

**Proceedings of the 132nd Annual
Encampment, New York Department,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Held May 1-3 2015 in Saratoga Springs,
New York**

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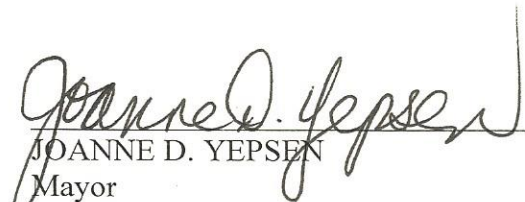
A PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Throughout its history the City of Saratoga Springs has been honored to host groups of Civil War veterans. From the convention in 1907 when tens of thousands of members of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered here, to the many other conventions, parades and celebrations over the years, Saratogians are always proud to have an opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of those who served, and to extend to them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, this year the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, an organization dedicated to the memory of United States Civil War military personnel, will bring its encampment to our city. The SUV continues a proud tradition of education, information, and resources for the descendants of those veterans as well as for students, researchers, and all interested persons. They remind us that the freedom won for us by those veterans has never been more important than it is today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOANNE D. YEPSEN, Mayor of the City of Saratoga Springs, am pleased to join with my fellow Saratogians in welcoming the Sons of Union Veterans to our city for their encampment to be held on May 1, 2 and 3, 2015, and to extend to them our very best wishes for a pleasant and inspiring event.

Dated: April 29, 2015


JOANNE D. YEPSEN
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Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 - Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers - Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of New York EIN 136165515 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Rochester, NY

On the third day of May, 2014 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

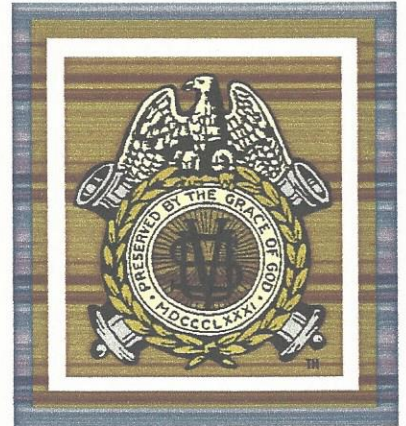
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Minutes of the 132nd Encampment of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War May 1-3, 2015 Saratoga Springs, New York

The 132nd Encampment, Department of New York was called to order at 9:59 AM, May 2, 2015 by Department Commander George Weinmann.

Opening

The Colors were posted by a Color Guard from the Tilden Camp

New York Department Chaplain Arthur Kirmss gave the Blessing

The New York Department Charter was draped in recognition of the passing of PC-in-C Richard Greenwalt.

Patriotic Instructor Daryl VerStreate led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Department Commander Weinmann then officially opened the Encampment by performing the opening ceremony per the Rituals and Ceremonies

Department Commander Weinmann appointed Robert Keough and David Dziwulski to the Credentials Committee. They reported that there were 30 members present and 23 delegates.

National Officer Ed Norris was presented to the Encampment and addressed the body. He forwarded greetings from Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell.

10:09 Roll Call of Members

Present were One Past C-in-C Danny Wheeler, One Department Commander George Weinmann, five Past Department Commanders: Robert Pugsley, Jeffrey Albanese, Jerry Orton, Ray Wheaton, James Russell.

Two alternates, Charles Lirio and James Bond

Delegates: Paul Ellis-Graham, Richard Swarthout, Leo McGuire, Paul Grady, Barry Hawkins, Douglass Mabee, Richard Straight, James Wheeler, Dave Dziwulski, Raymond LeMay, Vincent Jackimo, Bob Keough, Robert Walter, Ryan Wheaton, Lawrence Castler, Daryl VerStreate, Arthur Kirmss

Total of 26 Delegates

Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler gave a few remarks

Jeffrey Albanese and Ray Wheaton were appointed to the Constitution and Regulations Committee

Jerry Orton and Paul Ellis-Graham were appointed to the Resolutions Committee

Officer's Reports

Department Commander George Weinmann gave his annual report (see attached)

The following received awards:

Joseph Rippey Award for outstanding service to the Department:

Matthew Hereford

Newsletter

Homer-Searle

Musician

Arthur Kirmss

Certificate of Recognition: Paul Ellis-Graham, Matt Hereford, Robert Pugsley, Jeffrey Albanese, Arthur Kirmss, Donald Zeilman, Bob Paul, Danny Wheeler, Bob Keough

Archibald Gracie

Oliver Tilden Camp for the Grant Ceremony

No Recommendations

Senior Vice Commander Paul Ellis-Graham gave report (see Attached)

Junior Vice Commander Matthew Hereford was excused with cause but did submit a report (see attached)

Chairman of the Council, Robert Keough deferred to afternoon to give his report (see attached)

NY Department Secretary Robert Pugsley gave report (see attached) No recommendations

10:38 NY Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese gave report (see attached along with recommendations)

11:00AM Patriotic Instructor Daryl VerStreate gave a report (see attached)

11:05AM Visitation by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War led by President Diane Theetge and Vice President Hope Parker.

NY Dept Chaplain Arthur Kirmss gave a report thanking for the opportunity to serve as Chaplain. No written report

Grave Registration Officer Bruce Glaser, not present but did submit a report (see attached)

Historian Jerry Orton deferred his report until after lunch

Memorials Officer Ray Wheaton, no report. Stated there had been no activity

Eagle Scout Coordinator John Portanova not present but did submit a report
(see attached)

11:18 AM Counselor Danny Wheeler proposed a By-law change that would require a mid-year meeting to be held in October or November. Proposal was given to the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

GAR Highway Officer Matt Hereford was not present but did submit a report (see attached)

Archivist Robert Comegys was not present, no report

Webmaster Bob Paul, not present, no report

Signals Officer Donald Zeilman not present but did submit a report

Jr ROTC Officer Jeffrey French, not present, no report

Musician Bruce Crandall not present, no report, did give award

Veterans Home Visitation Officer James Russell present, no report

Committee Reports

Paul Ellis-Graham, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, present and did give report (see attached)

11:25 to 11:39

Sesquicentennial Committee Chairman Danny Wheeler had no report. Most of the events were put on hold due to lack of insurance. Term of Committee has now expired.

2015 Encampment Committee report from Bob Keough "basically it is happening" Brother Keough went on to thank the Allied Orders, the Dept of NY, SUVCW and the Willard Camp

Department Commander Weinmann leaves for visitation, Senior Vice Commander takes over the business meeting.

Rally around the Flag Committee Chairman Richard Straight present and gives report (see attached)

11:45

1:38

Communications

The New York Department received three letters of Communication

Two were in support of Mark Day for National Junior Vice Commander

One letter from the Judson Hicks Camp #111 nominating Daryl VerStreate for Dept Jr Vice Commander

Unfinished Business

NY Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC reported that pursuant to Department Order #4, an Encampment Guide Committee was formed. It was presented to the Encampment. It was noted by Pugsley that this was only a Guide and nothing was written in stone. (see attached)

NY Dept Jeffrey Albanese, PDC noted that a Grant Committee was proposed and passed at the 2014 Encampment to be formed to award \$500 annually for the preservation and restoration of Civil War Monuments. This should be done. The Committee will have \$10,000.

Robert Keough, PCC brought up the fact that he still has the Department Collection that he procured from Michael Bennett. He needs to have someone to take possession of it. He states that it would take a small U-Haul trailer to hold everything. This led to a lengthy discussion on how to handle this property. It was noted that the Archivist had not moved on this matter. Much of the material is undocumented. It was stated that we are not a museum. Jerry Orton said that St. John Fisher College may be interested. Also Cornell and The Memorial Day museum. It was mentioned that we could rent a storage unit, however we have only a one dollar surplus.

Daughter's Visitation

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC also put forward the fact that we need to try to come up with the missing Proceedings the best that we can. We are missing four years worth. Jerry Orton will collect and Jeff will compile.

Discussion back on Artifacts Ray Wheaton said that he would be the
archivist

2:07 to 2:21

Back on Artifacts. Jeffrey Albanese says that we already have a
Committee: "The GAR and SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee" Jeffrey
Albanese proposed that the collection should be divided up amongst them and that
the Archivist keep a record of who has what.

PC-inC Danny Wheeler reports that at the National Encampment last year it
was proposed that anyone who resigns while under suspension will never be
allowed back into the Order. This means that Michael Bennett will never be a
member again.

Reports of Appointed Encampment Committees

Constitutions and Regulations: Jeffrey Albanese, PDC reporting

Danny Wheeler proposes a change to Article 3, Section 5 of the By-Laws to
be changed from "the Department Commander is authorized to call a mid-year
meeting" to "shall call" a mid-year meeting to be held between Sept1-Nov 1. The
committee concurred, Paul Ellis Graham seconded. The By-Law change passed
with a greater than 2/3 majority.

Resolution Committee

A resolution was offered that the new Department Commander write a letter
to Orange County District Attorney Hubler to inquire about what is happening with
the Michael Bennett investigation. The Committee concurs, passed

Department Council Report from Chairman Robert Keough

The Council implemented new auditing procedures. On April 19th, they received the books from Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese and found them to be in good order. The Council does recommend adding a second note line on the checks for a more detailed description for what the check was about. Jeffrey Albanese was thanked for his Cooperation and for the Cooperation of Dave Dziewulski and Ray Wheaton. See attached report.

New Business

Dave Dziewulski brought up the issue of liability insurance. The venue where the Willard Camp met started to require insurance. As a result they are now meeting somewhere else. He said maybe we could work on some sort of an Umbrella Organization.

Dave Dziewulski asked that the 2014 Annual Council Report be added to the Proceedings.

Dave Dziewulski also brought up Department Order #9 regarding support of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. He feels that there should be a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of NY, SUVCW and the Museum. This is to outline the expectations, relationship, liability etc between the two entities. It should have the provisions of unilateral severability and an expiration date.

Daryl VerStrete Only five of the twenty Camps submitted Patriotic Instructors Reports. It would look good to National if more did. The five that submitted reports were: Sydney, Willard, Weber, Caitlin and Tilden.

The Patriotic Instructor's Award was presented to Oliver Tilden Camp for their Grant Ceremony.

Danny Wheeler, PC-in-C proposed that we should start to consider a one day Encampment. Discussion ensued

Leo McGuire made a motion to create a Memorandum of Understanding between the Dept of NY and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. It should describe the relationship between the two entities. What the rights and responsibilities are, have a unilateral termination, be renewable, and if there are any financial liabilities. Motion passed.

Discussion returned to one day encampment. It was mentioned that an Encampment Study was done a few years ago. Also we would have to consult with the other Allied Orders. It may also require some By-Laws changes.

Jerry Orton, PDC asked the Dept Secretary if the records of membership are being kept up in Chronological Order. The Dept Sec, Robert Pugsley, PDC responded that he only has records from when he was made Secretary. Michael Bennett is in possession of those other records. They could be in the stuff that Bob Keough has. Jerry said he will go after Michael Bennett.

Budget Motion was made to accept budget, seconded, no discussion, passed. See Treasurer's report for Budget.

Brothers from the Encampment thanked Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese, PDC and Secretary Pugsley for their work.

Next Encampment to be held in Tarrytown, NY

3:20-3:41

Elections

Roll Call: Bob Keough announces that there are 19 delegates, one PC-inC, One Department Commander, five Past Department Commanders, for a total of 26 voting members

The following delegates were present:

Arthur Kirmss, James Bond, Charles Lirio, Daryl VerStreate, James Russell, Robert Pugsley, Jeffrey Albanese, Jerome Orton, Danny Wheeler, Ray Wheaton, Ray LeMay, Brother Farr, David Dziewulski, Bob Keough, Vincent Jackimo, Robert Walter, Brian Castler, James Swarhout, Barry Hawkins, Ryan Wheaton, Paul Ellis-Graham, Richard Straight, Tim Mabee, Leo McGuire, George Weinmann.

A total of 25 It was noted that James Bond was not present.

We have two guests for a total of 27 in the room

It was noted that there would be no elections for Treasurer or Secretary for their terms expire next year. They were elected to fill the rest of Michael Bennett's term.

Nominations for Department Commander

Danny Wheeler nominated Paul Ellis-Graham

Leo McGuire nominated Ray LeMay III

David Dziewulski gave information about Ray LeMay

A ten minute time allotment was given for caucusing.

Ray LeMay III was elected Department Commander

It should be noted that there was much difficulty in the voting procedure due to confusion on who the delegates were.

Nominations for Senior Vice Commander

Danny Wheeler nominated Paul Ellis Graham

As there were no other nomination, Paul Ellis-Graham was elected at the sound of the Gavel

Nominations for Junior Vice Commander

Danny Wheeler nominated Daryl VerStreate. The Judson Hicks Camp and Robert Pugsley also endorsed Darhyl VerStreate.

Daryl VerStreate was elected at the sound of the gavel.

Nominations for Department Council

Jeffrey Albanese nominated Robert Keough who respectively declined. Jeffrey Albanese nominated David Dziewulski who accepted. Danny Wheeler nominated Ray Wheaton who accepted. Bob Keough nominated Richard Straight who accepted.

All three were elected at the sound of the gavel

Paul Ellis-Graham recognized Danny Wheeler's Chairmanship of the Sesquicentennial Committee.

Election of National Encampment Delegates

The following were elected as Delegates to the National Encampment.

George Shadman, Jeffrey Albanese, Danny Wheeler, James Wheeler, Robert Pugsley, Barry Hawkins, Ray Wheaton, Ray LeMay III, David Dziewulski, Paul Ellis-Graham, Vincent Jackimo, George Weinmann, Richard Straight.

The following were elected as Alternate Delegates.

All other Brothers who are members at the time of this Encampment.

BREAK 5:01-5:20

Installations of Officers of the Department of New York, SUVCW,
2015-2016

Ed Norris of the National Council of Administration was the Installing Officer.

The Secretary called the roll of new Officers

Department Commander Ray LeMay III

Senior Vice Commander Paul Ellis-Graham

Junior Vice Commander Daryl VerStreate

Department Secretary Robert Pugsley

Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese

Council: Richard Straight, Ray Wheaton, David Dziewulski

Counselor Danny Wheeler

Chaplain Barry Hawkins
Patriotic Instructor: Open
Eagle Scout Coordinator John Portanova
Archivist Ray Wheaton
Historian Jerome Orton
GAR Highway Officer Matthew Hereford
Grave Registration Officer Open
Memorials Officer Ray Wheaton
Webmaster Bob Paul
Signals Officer/ Editor Volunteer Donald Zeilman
Jr ROTC Officer Jeffrey French
Color Bearer Robert Walter
Guide Gary Chapin
Guard Ryan Wheaton
Musician Open
Veterans Home Visitation Officer James Russell
Legislative Committee Chairman open
Property/Artifacts Jerome Orton
Encampment Committee Matt Hereford, Robert Keough, Danny Wheeler
Artifacts Committee Jerry Orton, Danny Wheeler, Ray Wheaton, Daryl VerStreate, Robert Keough

Department Commander Ray LeMay III closed the 132nd Annual
Encampment of the Department of New York, SUVCW at 5:41 PM

Department Officer Photographs taken

The above minutes that I have put to paper reflect the actual record to the best of my ability. The information herein was reproduced from written notes and voice recording of the Business Meeting of the 132nd New York Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Saratoga Springs, NY May 1-3, 2015

Robert Pugsley, PDC

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NY Department Secretary

NY Dept, SUVCW

11/20/2015

Date