide a list of Department symbols to the Council to be shared with the Departments.

The Council will maintain contact with the Department of Missouri, and the other entities involved, regarding the upcoming burial of a Civil War soldier in May of 2005.

It was then noted that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 will be holding their 2007 Encampment in St. Louis as will the Sons. The Daughters have elected to cancel their own banquet in order to attend ours. Investigations are underway to see if the Daughters might hold their Encampment in the same hotel as the Sons and Auxiliary as well.

PC-in-C Atkinson brought to the Council's attention that, according to revised Regulations, past elected National Officers are entitled to wear the membership badge with a yellow ribbon. This ribbon is not currently available through our National Quartermaster. Discussion ensued concerning how the ribbon should be made available, either separately or already affixed to the SUVCW membership badge. National Quartermaster Wheeler will investigate this and the National Quartermaster's Order Form will be revised to include the new item(s), as well as the possible requirement of certification by the National Secretary.

Following a motion and second, and a brief benediction, the Council of Administration meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in  
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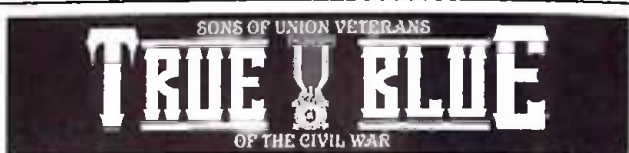
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### Ohio Camp re-dedicates Monument

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General William Lytle SUVCW Camp 10, of Cincinnati, Ohio continues to keep the pledge made by their forefathers.

On 11 October 2004, members of General William Lytle Camp 10, along with National and Department Officers, met in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio to re-dedicate this monument.

At the original ceremony, the GAR comrades planted the Norway Maple Tree and erected a plaque on which was inscribed "1861-1865, Morris McMillian Post Number 58, Department of Ohio, G.A.R." During this past year disease and damage took the life of the Norway Maple and it had to be cut down for safety reasons. Camp 10 seized the day, and worked to replace the tree in its original site as well as re-set the plaque with the assistance of county employees.

The love of Clinton County for its veterans was displayed in many way throughout the years. When the McMillian Post first formed in 1884 it met for over 30 years in a rented hall. A new court house was planned for the County in 1915 and the GAR Post appointed a committee to meet with the building commission in hopes of securing a meeting place in the new court house which was scheduled to be completed in 1919. However, the building commission had already planned on accommodating the Post by affording them a meeting room, as a show of gratitude. In October 1919 the new Court House was open for business, on November 14, 1919 Post 58 conducted its first meeting on the FIRST FLOOR meeting room.

The GAR Post was named in memory of Morris McMillan, First Sergeant, Company C, 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On July 20, 1864, while the 79th was hotly engaged with the enemy, First Sergeant Morris McMillan was killed during the Battle of Peach Tree Creek near Atlanta, Georgia.

McMillan Post made many contributions to the community and to their fallen comrades, perhaps the two most notable was the contribution and dedication of the GAR Civil War Monument at Soldier's Point, a burial site for Union Veterans at Sugar Grove Cemetery, in

Wilmington and the other was the lone Norway Maple at the Court House.

General Lytle Post 10 continues the work of their forefathers so that their sacrifices will "be kept ever green in our memory."

## Department of New Hampshire

By Dan Meehan

**Camp Commander, Camp # 5**

Charles W. Canney Camp #5, SUVCW based in Rochester, N.H. had begun a project in 2003 that will take the Camp to towns around the State of New Hampshire that do not currently have a Civil War Monument.

The town of New Durham, N.H. was selected as the first to receive this honor. The project consists of: raising money within that town, purchasing a memorial, and publicly dedicating the memorial. The monument is a slated granite stone (fitting as New Hampshire is the Granite State.)

Members of the Camp met with the Board of Selectmen in March of 2003. The Camp raised funds and awareness with the help of the town's library and the New Durham Historical Society. On October 12, 2003 the goal of raising \$1000 was achieved. After a Civil War Encampment was held, sponsored by the Historical Society.

The Camp worked with Stephen Roy's Monument in Rochester who helped design the memorial. When the time came the Camp ordered the meorial and held a formal Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony in front of the Town Hall on May 25, 2004.



*Junior Member Zachary Nason unveils memorial.*

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

By Robert Wolz

National SUVCW Historian

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They too produced a membership badge, lapel pin, buttons & belt buckles. The badge has the same flag ribbon used on the GAR badge. Miniature rank straps were used to indicate position just as in the GAR. The buttons and belt buckle contain the monogram "SV."

Stationary, calling cards, and printed literature bearing their badge can still be found. Many Grand Army members on the national level did not approve of their sons imitating their posts. They felt the veterans had earned titles in battle while their sons were "playing soldier" and wearing uniforms and insignia that rightfully should be used by the GAR alone. At the 21st GAR National Encampment held in St. Louis, Missouri on September 28-30, 1887, this resolution proposed:

"That we regret the action of the Sons of Veterans in some instances of calling their local organizations "posts" and appropriating to each other the fraternal name of "Comrade" believing that these terms should remain exclusive features of the Grand Army of the Republic." [iii] The New York delegates successfully defeated this resolution, but the ill feelings are clear. In 1889, the Post system merged into the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. organization.

In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Major Augustus P. Davis organized the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania in 1881. This organization quickly changed its name to Sons of Veterans of the United States of America reflecting their national expansion. [iv] A ritual, bylaws, constitution, and membership and officers badges were created. Major Davis proved to be the superior organizer. His Order quickly spread throughout Western Pennsylvania and into Ohio and the west. He incorporated the Order in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and the National Order operated under this charter for a number of years. Both the Grand Army of the Republic and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion held Major Davis in high regard and he used his influence in both to expand his Sons organization. The official founding of his first camp (Davis Camp #1) is November 12, 1881. As the founding Camp of the Order, they alone were given permission to carry a flag of solid gold background bearing the coat of arms of the Order. By the summer of 1882, a national organization had been established with chapters in thirteen States. A National Encampment was called on Wednesday, October 28, 1882.

The constitution, bylaws, ritual and insignia of Major Davis' Sons organization were approved for national use. A flag for the National organization consisting of red, white and blue vertical stripes with the coat of arms of the Order in the center and words "Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans United States of America" was also approved. [v] Harry T. Rowley of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was elected Commander-in-Chief, Charles M. Durfee of Decatur, Illinois was elected Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief and Wheeler C. Wikoff of Columbus, Ohio was elected Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

In order to expand the Order further, Major Davis divided the country into five Grand Divisions. [vi] A prominent Son, usually also active in the GAR, dedicated to expanding the Sons organization headed each Grand Division. These Grand Division Commanders were Isaac S. Bangs, Waterville, Maine; Frank Challis, New Hampshire; H.P. Kent, Massachusetts; William Ross, Baltimore, Maryland; Raphael Tobias, New York; Eliot Howard Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; William Maskell, Chicago, Illinois; Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio; R.M.J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; A.P. Davis, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Charles S. Cryder, Missouri; Leland Webb, Topeka, Kansas and A.V. Bohn of Leadville, Colorado. Grand Divisions existed from 1882 until 1885. [vii] The officers of each Grand Division were Commander, Lieutenant Commander, Vice Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant General, Chief of Staff, Chief Mustering Officer, Inspector General, Medical Director, Chaplain, Ordinance Officer, Quartermaster General and Judge Advocate General.

The Grand Divisions were regional organizations and were remembered rather than having a name, Divisions (State Departments) reported to these regional headquarters and the Grand Divisions reported to the national organization known as the Commandery-in-Chief or national organization.

Grand Army Commander-in-Chief George Merrill as early as 1882 encouraged the expansion of the Son of Veterans organization, but stated the future policy of the GAR toward their allied orders. "I am opposed to opening the doors of the Grand Army of the Republic, to any person whatever, who was not himself among the defenders of the Union against rebellion. No one, not even our sons, can appreciate the memories of camp and march, of bivouac and battle, as those who were participants therein; the scenes of the great struggle can never be to them what they are to us; and while purposes are

akin to ours, let our own recruiting ranks be only those closed forever with the end of the war, and when the last veteran shall receive his final discharge from life's army, let there close with him, except in its glorious record and bright memory, the last scene in the life of the Grand Army of the Republic." [viii]

The Sons of Veterans, USA soon became the dominant organization. Membership in the original 1882 Constitution was based upon a complex rule of primogenity. The First Class of membership was for the eldest son of the Veteran. The Second Class was the eldest living son of a First Class member. Upon his father's death he replaced him as a First Class member. The Third Class was open to the eldest sons of collateral lines if the veteran or veteran's son had no male heirs. The Fourth Class was open to boys as young as fourteen who were named "Cadet Recruits" and could participate in the Sons of Veterans Fife and Drum Corps. [ix] They paid the muster fee and one-half dues until their eighteenth birthday. Local chapters were mustered with no less than 15 men who were 18 years of age (sometimes, 21 years old) [x] and were known as "Camps." Their members referred to each other as "Brothers." The Camps were named, like the GAR, after deceased veterans, battles or their location. By 1887, the rule of primogenity was dropped as a requirement and the new eligibility read "all male descendants not less than eighteen years of age of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, etc." [xi]

Each Camp was to maintain a Fife and Drum Corps with a bugler to provide service for parades and funerals. Also the position of a Camp Surgeon consisting of a medical professional that provided gratuitous medical advice and treatment to needy member was a required Camp Officer.

From 1881 until 1903, the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A., was "military in its character and ceremonial work and was officered in accordance with Army Regulations. Camps maintained the same order and work as companies; Divisions (or State organizations) correspond to regiments, and the Commandery-in-Chief (or National organization) to the army. The Captain who served as President, a First Lieutenant who served as First Vice President and a Second Lieutenant who served as Second Vice President were elected by ballot. The Captain then appointed a staff consisting of an Orderly Sergeant who served as secretary, a Quartermaster-Sergeant who served as treasurer, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, Sergeant of the Guard, Corporal of the Guard, Musician, Camp Guard

and Picket Guard. [xii]

The elected Division Officers were the Commander with the rank of Colonel, Lieutenant Commander, Vice Lieutenant Commander, Chaplain, and three members of the Division Council. Appointed Divisions Officers included, an Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer, Adies-de-Camp, Sergeant Major, Quartermaster-Sergeant and Sergeants who served as clerks to the elected officers.

Many Colonels who lead Divisions commanded five to eight thousand men. Most Captains in charge of a Camp commanding 50 to 60 men. [xiii]

The Commandery-in-Chief elected officers consisted of the Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, Vice Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief, Chief of Staff, Judge Advocate General, Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain-in-Chief, and three members of the Council-in-Chief. The following were appointed National Officers: Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General, Assistant Inspector-General and Aides-de-Camp.

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## Massachusetts passes law protecting grave markers, flags

After a great deal of effort on the part of the Members of the Department of Massachusetts and Veteran friendly legislators in the State government,

a new law was finally passed in May 2004. The law forbids the removal of any "...veteran's grave marker or metal plaque, veteran's flag holder that commemorates a particular war, conflict or period of service or flag..." (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 73.)

The efforts began in August 2002, when Veterans in the Westfield area discovered that St. Mary's Cemetery, a private cemetery owned by the Springfield Diocese, had removed flags and flag holders from Veteran's graves during the course of their maintenance of the grounds.

The cemetery management claimed that, as St. Mary's is a private cemetery, the existing State law did not apply to their management of it. A legal battle ensued in Hampden Superior Court, and the cemetery was able to continue removing the markers through the use of a loop hole which they claimed existed in the State law regarding such activity.

On September 15, 2002, at a Department meeting of the SUVCW, held at Sturbridge, MA, it was voted that the Department Secretary should contact the State's Attorney General's office and request a ruling as to whether the removal of flags and markers from Veterans' graves was legal under Massachusetts law. Department Secretary Bill Ryerson contacted Massachusetts Representative Paul Casey, who had the request for a ruling from the Attorney General, on behalf of the Department. The Attorney General declined to rule on the matter, stating that a ruling by him was not proper, due to the court action or appeals which were pending.

Frustrated but not defeated, Representative Casey suggested new legislation which would contain precise language protecting flags and flag holders. He then drafted the bill and submitted it as House Bill 2390. The Westfield Veterans and other groups also contacted their legislators, who filed similar bills. After more than a year of hearings, in which the related bills were discussed and differences reconciled, H2390 became the bill that survived and finally passed in the House of Representatives.

Upon passing of the bill in the House, Representative Casey contacted Secretary Ryerson, and suggested that, in order to avoid the long delays that the bill went through in the House, he should contact

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## FINAL MUSTER

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the following Brothers.

Some day we hope that all of us will stand face to face with God before His Heavenly Throne. Let us take a moment to remember those who have gone before us.

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National Chaplain.

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## Patriotic Instructor's Notes . . . *What was important to the Grand Army of the Republic?*

By Bruce B. Butgereit  
National Patriotic Instructor

Most of us know that some of the reasons behind the creation of the Grand Army of the Republic included petitioning for soldier's pensions, assisting widows and orphans, the creation of homes for veterans of the Civil War, and camaraderie. These were issues that were current in 1866 and needed the most attention. It was also at this time that the memories of the war were still fresh in the minds of the people and respect for the veteran and the flag were for the most part, first and foremost.

But as with most things, we seem to forget, become complacent, and take for granted the events that have molded our lives.; all those flags, and shows of patriotism that followed September 11 - where are they today?

The same held true for the times following the Civil War - by the late 1800s, the Industrial Revolution was occurring, there was another war to talk about and the boys of 1861-1865 had become old men.

In conducting years of research on the various events the GAR and its Allied Orders were involved in, you will find that they were fully aware that they were becoming forgotten men and the results of their sacrifice were lost on the new generation, the quotes from various speeches and conversations tell of their concern and the need for the public to remember. While still uncomfortable in talking about himself, the old soldier held nothing back in speaking out against the efforts to commercialize Decoration Day and the patriotic duty of all to respect the dear oldflag.

This concern is borne in looking out at an early 1900's GAR form - The Annual Report of Post Patriotic Instructor to Department Patriotic Instructor. After asking if a Patriotic Instructor had been appointed and installed (a reason was required if the answer was "no"), the questions turned to more important issues. The questions included:

1. *How many school buildings in the locality where your Post has jurisdiction?*
2. *Are the schools supplied with flags?*

3. *Do pupils take an interest in the raising and lowering of the flag?*

4. *Is the salute to the flag given in schools? Daily? or occasionally?*

5. *Is there observance of special patriotic days? Birthdays of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14th) Patriot's Day [search the internet for more on this one] April 19th.*

6. *Do teachers show a lively interest in patriotic observances?*

7. *Do Comrades visit the schools to assist you in this work?*

8. *Have the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, The Spanish War Veterans, the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution assisted you in this work?*

9. *Has Lincoln's Gettysburg Address been prominently placed in school buildings?*

10. *Have you tried offering prizes to pupils in High School for patriotic essays?*

11. *How many flags have been supplied to schools this year?*

Now it would be easy for us to simply shrug our shoulders and say, "That is what they did back then and things are a lot different today, schools would never accept our help," but that would be the wrong answer. Most schools are looking for outside help. Most schools would appreciate an organization like ours, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, coming forward and doing the work that our forefathers did.

That's right, it take someone making an effort to reach out and help. Will we be able to reach ever school? Probably not, but one is more than none. Can we afford to purchase a flag for every school? Of course not, but students can do a great job with fundraising and you can't hold back a motivated youngster. Can we teach our students everything we know about the Civil War? No, but we can teach them how to salute the flag and to say the Pledge of Allegiance, we've sown the seed that may grow into a great citizen.

I encourage you to reach our into your community, especially the students. If your Camp has already established such a practice, I commend you for your efforts and would like to hear your success stories. Please send me a letter or email.

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## S.U.V.C.W. National Encampment Badges

### From First to the Most Recent

By Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. PDC

The National Organization is planning to create a display of National Encampment Badges, and ribbons, to be displayed at the National Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Any Brother that would like to donate a National Encampment Badge to that display, please contact Brother Charles Kuhn at the following address:

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We realize that we will probably not be able to obtain every year to date but we would like to get as many as possible. We will need one of each of our National Encampment Badges and any special National Badges that have been created. These badges will remain on permanent display at the National Headquarters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Please contact Brother Kuhn prior to your donation to see if we already have that particular year or badge.

### SUVCW Quartermaster SALE

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, is having a SALE! The Council of Administration voted to place the following items in the hands of the membership:

- 1999 GAR Commemorative Badge (386 available)
- 1999 Delegate Badge (73 available)

Price for these medals are \$15.00 each plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

National Encampment Proceedings. If you want to know why things were voted on by past National Encampments it is in these books. The following years are available:

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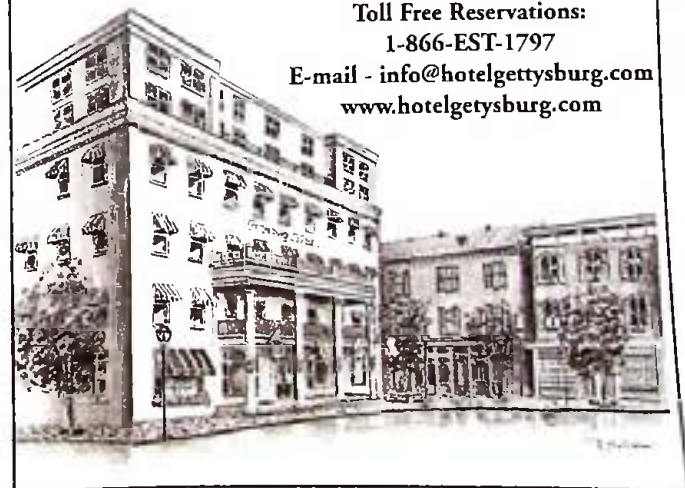


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## Connecticut Yankee Sees Action in NY Cavalry Regiment

By Brother Calvin Goddard Zon  
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Letters of 2nd Lt. Henry Perkins Goddard, 2nd N.Y. Volunteer Cavalry, to his family and the Norwich Bulletin. Reprinted with permission from the Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 Newsletter News Walker.

Army Correspondence from McDowell's Advance Falmouth, Va., opposite Fredericksburg Norwich Bulletin April 20, 1862.

Dear Bulletin,

At last the sons of Connecticut stand upon the banks of the beautiful Rappahannock. The Connecticut Squadron in the Harris Light Cavalry have, in the words of the Lieutenant Colonel, "passed through the baptism of fire," and, as I predicted in my last letter, have nobly maintained the honor of their State though they mourn the loss of one of the finest officers in the regiment.

On Monday, April 17th, the regiment left Catlett's station and marched 22 miles to Stafford, Va., where rebel pickets were discovered and the regiment halted, while the 1st battalion was ordered forward for a charge through the village.

Two Connecticut companies were placed at the head of the battalion, and Lieutent Decker of Company D, at the head of the first platoon as advance guard. As Major Davies gave the order to "Charge," the battalion started and dashed down the road like the wind. After riding two miles we heard picket shots, and Lieutenant Decker's voice came ringing back to us to urge us still faster onward, and then pressing the spurs to his horse disappeared in advance of his platoon. Two minutes later, as we turned a corner in the road, we saw his bleeding corpse and a wounded rebel begging for "Quarter." Decker was shot through the heart by the rebel upon whose head his sabre was just descending. Then

I saw what a soldier's grief can be. Old men cried and, raising their hands, vowed to God that Deckers' death should be avenged.

A few minutes later we captured five prisoners and a rebel camp with all its stores, but the main body had fled. We bivouacked in their camp till midnight, when we advanced against their main body a mile further on, where, through the treachery of our Virginia guide (a villain named Hewett, who said he came to Virginia from Norwich, Conn, twenty years since), the regiment was led into an ambush, where it was exposed to a galling fire of rebel infantry. The night being pitch dark and the horses wallowing in the mire, an advance was impossible till daylight, when the troops (a whole brigade having arrived) chased the rebels across the Rappahannock, and though too late to save the bridge, shelled the fugitives till Fredericksburg was deserted by all save citizens.

So after eight months of patient waiting, the Connecticut boys enjoyed three fights within eighteen hours, and distinguished themselves throughout.

Lieutenant J. Nelson Decker was a resident of Newburch, N.Y. and before the commencement of hostilities had been in the dry goods business in New York City. No man was more loved and respected in the regiment, and none understood his duties as well. His remains lie in a pleasant churchyard at Falmouth, where he was buried with military honors. Yet he has not died in vain. *For how can a man die better, than facing fearful odds, For the ashes of his fathers, the temple of his God.*

Falmouth, Virginia, April 20, 1962

Dear Mother,

Here we are encamped in a beautiful little town opposite Fredericksburg, and I have but five minutes to write and will simply state that I was with my platoon in action on the 18th at Stafford, Va., five miles hence, in which poor Lieutenant Decker was shot through the heart and instantly killed. The rebels got his horse and traveling valise in which he carried all his own and my valuable toilet articles.

We captured the man who shot him, and I was left at Stafford Court House overnight with a guard and four prisoners while the regiment marched on...(with his regiment now in Fredericksburg). I joined them with my guard hand five prisoners in the afternoon, having during the day been engaged in the care of the dead, wounded and prisoners, preparing the body of Decker for a coffin, holding a wounded man of Co. E. while the doctor was at work, and sitting all night with a cocked revolver in charge of five prisoners, desperate villains, large enough to eat me easily. Our force is 5,000 strong, under command of General Auger.

Falmouth, Virginia, April 20, 1862, Sunday

Dear Mother,

Here we lie on an open hill, the highest in the vicinity, with Falmouth at our feet on this side, the Rappahannock and Fredericksburg on the other. I have already bathed my head in the Rappahannock just below the burning bridge while a rebel horseman was directly opposite me on the other bank, not an eighth of a mile. Had I a carbine, I should have shot at him, but I did not fear that he could hit me, as it was foggy and he was too high up the bank to get a good aim at me; so Fred Compton and I bathed right on his presence without saying "by your leave."

Lieut. Col. Kilpatrick issued a capital order to the regiment last night congratulating us on our conduct Thursday and Friday, and indeed we won praise from all, as two companies of the Pennsylvania ran away when our boys came up and took their places. At any rate, Kilpatrick will immortalize us though it may cost us our lives. His only order to us through the charge through Stafford was, as he dashed down the lines, "Now boys,

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### General Orders No. 7 SERIES 2004-2005

1. Many Camps are completing their dues collection and finalizing their annual membership report. All Department Commanders should urge and assist their Camps in retaining the brothers on the rolls and in following up with potential non-renewals.

2. Much of what our Order is able to accomplish is directly attributable to the generosity of its membership. I invite you to consider supporting and including one or more of these worthy funds in your will:

**Honor Roll;** Donation to the Permanent Fund in the name of a Union soldier/sailor or departed Brother.

**GAR Fund;** supports scholarships and tributes made to several patriotic observances.

**Civil War Memorial Preservation Fund;** supports grants for preservation work on Civil War memorials.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fund;** supports membership recruitment advertising and promotion of our Order.

**National Headquarters Fund;** supports the operation of our office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**General Fund;** support general operating expenses of our Order.

**Permanent Fund;** strengthens restricted sum, which generates investment interest, supporting operation of our Order.

**Civil War Heritage Defense Fund;** supports legal action, preventing theft and/or desecration of monuments and historical property.

Contributions are tax deductible and may be made payable to "National Organizations SUVCW," and sent to the National Treasurer.

3. Applications for the SUVCW's two annual \$1000

scholarships will be accepted through March 31, 2005. The application, as well as the standards of selection, can be found online.

4. Requests for reimbursements from pre-2001 Life Member programs should be submitted between January 1 and 31 March 2005. Camp Secretaries should request reimbursement in writing to the National Treasurer.

5. All brothers should note that the 2005 National Encampment will be held 3-5 August at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire. This marks a departure from recent years, when this event was scheduled on the second weekend of the month.

Ordered this 5th day of December 2004.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
National Secretary

## Connecticut Yankee

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they say that up North we don't know how to ride. Perhaps we don't. Let's show them whether we do or not."

Oh what a ride that was. For three miles we charged like a whirl wind. At any rate, whatever mistakes I may make, I know my place in the company battle and what orders to give and have a horse that never will let those behind him run him down.

Stealing is a great fault here. I have had stolen in this camp two blankets, a cup, a bag of oats, my last pair of spurs and a handkerchief which I placed on the horse which followed Decker's body to the grave. Everybody tells me the only way is to "find" things in return.

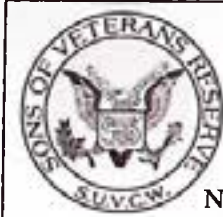
Contrabands come into the camp by the dozens and I intend to secure one soon. The Adjutant got a splendid one yesterday who had just come from the service of a confederate officer in Fredericksburg. I could have had him had I a tent, but through Coon's and Mallory's carelessness at Bristoe, the Captain and I have had to sleep with three of our men.

We expect to stay hereabouts for a few days, then occupy Fredericksburg, and the "on to Richmond" only 60 miles.



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News of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

**GENERAL ORDER 2004-24**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
9 November 2004

1. Effective 04 October 2004, and upon his written resignation and his scheduled deployment to Iraq in January of 2005, Second Lieutenant Kenneth V. Early, SVR, is relieved of duty as Public Information Officer, Sixth Military District.

2. Effective 04 October 2004 the commission of Kenneth V. Early, as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

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**GENERAL ORDER 2004-25**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
17 November 2004

1. Effective 01 December 2004, Captain James L.



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Spencer, Commander of Co. A, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, Sixth Military District, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 30 November 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

**GENERAL ORDER 2004-26**  
Sons of Veterans Reserve  
20 November 2004

The Commanding Officer, SVR, takes pleasure in presenting the following awards at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to the following Units and Brothers and offers his warmest congratulations to the recipients:

**SVR Commanding Officer Unit Citation:**

Nebraska Rangers, 4th Military District.  
Co. C, 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry,  
4th Military District.

**Meritorious Service Medal:**

Cpl. Paul J. Hadley, Adjutant, Nebraska Rangers,  
4th Military District.

1st Sgt. James T. Hawk, Commander,  
Co. A, 37th Iowa Volunteer Infantry,  
4th Military District.

2nd Lt. Jerome W. Kowalski, Chaplain,  
4th Military District.

Major Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Provost Marshall, SVR.  
1st Lt. Eric J. Schmincke, Deputy Provost Marshall,  
SVR.

**Distinguished Service Medal:**

Captain John M. Hart, Jr., Commander,  
The Delaney-Delacy Guard, 2nd Military District.

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

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

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



## SVR Scrapbook

### Sons of Veterans Reserve honors members at Gettysburg



Brigadier General David V. Medert, commanding officer of the SVR, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Captain John M. Hart, Jr., Commander, The Delaney-Delacy Guard, 2nd Military District, left.



Col. Robert Grim, left, deputy commander of the SVR, presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Adjutant General, SVR, above.



Brigadier General Medert with Major Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., Provost Marshall, SVR, above, and 1st Lt. Eric J. Schmincke, Deputy Provost Marshall, SVR, right, recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal.

The awards above were presented during the annual SVR Breakfast at the Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg, PA, on Remembrance Day, Nov. 20, 2004.



## Department of Maryland Member receives prestigious award

National known historian Brian C. Pohanka, member of the Washington DC Lincoln-Cushing Camp of the Department of Maryland was awarded the Carrington Williams Battlefield Preservation of the Year Award by the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) at its annual conference, 21-25 April 2004 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Pohanka, one of the founders of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, a predecessor of the CWPT, accepted the award saying "We do it for them. We do it for those soldiers, blue and gray, who suffered so much. They served and they suffered and many of them died. They deserve my every effort and they're going to get it.

We're talking five years more or less to do this. Especially for those key sites in the metropolitan area."

Brian Pohanka joined the Lincoln-Cushing Camp of the SUVCW in 1999 based on descent from his Civil War ancestor Jacob Kerner who served in Company C, 11th New York State Militia. He is an active historian,

speaker, and re-enactor, who has been in the forefront of educating the public on Civil War battlefields, and the urgent need to preserve sites now threatened by development. Jim Lighthizer, President of the CWPT, estimates that approximately 280,000 acres of core battlefield remain and need to be protected so that future generations may see them and remember the chapter of American history that was written there in blood.



## Massachusetts law protects markers, flags

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Senator Charles Shannon with a request that he sponsor the bill in the Senate. Secretary Ryerson contacted Senator Shannon and, on behalf of the organization, asked for his support, which was most graciously given.

Due to Senator Shannon's influence the bill was quickly passed by the Senate. H 2390 then went to the Governor's office for his approval, and was signed into law by Governor Romney in a ceremony at the State House "Hall of Flags," on Friday 28, 2004.

The SUVCW owes Representative Paul Casey, Senator Charles Shannon and Governor Mitt Romney a debt of gratitude for their efforts in protecting and honoring Veterans and Veterans' graves.



Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney signs bill in presence of Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and Sec. of Veterans Affairs Tom Kelley. Below, from left: D.C. John Bates, Rep. Paul Casey and P.D.C. Bill Ryerson.



## Department of Pennsylvania

### Camp 8's Talented 8-year-old

Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 of Scranton, PA, has increased its membership in 2004 from 112 to 152 members, including Padriac Foley, 8, son of Joseph Foley, another new member of the camp. The Foley's, who trace their lineage to "Yankee" Loftus, the last member of the GAR post in Peckville, PA, also have a musical background. Father Jim serves as the piper in Scranton's Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, and like father, son Padriac has taken up the fife to become the newest member of the Guard's Youth Fife and Drum Corps. Congratulating the newest member of the Camp are, from left: Father Jim, Padriac, Capt. John M. Hart Jr. and Lt. Alan Sweeney of the Guard.



### Camp 8, Auxiliary 10, Delaney Delacy Guard ride the rails to collect holiday food for poor

Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 of Scranton, PA, Auxiliary 10 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, took to the rails throughout Lackawanna County Dec. 4th to collect food stuffs for Sister Adrian's Friends of the Poor. The special two-car train of the Steamtown National Historic Site, also featured a stop in various communities by Santa Claus. SVR Adjutant Alan Sweeney was event chair.

## Department of New Hampshire A. Lincoln Award Presented

Charles W. Canney Camp 5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Headquartered in Rochester, NH was presented the Commander-in-Chief's Abraham Lincoln Award by Department of New Hampshire Senior Vice Commander Dan Murray at a recent meeting.

This award is given to the Most Outstanding Camp in the Nation. Department Senior Vice Commander Murray stated that "in July 2001 he presided over a meeting at the New Hampshire Veterans Association in which Camp 5 was chartered and he would never have guessed that a little over three years later he would be at a National Encampment accepting the Abraham Lincoln Award for Charles W. Canney Camp 5."

This is the first time that a Camp from New Hampshire has won this award.

The original Sons of Veterans Camp was Charles W. Canney 29 in Rochester, New Hampshire and was organized in 1887. This Camp was named after 19-year-old Charles William Canney, a private in Company D, 5th New Hampshire Regiment. Pvt. Canney enlisted on October 23, 1861 and later was promoted to Sergeant. Charles was killed at the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864 and was buried there. Camp 29 remained active until 1914.

The activities which garnered the prestigious for Camp 5 included: stopping the sale of Veteran Grave Markers on ebay, antique shops and flea markets; helping New Hampshire communities raise money needed to restore their Civil War monument; updating town's Civil War history; raising money in town that do not have a Civil War monument so they may have a memorial for their veterans; Civil War grave registration school and organizational talks and displays.

Charles W. Canney Camp 5 is also the home of Company A, 12th New Hampshire Volunteers, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

## Department of Massachusetts Brother Leader of SAR



Dr. Henry N. McCarl, a member of the Department of Massachusetts and Treasurer of William L.S. Tabor Camp 162, has been elected to serve as President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Brother "Hank" will lead the 26,00 member SAR for the next year.



The Delaney Delacy Fife and Drum Corps of Cadets of the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, Scranton, PA, march toward The Angle during the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies Nov. 20, 2004 in Gettysburg. The group is comprised of 14 young adults, aged 8 to 16 and constitutes The Guard's efforts to enlist youth in the Order. A county-wide recruitment program of youth in the Scranton area has been organized and lessons in several county locations are due to commence in the new year. – Photo by Cher Petrovic

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