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1.0 Preface

This is a compilation of National Elected Officers, National Appointed Officers, National Standing Committees, National Special Committees, and Department reports to the National Encampment and Council of Administration for the August 7-10, 2025 meetings in Houston, Tx. This document contains the bodies of the submitted reports; the headings, salutations, valedictions, and signatures have been removed. An extensive amount of time was spent verifying and compiling this report and considerable flexibility was afforded to reporting officers in the completion of this report.

2.0 National Elected Officers

2.1 Commander-in-Chief; Kevin L. Martin, CinC

2024

After the fanfare subsided from the National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky, and a vehicle full of both SUVCW and ASUVCW possessions, our car looked much like the Beverly Hillbillies truck. It was difficult to see outside to drive home. Luckily, we made it home safely!

On August 17th and 18th, we attended our first event at the Rose Hill Manor in Frederick, MD, which offers a unique glimpse into early American life through the lens of local history, agriculture, and transportation. Once the home of Maryland's first elected governor, Thomas Johnson, the historic property now serves as an educational museum and cultural landmark. Over the weekend, our SUVCW Camp and Auxiliary raised a tent

full of Civil War displays and games for adults and children. It was a good opportunity for recruiting new members.

On the weekend of October 4-5, we traveled to Jasper, Indiana for the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders meetings. There were team building exercises to help educate the public of who we are and what we do. It was very informative and we came away with some useful ideas to spur public attention.

We were invited to address the MOLLUS/DOLLUS Congress at the Banquet in Richmond, Virginia on October 11-12.

Two weeks later, on October 26, the Department of the Chesapeake and its Auxiliary played host to a large gathering of the Allied Orders, guests and friends to pay tribute to both myself and National Auxiliary President, Rosemary S. Martin. It was held at a local Frederick, Maryland landmark, Dutch's Daughter restaurant. The testimonial luncheon was organized and co-emceed by the National Chiefs-of-Staff: Department Auxiliary President Denise Thompson and Brian W. Horgan, PDC.

A host of individuals and National officers, both past and present, representing groups comprising the Allied Orders, recounted many stories that chronicled the rise of the honorees to the highest office of their respective organizations.

At the completion of the testimonials, the guests of honor took to the lectern and proceeded to give attribution for their ascension to many individuals who were instrumental in guiding their path to the top. In recognizing the rarity of a husband-wife team occupying these honored posts, we again credited others with helping to motivate our ever-increasing involvement and instilling in them an unswerving devotion to the tenets of our respective Orders.

For the Gettysburg Remembrance Day weekend, a huge thank you to PDC Dave Hann and Don Darby for securing spaces in the carriage with President Lincoln for the Commander-in-Chief and the Auxiliary President to ride in during the parade. That evening, National ASUVCW Rosemary Martin and I led the first dance, The Grand March, at the Civil War Ball in Gettysburg.

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, Rosemary and I participated in the Phoenix Arizona Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony to lay wreathes. Thank you to John and Paula Conrad for housing, Chauffeuring, and feeding us. Later in the day, we visited with members of the local Camp and their significant others.

2025

On January 30- February 2, we attended the Mid-Winter Meeting and Patriotic Luncheon sponsored by the Department of Wisconsin. We were treated to a dinner at a German Restaurant, Irish Restaurant and pre-flight lunch and ice cream with Danielle Michaels and Denise Oman and PCinC Steve Michaels. Later that weekend, we were given a wonderful guided tour of Milwaukee and the Veterans cemetery/out grounds by PCinC Steve Michaels.

February 12 – Lincoln Birthday Ceremony. This year's event was somewhat unique as we had significant snowfall which prevented the laying of wreathes as usual. We were able the following day to informally present our wreathes. In addition, we attended the luncheon for the Allied Orders.

Saturday, February 22 – Institution of a new Utah Auxiliary – Salt Lake City, Utah. Brother Ken Jacobsen was instrumental in the forming of this Auxiliary.

March 6-9 – Department of California and Pacific Encampment – Bakersfield, California. The Department treated us to a wonderful banquet.

March 13-15 – Department of Tennessee Encampment

We were treated to our dinners. There was excitement throughout the day as Tornado Warnings were issued. At one point later in the day, the hotel called us to go to the lobby as a precaution.

On a lighter note, we were introduced to Buck-ees stores. We took the opportunity to stock up on supplies for our long ride home.

March 28-29 – Department of Michigan Encampment – Okemos, Michigan. We were given pre-Encampment gifts at the Encampment. We were charged with bringing home pies from the Grand Traverse Pie Co!

April 4-5 – Department of the Chesapeake Encampment – Fredericksburg, Virginia. “There is no place like home.”

April 12 – I participated with a speech and wreath laying at the Annual 69th Lincoln Tomb Ceremony/160th Anniversary commemorating the Death of President Abraham Lincoln. After a luncheon in Springfield, we participated in the Ceremony at Petersburg for the B.F. Stephenson Memorial. After dinner, the Council of Administration meeting was held at the Ramada hotel.

May 2 – Fredericksburg Internment Ceremony – It was a beautiful day and a very special ceremony in which I participated. After hearing the location of the remains, I wondered if they could have been those of my Great(x3) Grandfather, Capt. Adam B. Martin. How awesome would that have been as I honored these remains to be buried.

May 9-11 – Department of Texas and Louisiana Encampment – Houston, Texas

It was a great opportunity to meet with the Department Officers in advance of the National Encampment. We were able to preview the Encampment Hotel, discuss conference room layouts, and sample the food available at the hotel.

May 16-17 – Department of Vermont Encampment and Marker Ceremony in Cambridge, Vermont – Liam McKone arranged and led this ceremony and dedication of a GAR Highway Marker.

May 25 – Memorial at Hull Memorial GAR Church, Lansdowne, Maryland – I was given the opportunity to address the congregation of the Church. A light lunch and Brass Band performance was held afterwards.

May 26 – Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia – No matter how many times I have attended this annual event; it is still one of my favorites. It was even more special this year as I was able to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier along with my brothers, Tommy Chapman and Larry Vance.

May 30 – Decoration Day at Arlington – I laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns

June 6-8 – Department of the Columbia Encampment – Chehalis, Washington

The brothers of the Department took us on a tour of the Veterans Memorial Museum in which the Encampment took place and pointed out the GAR-stained glass window.

June 13-14 – Department of Ohio Encampment – Clintonville, Ohio. This Department treated us to our lodgings.

This Encampment was held in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. A sit-down lunch was provided. The Department treated us to our lodging.

June 28 – Florida Auxiliary Institution – Tampa, Florida

A luncheon and meeting were held at the Ava Restaurant. New officers were installed and new members initiated. I welcomed the new Auxiliary into the Allied Orders fold.

We have received so many gracious and generous gifts and we are deeply grateful.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Commander-in-Chief over my term. All of you have been a positive influence on me and our order. I have enjoyed interacting with so many of you throughout this past year. Thank you all for an outstanding year and your faithful service of our Order.

2.2 Senior Vice Commander-in Chief; Kevin Tucker, PDC

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the Order as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 2024–2025 administrative year. Throughout this period, I have remained actively engaged in the operations and decision-making of the national organization while fulfilling all assigned responsibilities with diligence and dedication.

In addition to my duties as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I have continued to serve as Commander of the First Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve. I have also maintained active participation in both Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104 and Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54, as well as in the Department of Massachusetts.

Since my installation on August 3, 2024, in Lexington, Kentucky, I have represented the Order at the following events:

National and Department Activities:

- Participated in Department of Tennessee National Encampment Host Committee Zoom meetings on September 11, 2024, and February 18, 2025, offering guidance on their proposal to host the 2026 National Encampment.
- Attended the testimonial luncheon for Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin and Auxiliary National President Rosemary Martin on October 25, 2024, in Frederick, Maryland.
- Represented the Commander-in-Chief at Department Encampments across the country:
 - o Georgia and South Carolina (Marietta, GA – March 17–18, 2025)

- o Massachusetts (Wakefield, MA – April 25–26, 2025)
- o Illinois (Galena, IL – May 3, 2025)
- o North Carolina (Raleigh, NC – May 11, 2025)
- o Kentucky (Hodgenville, KY – May 16–17, 2025)
- o Maine (Camden, ME – June 7, 2025)
- Attended the Special Department Encampment of Tennessee on April 6, 2025, to assist in revising their National Encampment proposal timeline.
- Participated in both Fall and Spring National Council of Administration meetings:
 - o November 17, 2024, (Gettysburg, PA) and April 11, 2025, (Springfield, IL)
- Attended the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (April 12, 2025) and the Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Ceremony (April 12, 2025) in Illinois.

Department of Massachusetts and Local Engagement:

- Attended Department of Massachusetts Officer meetings via Zoom (December 14, 2024) and Encampment planning sessions (December 30, 2024; February 11, 2025).
- Participated in the Department's annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Brunch on February 16, 2025.
- Took part in the annual Memorial Ceremony for Major General Benjamin F. Butler on November 2, 2024, in Lowell, MA.
- Supported a recruiting event hosted by General Darius N. Couch Camp No. 26 in Taunton, MA, on November 23, 2024.
- Attended the annual Memorial Day observance at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA, on May 25, 2025.
- Played an active role in planning and executing the rededication of Wakefield's restored Soldiers and Sailors Monument, attending planning meetings between October 2024 and May 2025, and participating in the public ceremony on May 31, 2025.
- Delivered the keynote address at Boston's first annual Juneteenth Memorial Ceremony at Mount Hope Cemetery on June 19, 2025.

Ceremonial and Heritage Events:

- Participated in the rededication of two restored cannons at the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Plot in Mount Hope Cemetery, Boston, MA, on October 18, 2024.
- Attended the dedication of a Union Soldiers tablet in Concord, MA, on November 9, 2024.

- Joined the Department of Massachusetts on its Remembrance Day trip to Gettysburg, PA, November 14–17, 2024, including:
 - o Visits to the Adams County Historical Society Museum, Shriver House, and Jennie Wade House
 - o Attendance at the SVR Breakfast and SUVCW Ceremony at the Albert Woolson Memorial
 - o Participation in the Remembrance Day Parade and the Original Civil War Ball

Committee Involvement:

- Chaired a meeting of the National Program and Policy Committee via Zoom on November 19, 2024.
- Attended a Zoom meeting of the National Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the USA on July 9, 2025.

The past year has been both productive and rewarding. It has been a privilege to meet and work alongside Brothers across the nation, and to represent the Commander-in-Chief at numerous Department Encampments and national events. I remain committed to the mission of our Order and look forward to continuing this sacred work in the year ahead.

2.3 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Daniel Murray, PDC

As of July 10, 2025, I have received and administered a total of 103 membership application queries since the last National Encampment. Below are the number of inquiries broken down by Departments. The information has been sent to the appropriate Department Junior Vice Commanders.

I did not receive a reply in the cases noted under “None given”.

Department	# of inquiries Gettysburg	# of inquiries Springfield	# of inquiries Houston	TOTAL
Alabama	1	0	0	1
Arkansas	0	0	0	0
California & Pacific	1	0	0	1
Chesapeake	4	4	0	8
Colorado & Wyoming	0	12	0	12
Columbia	0	3	0	3
Connecticut	0	2	0	2
Florida	3	2	0	5
Georgia	0	0	0	0

Illinois	0	0	1	1
Indiana	1	0	0	1
Iowa	1	0	0	1
Kansas	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0	0
MAL	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Missouri	2	3	3	8
Nebraska	2	0	1	3
New Hampshire	1	1	0	2
New Jersey	2	1	0	3
New York	4	1	0	5
North Carolina	0	2	1	3
Ohio	2	2	1	5
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	7	0	1	8
Rhode Island	1	0	0	1
Southwest	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	2	2	0	4
Texas	1	0	2	3
UK	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2	0	0	2
None given	1	11	9	21
TOTAL	38	46	19	103

In addition to my duties as Junior Vice Commander in Chief, I am also the Adjutant of the First Military District. I am the current Treasurer for my Camp, attended all meetings of the Camp and am involved in activities with both the Department of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Participated in the Council of Administration post Encampment meeting in Lexington KY.

I attended the Testimonial for Commander in Chief Kevin Martin and National President Rosemay Martin in Frederick, MD on October 26, 2024.

As chairman of the National Committee on Membership, I updated the contact information for all Department Junior Vice Commanders in the Order. I have been in contact with many JVCs as part of my duties as Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

On the Department level, I planned and coordinated the Massachusetts Department bus trip to Gettysburg PA for Remembrance Day.

On November 2, 2024 I participated in the First Military Districts memorial ceremony honoring Union General Benjamin Franklin Butler at the Hildreth Family Cemetery in Lowell, Massachusetts.

On November 14 – 17, 2024, I participated in the SVR breakfast, ceremonies at the Woolson Monument and the Remembrance Day Parade and the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, PA.

On December 14, 2024 I participated in the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the local cemetery in Brentwood, NH and helped placed wreaths afterward.

Also, on the evening of December 14, 2024, I attended and helped distribute food and gifts at the Annual Christmas Dinner at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for disabled veterans. The dinner is hosted by the Department of Massachusetts along with the local Camp.

On February 16, 2025, I attended the Department of Massachusetts Annual Lincoln Birthday Brunch in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

On March 14, 2025, I attended the 5th Annual Alabama Department Encampment in Cullman, AL and represented Commander in Chief Martin.

On March 27, 2025, I attended the 9th Annual Southwest Department Encampment in Tempe, AZ and represented Commander in Chief Martin.

On April 11 – 12 2025, I attended the SUVCW Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony event in Springfield, IL and the annual Benjamin F Stephens ceremony in Petersburg IL. I also participated in the Council of Administration meeting on Saturday evening.

On April 19, 2025 I attended the 30th Annual Department of New Hampshire Encampment in Concord, NH and represented Commander in Chief Martin.

On April 25-26, 2025, I attended the 30th Annual Department of Massachusetts Encampment in Wakefield, MA.

On May 26, 2025, I attended and participated in Memorial Day exercises in Exeter, NH.

On May 31, 2025, I participated in the rededication of the Wakefield Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Wakefield MA.

On June 6 & 7, 2025, I attended the 30th Annual Department of Missouri Encampment in Fenton/ Valley Park, MO and represented Commander in Chief Martin.

On June 14, 2025, I attended the 143rd Annual Department of New Jersey Encampment in Toms River, New Jersey and represented Commander in Chief Martin.

I have monitored and participated in all online discussions and voting of the Council of Administration.

I have no recommendations at this time.

2.4 National Secretary; Alan Russ, PDC

On August 3, 2024, I was elected to a one-year unexpired term as National Secretary. I am not running for re-election as National Secretary. I intend to support the incoming National Secretary in any way I am able to.

Since taking office, I attended the following:

August 4, 2024 - Post-encampment Council of Administration meeting, Lexington KY

November 17, 2024 - Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting.

April 5, 2025 – Department of Kansas Encampment

April 12, 2025 – Springfield Council of Administration meeting.

June 7, 2025 – Department of Missouri Encampment

EMAIL MOTIONS:

Motion 01: Motion by Brother Alan Russ to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2024, post-encampment Council of Administration meeting. Motion cancelled due to procedural error.

Motion 02 (Passed): Motion passed September 10, 2024. Motion by Brother Alan Russ to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2024, post-encampment Council of Administration meeting. Voting Yes: 7. Voting No: 0

Motion 03 (Passed): Motion passed September 14, 2024. Motion by Brother Kevin Tucker to approve the publication of the ad, reached by the link above, on the RootsTech website and for use by the National Promotions and Marketing committee for similar purposes. Voting Yes: 7. Voting No: 0 [Link] https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Awc7q-8gu-_NwC_AL4WrJn7RLz0gdYIx/view?usp=drive_link

Motion 04 (Passed): Motion passed September 23, 2024. Motion by Brother Alan Russ that the revised Form 12 be approved for use and posting on the National website. Voting Yes: 10. Voting No: 0

Motion 05 (Passed): Motion passed October 12, 2024. Motion by Brother Dave Hann that the Fund-Raising Committee be permitted to use the words "Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" on the front of a shirt that we will have available for a \$20.00 donation during the Remembrance Day Parade.

Motion 06 (Passed): Motion passed December 21, 2024. Motion by Brother Alan Russ to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2024, Council of Administration Meeting (Gettysburg). Voting Yes: 8. Voting No: 0

Motion 07 (Passed): Motion passed December 30, 2024. Motion by Brother R. Payne that the CofA adopts the Banner Advertising Rates set forth by PCinC Pahl in the attached document. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 08 (Passed): Motion passed January 27, 2025. Motion by Brother R. Payne to appoint Brother Robert Amsler to act in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to obtain the funds of the SVR Quartermaster located in the Commerce Bank in St. Louis, Missouri. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 09 (Passed): Motion passed February 3, 2025. Motion by Brother A. Russ to approve the Merchandise License Request submitted by Gettysburg Independent Blues to sell American Flags which have been flown over the historic GAR Post #9 in Gettysburg PA. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 10 (Passed): Motion passed February 15, 2025. Motion by Brother A. Russ to approve Merchandise License Request submitted by Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, to sell polo shirts for camp 15 use for camp recruiting and camp outings. Voting Yes: 8. Voting No: 0

Motion 11 (Passed): Motion as amended by Motion 11A passed March 14, 2025. Motion by Brother M. Beard, as amended by motion to amend by Brother A. Russ that Brother PCinC Ed Norris be allowed to sign all necessary documents to implement this directive and that copies of what he signs be forwarded to the CinC, the National Secretary, the Executive Director, the National Counselor, and the National Historian.

Motion 12 (Passed): Motion that Douglas McMillin, PDC, be appointed as Assistant Executive Director, SUVCW. Voting Yes: 10. Voting No: 0

Motion 13 (Passed): Motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2025, Council of Administration Meeting (Springfield). Voting Yes: 6. Voting No: 0

Motion 14 (Passed): Motion to approve Merchandise License Request submitted by Franklin Camp 5, Department of Kansas, to sell polo shirts for Kansas camps to use for camp recruiting and camp outings. Voting Yes: 10. Voting No: 0

Motion 15 (Passed): Motion to approve Merchandise License Requests submitted by Department of Oklahoma to sell challenge coins and submitted by Camp 54, Department of Massachusetts to sell Tee shirts to camp members. Voting Yes: 8. Voting No: 0

Motion 16 (Passed): Motion to approve Merchandise License Request submitted by Department of Missouri, to produce yellow PCinC polo style shirt (twinkie shirt). Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 17 (Passed): Motion that Brother Hann be given permission to perform the two events in Gettysburg on June 27-28 and July 4-6 on behalf of the Order. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 18 (Passed): Motion to approve the three t-shirt designs for sale as detailed by Brother Hann. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 19 (Passed): Motion to grant permission to Brother Payne to proceed with the Drupal 10 upgrade estimated to cost \$1,500 - \$2,000. Voting Yes: 9. Voting No: 0

Motion 20 (Passed): Motion to approve CinC recommendation for award of Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

MINUTES:

Minutes for the post-encampment Council of Administration meeting submitted and approved.

Minutes for the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting submitted and approved.

Minutes for the Springfield Council of Administration meeting submitted and approved.

Minutes for Email Motions 2 through 11 submitted and approved.

Minutes for Email Motions 12 through 20 will be submitted to August 7, 2025, Pre-Encampment Council of Administration for approval.

CHARTERS:

This past year I digitized all approved charter applications from 2006 through to the present in PDF documents. The paper copies were then placed into fiberboard covers in groups of five years, with each year having a list at the beginning of that year listing the charters contained in that section. The five-year binders from 2006 through 2020, along with a USB drive containing digital records, were then taken to National Headquarters at Harrisburg PA and turned over to the Executive Direction in November 2024. The 2021-2025 binder, along with the digital images, will be turned over to the incoming National Secretary at Houston.

Charters Issued:

George A. Cribbs Camp 276, Greensburg PA, Department of Pennsylvania, Date of ranking – July 19, 2024 (corrected charter)

William Baumgartner Camp 33, Bluffton, Indiana, Department of Indiana, Date of ranking – August 10, 2024

Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord Camp 3, San Antonio TX, Department of Texas, Date of ranking – December 5, 2024

Pittsburg Landing Camp 61, Shiloh TN, Department of Tennessee, Date of ranking – May 21, 2025

Department of Arkansas, Date of ranking – to be announced

Camps In Process of Forming:

William Washington Hence Camp 1624, Natchez, MS, Department of Tennessee, EXPIRES August 26, 2025

Chief Petty Officer Frederick Morong Camp 24, Gloucester, MA, Department of Massachusetts, EXPIRES October 12, 2025.

Private Emerson P. Gould Camp 119, Topsfield MA, Department of Massachusetts, EXPIRES October 12, 2025.

Bradley S. Osbon Camp 150, Cold Spring NY, Department of New York, EXPIRES April 28, 2026.

2.5 National Treasurer; D. Michael Beard, PDC

1 Fund Status at June 30, 2025:

- a) General Fund: The fund is projected of have a small operating deficit this year. Fund Balance is around \$750,000.
- b) Headquarters Fund: The fund had a \$800 operating surplus (vs a 18K deficit last year}. The fund currently receives \$5 per capita dues for each member and revenues from its investments. Fund Balance is \$1,426.
- c) The Permanent Fund received \$12K in donations this year and did well in the stock market with investment income of \$43K. Fund Balance is \$448,000 vs \$408,000 last year.
- d) Preservation Fund (AKA Monuments and Memorials Fund). This fund receives \$1 per capita for revenue. It has not spent what has been allocated for several years and as accumulated a \$42K surplus. Fund Balance is \$45,000 (this is a paper balance, as the fund's only asset is what it is owed by the General Fund). The Fund had a \$10,000 budget for grant awards – there was only one applicant this year and that camp was awarded their \$2,000 request.
- e) Life Fund. The fund received \$17K in life member fees this year. Fund Balance is \$125,000 invested in equity stocks.
- f) The Lincoln Fund. The fund broke even running the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony. Fund Balance is a negative \$1,328.

2 Recruiting and Finances

Until our Endowment Fund produces significant revenue, we rely on our members – dues and donations – as the primary source of revenue. We must continue our focus on increasing membership. We are the oldest heritage organization and our ancestor pool exceeds 2 million. We have 5,857 dues paying members. The Mayflower Society has an ancestor pool of 110 and they exceed 30,000 members. They have their own headquarters building in Plymouth and they bought the First Church in Plymouth for its Tiffany windows featuring the Pilgrims. The same is true for SAR, DAR, & Jamestowne – they all have significantly smaller ancestor pools than us and all hover around 30,000 members. We can't blame our small membership on the Civil War – the SCV & the UDC both have 30,000 members. The resulting difference is stark. We should collect \$193,000 in dues this fiscal year while the SAR collects \$1,500,000. This year, we will attempt to register in the Combined Federal Campaign. If successful, we could receive donations from Federal employees which would enhance our revenues.

3 Merrill Lynch Account. For the 2025 fiscal year, we earned 9.84 percent on our investments with Merrill Lynch (including capital appreciation). Our balance at June 30, 2025 was \$1,226,861. We have \$450K in CDs earning at least 5 percent. The remainder of our funds are invested in moderate risk equity stocks. We can expect to earn \$21K in interest and \$17K in dividends in fiscal year 2026.

4 1881 Club. The club currently has eleven members, Mark Day, Clay Hoffman, Tim McCoy, Michael Paquette, Glenn Martin, Kevin Martin, Brian McManus, Linn Malaznik, Michael Reither, Alan Russ, and Wayne Wehrheim. For calendar year 2024, the members contributed \$7,155 to the SUVCW Endowment Fund.

5 Form 990. We filed our 2024 Form 990 in December. The IRS has yet to post the 2024 return to its website.

6 Camp/Department 501(c)(3) Status. The IRS has yet to reflect the subordinates as 501(c)(3) on their website. We have asked them correct the status on numerous occasions and so far, they have not. This is an ongoing project. IRS Publication 4573, Group Exemptions, state the National Organization controls the status of its subordinates. I file a report each year using the Forms 11s to add, delete, and report all of our subordinates. EVERY SUBORDINATE IS A 501(c)(3). I will provide any camp, department, or SVR unit wishing to prove its 501(c)(3) status with a letter addressed to any prospective donor. This year I proved such a letter to:

- a) George Cribbs Camp
- b) Department of Maine
- c) Department of Michigan

7 New Camps and SVR units. I add each new camp and SVR unit during the year with a faxed letter to the IRS. So far this year, I have faxed letters for:

- a) Nathaniel Lyon NJ#12
- b) MG Edward Ord TX#3
- c) Pittsburg Landing TN#61
- d) L.A. Tiff MA#15
- e) Co H 15th Illinois SVR6
- f) George A. Cribbs PA#276
- g) North Star Volunteers SVR4

8 State Registrations. Labyrinth, Inc., is currently filing our annual state registrations in the 36 states that require registration for charities that raise money within the state. We do not file in the District of Columbia (too expensive). The other states either do not require us to register or we are exempt. I, and the CINC, have signed the necessary forms, including a notary when required. This contract cost us \$8,565 this fiscal year.

9 Donations.

a) This fiscal year the Permanent Fund is receiving monthly donations from Brothers Mark Day, David Demmy, Clay Hoffman, Glenn Martin, Timothy McCoy, Michael Paquette, Michael Reither, Alan Russ, Wayne Wehrheim, & Danny Wheeler.

b) The General Fund, through Brother David Hann's efforts, received \$10,800 for Remembrance Day.

10 Financial Statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Our auditors, Coulter & Justus, LLC, have issued our statements with a "clean opinion." I have provided the US House of Representatives Judicial Committee with a copy of our statements as required by our former Charter. A copy is included as an attachment to the encampment annual reports.

11 Form 1099NEC. I filed our 1099NECs with the IRS and sent copies to our contractors for their returns.

12 2024 Contributions. I mailed acknowledgement letters to all our donors for their use in filing their income tax returns.

13 Lincoln Death Day Ceremony. I prepared the annual report on the finances of the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony for the MOLLUS & SUVCW Commanders. This year's ceremony had revenues of \$2,235 and expenses of \$2,234, breaking even.

14 Council of Administration. I attended and participated in the Council meetings held in Lexington, Gettysburg, and Springfield.

15 Capital Campaign. I have coordinated with the Fund-Raising Committee to continue our capital campaign to increase our Permanent Fund. The committee bought two ads in the National Encampment program book to promote fundraising. As mentioned earlier, we plan to register in the Combined Federal Campaign.

16 Insurance Certificate. I arranged for the following certificates of insurance.

a) Gettysburg Remembrance Day (City)

b) Gettysburg Remembrance Day (School District)

c) Gettysburg Remembrance Day (State)

d) Col Francine Camp #7 for County Fair

e) John T. Crawford Camp #43 Fort Armstrong Folk Festival

f) Sons of Union Veterans National Encampment

g) Col G L Willard Camp #154 monument preservation work

h) Cribbs Camp #276 Ceremony at St John's Church.

- i) Sons of Union Veterans recruiting booth on Remembrance Day
- j) John T. Crawford Camp #43 Veterans Appreciation Concert
- k) Sons of Union Veterans RootsTech Convention
- l) Willard Camp #54 for monument preservation
- m) Sons of Union Veterans recruiting booth at the Gettysburg Heritage Center.
- n) Crawford Camp #43 for a "Veterans Appreciation" concert at the Cadogan Township
- o) Crawford Camp #43 to hold a parade and ceremony in Kittanning.
- p) Baldwin Camp #544 to hold meeting in Fire House.
- q) Gettysburg Camp 112 to hold Memorial Day celebrations in Gettysburg PA
- r) SVR and SUVCW to hold Lincoln Death Day ceremony at the Lincoln Tomb.
- s) SVR Artillery School
- t) Crawford Camp #43 Last Soldier Ceremony
- u) Baldwin Camp #544 for meeting in local firehouse
- v) Crawford Camp #43 Fort Armstrong Folk Festival

17 Proposed Budget for FYE 2026:

INCOME

Donations to General Fund	\$10,000
Fundraising - T-Shirts	1,500
Dividend Income	16,650
Interest Income	19,300
Quarter Master Sales	52,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	768

Banner Subscriptions	36
National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,050
New Camp & Dept Appl. Fees	125
New Member Application Fees	2,100
Per Capita Dues	193,000
Reinstatement Fee	620
International Mailing Fees	10
Charter Application Fees	75
Lincoln Luncheon	2,300
Total Income	300,534
Quarter Master Cost of Sales	48,500
Net Operating Income	252,034
EXPENSE	
CinC expenses	15,000
Nat. Sec. Expenses	5,000
Nat. Treasurer Exp.	5,000
Nat. QM Expenses	5,000
CinC Representative. Expenses	6,000
Banner Editor Expenses	5,000
Jr. Vice Expenses	500
Total Administrative Expenses	41,500
Accounting Fees	5,000
Audit Fees	19,800

Brokerage Fees	8,500
Charitable Organization Fees	8,600
Rent	10,320
Total for Contract Services	52,220
Insurance National Officers	1,100
Insurance General Liability	3,200
Surety Bond Insurance	230
Office Expenses	2,800
Software	1,750
Proceedings Transcription	1,300
Printing	200
Postage	1,800
Bank Charges	400
Telephone, Telecommunications	4,360
Web Site	8,000
Executive Director	21,000
Assistant Executive Director	12,000
Executive Travel	6,000
Contingency	4,000
Total for Operations	68,140
Grants	10,000
Scholarships	5,000
National Encamp. Host Comm.	3,500

Natl. Encamp. Site Comm.	3,500
National Encamp. Printing	3,000
National Encampment Awards	2,000
Nat. Encamp. Recorder Expense.	1,500
National Photographer	3,000
Fund Raising	2,000
Memorial University	1,500
Programs and Marketing	11,500
Lincoln Birthday Committee	300
Grant's Tomb	250
Memorial Day at Arlington	600
Fraternal Relations	500
Grave Registrations	12,200
Banner	58,000
ROTC Program	6,000
Remembrance Day Expenses	14,000
Life Member Reimbursements	300
Sons Of Confederates Rep.	300
Lincoln Death Day	2,300
Total for Program Expenses	141,250
Total Expense	303,110
Projected Deficit	(\$51,076)

2.6 National Quartermaster; Robert Welch, DC

I would like to thank the Brothers of the Order for their support over these past two years. This is a job that I do enjoy and will miss. As many of you know, I changed positions at work and my schedule and availability changed drastically. Due to these changes, I cannot provide the level of attention this position deserves. However, I am not going anywhere, I will continue to serve the SUVCW in any way I can and will support the incoming Quartermaster 110%.

For the fiscal year, period of 1JUL24 to 30JUN25, the Quartermaster Store has performed as follows:

Total sales	\$43,588.50
Gross sales	\$52,030.85
Items	\$44,302.85
Service charges (shipping and handling)	\$7,728.00
Returns	(\$464.00)
Net sales	\$51,566.85
Taxes	\$119.75
Refunds by amount	(\$165.00)
Total sales	
727 transactions	\$51,521.60
Total payments collected	\$51,521.60
Card	\$43,953.60
Cash	\$1,401.00
Cash App	\$389.25
Check	\$5,268.75
Other	\$509.00
Square payment processing fees	(\$1,500.78)
Net total	\$50,020.82

While this report does look favorable, I have had to make significant purchases to refill stock as well as pay for the free programs/products such as ROTC, Eagle Scout, and the Promotional Pamphlet.

This year I also purchased five PCIC Badges (two of which will be given this year). These badges are solid gold and with the recent spike in gold prices, they have more than doubled in cost since the last time they were purchased. This order cost \$8,254.25, with the per badge cost of \$1,650.85. These will have to be reordered in two years, and I feel that a solid gold option is not sustainable. The price of gold is going to continue to rise, in the past 5 years the price has increased by 93%.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the PCIC Badge be changed to vermeil/gilded silver (a heavy gold plating on a base of silver) to keep the prominence of the badge and at the same time reduce the expense.

2.7 Council of Administration – 2025; Robert R Payne, PDC

It has been a privilege to be a part of the Council of Administration.

1. I have followed every email discussion since Lexington, participating as needed, including voting.
2. I have worked with the Signals Officer trying to resolve requests made by Brother Walt Busch concerning the storage of Monuments and Memorials information.
3. In April, I had the honor of representing Commander in Chief Martin at the Department of Indiana Encampment.
4. In June I had the honor of representing Commander in Chief Martin at the Department of Wisconsin Encampment.
5. I have attended every Council of Administration meeting since Last National Encampment.
6. During this past year, I attended the following activities:
 - a. Remembrance Day
 - b. The Lincoln Tomb services
 - c. The Dr. Stephenson service in Petersburg, IL
 - d. 4 Memorial Day services
 - e. A Memorial Service for a GAR Comrade
 - f. Dedications of 8 Civil War headstones
 - g. Memorial/funeral service for a brother

2.8 Council of Administration – 2025; Dale Crandell, PDC

It has been my privilege to serve on the Council of Administration (CoA) since being elected to fulfill a one-year term at the 143rd National Encampment.

1. Attended the post-Encampment CoA meeting on 4 August 2024.
2. Attended the GAR Allied Orders Central Region Association (CRA) meeting on 5 October 2024.
3. Attended three Union Victory of Missouri 150th Anniversary Programs 5-26 October 2024: Pilot Knob, Jefferson City, and Westport/Kansas City.
4. Participated in the Remembrance Day parade on 17 November 2024.

5. Attended the Gettysburg CoA meeting on 17 November 2024.
6. Attended the Department of Kansas Encampment as the National Representative on 5 March 2025.
7. Attended the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and Benjamin Stephenson Memorial on 12 April 2025.
8. Attended the Springfield CoA meeting on 12 April 2024.
9. Attended the Department of Iowa Encampment as the National Representative on 26 April 2025.
10. Attended the Department of Missouri Encampment on 7 June 2025.
11. Attended the Department of Arkansas organizing meeting as the National Representative on 21 June 2025.
12. Participated in online discussion and voting for the CoA.

I have no recommendations for the 144th National Encampment

2.9 Council of Administration – 2026; Roderick J Fraser Jr, DC

It is my honor and privilege to present this report of my activities over the past year as a member of the Council of Administration.

Department Encampments

I represented the Commander-in-Chief as Installing Officer at two Department Encampment:

Department of Florida: February 28 and March 1st in Ft. Myers, FL.

Department of New York: April 4th and 5th in Utica, NY.

The Annual Department of Massachusetts Encampment was held in Wakefield, MA April 26TH & 27TH.

I attended all Zoom meetings of the Council of Administration.

I voted on all issue that came before the Council of Administration.

I attended all in person Council of Administration meetings except the meeting in Springfield on Lincoln's death day. I was unable to attend due to obligations at work.

I joined the Department of Florida as a dual member joining the Major General Thomas J. McKean - Camp 3 in West Palm Beach, FL.

I presided over the unveiling and dedication of the preserved and remounted cannon of the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Cemetery Plot Mt Hope Cemetery on 18 October 2024 at 11:00 A.M.

I attended the 68th Annual Remembrance Day Nov. 14 – 17, 2024. I participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony, laying a wreath at the Massachusetts burial plot and the reading of the names of the soldiers buried there in remembrance. Additionally, I marched in the parade as a color bearer in the 1st Military District SVR and attended the original civil War Ball along with my wife Angela.

On March 25th, I participated in a Congressional Medal of Honor Day Ceremony with the Governor Elisha Dyer Camp 7 of the Department of Rhode Island. We honored CMOH Recipient John Edwards (1831 – December

27, 1902) who was a Union Navy sailor in the American Civil War and a recipient of the Medal of Honor, for his actions at the Battle of Mobile Bay.

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, I participated in the Rededication Event for the Town of Wakefield's "Soldiers and Sailors Monument" on the Upper Town Common in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

I participated in the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Massachusetts national Cemetery in Bourne, MA. I brought greetings from the SUVCW and read Past CinC Logan's General Order No. 11. Following the official ceremony, the Department conducted a memorial ceremony at the gravesites of the seven unknown soldiers of the Civil War buried at the cemetery.

I participated in the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony held by the Governor Elisha Dyer Camp 7 in Rhode Island held at Pocasset Cemetery. It was well attended by the public and I read 75 of the names of the Civil War Soldiers buried there.

For Juneteenth, I partnered with the local American Legion Post, the William E. Carter Post No. 16 of Mattapan, MA for a Remembrance Ceremony which we held on June 19th. The Carter post is the first all-black American Legion Post in Massachusetts. The ceremony was held at the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post 8 Burial Plot in Mt. Hope cemetery in Boston, MA. Also participating was the 54th MA Infantry Reenactor group. I co-lead the Ceremony along the Commander of the Carter Post, Mary-dith Tuitt. Speakers were National Senior vice Commander Kevin Tucker and Boston Commissioner of Veterans Services Robert Santiago. The 54th Mass fired a three-volley salute. The Chaplains for the Day were Ronald Holley, Carter Post Chaplain and the Reverend Peter Preble, Department Junior Vice Commander. The event was covered by the local Community newspaper.

I worked with the Hyde Park Historical society in Hyde Park, MA to identify Sons of Veterans Camps in photos they held as well as identify certain members of the GAR that they were searching for.

2.10 Council of Administration – 2027; Shane Milburn, PDC

I would like to first thank the Brothers present at the 2024 National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky for electing and allowing me to serve the Order for another three-year term on the Council of Administration.

I attended the Post Encampment Council of Administration meeting on Sunday

Participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I had the honor of escorting Wreath presenters at the Albert Woolson monument and marching in the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.

On Sunday, I attended the Council of Administration meeting.

Participated in the Annual Lincoln Tomb Observance in Springfield, Illinois. I had the honor of representing the National Organization, Sons of Veterans Reserve, by presenting a Wreath at the Tomb. Later in the afternoon, I attended the ceremony for Benjamin Stephenson. That evening, I attended the Council of Administration meeting.

Commanded Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, SVR during Memorial Day Ceremonies at two locations: Bloomingburg, Ohio and Lees Creek, Ohio.

Attended the 143rd Annual Department of Ohio Encampment in Columbus, Ohio

2.11 Council of Administration – 2027; David Hann, PDC

It is an honor to submit this report. This is the list of my activities since my last report.

April 1 I was invited to give a talk on the Civil War at Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119. I spoke about the GAR and the Sons and handed out our brochures and wooden nickels. The talk was well received.

April 10 sent over 50 letters to various businesses and hotels in Gettysburg trying to seek donations to help offset the cost of the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.

April 12 attended my local Camp meeting.

May 10 helped to place over 1500 flags on graves of Veterans in Greenmount, Holy Sepulcher and Greenmount cemeteries in Hammonton and Egg Harbor City Cemetery in Egg Harbor City in preparation of Memorial Day.

May 26 marched in the Hammonton Memorial Day parade and as part of Company A, 7th New Jersey Infantry SVR fired volleys.

May 30 participated in tradition Memorial Day services at Greenmount Cemetery at the location of the D.A. Russell Post # 68n GAR monument.

June 14 attended the 143rd Department Encampment of the Department of New Jersey SUVCW

June 27-28 traveled to Gettysburg to solicit donations from businesses to help offset the cost of the Remembrance Day parade.

June 30 held a Zoom meeting with the fund-raising committee

July 3-6 set up an information table at the 162nd Anniversary reenactment of the battle of Gettysburg. Provided was information about the Sons, Remembrance Day and the original Civil War Ball I would like to thank Gettysburg Camp #112 for their assistance.

I have participated in all the online votes of the CoA

I have one recommendation. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoints a special Committee to prepare for the 150th Anniversary of the Sons that will take place in the year 2031. While it is 5 years away this would give the committee time to investigate special events and special commemorative merchandise for sale to our Brothers.

2.12 Council of Administration – 2025; Peter Hritsko, PCinC

- It has been a pleasure serving the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this past year as member of Council of Administration, Council #1 as it is my last year as a voting member. It has been a pleasure serving the Order of the Sons especially all the Brothers I have met through the years and making many new friends whom I call Brothers. I had enjoyed working with all the Officers of the CofA, appointed officers and all the committees I have been involved with.

- I have voted on the majority of the motions. The reason I couldn't vote on some was due to my busy work schedule by time I got to them the dead line had passed.

- Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Lincoln's Tomb Ceremony and the CofA Meeting Saturday, April 12, 2025 in Springfield, IL due to a conflict in my work schedule not being able to get time off. I was excused by C-in-C Martin.

- National C & R as member of the committee I voted on the recent proposal Resolutions for the upcoming 2025 National Encampment in Houston, TX.
- I have been excused by C-in-C Martin in attending the 2025 National Encampment being held in Houston, Texas during August 7-10th due to my conflicting work schedule, I am unable to get time off for travel.
- I promote the SUVCW to others to join and I encourage more Brothers who are members to be more involved in the organization as we honor our Ancestors in doing so.

2.13 Banner Editor; James B. Pahl, PCinC

As I submit this report, the Summer issue is in the hands of our printer and should be in the hands of the United States Postal Service soon. The Fall issue deadline is August 31. All other deadlines remain unchanged.

2.14 Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC

Since the 2024 encampment, I have been engaged in the following activities:

- Camp 15 monthly meetings at The Burg.
- Engaged in PA Commander's zoom meetings.
- Attended Nat'l Council meeting at Gettysburg.
- No meetings of Nat'l Headquarters committee.
- Attended new year Camp 15 monthly meetings at The Burg.
- Submitted new year newsletter to members of MAL Camp 300.
- During February solicited current dues from delinquent brothers of camp 300.
- Missed April 2025 National Council Meeting at Springfield IL, due to kidney stones.
- During April assisted new camp 15's secy with initiating camp form 27.
- April prepared camp 300 form 27 revealing no loss of brothers.
- Later Camp 300 gained 1 new brother.
- Continue to edit and publish camp 15's monthly newsletter.
- May 2025 attended Hartranft Camp annual Memorial Day events at historic Harrisburg Cemetery to honor our fallen veterans; and Lincoln Cemetery too, and then Indiantown Gap Nat'l Cemetery.
- Continue with the training our 2025 newly appointed assistant executive director.

- Added new Department of Arkansas to the national database.
- Recently prepared the mailing list for the Summer Banner.

I have no 2025 recommendations.

As executive director and in remembrance of my ancestors who served our country during the Civil War and other conflicts since the War of the Rebellion, it is an honor to continue to serve the brotherhood of our grand patriotic organization covering the last 3 decades.

2.15 Assistant Executive Director – Douglas P. McMillin, PDC

First, let me offer up my sincere appreciation to the National Officers and members of the Council of Administration who so enthusiastically supported my application to assume the position of Assistant National Executive Director to the SUVCW. Not a day goes by that I do not feel the weight of the trust placed in me to perform this job. It is my daily goal to endeavor to bring the very best work and efforts I can to this job.

It is indeed unfortunate that my first report must be submitted barely a month and a half after being placed officially in this position. Although I have been working in the headquarters since February as a volunteer, my view of listing items to report upon is in a very formative stage at this point.

To date I have:

- Processed an enormous number of applications.
- Updated USPS addresses for the Banner mailing for two separate mailings.
- Processed easily more than 100 Form 30 Member information changes. Ranging from address changes, to status updates, discharges, drops, and reinstatement.
- Entered the Camp annual Officer Installation reports for the entire organization into the data base.

- Processed Department Roster updates in advance of Annual Reporting.
- Entered Department Officer Installation Reports into the database.
- Review and entry of Annual Reports by Department
- Filing of hard copies of applications and supplemental ancestor forms.
- Researching information to meet requests form national officers.
- Updating office equipment for the Asst Exec Dir workspace for increased efficiency and cost effective operation.

This is an example of the work that has been done to date. There will be more as the year progresses.

As an expert in process management and efficiency, I have been closely observing the methods and procedures at National Headquarters to see where improvements can be made to save both time and money. While this is a work in progress, I have already noticed a number of common issues that suggest where potential solutions might be found. Research into possible solutions is already in process.

Since I am only the Assistant in the HQ, I am not looking to implement any changes without the input and consent of the Exec Dir or the C of A. These suggestions will be forthcoming as I deem them viable and appropriate.

This concludes my report for the 2024-2025 year.

3.0 National Appointed Officers

3.1 National Chief of Staff; Brian W. Horgan, PDC

I have assisted in handling routine assignments and communications on behalf of the Commander in Chief.

I have met with the Commander in Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff at least weekly and as needed to review pertinent issues for the week and engage in strategic planning. I have met with the National staff in facilitating various efforts.

Regarding the submission of reports for this and future COA meetings, please make every effort to submit them in a timely fashion and in the format requested. (Of note, the body of this report reflects the response to the call for reports issued to those officers and committee chairs of record as of the most recent listings available. Compliance with formatting and deadlines is beneficial in the attempt to convey the reports as intended. Deviation from these requests jeopardizes the integrity of the reporting.) As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. An analysis of report submissions by type reveals the following:

Report Type	Officers	Reports Received	Percent Complete
National Elected Officers	15	15	100%
National Appointed Officers	36	27	75%
National Standing Committees	19	15	79%
National Special Committees	7	6	86%
Department Reports	32	26	81%
Total	109	89	82%

In closing, I wish to thank CinC Martin for his appointment to serve as Chief of Staff. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity. I could not have completed my assignment without the strong support of a dedicated and committed staff of Brothers. I wish to specifically cite the efforts of W. Faron Taylor, PDC, and A. Clay Matthews, PCC, for their significant contributions.

3.1a Deputy National Chief of Staff; W. Faron Taylor, PDC

I have assisted in the daily activities of the Commander in Chief and assisted with his communications.

I have met with the Commander in Chief and the Chief of Staff weekly and as needed to discuss recent activities and facilitate advanced planning.

3.1b National Aides de Camp; Eric Atkisson, PCC; Clay Matthews, PCC; David Pyne, PCC; Tim Sedmak; Nathaniel Horgan

The National Aide staff has collectively served to assist with various administrative tasks in support of the CinC, including communications, document formation and collation, scheduling, and other duties as assigned.

3.2 National Chaplain, Doug Jones

I have taken the following actions during the past four months.

1. I wrote 2 articles for the Banner.

2. Submitted a camp article for the Banner
3. I updated the National Chaplain's page on the SUVCW webpage with several orders from the Commander-in-Chief.
4. Sent a birthday card to Bro William Poole, the last surviving true son.
5. Where I received Form 49 from 18 Departments, I congratulated those brothers who were appointed as Department Chaplain and offered assistance.
6. I have responded to 77 death notifications with cards or other messages since my appointment.
7. I added those deaths to the National Chaplain's page reporting those deaths including date of death, name, department and camp number. They are sorted by date of death.
8. I participated in a field training with leadership of the Department of the Chesapeake in Fredericksburg VA March 4th.
9. Attended the Department of the Chesapeake Encampment in Fredericksburg VA March 4th & 5th.
10. Attended the ceremonies at the Lincoln Tomb on March 12th on Lincoln Death Day in Springfield Illinois and offered prayers'
11. Spoke at ceremonies at the Dr. Stephenson Monument on March 12th.
12. Organized Camp participation in 250th History Fair with DAR, SAR and other organizations in Frederick MD on April 27th
13. Conducted a Camp Meeting on May 18th.
14. Participated in Memorial Day Program at Mount Olivet Cemetery, home of Francis Scott Key, with other lineage organizations.
15. Hosted a Camp Picnic at my home on Sunday, June 22nd.

3.3 National Civil War Memorials Officer, Walter E. Busch, PDC

This year has been busy; the following have been accomplished:

- 1) Walt entered all the monuments and last soldier memorials listed below into the national database <https://suvchw.org/national-monument-database>.

2) Created suggested edits to the Constitution and Regulations concerning the job descriptions for Camp, Department, and National Memorial Officers. After finding out that a national officer cannot recommend such changes without a department approving a resolution for such, obtain the department of Missouri's resolution to make such changes. (text attached),

3) Sumner Hunnewell records monuments on his many journeys for other fraternal organizations. He has submitted the most monuments this year and should be commended for submitting 56. The department that has submitted the most is Missouri, well actually the new Department of Arkansas depending on when we count them as being submitted.

4) In preparation of creating a user manual for entry of monuments into the national database, Sumner Hunnewell and I met and he was trained to enter records into the database. This went well and I should be able to prepare a user manual before next encampment and am hoping to hold a Zoom training session with Department and Camp Memorials Officers.

The National Database for Monuments/Memorials holds the following number of files:

Monuments Guidelines, Catalogs & Publications	22
Outside the US	6
Alabama	2
Arkansas	68
Arizona	9
California	64
Colorado	7
Connecticut	13
Delaware	2
Florida	5
Georgia	26
Hawaii	1
Iowa	456
Idaho	10
Illinois	158
Indiana	46
Kansas	18
Kentucky	22

Louisiana	4
Massachusetts	81
Maryland	7
Maine	14
Michigan	231
Minnesota	3
Missouri	574
Mississippi	26
North Carolina	12
North Dakota	2
Nebraska	7
New Hampshire	32
New Jersey	9
New Mexico	1
Nevada	6
New York	52
Ohio	77
Oklahoma	5
Oregon	11
Pennsylvania	66
Rhode Island	39
South Carolina	2
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	26
Texas	5
Utah	4
Virginia	37
Vermont	6

Washington	17
Washington, DC	9
Wisconsin	39
West Virginia	1
Wyoming	3
TOTAL	2346

Officer's Report Recommendation

Resolution Supporting Changes to the Constitution and Regulations
 Concerning the Job Descriptions for
 Camp, Department, and National Memorial Officers

WHEREAS the job descriptions of the Camp, Department and National Memorials Officers in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not reflect changes to the current existing conditions within the organization; in that, these descriptions do not mention the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS the job descriptions of the Camp and the Department Memorials Officers promote the keeping of records separate from the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS these two job descriptions do not specify that these separate records be shared with the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS one main purpose of the National Memorials and Monuments Database is to have all Memorials and Monuments records held by any unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held by the use of the entire organization; and

WHEREAS there are other revisions that the National Memorials Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following changes to National Regulations, Chapter I, Article III; Chapter II, Article IX; and Chapter III, Article VII.

[Adopted by the 30th Department of Missouri Encampment on June 7, 2025]

Chapter I ARTICLE VIII.

Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 6. Camp Memorials Officer- The purpose of the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs) within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Camp area shall be made from time to time to the Department Memorials officer upon appropriate form. To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of a Camp's membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should:

- a) Coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries.
- (b) Maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials - and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.
- (c) Provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.
- (d) Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Camp Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUVCW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained member may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their camp's designated area.

Chapter II Article IX

Optional Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 2. Civil War Memorials Officer. The purpose of the Department Civil War Memorials Officer includes the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and

sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs) in the Department. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.

(a) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should coordinate a mutually agreeable Camp assignment of Counties within the state(s) represented by his Department.

(b) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should provide guidance to each Camp for the execution of activities including coordinating the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries; maintaining observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials – and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located; and providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

(c) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to maintain a computer database from the information submitted by each Camp, on the SUVCW "Civil War Memorial Assessment Form" (CWM 61).

(c) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to periodically review the Department's files within the National Civil War Memorials Database for out-of-date or missing information and correct himself or request a local Camp Civil War Memorials Officer to correct the situation in order to keep our database up-to-date.

(d) Electronic cataloging and retrieval of Civil War Memorial photo-images is also encouraged.

(d) Make recommendations to the National Civil War Memorials Officer intended for the improvement of the National Civil War Memorials Database or forms that are used.

(e) T(c) he Department Civil War Memorials Officer will also forward this information to his Department's liaison on the National Civil War Memorials Committee.

(f) (d) Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Department shall be made from time to time to the National Civil War Memorials Officer upon appropriate form.

(g) Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Department Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUVCW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained member may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their department's designated area.

Chapter III Article VII

Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 21. The National Civil War Memorials Officer shall chair of the National Civil War Memorials & Monuments Committee. He will also provide leadership and direction to the National Organization, Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques. He shall

- a. Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War Memorials (as described above), and make this information available upon request.
- b. Develop and, once developed, maintain online monument information presented in a format approved by the Memorials and Monuments Committee.
- c. Encourage Departments and Camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer, at each level, to oversee department-wide and "local" memorial assessment and preservation activities. If deemed necessary by the organization, develop additional written instructions or training for people to use the Civil War Memorial Assessment Form.
- d. Encourage departments (or states) to maintain their own websites containing monument information maintain the files in the Civil War Monuments National Database pertaining to their Department. If/when all departments meet our minimum standards, the national monuments officer will forward records sent into him and completed Form 62s scanned annually by him to the appropriate departments. Then only records that are not connected with a specific department will be kept by national (examples are those recorded from outside the US).
- e. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to assist Department and Camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials.
- f. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding the observation of care and upkeep for Civil War Memorials - and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located.
- g. Act as an advisor to the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee by providing instruction as to what is a memorial or monument and what is not, to help ensure funds of the Organization are used for their purposes intended. Collect the files from the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee on an annual basis and scan the documents for inclusion in the national electronic database.
- h. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer regarding the activities of the committee.
- i. Review annually the national website to review all monument forms, links to department (or state) monuments, and, if present, any national database that is on line to insure they are properly working.
- j. Submit annually a digital backup copy of the national database to National SUVCW.

NEW j. Develop or maintain training manual for using the database. The manual demonstrates to trained Camp and Department Civil War Memorials Officers how to access and upload files to the database. Training on the proper use of the database and our forms should be developed with an eye to incorporating the training into the programs of Memorial University.

NEW k. Annually review the training manual and make updates.

NEW l. As needed, upload files to the database; review files uploaded by others to the database and edit; and evaluate the database and make recommendations to the National Signals Officer.

3.4 National Color Bearer, Shane Milburn, PDC

Nothing to report

3.5 National Counselor, Michael Paquette, PCinC

I provided guidance to the Department Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming regarding multiple ongoing disciplinary actions in the department. Questions posed by the Department Commander primarily involved clarification of the disciplinary process and timelines defined in the C, C, and R.

3.6 Assistant National Counselor, Donald E. Darby, PCinC

No Report Received.

3.7 Assistant National Counselor (Blue Book), James B. Pahl, PCinC

The 2025 version of the C&R is currently on line and available. It contains all Regulation and annotation changes from the 143rd National Encampment (Lexington).

3.8 National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, Michael Spaulding, PDC

Form 14, for requesting Eagle Scout Certificates directs applicants to send the form to either the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinators (DESCC) or directly to me. I forward the ones I receive to the appropriate DESCC and follow-up to make sure all requests are processed. Not every Department has an active DESCC, so I have sent out 43 certificates to the new Eagle Scouts personally and have also presented 6 certificates to new Eagle Scouts here in Ohio.

Since the beginning of my current term in August 2024, I have personally processed 345 requests from 31 Departments. Some Departments have good contacts with the local Scout troops and have processed certificates without going through me as the middleman, so the total number of Eagle Certificates awarded in the past year is 672. Our records are not complete, but more than 90% of the reported Eagle Scouts who received our certificate were males, and 142 certificates were presented by an SUVCW Brother in person. (This is a great opportunity for us to meet and recruit potential new members!)

I commend the Department of New York generally, and the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 specifically. Camp 544 issued 135 (!) certificates in 2024 alone! In one Eagle Court of Honor, Camp Commander McMahon presented 11 certificates, the largest number at one ceremony I am aware of, and more than many Departments for the entire year. Good job!

I have combined my records with reports received from most of the Departments and here are the total numbers of certificates awarded:

Alabama	5	Missouri and Arkansas	17
California and Pacific	16	Nebraska, North & South Dakota	2
Chesapeake	19	New Hampshire	3
Colorado and Wyoming	3	New Jersey	67
Columbia	53	New York	257
Connecticut	4	North Carolina	4
Florida	23	Ohio	19
GA & SC	10	Oklahoma	2

Illinois	14	Pennsylvania	35
Indiana	1	Rhode Island	3
Iowa	1	Southwest	15
Kansas	7	Tennessee and Mississippi	4
Kentucky	6	Texas and Louisiana	30
Maine	3	Vermont	0
Massachusetts	14	Wisconsin and Minnesota	14
Michigan	20	Unknown	3

I also worked with QM Bobby Welch to get the wording on the certificate updated to represent the latest name change of the old Boy Scouts to the new Scouting America.

3.9 National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PCinC

I have the pleasure of submitting my National GAR Highway Officer Report for 2025 National Encampment being held in Houston Texas during August 7-10th.

I would like to thank all the Dept. GAR Highway Officers for their hard work during this past year. Especially all their reports they have submitted during the course of the year.

I have contacted all brothers assigned as Department GAR Highway Officers that were listed on the National Website that were listed on their department contacts. The Department GAR Highway Officers consist of the Department of California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. I asked all Dept. GAR Highway Officers to submit a report and if they didn't to please respond by saying Nothing to Report.

I found the Department Rhode Island GAR Highway Officer was vacant and the listing for Vermont GAR Highway didn't have a contact.

These GAR Highway Officers listed in this package are the ones whom have turned in a report for their departments.

If you don't see a department listed these officers didn't turn in a report for their department.

I have been asked many times by Brothers how Dept. Ohio was able to place signs on US Route 6 knowing as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Because they were having the same issue that I had encounter dealing with the different State Department of Transportation (DOT). I explained in my State of Ohio the only 2 signs that the DOT of Ohio would allow a sign to be put up were located at 2 different rest stops only. I had mentioned the other locations and Ohio DOT reply was No. I went to the different cities in Ohio for whom I had spoked with their mayors and the Superintendent of their Street Department. They informed me that all signs that were posted within the city, village and township were their responsibility and it was their discursion to allow them to be put up even though these were state routes they had jurisdiction over the state on sign postings. That is how I was able to have these signs installed and have each city pay for the signs and labor of installation. I organized a dedication ceremony with the mayor present for which I presented a plaque of recognition for each city.

Every Department GAR Highway Officer need to look in to their law of each state DOT and city, villages and townships how it's governed the placing of these sign which may be totally different from one to another.

3.10 National GAR Records Officer, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

It has been an honor to serve as your National GAR Records Officer for the 2024-2025 administrative year. This is my fifteenth consecutive term in this appointed office.

The number of known and uniquely named/numbered GAR Posts identified in our catalog rose to 10,904 this year. This is an increase of sixteen Posts since last year's report. The additions were primarily in the states of Georgia and Tennessee. There are undoubtedly still dozens – if not hundreds – of Posts throughout the country yet to be identified, particularly those that existed prior to 1879.

The highlight of the year was the addition of the Descriptive Record of the GAR Department of Tennessee to our catalog, which was digitized in 2020 by the Knox County Public Library (Knoxville, TN) and recently posted online. It is a master record book that was maintained by the GAR Department of Tennessee, containing extracted information from each Post's Descriptive Book. It's a remarkable and rare record. Although the collection is searchable by name, I browsed the entire collection of digitized pages to verify which images pertain to which Post. That information is now reflected in our catalog.

More details regarding our program are presented in the annual report of the National Committee on GAR Records.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

No Recommendations.

3.11 National Graves Registration Officer, Henry Duquette, PDC

As of July 6, 2025, we have 914,764 records in the database, of which 860,367 are active and 54,397 have been deleted as duplicates or false records. The number of deleted records reflects the various clean-up efforts that several Departments have undertaken this past year but with much more clean-up to do. We have 1,900 registered accounts; 1,782 submitters, 114 administrators and 4 root accounts. Very few of the submitter accounts are active at this time. Only 5 have logged in since 1/1/2025. These 5 accounts have submitted 45,880 new records since their accounts were created. Accounts that have never submitted a record will be dropped from the system. In contrast, 66 Admin accounts have logged in to the system since Jan. 1, 2025.

Work on the Graves Registration Rewrite Project continues. Progress has slowed recently due to the developer's frequent schedule issues which has resulted in the project falling further behind schedule and is very frustrating to the committee.

Developer Ken Rahn is working on the "Service" and "Disposition of Remains" sections. Once these are completed, testing will begin by the committee. The Committee now meets with developer Ken Rahn every week to review progress when he is available. The committee has begun establishing testing plans for each process of the system and has identified issues with the conversion of the old database to the new format.

Clean-up efforts continue. Many of the errors found are due to data entry mis-spellings, etc. from before fields were selected from dropdown menus. I am the only one who has direct access to the database so I am often called upon to provide reports to Department Grave Registration Officers. The new Admin section will include a

“Reports” section where some of the more common reports will be available to assist in their clean-up efforts. In addition, Admins will have the ability to create Ad Hoc reports.

The Committee has submitted proposed Website Policy Statements for the Graves Registration web pages: Terms and Conditions of Service and Privacy Policy to the Policy and Proceedings Committee for review. We are waiting for an official finding by the P & P Committee.

Committee members continue to put in many hours of work every month with more effort required as we enter the testing phase. I applaud their dedication and commitment to making the Graves Registration database an outstanding product.

Recommendation: Purchase Cyber Insurance

During our conversion review of current free-form text fields in the database, we recognized that we have an exposure to malware and other potentially harmful input. Consideration must also be given to the fact that we gather contact information from people who sign up for a Submitter’s Account. While we do not hold Social Security Account Numbers, we do capture enough personal information to make our database attractive to hackers.

3.12 National Guard, Lee Stone, PDC

Nothing to Report

3.13 National Guide

No Report Received.

3.14 National Historian, Gary Gibson, PDC

No Report Received.

3.15 National Legislation Officer, Daniel R. Earl, PCC

The duties of the National Legislation Officer are to keep Brothers apprised of “legislation affecting the welfare of the Order or the Constitution or the welfare of the United States” (C&Rs Chapter III, Art. VII, §32). To that extent, this report is an overview of relevant federal legislation.

Below is a summary list of federal legislation that has been introduced during the first session of the 119th Congress (from 3 January 2025 through 10 July 2025), relevant to the purpose and objects of the Order. (Previous federal legislation that was introduced during the 118th Congress and was not passed, died when Congress adjourned sine die at 11:57 a.m. on 3 January 2025.) Since the start of the 119th Congress on 3 January 2025 at 12 noon, I have reviewed over 7,700 federal bills and resolutions. Unless otherwise noted below, each measure is awaiting action in a House or Senate Committee.

Due to the vast quantity of continuously changing legislation, a limited amount of State legislation is researched and reported on by Assistant National Legislative Officer Steve Hammond (PDC).

Departments are encouraged to monitor legislation in their respective state and local government jurisdiction (G.O. #6 Series 2016-2017) and contact the National Legislation Officer about issues of interest and to assist with further review and/or advice.

Brothers may be particularly interested in legislation below that is denoted with an asterisk (*) and in bold print.

BATTLEFIELDS, MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS, AND HISTORIC AREAS

- ***H.R.Res.63** – Redesignating the Robert E. Lee Memorial as the “Arlington House National Historic Site.”
- ***H.R.3056** – This legislation is known as the Camp Nelson National Monument Boundary Expansion Act. It would authorize the addition of approximately 132 acres to the Camp Nelson National Monument in Kentucky, bringing the total acreage of the monument to 597 acres. Camp Nelson was established by the Union Army on 29 April 1863 as a supply depot and hospital. It later became a recruitment and training center.

MISCELLANEOUS PATRIOTIC AND RELATED LEGISLATION

- **H.R.51/S.51** – To provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.
- **H.R.465** – To prevent the flying of any flag other than the United States flag over United States diplomatic and consular posts.
- ***H.R.1087/S.498** – To posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively to the African Americans who served with Union forces during the Civil War, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service.
- **H.R. 1421/S.900** – These bills would forbid a U.S. flag from being displayed on federal property unless it was made in the United States. Additionally, federal funds could not be used to purchase U.S. flags that are not manufactured in the United States.
- **H.R.1976** – To require \$20 notes to include a portrait of Harriet Tubman.
- **H.Res.222** – Recognizing the patriotism and contributions of veterans service organizations, veteran advocacy groups, and volunteers.
- ***H.Res.373** – Expressing support for the month of May as “Fallen Heros Memorial Month” (with specific references to the American Civil War).
- **H.Res.440** – Recognizing on Memorial Day, 26 May 2025 the denial of voting representation in Congress and full local self-government through statehood for active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia.

- *S.1858 – This bill would require national cemeteries administered by the DOD, VA, or NPS to be open to visitors on federal public holidays.
- *H.Res.444 – Calling upon all Americans on this Memorial Day, 2025, to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.
- S.Res.290 – A resolution commemorating June 19, 2025, as “Juneteenth National Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States. [Agreed to in the Senate by Unanimous Consent.]

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- *S.J. Res.58/H.J.Res. 101 – A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States..

3.16 National Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, Perley E. Mellor, PCinC

No Report Received.

3.17 National Liaison to MOLLUS, Jeffry C. Burden

No Report Received.

3.18 National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Rocky Bartlow

I have sent out dues notices to the brothers of the NMAL and received four back. Four other brothers, which I have not heard from in two years, I have dropped. I have completed Form 35 for the NMAL and it has been received at national. I plan to complete the camp IRS 990N form in July.

I have also received correspondence and have provided help for brothers inquiring for membership in the NMAL. In all cases, they were eligible for membership in a department, and I have directed them to those various departments successfully.

I plan to be in Houston in August for the national encampment.

3.19 National Organization Expansion Officer, John Buckler

No Report Received.

3.20 National Parliamentarian, James B. Pahl, PCinC

Brothers are reminded the 12th Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order is the latest edition.

3.21 National Patriotic Instructor, Tad D. Campbell, PCinC

This serves as the annual written report for both the National Patriotic Instructor (NPI) and the National Special Committee on Memorial University.

Memorial University:

Memorial University continues to take up much of the time allotted to the office of NPI.

Last year I designed a spreadsheet to track graduates of Memorial University, which I continue to maintain, and which will be passed along to my successor. The improved certificates I designed last year are working out well and have been positively acknowledged.

During this term twenty (20) Brothers graduated from Memorial University. This is an increase of 25% from last year. Three of the graduates did not respond to emails seeking contact and other information and so did not receive a certificate and pin.

Unfortunately, the National Special Committee on Memorial University did not have any meetings. The intention was to hold a virtual meeting via Zoom, but scheduling conflicts and other obligations prevented this from happening. However, Committee members Steve Michaels (PCinC) and Kent Peterson (PDC) did conduct a virtual "Introduction to the SUVCW – Member Orientation" course on October 27, 2024, which was well-received. Their initiative and dedication are to be commended.

Patriotic Instructor Reporting:

I received Patriotic Instructor reports on Form 41 from the following Departments: Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The Department of Arkansas was only organized on June 21, 2025 and is not included in this report. Only 14 of the remaining 31 Departments submitted a Form 41, which is just 45% of the Departments, and a 10% drop in reporting from the previous year. This is very disappointing.

Additionally, the Patriotic Instructor reporting forms at all levels (Forms 40, 41, and 42) remain confusing and convoluted, resulting in incomplete and likely inaccurate information. As an example, on the Form 41, in two columns for marking "Y" or "N" to indicate whether or not a Department participated in a particular activity, some Departments wrote "Y" or "N", some used an "X", and still others placed numbers in those columns. These numbers may have been the number of Camps for each response, but that was not at all clear, especially since the numbers did not match the number of Camps in the respective Departments. Issues like this left many areas of the Form 41 up to the best interpretation of the NPI, undoubtedly introducing additional errors.

Last year at the 143rd Annual National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky I made the following recommendation:

- 1) That the Patriotic Instructors' annual forms, namely Form 40 for Camps, Form 41 for Departments, and Form 42 for National, be reviewed by the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy with the following objects:
 - a. Abolishment of the forms, should it be determined that they are no longer needed, or,
 - b. If it is determined that the forms are still needed, that significant revision of the forms take place, to simplify them and add clearer language and instructions.

The National Encampment did not concur with recommendation 1a (abolishment of the forms), but voted to accept recommendation 1b (significant revision of the forms) and assigned the task to the National Committee

on Program and Policy. To date, I have neither seen any revised forms, nor has the National Committee on Program and Policy contacted the NPI for input regarding the forms.

On May 29, 2025 the Commander-in-Chief issued General Order No. 18 regarding the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which allows federal employees to donate directly to their favorite charities through the government pay system. This General Order requested additional information be included in the Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors' annual reports. Unfortunately, the timing of the General Order made compliance virtually impossible. It was issued nearly a month after the reporting deadline for Camps (April 1, not April 30 as stated in the General Order) and only 3 days before the reporting deadline for Departments (June 1, not June 30 as stated in the General Order). Most Departments that submitted reports had already done so before the General Order was issued.

Given the directives of General Order No. 18, it is even more critical that the forms receive significant revision, to include simplification and clarification, and to include specific wording that will successfully solicit the required data to comply with General Order No. 18.

Of the 14 annual reports (Form 41s) received, only 8 delineated the following activities, which may or may not meet the requirements of General Order No. 18:

Alabama

- Memorial Day Program in Oakwood Cemetery (Montgomery AL).
- Joint Meeting (multi camp) held in Cullman AL on May 11, 2024.
- Book Donations to the Old State Bank Museum in Decatur, AL.
- Participation in 2 Community Parades (in uniform).
- Participation in 3 Community Patriotic Commemorations.
- Multiple JROTC Awards Presentations.
- Participation in the rededication of Old Ossian Cemetery in Ossian, Wells County, Indiana.
- Participation in the Camp of Instruction held by the North-South Skirmish Association held at Brierfield Iron Work State Park in Brierfield, Alabama on June 16, 2024.
- Dedication Service for grave marker of Private Hiram Matthews at Calhoun Community College in Athens, Alabama on July 31, 2024. He was a Union Soldier and served in Company H, 13th United States Colored Infantry. This event had approximately 60 people in attendance and was covered by 4 local television stations.
- Six brothers attended the National Encampment held in Lexington KY in August 2024
- Participation in the annual Tennessee Valley Round Table Bus Tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield in Georgia, September 21, 2024.
- Attendance of Multiple Events across southern Tennessee commemorating the Battles of Anthony Hill, Franklin and Nashville, including the dedication of a historical marker for the USCI on Peach Orchard Hill, November and December 2024.

Florida

- Memorial services at funerals
- Memorial Day service at South Florida National Cemetery
- Independence Day Celebration
- Veterans Day Parade

Illinois

- All 11 Department of Illinois camps submitted their reports for 2024. Members of the camps spent nearly 1,500 volunteer hours in support of events and functions during 2024, while promoting education, history and patriotism. For this report, when applicable, the numbers listed in the Yes and No columns represent the number of camps that either did or did not participate in the listed event depending on the question. These two columns will add up to eleven in each instance.
- Every camp participated in a parade or other related function for Memorial Day, and nearly all participated in Veterans Day.
- Other major events were participated in by roughly half the camps.
- Brothers served at remembrance days for President Lincoln, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, and Benjamin Stephenson.
- Some camps participated in wreaths across America.
- Another camp is fully engaged in helping its namesake's family restore a monument in St. Louis, as well as signage in the namesakes adopted home in a small town where he is buried. There is international interest as these efforts will culminate in two larger events in September 2025 where a delegation from Germany will attend.
- Brothers set up historic displays at libraries.
- Brothers also provided an honor guard for at least one fallen brother posting at the casket.

Kansas

- Wreaths Across America
- Radio interviews to promote SUVCW
- Placed flags on graves in Topeka and Lawrence
- Emails to Camp members
- Camp 5 monthly newsletter
- Camp 5 Facebook page posting events and Civil War history

Maine

Dept. attended the sesetercentennial [250th anniversary] in Union, Maine

Ohio

- A number of grave markings throughout the state
- The use of color guards, including musket firing and buglers
- Strewing of petals on veterans' graves on Memorial Day
- Dedication of Lincoln Statue at the Dayton Veterans Affairs
- Many Camps had parades on holidays
- Wreaths Across America
- Many Camps had plaques placed for veterans, as well as information booths at fairs and holidays

Oklahoma

- 200th Anniversary of Ft. Gibson
- 8th Annual Dr. James G. Caster Symposium Civil War
- Memorial Day
- Re-Dedication of the Battle of Honey Springs
- Colors for Muscogee Creek Indian Freedman Band "Unsung Heroes Freedmen of Civil War Exhibit!"
- Flag Day
- July 4 (Neighborhood)
- 143rd National Encampment
- Folks Life Festival
- Re-Dedication for Union Veterans graves at Red Rock Cemetery, Calumet, Ok
- 24th Annual Department Encampment
- Mourned the passing of DUVCW Carol Cox
- Wreaths Across America
- Presented JROTC award during the 18th annual Cadet Ball
- Muscogee Creek Freedmen Band Cemetery Clean-up

- Distributed flags at Union Soldiers Cemetery and at Rose Hill Cemetery

Pennsylvania

- Our Brothers throughout the department proudly promoted patriotism and the love of country throughout the 2024 calendar year. Many Brothers participated in national patriotic events in their local communities as well as the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gettysburg. Our brothers participated in cemetery clean-up projects, replaced Civil War veterans' headstones, assisted in the Wreaths Across America project, created county-wide databases of Civil War veterans' gravesites and honored our Civil War soldiers by holding Last Veteran ceremonies. When possible, our Brothers helped to bring to light the spirit of patriotism by attending and presenting awards at Eagle Scout and ROTC ceremonies, participating in Flag and Flag Retirement ceremonies and presenting public programs on the importance of the Civil War and the SUVCW. Many camps opened their meetings to the public to show them the principles that we are founded upon.

Patriotic Instruction by the NPI:

I composed the following patriotic writings for the national organization:

"Voices of Patriotism" articles for The Banner:

- Autumn 2024 (Edward Everett)
- Winter 2025 (Creeds)
- Spring 2025 (Grand Review)
- Summer 2025 (Juneteenth)

Monthly Patriotic Instructions:

- September 2024 (R. C. Gridley and "That Sanitary Sack of Flour")
- October 2024 (G.A.R. Ritual — Badge Presentation)
- November 2024 (Thanksgiving)
- December 2024 ("A Talented Boy—A Brave Soldier—An Uncompromising Patriot")
- January 2025 (Description of the Grand Army Badge)
- February 2025 (Anecdotes of Abraham Lincoln)
- March 2025 (Medal of Honor Day)
- April 2025 (Grand Illuminations)
- May 2025 (Memorial Day)

- June 2025 (A Poem for Flag Day)
- July 2025 (Revenue Cutter Service)
- August 2025 (Final Tribute to the G.A.R.)

The monthly patriotic instructions were sent to all Departments and posted to the NPI's page of the national website.

Other Activities:

Additional SUVCW activities in which I have participated include the following:

- Council of Administration Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky – August 4, 2024
- Regular Camp Meeting, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Virtual – September 14, 2024
- Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Breakfast, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – November 16, 2024
- Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – November 16, 2024
- Council of Administration Meeting, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – November 17, 2024
- Installation Luncheon, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, Fallbrook, California – December 7, 2024
- Joint Camp Installation Luncheon, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 & Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, Fremont, California – January 18, 2025
- 139th Annual Encampment, Dept. of California and Pacific, Bakersfield, California – March 7-8, 2025
- Memorial Day Ceremonies (2), Los Gatos Memorial Park, San Jose, California – May 26, 2025
- Special Camp Meeting, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, Virtual – July 10, 2025
- Council of Administration Meeting, Houston, Texas – August 7, 2025
- National Encampment, Houston, Texas – August 8-9, 2025

Recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1: That the direction of the 143rd National Encampment regarding the review and revision of the Patriotic Instructor reporting forms (specifically Forms 40, 41, and 42) be followed, and that the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy be directed to complete this task as soon as possible, and further that the detailed and accurate reporting required to be in compliance with General Order No. 18 be considered when recommending revisions to said forms.

Note: The National Patriotic Instructor is prepared to withdraw this recommendation if the National Standing Committee on Program and Policy has already completed these tasks.

Recommendation No. 2: That the reporting period for the Form 42 (National Patriotic Instructor) be changed from “January 1 through December 31” to “August 1 through July 31,” a period that better matches the term of office of the National Patriotic Instructor.

With the current form using the prior calendar year as the reporting period, a first term National Patriotic Instructor has to try to report on 7-8 months of activity from before he assumed the office.

Recommendation No. 3: That a new appointive office of “Dean of Memorial University” (or other appropriate title) be created and that the administration of Memorial University and chairmanship of the National Special Committee on Memorial University be assigned to that office, and removed from the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor.

The administration of Memorial University and the special committee are important, but time consuming, and not necessarily best served by an educational officer whose main focus should be instruction, and the collection of data pertaining to the patriotic works of the Order as a whole.

3.22 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Dept-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer), James B. Pahl, PCinC

We have two Camps in the Department at Large: the Ensign John Davis Camp #10 located in London, England and the Pvt Robert F Dodd Camp 4 in Canada. Other Canadian Camps are being discussed.

3.23 Asst. Natl. Secretary (Proceedings), John Vander Meulen, PCC

A good audio recording of the 2024 National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky was provided to the Transcriptionist. From that recording, she produced a transcript of the Encampment business sessions. My Aide, Michael Lance, and I then received the transcript for review. During our review, we applied minor corrections for misspelled names and words, and improper punctuation. In addition, where the Transcriptionist categorized some speakers as “Unknown” and some remarks as “Indistinguishable,” we reviewed the video recording of the Encampment to attempt to identify the speaker’s name, or the correct word or phrase spoken. The video recording proved helpful in this regard.

We also identified “side-bar” remarks in the transcription and recommended their removal. Two Zoom meetings were conducted with PC-in-C Hritsko and C-in-C Martin to review and explain our recommended edits. With their approval, we completed the final editing.

The final version of the Proceedings report was submitted for approval on March 10, 2025. When final approvals were obtained, the report was sent to Brother Robert Payne who in turn placed it on the National Website for public viewing. Brother Roger Leturno, Washington DC Representative, was also notified of the report’s readiness for delivery to the Library of Congress.

3.24 National Signals Officer, Jamie McGuire, PDC

I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Martin for entrusting me to return to the responsibilities as National Signals Officer after a four-year hiatus. It has been a year of reacclimating to the role and reconsidering how the office can best serve our Order.

I began by getting up to speed with the National Webmaster on how and where the website is both functioning properly and where it is still in need of development and support. Working with Brother Payne in this capacity over the course of the year has been very useful, as the various tasks he performed as Webmaster gave me a great refresher of the priorities and use of our public-facing technologies. The

National Webmaster kept me very well informed and pulled me in for consultation and partnership on issues that he felt needed a different point of view.

I spent a great amount of time during 2024-2025 working to locate, vet, and recommend a qualified, capable, and willing Brother to nominate as a replacement for Brother Payne, who will be stepping down as National Webmaster.

I have worked with our Signals Corps to manage our various social media communications streams. We are still primarily on Facebook and Instagram. There is some LinkedIn and TwiXter engagement, but those platforms have fallen off dramatically. The SC receives photos and stories from Camps & Departments much as the Banner does and are able to share these stories out much more quickly and broadly than the quarterly publication. We also receive occasional direct communication from those looking for historical research, offering resources, or seeking information on membership. Those queries are responded to, and when applicable, forwarded to the appropriate National Officer, Department, or Camp. The YouTube channel does not fall under the Signals Corps, and content was neither developed, designed, nor distributed through such. When made aware, the social media administrators did indeed try to share out the YouTube content. There should be a more streamlined communication line between the National Committee on Marketing & Promotions and the Signals Corps. From its humble beginnings in 2015-2016, the Signals Corps has been proven to be a useful tool in advocating for, promoting the interests of, and recruiting for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For several years it was “seeing what sticks” and what would work best. It is clear now, after a decade-long run-in period, that the Signals Corps is best positioned as a Commander-in-Chief’s special subcommittee of Marketing & Promotions, or, as I moved at Encampments in days of yore, a standing committee on its own that works hand-n-hand with M&P and Communications and Technology.

Most recently I have been contacted by several committees seeking advice and support for web-based initiatives moving forward. I will assist all committees and Brothers as permitted by the C&R and within the purview of the office, and will continue to make myself available.

In 2017-2018, this office was in the process of being reimagined as a public-facing conduit for the dissemination of information on behalf of the National Organization through various communications streams, be it press releases, General Orders, CofA announcements and updates, good news stories, etc. In the interceding years between then and now, how we humans consume information has evolved rapidly, both as a result of emerging and evolving technologies as well as unfortunate necessities of COVID-era happenings that have permanently altered the landscape. I have spent some time this year reflecting on how these changes have impacted the duties of the National Signals Officer, and what recommendations I would have to reshape it to a more efficient use of a position. I have nothing to recommend at this time, but will continue to consider anything up to and including a wholesale revision of the office.

3.25 Assistant National Treasurer #1, James Pahl, PCinC

Nothing to Report

3.26 Assistant National Treasurer #2, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC

No Report Received.

3.27 Assistant National Treasurer #3, Michael Paquette, PCinC

Nothing to Report

3.28 National Washington DC Representative, Roger Leturno, PDC

No Report Received.

3.29 National Webmaster, Robert Payne, PDC

It has been my pleasure to be the National Webmaster this year. I have completed many tasks needed to maintain the website and ensure proper electronic communication with the Council of Administration.

1. Re-aligned all the email redirects to the new officers.
2. Helped transition cinc@suvcw.org to the new Commander-in-Chief.
3. Added new email re-directs, as requested by the Commander-in-Chief.
4. Added the Commander's Assistant Chief of Staff to the cofa_group1@suvcw.org redirect.
5. Updated the Commander-in-Chief page.
6. Transitioned PCinC Hritsko's Bio to the PCinC area of the Website.
7. Transitioned Last year's General Orders to a new location and created a location for this year's General Orders.
8. Dealt with a few display issues on the website
 - a. Issue with display and linking documents in the Monuments and Memorials area.
 - b. Positioning issue with the "Governance and Forms" dropdown menu.
 - c. Lost the redirects for getting to the website.
 - i. The Server had to be restarted. This took a couple days to fix. During that time it was still accessible using <https://suvcw.org>
9. Worked with the Chaplain to give him access to edit his own page.
10. Posted all General Orders and Minutes as directed.
11. Posted any new forms approved by the Council of Administration and Programs and Policy Committee.
12. Worked with Drupal Connect to assist Brother Walt Busch with issues in the Monuments and Memorials Section of the National Website
 - a. This caused quite an increase in the cost of maintaining and updating the website. Due to file name handling and coding protocols which didn't accommodate:
 - i. the number of records
 - ii. size of records
 - iii. format of file names desired to be used when inputting data

- iv. additional display requests.
- b. I have allowed Drupal Connect to interact directly with The Monuments and Memorials Team and requested that updates and additional hours required to perform their requests be run through the Webmaster to help control cost overruns.
- c. This “fix” caused more than 600 file names, not in the Monuments and Memorials area, to have a “404” error. This has caused me to have to fix all these files, which include most of the Past National Encampments, Past Banner Editions, and Past General Orders.
- d. I consulted with Drupal Connect and discussed possible solutions. We have been able to correct the majority of the broken links. I have taken over the process of correcting the files in the main part of the website to reduce costs with Drupal Connect.
- e. This issue, caused by not knowing the file naming protocols, has resulted in around 10 extra hours of work by Drupal Connect implementing a permanent solution.
- 13. Corrected 404 errors as quickly as possible after being notified of them or finding them.
- 14. I have requested, from Drupal Connect, the cost estimate to incorporate some new content types to assist future Webmasters in ease of updating the website.
- 15. Updated many PCinC Biographies, with the direct assistance of PCinC Ed Norris.
- 16. Under the request of PCinC Don Martin, I created a new area on the site covering the background on the names of some of our National Awards. National Awards - background | Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- 17. Uploaded Candidates for National Offices
- 18. Forwarded many emails that have arrived through our “Contact Us” link on the National Website
- 19. Handled email redirect issues concerning SVCinC
- 20. Removed and updated forwarding emails as needed.
- 21. Worked with our contractor, Drupal Connect, to ensure updates to website security and Drupal coding updates were installed.
- 22. Created a new page addressing the Sons of Veterans March.
- 23. Updated the Lincoln Tomb page.
- 24. Added SVR Breakfast order forms for The National Encampment and Remembrance Day.
- 25. Worked with the Department of Texas updating National Encampment pages and information concerning, tours, Lodging, Registration, and Houston Attractions.
- 26. Uploaded the New Camp Secretary Handbook.
- 27. Created an extra field on the National Encampment pages listing Awardees receiving National Awards at the National Encampments. Currently this only extends back to 2022 but will be further extended as we gather more information.

28. I have added a new link in the What We Do drop down for Remembrance Day.
29. Worked with Drupal on the loss of SendGrid for our website contact forms. It has been covered.
30. Currently working with Promotions and Marketing on placing America250, Memorial Day, and Juneteenth items on the site for use by members.
31. Notified the Council of the need to upgrade from Drupal 10 to Drupal 11, this year.
32. Notified Drupal Connect that the Council approved the update to Drupal 11.
33. Created a link for the NEW Department of Arkansas. Once I have the Department's web address, it will be properly linked.
34. I received a high-quality image of the 1954 SUVCW Charter. I created a page for it, exhibiting the document and links to it under the Federal Charters link in the Who We Are tab.

3.30 Assistant National Webmaster, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

No Report Received

3.31 National Webmaster – Memorial University, Bruce D. Frail, PCinC

I have the honor to report that the issues presented to the Memorial University Webmaster were handled on a timely basis by myself either doing the work directly or explaining to the Brother who oversaw that area (ClassMarker) how to fix or correct the issue at hand. There were four separate issues that came up throughout the year, all of which were Brothers who had taken the first test, passed and then couldn't get into the next lesson. All these issues were resolved when it was explained to each of them that when they completed the first lesson the system automatically sent them a certificate which stated their score and gave them the password for the next lesson.

Seemingly once this was explained to them, they must have gotten back into the system because I didn't hear anything from any of them in the future. Unfortunately, I cannot check within the ClassMarker to confirm this as that is not within my duties as Memorial University Webmaster. That discussion was made several years ago by the Committee when they assigned Brother Mark Day as the Curriculum Director position within Memorial University, since then Brother Day has resigned from that position and from the committee. This was done under the leadership of Brother Steve Michaels before Brother Benjamin Frail was assigned the duties of Director of Memorial University by virtue of his being appointed as National Patriotic Instructor.

It was determined that this Curriculum position would be retained with its list of duties by the committee. Again, Unfortunately, since Brother Benjamin Frail was removed as National Patriotic Instructor there has been no expansion, future development or meetings of Memorial University. In my opinion, this needs to be corrected as Memorial University should continue to grow and expand.

3.32 Assistant National Quarter Master, Ken Jacobsen

See National ROTC Coordinator Report.

3.33 National ROTC Coordinator, Ken Jacobsen

My sincerest thanks to Commander-In-Chief Martin for the opportunity to serve the order in administrating this unique program for young men and women in developing their leadership, civic, and academic talents through this unique and historic recognition.

Additional thanks to National Quartermaster Bobby Welch and National Treasurer Michael Beard for insuring we had sufficient medal sets and certificates to support the requests of the academic institutions via our departments and camps.

Processing of all requests for this past year will be processed by the National Encampment.

I utilized a Google phone number for greater accessibility. This was challenging in that I did not anticipate the volume of calls from coordinators and school staff.

The majority of department and camp designated ROTC / JROTC Coordinator's are already doing what is desired by national. Submissions of Form 7 via a SUVCW point of contact for presentation at their end of the academic year awards ceremonies are not meeting with major objections once they understand the mission of the order to have representation at these award ceremonies.

Additionally, those requests for the award should come from the department or camp. While any ROTC or JROTC unit can reference the order's website and request the award. It is a challenge for those schools to not be aware of departments or camps in their vicinity.

Further, they understand the requirement of the certificate getting the camp or department commander's signature to complete the process. This requirement demonstrates our desire to have a professional and appropriate certificate for presentation.

I printed all certificates with the cadet's name and award ceremony date per the submitted Form 7 for a uniform professional appearance.

While the presentation certificate has been formatted to have a department or camp commander's signature, in my conversations with those involved in this program under previous administrators, is that it is an administrative process impediment to route these to the appropriate officers for signature in time for their award ceremonies.

This takes valuable time to get these certificates for those making the presentation even when done with ample notice. This spring numerous colleges and high school's units newly learned of the program and made requests on short notice for their award ceremonies. I do not recommend making lead-time recommendations for such requests as the award ceremony dates can change and cadet award determination is made by the unit.

It should be an option to consider using the National C-in-C's signature on the certificate. This is appropriate for departments and camps with huge geographic areas, limited camps, and limited members to make the presentations.

Yes, every effort should be made to have a member of the order make the award ceremony presentation, but this should not be a limiting consideration for sending a medal set and certificate to a worthy and deserving cadet. See Enclosure (1) as a sample of this format.

Per the Council of Administration (COA) meeting held on November 17, 2024, at Gettysburg, PA

8. It was noted there was a conflict between Form 12 (its Form 7) (ROTC Medal) and the National Regulations. The name of the form will be changed to reflect ROTC/NDCC. Brother Beard moved to have P & P Committee make any minor changes to any form, and it does not require COA approval. Vote: 11 YES, 0 NO. Motion passed.

NDCC, in the context of ROTC, typically stands for the National Defense Cadet Corps. It is a program that offers similar experience to JROTC, but is primarily funded by the host school, rather than the military. While NDCC mirrors JROTC in its focus on leadership and citizenship, it is distinct in its funding model.

This certificate I rarely use, therefore because the Form 7 reflects the different program units using this form, I will submit to the Programs and Policies Committee to change the Form from "R.O.T.C. AWARD APPLICATION" to "CADET AWARD APPLICATION."

The use of CADET is appropriate because it is a ubiquitous term used across all the various programs we make this award too.

Brother Welch set me up with using a on-line shipping software program that is better fiscally and saves significant processing time with the post office. It has the additional feature of when I complete the packaging of the award, I am able to notify the college, high school, camp or department recipient via their cell phone and email of a USPS or UPS tracking number and notification of its departure from my home city.

Total shipping costs ending 30 June 2025 -- \$1,1175.00. Average cost per shipment -- \$7.00

I held two zoom question answer meetings on February 6th and 7th with department and camp Cadet Coordinators. My intention is to conduct a follow-up zoom meeting in August with coordinators for lessons learned and feedback from this past academic year.

Finally, my primary goal is to work for continued process improvement with this program and standardization of the application process.

In conclusion the following recommendations are submitted for consideration,

RECOMMENDATION #1

The use of the current National Commander – in – Chief facsimile signature on cadet award certificates. See enclosure (1) samples for formatting styles.

RECOMMENDATION #2

The addition of a "Form 7 Instructions" PDF on the National website under the ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Programs with the Form 7 PDF. The "Form 7 Instructions" would be created by the National Cadet Recognition Coordinator under the guidance and approval of the Programs & Policies Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Request change under the website from,

ROTC and NDCC Programs

Cadet Recognition Programs (ROTC/JROTC)

How the program works:

- Camp and Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, through this program, are encouraged to participate in recognizing deserving cadets. Such participation is voluntary.

- Where a Camp and Department chooses not to participate, or in locales where no Camp or Department exists, the ROTC/JROTC/NDCC Cadet Award may be purchased requested by the unit using the Form 7 application / order form.

RECOMMENDATION #4

I recommend and encourage the formal addition of the optional appointed officer at the department and camp levels for a Cadet Recognition Coordinator. The departments may determine their respective duties and responsibilities. Some departments and their respective camps already have these officers; it would ease the administrative processing of these requests each spring at the end of the academic year to have these coordinators.

RECOMMENDATION #5

Change of the title of the Form 7 from “R.O.T.C. AWARD APPLICATION” to “CADET AWARD APPLICATION.”

3.33 National Battle Flag Preservation Officer, Ed Norris, PCinC

The activity has mainly been about awareness of our ancestors' battle flags. The "Union Civil War Battle Flags" Facebook page now has 5,080 followers. Since our 2024 National Encampment, sixteen articles about preservation efforts or events directly related to the battle flags have been posted.

4.0 National Standing Committees

4.1 National Committee on Program and Policy, Kevin Tucker, PDC

We, the members of the National Committee on Program and Policy, are honored to have been appointed by you to serve the Order through this vital and ongoing work. It is a privilege to contribute to the stewardship and improvement of the administrative structure that supports the mission and day-to-day operations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Our committee is composed of the following Brothers:

- Kevin Tucker, PDC, Chair
- Robert Payne, PDC, Member
- Benjamin Frail, PDC, Member
- Chip Huffman, Member
- Leo Kennedy, PCinC, Member

The Committee's principal focus remains the thorough review and, where necessary, the revision and modernization of the Order's official forms, policies, and published guidance. Our goal is to ensure that these resources remain accurate, accessible, and consistent—supporting both efficiency in administration and fidelity to our Constitution and Regulations.

Since the 2024 National Encampment in Louisville, we have updated the following forms:

- In August 2024: Form 5 - War Medal Application - was updated with changes to number of campaigns.

- In August 2024: Form 7 - ROTC Award Application - was revised with the form name changed to "Cadet Award Application Form" and updated address added for Ken Jacobsen.
- In August 2024: Form 9 - Life Member Application was updated with updated rate schedules.
- In September 2024 Form 30 - Camp Status Report – was revised with the form name changed to "Individual Brother's Personnel Status Action Report".
- In October 2024, Form 7 - ROTC Award Application - was again updated with the original name of the form restored.
- In October 2024, Form 30 - Camp Status Report – was again updated with the original name of the form restored.
- In October 2024, Form 3 - Membership Application - was updated with male gender declaration and the new supplemental application fee added.
- In January, 2025, Form 22 - Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers – was updated to include Camp and Department officers mandated in the C&R.
- In April, 2025, Form 9 - Life Member Application was updated to correct an error to the schedules.
- In April, 2025, - Form 10 – Life Member Reimbursement - was updated wording on the form changed from, "...whose Life Membership fee was paid in full on or before December 31, 2001." to "...whose Life Membership number is lower than 600.", to avoid Camps having to look up dates of Life Membership for Brothers before filling out the form.
- In April, 2025, Form 3 - Membership Application - was updated with changes on Page 3 changing out the Certification statement for a "Geneology" (sic) statement. The form was later corrected for the spelling error.
- Form 11 - Certification Statement for EIN Reporting Statement – was revised with wording changes in both halves of the document.

On August 22, 2024, Brother Henry Duquette submitted a draft of "Website Policy Statements on the Graves Registration web pages: Terms and Conditions of Service and Privacy Policy" to the Committee for review and approval. Following some discussion, on October 25, 2024, the Committee held a Zoom meeting with Brother Duquette, to discuss the policies.

The Committee felt that we were not qualified to approve the legal language in the policy. I called on a few of the lawyers in the organization to review it, and they felt they were not familiar enough with this legal area to provide an opinion. We will ask the Council of Administration for direction with regard to where to go from here. Brother Duquette also submitted a draft of "Headstone Policy", which outlined the steps for obtaining a new or replacement headstone for a Union veteran. The Committee felt that this was more of an instruction than a policy, and urged Brother Duquette to publish the document in a training booklet form to be published on the National web site.

On August 23, 2024, the Committee approved two drafts of job descriptions for proposed appointed positions of Assistant National Secretary for Recording and Assistant National Secretary for Transcription. These two offices, if approved would replace the current Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings office.

In January, 2025, while researching changes to Form 22, the Committee noticed some wording errors in the C&R. These errors were submitted to the National Counselor, who codified the corrected text.

Throughout the year, the committee has been working on reformatting our National Policies in order to give each policy continuity of format. We have developed a loose template for that format, and so far, have created

documents using it for Banner policy, Deed of Conveyance policy, Electronic Communications policy, Graves Registration Website policy, Veterans Headstones policy and Lobbying Policy.

We look for the incoming National Committee on Programs and Policies to continue this work in cooperation with the appropriate National authorities and, eventually, the approval of the Council of Administration.

4.2 National Committee on Civil War Memorials, Walter E. Busch, PDC

See National Civil War Memorials Officer report.

4.3 National Committee on Communication & Technology, James P. McGuire, PDC

The National Committee on Communications and Technology for 2024-2025 was comprised of:

Jamie McGuire, PDC, NSO, chair

Robert Payne, PDC, member

Ken Freshley, PCinC, member

Tad Campbell, PCinC, member

Benjamin Frail, PDC, member

Henry C. Duquette, PDC Aide

The committee had a very low key year. At the 2024 post-Encampment Council of Administration meeting, the CofA tasked the Committee to research and recommend a “feedback mechanism for anyone opening the Membership page on the National website so we can obtain better metrics on where prospective members are hearing about our order.” This topic was discussed and Brother Robert Payne, National Webmaster, identified and deployed a solution.

This committee remained steadfast in its desire to serve the Order to the best of its ability, but there were not an abundance of tasks assigned to us nor requests made of us in this past year. The incoming committee should use the 2025-2026 term to review the description of responsibilities of the Comm & Tech committee and suggest updates and changes.

It is imperative that the Social Media policy be reviewed in the coming year, as there has not been an update since 2017! In the past this has been Comm & Tech in partnership with P&P.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve our Order.

4.4 National Committee on Constitution and Regulations, Donald E. Darby, PCinC

RESOLUTIONS

TO THE 144th National Encampment

RESOLUTION

141ST Annual Michigan Department Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas, the current National Regulations require each brother to belong to a Camp or the Department MAL located within the Department where they reside, making no allowances for brothers who belong to Camps located in a department where they do not reside,

Therefore, be it resolved, The Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter II, Article I, Section 13, by eliminating the language in strikethrough and in red below.

Chapter II, Article I Section 13

Section 13 Each Department shall make provisions for Department Members-at-Large (DMAL). DMAL shall include all Brothers (Members, Associates, Juniors and Junior Associates) residing within the jurisdiction of the Department who are not a Brother of a Camp ~~within the Department~~. Such provision may be 1) Department MAL, 2) a Camp established by the Department for the purpose of administering the DMAL, or 3) a requirement in the Department bylaws that all Brothers belong to a Camp of their choice or assigned to the nearest Camp if the Brother does not choose a Camp.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS

RESOLUTION

141ST Annual Michigan Department Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas, the current National Regulations are unclear as to whether a Brother of the Order may attend and observe meetings of the Council of Administration,

Therefore be it resolved, the Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to the National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1(A) by adding the language in red below.

Article VIII

Council of Administration

Section 1. (A) The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in- Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All other Past Commanders-in-Chief, National Counselor, The BANNER Editor, the National Signals Officer, and the Washington D.C. representative shall be all non-voting members of the Council or Administration. Non-voting members of the Council of administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council of Administration (including while in executive session with the exception of the BANNER Editor and the National Signals Officer and be recognized and be heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purpose of

establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions. The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. ***Any Brother of the Order in good standing may attend and observe, without voice, any in person meeting of the Council of Administration, space permitting.*** The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

WITH A VOTE OF 3 TO 2 THE C&R , the C&R Committee does NOT Concur

RESOLUTION

141st Annual Michigan Department Encampment

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas, the current Regulations allow for a Past Department Commander to add a top bar with appropriate device to the Past Department Commander Badge and there is a desire to allow the same to a Past Commander-in-Chief.

Therefore, be it resolved, The Department of Michigan in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VI, Section 3 N by adding the flowing language in red below.

N. Past Commander-in-Chief Badge. Brothers who have served a full term as Commander-in-Chief or who have been elected to fill a vacancy and who serve to the end of that term may wear the Past Commander-in-Chief badge and are entitled to use the suffix PCinC in conjunction with their name. This badge shall have a ribbon as prescribed for national Officers, without top bar. The drop shall be the gold star of the Order, with jewel. ***A Past Commander-in-Chief may at his own expense, attach a top bar to the badge, being a gold bar fashioned as a rank strap with gold border, black enameled background and bearing four silver stars. Such device shall be purchased from the National Quartermaster.*** A miniature Past Commander-in-Chief Badge with a regulation ribbon 5/8 inch in with may be worn in accordance with Article III.

WITH A VOTE OF 3 TO 2 THE C&R COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR UNLESS TO GOES TO ALL LEVELS OF THE ORDER

RESOLUTION

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

A Resolution Amend National Regulations

Chapter III, Article IX, Section 8, item d

Whereas, during the Civil War with hundreds or thousands of men involved in the heat of battle, the significance of the color bearer and the color company cannot be overlooked. The flags set the line, rallied the troops, and because of their strategic value (and their visibility) the color sergeant was a ready target. It was a dangerous assignment. Yet the position and title held special honor amongst the troops. It was considered a

high honor and usually reserved for the bravest and strongest soldiers. The flags they carried represented the reputation of the unit and were not to be surrendered; and

Whereas, the Department of Kansas believes that Union Civil War battle flags which meet the criteria should be eligible for grant money under this program.

Therefore, the Department of Kansas, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the twenty-ninth annual department encampment on April 5, 2025, recommends National SUVCW Regulations, Chapter III, Article IX, Section 8 – Operating Funds Item d – Monuments/Memorials Grant Fund (aka Preservation Fund), be amended as follows:

“d. **Monuments /Memorial Grant Fund (aka Preservation Fund)**. The Council of Administration created this fund in 1999 to assist Departments and Camps of the Order in the preservation, maintenance, and defense of Civil War Monuments and memorials. **Documented Union Civil War battle flags shall be eligible for a grant for restoration or conservation, provided they are in the public domain not in private collections.** The General Fund annually transfers a per capita amount determined by the Council of Administration to operate the fund. Camps and Departments will follow these procedures to apply for a grant. These procedures also established standards on how grant submittals will be evaluated. (Footnote: Last Veterans Grave markers are not eligible for grants from the Monuments Grant Committee.”

Motion was unanimously passed by the Department of Kansas Encampment, this 5th day of April 2025.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE CAVEAT “WHERE IS THE MOONEY COMING FROM?”

RESOLUTION

Department of Massachusetts

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Renaming the National Committee on
Promotions and Marketing

Whereas; SUVCW Regulations, Article X Standing Committees, Section 19 states, “The purpose/mission of the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing is to expand awareness and visibility of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its activities and its brand to the broadest possible audience of organizations and individuals, through:

1. An increased active social media presence.
2. Develop and implementation of activity advertising campaigns.
3. Development of marketing tools, press releases and public educational campaigns.
4. To increase our visibility in mutual growth areas such as Genealogy Groups, Historical Societies, Preservation Associations and Veterans’ Organizations.
5. Generate articles, essays and short story servies to be offered for publication in free publications such as AARP Periodicals, Historical Newsletters, Genealogical Publications and other monthly or quarterly magazines, newsletters and publication.
6. Working with other programs and committees to generate a more cohesive and strengthened overall brand.
7. Develop a more efficient and effective campaign to develop, market and sell items to generate funding for programs and projects.
8. Introducing ourselves to K-12schools, Colleges and Universities, developing resources and curriculum education materials in areas of the American Civil Was and the Grand Army of the Republic, and,

9. Whereas; The National Special Committee on Fundraising was established to develop, market, and sell items to generate funding for programs and projects and
10. Whereas; This purpose of the National Special Committee on Fundraising is redundant with responsibilities in item #7 of the National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, and
11. Whereas; The National Committee on Promotions and Marketing has been successful in promoting the Order through social media applications, sponsorships of media podcasts, genealogical conventions, production of video and audio advertisements and other efforts over the past number of years and
12. Whereas, the National Special Committee on Fundraising has been successful with raising funds for the Order by focusing on the solicitation of donations, such as the 1881 Fund and other efforts, as well as the sale of merchandise at Remembrance Day,
13. Therefor be it resolved; That the Department of Massachusetts, sitting in convention approve the resolution calling upon the National Encampment of the fiscal year to approve an amendment to the Constitution and Regulations which changes the name of the National Committee on Programs and Marketing to the National Committee for the Promotion of the Order, and
14. Be it further resolved; that the SUVCW Regulations, Article X, Standing Committees, Section 19 be amended to state, "The purpose/mission of the **National Committee for the Promotion of the Order** is to expand awareness and visibility of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its activities and its brand to the broadest possible audience of organizations and individuals, through:
 1. An increased active social media presence.
 2. Development and implementation of active advertising campaigns.
 3. Development of marketing tools, press releases, and public educational campaigns.
 4. An increased visibility in mutual growth areas such as Genealogy Groups, Historical Societies, Preservation Associations and Veteran's Organizations.
 5. Generate articles, essays, and short story series to be offered for publication in free publications such as AARP Periodicals, Historical Newsletters, Genealogical Publications, and other monthly or quarterly magazines, newsletters or publications.
 6. Working with other programs and committees to generate a more cohesive and strengthen overall brand.
 7. **Promotion of the Order** to K-12 schools, colleges and universities, developing resources and curriculum education materials in areas of the American Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic.
 8. Approved this 26th Day of April, in the year of our Lord 2025.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Department of Massachusetts

Expanding the number of miniature badges that
can be worn at formal events

Whereas; SUVCW Regulations, Article VI, Badges and Medals, Section 2, Item (c) states, © While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket, or tails, Members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, a miniature badge of the Order without top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief, currently elected National officers and past National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an unexpired term and who served until the end of that term, the ribbon shall have a yellow center. For Presiding and Past Department Commanders, currently elected Department officers and Past Department officers granted emeritus status by their Department Encampments, the ribbon shall have a red center. For all other Members it shall have a blue center. Stars may be worn on the miniature badge as authorized elsewhere in this Article. Brothers who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been awarded the War Medal of this Order, may wear a silver palm on the ribbon of their miniature badge. Brothers wearing the

miniatures of the Order may only wear one such miniature badge except that the SVR miniature badge may be worn in conjunction with the miniature membership badge and

Whereas; the National Quartermaster and the Sons of Veterans Reserve have produced and have available for sale miniature Badges of the Order for wear at formal events, and,

Whereas: Current regulation allow only one miniature Membership Badge and one miniature SVR Badge to be worn at any time, despite having additional badges from Regulations, Article VI Badges and Medals, Section 5, Groups A, B, C, & D, available for purchase by Brothers of the Order

Whereas; It is only reasonable to allow miniature Badges of the Order that are produced by the SUVCW Quartermaster and the SVR, and available for purchase by the Brothers of the Order, to be worn in accordance with Regulations, Article VI Badges and Medals, Section 5

Therefor let it be resolved; Regulations Article VI, Badges and Medals, Section 2, Item © be changed to state, “© While wearing dinner suit, dinner jacket or tails, Members may wear upon the left breast lapel of the coat, about four inches below the top of the shoulder, **miniature of the Badges** of the Order without the top bar, suspended from the regulation ribbons 5/8 inch in width. For the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief, currently elected National Officers and past National officers who have served a full term or who have been elected to fill an unexpired term and who served until the end of that term, the ribbon shall have a yellow center. For Presiding and Past Department Commanders, currently elected Department officers and Past Department officers granted emeritus by their Department Encampments, the ribbon shall have a red center. For all other Members it shall have a blue center. Brothers who served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been awarded the War Medal of this Order, may wear **either a miniature of the war Medal or** silver palm on the ribbon of their miniature **Membership** Badge. Brothers wearing the miniature Badges of the Order may only wear **badges in accordance with order of precedence for badges as defined in Article VI Badges and Medals, Section 5.**

Approved this 26th Day of April, in the year of our Lord 2025.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS. BUT COMMENTED AS TO “SELF PROMOTION ISSUE.”

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Department of Massachusetts

Adding Life Membership fee for Members

Between the ages of 14 and 19

Whereas: National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VIII Life Member Programs, ©(iii)(d) states:

(d) As of the 2024 National Encampment, the five fees based upon age of the participant is changed to eleven (11) fees based upon age and the amounts adjusted as follows:

Age 20-29, \$1,880.00

Age 30-39, \$990.00

Age 40-49, \$826.00

Age 50-54, \$740.00

Age 55-59, \$652.00

Age 60-64, \$563.00
Age 65-69, \$476.00
Age 70-74, \$386.00
Age 74-79, \$298.00
Age 80-84, \$221.00
Age 85 & +, \$146.00”

Whereas; Life Member Program is open to all Members who pay the required fees and

Whereas; The age range and Life Membership fee for members between the ages of 14 and 19 years be set at \$2,200.00, and

Be it further resolved that; The National Regulations, Chapter V, Article VIII Life Member Programs ©(iii)(D) be amended to state:

“(d) As of the 2025 National Encampment, the five fees based upon age of the participant is changed to **twelve (12)** fees based upon age and the amounts adjusted as follows:

Age 14-19, \$2,200.00

Age 20-29, \$1,800.00

Age 30-39, \$990.00

Age 40-49, \$826.00

Age 50-54, \$740.00

Age 55-59, \$652.00

Age 60-64, \$563.00

Age 65-69, \$476.00

Age 70-74, \$386.00

Age 75-79, \$298.00

Age 80-84, \$221.00

Age 85 & +, \$146.00

Approved this 26th Day of April, in the year of our Lord 2025.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS

RESOLUTION

Department of Columbia

It appears to the brothers assembled in annual Encampment, that the 143rd National Encampment in adopting new subsection (d) of Article VIII, Life Membership Programs, Chapter V, General Regulations of the National Regulations inadvertently eliminated the right of Members between the ages of 14 and 19 to become Life Members.

To rectify this oversight, The Department of the Columbia humbly requests the 144th National Encampment to amend new subsection (d) Article VIII. Life Membership Programs, Chapter V, General Regulations of the National Regulations that currently reads, in part:

Age 20-29, \$1,880.00

To read

Age 14-29, \$1,880.00

This action would restore the right of our members between the ages of 14 and 19 to become Life Members.

Adopted June 7, 2025

C&R COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR. Department of Massachusetts 3 conforms with schedule.

RESOLUTION

Ohio Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Whereas, the current National Regulations, National Regulations Chapter 1, Article IV Meetings, Footnote 33, page 38 forbids “the posting to any Social Media outlet and or web site or any other means of communication, any live or video recording of selected video clips from any business sessions (including committee meetings) of a Camp, Department or National Encampment, with the explicit exception of the presentation of awards or special recognitions. There shall be no prohibition against the posting of still photography during and after any such meeting. Nothing in the Order shall be considered as any type of prohibition in the use of interactive video technology via Zoom or other such program for Brothers of the Order and invited guests attending meetings by electronic means consistent with National Regulations and/or National Policy.” CinC Paquette, GO 7, Revised 141st 512.

Whereas many of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, and other long-time members of the Order are no longer able to travel, due to illness, doctor’s orders, or infirmities. Those Brothers have spent years or decades supporting the work of the Order as well as maintaining the history of the Boys in Blue. It seems that these cherished brothers should be able to view the proceedings of the National Encampment, to listen to the work of the Order and to see many of old comrades and the young brothers moving up.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Department of Ohio in Encampment assembled proposed to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to the National Regulations, Chapter I, Article IV, Meetings, Section 1 Footnote 33 ***to permit the transmission of National Encampment meetings live to those infirmed Brothers. This would not permit the brothers to vote, nor would they be counted as an attendee for voting purposes.***

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS WITH A 3 TO 2 VOTE. VIABILITY TO BE ASCERTAINED BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

Department of Missouri

Resolution supporting changes to the Constitution and Regulations to allow Brothers to attend and Observe National Council of Administration Meetings

Whereas the current National Regulations are unclear as to whether a Brother of the Order may attend and observe meeting of the Council of Administration,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1(a) by adding the language in red below:

Article VIII

Council of Administration

Section 1. (A) The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All other Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, The Banner Editor, The National Signals Officer, and the Washington D.C. representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. Non-voting members of the Council of Administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council Of Administration (including while in executive session with the exception of the Banner Editor and National Signals Officer) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions. The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. **Any Brother of the Order in good standing may attend and observe, without voice, and any in person meeting of the Council of Administration.** The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

C&R COMMITTEE DOES NOT CONCUR.

Resolution

Department of Missouri

Resolution supporting changes to the Constitution and Regulations concerning the job description for Camp, Department and National Memorials Officers

Whereas the job descriptions of the Camp, Department and National Memorials Officers in the Constitution and Regulations of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not reflect changes to the current existing conditions within the organization; in that, these descriptions do not mention the National Memorials Database; and

Whereas the job descriptions of the Camp and Department Memorials promote the keeping of records separate from the National Memorials Database; and

Whereas these two job descriptions do not specify that these separate records be shared with the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

Where one main purpose of the National Memorials and Monuments Database is to have all Memorials and Monuments held by any unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held by the use of the entire organization; and

Whereas there are other revisions that the National Memorials Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends.

Therefore, be it resolved, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following changes to National Regulations, Chapter 1, Article III, Chapter II, Article IX, and Chapter III, Article VII.

Chapter I Article VIII

Appointed Officers Job Descriptions and duties

Section 6. Camp Memorials Officer – The purpose of the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (~~outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Department of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs~~) within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass) historical markers and even small plaques. Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Camp area shall be made from time to time to the Department Memorials Officer upon appropriate form. To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of the Camp's membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should:

- (a) Coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries.
- (b) Maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials – bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the monument is located.
- (c) Provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUVCW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.
- (d) Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Camp Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUVCW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon Request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained members may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their camp's designated area.**

Chapter II Article IX

Optional Appointed Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 2. Civil War Memorials Officer. The purpose of the Department Civil War Memorials Officer include the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (~~outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U.S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans Affairs~~) in the Department. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers and even small plaques.

- (a) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should coordinate a mutually agreeable Camp assignment of Counties within the State(s) represented by the Department.
- (b) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer should provide guidance to each Camp for the execution of activities including coordinating the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries; maintaining observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials – bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located; and providing documentation of location and condition of Civil War Monuments (via SUVCWM Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

- (c) ~~The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to maintain a computer database from the information submitted by each Camp, on the SUVCW "Civil War Memorial Assessment Form" (CWM-61.~~ © The Department Civil War Memorials Officer is encouraged to periodically review the Department's files within the National Civil War Memorials Database for out-of-date or missing information and correct himself or request a local Camp Civil War Memorials Officer to correct the situation in order to keep our database up to date.
- (d) ~~Electronic cataloging and retrieval of Civil War Memorial photo-images is also encouraged.~~ Make recommendations to the National Civil War Memorials Officer intended for the improvement of the National Civil War Memorials Database or forms that are used.
- (e) The Department Civil War Memorials Officer will also forward this information to his Department's liaison on the National Civil War Memorials Committee.
- (f) Reports on the various memorials and monuments located within the Department shall be made from time to time to the National Civil War Memorials Officer upon appropriate form.
- (g) **Upon completion of training as provided through the National Memorials Officer, the Department Memorials Officer shall be responsible for creating digital files and uploading them into the National SUVCW Civil War Memorials and Monuments Database. Upon request of the National Civil War Memorials Officer, any trained member may also be tasked to work on reviewing and uploading memorials information from outside their Department's designated area.**

Chapter III Article VII

Officers Job Descriptions & Duties

Section 21. The National Civil War Memorials Officers shall Chair the National Civil War Memorials & Monuments Committee. He will also provide leadership and direction to the National Organization, Departments and Camps regarding the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture, those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers and even small plaques. He shall

- a. Oversee the collection, organization, and maintenance of a national listing (including a computer database) of Civil War Memorials (as described above) and make this information available upon request.
- b. Develop and once developed, maintain online monument information presented in a format approved by the Memorials and Monuments Committee.
- c. Encourage Departments and camps to establish and appoint a Civil War Memorials Officer, at each level, to oversee department-wide and "local" memorial assessment and preservation activities. **If deemed necessary by the organization, develop additional written instructions or training for people to use the Civil War Memorials Assessment Form.**
- d. Encourage Departments (or states) to ~~maintain their own websites containing monument information-maintain~~ files in the Civil War Monuments National Data Base pertaining to their Department. ~~If/when all departments meet our minimum standards, the National Monuments Officer will forward records sent into him and complete Form 62s scanned annually by him to the appropriate Departments. Then only records that are not connected with a specific Department will be kept by National (examples are those recorded outside the U.S.~~
- e. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to assist Department and Camp level efforts to locate, assess, and record the physical condition of Civil War Memorials
- f. Work with fellow National Civil War Memorials Committee members, to provide guidance to Departments and Camps regarding observation of care and upkeep for Civil War Memorials – and to bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the monument is located
- g. **Act as an advisor to the Civil War Monuments Grants Committee by providing instruction as to what is a memorial or monument and what is not, to help ensure funds of the Organization are used for their purposes intended.** Collect the files from the Civil War Monuments Grant Committee on an annual basis and scan the documents for inclusion in the national electronic database.

- h. Prepare and submit an annual written report to the Commander-in-Chief and National Encampment on the activities of the National Civil War Memorials Officer regarding the activities of the committee.
- i. Review annually the national website to review all monument forms, links to Department (or state) monuments, and if present, any national database that is on line to insure they are properly working.
- ~~j. **Submit annually a digital backup copy of the National Database to National SUVCW.**~~

New j. Develop or maintain training manual for using the database. The manual demonstrates to trained Camp and Department Civil War Memorials how to access and upload files to the database. Training on the proper use of the database and our forms should be developed with an eye to incorporating the training into the programs of Memorial University.

New k. Annually review the training manual and make updates.

New i. As needed, upload files to the database, review files uploaded by others to the database and edit; and evaluate the database and make recommendations to the National Signals Officer.

C&R COMMITTEE CONCURS PROVIDED THERE WILL NOT BE A CONFLICT WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Assistant National Secretary for Transcriptions (ANST)

Reports to: Commander-in-Chief

Purpose: The Assistant national Secretary for Transcriptions, (ANST) shall review the transcripts of the National Encampment and prepares it for approval and inclusion in a National Encampment Proceedings document, which he also creates.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. The ANST shall, upon receipt of an electronic copy of the National Encampment transcript from the Assistant National Secretary for Recordings (ANDR) conduct a review for needed corrections for capitalization, spelling, and punctuation. The review process will be conducted so that it ensures a verbatim copy of National Encampment proceedings.
2. The ANST shall, in cases where certain questionable spellings and/or punctuation be found, consult the Constitution and Regulations, ritual and Ceremonies, and National Encampment Reports packet as a guide for proper appearance. Dialect and colloquialism should be maintained.
3. The ANST, shall, in cases where certain questionable words or phrases appear, or when sections of the transcript are marked as “indistinguishable” or “unknown” by the transcriptionist, seek a review of the audio/video recordings by the ANSR to validate or clarify what was spoken.
4. The ANST shall, in these cases and after concurrence with the ANSR, review and recommend wording changes to the Commander-in-Chief and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief.
5. The ANST shall forward the reviewed transcript with recommended changes to the Commander-in-Chief and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief for the review.
6. The ANST shall make changes to the transcript as directed by the Commander-in-chief and immediate Past Commander-in-Chief and resubmit the edited document to the Commander-in-Chief and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief for final approval.
7. The ANST shall, upon approval of a final version of the transcript by the Commander-in-Chief and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, prepare a National Encampment Proceedings document, which shall include the following

Cover Page

Approval page (place holder)

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Elected- Appointed Officers

National Committee Rosters

Commander-in-Chief biography and photo

National Encampment Transcript

Images of National Encampment Ribbons, Badges, etc.

Image of Joint Memorial Service Program

Image of Banquet Program

Image of Voting Card

Cover of National Encampment Program Book

List of National Encampment Attendees

National Encampment Reports Packet

Council of Administration Minutes

Council of Administration Electronic Motions

General Orders, Special Orders, etc.

National Counselor Opinions

Past Commanders-in-Chief and Encampments

Note: The National Encampment Proceedings document will be finalized as set forth in U.S. Code, Title 36, Chapter 24, Section 546.

The Proceedings shall not include personal contact information

8. The ANST shall, upon completion of the National Encampment Proceedings document, provide a copy of the document to the Commander-in-Chief, Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, and National Webmaster.

Required Knowledge, Skills, Abilities

Report writing skills

Knowledge of English language rules, including spelling, capitalization and punctuation

Attention to detail

Computer efficiency and use of Microsoft Word Program

Time management skills

C&R COMMITTEE DID NOT ACCEPT THIS AS IT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH C&R SUBMISSION RULES

Assistant National Secretary for Recordings (ANSR)

Reports to: Commander-in-Chief

Purpose: The Assistant National Secretary for Recordings, (ANSR) shall make audio and video recordings of the National Encampment, and other meetings and events of the SUVCW, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. The ANSR shall act as custodian for SUVCW audio/video electronic recording equipment required for recording a National Encampment, including public address system, mixer board, cameras, microphones, tripods, cabling, traveling case, etc.
2. The ANSR shall transport SUVCW audio/video electronic recording equipment required for the recording of a National Encampment to and from each National Encampment, and other SUVCW events as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.
3. The ANSR shall position and connect recording equipment for recordings of National Encampment business sessions and other events of the SUVCW as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.
4. When required to support an SUVCW project or event the ANSR may rent, purchase or borrow supplemental equipment (P.A. Speakers, mic/camera stands, memory cards, cabling, etc.) which are not currently in his equipment inventory, at his discretion, up to a monetary limit established by the Council of Administration.
5. The ANSR shall administer the audio and video recordings of the National Encampment, and other meetings and events of the SUVCW, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief
6. The ANSR shall ensure that a electronic copy of the National encampment audio/video recording is provided to the contracted transcriptionist and shall maintain a close relationship with this transcriptionist.
7. The ANSR shall review audio and video recordings of the National Encampment prior to delivery to the transcriptionist.
 - a. Segments which were recorded before the Commander-in-Chief gaveled the meeting to order or after the Commander-in-Chief gaveled the meeting to close, may be deleted to save space on the recording.
 - b. In some cases, where discussions which were obviously outside of Encampment business are identified in the recordings, the ANSR may, where technically possible, delete such remarks before sending the recording to the transcriptionist. However, in most cases such "side bar" remarks may Remain in the recording that are sent to the Transcriptionist.
 - c. When the transcript of a National Encampment is received from the transcriptionist, the ANSR, along with the Assistant National Secretary for Transcriptions (ANST) shall conduct a review of the transcript in order that such comments may be identified and highlighted for review by the Commander-in-Chief, with recommendations for removal.
 - d. In places marked by the transcriptionist as, "indistinguishable" or "unknown", the ANSR may listen to the audio or video recordings to determine, if possible, the correct word or phrase THAT WAS UTTERED. After such determination are made, he shall then submit recommended corrections to the ANST. All changes to the Transcript must be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief.
8. The ANSR shall perform post-production editing of the National Encampment video recordings for the purpose of SUVCW promotions, historical archives and education.
9. The ANSR shall process and store recordings of the National Encampment and other events or meetings as directed by the Commander-in-Chief and/or the Council of Administration.
10. The ANSR will train assistants in how to perform the duties and responsibilities listed in this job description.

11. The ANSR shall assist the National Encampment Site Committee by negotiating audio/visual arrangements with the National Encampment host hotels.

Required Knowledge, Skills, Abilities

Familiarization with Zoom LiveTrak L12 Mixer/Recorder board

Knowledge of Rode Wireless GO II Dual Channel Wireless Microphones

Experienced in using Cannon Camcorder and GoPro cameras

Skilled with postproduction audi/video editing tools, e.g. Shotcut

C&R COMMITTEE DID NOT ACCEPT THIS AS IT DID NOT MEET WITH C&R SUBMISSION RULES.

4.5 National Encampment Credentials Committee, Daryl VerStreate, PDC

1 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION

As of July 12, 2025, there are currently 132 Brothers preregistered for the National Encampment in Houston, TX.

It has been a pleasure to work with and assist the hosting committee. Great team of brothers along with the Chairman.

2 CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Committee will consist of the following:

Daryl VerStreate, PDC, Chairman

Walter E. Busch, PDC, Committee Member

Dale, Crandell, PDC, Committee Member

Cameron Lowery, Committee Member

Thomas J. Brown, PDC, Committee Member

4.6 National Encampment Site Committee, Michael Paquette, PCinC

During the course of the year the committee has made site visits to hotels in Franklin, TN and Gettysburg, PA. Contracts have been signed with the hotels visited. The 2026 National Encampment will be held at the Aspire / Eisenhower hotel in Gettysburg and occur 30 July through 2 August 2026. This encampment will be planned and executed by the National Organization with support from the Pennsylvania Department and the Department of the Chesapeake. The 2027 National Encampment will be held at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs hotel 12 – 15 August 2027.

The Department of Indiana and the Department of Michigan have notified the NESC that they are interested in hosting the 2028 National Encampment. The Department of Michigan has submitted their initial proposal. The committee awaits a proposal from the Department of Indiana.

The Department of Missouri and the Department of Kansas have contacted the NESC announcing their intent to sponsor a joint National Encampment.

I have no recommendations.

4.7 National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Brian C. Pierson, PCinC

No Report Received

4.8 National Committee on GAR Post Records, Dean A. Enderlin, PDC

Progress Report and Accomplishments for the 2024-2025 Administrative Year

GAR Records Blog: Since December 2019, our committee has been using an invitation-only blog on Blogger as a forum for communication outside of email. Previously, we had been using a group on Yahoo! which was discontinued as a service in 2019. The Blogger site continues to serve as our archive for reports.

Department GAR Records Officer: Since the 2020 adoption of the revised SUVCW Form 49, which included for the first time a line item for the Department GAR Records Officer, we have seen general improvement in the number of Departments reporting an appointment to that office. All Departments are now using the updated form. Twenty-one Departments (66%) reported the appointment of a Department GAR Records Officer this year, down from last year's 68%.

The following table shows the status of Departments who have and have not confirmed their GAR Records Officer (as of July 2025). Our thanks go to all the Departments who have filled the office!

Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer			
Department	Reported Form 49	Department	Reported Form 49
ALABAMA	Joel S. Mize	MICHIGAN	Gary L. Gibson, PDC
ARKANSAS	Paul Dolle	MISSOURI	Walter E. Busch, PDC
CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC	David A. Davis	NEBRASKA	Marc Witkovski
CHESAPEAKE	(Vacant)	NEW HAMPSHIRE	(Vacant)
COLORADO/WYOMING	James M. Barker, PDC	NEW JERSEY	Dylan Wettstein
COLUMBIA	Loran T. Bures, PDC	NEW YORK	(Vacant)
CONNECTICUT	Matthew Vallier	NORTH CAROLINA	(Vacant)
FLORIDA	(Vacant)	OHIO	Richard A. Davis, PDC

Status of Departments with a Named GAR Records Officer			
Department	Reported Form 49	Department	Reported Form 49
GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA	Hamilton Jansen	OKLAHOMA	Kevin White
ILLINOIS	Brian Conroy	PENNSYLVANIA	(Vacant)
INDIANA	Bruce R. Kolb, PDC	RHODE ISLAND	Scott Reese
IOWA	Daniel F. Rittel	SOUTHWEST	David A. Swanson, PDC
KANSAS	Gregg L. Talkington	TENNESSEE	(Vacant)
KENTUCKY	(Vacant)	TEXAS	Michael L. Lance, PDC
MAINE	(Vacant)	VERMONT	(Vacant)
MASSACHUSETTS	(Vacant)	WISCONSIN	John R. Decker, PDC

A critical matter resulting from the issuance of a new National Policy was brought to the attention of the National GAR Records Committee in late August 2024. Titled, "Policy regarding the loan and/or deposit of artifacts and any and all object, including, but not limited to, charters, memorabilia, ephemera, etc.," the 2024 policy was accompanied by a new form (Form 80) and General Order (No. 22, Series 2023-24). Unfortunately, the combined effect of the three documents led to unintended consequences affecting the GAR Records program. In particular, it prevented the donation of GAR records to suitable local institutions, as directed by other SUVCW regulations. First reports of a problem came to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief and the National GAR Records Officer in an email from the Department of Iowa, dated 29 August 2024. In September, the Department of the Columbia contacted the National GAR Records Officer to point out similar problematic wording. At issue were conflicts between the new National Policy (2024) with wording in the National Policy on GAR Records (2013), the GAR Deed of Conveyance, and the SUVCW Congressional Charter. A full explanation of the issues, and recommendations to temporarily resolve them, was provided in our report to the Council of Administration in November 2024.

Hearing our recommendations, which were supported by points made in the reports of the Departments of Iowa and the Columbia, the Council of Administration and CinC Martin acted on the matter at the November meeting by issuing General Order No. 7. The sequence of events is tabulated below.

A review of the rescinded "Loan/Deposit" Policy and Form 80 is currently underway by the National Committee on Program & Policy. The National Committee on GAR Records has offered to assist with this task, but as of 10 July 2025, we are uncertain of the status of the review.

Status of Previous National Encampment and Administrative Actions Relating to GAR Records:

Year	Recommendation	Action	Status
2024	<p>Recommendation from Nat'l GAR Records Committee: That the CofA work with the CinC to issue a new General Order rescinding items 1 and 3 of General Order No. 22, Series 2023-2024, until such time as the "Loan/Deposit Policy" (and its associated Form 80) can be further examined and modified as necessary to remove verbiage that might be in conflict with the SUVCW Congressional Charter, the GAR Deed of Conveyance, and sections within the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations (particularly National Policies) that pertain to the handling of GAR records).</p>	Completed	COMPLETE. Heard and acted upon at the 17 Nov. 2024 CofA Meeting. Motion passed: Yes 11 votes, No 0 votes.
2024	<p>Recommendation from Nat'l GAR Records Committee That the CofA remand the "Loan/Deposit Policy" to the National Committee on Program & Policy for further review, so that a new policy (or policies) and form (or forms) can be crafted to account for the separate and distinctly different conditions of ownership as they apply to SUVCW versus GAR records.</p>	Completed	COMPLETE. Heard and acted upon at the 17 Nov. 2024 CofA Meeting. Motion passed: Yes 11 votes, No 0 votes.
2025	<p>General Order No. 7, Series 2024-2025 issued in follow-up to the 17 Nov. 2025 actions of the Council of Administration. The following items pertain to GAR records:</p> <p>1) Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023 – 2024, Policy Loan and/or Deposit of Artifacts Policy Vendor Tables Deposit Agreement Form 80 is rescinded.</p> <p>2) The National Committee on Program & Policy is instructed to conduct a thorough review of the rescinded National Policy regarding the loan and/or deposit of artifacts and any and all objects including, but not limited to, Charters, memorabilia, ephemera, etc. along with the rescinded Form 80 and report their findings and recommendations to the Council of Administration. The National Committee on Program & Policy is encouraged to consult with National Officers and Committees along with subject matter experts who may provide relevant input germane to the issue.</p>	Pending	UNDER REVIEW. General Order issued by CinC Martin. Awaiting confirmation from the National Committee on Program & Policy on next steps to revise the wording in the National Policy.

GAR Records Project Five-Year Plan (2022-2027):

The National Committee on GAR Records is guided by an action plan, which is considered by the National Encampment every five years. The current plan was presented and approved at the 141st National Encampment (2022). Progress toward each of the action items is presented below.

1) Routinely manage the GAR Records website (www.GARrecords.org) and online GAR Records Catalog. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

2) Continue to expand the GAR Records website content to include:

- a. Separate historical summaries for individual GAR posts, including but not limited to meeting locations, dates of muster and disbandment, details of consolidation with other posts, and any other noteworthy facts. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
- b. Links to other SUVCW web pages (Camps and Departments) containing GAR Records information. **[STATUS: Links are added upon request, or when links of interest are discovered by the National GAR Records Officer.]**
- c. Links to other online resources of interest, such as digitized library collections. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
- d. Relevant bibliographic references. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

3) Continue to encourage and assist SUVCW Departments and Camps in developing and/or expanding their respective GAR Records programs. Support actions to include:

- a. Preparation of a handbook to provide guidance in searching for and cataloging GAR records. **[STATUS: Sections of the handbook are in preparation, but no progress was made this year.]**
- b. Providing personal guidance, as needed, to Department GAR Records Officers and other individuals when needed. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

4) Expand public awareness and involvement in the GAR Records Program. Actions to include:

- a. Creation and/or participation in an online forum or message board that is specific to the topic of GAR records. **[STATUS: The "Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)" group on Facebook currently serves this function, although it is unofficial. It is an invitation-only group co-administered by committee member Bob Wolz, while others on our committee are members. Brother James R. Hanby is also an administrator.]**
- b. Encouraging local libraries, museums, genealogical and historical societies, veterans' organizations, and other holders of GAR records collections to index and publish the contents of their collections. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**
- c. Support efforts (both within the SUVCW and external to our organization) to digitize and make publicly available collections of GAR records. **[STATUS: Ongoing.]**

Vision 2030 Strategic Plan Response:

In its report to the 2022 National Encampment, the National Committee on Vision and Planning summarized strides toward achieving the goals of the "Vision 2020" strategic plan, and proposed new goals for the current "Vision 2030" strategic plan. Under the heading of Research, it was noted:

During the 2010's, the GAR post records project completed listings for all GAR posts in 50 states, the District of Columbia and international posts, and documented at least one record for approximately 20-25% of the posts in the database. However, in the states of the former Confederacy, only 3% of the posts had at least one record documented. [141st National Encampment Committee Reports, p. 70]

Tracking metrics were added in our existing spreadsheets in August 2023 to help measure progress toward achieving the "Vision 2030" goals. A table summarizing the goals, status at the beginning and end of this administrative year, and target date is presented below.

Initiative	Goal	Status August 2024	Status August 2025	Target Date
GAR Post Records	At least one record documented for 40% of GAR posts in database.	46%	47%	Aug. 2030
	At least one record documented for 10% of GAR posts in states of the former Confederacy (11 states: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, and VA).	4%	26%	Aug. 2030

Note: The above metrics don't take into account GAR departmental collections in which the contents have not been individually described. Large, uninventoried collections of GAR materials, such as those in Iowa, Massachusetts, and Ohio, are examples.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

4.9 National Committee on Graves Registration, Henry C. Duquette, PDC

See National Graves Registration Officer Report

4.10 National Committee on History, Gary Gibson PDC

No Report Received.

4.11 National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance

No Report Received.

4.12 National Committee on Membership, Daniel W. Murray, PDC

See report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

4.13 National Military Affairs Committee, Ken L. Freshley, PCinC

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) continues to represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in many ceremonies, monument dedications, parades and community events throughout the nation. Brig. General Donald E. Darby and his General Staff officers and District Commanders as well as local unit commanders and their members have been very busy this year returning the SVR to its busy pre COVID-19 schedule.

The 4th Military District continues to post the Colors at the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in April commemorating the death of President Lincoln.

The SVR will continue with our normal Remembrance Day program this year.

- (a) Brig. General Don E. Darby, PCinC has made arrangements for the annual SVR Remembrance Day breakfast at the Eisenhower Hotel in Gettysburg.

(b) Captain Ken L. Freshley, PCinC will be responsible for the SVR wreath laying ceremony at the Albert Woolson GAR memorial located in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield which had over 200 attendees last year and also the SVR Remembrance Day Breakfast.

(c) SVR Provost Marshal Lt. Col. David K. Hann will conduct the 69th annual Gettysburg Parade, and

(d) SVR Inspector General Col. Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC will conduct the annual Original Civil War Ball. Last year we had many dancers that attended the Ball.

Last year (2024) The Borough of Gettysburg Parade permit cost \$5570.00 . Lt. Col David Hann collected \$7519.00 in donations and estimated the bill for the parade at \$8,061.56. leaving us \$542.56. in the red. Col. Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC collected donations valued at over \$1,000 to help pay for the Civil War Ball. The proceeds from the Ball are donated to the Gettysburg Military Park during the Albert Woolson GAR ceremony to help pay for battlefield monument and memorials restoration and preservation. To date the SVR has donated \$93,000.

Remembrance Day is scheduled for Saturday November 15, 2025. Last year the SVR headquarters hotel was changed. This year it will also be at the Eisenhower/Aspire Hotel, located at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325. Phone: 717-334-8121

For reservations, please use the following links:

Eisenhower <https://bit.ly/3ThvngQ>

Aspire <https://bit.ly/4dWq3Tr>

The Eisenhower will be also the location of the Original Military Ball that will take place later on the evening on Saturday November 15, 2025. Tickets are \$20/person in advance, \$25/person at the door and are available by sending stamped, self-addressed envelope and check payable to "SVR Ball" to: Col. Steve Michaels, SVR 6623 S. North Cape Road Franklin, WI 53132-1227 Cell: (414) 712-4655
Lt.col.sm@gmail.com

The Eisenhower/Aspire Hotel complex has completed its \$9M total renovation since the last time we used it as our headquarters. The special room rate for the Sons of Veterans Reserve Group is \$149.00 per night at the Eisenhower and \$152.00 per night at the Aspire (plus taxes). A free breakfast is provided at both locations for all hotel guests.

The SVR breakfast will be held in a private dining room on Saturday morning November 15, 2025.

- Schedule of Events for Saturday, 15 November 2025:
 1. SVR Breakfast at Eisenhower Hotel, details \$6 a person, no sales at door.
 2. Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Zeigler's Grove at 11:00 A.M
 3. Parade Briefing at Unity Park on Lefever Street at 12:00 noon
 4. Parade Form-Up on Lefever Street between Baltimore Street and East Confederate Avenue at Noon.
 5. Parade Commences at 1:00 P.M.
 6. Original Civil War Ball at Eisenhower Hotel at 8:00 P.M.

Formal letters of invitation will be sent out to the SVR Commanding General, SUVCW CinC and all the other heads of National Allied Orders, National and Pennsylvania MOLLUS Heads and all Pennsylvania Allied

Orders Heads, requesting each to present a wreath in the course of the Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument.

SVR General Staff Promotions:

The Commanding General has tasked us with these 5 items to be voted upon:

Item #1: Promotion of Major Leo Kennedy to the rank of Lt. Colonel, SVR, effective from 20 December 2024 until properly relieved. -- APPROVED

Item #2: Appoint Lt Colonel Leo Kennedy to the vacant position of National Chief of Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserve effective from 20 December 2024 until properly relieved. - APPROVED

Item #3: Appoint Captain Ken Freshley to the position of Public Information Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve effective from 20 December 2024 until properly relieved.

- This is in addition to his current appointment as Adjutant General, there will be no change of rank. - APPROVED

Item #4: to review and vote upon the request to promote Brother Bobby to the Rank of Major. - APPROVED

In accordance with the SVR Regulations:

SUVCW Regulations

CHAPTER II

Article XIV Military Department,

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Article II – National Headquarters

Item 5. National Positions

The National SVR Quartermaster should be appointed as the rank of Major.

Item #5: There will need to be an appointment of the following two Brothers with Expiring appointments this year for the Military Affairs Committee.

Chair	Ken L. Freshley, PCinC (expiring 2026)
Member	Shane Miburn, PDC (expiring 2026)
Member	John M. Huffman Jr., PDC (expiring 2026)
*** Member	Alan Teller, PDC (expiring 2025)
*** Member	Donald Martin, PCinC (expiring 2025)

-----The Commander-in-Chief will need to confirm the appointment of the committee members

4.14 National Comm. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Shane Milburn, PDC

Request approved:

A grant of \$2000.00 was awarded to BG Joseph Bailey Camp # 5, Shreveport, LA., Department of Texas and Louisiana for a marker that was placed on April 7th, 2025 at the Battle of Pleasant Hill Memorial Park. Battles took place on April 8 & 9, 1864 also known as the Battle for Sabine Crossroads. The monument is located on LA. State Hwy 175.

Request under consideration:

General George H. Thomas Camp No 19, Department of Pennsylvania, has submitted a request for the following: The Reynolds Restoration Project seeks to preserve the memory of Lancaster natives Major General John Fulton Reynolds, Admiral William Reynolds, and the other members of the Reynolds family interred at Lancaster Cemetery through the repair, rehabilitation, and stabilization of the family plot and its grave markers, utilizing the services of professional monument conservators.

Fort Duffield Camp #1, Department of Kentucky for a 7 foot bronze African American Civil War Union Soldier statue that will be located in Madisonville, Kentucky

4.15 National Committee on eBay Surveillance, Terry McKinch

I have the following information to report:

1. I have yet to form a committee, but I am watching eBay GAR and SUVCW items on a weekly basis.
2. I have contacted about thirty eBay vendors about "used" GAR grave markers.
3. I have had success with about 70% with them removing the listings.
4. I review listings for other used Veterans' makers and contact those eBay vendors. They have taken ten of them down
5. I have had about 50% success rated with the other Veterans' grave markers being pulled from eBay.
6. I helped an eBay vendor who incorrectly identified a post card as GAR, to properly identify the people as those in a confederate uniform.
7. I recently helped a vendor who had incorrectly identified a WRC badge as GAR.
8. I try to help others eBay vendors correctly identify GAR & SUVCW items.

4.16 National Committee on Scholarships, Donald L. Martin, PCinC

I wish to thank our committee members for their assistance and work on this year.

The Scholarship Committee received 11 applications this year. We are pleased to announce the following selectees who each received a \$2,500 SUVCW Scholarship.

Hamilton Loring Jansen

Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

To attend Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, VA.

Harold Edgar Trafford

Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3, Department Rhode Island

To attend Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.

Recommendation: Make following Revisions to Form 12: Scholarship Application

Page 1 Application Check-list

-Sentence 1 Add word between \$2,500 “undergraduate” scholarships.

-Item 6: Change sentence 3 to bold all capital letters.

EACH RECOMMENDATION MUST BE IN A SEPARATE, SEALED ENVELOP, COUNTER-SIGNED ON THE ENVELOP FLAP BY THE RECOMMENDER.

-Address/Information Line: Reformat and add all capital last line sentence concerning how not to mail.

SUVCW Scholarship

c/o Donald L. Martin, PCinC

6025 State Route 772

Chillicothe, OH 45601

Direct electronic-mail questions to Don Martin at scholarships@sucwv.org. Place “SUVCW Scholarship” in subject-line. DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS CERTIFIED MAIL, REGISTERED MAIL OR SIGNATURE SERVICE.

Page 2 Instruction-Sheet

-Heading: Change page title and sentences 1-5 to read-

Closely Follow These Directions To Complete Application

The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any application failing to follow these directions!

-All application information must be typed.

-If items 1-11 or A-F are left blank, explain why. Use Item F if needed.

-No additional information beyond that described in this application should be included.

-Applicants selected to receive the award will be asked to provide their Social Security Number

-Item 5: Change to read:

5. Type full name and mailing address of the institution you attend or are planning to attend.

-Item 9: -Change 1st Line to read in bold text Type names, title, and telephone number of references as requested

-Following item 9d. add:

*NOTE: Lack of a required letter of reference is a potential reason for disqualification. If a letter in a required category is not available, contact the Scholarship Committee Chair for approval of a substitute.

-Add: Space below item 11, then add Your Activities in bold and underlined between that space and item A.

-Item H: Delete

-References Item 7: Replace with bold type sentence-

7. Each letter must be sealed and counter-signed on the envelope flap by the recommender.

Page 3 SUVCW Scholarship Application-Form

Item 5: Change to read-

5. Name & address of college, university, vocational/institute, trade school, or technical school to attend.

Item 9: Change whole section to read

9. Three References	Name	Title	Telephone
a. Counselor/Advisor (or equivalent)	_____	_____	_____
b. Teacher (of an academic course)	_____	_____	_____
c. Responsible person in community	_____	_____	_____

All Pages: Replace 2024 with 2025 on form information line on page bottom.

Form 12 (Rev. 2024 2025)

4.17 National Committee on Promotion and Marketing, Kevin Tucker, PDC

We, the members of the National Committee on Promotions and Marketing, consider it a distinct honor to have been entrusted with the responsibility of serving the Order through this important committee.

The composition of the committee is as follows:

- Kevin Tucker, PDC – Chair
- Rodrick Fraser Jr. – Member
- David Jones, PDC – Member
- W. Faron Taylor, PDC – Member
- Michael Spaulding, PDC – Member
- D. Michael Beard, PDC – Member
- William E. Johnson, Jr. – Aide
- Ben Block Jones II, PDC – Aide
- John Vander Meulen – Aide

The National Committee on Promotions and Marketing remains steadfast in its mission to advance public awareness and understanding of the work and purpose of our Order. To that end, the committee provides consultative resources to our Brothers, including templates for press releases, informational brochures, video documentaries and interviews, and support for appropriate public events.

YouTube Channel

Our National YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@SUVCW/videos>) now features 62 videos, with 482 subscribers and a total of 10,568 views.

Since the 2024 National Encampment, the committee released a dozen new video presentations, including:

- Last Union Soldier Cumberland County Marker Dedication May 2025
- Rendering Honors to the G.A.R. Departed in Houston, Texas
- Memorial Ceremony for Unknown Soldiers 2025
- 2025 National Encampment Invitation
- William Poole – Last Remaining Real Son of a Union Veteran
- 2025 Battle of Galveston Commemoration Ceremony
- Welcome to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)
- Capt. Isaac Conroe Remembrance Ceremony
- Dedication of the Grave of Private James Schobel White, London, England

- Honoring Past Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff (1954-2/2024)
- Installation of Officers of the National Order 2024
- Hugh Cook Headstone Dedication

Credit for these outstanding productions goes primarily to Brothers John Vander Meulen and Roderick J. Fraser, Jr., whose dedication, creativity, and technical skill were instrumental throughout the entire process. They were ably assisted by Brother Steve Michaels, whose professional narration added valuable depth to the project. Together, this core team worked with Brothers from multiple Departments across the organization. From the early stages of planning and scriptwriting to the recording sessions, editing, and final publication, each step reflected their shared commitment to accuracy, quality, and the values of the Order. The result is a series of polished, informative, and inspiring videos that elevate the public image of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and honor the legacy we strive to preserve.

RootsTech 2025

The Committee proudly supported the SUVCW's highly successful participation at RootsTech 2025, held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted annually by FamilySearch, RootsTech is recognized as the world's largest family history conference—a truly global hybrid event that welcomed approximately 15,000 in-person attendees while reaching millions more through its extensive online platform.

Our involvement in this landmark gathering was spearheaded by Brothers Monroe McBride and Ken Jacobsen of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Their initiative and leadership were central to securing the SUVCW's presence at both a physical and virtual exhibitor booth. With support from their Department, they coordinated a full team of knowledgeable volunteers to staff both venues, ensuring that our organization was well represented throughout the event. In collaboration with the National Committee on Promotion and Social Media, a professional video advertisement was developed and featured on the RootsTech website to promote our virtual booth in advance of the event.

The physical booth, open during the live portion of the conference from March 6–8, was strategically positioned in a double-sized space—an advantage that paid dividends in terms of visibility and consistent foot traffic. Interest in the booth was strong and sustained, with over 450 brochures distributed—surpassing the total from the previous year by the second day alone. In contrast to prior appearances that emphasized artifacts and memorabilia, this year's focus shifted toward helping visitors trace and honor their Civil War ancestors, aligning perfectly with RootsTech's mission of family connection through history.

This refined focus not only deepened attendee engagement but also yielded tangible results: the booth generated 32 individual follow-up contact requests from prospective members and interested parties across 10 Departments, including Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, and Ohio. All inquiries were compiled and forwarded to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Daniel Murray for appropriate referral to Departments and Camps nationwide.

Our participation also garnered valuable media exposure. Brothers Ken Jacobsen and David Rainey were interviewed for the official FamilySearch podcast, helping introduce the SUVCW to a broader genealogical audience. In addition, KTVX (ABC Salt Lake City) featured our booth in a televised news segment, and a future podcast interview is scheduled with the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana—one of the nation's foremost genealogy resources—facilitated by Committee Chair Kevin Tucker.

Meanwhile, the SUVCW's virtual booth remains active through Fall 2025, extending our reach well beyond the conference dates. It features a warm welcome video, three polished promotional videos hosted on YouTube, a

downloadable brochure, and direct links to our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. The booth can be accessed at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/expohall/sons-of-union-veterans-of-the-civil-war>

Notably, though not part of the original plan, FamilySearch generously provided the SUVCW with a free live chat room connected to the virtual booth. Staffed in real time by Brothers from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, this feature enabled instant interaction with online visitors, further enhancing outreach and responsiveness during the live days of the conference.

RootsTech 2025 marked a significant milestone in the SUVCW's public engagement strategy. It demonstrated how digital tools, strong volunteer coordination, and targeted messaging can meaningfully connect our mission with audiences eager to rediscover and honor their Civil War heritage.

Brothers Monroe McBride and Ken Jacobsen of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming deserve our sincere appreciation and commendation for their outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in planning, organizing, and staffing SUVCW's participation at RootsTech 2025.

The Civil War Monitor Magazine Ads

On June 24, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the purchase of an advertising package with The Civil War Monitor, one of the most respected and widely read publications focused on the American Civil War. The package includes a series of full-page advertisements that will appear in the Fall 2025, Winter 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026 issues. Each issue of the magazine reaches an average of 30,000 dedicated subscribers, many of whom are scholars, educators, reenactors, genealogists, and history enthusiasts—precisely the audience we aim to engage.

This advertising initiative represents a key component of the Committee's broader strategy to raise national awareness of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and to promote membership across a wider and more diverse demographic. A sample of the full-page advertisement that will appear in The Civil War Monitor is included below for reference.

Civil War Curious Podcast

In addition to the print ads, the package also includes two 30-second audio spots that will air on upcoming episodes of the magazine's companion podcast, Civil War Curious. While a more niche platform, this podcast garners approximately 1,400 downloads per episode, representing a focused and highly engaged listenership. These podcast listeners are often early adopters and content sharers, and the medium allows us to speak directly to them in a voice that reflects the SUVCW's values and mission.

To expand this reach even further, the Committee authorized the purchase of eight additional 30-second audio ads to air on future episodes of Civil War Curious. All of these ads will be read by Brother Steve Michaels, Past Commander-in-Chief, whose authoritative and friendly tone lends credibility and familiarity to our message. The audio script reads:

"This episode of the podcast is sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Looking to connect with history and serve your community? The SUVCW is a fraternal, patriotic, and charitable organization honoring the Union soldiers and sailors who fought to preserve the nation and end slavery.

Whether you're a descendant or simply inspired by their legacy, you'll find brotherhood, purpose, and tradition with us.

Join a community built on Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. Visit www.suvcw.org or email join@suvcw.org to learn more.

Views expressed in this podcast do not necessarily reflect those of the SUVCW.”

Civil War and Reconstruction Podcast

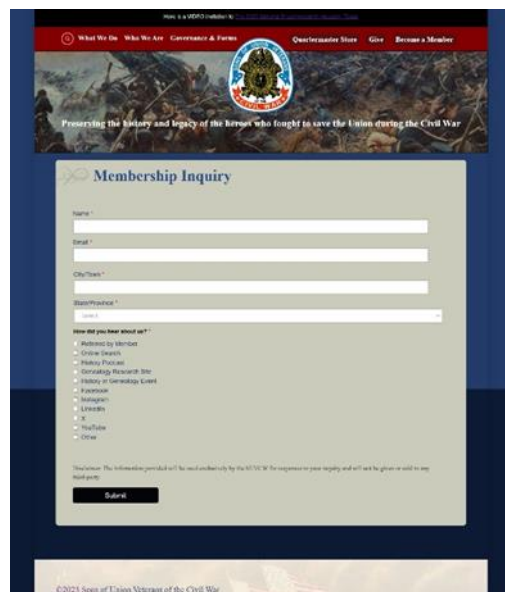
Following the success of last year’s campaign, the Committee also renewed its sponsorship of The Civil War and Reconstruction: A Podcast, which features deep-dive episodes on topics related to the war and its aftermath.

This podcast boasts an impressive monthly download average of 100,000, with more than 500 episodes in its catalog. As part of our sponsorship, both a 30-second and a 60-second audio ad will be embedded in every episode downloaded during the sponsorship month, (July-August 2025) ensuring broad and repeated exposure to listeners with a demonstrated interest in Civil War history.

Taken together, these advertising efforts place the SUVCW front and center before an audience that is not only historically literate, but also highly likely to appreciate and support our mission. These ads are part of a data-informed outreach strategy, and we are actively tracking their effectiveness.

Tracking the Effectiveness of Promotions

To assess the return on investment, the National website’s Membership page includes a brief webform asking visitors how they heard about the SUVCW. The responses are being monitored and analyzed to determine how well these podcast and magazine placements are driving engagement and membership inquiries. This feedback loop is essential as we continue refining our outreach tactics to ensure that every dollar spent brings us closer to our goals of growth, visibility, and long-term impact.



Future Proposals

In February, National Historian Brother Gary Gibson proposed that the Committee reach out to Matt Callery, host of the rapidly growing Addressing Gettysburg podcast. The show covers not only the Battle of Gettysburg, but also the broader Civil War community and related topics. Since November, the podcast’s subscriber base

has increased from 9,000 to nearly 15,000, featuring guests such as Licensed Battlefield Guides, authors, and Gettysburg Park Rangers.

Last November, Mr. Callery livestreamed the Remembrance Day Parade, but Brother Gibson noticed that he—and likely much of his audience—appears unaware of the event's true origins and significance, beyond being a parade for reenactors and the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. Few seem to know, for instance, that the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) has contributed over \$90,000 to the Gettysburg National Military Park in recent years.

Brother Gibson believes Mr. Callery and his listeners—whom he affectionately calls "Gettys-Nerds"—would be highly receptive to learning more about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its mission. Podcast comments are frequently filled with people expressing pride in their Civil War soldier ancestors.

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4.18 National Committee on Vision and Planning, Donald D. Palmer, Jr., PCinC

No Report Received.

4.19 National Committee on Real Sons & Daughters Committee, Jerome L. Orton, PDC

There is only one known son of a Civil War veteran alive, Union or Confederate.

He is William Pool, son of Charles Parker Pool, Co. D, 6th WV Vols. Brother Pool celebrated his 100th birthday, January 14, 2025. He is a veteran of WW II having taken part in the Battle of the Bulge. Many thanks to our members who made this day memorable and to the editor of the Banner who place a picture of Brother Pool in the Banner. His address is Fairview Health Care, 119 W. Forrest St., #114B, Bolivar, MO 65613.

There are 2 known real daughters. One wishes to remain unknown but her family keeps us informed about her.

Emogen C. Horton, a DUVCW member is the daughter of Jackson Cassell, Co, M, 2nd Regt. AR Cav. Her address is 140 Jelly Lane, Marshall, AR 72650.

Both individuals enjoy receiving card.

At one time there were millions of children of Civil War veterans and now 160 years after the war there are only three known.

5.0 Special Committees

5.1 National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (2028), Dexter Bishop, PDC

No Report Received.

5.2 National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning (2026), Bruce D. Frail, PCinC

I have the honor to report that the National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning has stabilized the current office and staff of the National Headquarters located at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

I am also honored to report that Susan Mitchell is completely her work with the SUVCW and has moved on to Colorado with her family. She has been replaced by Brother McMillan of the Department of Pennsylvania by a vote of the Council of Administration, he is being trained in the back-up duties of the Executive Director and if needed could step in. As Susan Mitchell's duties being primarily to digitize archived National records which are located at the National Headquarters, so will be the primary duties of Brother McMillan. In addition, the duties of the Assistant Executive Director are to establish and maintain both an intern program and volunteer program.

As stated before, this completes the short-term Headquarters solution that was part of this committee's ten (10) year plan, now we are ready to move into our long-term solution.

Even though it has been reported by our National Executive Director that this committee held no meetings during this fiscal year, that statement is misleading as we did meet three times in person at the National Headquarters and telephone conversations throughout the year to accommodate all the members of the committee schedules. I also traveled to the National Headquarters to meet with Brother David Demmy, Susan Mitchell and Brother Dane DeFebo on other occasions to discuss the vision of the committee looking into the future to formulate ideas for our long-range plans. This would include conversations with Brother Bryan Sigmund as well, who has been very active on the committee.

Thank you to all that are serving on this committee.

5.3 National Special Committee on the 250th Birthday of the United States of America (2026), Ben Block Jones II, PDC

This special committee was created on or about July 6, 2023. Following my late appointment as Chair, I drafted an agenda and held a briefing and policy assessment via Zoom on January 20, 2024. This report covers the committee's activities from 2024 to present and includes initial recommendations and next steps for the committee to consider. Since April 2021, I have been a volunteer resource with the America250 organization drafting legislation and conducting presentations as a registered lobbyist for creation of Mississippi's America 250 Committee. Miss. Code § 39-41-1 (eff. July 1, 2023) added by Laws 2023, Ch. 451 (S.B. No. 2139); see also H.B. No. 1266 (Reg. Sess. 2023), S.B. No. 2873 (Reg. Sess. 2022), H.B. No. 1325 (Reg. Sess. 2022).

In early February 2024, I contacted various representatives of the America250 Foundation. The Foundation is the non-profit operational arm of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, a government agency. See Pub. L. 114–196 (July 22, 2016), 130 Stat. 685, as amended. According to Foundation staff, an extensive October 2023 performance audit resulted in significant leadership changes, thus some outreach staff assignments and advisory councils would not be finalized until late-spring or early summer 2024. With 44 states and territories with state-level America250 organizations and only 16 states with executed partnership agreements, at that time completing partnership engagement with the states was a pressing issue for 2Q 2024. Nonetheless, it was stated that outreach and engagement of partnerships with private, corporate, and non-profit sectors would accelerate in the third quarter.

Consistent with the Bicentennial of the mid-1970s, America250 unveiled a new logo, name change, website, and branding in September 2023. Like the Bicentennial in the mid-1970s, although the stated window for events ends June 30, 2027, the actual window for events will end soon after July 4, 2026. Initial 2024 was to be a planning and “rehearsal” year for 2025 and 2026 promotions and events. For the America250 national organization, the first “test” for their “playbook” was the December 2023 Boston Tea Party, “America’s Invitation.” As a result of that event, a new revised “Playbook” was proposed but not published.

Following our January committee meeting, as suggested by various Foundation officials, I submitted our partner-brand ambassador application on January 22, and again on March 19, 2024, via the new America250 Partner Signup portal followed by follow-up emails to info@america250.org. Our submission included an online form giving an overview of our organization and proposed activities accompanied by our then-most recent Form 990 along with IRS determination letters and the committee's January meeting minutes. Our application was submitted again on July 13, following the first America250 State and Territory meeting in D.C.

On July 30, Foundation Interim Executive Director Jen Cordon distributed to the states a new updated licensing agreement, national brand guidelines, and sample state-specific lockups with the America250 logo were distributed to meeting attendees and state advisors. This was to ease the former restrictions and recognize that many states and territories want to use the words "America250" as part of a different, homegrown designed logo that reflects their unique identity instead of primarily using the designated state or territory logo lockup designed by America250. Since these guidelines would probably mirror the restrictions placed on our usage, these materials were forwarded to the SUVCW executive.

Following our 2024 report to the SUVCW executive, after brief telephone contact with another Foundation official, our application package was forwarded for comment on September 27. In October 2024, the Atlantic monthly magazine published an article on the "disfunction" of the Commission and America250 Foundation. "America is Suffering an Identity Crisis," Atlantic (October 14, 2024). In mid-November between the national election and Thanksgiving holiday, I made an informal inquiry of a mutual acquaintance of a former America250 executive and received a confidential reply.

On January 30, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order No. 14189 "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday" [90 FR 8849] and Commission secured continued funding. A White House 250 Task Force was established. See H.R. 2377 (119th), "National Garden for America's 250th Anniversary Act." With seemingly renewed enthusiasm, the Foundation began sorting through unattended matters. Monthly briefings and meetings with the state and territorial commissions were ramped up the week of February 4-11, with prospective conference dates and times scheduled nine months forward. States were asked to provide a list of their top 3-5 initiatives between now and July 4, 2026--whether they are events, educational programs, community initiatives, or other events. On February 27, I informed our committee that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution got their agreement approved on February 13. Given knowledge of that organization's application, efforts were redoubled and contact with the Commission eventually established.

On April 9, 2025, I had a productive conversation with the Commission's Director of Operations and his staff. Our 2024 submissions were located and forwarded to the Foundation's new public relations consultants for vetting. Following MSTeams meetings on April 29 and May 1 with the Foundation's consultants and lobbyists to discuss specifics of co-branding and strategic initiatives for the proposed MOA, the SUVCW's proposal was approved on May 15. The proposed agreement was received forwarded on May 19 and, due to technical difficulties, again on May 30. Under the White House 250 Task Force, America250 was officially launched on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, with kickoff state and national celebrations on June 14 and July 3. Following approval of the Council of Administration, the executed MOA was returned to the Foundation on June 30. Currently, the Foundation is engaged in the production of revised guidelines for all partners and media promotion of our national agreement. The committee held a briefing and policy assessment via Zoom on July 9, 2025, in anticipation of this report.

In the May-June interim, I represented our organization as an America250 Partner at two seminars hosted by the CivxNow Coalition in partnership with American Association for State and Local History, a national nonprofit serving history organizations and professionals since 1940. These sessions focused on America250 initiatives centered around K-12 youth and civic engagement. The inclusion of America250 Partners in their members' materials was discussed extensively.

Recommendations:

Using the SUVCW Civil War Sesquicentennial for guidance, the Committee strongly recommends that any SUVCW America250 events should be planned and coordinated in advance with consideration to legal liabilities, insurance coverage, and appropriate permissions. Participation in the events of other organizations should receive the same due consideration, planning, and advance approvals.

As with Sesquicentennial, the Departments should submit requests to designate official Signature Events to the Committee. This will enable the Departments and Camps to qualify for bulk purchases and be eligible for National Encampment awards and recognitions, as well as banner streamers.

Consistent with the Council of Administration's considerations, the proposed SUVCW America250 branding should merge the existing SUVCW brand with the America250 brand. An example is shown below in Figure 1.

As with Sesquicentennial, we recommend a SUVCW America250 member participation medal which can be recognized by C-in-C General Order. See Figure 2; see C-in-C Schall, GO 12, Series 2010-2011, and 130th Proceedings, Page 216 of 433. Additionally, due to popularity we recommend the design and creation of a SUVCW America250 lapel pin. However, due to slow sales and investment in inventory, we specifically discourage the commission of a challenge coin. These items may be approved and commissioned by the Committee on Promotions & Marketing.

Given the "wasps' nest" nature of social media, our SUVCW America250 messages and posts should be consistent across all social media platforms. "One organization, one message" is vital for our organization and brand. Members should be reminded of our national policies regarding the same. No other formal or informal partnerships or co-branding with other groups or organizations are necessary at this time and any such considerations will be left to the discretion of the C-in-C, Council of Administration, and Committee on Fraternal Relations. A list of potential educational programs and social media coverage topics is included below.

Next Steps:

We've discussed several exciting items, but there are more options available to us: an SUVCW America250 promotional minute video; placing or rededicating Civil War plaques, monuments, grave sites; and incorporating SUVCW America250 into a marker program. After initial promotion of the upcoming national agreement, our next steps include an activation of our organization's resources. Pursuant to the enabling act, the Commission and most states' commissions will end in 2027. See e.g., Wis. Stat. §45.13(6)(b) [The commission shall cease to exist on January 1, 2027...]; Miss. Code §39-41-1(15) [This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027.]; Congressional Research Service, "Congressional Involvement in the Celebration of Anniversaries of the Declaration of Independence" (March 27, 2025).

- The Committee on Promotions & Marketing should develop promotional materials, ceremonial events, contests, and education programs in conjunction with the Committee on History and Committee on Scholarships. We have suggested several suitable events and topics for social media: "Soldier Snapshots;" "This Day in Civil War History;" etc. Also, the SUVCW should develop and endorse an essay/poem/artwork program for the America's Field Trip contest for the 2025-2026 season.

- Committee on Communication & Technology and Special Committee on Social Media Management should design and coordinate social media event push with Committee on Promotions & Marketing.
- Compose and distribute articles and materials to Department PIs and Camp PIs.
- Departments should approach and coordinate with their respective state America250 Committees for promotions and events. America250 branding and promotion will open doors to state groups and agencies as well as other not-for-profit groups and events.

Our committee should coordinate with three primary actors:

- (1) National Committee on Promotions & Marketing
- (2) National Patriotic Instructor
- (3) National Committee on Communication & Technology

SUVCW should promote America 250 on the organization's web pages and social media, as well as our quarterly magazine, "The Banner." The National Patriotic Instructor's page should include promotion and branding. We already have several resources available:

The National Patriotic Instructor's page has learning resources and patriotic education

<https://suvchw.org/civil-war-learning-resource>

<https://suvchw.org/patriotic-education>

<https://suvchw.org/Banner-Editions>

Publications and brochures could be revamped. One brochure finds its way into our many Eagle Scout programs.

<https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/FlagFactsFlyer.pdf>

<https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/TeacherAdopt-a-School.pdf>

<https://suvchw.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/SUVCWAdopt-a-School-camps.pdf>

Support committees should include:

- (1) National Committee on Scholarships
- (2) National Committee on Civil War Memorials
- (3) All Department & Camp Patriotic Instructors
- (4) All Other National, Department & Camp Officers

Recommendation: Allocate \$6,000.00 in the 2025-2026 Budget to cover the up-front cost of purchasing the 250th Anniversary Commemoration Medals and Lapel Pins.

Potential Educational Programs & Social Media Coverage Topics

January – Emancipation Proclamation (1863)

February - Sherman Marches through North and South Carolina (1865)

March - Lincoln's Inauguration (1861); Liberation and Freedom Day (March 3 Holiday)

April – Attack on Fort Sumter (1861); Shiloh (1862); Surrender & Assassination (1865)

May – Vicksburg Campaign (1863); Wilderness Campaign/Spotsylvania (1864); Memorial Day (Holiday); MOLLUS organized (1865)

June – Petersburg Campaign (1864)

July - First Battle of Bull Run (1861); Gettysburg (1863)

August – Atlanta Campaign (1864); Final GAR Encampment (1949)

September – Antietam (1862); United States Colored Troops (1862)

November – Chattanooga (1863); March to the Sea/Lincoln Re-Election (1864)

December – Fredericksburg (1862); Nashville (1864); Thirteenth Amendment ratified (1865)

Andrew Johnson (December/July)

Ulysses S. Grant (April/July)

Rutherford B. Hayes (October/January)

James A. Garfield (November/September)

Chester A. Arthur (October/November)

Benjamin Harrison (August/March)

William McKinley (January/September)

Medal of Honor (December (Navy), July (Army))

Dr. Mary Edwards Walker (November/February)

Dorothea Lynde Dix (April/July)

Clarissa Harlowe Barton (December/April)

Pauline Cushman-Fryer (June/December)

Harriet Tubman (March)

Cathay Williams (September)

Sarah Edmonds (December/September)

Hannah Reynolds (April)

Anna Etheridge (May/January)

Marie Brose Tepe Leonard (August/May)

Charlotte Elizabeth McKay (August/April)

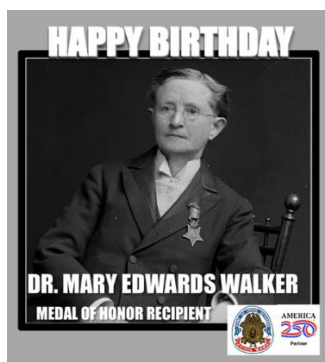


Figure 1: Proposed SUVCW America250 Branding



Figure 2: Proposed SUVCW A250 member participation medal



5.4 National Special Committee on Memorial University (2027), Tad Campbell, PCinC

See National Patriotic Instructor's report.

5.5 National Special Committee on Fundraising (2027), Dave Hann, PDC

As the Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee, I would like to submit the following report.

We have started advertising for the tee-shirts for sale that were approved by the Council of Administration.

We met via Zoom on June 30 and would like to make the following **2 recommendations**.

1.If the Banner editor could make the change the current statement in the Banner as space in the Banner is limited.

From: "GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE

Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations

can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps.



Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters”.

To: “GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good works of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible as allowed by law. Your donations can be used in many areas. Please check out the link at suvchw.org/give for more information and the giving form or scan the QR code.

2.We would like to ask the Council of Administration permission to see if we can get a commemorative Henry Rifle made to raise funds. The company has a special fund-raising sheet. There will be a one-time small charge for us to put the graphics on it. It would require nothing from us as all sales would have to go through an FFL dealer.

It is an honor to serve on this committee, and I would like to thank the Brothers on the Committee for their guidance and wisdom.

5.6 National Special Committee on Medals/Badges, Bobby Welch, PDC

See Quartermaster’s report

5.7 National CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Doug Jones

See National Chaplain’s report

6.0 Departments

6.1 Department of Alabama, Scott A. Martin, DC

All five Camps of the Alabama Department held a Memorial Day Service including placement of flags on the graves of Union Veterans in area cemeteries. Between the five camps, 25 JROTC/ROTC awards and certificates were presented to eligible cadets. The SUVCW ROTC-JROTC Award asks, "Cadet selected for this award should display a high degree of patriotism to his or her Nation and have demonstrated a high degree

of academic performance and leadership.” Two camps have been diligent in setting up recruitment tables at local genealogical seminars and military events. All five camps continue to update their records of Union Soldiers interred in their covered counties and updating the National Graves Registration of Union Soldiers Database. To date I have visited the Croxton, Spencer & Taylor Camps and have very much enjoyed the fellowship. I had the honor of presenting an Eagle Scout Certificate to Thomas Allen on May 17, 2025 in Fyffe AL. It’s important that the Alabama Department is active in the Scout program. Each camp should develop relationships in their area and issue Eagle Scout awards and letters of commendation. On May 31, 2025 I attended a Grave Dedication Ceremony in the historic Oakwood Cemetery in Tuscumbia AL. The event was sponsored by the Spencer Camp and honored 3 Union Veterans, Pvt. Asher E. Bresler, Co. L. 1st Arkansas Cavalry Regiment (1840 -1926), Pvt. Albert E. Eggleston, Co. A. 55th U.S. Infantry Regiment, U.S.C. T. (1844-1941) & Pvt. James N. Sampson, Co. A. 41st New York Infantry Regiment (1843-1907). We can’t do enough to honor the memory and sacrifice of our Union ancestors. These type of grave markings are an excellent example of preserving their memory and promoting the Sons of Union Veterans in Alabama. The Alabama Department will hold its first annual Department Campfire on August 23, 2025 in Pelham, AL.

6.2 Department of Arkansas, Joseph Rainey, DC

The Department of Arkansas was approved at the Department of Missouri's encampment, on June 7, 2025.

The bylaws of the new Department of Arkansas have been accepted by members of the 4 camps at the organization meeting of June 21, 2025.

Our charter has been approved by Commander in Chief Martin.

I have visited all 4 camps in the last several weeks since the Department's founding.

6.3 Department of California and Pacific

No Report Received.

6.4 Department of the Chesapeake, A. Clay Matthews, DC

April, 2025 - Beginning with the installation of new officers, the Department of the Chesapeake has been working to re-vamp and improve its presence on the internet. Under the leadership of Signals Officer James Mazars de Mazerin, a new website has been designed and is in progress. It will be unveiled later in the summer of 2025.

May 2, 2025 – Representatives of the Department of the Chesapeake including the Department Commander, immediate Past Department Commander, and a color guard, along with Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin and National Auxiliary President Rosemary Martin participated in a military burial service for the re-internment of the remains of Union soldiers found during a construction project in the City of Fredericksburg, VA. Special permission was granted by the National Park Service to inter the remains in the Fredericksburg National Cemetery, the internment being the first since 1945. PDC Andy Johnson deserves special recognition for his ten-year effort to unite all stakeholders including the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, the United States Army, the National Park Service and The Allied Orders, to give the remains of the Union soldiers a proper burial with military honors.

May 30, 2025 – Lincoln-Cushing Camp held a Decoration Day service at the James Tanner Amphitheater in Arlington National Cemetery. Representatives from the Department of the Chesapeake, as well as

Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin, National Auxiliary President Rosemary Martin, and Karen Lyddane, President of the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 DUVCW, participated. Following the program, a wreath-laying was held at the Tomb of Civil War Unknowns.

July 8, 2025 - The first Camp Commander Roundtable was held via Zoom at 7:00 PM. Information was provided to all camp commanders regarding a new welcome and information packet developed by James A. Garfield Camp No.1 JVC Steve Bonning. The packet provides new brothers to the camp with basic information about the Order, Department and Camp. The majority of the evening's discussion revolved around the question What is one thing that you can do with your camp that is unique or different than anything that your camp has done before? The question stimulated much thought about how things may be done differently from recruitment to camp activities and publicity.

The Chesapeake Leadership Program will be enrolling its 3rd class this summer. Brothers from throughout the Department participate in the program to improve understanding of SUVCW history and operations, as well as enhance our opportunities to build fraternity, communication, and collaboration within our Department. The CLP uses a hybrid educational format including virtual sessions and a field experience, in order to promote engagement and leadership development. In addition, the CLP promotes participation in the Memorial University program.

6.5 Department of Colorado & Wyoming, Jim Barker, DC

As Department Commander I attended the meetings (in person or virtual) of five out of the eight camps in the department. Additionally, I've personally contacted all the Camp Commander and found that seven of the eight camps are all actively involved promoting the Order's purposes and one (Camp 15 is still in its infancy and is perfecting its organization. The Department has held four Department Officer meetings to discuss ongoing plans & projects.

The concerning aspect when listening to the Camp Commanders in conversation revolves around membership. This prompted me to contact numerous past members within the department, from whom I've gleaned insights. These include feelings of distance (Montana, Wyoming examples), the fact that most camps have a large number of older members and personality differences with other members. These views contribute to a low average participation in Camp meetings, excluding virtual participants, underscoring the need for implementing virtual or any form of digital media to maintain the camps' activity and engagement. As a Department Commander, I recognized the need to call for increased flexibility in meeting formats, encouraging a blend of virtual gatherings as this brings in those who cannot attend personally.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at national level sponsored RootsTech 2025, the largest family history and genealogy conference annually in the entire world. As part of the sponsorship, the SUVCW had both a physical booth at the Salt Lake convention center and a virtual booth. Camp 1 Brother's Ken Jacobsen & Monroe McBride were instrumental in setting up and managing the booth, and virtual room, as well as setting up, scheduling, managing other members within this Department to help. A complete after action report is attached to this report.

The Department is actively researching bonding requirements for officers at the Camp and Department level. Our GAR Highway Officer, PCC Monroe McBride performed a comprehensive survey of the highway as it transits the states of Utah and Colorado. His report is appended to this report. Camp 3 Commander Tom Harper attended a presentation on the Bozeman trail at Ft Phil Kearny where Camp 3's namesake Col Henry B. Carrington served as Post Commander. Camps and individual members participated in Memorial Day Veterans Day and Flag Day events across the five states that comprise the department. Additionally, Brothers participated in four different living history events and Wreath Across America. Brothers performed maintenance on CW veterans headstones on nine different occasions. GAR grave markers were placed on four veterans'

graves. Thirty-two CW veterans' graves (including one Medal of Honor recipient) were added to the database. Nine ROTC medals and seven Eagle Scout Certificates were presented.

We regret to report that two Brothers of the department answered the final muster. Sympathy cards were sent to the families. Brothers in ill health were sent get well cards.

Department strength as of 31 March 2025 stood at 94 members.

RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to a vote of the Department Encampment on 21 June 2025, we recommend that the National Organization continue sponsorship of the RootstTech Conference for 2026.

Addendum 1: RootsTech After Action Report

Report to the Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming

On RootsTech 2025

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At RootsTech 2025 in Salt Lake City, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had two booths: a physical booth on the floor of the exhibit hall which operated for the duration of the live conference, March 6-8, and a virtual booth that continues until late this year. Approximately 15,000 individuals attended RootsTech 2025 in person and "several million" viewed online.

The physical booth experienced excellent traffic and interest. Location was excellent with a double-sized space at the end of a block. More than 450 brochures were taken by conference patrons. Thirty-two requests for follow-up contact were received at the physical booth, representing individuals from around the nation in ten different departments' territories. These requests were e-mailed to Junior Vice Commander-in-chief Daniel Murray for distribution to department junior vice commanders and, from them, to officers of camps nearest the hometowns of the requesters.

There was media exposure, too. Two brothers were interviewed by FamilySearch Social Media for a podcast and booth staff was interviewed by KTVX, ABC's Salt Lake affiliate. Allen County Library's (Fort Wayne, Indiana) request for a podcast interview was forwarded to Brother Kevin Tucker for further handling. The virtual booth is found at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/expohall/sons-of-union-veterans-of-the-civil-war>. It includes a welcome video created by the National Committee on Promotions and Marketing, three YouTube videos that well illustrate the purpose and activities of the order, a downloadable recruitment brochure, and links to our website, our YouTube channel, and our Facebook page. It is through the website link that we hope users will be requesting membership information leading to personal contact and application for membership.

Activity in a connected chat room was negligible.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

MONROE MCBRIDE

KEN JACOBSEN

Supplemental Report

Since submitting the initial report, there have been further developments in the project's progress that I will now share with you.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Daniel Murray advised me that he has forwarded to the respective departments the contact information concerning requests for membership received at the physical booth. In at least the case of our department, this was in the form of e-mails sent to each of the men who made requests, copying the department junior vice commander. I suspect he did likewise for the other departments. Presumably, also, he did not e-mail women who requested more information, although they may have eligible fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and so forth. For that reason, I suggested that the women be contacted as well.

I also asked confirmation that the Excel file with the contact information, in some instances including telephone numbers, be sent to each department so that it could be forwarded to the appropriate camp. This is part of the original plan. In at least the case of our department, that was not sent. This may be, of course, because he knows our Department Junior Vice Commander Ken Jacobsen already has the original contact sheets from the physical booth.

In addition, Brother Murray informed me that he has also received, as of May 21, 13 other requests through the national web site since the virtual booth went live. These were referred to the departments in which they lived, a total of seven different departments.

We do not know whether these 13 are a result of RootsTech. In an early discussion with Chairman Kevin Tucker, RootsTech was to be added to the checklist as a source on the national web site for inquirers to designate; at some point, the decision was made at the national level not to add RootsTech to the checklist after all.

As for the contacts within our department's territory, we know that 16 persons signed the sheet requesting membership information.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

MONROE MCBRIDE

Addendum 2: GAR Highway Report

Report to the 2025 Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming

on the

Grand Army of the Republic Highway

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For clarity in this report, references to "government signs" mean standard highway signs provided and installed by the governments of Colorado and Utah. "SUVCW signs" means signs privately produced and installed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Surveys of United States Highway Six since the last department encampment confirm that all inspected SUVCW signs are in place and in very good condition. The government sign in Utah at the Colorado border is in very good condition, while its counterpart at the Nevada border is in good condition, showing some signs of weathering. No government signs were found in Colorado at its borders with Nebraska and Utah.

I inspected the Utah signs on the route west of Interstate 15 on January 10, 2025 and the Utah signs east of Interstate 15 and in Mack, Colorado on April 1, 2025. The sign near Holyoke, Colorado was not inspected during the year. A photograph and description of each sign will be found in the appendix to this report. The picture of the SUV CW sign east of Holyoke is taken from December 2022 correspondence from the Colorado Department of Transportation and may not reflect the sign's current condition.

Incidentally, the Wikipedia article "U.S. Route 6" records, "In 2015, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) approved a request from the Colorado Department of Transportation to eliminate US 6 through the city of Rifle, meaning that US 6 is now discontinuous between Rifle and Grand Junction, although current signage does not reflect this change.¹" I note this only to make a record of it in the proceedings of this department encampment.

I recommend to my successor and to the department the following measures.

1. That the department, from time to time as the political environment, law, and regulations change, renew its efforts with Colorado state legislators favorable to our cause for legislation to establish government signs at Colorado's borders with Nebraska and Utah, visible to motorists entering the state. Colorado designated Highway Six as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway on April 24, 1939. (Incidentally, Utah so designated its portion on March 12, 1949.)

2. That the department's Grand Army of the Highway officer annually cause a survey of all signage to be performed to ensure that signs are repaired, replaced, and otherwise properly maintained.

3. That this report with all photographs be appended in its entirety to the minutes of the department encampment. I believe it has value as documentation of the currently existing signs and their conditions as a baseline reference for future administrations.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

MONROE CLARK MCBRIDE

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

Department of Colorado and Wyoming

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Route_6#cite_note-25. Retrieved April 2, 2025. The footnote there reads, "Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering (May 14, 2015). "Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering Spring 2015 Report to the Standing Committee on Highways" (PDF) (Report). Washington, DC: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Archived from the original (PDF) on June 3, 2019. Retrieved June 6, 2015."

6.6 Department of the Columbia

No Report Received.

6.7 Department of Connecticut

No Report Received.

6.8 Department of Florida, Timothy Campaign, DC

The Dept. of Florida Secretary (Larry Scovotto) has been very busy updating our website. Larry has also homogenized communications with the Florida camps by developing Excel spreadsheets making it much easier to update records and enhance the flow of information between the camps and the department.

Our new Treasurer (Bob Humker) has been working with Larry to develop the department budget.

The Florida camps have been very active this quarter. Please note activities by camp below:

- Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 1's activities

April 6, 2025 - We had 2 local authors on Tampa Bay history, Charles Spicola and Richard Sanchez, speak at a joint event with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution and Tampa Rough Riders at the Tampa Historical Society building. Mr. Spicola spoke on local Civil War history, including the Battle of Tampa. He displayed a cannon ball that was recovered from the battle. Mr. Sanchez spoke on his new book about Confederate Secretary of War, Judah Benjamin's escape through Florida after the Civil War, coming to Bradenton from Georgia, then sailing to the Bahamas to catch a sloop to London.

April 19, 2025 - We had a joint work day with the Sons of Confederate Veterans at historic Greenwood Cemetery in downtown St. Pete, cleaning both Union and CSA graves.

April-May 2025 - We presented many medals to JROTC members at local high schools (big thanks to Brother Brabazon)

May 18, 2025 – We had our Camp 1 meeting at the Tampa Historical Society building. We will break for the Summer and resume meeting on September 21, 2025 at the meeting room at Mission BBQ on Waters Ave.

May 26, 2025 - We participated in American Legion Post 5's Memorial Day ceremony at the Post 5 Cemetery in Tampa by laying a wreath. We also visited the grave of our Camp's namesake. Winfield Scott Whitehurst

-Camp 2 in fort Myers:

- Jack Bovee led the charge to bring members of the other camps together to form a youth program offering awards to high school students participating in Florida history day projects related to the causes, course, or consequences of the Civil War. Jack donated \$500 to offer the first of two awards.

-The camp coordinated a Memorial Day observation with the American Legion Post 38 in Fort Myers.

Camp 3 in West Palm Beach:

- SUVCW- Dept of FL- Camp #3 General Thomas J. McKean, SVR- 7th Military District- Harmon Company

- Camp Report- 2nd Qtr 2025
- - We attended and presented SUVCW JROTC awards to 7 high schools in Palm Beach County during month of April.
- - SVR Honor Guard attended and performed duties to Honor our Brother Mike Urell at his "Celebration of Life" ceremony in St. Cloud, FL.
- - On May 24, Camp #3 members and SVR Honor Guard conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony per SUVCW Rituals & Ceremonies handbook at the Woodlawn Cemetery, West Palm Beach. Brother Wysong played Taps and his son fired our newly acquired mini cannon. Brothers placed 37 US flags by Union headstones in 4 cemeteries in Palm Beach County.
- - On May 25, Cpt Garten and Cpl Wysong played Taps to start "Flags for Forgotten Veterans" activity at South FL National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.
- - On May 26, Brothers from Camp #2, Camp #3, Camp #4 and SVR Harmon Company attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the South FL National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL. Brothers fired a cannon salute to close the ceremony.
- - SVR Harmon Company gained 3 new Brothers.

Camp 4 – Saint Cloud and Camp 5 - Webster

- April 11, 2025 – Funeral service for PDC, PCC Michael Urell – Camps 1,2,3 4,5,7,9,10
- . April 19, 2025 – Eagle Scout Presentation – Camp 4
- April 24, 2025 – JROTC Award Presentation – Camps 4 & 5
- . April 29, 2025 – Eagle Scout Award Presentation – Camps 4 & 5
- . April 30, 2025 – JROTC Award Presentation – Set up recruiting table - Camps 4 & 5
- .- May 3, 2025 – Winter Haven Heritage Festival – Set up recruiting table - Camps 4 & 5
- . May 4, 2025 - Wreaths Across America – Camps 4 & 5
- . May 7, 2025 – JROTC Award Presentation – Camps 4 & 5
- . May 18, 2025 - Gifford Historical Museum – Camps 4 & 5 – Set up recruiting table

Camp 4 has also formed an active committee to plan and execute the 2025 Christmas Ball in Saint Cloud which raises donations for local disabled Veterans.

- . May 24, 2025 – NAACP Memorial Celebration – Camps 4 & 5
- . May 26, 2025 – Mt. Peace Memorial Day Celebration – Camps 4 & 5
- . May 31, 2025 – Eagle Scout Award Presentation – Camps 4 & 5
- . June 14, 2025 – Flag Day – VFW Post 8002 – Camps 4 & 5

Camp 7 Pembroke Pines:

-Participated in Memorial Day services at the South Florida National Cemetery with the SVR.

-Camp 9 Jacksonville:

- Camp has offered to host the 2026 Department encampment in Saint Augustine.

Camp 10 Melbourne:

-Camp 10 is newly established and working to grow its membership. The camp members have been participating in events with other camps.

Camp 25 MAL:

-Dept. Secretary, Larry Scovotto has been working to bring our MAL community together in hopes of establishing a new camp in the panhandle. We foresee an opportunity to have these members active in presenting JROTC and Eagle Scout Awards in their geographical areas.

- The camp currently consists of twenty members.

- Larry is developing a strategic plan to increase membership participation

6.9 Department of Georgia and South Carolina

No Report Received.

6.10 Department of Illinois, Mike Zafran, DC

I am pleased to report that the Department of Illinois is doing the work of the order. Here are our activities.

Lincoln Death Day: 7 Camps represented.

Petersburg Ceremony: 7 Camps represented

Memorial Day Ceremonies: Held at Rosehill Cemetery, Union Ridge Cemetery, Jewell Grove Cemetery, Oakwood Cemetery, Wilton Center Cemetery, Greenmount Cemetery, Summerville Cemetery, Walnut Cemetery, Elmhurst Cemetery, St Peter's Cemetery, Springdale Cemetery, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, West Aurora Cemetery.

Memorial Day Parades: Belleville: Elmhurst, Aurora.

Cemetery Work: Bluff City Cemetery, St Charles Cemetery, Oakwood Cemetery, Elmhurst Cemetery, Springdale Cemetery, Greenmount Cemetery, Walnut Cemetery, Summerville Cemetery. A total of 6 new stones set and numerous stones raised and cleaned

Eagle Scout SUVCW programs completed: 7

Civil War Shows presented at: 6 shows with 5 camps represented.

Flag Day Ceremonies: Palatine Historical Society and Rosehill Cemetery: 5 Camps represented.

Field Trip by one camp for high school students to Gettysburg.

ROTC presentations: 2 Camps

Commander activities: Lincoln Death Day, Petersburg Ceremony, Presented at the GAR Hall Aurora for 62 Fifth Graders. MC at Jewell Grove Cemetery, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, and West Aurora Cemetery. Sang at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery in Elwood, for the 18th year. 5 Camp meeting visits. Attended 3 living history events. Attended 2 GAR events. Represented the Order at 2 GAR Commissioner's meetings.

6.11 Department of Indiana, Travis J. LeMaster, DC

It is my pleasure and privilege to submit this report on the activities of the Department of Indiana Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the period of April 26, 2025 to July 1, 2025.

The Department of Indiana has a membership divided among nine camps.

The Department continues work on the Last Soldier Project and the Civil War Nurses project.

- On April 26, 2025 I participated in the 139th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana held in West Lafayette, Indiana, where I was honored to be elected Department Commander.
- On April 27, 2025 issued Department Order 2025-1 :First Department Orders, Appointments, Committees, etc.
- On April 27, 2025 issued Department Circular 2025-1 : Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation
- On April 28, 2025 I sent an email to the Department Commander of the Department of Tennessee and Mississippi regarding the 26th Indiana Monument at Vicksburg
- On April 28, 2025 I sent out letters of introductions to historical and genealogical societies throughout the State of Indiana
- On April 29, 2025 issued Department Order 2025 -2 : Establishing Oliver P. Morton and Lew Wallace awards for brothers and camps with most recruitment during year

- On May 2, 2025 I requested that Brother Taylin Allen, Legion Editor, be given access to the Department Facebook account.
- On May 2, 2025 I was able to confirm with Department Signals Officer Beckman that we have control of the Department Twitter account.
- On May 13, 2025 I forwarded on a report from the inspection of the 26th Indiana monument at Vicksburg done by Brothers of the Department of Tennessee and Mississippi to our committee.
- On May 14, 2025 I sent out an email to the Department Records committee thanking them for their service and suggesting a Zoom meeting.
- On May 7, 2025 attended Zoom meeting of the Indiana 26th Monument at Vicksburg Committee
- On May 10, 2025 I sent an email to Brother Taylin Allen thanking him for the excellent work with the Indiana Legion and we exchanged ideas for future editions.
- On May 14, 2025 answered Brother Taylin Allen's question about using the Facebook boost feature to promote posts on the Department page.
- On May 14, 2025 I sent out an email to the Department Projects committee thanking them for their service and giving them a vision of the committee's role.
- On May 14, 2025 I received an email forwarded from National regarding the Annual Call for Nomination of Awards
- On May 17, 2025 I attended the Orlando A Somers Camp # 1 meeting.
- On May 17, 2025 issued Department Order 2025-3 : Establishing Committees on Bylaw Review and Civil War Nurses Project.
- On May 18, 2025 I asked all Brothers through our email list to submit photos of their Memorial Day events to the Legion and Banner.
- On May 19, 2025 I attended the Madison County, Indiana Civil War Roundtable
- On May 20, 2025 I attended the John W Foster Camp # 2 meeting via Zoom.
- On May 22, 2025 I received an email forwarded from National regarding possible destruction of a Civil War cemetery in our jurisdiction.
- On May 23, 2025 I began correspondence regarding preservation of a Civil War cemetery in Wheeler, Indiana, the Janes Cemetery. Received correspondence from SVC Hoesli that there are at least 8 Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery.
- On May 25, 2025 I participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo, Indiana with Orlando A Somers Camp # 1

- On May 25, 2025 I visited the gravesite of John C. Adams, the last Union Veteran of Indiana in Riverside Cemetery in Gas City, Indiana.
- On May 26, 2025 I participated in a Memorial Day ceremony in Marion, Indiana with the Mississinewa Battlefield Society.
- On May 26, 2025 I sent out an email to the ByLaw committee thanking them for their service and providing some thoughts on potential revisions to our Department ByLaws.
- On May 27, 2025 I sent out an email to Camp Commander of the Porter Camp regarding the preservation of the Janes Cemetery in Wheeler, Indiana and recommended we find out more about proposed plans for development in the area.
- On May 28, 2025 I attended the Zoom meeting of the Department Records Committee.
- On May 28, 2025 I sent an email concerning the background and history of Orlando A Somers to the Kokomo Parks Department
- On May 31, 2025 I attended the Indiana Commandery MOLLUS meeting at Vincennes, Indiana held at Grouseland, home of William Henry Harrison. Later toured George Rogers Clark National Military Park and the Indiana Military History Museum.
- On June 4, 2025 I began correspondence with the Boone County Historical Society regarding participation in their upcoming Lincoln's Lebanon celebration in September.
- On June 5, 2025 I submitted the Commander's Letter for publication in the latest edition of the Indiana Legion.
- On June 14, 2025 I shared the latest edition of the Indiana Legion with the mailing list of the Madison County Civil War Roundtable.
- On June 14, 2025 I attended a presentation on the 19th Indiana Infantry at the Continental Chapter SAR meeting in Muncie, Indiana.
- On June 28, 2025 I participated in the grave dedication ceremony for Pvt. John Boyer of Co. 29th Indiana at Pleasant Lake, Indiana with the 27th Indiana SVR and 14th Michigan SVR.

6.12 Department of Iowa - David L. Thompson, DC

- 1 Elected to the Position of Dept Commander April 26, 2025 at the 142nd Annual Department Encampment.
2. Attended Headstone Rededication at Blanchard Iowa. <ay 17, 2025
3. Attended School Days event at Gold Star Museum, at Camp Dodge, Iowa May 20, 2025
4. Participated in the 250 Anniversary of the U.S. Army. At Camp Dodge, Iowa May 22, 2025

Plan to attend as many, Camp Meetings, as I can as Dept. Commander this Year.

6.13 Department of Kansas, Kent M. Melcher, DC, PDC

In my official visits to our Kansas Camps, I have found a great deal of excitement for, and commitment to, our work. Without exception, our camps are preserving our heritage in their work at cemeteries across the state. Our brothers are teaching the true history of the Civil War to young and old alike. They are providing excellent examples of patriotism for our communities. They are "keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue."

Attendance at the Department Encampment on April 5 was above expectations. With that fact and from my official visits, I perceive that the Department of Kansas is stronger in many ways than in the recent past. Although our total numbers have grown only by one brother this year, our Camps have reported new members received, with possibilities of others. At its May meeting, the Department Council adopted a challenge for all Camps to receive at least three new members in the coming year. The challenge honors a recently deceased Past Department Commander, brother Robert Dean Boyd, II, who focused his energy and enthusiasm on bringing new brothers into our fraternity.

I was privileged to make an official visit to the Encampment of the Department of Missouri in June. Both Encampments of the Departments of Kansas and Missouri have authorized the formation of a joint committee to make application to co-host the National Encampment at the next available date.

I was also privileged to visit the Department of Kansas Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 and delivered greetings and brief remarks at its Annual Convention. I plan to continue to build ties with our sisters so that as opportunities arise we may work together on projects.

At its Encampment in March 2026, the Department of Kansas will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its reconstituting.

6.14 Department of Kentucky, Mike Flynn, DC

The Department of KY includes four camps and memberships of 100 brothers. The department has participated in a variety of activities, all to honor our ancestors who wore the Union Blue.

1. The KY Department Encampment was held in historic Hodgenville, KY, birthplace of Abraham Lincoln in May with Sr. Vice Cmdr. in Chief Kevin Tucker who was present to install the department officers.

2. At the National Encampment held in Lexington, Ky in August 2024, several awards were presented. These include:

Meritorious Service Award presented to John Buckler, Jr. Vice Cmdr. and Mike

Flynn, DC.

Certificate of Recognition presented to Jack Mills, PDC and Bruce Fortin, PDC.

One of the most prestigious awards given by the National C in C is the “Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award” which was presented to Robert Moody Department of KY, Camp 5. It was given to Bob for all his hard work in the preservation of the Battlefield at Richmond, Ky.

3. Department and Camp highlight activities:

A. Memorial Day Flag Placement at various cemeteries across the state.

B. Memorial Day ceremonies

C. Juneteenth ceremonies

D. Tombstone dedications

E. R.O.T.C. awards

F. Eagle Scout awards

G. Cemetery cleaning, tombstone cleaning and re-setting.

These highlights are only a portion of actual camp activities.

6.15 Department of Maine

No Report Received.

6.16 Department of Massachusetts, Roderick J Fraser Jr, DC

It is my honor and privilege to present this report as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

The Department of Massachusetts has been very active over the past year but unfortunately, we have lost four Brothers who passed away in the past year, ten Brothers who were dropped and four who were granted Honorable Discharges. We gained five Brothers which resulted in a net decrease in Department membership. Our strength now stands at 154.

After 100 years, the General Darius Couch Camp 26 Charter was revoked. This Camp did not actively recruit new members and continuously dwindled down to four members and was thus untenable as a Camp.

Department Encampment

We held our Annual Department Encampment at the Lakeside Inn, Wakefield, MA April 26TH & 27TH. Installing Officer was the Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Kevin Tucker. Elections were held and the following Brothers were elected:

- Roderick J. Fraser, Department Commander
- John Wilder, Senior Vice Commander
- Rev. Peter Preble, Junior Vice Commander
- John Dupré, Secretary/Treasurer
- Council. a. Daniel Murray b. Matthew Sargent c. William Naughton

The following brothers were appointed to office.

- George Maple; Patriotic Instructor
- Chaplain; Dexter Bishop
- Graves Registration Officer; William Naughton
- Historian; Rev. Peter Preble
- Civil War Memorials Officer: Kenneth London
- Eagle Scout Coordinator; Michael Terry
- Councilor; Kevin Tucker
- GAR Highway Officer; Roderick Fraser
- ROTC Officer; Albert Smith
- Guide; Charles Lewis
- Communications Officer; Ronald Glidden
- Department Quartermaster; John Wilder
- Guard; Henry Buckley

The Past Department commander of the Department of Maine, Peter Redman, joined us at our encampment again this year.

Departed Brothers

Saturday morning began with our Annual Memorial Service. We remembered the following Brothers who passed away the previous year:

- Ronny Petit, Camp 5
- Calvin Pixley - Camp 15
- Elisha Mallory "Mal" Grant - Camp 25
- Allerton Bonney - Camp 3188

The Department Commander sent a death certificate to the next of kin of all Brothers. May they rest in peace.

Department Awards

The Roger L. Olsen Award for the Most Outstanding Brother of the Order for the year 2024-2025 was presented to Brother Ronald Glidden, Camp 54 Commander.

The PDC Stuart H. Chambers Award for Camp Recruiting was awarded to the following Camps of the Department for their positive growth in Camp membership for the year 2024.

- Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp 54
- Gen Frederick Lander Camp 5
- Charles H. Bond Camp 104

Work by the Department

I presided over the unveiling and dedication of the preserved and remounted cannon of the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Cemetery Plot Mt Hope Cemetery on 18 October 2024 at 11:00 A.M. We had the honor of being joined by Commissioner Robert Santiago, Commissioner of Veteran Services for the City of Boston, Mr. Troy Hencke, the Senior Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mary-Dith Tuitt, Commander of the William E. Carter Post 16 American Legion in Boston and Mr. Robert Gold, past President of the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts. The Military Historical Society of Massachusetts awarded Camp 54 a grant towards the cost of the project. The cannon had to be removed from the old broken brick foundations and taken to a metal shop in Boston where they were properly cleaned and preserved. The new

granite bases were manufactured to fit the cannon, delivered and then the cannon were put in place to continue to stand as protective sentinels over the men whose bodies are laid to rest in that plot. The cannon were originally on wooden gun carriages which eventually rotted away and were disposed of. The cannon were then placed haphazardly on top of a brick and mortar foundation which had deteriorated and the cannon themselves were rusting. A special thanks to Brother Ron Glidden of Camp 54 and his wife Sue for providing fife and drum music as part of the ceremony. The General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post 7 was the second largest Post in Boston and had 384 members. It was chartered 11 March 1867 and surrendered its Charter in 1937. Our guest speaker was Boston Commissioner of Veteran Services, Robert Santiago.

I and the Brothers of the Department attended the 25th Annual Remembrance Day Weekend Trip, Nov. 14 – 17, 2024. I participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony, laying a wreath at the Massachusetts burial plot and also the reading of the names of the soldiers buried there in remembrance. Additionally, I marched in the parade as a color bearer in the 1st Military District SVR and attended the original civil War Ball along with my wife Angela.

The Department held our Annual General Butler Memorial Ceremony, along with Brothers of the First Military District, on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024. General Butler was a Major General of the Union Army, accomplished politician, famous lawyer, and successful businessman from Lowell. The ceremony was attended by descendants of General Butler and General Ames, as well as Friends of Hildreth Cemetery and local media, who published a story in the Lowell newspaper.

The Department of Massachusetts held its annual Christmas Party for Veterans residing at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea on Saturday, December 14th. It was a wonderful evening of Chinese food, baked goods and sweets, music and presents. Special thanks to Alicia Nutile and Winchester Savings Bank for providing some special gifts, as well as Linda Murray for organizing quilt and Afghan donations.

On December 14, Department Junior Vice Commander, Rev. Peter Preble and his assistant, placed a wreath on the grave of Benjamin and Carrie Loring. Carrie Loring, Past President of the Woman's Relief Corps established a fund in the name of her husband to be used to further the mission of the Sons.

In January of 2025, the Department sent a Birthday Card to Real Son brother Bill Pool for his 100th Anniversary. Along with the card we sent and a handmade lap quilt with a US Army motif made by Sister Jean Sheehan, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Edwards Walker Tent 12, Port St. Lucie, FL.

We held our 25th Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Brunch Held in Wakefield On Sunday, February 23rd. The Brunch, originally scheduled for February 16th, was postponed for one week due to storm conditions on that day. Special guests included:

- National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and the Vice President General and Regent of the Sergeant William H. Carney Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the Union Paula Renkas
- American Legion District 7 Senior Vice Commander and William E. Carter Post 16, American Legion Commander Mary-dith Tuitt.

Past Department Commander John Bates III was the Master of Ceremonies for the program, and the Featured Speaker was Christian G. Samito, PhD., author of "Lincoln and the Thirteenth Amendment" who presented an amazing talk on why and how President Lincoln pushed for a Constitutional amendment to end slavery over all

other legal and legislative means. Dr. Samito is a professor of eighteenth and nineteenth century American history, with a focus on constitutional and legal history, political history, military history, economic history, and ethnic history. at Boston University School of Law.

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Department of Massachusetts participated in the Rededication Event for the Town of Wakefield's "Soldiers and Sailors Monument" on the Upper Town Common in Wakefield, Massachusetts. The fife and drum musicians from the New England Brigade, (our own Brother Ron Glidden, Camp 54 Commander and his wife, Sue) entertained the public with some military tunes.

Department of Massachusetts and Sons of Veterans Reserve Brothers manned an information and recruiting booth, with Brothers from Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104, Willie Grout Camp No.25, Gen.Frederick W. Lander Camp No. 5, Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No 54 and Department of Rhode Island Maj. Gen. Thomas West Sherman Camp No. 1 participating. At 3 PM All participating groups and hundreds of local citizens gathered on the Upper Common for are dedication program MC'd by Former Naval Commander Robert Vincent and a formal Ceremony of Rededication by the First Military District, SVR, with speakers that included national, and state elected officials, Department Commander Roderick Fraser and Department Guide Charles Lewis.

Town Administrator Stephen Maio turned the town's Civil War monument over to the First Military District, who performed a "Vacant Chair" style ceremony for the rededication for the South Reading, (now Wakefield) Soldiers and Sailors Monument led by Department of Massachusetts Commander Roderick J. Fraser, Jr. and Department Chaplain Dexter Bishop, PDC. After a solemn ceremony, a rifle salute by the New England Brigade, and "Taps" performed by the Providence Brigade Band, the event was closed by a few more musical performances by the band and the last cannon firings by the 5th Massachusetts Battery.

It is my intention to visit every Camp in the Department during my term as Commander. Thus far I have visited Camp 54, Camp 104, Camp 50, and Camp 15.

Work by the Camps

Willie Grout Camp 25

Camp 25 received a letter from Brother Roy Henry formerly of Camp 18 and a long time SUVCW brother. Roy lives in Uxbridge and with the Historic Cemetery Committee of Uxbridge they placed 12 boxes of flags at 144 flags per box in Prospect Hill and St. Mary's Cemeteries for Memorial Day. Roy went on to place flags in smaller cemeteries around town and in squares and the town common. Roy recently celebrated his 82nd birthday. I think he shows how any brother can contribute by acting locally. Camp Commander Matty Sargent recently got together with Commander Matt Ahern and the brothers of Camp 104 to aid them in restoring the Lakeside Cemetery GAR plot in Wakefield. Commander Sargent learned about how to straighten and reset gravestones and is excited to spread his knowledge. He recently worked with the approval of Marlborough's Public Works department to reset several stones in Marlborough and his report on that has elicited many grateful responses in Marlborough and surrounding towns from other veteran's service groups wanting to do the same for veterans of all eras. Plans are developing to create plans to aid any group in the correct way to reset gravestones.

On May 3, Willie Grout Camp #25, in conjunction with the 15th MA Inf. of the First Military District of Sons of Veterans Reserve, held a grave dedication ceremony at Pine Grove Cemetery in Grafton MA for Private Josiah

(Joseph) Warren Houghton, a Civil War veteran and former Grafton resident who was buried in an unmarked plot in 1908. Brother Andy Kjellberg of Grafton discovered the oversight and worked diligently to correct it.

Pvt. Houghton enlisted in the Army on August 4, 1862, in Albany, NY, with the NY 113th Infantry. He fought in the Civil War and was wounded in battle in Cold Harbor, VA, on June 3, 1864. He was mustered out of the Army in 1865. Camp #25 Commander Matty Sargent led the ceremony. In attendance were Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans Reserve, representatives of all four allied orders (Women's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic), the VFW, the American Legion, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, State Representative David Muradian, several local dignitaries, and dozens of residents. Pvt. Houghton will now be remembered by Grafton as one of their veterans.

Camp #25 conducted a Grave Rededication Ceremony on December 7th for James Doak at Maplewood Cemetery. Sgt. Doak served with Co. K, 4th Maine Infantry from June 15, 1861 until July 19, 1864. His family had been searching for his grave during the past two decades and recently discovered it at Maplewood Cemetery, Marlborough, Massachusetts. Sgt. Doak died on June 9, 1898.

Charles H. Bond Camp 104

Camp 104 continues Restoration of Lakeside Cemetery's GAR Plot. Camp Commander Matthew Ahern reports that the heavy lifting is done! Over the past year, the members of Camp #104 have been working hard at restoring the four howitzer cannons and resetting and cleaning the headstones at Lakeside Cemetery's GAR Plot. The Camp is pleased to report that the work was completed on May 4, 2025. While they were at the cemetery, Brothers from the Camp also placed flags on every Civil War veteran's grave ahead of Memorial Day. Commander Ahern stated that the next and final step of the restoration project is to erect a new marker at the site, sharing the history of the GAR and honoring the Civil War veterans interred here.

Camp 104 represented the SUVCW on May 24, 2025, at Minuteman National Historic Park during their special Minutemen of 1861 event. The day was filled with programs and displays of original Minutemen of 1861 artifacts from the Massachusetts National Guard Museum. The Camp's booth had a lot of attention and highlighted the Camp's partnership with the Massachusetts National Guard in returning the over 700 unissued Minutemen Medals to their descendants. Numerous brochures were handed out, and multiple Civil War buffs expressed interest in joining the SUVCW.

Minutemen of 1861 Medals In the days following Southern rebels firing on Fort Sumter, President Lincoln called upon the states to send their militias to defend Washington, DC, and put an end to the rebellion. A handful of states answered the call, but none as swift and as robust as Massachusetts. Within a week, the Commonwealth sent over 3,800 men from the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th Massachusetts Volunteer Militia Regiments, 3rd Battalion Massachusetts Rifles, and 1st Massachusetts Battery of Light Artillery. In the early days of the war the 6th was attacked by a riotous mob in Baltimore in the first blood of the War, the 8th secured Annapolis and provided defenses for the USS Constitution, and the 5th served in the thick of the First Battle of Bull Run. For their service and swift action, these men would become known as the Minutemen of 1861 in the same spirit as their predecessors in 1775. In 1902, over 40 years since Lincoln's call, the Commonwealth authorized the Minuteman of 1861 Medal to be issued to these men or their families. Given the time between their service and the medals being struck, hundreds of these medals were never claimed. Today, over 700 medals are in the possession of the Massachusetts National Guard Museum. Through a partnership with Camp Charles H. Bond #54, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Massachusetts, these medals can now be claimed by descendants of these men. To apply for one of these medals, a person must submit a

complete application and submit necessary genealogical proofs. The application and a full list of remaining medals are present on the Department of Massachusetts' website.

Gen. George Hartsuff, Camp #50

Camp 50 helped with Hurricane Relief In the aftermath of hurricane Helene, General George L. Hartsuff Camp #50 in Rockland MA made a direct donation to the brothers in the Virginia Division SCV to assist with their relief efforts. Every penny of the donations went to purchase necessities for those in need, and we were proud to support our Southern Brothers and sisters. The Virginia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans posted on social media that "One of those donors who reached out to the Virginia Division and was assisted in finding the correct contacts for donations was members of General Hartsuff Camp, SUVCW, located in Rockland MA. What a kind gesture from our northern countrymen and women."

Memorial Day 2025

The Department of Massachusetts and the 1st Military district SVR Lead the parade of Veterans organizations at the Annual Memorial Day Service at the Massachusetts National Cemetery. Department Commander Roderick Fraser brought greetings from the SUVCW and read Past CinC Logan's General Order No. 11. Following the official ceremony, the Department conducted a memorial ceremony at the gravesites of the seven unknown soldiers of the civil war buried at the cemetery.

The L. A. Tiff Camp 15 was busy presenting the colors at four services over a two-day period over the Memorial Day weekend. Brothers from Camp 15 led the Memorial Day parade for the Town of Belchertown. Camp 15 also held Memorial Day services at Quabbin Park. Participation by Camp 15 in the Memorial Day observances also made the front page of the local paper, The Sentinel. Congratulations!

Juneteenth

On June 19th, Juneteenth, the Department held a Juneteenth Remembrance Ceremony, in partnership with the local American Legion Post, the William E. Carter Post No. 16 of Mattapan, MA. The Carter post is the first all-black American Legion Post in Massachusetts. The ceremony was held at the General Charles Russell Lowell GAR Post 8 Burial Plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Boston, MA. Also participating was the 54th MA Infantry Reenactor group. The Ceremony was led by the Department Commander Roderick Fraser and the Commander of the Carter Post, Mary-dith Tuitt. Speakers were National Senior vice Commander Kevin Tucker and Boston Commissioner of Veterans Services Robert Santiago. The 54th Mass fired a three-volley salute. The Chaplains for the Day were Ronald Holley, Carter Post Chaplain and the Reverend Peter Preble, Department Junior Vice Commander. The event was covered by the local Community newspaper.

ROTC Awards

The Department worked with four ROTC Units to present awards. We are working to increase this number next year.

- North Quincy High School Quincy, MA. Contact person MSGT John DeLorenzo. The award was presented to Cadet Kathy Yu The ceremony was held on May 15, 2025.

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Military Science, Medford, MA. the contact person is Gina Muller. The award was presented to Nilfur Mistry Sheasby. The ceremony was held on April 30, 2025.
- John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science Boston, MA. Contact person is Alexander Barros The award was presented to Mateo Gonzalez. The ceremony was held on May 29, 2025.

Eagle Scout Awards

We distributed sixteen Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates in the period 1 July 2024 through 30 June 2025. They were as follow:

- Britain W. Russo, Jr. 9/24
- Nathaniel P. Galvin 10/24
- Alexandra E. Galvin 10/24
- George R. Borden 10/24
- Greg C. Alberty 1/25
- Axel Robert Erickson 4/25
- Andrew Robert Hart 4/25
- Ethan Joseph Salvadore 4/25
- Connor Jackson 5/25
- Gordon Luke Noble 6/25
- Richard Lucien Zaloom 6/25
- Ryan Carter Jurewicz 6/25
- Owen Thomas Brough 6/25
- Alexander Smith Brough, IV 6/25
- Aneurin Hullah 6/25

6.17 Department of Michigan, David W. Kimble DC

Here in Michigan we have been very busy as a Department. In March we had our Department Encampment, it was well attended. CinC Kevin Martin was in attendance also and swore in the new officers for the upcoming year. In May the Camps were all busy with Memorial Day Ceremonies in numerous cemeteries throughout the state, on the Federal Holiday as well as on the REAL Memorial day May, 30th. Brothers of the SVR 14th Michigan Co A were and continue to be busy doing ceremonies for new headstone placements throughout the state as well as out of Michigan helping our brothers from abroad.

We have a very special young man named Austin Ingall, member of Nash-Hodges Camp #43 who was selected as one of ten high school students in the country (first from Michigan) to represent the American Battlefield Trust Youth Leadership Team for 2024-25. He visited Washington DC in April to lobby Congress for American Battlefield protection. He is what this organization needs.

We are currently working on a proposal to hold the 2028 National Encampment here in Michigan. It looks to be a busy summer for many of the camps, with headstone cleaning, different festivals to set up at advertising our order for new membership as well as educating folks on the Civil War and helping them learn of their ancestors who took part in the war. Many of our camps put out excellent newsletters keeping us informed of their camp's activities. Looking forward to a successful National Encampment.

6.18 Department of Missouri, Mark A. Coplin, DC

Over the past year, The Department of Missouri has been very active in promoting the history of the Civil War in both Missouri and Arkansas.

We are excited to see our Brothers in Arkansas preparing to form a new Department. Several Missouri members are planning to travel to Arkansas to help with their Organizational Meeting to be held June 21. The Department of Missouri is giving our Brothers in Arkansas \$500.00 for seed money along with an Arkansas State Flag and other items needed to get their Department up and running.

The Department held multiple "Victory in Missouri 1864" events around the state to remember General Sterling Price's Raid and how the efforts of the Union forces in Missouri denied Price of his ultimate goal of having Missouri join the Confederacy. Several camps around the state sponsored events. The "Victory in Missouri 1864" started out in Pilot Knob - the sight of Fort Davidson. U.S. Grant Camp #68, Thomas Fletcher Camp #47, and members of Felix St. James Camp #326 assisted in this event. This was followed by a symposium held in Jefferson City and headed up by Lillie Camp #6. The third event took place in Kansas City as we spent time

going over the various homes and areas of the Battle of Westport. This event was sponsored by Westport Camp #64 and assisted by U.S. Grant Camp #68. The final event was held in Newtonia, Missouri, and was hosted by Phelps Camp #66. Each event had a booklet of Roll of Honor containing soldier casualties, compiled by Gary Scheel, PDC. Each name of those Union Soldiers that were lost during this campaign was read aloud followed by the ringing of a bell. Past C-in-C Don Palmer along with others organized and executed on this program.

Each camp continued their traditions during Memorial Day. Last year Department Commander AuBuchon and other members of various camps attended an event in St. James, Missouri, at the Missouri Veterans Home. It was an honor to share our passion about remembering our “Boys in Blue” to those who also served in WW II and the Wars since. St. James Camp #326 had their annual Union Bank Raid, grave marker dedications, and educational program for schools. Fletcher Camp# 47 in DeSoto participated in local parades, collected money/food for the local food bank, and assisted with the events at Pilot Knob and Grant Remembrance Day. Many camps continue to find and submit 100s of graves registrations. Wilhelmi Camp #17 led the Department in the number of graves located and documented. They also joined forces in the rededication of Captain Benjamin Palmer 21st Missouri Infantry grave site. Along with U.S. Grant Camp #68, Tiger Camp #432, and Wilhelmi Camp #17 also had members attend a Preservation Day at Bible Grove School.

Phelps Camp #66 did an outstanding job in setting up the Newtonia event. US Grant Camp #68 continued its tradition of holding a Sherman Day remembrance at his place of internment in Calvary Cemetery, hosting a Grant remembrance at the Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis, organizing the 56th Colored Infantry Remembrance at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, and traveling to tour the U.S. Grant Presidential Library in Mississippi. Fletcher Camp #47 held events in the DeSoto area educating young people about what happened during the Civil War. Lillie Camp #6, besides holding the symposium for “Victory in Missouri 1864,” sent a Missouri flag to our Brothers across the pond in London, England – The Ensign John Davis Camp #10.

Our Arkansas camps led the way in attending and personally awarding ROTC/JROTC awards to deserving High School students across the State of Arkansas. Spradling Camp #72 issued the most ROTC/JROTC awards from the Department of Missouri. Twenty Scouting USA certificates and patches were presented across the two states, some personally by Brothers from the Westport Camp #64, St. James Camp #326, and Murphy Camp #2. Over 50 monuments across a half-dozen states were submitted for inclusion in the National Monument Database.

Commander AuBuchon made a few trips to Bolivar, Missouri, to visit with and interview the last Real Son, William Pool, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year. He was made a member of the Department and given a certificate by the Commander along with greetings from National.

The Department Encampment was held in Fenton, Missouri, near St. Louis. Brother Murray, National JVC, attended our encampment to install officers. We had members of the Department of Kansas attend including Kent Melcher, DC, and National Secretary Alan Russ, as our two Departments are looking to share the duties of holding a National Encampment in the Kansas City in the future.

Over the course of the year, we lost a few Brothers. Emmett Taylor III, PDC, died on June 7, 2024, Robert Petrovic, PDC, and longest serving member to the Department died on November 28, 2024 and John Rutherford, PDC, died on March 8, 2025. Each member that was lost gave to the department so much. Each helped the organization to grow and move forward.

Recommendations

1. Resolution for Organizational Efficiency

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the heroes who saved the Union. Organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, they are the lawful successors to the Grand Army of the

Republic; and

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a 501(c)(3) Federally chartered organization now; and

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation was started as a 501(c)(3) organization to accept donations as well as raise funds for the National organization; and

WHEREAS it now makes sense to eliminate the charitable foundation and bring all fundraising efforts and programs under the Office of Treasurer for the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment that the charitable foundation will be dissolved in all functions of charitable foundation be managed by an Assistant Treasurer under the direction of the Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.

2. Resolution Supporting Changes to the Constitution and Regulations to Allow

Brothers to Attend and Observe National Council of Administration Meetings

WHEREAS the current National Regulations are unclear as to whether a Brother of the Order may attend and observe meetings of the Council of Administration,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following change to National Regulations, Chapter III, Article VIII, Section 1(A) by adding the language... UNDERLIGNED... below.

[Adopted by the Department of Missouri Encampment on June 7, 2025]

Article VIII

Council of Administration

Section 1. (A) The Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster and five (5) elected members of the Council of Administration and the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief. All other Past Commanders-in-Chief, the National Counselor, The Banner Editor, The National Signals Officer, and the Washington D.C. representative shall be non-voting members of the Council of Administration. Non-voting members of the Council of Administration have full rights to attend all meetings and internet discussions of the Council of Administration (including while in executive session with the exception of the Banner Editor, and the National Signals Officer) and be recognized and heard on all issues before the Council of Administration. They shall not be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum, nor shall they be able to make or second motions. The Commander-in-Chief may invite other non-voting Brothers from whom he or the voting members wish to receive advice and counsel or information. **Any Brother of the Order in good standing may attend and observe, without voice, any in person meeting of the Council of Administration.** The Council of Administration shall have and shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, except in so far as such powers may be assigned to other persons in these Regulations.

3. **Resolution Supporting Changes to the Constitution and Regulations Concerning the Job**

Descriptions for Camp, Department, and National Memorial Officers

WHEREAS the job descriptions of the Camp, Department and National Memorials Officers in the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War do not reflect

changes to the current existing conditions within the organization; in that, these descriptions do not mention the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS the job descriptions of the Camp and the Department Memorials Officers promote the keeping of records separate from the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS these two job descriptions do not specify that these separate records be shared with the National Memorials and Monuments Database; and

WHEREAS one main purpose of the National Memorials and Monuments Database is to have all Memorials and Monuments records held by any unit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held by the use of the entire organization; and

WHEREAS there are other revisions that the National Memorials Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War recommends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following changes to National Regulations, Chapter I, Article III; Chapter II, Article IX; and Chapter III, Article VII.

4. Resolution Supporting Rescinding General Order #4 (Series 2024-2025)

Council of Administration Meetings – Attendance and Participation

WHEREAS we feel it is important that any member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in good standing be able to attend any Council of Administration meetings (excluding executive sessions), and

WHEREAS it is considered a best practice for non-profit corporations to be open to its members in order to promote transparency and trust in the leadership, and

WHEREAS attendance at such meetings will allow those members of the Order the opportunity to witness and understand how the leadership of the organization operates, and

WHEREAS attendance will inform future leaders of our Order first-hand experience on how to continue the meetings in the future, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Missouri in Encampment assembled, asks the 144th National Encampment, rescind General Order No. 4 (Series 2024-2025): Council of Administration Meetings – Attendance and Participation. We feel that General Order #4 creates a lack of transparency throughout the Order.

6.19 Department of Nebraska - Keith Rockefeller, DC

The following are a list of recent events the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas have been involved in since April 5, 2025.

April 5, 2025 - 25th annual Department Encampment in Fremont Nebraska.

April 25 - 27, 2025 - Civil War living history camp and reenactment in Galena Illinois.

May 3, 2025 - Last Union Veteran of the County ceremony for Dawson County in Sumer Nebraska.

May 15, 2025 - Victor Vifquain Camp meeting.

May 18, 2025 - Shiloh Camp meeting.

May 24, 2025 - Patriot's Day parade in Omaha Nebraska.

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day observances in Wyuka, Memorial and Calvary cemeteries in Lincoln, Memorial Park in Omaha and Wisner Pilger area.

June 6 - 8, 2025 - Civil War living history and reenactment in Hopkinton Iowa.

June 14, 2025 - Flag Day and 250th anniversary of the US Army observance at National Guard Museum in Seward Nebraska.

June 19, 2025 - National observance of Juneteenth.

July 4, 2025 - Annual 4th of July parade in Ralston Nebraska.

July 6, 2025 - Raising of the colors at the Lincoln Municipal Band Concert in Antelope Park in Lincoln Nebraska.

6.20 Department of New Hampshire, Michael C. Shklar, DC

The last quarter encompasses the very beginning of what I tend to call the “campaign season” in New Hampshire as it has stopped snowing as of 24 May.

The Department held its annual encampment on 5 April. All non-suspended camps were present, and Br. Danial Murray represented the National Organization. Officers were duly elected, or re-elected as the case may be and were installed by Br. Murray.

On April 27 members to two camps travelled to Springfield, Massachusetts to visit the Springfield Armory (a National Park) and were given a special and detailed tour of the impressive facility.

On May 13 Dept. Treasurer Joel Cameron and Br Matt Augieri participated in the Junior ROTC event at Pinkerton Academy and presented a medal to a cadet.

Camps did observe Memorial Day including participating in a parade in Salem, NH welcoming over 100 visitors to the Soldier’s Building in Lebanon, NH (it was the GAR hall and has wonderful civil war themed stained glass windows and historical exhibits).

There are events planned in the course of June including a parade in Etna New Hampshire. There are also, of course, plans to observe the glorious 4th in various locations, but those events will have to be recorded in the next report.

I do expect that (as is usually the case) the third and fourth quarterly report will have much more information, as there are so many town or regional events during the summer months. Simply from the perspective of my own camp there will be events in Belmont, Vermont, Lempster, New Hampshire, Jamaica, Vermont; Tunbridge, Vermont, and at least one more in the works.

6.21 Department of New Jersey, Francis A. Tomasello, Jr, DC

It is an honor to make this report. The following are some of the activities the New Jersey Department and our Camps have engaged in since the last report.

Department of New Jersey – On 14 June 2025, the Department held its 143rd annual encampment at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, New Jersey. We were honored to have the current Junior Vice Commander in

Chief, Daniel Murphy as our distinguished guest and installing officer. Elected officers for 2025-26 were: Department Commander Francis A. Tomasello, Jr.; PCC, Senior Vice Commander Peter Lindsay, PCC; Junior Vice Commander Bryan Sigmund; Secretary-Treasurer Dr. David Martin, PDC 1993-94; Council Robert Meyer, PDC 2018-20; Council Gary DeSiver, PDC 2020-22; Council Jay J. Godin, PDC 2022-24; Patriotic Instructor Christopher Sands; Chaplain Frederick A. Mossbrucker, PDC 2016-18; Graves Registration Officer Francis A. Tomasello, Jr., PCC; Historian Dr. David Martin, PDC 1993-94; GAR Records Officer Dylan Wettstein; Eagle Scout Coordinator Charles F. Morgan, Jr., PCC; Civil War Memorials Officer Clark D. McCullough, PDC 2000-02; Camp Organizer Robert C. Meyer, PDC 2018-20; Color Bearer Clifford J. Laing, PCC, Assistant Secretary Charles F. Morgan, Jr., PCC; Recruiting Officer Bryan Sigmund; Signals Officer Gary DeSiver, PDC 2020-22; Assistant Treasurer C. Jeffrey Heagy, PDC 2014-16; Counselor David Hann, PDC 1995-97. Guide James J. Halloran Jr.; Guard Clifford Bebout; Editor NJ Telegraph newsletter Peter Lindsay, PCC. Department Commander Tomasello awarded the Good Citizen certificate to Russel P. Dodge, II, a non-member. Russ Dodge has made a life work of locating and photographing the graves of Civil War Veterans in 23 states to-date. He also researched their biographies, meriting him our thanks and this award. In all, it was a successful Department Encampment.

Camp 4 - President James A. Garfield Camp

Camp Commander Timothy Murphy has continued his program of bringing authentic Civil War items to each meeting of the Camp. Brothers of the Camp can handle the items and ask question and discuss them. This activity is a great learning opportunity for the Brothers of the Camp.

Camp 7 - Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp

On 10 May, 2025, brothers of the Camp and Veterans of Foreign Wars Passalacqua Post 1026, and Scouting America Troop 58 of Hammonton, New Jersey participated in "Operation Flag Drop" which placed approximately 1,800 American flags in Hammonton's three cemeteries in observance of Memorial Day. On 20 May 2025, Brothers placed flags on 400 graves at Egg Harbor City Cemetery. On 26 May 2025, Brothers marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade and provided a memorial rifle salute in Hammonton, New Jersey. On 31 May 2025, Brothers conducted their traditional Memorial Day Service at Greenmount Cemetery in Hammonton. This consist of the original GAR Decoration Day Service and the later SUVCW service as well as a placing flower on Civil War veterans' graves.

Camp 10 - Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp

On 13 March 2025, the Camp met to plan events for the current year. The is Camp working hard on updating their unique and extensive on-line database of local GAR records.

Camp 17 - Major General George Armstrong Custer Camp On 28 June 2025, Brothers of the Camp, with Brothers of Kearny Camp, manned at recruitment table at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth Commemoration at the Battle of Monmouth Battlefield.

Camp 20 - Major General Phillip Kearny Camp

On 27 March 2025, Brother Bob Gula was recognized in the Milburn-Short Hills Monthly for his work with the Milburn-Short Hills Historical Society's program, "Milburn and the Civil War: Lives and Legacies". On 15 May 2025, Brothers of the Camp gave a lecture to Boy Scout Troop 17 (St. Rose of Lima – Short Hills) on the Battle

of Gettysburg in advance of their trip there. On 24 May 2025, Brothers of the Camp placed 2000 flags and a wreath at Fairmont Cemetery in Newark, New Jersey. On 31 May 2025, a Brother of the Camp conducted a wreath laying at the Civil War Monument in Haverstraw, New York. On 28 June 2025, with Custer Camp, Brothers of the Camp manned at recruitment table at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth Commemoration at the Battle of Monmouth Battlefield.

Camp 73 - Major General Winfield Scott Camp

Continues its work with the Society of the Grand Army of the Republic, Private Frederick S. Westlake Post#1 Department of New Jersey on placing markers at the site of former GAR Post buildings. They join Custer and Kearny Camp in this worthy endeavor.

Camp 82 - James S. Stratton Camp (a/k/a Beck's Philadelphia Brigade Band)

On 26 May 2025, the Camp played for the Laurel Hill Cemetery Memorial Day Observance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On 1 June 2025, the Brothers played in the Memorial Day parade in Malvern, Pennsylvania, fearlessly being pulled along in an open trailer. The Camp eagerly awaits providing the music for the upcoming Civil War Ball as part of Remembrance Day festivities.

Camp 104 - Sergeant Hiram W. Pursell Camp

On 11 April 2025, Camp Brothers visited the grave of its namesake, MOH Sgt. Hiram Pursell, buried in White Haven, Pennsylvania. An SUVCW memorial service was properly conducted. Afterwards, the attending brothers adjourned to a local authentic "Jersey" diner where their April business meeting was conducted during the luncheon. New brother John Hill was duly initiated. He declares direct descendancy from his 3rd Great Grandfather, Pvt. John M. Hill, 1st NY Engineers. On 27 May 2025, Musician Ed Yarmark, Auxiliary Sister Ellen Higgins, and PDC Jeff Heagy participated in the Annual Memorial Day service at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In closing it is an honor to serve my Department and the SUVCW.

Resolution passed by the New Jersey Department, SUVCW, at their Annual Encampment, June 14, 2025

RESOLVED: "We the Brothers of Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Department of New Jersey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, respectfully ask that the National Webmaster create an area on the National Website to serve as a repository for all Camp and Department newsletters, that can be accessed by all visiting the website and that these newsletters be archived for posterity."

The reason behind this is that the National Website can serve as a hub for all newsletters that could be accessed by anyone visiting the website that might not realize that some Departments and/or Camps publish their own.

6.22 Department of New York – Jeffrey French, DC, PDC

Prior to 5 April 2025, Brother William Stump was Department Commander. Under his tenure the Department of NY Our newest Camp, the SGT William C Lilly Camp #66 of Syracuse, New York is off to a running start.

-Lyons, New York will soon be the home of a massive new monument dedicated to the flag bearers of the 111th New York who laid down their lives to preserve the national colors on July 2, 1863. The monument with statues sculpted by Gary Casteel is the largest to be completed in the state of New York in a century and is through the generosity of Brother George McGraw of Judson Hicks Camp #11 of Palmyra, NY and Company A, 126th New York Volunteers Composite SVR. Brother McGraw's ancestor was one of the flag bearers that day. Brother McGraw also generously donated to the New York Military Museum to have the 111th New York's battle flag conserved.

-The COL George L Willard Camp #154 of Albany, NY has secured a grant of over \$10,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to be used to rehabilitate and preserve Mount Ida Cemetery in Troy, NY which is the final resting place of many Union soldiers.

-Oliver Tilden Camp of New York City hosted their annual Grant Birthday celebration with the National Park Service at General Ulysses S. Grant's Tomb. They also marked in NYC's Flag Day parade.

- Moses Baldwin Camp #544 of Hempstead, NY has conducted numerous gravestone dedications with 5 new headstones being placed at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Flushing, Queens

-Walter H French Camp #17 of Watertown, NY has conducted a number of new gravestone placements in the area around Watertown, NY including ceremonies involving the descendants of the soldiers honored.

-Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 of Rochester, NY has dedicated Pomeroy Foundation New York State Historic markers at the GAR Hall in Hunt, NY and Wolf Run Cemetery in Coldspring, NY. They plan to place markers at Mount Cavalry Cemetery in Lockport, NY, Mount View Cemetery in Pekin, NY and the GAR Hall in Halsey Valley, NY

-David G Caywood Camp #146 of Ovid, NY is refurbishing with local grant money the Baby Bear GAR Hall in Ovid, NY which they use as a meeting place

-COL Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp #124 marked the unmarked grave of Dr. Edward Percy, Surgeon of the 156th New York Infantry in Brooklyn's Evergreen Cemetery.

-COL James Tanner Camp # conducted a rededication of the headstone of Union soldier Jacob Christman, which the camp helped repair at Lutheran Church Cemetery in Argusville, NY

-Our Graves Registration team has added 3,010 graves of soldiers from New York units to the Sons Graves Database

-Junior Vice Commander has forwarded 5 membership inquiries to Camps for follow up.

We held our Department of NY 142nd Encampment in Utica, NY where I was elected as Department Commander.

Since the Department Encampment the Oliver Tilden Camp organized and executed the General Grant Tomb ceremony. You, CinC Martin, attended and Brother Stump PDC represented our Department at this event.

Memorial Day weekend was busy for all the camps that flagged the cemeteries and did memorial service and Parades on Memorial Day.

The Moses Baldwin Camp conducted nine more headstones dedication ceremonies.

Brother Stump is currently organizing a new Camp within the Department of NY.

Our Department is continuing to preserve and perpetuate the memory of the Boys in Blue.

The DUVCW and ASUVCW in NY have been working closely with our Department of NY in our effort to Host Department Encampments, and events honoring the Boys in Blue. We greatly appreciate their help and support.

6.23 Department of North Carolina, Henry Duquette, DC

The Department of North Carolina held its 18th Annual Encampment May 10, 2025 at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center in Cary, North Carolina. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kevin Tucker brought the greetings of Commander-in-Chief Kevin Martin and Installed the new slate of Department Officers

The Gibbon-Burke Camp No. 2 voted to disband and surrender their Camp Charter. The Department Treasurer received the money from Camp No. 2. and the Camp Charter, Flag, and Records have been turned over to the Department. We are awaiting the Commander-in-Chief's General Order revoking Camp No. 2's Charter. Several members of Camp No. 2 have requested transfers to other Camps within the Department. Otherwise, all Camps are in good standing and reports have been filed in a timely manner.

Throughout this past year several members and Camps have participated in 160th Commemoration Ceremonies of various Civil War Battles that occurred in our State, in particular the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville held on March 15th, 2025.

I want to thank the Officers and Brothers of The Department of North Carolina Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for electing me Department Commander and putting their faith and trust in me.

We have no recommendations.

6.24 Department of Ohio, David A. Rish, DC

The 2024-2025 Department of Ohio Encampment was held on 14 June 2025. Encampment was officiated by Department Commander Steve Ball. In attendance was CinC Kevin Martin.

The Department of Ohio consists of 16 camps and 363 members. Present at the encampment were 40 brothers representing 12 camps.

Memorial was held for departed brothers. The department lost the following:

James Houston PDC

Don Glen Amrine

CinC Kevin Martin was introduced and gave brief remarks.

The encampment approved a change in the By-Laws for the Monuments and Memorials and a permanent committee appointed by Department Commander Ball with the Sr Vice Commander as Chairman.

David A. Rish was elected Department of Ohio Commander. Commander Rish is a charter member of Jacob Parrott Camp #33 in 2008. He has served as Camp Commander for 5 different terms since 2012. He has served as Department Patriotic Instructor. Also served as Department Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander.

6.25 Department of Oklahoma, Terry Handley, DC

March 5 Represented the Department of Oklahoma at the 18th Annual JROTC Military Awards and Cadet Ball. Presented the JROTC Award to the Mustang High School Cadet.

April 12 Attended the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 meeting.

May 3 Attended the Oklahoma History Symposium on the Civil War at the Oklahoma History Center

May 10 Attended the Department of Oklahoma Encampment held at the Honey Springs Battlefield where I was re-elected as the Department Commander. The goals for this year are to grow the Department and Grow the Camps.

May 19 Request for and approval of the SUVCW license application sent to David Denny for use of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on an Oklahoma Department Challenge Coin.

May 26 Participated in placing flags on the graves of Civil War soldiers buried at the Union Soldiers Cemetery in Oklahoma City and participated in SUVCW/DUVCW Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery.

June 14 Participated in the Retirement of over 100 Flags at the Jones, Oklahoma City Park with members of the local community, Cub Scouts, and the Oklahoma City Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Upcoming Events

July 19 Honey Springs Battlefield Memorial Service

August 7 – 11 National Encampment Sonesta Hotel Houston IAH Airport

6.26 Department of Pennsylvania, Michael E. Peter, DC

I was honored to be elected as Pennsylvania Department Commander on June 21, 2025, and

congratulate now-PDC William E. Fischer, Jr. on his service as commander for the past year.

I'm humbled by the Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department's confidence in me and look forward to

continuing to facilitate the relationships between the Camps with the Department and the Department with National.

The Pennsylvania Department has over 600 brothers, and my hope is to continue to grow the Department. Our brothers have been very active in participating in various events, such as history fairs, local art festivals and harvest days. Our department brothers belong to several other organizations that facilitate keeping the history of our forefathers alive and speaking about our order. These include, the American Battlefield Trust, National Civil War Museum, Gilder Lehrman Institute, History Camp, Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute, Wreaths Across America, George Meade Society, GAR Civil War Museum and Library (Philadelphia), Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum (Pittsburgh), the GAR Memorial Assn Museum and Library (Scranton), and National Park Service units in PA, among others. But focus remains centered on our camps' home and surrounding counties, particularly to perform ceremonial, remembrance, and graves work, as well as recognizing outstanding youth through SUVCW's Eagle Scout and Cadet Award programs.

Notable PA Dept activity during 2024-2025 include:

- o Presenting Charters to Capt. Geo A Cribbs Camp 276 and Geo W Mears Camp 505.
- o CinC revoked Capt. Theodore H Howell Camp 48 Charter for failure to address suspension.
- o Participating in the GAR/Woolson ceremony and having many PA Dept Brothers march in the Remembrance Day parade at Gettysburg.
- o Congratulating PDC Doug McMillin on his selection as Asst Exec Dir to work with Br Demmy.
- o Adding the "Likeness" Disclaimer notice (G.O. 7, Revised, Series 2021-2022) as a footer to every page of the PA Dept website.
- o Holding a Special Encampment to restore PCC honors for several brothers.

- o Holding dept elected officer and camp comdr/sec'y Zoom calls on alternating months in improving communications across the dept. Up to 30 were in attendance. Much positive feedback.
- o Conducting Last Veteran ceremonies for Adams, Bucks, Cumberland, Lawrence, Jefferson, Mercer, Perry, and Westmoreland, Counties, making 24 Last Veterans recognized among 67 PA counties. Several more are in the works for 2025-2026, and additional potential Last Veterans have been identified but need more research to confirm their status.
- o Brothers doing the hard work, with dozens of unmarked/illegible/damaged Civil War soldier gravesites having new VA grave markers installed across the Commonwealth. Nearly all camps actively schedule cemetery workdays to catalog, clean and repair Civil War graves.
- o Brother Greg Zaborowski, a National Park Service education specialist, writing a play entitled, "12 Days: The Search for John Wilkes Booth," which was presented as a fundraiser for Col Jacob M. Campbell Camp, with Brothers and Sisters as cast. The play was later presented as the Campfire program at the PA Dept Encampment, receiving much praise during both performances.
- Gobin and Eaton Camps host the annual Lincoln and Appomattox Luncheons, respectively.
- o A new camp, to be named the Pvt Jesse C. Mattson Camp 506, in Valley Forge, failing to form.
- o Actively supporting the SUVCW Cadet and Eagle Scout Awards across the Commonwealth.
- o Ensuring that Nat'l was made aware that a beaver dam and pond below Little Round Top will threaten the stability of several battlefield monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park.
- o Gen Thomas Camp 19 working with Lancaster Cemetery officials and fundraising to restore the Reynolds family plot, which holds the remains of Maj Gen John F Reynolds, KIA at Gettysburg.
- The Camp was also a registered American Battlefield Trust Park Day Host for cleaning headstones in the cemetery's GAR plot.
- o John T. Crawford Camp 43 sponsoring Kittanning's "Wall of Flags" which honors veterans, first

responders, educators, and family members during the entire month of May and culminating in Memorial Day activities. The event gets extensive media coverage.

o Brother Sean Bersell was appointed as the Deputy Manager for the SUVCW Find-A-Grave Project. Br Bersell, as Davis ★ GRO, oversees a team that provides 2,000+ hours on graves work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Cadet Award Form 7 MUST be overhauled immediately to prevent continuing confusion. "R.O.T.C." must be removed and changed to "Cadet" since the award is open to CAP, USNSCC, and Young Marines, which have no association with ROTC/JROTC. Also, fix instructions on what address goes on the form since it can no longer be mailed directly from the QM to cadet units.
2. Have the CinC signature imprinted on the Cadet Award certificate instead of leaving it blank to reduce confusion and for ease of presentation.

6.27 Department of Rhode Island, John T. Duchesneau, DC

On October 16, 2024 the Department of Rhode Island participated in the internment of the cremated remains of Hospital Steward Byron R. Johnson at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Johnson's remains were discovered at a funeral home in Seattle, Washington and were returned to Rhode Island by the Missing in America Project.

The Department of Rhode Island held its annual encampment in April 2025 and elected officers for the ensuing year. Appointed positions were filled by the Department Commander and all mandatory reports have been filed with the National Headquarters. The awards for the Department's Brother of the Year and Citizen of the Year were presented at the encampment.

In May 2025, all four camps in the Department had Memorial Day observances and participated in the flagging of graves of Veterans.

The Department will be represented at the upcoming National Encampment by several of its members.

6.28 Department of the Southwest, Todd T. Hoffay, DC

The Department of the Southwest consists of three Camps in AZ;

Picacho Peak Camp #1 located in Phoenix, the General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 in Tucson and the General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 in Flagstaff.

The Department currently has apx.120 Brother Members between the three Camps.

In the Last quarter, Brothers from the Department participated in:

Individual Camp meetings.

The Parada Del Sol Parade in Scottsdale AZ.

Eagle Scout Boards of Review and Courts of Honor.

Ceremonies for JROTC students, presenting the SUVCW ROTC award to multiple students throughout the state of AZ.

Several Memorial Day services and ceremonies in the Phoenix, Flagstaff and Tuscon areas, including cemetery 'clean-up' activities

Performed the "Last Union Soldier Buried in Navajo County" ceremony in Winslow, AZ for 1st Lt. David Fullerton Hart.

Prepared for our Brothers participation in the 144th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders in Texas.

6.29 Department of Tennessee, Chip Huffman, DC

The Department remains in fair health and is actively expanding with one new Camp being Chartered this year and two others in the process of being organized.

We have five (5) active Camps. They meet regularly, and to varying degrees have activities.

A new Camp in Shiloh, TN on the Shiloh Battlefield has been approved and the Charter received. Plans are underway on August 23d for me to Present the Charter to Pittsburg Landing Camp #61 and install George Huttick as Commander. We are told that this is the first new Camp in 2025. We will officially then have six (6) active Camps.

Brothers continue to work on a new Camp which is tentatively using the moniker of William Washington Hence Camp #1624 in Natchez, MS during its Organizing Stage with Royal Hill as Camp Organizer. To my knowledge this is the very first Camp in Mississippi.

Brothers continue to work on a new Camp which is tentatively using the moniker of Loyal Mountaineers Camp #39 in Maryville, TN during its Organizing Stage with Craig Taylor Brown as Camp Organizer.

Our 2025 Department Encampment was held on March 15, 2025, at the American Legion Post #004 in Livingston, Tennessee hosted by The Army of the Tennessee Camp #64. Commander-In-Chief Kevin Martin was in attendance and inducted new Department Officers, including myself as Department Commander. His lovely wife, ASUVCW NP Rosemary Martin, joined him and oversaw the Annual Meeting of our TN ASUVCW at Large Joseph H. Rider #62, including the Induction of new officers. The Department of Tennessee presented the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award to Julie Huttick, Past President of the Tennessee ASUVCW and presently National ASUVCW Council #2. It was a great day of business and camaraderie and a perfect representation of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty!

Activities:

Our Department continues to support National with the commentary and memo of understanding with Vicksburg National Cemetery restoring the graves of USCT disrupted by storms nearly 4 years ago. Br. Ben Block Jones, PDC is our boots on the ground and has been working closely with Br. Henry Duquettte.

The Fort Donelson Camp continues to be a consulting partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities regarding Section 106 Consultation Invitation for the Vanderbilt University Archaeological and Ethnographic Field Research award, RFW-292005-23, titled: "Descendant-led Excavation at the Reconstruction-Era Black Civil War Veteran Community at Bass Street, Fort Negley Park". The excavation has not yet begun.

The Department has been approved to host the National Encampment at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN on August 12 – 15, 2027. George Huttick has been appointed as Chairman of the Host Committee and has appointed several Sub-Committees to work on various aspects of this project. Several Zoom Meetings with Committees and interested Department Members have been held with great success. We are excited to host the very first National Encampment in Tennessee.

The focus of the Department is currently:

Development and Training of Department and Camp leaders to strengthen the Department. The focus is on Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice Commanders, Secretary/Treasurers, Patriotic Instructors and Chaplains.

Improvement of communication between the Department and the Camps and building the Fraternity between Camps and the Department.

Developing Leaders in the Camps

Intentionally improving the health of our Camps

I intend to continue the practice of visiting each Camp in the Department as the opportunity arises.

6.30 Department of Texas, Brook Thomas, DC

I have the honor of reporting on the activities of the Department of Texas and Louisiana this past year. It has been busy and exciting down here, with most of our energy focused on National Encampment 2025 in Houston. The planning committee, led by Bro. John Schneider of Camp 18 has met many challenges in bringing this to fruition. We believe that those attending Treue der Union 2025, the inaugural National Encampment in Texas, are in for a treat. The year has been particularly fulfilling for the commander. I had the rare privilege of signing the charter for a new camp, the Edward O.C Ord Camp 3. I also continued my predecessor's practice of monthly Senior Staff Roundtable Meetings on Zoom. These have been a fantastic means of communication and of getting to know the leaders in the department. I also started the Department Commander's Letter as a means of recognizing those brothers who have gone above and beyond for the good of the order.

Department Signal Corps

Signals continues to make expert use of Zoom for virtual meetings of senior staff and to negate the negative effects of the great distances of our state. Our website has generated several inquiries about membership.

Our newsletter The Unionist remains a world-class publication loaded with information. Our Facebook page is public facing as well as possessing a members-only feature. Our talented video production section has recorded and produced professional grade recordings of many of our public events.

General James J. Byrne, Camp 1

A tumultuous year for Camp 1 has ended with brighter prospects. The camp has a meeting place, an energetic commander, and plans for the future. Equally noteworthy is the addition of five new members. Camp GRO Todd Wilbur continues his search for unregistered Federal graves in Tarrant County. The current count is 86. Other noteworthy events of the past year are:

- 2024 Memorial Day at Oakwood Cemetery drew eleven members to honor our Union ancestors.
- 2024 General Byrne remembrance was held November 11 at his grave in Pioneers Rest Cemetery.

LCDR Commander Edward Lea Camp 2

Camp 2 counts 111 members, including 10 Life members. Monthly meetings occur the third Saturday of each month except August and December. As of January 31, 2025, the camp had \$4272.43 in the bank.

Events of the past year:

Isaac Conroe Graveside The camp joined with Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary No. 1 and Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 in a major event to honor the founder of Conroe, TX

Veterans' Day Participated in ceremonies at Houston City Hall and marched in parade through downtown Houston.

Wreaths Across America Participated in wreath-laying at Houston National Cemetery and the Washington and Glenwood cemeteries.

Battle of Galveston Commemoration Joined with a host of hereditary patriotic fraternities for the 31st time to mark the anniversary of the battle. The ceremony was front page news in the Galveston paper.

DAR State Convention One of many lineage organizations gathered to share information and generate interest in membership, the camp shared a table with the local DUVCW tent.

Memorial Day The camp participated with a Color and Honor guard at Houston National Cemetery and at the GAR plot in Glenwood cemetery.

ROTC/JROTC Awards Facilitated the presentation of 6 awards at Texas high schools.

Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. No. 1 The ladies were busy attending several Lea Camp meetings and participating in the Conroe function and the Battle of Galveston ceremony.

Camp Website: camplea.org Webmaster Robert Riley continues to improve the site, keeping it fresh, current, and informative.

Newsletter: The award winning Harriet Lane continues quarterly, with issues from March 2003 to February 2025 available on the camp website.

General E.O.C Ord Camp 3

The camp has elected its first slate of officers, opened a bank account, and obtained a EIN number. Officers will be installed at a March 22 meeting.

Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp 5

Camp membership remained rock-steady this past year.
A memorial was made for Union forces that fought at Mansfield, LA.
A similar memorial is in the works for the battle of Pleasant Hill, LA.
Research is under way regarding placing a marker for Union POW's held at Camp Ford, Tyler, TX.

Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18

Camp 18 reports these activities:

Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month with these highlights:

- 10 Patriotic Instructor presentations
- 2 Speaker presentations
- 1 New member
- Officer elections.

Memorial Day with SVR at Pecan Grove Cemetery

Participation in other events:

- Battle of Galveston memorial
- Captain Conroe memorial
- Wreaths across America

The Camp Commander and others participated in many National Encampment meetings

Department Encampment

The Department of Texas and Louisiana held a successful 31st encampment on May 10, 2025 in Houston, Texas. The event was held at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and commenced at 1PM. The encampment was preceded by a brunch at a nearby Barbeque Restaurant. The night before a reception was held for Commander in Chief Martin and National President Rosemary Martin. Commander in Chief Martin attended the encampment as the National representative and installing officer. The encampment conducted important business for the department and included spirited voting for National Encampment Delegates, eight were elected.

Two resolutions were presented to the encampment and were followed by motions, both of which passed. The issue behind the first resolution came to the attention of department members earlier this year. It was their belief that the inclusion of form names in addition to the form numbers was not only superfluous but created an administrative nightmare whenever it became necessary to revise or modify the form name. They presented this resolution to the encampment and it was moved that the Department of Texas and Louisiana endorse the changes outlined in the resolution and recommend that it be voted on at the National Encampment. It was passed unanimously and on behalf of the Department of Texas and Louisiana I am recommending that it be scheduled for a vote at the 144th Encampment of the SUVCW in August 2025. To this end I ***“Move that the changes found in the attached resolution to the various National Regulations cited, to allow the National Programs and Policy Committee the ability to change form names by removing all form names from National Regulations, so all references to forms shall be by number only. Such changes eliminating the language shall be noted in strikethrough and additions (if any) in red in the attached resolution.*”**

And be it further moved, should it be discovered after the conclusion of the 144th National Encampment that one or more sections were missed, the Assistant National Counselor-C&R be allowed to administratively make any and all changes to National Regulations so as to come into compliance with the intent of this Resolution.

The second resolution was resurrected from the 28th Department Encampment when a version of the current resolution was passed. It was revised to account for the changes in the Charter, Constitution and Regulations but still supports the same intent to accept all collateral descendants of veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865)

for full membership in the Order. It was moved and passed unanimously and on behalf of the Department of Texas and Louisiana I am recommending that it be scheduled for a vote at the 144th Encampment of the SUVCW in August 2025. To this end I ***“Move that the definition found in Chapter V, Article XXI, Section 1 of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations adopted at the 143rd National Encampment and its annotations be deleted from the National Regulations of the SUVCW.”***

RESOLUTION

Accept All Collateral Descendants of Veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865) for Full Membership in the Order

WHEREAS Article III (Eligibility to Membership) of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) clearly states “All male descendants, whether through lineal or collateral line of ages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corp or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State Regiments as were called to active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 15, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.”;

WHEREAS The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines “collateral relative” as “belonging to the same ancestral stock but not in a direct line of descent”;

WHEREAS The preceding definition of collateral relative clearly includes brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins.;

WHEREAS The Merriam Webster Dictionary defines “blood relative” as “someone who has the same parents or ancestors as another person // Your sister is a blood relative, but your brother-in-law is not.”;

WHEREAS The only contradiction to this interpretation of either collateral relative or blood relative is based on a definition found in Chapter V, Article XXI, Section 1 of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations adopted at the 143rd National Encampment and its annotations;

RESOLVED The definition found in Chapter V, Article XXI, Section 1 of the Charter, Constitution and Regulations be deleted from the National Regulations of the SUVCW.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the current National Regulations list the various forms used by the Order by both name and number, and

Whereas, the National Committee on Program and Policy has in the past, changed the names of some of the forms as those forms are updated, and

Whereas, such changes inadvertently violate the National Regulations in not having a National Encampment approve the changes in the names of the forms,

Therefore be it resolved, The Department of Texas in Encampment assembled, proposes to the 144th National Encampment, the following changes to the various National Regulations cited below, to allow the National

Programs and Policy Committee the ability to change form names by removing all form names from National Regulations, so all references to forms shall be by number only. Such changes eliminating the language shall be noted in strikethrough and additions (if any) in red ***[BOLD/ITALICS]*** below.

And be it further Resolved, should it be discovered after the conclusion of the 144th National Encampment that one or more sections were missed, the Assistant National Counselor-C&R be allowed to administratively make any and all changes to National Regulations so as to come into compliance with the intent of this Resolution.

The following section of the National Regulations be changed (pg. 142)

Chapter V – General Regulations

Article 5 – Records Retention

At the end of their retention period, these documents (hard copy only) may be destroyed.

- a. Form 1: Quartermaster Supplies – Order forms **MUST** be retained Permanently.
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- c. Form 3: Membership Application, **MUST** be retained permanently.
- d. Form 4: Transfer Card Form, Camp Retention Only, **Must** be retained for no less than three (3) years. National Retains Permanently as part of the Membership History.
- e. Form 5: War Medal Application Form, Camp Retention Only, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years, DD-214 or other separation document **MUST** be redacted.
- f. Form 6: Honorable Discharge Form, **MUST** be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.
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- j. Form 10: Life Member Reimbursement Form, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- k. Form 11: EIN Reporting Form & Certification Statement, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- l. Form 12: Scholarship Application Form (applications only accepted from January 1 to March 31), **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- m. Form 13: Officer's Expense Report, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- n. Form 17: Meritorious Service Award and MSA with Gold Star Application, **MUST** be retained Permanently as part of the Membership History.
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- r. Form 35: Department Annual Report, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- s. Form 40: Camp Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- t. Form 41: Department Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- u. Form 42: National Patriotic Instructor Annual Report, **MUST** be retained for no less than three (3) years.

- v. Form 49: Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- w. Form 50: Instructions for Forming a Camp, No retention required.
- x. Form 51: Application for Permission to Form a Camp, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- y. Form 52: Camp Organization Authorization, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- z. Form 54: New Camp Data Sheet, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- aa. Form 55: Application for Camp Charter, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- bb. Form CWM-61: G.A.R. Monuments/Civil War Memorials Assessment Form, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- cc. Form CWM-62: SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form & Instructions, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- dd. Grave Registration Form and Information Packet, No retention required.
- ee. Photographs or videos, MUST be retained permanently.
- ff. Charters, Camp or Department, MUST be retained permanently.
- gg. Legal Correspondence, MUST be retained until reviewed by a licensed attorney.
- hh. Standard Correspondence, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years and after which time MUST be reviewed by the Executive Director to be determined if needs to be retained longer.

To be changed to:

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- cc. Form CWM-62: ~~SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form & Instructions~~, MUST be retained for no less than three (3) years.
- dd. **Form 80: Must be retained as long as item is on loan**
- ee. Grave Registration Form and Information Packet, No retention required.
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- gg. Charters, Camp or Department, MUST be retained permanently.
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This is to facilitate the changing of Form Names without having to have National Encampment approval **and** to include the new Form 80, which concerns the loaning of artifacts to outside entities for display.

Other locations where forms are referred to by name and number or just a name:

- Pg 37 Notes – Honorable Discharge Form
- Pg 38 Sect 11 – Application Form
- Pg 42 Section 2 - Installing Officer's Report (Form 22)
- Pg 44 Section 4
 - (b) - Installing Officer's Report (Form 22) (x2)
 - (c)

- (6) - Form 22
 - (7) - Form 10
 - (8) - Form 27
- Pg 45 (g) - Form 30
- Pg 46
 - (h) -Form 27
 - (i) - Life Membership Reimbursement Form (Form 10)
- Pg 52 Article XI Sect 1 - Form 30
- Pg 56 Section 11 - Form 35
- Pg 66 Section 4(f) – Form 10
- Pg 77
 - (b) – Form 61
 - (c) – Form 61
- Pg 89 (c) – Internet Website Application (Form 3)
- Pg 94 Sect 15 e. – Form 10
- Pg 97 2 – Form 30, Form 27, 35,49
- Pg 99 (m) b. – Form 30, 27, 35,49
- Pg 112 – d. iv. – Form 61
- Pg 123 Sect 15.2.c – Form 12
- Pg 124 2 – Form 62
- Pg 128 c. Delegate Form – Should be Form 2

6.31 Department of Vermont

No Report Received.

6.32 Department of Wisconsin – Jeffrey M. Graf, DC

I was elected by my Department and duly sworn in by CoA Payne. PNCnC Freshley and Michaels in attendance.

All officers were duly sworn in and appointments made. Forms sent.

I approved of and signed a resolution to be forwarded to National for consideration concerning support for a monument for Wisconsin troops at Antietam.

The Department's Camps will be participating in many patriotic events including the 4th of July and our Minnesota brothers will also be working on completion of the Last Soldier Project in their state.

I would personally like to commend Camp 56 commander, Gary Carlberg, for his exceptional effort in this area. Also, in his organizational skills, and his ability in recruitment. If he is properly supported by National, we could see a Minnesota Department in the near future.

I will continue to do my various duties to the best of my ability in the coming year.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.
Profit & Loss
July 2024 through June 2025

	June 30, 2025	General	HQ	Perm	Preserve	Life	Lincoln
INCOME							
43400 · Donations							
43450 · Individ. Business Contributions	22,070.40	9,268.48		11,701.92			1,100.00
43461 Fundraising - T-Shirts	1,626.00	1,626.00					
Total 43400 · Donations	23,696.40	10,894.48	0.00	11,701.92	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
45000 · Investments							
45020 · Dividend Income	16,785.95	3,811.67	716.78	9,897.66		2,359.84	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	18,739.42	18,449.06	13.80	243.70		32.76	0.10
45040 · Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investm	49,355.26	10,243.90	2,334.63	23,478.75		13,297.98	
45050 · Realized Gain/Loss on Investmen	27,167.57	11,617.08	4,600.97	9,541.83		1,407.69	
Total 45000 · Investments	112,048.20	44,121.71	7,666.18	43,161.94	0.00	17,098.27	0.10
46400 · Sales							
45405 · QM Sales	43,743.35	43,743.35					
46420 · QM Shipping & handling	8,290.00	8,290.00					
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00			0.00		
Total 46400 · Sales	52,033.35	52,033.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
47200 · Program Income							
47205 · Miscellaneous Revenue	878.00	768.00			0.00		110.00
47210 · Banner Subscriptions	36.00	36.00					
47212 · Luncheon (Lincoln)	1,025.00						1,025.00
47220 · National Encampment Reg. Fees	2,050.00	2,050.00					
47225 · New Camp & Dept Appl. Fees	125.00	125.00					
47230 · Per Capita Dues	178,413.58	132,522.22	40,545.78		5,345.58		
47230A · New Member Application Fees	2,019.50	2,019.50					
47240 · Life Member Fees	16,557.10					16,557.10	
47250 · Life Member Dues Transfer	0.00	21,087.00		-3,795.00		-17,292.00	
47231 · Reinstatement Fee	620.00	620.00					
47235 · Charter Application Fees	75.00	75.00					
47232 International Mailing Fee	10.00	10.00					
Total 47200 · Program Income	201,809.18	159,312.72	40,545.78	-3,795.00	5,345.58	-734.90	1,135.00
Total Income	389,587.13	266,362.26	48,211.96	51,068.86	5,345.58	16,363.37	2,235.10
Cost of Goods Sold							
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold							

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50701 · Cost Of Sales - QM sales	35,211.65	35,211.65					
50702 · QM Shipping & Handling	9,504.66	9,504.66					
50703 · Paypal Fees	1,434.82	1,434.82					
50704 · Cash Shortage and Overage	203.98	203.98					
50705 Dies	0.00						
50706 · Sales Tax	63.00	63.00					
Total 50700 · Cost of Sales - Inventory Sales	46,418.11	46,418.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	343,169.02	219,944.15	48,211.96	51,068.86	5,345.58	16,363.37	2,235.10
EXPENSE							
62000 · Administrative Expenses							
62001 · Cinc expenses	12,199.29	12,199.29					
62002 · Nat. Sec. Expenses	4,251.31	4,251.31					
62003 · Nat. Treasurer Exp.	5,000.00	5,000.00					
62004 · Nat. QM Expenses	2,391.57	2,391.57					
62005 · Cinc Repr. Expenses	9,961.49	9,961.49					
62009 · Jr. Vice Expenses	0.00	0.00					
62010 · Banner Editor Expenses	3,587.13	3,587.13					
62040 · Misc. Expenses	0.00						
Total 62000 · Administrative Expenses	37,390.79	37,390.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
62100 · Contract Services							
62110 · Accounting Fees	4,982.50	4,982.50					
62111 · Audit Fees	19,800.00	19,800.00					
62112 · Brokerage Fees	8,311.53	1,583.15	523.09	4,924.90		1,280.39	
62810 · Depr and Amort - Allowable	201.00	0.00	201.00				
62805 · Rent	17,489.20	7,169.20	10,320.00				
62115A · Charitable Organization Fees	8,565.00	8,565.00					
Total 62100 · Contract Services	59,349.23	42,099.85	11,044.09	4,924.90	0.00	1,280.39	0.00
64000 · Insurance							
64000 - Insurance Bond	230.00	230.00					
64001 · Insurance - Liability	1,108.98	1,108.98					
64002 · Insurance- D & O	3,248.00	3,248.00					
Total 64000 · Insurance	4,586.98	4,586.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
65000 · Operations							

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	June 30, 2025	General	HQ	Perm	Preserve	Life	Lincoln
65001 · Executive Director	21,000.00		21,000.00				
65002 · Assistant Executive Director	7,000.00		7,000.00				
65003 · Executive Travel	1,164.95		1,164.95				
65020 · Office Expenses	2,962.01	1,574.69	1,387.32	0.00			
65023 · Software	1,698.99	1,555.99	143.00				
65024 · Proceedings Transcription	1,225.00	1,225.00					
65025 · Printing	165.12	165.12					
65040 · Postage	1,851.10	453.84	1,397.26				
65042 · Bank Fees	399.17	73.04		326.13			0.00
65050 · Telephone & Internet	4,367.99	59.54	4,308.45				
65060A · Web Site	10,401.89	10,401.89					
Total 65000 · Operations	52,236.22	15,509.11	36,400.98	326.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
65100 · Program Expenses							
65101 · Life Member Reimbursements	292.00			292.00			
65102 · Grants	2,000.00				2,000.00		
65103 · Scholarships	0.00	5,000.00					
65104 · Natl. Encamp. Site Comm.	0.00	3,500.00					
65104A · National Encamp. Host Comm.	0.00	734.78					
65105 · Natl Photographer	2,540.39	2,540.39					
65105B · National Encamp. Printing	2,598.91	2,598.91					
65105c · National Encampment Awards	1,629.79	1,629.79					
65105D - National Recording Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00					
65106 · Sons Of Confederates Rep.	0.00						
65107 · Misc. Committee Expenses	0.00						
65107A Fund Raising	590.08	590.08					
65107B Memorial University	686.80	686.80					
65107C Programs and Marketing	11,340.00	11,340.00					
65107E Lincoln Birthday Cmte	826.03	826.03					
65107F Grant's Tomb	220.00	220.00					
65107G Memorial Day Arlington Cemetery	563.20	563.20					
65110 Grave Registraton	563.20	12,286.01					
65111 · Banner	12,286.01	57,947.00					
65112 - ROTC Program	57,947.00	2,217.02					

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65114 · Remembrance Day Expenses	2,217.02	13,715.72					2,234.30
65117 · Luncheon (Lincoln)	15,950.02						
Total 65116 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00			0.00			
Total Program Expense	113,750.45	117,895.73	0.00	292.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,234.30
Total Expense	267,313.67	217,482.46	47,445.07	5,543.03	2,000.00	1,280.39	2,234.30
Net Income	75,855.35	2,461.69	766.89	45,525.83	3,345.58	15,082.98	0.80



July 9, 2025

Council of Administration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc.

Auditor Communications Letter

This letter is provided in connection with our engagement to audit the financial statements of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Inc. (the Organization) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we communicate with you certain items including our responsibilities with regard to the financial statement audit and the planned scope and timing of our audit, including significant risks we have identified.

As stated in our engagement letter dated July 9, 2025, we are responsible for conducting our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), for the purpose of forming and expressing an opinion on the financial statements. Our audit does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility relating to other information, whether financial or nonfinancial information (other than financial statements and the auditor's report thereon), included in the Organization's annual report includes only the information identified in our report. We have no responsibility for determining whether the supplementary information is properly stated.

Our audit will include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. Our audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free of material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws or governmental regulations. Because of this concept of reasonable assurance and because we will not examine all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

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Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Organization and its environment, including its system of internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and as a basis for designing the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting. However, we will communicate to you at the conclusion of our audit, any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified. We will also communicate to you:

- Any violation of laws or regulations that come to our attention;
- Our views relating to qualitative aspects of the Organization's significant accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates, and financial statement disclosures;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Disagreements with management, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Significant unusual transactions, if any;
- The potential effects of uncorrected misstatements on future-period financial statements; and
- Other significant matters that are relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process.

Although we are currently in the planning stage of our audit, we have identified the following significant risks during our audit to date that require special audit consideration:

- Management override of internal controls. We will make appropriate personnel assignments of significant engagement responsibilities, incorporate an element of unpredictability (using sampling), obtain an understanding of the process and related controls over journal entries, test journal entries, review significant accounting estimates for evidence of management bias, and obtain an understanding of management's rationale for significant and unusual transactions.
- Improper revenue recognition due to fraud. In addition to various substantive analytical procedures, we will perform substantive tests of detail to determine if revenue recognition is in accordance with GAAP.

We expect to begin our audit during July 2025 and issue our report during October 2025.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Council of Administration and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Coulter & Justus, P.C.