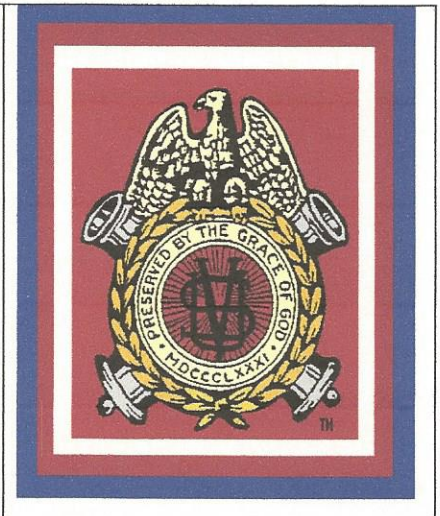




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131st Annual New York Department Encampment

May 4, 2014

Held at the Holiday Inn, Airport

Brooks Ave, Rochester, NY

New York Department Commander

Robert Pugsley

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Department of New York Secretary

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Minutes

The 131st Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was called to order by NY Department Commander Robert Pugsley at 9:30 AM, May 4, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Airport, Brooks Ave, Rochester, NY

The Opening Ceremony for Department Encampments was carried out.

The Guide and Color Bearer checked Membership cards and it was determined that all were entitled to remain.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present: NY Dept Commander Robert Pugsley, Sr Vice Commander George Weinmann, Acting Secretary Todd Shillington, Acting Treasurer Jeff Albanese, Patriotic Instructor Jeff Albanese, Counselor Danny Wheeler, Chaplain Stu Smith, Council Members Bob Keough, David Dziwulski, Ray Wheaton, Historian Jerome Orton, GAR Highway Officer Matt Hereford, GRO Bruce Glaser, Memorials Officer Ray Wheaton, Webmaster Bob Paul, Color Bearer Robert Walter, Guard Ryan Wheaton, Veteran's Home Visitation Officer James Russell, Sesquicentennial Chairman Danny Wheeler, Encampment Committee Chairman Bruce Glaser.

Not present: Jr Vice Commander Paul Ellis Graham, Matt Hereford filling in, Eagle Scout Coordinator John Portanova, Archivist Bob Comegy, Signals Officer and Volunteer Editor Donald Zeilmann, Jr ROTC Officer Jeffrey French, Musician Bruce Crandall, Guide Andrew Wheeler, Charles Lirio filling in, Patriotic Instructor Chair filled by James Bond.

Chaplain Blessing

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of Colors

Jr Vice Commander Paul Ellis Graham now in attendance.

Credential Committee appointed: Bruce Glaser, PCC and Ray Wheaton, PDC

Encampment recognizes National Officer in attendance, SUVCW Commander in Chief Ken Freshley who is escorted to table and gives message of greeting.

Other notables: PC-in-C Danny Wheeler, all PDC, PCC and current CCs
Credential Committee Reports 32 voting members and 2 guests.

By-Laws Committee appointed: James Russell, PDC, Sam Poulton PCC, Jerome Orton, PDC

Resolution Committee: Charles Smeltzer, Mark Goret, Richard Straight

Officer's Reports

NY Department Commander Robert Pugsley gave report with recommendations (see attached)

Commander Pugsley presented the Joseph S. Rippey Award to Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Credentials Report corrected: 31 voting, 2 guests

- 1 Commander-in-Chief

- 1 PC-in-C

- 3 PDC

- 4 CC

- 8 PCC

- 1 DC

Roll Call of all in attendance:

Stu Smith PCC, Charles Smeltzer CC, Peter Braell PCC, Bruce Glaser PCC, Robert Pugsley DC, Samuel Poulton PCC, Mark Goret Delegate, Paul Ellis-Graham PCC, Michael Erb Delegate, Charles Lirio Delegate, James Bond Delegate, George Weinmann PCC, Richard Straight Delegate, Daryl Verstrete Delegate, Rodney Parker PCC, Art Kirmms Delegate, Ryan Wheaton Delegate, Ray Wheaton PDC, Danny Wheeler PC-in-C, Todd Shillington PDC, James Russell PDC, Matt Hereford PCC, Blaine Elkie PCC, Robert Walter Delegate, Jerome Orton PDC, Robert Keough CC, Chapin Delegate, David Dziwysjulki PCC, Leo Mcguire Delegate, Jeffrey Albanese PDC, Richard Straight Delegate

New Count 31 present and 2 guests

NY Senior Vice George Weinmann gave his report with recommendations (see attached)

NY Junior Vice Paul Ellis-Graham gave his report (see attached)

NY Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese gave his report with recommendations (see attached)

BREAK 15 minutes

Commander Robert Pugsley, C-in-C Ken Freshley and Color Bearer Robert Walter go on Visitation.

Bruce Glaser announces after break the arrival of two more delegates: Harold Bush CC and George Artley, both of the Caywood Camp

Brings voting total to 33

NY Dept Secretary Todd Shillington says Secretary Report is in flux due to the recent difficulties: We have 19 Camps and about 575 members. Some of those members are dual members.

NY Counselor Danny Wheeler gives report with recommendations (see attached)

Special Committee on Artifacts and Records Chair Jeff Albanese gives report with recommendations (see attached)

Visitation from NY Auxiliary represented by Diane Theetge, Hope Parker

Visitation from NY DUVCW Lynn Dolan, President Dr Carol Morton, Janice Guy, PDP

NY Council Chair Robert Keough gives report with recommendations (see attached)

GAR Highway Officer Matt Hereford gives report with recommendations (see attached)

NY Grave Registration Officer Bruce Glaser gives report (see attached)

Secretary Todd Shillington brings up point of order to have recommendations reviewed by Resolutions Committee. So Ordered by Commander Pugsley

NY Webmaster Bob Paul gave verbal report. He has made navigation of website easier and included a "Brothers Only" Section.

Break for lunch. Be Back at 1:30 PM

Meeting called back to order at 1:40 PM

Secretary Shillington had to leave due to a family emergency. Ray Wheaton was appointed to fill in.

Report of NY Patriotic Instructor given by Jeffrey Albanese. (see attached)

Chaplain Stu Smith: No report

Historian Jerome Orton (see attached)

Memorials Officer Ray Wheaton: No report

Veteran Home Visitation Officer James Russell: verbal report, there is a new building and he and wife Vivian are going to go and visit.

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator John Portanova sent report (see attached)

Archivist: No report

Volunteer Editor: No report

Jr ROTC Officer Jeffrey French: No Report

Musician Bruce Crandall: NO Report

Legislative Committee Chairman Paul Ellis-Graham: see attached

Sesquicentennial Committee Chairman Danny Wheeler: No formal report But would like to see something done in recognition of Elmira Prison Camp. Paul Ellis-Graham said that he knows a professor from East Stroudsburg State College that has written about the prison.

Encampment Committee Bruce Glaser: NO report

Reception of Communications:

Gina Arnold of the Girl Scouts in Brewster, NY is working on a Gold scout project of installing flag holders at a local cemetery. Would like a donation.

Donald Martin sent letter asking for Department support for his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander at the August National Encampment.

Grant's Cottage sent a letter asking for donations to a special fund.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

C-in-C Ken Freshley presented a report of what is going on at the National level this past year. Josh Clayborn from Indiana has become the new Webmaster. As he is changing things we are asked to be patient. If we have constructive criticism please let Josh know.

He gave the NY Department kudos for handling the recent difficulties in the Department. He congratulated us in being proactive in handling the situation.

The National Organization is dealing with a cemetery in Ohio that has been trying to sell cannon tubes. They have taken them to court and are hoping to set a precedent with this action.

Order #3 should be rescinded soon.

The Membership process is being reviewed at the National level to streamline things and make it more efficient.

We should strive to keep contact info up to date.

Recently he found the template to make the GAR Highway signs.

The 501(c)3 paperwork is in. Now just waiting for government approval.

He discussed the situation of the Olustee Battlefield Monument. There was a lot of controversy and non-communication with local

organizations there that created much acrimony. While National supports a monument, it was handled badly by the Dept of Florida.

It was mentioned by a member of the Encampment that this Encampment a few years ago supported the creation of a monument.

Reports of Committees

By-Laws:

Chairman Jerome Orton presented the committee's recommendations. The Department Council and Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese both submitted By-Laws changes. The committee recommended adoption of Jeffrey Albanese's changes in its entirety and the Councils changes to Article IX, section three. Motions were made and all recommendations were passed.

Recommendations and Resolutions Committee":

Chairman Richard Straight presented the committee's recommendations.

1. The committee recommended the approval of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Care and Preservation of Department Artifacts and Records. A motion was made and said recommendations were passed.
2. The committee recommended the approval of the Resolution submitted by Jeffrey Albanese PDC to amend Chapter V, Article VI of the National Regulations by adding a section 26 regarding the penalties against a member that resigns while under

suspension or is the subject of an investigation. Said resolution was passed.

3. The Committee recommended the passing of all three recommendations given by the Department Commander: A Committee to produce an Encampment Guide; A committee to produce a manual for Department Officer's Duties; and a committee to try to produce the missing year's Proceedings. A motion was made and the recommendations were passed.
4. The committee recommended the passing of the Treasurer's recommendations. A motion was made and all recommendations were passed.
5. Counselor's Danny Wheelers recommendation to mandate a Mid-Year meeting was deferred to next year because prior notification of a By-Laws change was not given.

Department Council Audit:

Chairman Robert Keough presented the findings of the Council Audit of the Financial Records. The Council reviewed the books from December, 2013 to the present. All appeared to be in order. Chairman Keough asked why Michael Bennett would write a check from the NY Dept to the NY Dept from an unknown account. The answer is unknown. The Department Commander asked why checks totaling about \$3200 were written to the Company Center Cast in Ohio and profits from the sales only amount to a few hundred dollars and the inventory of grave markers was so small. The answer is unknown. Mark Goret made a motion to accept the audit, seconded by Paul Ellis-Graham. Approved.

New Business:

Budget:

Report given by NY Dept Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese PDC. See attached budget. Last year's expenses could not be accurately ascertained due to the irregular financial transactions of the previous Treasurer. The proposed budget was passed with the addition of an added expenditure for PDC badges at a cost of \$180/badge. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. Budget passed.

PC-in-C Danny Wheeler proposed a raise in the NY Department per capita tax from \$4/year to \$6/year. As it is now \$23/year goes to National while \$4/year goes to the Department. Bob Paul asked C-in-C Freshley if National was planning on raising theirs this year to which he said no. A motion was made to raise the Dept per capita from \$4/year to \$6/year, seconded and passed.

Brother Richard Straight made a Resolution entitled "Rally Round the Flags" See attached. He proposed forming a committee to lobby the State Government to restore funding for Civil War Battle flag preservation. A day in which to go to Albany to lobby the halls was discussed. Daryl VerStrete and George Artley mentioned that they could go to the SAL and VFW respectively. Motion made to form committee, seconded and passed.

Brother Matt Hereford gave a presentation that he was working on entitled Time Garden. He said it would have great appeal to our Organization, historians, educators, etc. He had an excellent poster board presentation. They are working on a power point presentation. It is an interactive map that can illustrate various points of interest. This is still in the developmental stage but promises to be a great resource.

Brother Sam Poulton asked to have his Past Camp Commander status restored. Brother Poulton was a member of Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 and PCC. He served the Camp loyally and ws an asset. He had to move to Pennsylvania for work and formed a Camp down there. Now he is back and would like to have past honors restored. Per the National C&R when a Brother who was a PCC leaves a Camp, to have his past honors restored on his return, needs approval from the Camp and then voted on at the next Encampment. Lincoln Camp #6 voted to reinstate him as PCC. A motion was made and seconded to reinstate the past honor of PCC to Brother Samuel Poulton, seconded and passed.

Break 3:55 PM

Resumed 4:15

Election

First Position to be filled was that of Department Commander. PC-in-C Danny Wheeler nominated PCC and Department Senior Vice George Weinmann. No other candidates coming forward, Brother Weinmann was elected by the sound of the gavel.

PDC Jeffrey Albanese then nominated Jr Vice Commander Paul Ellis-Graham as NY Dept Sr Vice. No other candidates coming forward, Brother Ellis-Graham was elected at the sound of the gavel.

Brother Sam Poulton nominated Daryl VerStreate for Dept Jr Vice. PDC Jeff Albanese nominated Matt Hereford for Dept Jr Vice.

As there would now be an election, the roll was called.

Present were: Sam Poulton, Robert Pugsley, Bruce Glaser, Peter Braell, Chuck Smeltzer, Stu Smith, Harold Bush, George Artley, Jim Russell, Todd Shillington-absent with cause, Ray Wheaton, Danny Wheeler, Ryan Wheaton, Rodney Parker, Arthur Kirmms, Daryl VerStreate, George Weinmann, James Bond, Charles Lirio, Michael Erb, Bob Paul, Mark Goret, Richard Straight, Jeffrey Albanese, Leo McGuire, Dave Dziewulski, Chapin, Bob Keough, Jerome Orton, Robert Walter, Blaine Elkie, Matt Hereford, Paul Ellis-Graham.

We then took a ten minute break for canvassing.

Balloting then took place and Matt Hereford was elected as NY Dept Jr Vice Commander.

PC-in-C Danny Wheeler then nominated PDC Jeffrey Albanese as Dept Treasurer. No other candidates coming forward, Jeff Albanese was elected at the sound of the gavel.

PC-in-C Danny Wheeler then nominated Robert Pugsley as NY Dept Secretary. No other candidates coming forward, Robert Pugsley was elected at the sound of the gavel.

Council: (three positions open)

PDC Jeff Albanese nominated Robert Keough, PC-in-C Danny Wheeler nominated PDC Ray Wheaton, Bob Keough nominated David Dziewulski, Samuel Poulton nominated Mick Cole but whereas Brother Cole was not in attendance, he was not eligible. As there were no other candidates the nominated three were elected at the sound of the gavel.

The following delegates were elected as Delegates to the National Encampment: Ray Wheaton, Danny Wheeler, Jeffrey Albanese, George Weinmann, Robert Pugsley.

Break

Installation of Officers:

Commander in Chief Ken Freshley acted as installing Officer.

Newly elected Department Commander George Weinmann announced his appointments:

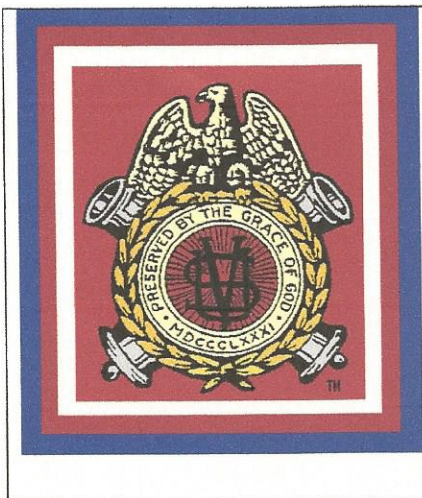
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Above Officers along with Dept Commander George Weinmann, Sr Vice Paul Ellis-Graham, Jr Vice Matt Hereford, Council members Bob Keough, Ray Wheaton, David Dziwulski, Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese and Dept Secretary Robert Pugsley were installed by Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley

The 131st New York Department Encampment held on May 4, 2014 was then closed by New York Department Commander George Weinmann at 5:15 PM

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Report of the New York Department Commander, SUVCW

On the Occasion of the 131st NY Department Encampment,

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On June 9, 2013 Danny Wheeler contacted me that the NY Department was about to be suspended for failure to file the Annual Department Report and to pay the per capita check. I notified Michael and on June 9 he informed me that one Camp did not have its paperwork in and one is only partially complete. I asked Michael what the status was of the money that was owed. He said everyone was paid except for one Camp. (June 9, 2013 7:43PM)

On June 17, Commander in Chief Perley Mellor issued General Order #22 suspending the NY Department and others for not filing Form 35 and not paying

the applicable per capita dues. I sent an e-mail on June 18 to Michael asking what our status was. He replied on June 18th that another Camp's paperwork was in. This was the first he said that another Camp owed paperwork. He said he received missing money from three other Camps even though on June 9th he said everyone was paid. He did say that the missing money was not a hindrance to completing the report.

On June 19th I contacted Michael to see what our status was. I told him that I would suspend the delinquent Camps. He replied the same day that one Camp was still lacking paperwork but he has everything that he needs to complete the report but is not going to rush just because of pressure from other members. Even though we were suspended he was not going to rush. He repeated that he had all the material to send the report in.

On Wednesday June 26, two days after he said that he could have the report done, I inquired about the status. On that date he said that the report was in the mail. He states that the "per capita payment in the form of Certified Bank Check is being sent directly under separate cover"

On June 30th I asked Michael in the form of an e-mail if he had sent the report because I had not received it. He said he sent it 1st class mail. I received the paperwork on July 2nd, signed it and sent it in July 3rd.

I contacted C-in-C Mellor to ask about our status on July 10, He said they had received the report but not the check. July 18th I contacted National Treasurer Richard Orr to inquire about the check. Still had not received it. If lost there should be a gap in the check sequence. I contacted Michael on July 18th to ask what is going on with the check.

I contacted Perley Mellor again on July 17, about the check and some of our members are worried if they can attend the Nat'l Encampment. He said that he had not heard but recommends that we send another check by the quickest way possible.

Michael e-mails Jeff Albanese and myself on July 20th 2013 that he sent a cashier's check this morning for \$11,041 to the National Headquarters to arrive on Monday July 22nd. This alarmed me because in his June 27th e-mail he stated that the first

check was a "Certified Bank Check". This would have meant that he wrote over \$22,000 in Certified Bank checks. I asked him if we had that sort of funds in the checking account. He said the first check was a regular check, contrary to what he explicitly stated on June 27. On Monday July 22nd Michael informs me that Federal Express confirms that our check was delivered to the National Headquarters. On July 23 at 3:18 PM Executive Director David Demmy informed me that check # 679 1800 491 in the amount of \$11,041, issued on July 20th was received. He recommends that our suspension be lifted.

On July 23 C-in-C Mellor issued General Order #26 lifting our suspension.

On August 6 I asked Michael per our By-laws to provide copies of the original bank statements. He agreed and would get me the information.

On August 8-11 I attended the National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There we learned of how late we have been every year with the Department Annual report and that we had bounced three checks. Two per capita and one for new members. Our Department Commander was never officially notified about this.

On August 13 I e-mailed Richard Orr to find out our history with getting the annual report in and the per capita payments. He informed me that we had been late in 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010. He would have to check the records in Harrisburg to see any further back. The 2012 and 2011 checks both bounced along with a new members check in 2011. He said as of August 13 the first check had still never been received.

On August 18 I asked Michael how the Proceedings were coming, and he responded that that he was hoping to complete them that day. He said he would send them to Jeff and me when he was done.

On September 8, 2013 I asked Michael how the Proceedings were coming. I reminded him again that I would like copies of the original bank statements.

September 10 I received the bank statements for May, June, July, and August from Michael. He informed me that he opened a second account with \$1000 in it. September will be the first statement.

On September 14, after looking at the bank statements, I e-mailed Michael that I noticed some unusual charges on the account ex: Sears charge, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, ATM withdrawal in Philadelphia, two charges at gas stations.

His explanation was that the Department voted to increase the Secretary's budget because they wanted him to "travel a lot". He rented the car to take to the Encampment but figured it was cheaper to leave it home for his wife as they are a one car family and his wife would need a car. The Sears charge was for car parts. I personally took him to Sears that Sunday after the Memorial Service in Ithaca and then fixed his car. The gas charges were so that he could get back and forth to the Encampment. He said the Philadelphia charge was a mistake and he put the money back. He said these charges were permissible because of his \$525 expense account. I believe he was already near budget limit when he made these other charges.

On September 18th I asked why a second account was opened. I asked him about the status of the CD that matured May 30th. I asked again about the Proceedings. On Sept 19th he responded that he is almost done with the 2013 Proceedings. He wants to complete the old ones first and get them on the website. He said that we did not need the second account but opened it to save on fees.

October 24 I asked about the two Sept bank statements.

October 25 he responded that there was a problem opening up the second account. He said the account was never fully opened because earlier in the year (July or August) he was a victim of identity theft. When he opened this account it got flagged. If there were still problems then he would take the money out and put it back into the main account.

On November 1, 2013 at 3:30 PM I called Wells Fargo's branch in Fishkill, NY. He could not confide much but said that he showed no other accounts except for the main one. I told him about the account being flagged and held up with our \$1000 and we could not get statements according to our Treasurer. He said that our Treasurer was not being truthful with us. He said that an account is either open or not, nothing halfway.

On Oct 30th I asked about the Sept statement for the new Account. He said that he explained it once. I also asked him about the \$500 expense for proceedings that he showed on the 2012-2013 Treasurer's report that he submitted in Ithaca when no Proceedings were produced. Line item 6027 He said that he will look.

On Nov 2 I sent him a lengthy e-mail with several concerns that I had.

1. Which Camps were not sending in the Department's portion of the per Capita? I will contact them directly
2. What is result of looking into the \$500 expense for proceedings?
3. Deadline has passed for 2013 Proceedings
4. I expressed concern about the status of that second account with supposedly \$1000 in it. I told him about my discussion with Wells Fargo. I want somebody else on the account.

On November 4 he responded that our money was never in danger in the second account because it was never fully opened. He went to the bank on Sat and the bank apologized for their screw up. He says the account is now set up. He sent me a scanned receipt dated Nov 2 that the account was opened, \$950 in checking \$50 in savings. Where has that \$1000 been since early September? He said that almost every Camp submitting payments lately have been incorrect. He explained that the \$500 expense for the Proceedings was an "expected expense". He said that Jeff Albanese had his SS# number on the account. Also Michael had stated to him that he could not provide bank statements.

November 5 I sent him an e-mail about the second account deposit being Nov 2. I asked him about where the \$1000 has been. I suggested that we have an audit. I also informed him while he thought being suspended was no big deal, it was to me. It was painful to sit at National and hear NY being talked about in a negative tone. He responded that he would get audit materials together.

I contacted the Council that they would be doing an audit when Michael provides the material.

November 14 Jeff Albanese informs us that he has managed to get access to the accounts. Also Michael says that he cannot provide the requested material by the

deadline and that he has been informed that criminal charges are being discussed against him. This at this time was not true.

On November 15 Jeff Albanese sent us bank statements that showed numerous irregularities involving the Department's Bank Account.

On November 20th I received charges from Danny Wheeler against Michael Bennett.

On November 21 on the advice from the National Organization, I went to the State Police Headquarters, Troop E in Farmington, NY to file a complaint.

On November 24th I issued Department Order # 4 suspending Michael from all Department Offices and to turn all records, properties etc over to the Chairman of the Department Council.

On November 27th I went back to Troop E and filed a deposition. They would refer it to the appropriate State Police Troop downstate.

Department Council Chairman Bob Keough met with Michael Bennett and received most of the requested material.

Around December 10th PDC Albanese informed me that the Ellis Camp found the same irregularities in their finances that were found in the Dept. This led to issuing Department Order # 7 on December 12th, 2013.

On January 2, 2014, I issued Department Order #9 convening the Hearing Council.

A letter from Michael Bennett, dated December 22nd 2013, was received by Secretary Todd Shillington containing certified bank checks in the amounts of the missing CDs, an explanation of his actions, and his resignation. The letter was not found until about the first week in January.

On January 6th I received a call from Commander in Chief Freshley stating that due to Michael's resignation, I had to dissolve the Hearing Council. I then on January 10th issued Dept Order #10 dissolving the Hearing Council.

The matter is now in the hands of the New York State Police. They have combined the investigation with that of the Ellis Camp.

An unfortunate consequence of all this is that the real work of the Department was pushed aside. A lot of things that I wanted to do this year just did not get done.

I would also like to apologize for some of the ways that I handled this. I took a long time to investigate this because I wanted to make certain. The worst thing that could be done is to accuse an innocent person. I also hated having to be secretive of what was happening, but I was advised to say very little. I never miss an opportunity to keep my mouth shut. I wish that I could have come out and informed everyone what was going on but it was best not to.

The New York Department has taken a hard hit. This last year has been a long nightmare. For me it started with shock, then disbelief and dismay, then anger, then resolve to move this Department forward. We were deceived by a friend and our guilt lies in trusting that friend. I have heard that we should hold accountable others who allowed this to happen. We can point fingers, blame others and rebuke fellow Brothers but that will accomplish nothing. We will be right back to the same problem. We need to ensure that this can never happen again. After reviewing other Department Officers' reports, I think that we are well on the way of protecting ourselves. I believe that we will come out of this a stronger, better Department ready to honor our ancestors which is our original charge.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert Pugsley

New York Department Commander

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

May 3, 2014

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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**New York Department Senior Vice Commander Report
131st New York Department Encampment
May 2, 3, & 4, 2014, Rochester, New York**

April 29, 2014

Dear National, New York Department and Camp Officers and members:

It is my pleasure as New York Department Senior Vice Commander to give my Senior Vice Commander's report to the membership at the New York State Encampment. I encourage all camps and members to promote our organization and recruit new members. I also encourage all New York Department members to try to recruit at least one new member in the coming year. We must keep our department and national order strong for future generations.

Since our last encampment in May 2013, I attended several memorable events. On July 14, 2012, at the "City of Water Day" at Governors Island, NY, the SUVCW and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum setup tables. Artifacts were on display and recruitment fliers were handed out to the visitors. It was an all day event with about 4000 visitors to the island. We had a great location under the tree and in the shade with many visitors to our tables throughout the day. The day gave us great exposure to a whole new group of adults and children. We look forward to participating in the next year's "City of Water Day" event on Governors Island in New York Harbor.

I represented the NY Department at several 150th anniversary Civil War events since our last encampment. On Thursday, May 23, 2013, I attended a landmark designation ceremony for Admiral David G. Farragut. His Grave site was designation as a National Historic Landmark site. Admiral Farragut is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY. After the ceremony in the same cemetery, a memorial service was held for Captain Oliver Tilden. He was killed on Sept. 1, 1862 at Chantilly, Virginia. Oliver Tilden Camp #26 was proud to honor its name sake Captain Oliver Tilden, Co. E, 38th New York Volunteer Infantry.

On Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, 4th Floor, Long Island City, NY 11106. I had the honor to give a presentation on the 1938 Gettysburg Reunion. It was also the 75th Anniversary of the Battle. Leading up to the 1938 reunion, I spoke about the history of the GAR and the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. I then presented in detail with photos many of the activities the Civil War veterans took part in and had to endure on those hot days in 1938 Gettysburg. William Finlayson and Patrick Falci (Played AP Hill in the movie Gettysburg) were also speakers for the event. The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg was approaching, so the theme of the presentations was the 150th Anniversary of Gettysburg.

On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, Tilden Camp and I were special guests of Terrance Holliday, Commissioner, Mayors Office of Veterans Affairs. We were invited by the Metropolitan Museum of Art to attend a 9:00 AM Breakfast and tour of the new Civil War and American Art Exhibit. The museum displayed many famous Civil War paintings, drawings and photographs. The commissioner praised us for being in attendance to honor our Civil War ancestors. All camp members in attendance were in Civil War uniforms. SUVCW received a lot of publicity from this event.

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On Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at Beauford, North Carolina, Sister Janice Weinmann and I attended the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's unveiling of the first of five USS Monitor trail signs. The event took place at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Dr. Cathryn Newton, Dean Amorist, The College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University gave a presentation on the discovery of the USS Monitor and its connection to Beauford, N.C. She was on the expedition team with her father John Newton that discovered the USS Monitor in 1973. Dr. Cathryn Newton interviewed Janice and I for her new DVD. I was also interviewed by the newspapers because of my connection to the Monitor. My cousin Surgeon Grenville Weeks was a survivor of the sinking of the USS Monitor. NOAA is also planning on placing a USS Monitor trail sign on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum property sometime in 2014.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, 2013 at McGolrick Park (Winthrop Park), Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY, Tilden Camp and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum had a table setup in the park by the USS Monitor monument. Many people visited our table to learn about the USS Monitor and learn about solar power. John Ericsson studied solar energy and made models that worked on solar power. This was the 1st Annual Greenpoint Day event.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013 11:00 AM at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens, NY I organized a Civil War Headstone Dedication & relic Display with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum. The dedication ceremony was for Pvt. Philip Kreuscher, Co. D, 159th NYVI. About 25 members of the Kreuscher family were in attendance. Local newspapers covered the memorable event.

On Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, The Greenpoint Monitor Museum was given a classroom at PS 110 "The Monitor School" to be used for "Road Show" and teaching purposes. The museum and the Sons were also given full access to the auditorium. This is a major accomplishment for the museum and the Sons. This will be a temporary classroom and office location for the museum before a building is built on the land that was donated for the purpose to build a museum dedicated to the USS Monitor.

On Saturday, Apr. 26, 2014, Tilden Camp celebrated the 192nd Birthday Commemoration of General Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National Monument. Many National, Department and Camps of the SUVCW and Allied Orders of the GAR attended along with the Daughters of the Confederacy. PC-in-C Danny Wheeler represented C-in-C Ken L. Freshley. He presented national certificates to SVC Arthur Kirmss, Mark Goret and Commander George Weinmann. Bros. Kirmss and Goret received 30 year pins and Bro. Weinmann received a 25 year pin for their long time membership in the SUVCW. Keynote speaker was Martin Smith, President of The Civil War Round Table of New York; Bro. Larry Clowers as General Ulysses S. Grant, and his wife Connie Clowers as Julia Grant; Brother Frank Scaturro, Grant Monument Association; Actor Patrick Falci, Past President of The Civil War Round Table of New York and played Confederate General A. P. Hill in the movie Gettysburg gave remarks. New members were initiated by PC-in-C Danny Wheeler.

The Greenpoint Monitor Museum has applied for funding from a 19.5 million dollar lawsuit won by the Greenpoint community against Mobil Oil due to an oil spill that is located under the ground located in the eastern part of Greenpoint. The project includes a new bulkhead to protect from future flooding as had occurred during Sandy, new soil and a floating dock to be used by NOAA's USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's research vessel. This work is being done before a building can be built on the museum's land. The building when built, will have office space for Tilden Camp, SUVCW. As mentioned above, I am looking forward to a upcoming USS Monitor Trail ceremony. A USS Monitor Trail marker will be placed on the Museum's land designating the construction and launch site of the USS Monitor. I will be there again, representing the NY Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

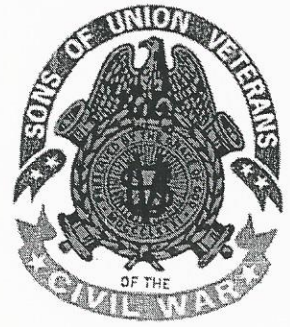
To finalize my report, I would like to give an update on the NY Dept. Fundraiser. As of Monday, April 28, 2014, I collected \$1,178.00 from the Department membership. Additional tickets will be available at the encampment. A final total amount and report will be provided to the treasurer following the encampment. I thank the members for their continued support to the NY Dept. and the SUVCW. I especially want to thank Commander Bob Pugsley, and Bros. Jeff Albanese, PDC, Todd Shillington PDC, James Bond, Arthur Kirmss, Mark Goret, Charles Lirio and Janice Weinmann for their help and support to me, the department and the SUVCW. I have no recommendations. This concludes my New York Dept. Senior Vice Commander's report for the encampment.

Your in,
Fraternally, Charity and Loyalty,

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REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

2013-2014

This year we had a total of sixteen new members who submitted applications through the National SUVCW Junior Vice Commander. Upon receipt, those applications were then forwarded to the appropriate camp located in the geographic area that the new member was closest to. The following new member names and camps are listed below according to when their applications were received:

1. William Michael Bryk (Tilden Camp # 26)
Brooklyn, NY
2. Robert Mitts (Tilden Camp #26)
Flushing, NY
3. Carlton Cleveland, I, II, father & son (Tanner Camp # 134)
Oneonta, NY
4. Shane A. Sovie (French Camp #17)
Ogdensburg, NY
5. John J. Kryger Sr. (Ellis Camp #124)
Garnerville, NY
6. Steven M. Webber (Baldwin Camp #544)
E. Setauket, NY
7. Edward M. Webber (Baldwin Camp #544)
Bay Shore, NY
8. Steven C. Guy (French Camp #17)
Watertown, NY

9. Aaron M. Rose (Tilden Camp # 26)
New York, NY
10. Scott Mc Kendrick (Tilden Camp #26)
Bayport, NY
11. John B. Gregor (Tilden Camp # 26)
New York, NY
12. Bennett C. Gardner (Ireland Camp #137)
Windsor, NY
13. Andrew R. Hart (Baldwin Camp #544)
Huntington, NY
14. Leroy J. Wilcox Jr. (Worden Camp #150)
Lake Katrine, NY
15. David M. Demmerly (Weber Camp #44)
Hamburg, NY

THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ACTING TREASURER

19 Gregory Drive

Goshen, New York 10924

May 1, 2014

Dear Commander Pugsley and Brothers of the Department of New York:

Please let this letter serve as the annual report of the Treasurer of the Department of New York, SUVCW. As stated in my midyear report, I assumed the position of Acting Treasurer pursuant to Commander Pugsley's December 12, 2013 Department Order #6 after the suspension of Department Secretary/Treasurer Bennett. Prior to that date and pursuant to the Commander's authority I obtained access to the Department Accounts, conducted an investigation and provided copies of my findings and the bank accounts to the Commander and Department Counselor Danny Wheeler, P C in C. Because of that investigation, I also discovered the irregularities involving the Ellis Camp 124, which I belong to, and then the Sickles Camp, which resulted in the previously mentioned suspension

The Department, as far as is currently known, has three accounts, one savings and two checking, located at the Wells Fargo Bank. The original Wells Fargo Department Checking account was opened in February 2010, at that time the account was actually in the Wachovia Bank, which was subsequently taken over by Wells Fargo in March of 2011. Despite being opened in February of 2010, the existence of this account was not disclosed in the Treasurers report at the 2010 Department Encampment in Newark, New York. The other two accounts in Wells Fargo were opened on November 4, 2013 under unclear circumstances. On that date, \$50.00 was deposited into the new savings account and \$950.00 into the new checking account. On November 5, 2013, the \$50.00 was withdrawn from the new saving account and deposited into the new checking account and \$500.00 was withdrawn from the new checking account and deposited into the original Department Wells Fargo checking account. At this time, the source of the \$1,000.00 used to open these two accounts is unknown. These two new accounts are without bank fees as long as \$150.00 is transferred monthly from the new checking account into the new savings account. As of , 2014, there is \$299.53 in the original Department Checking account, \$344.00 in the new checking account and \$150.00 in the new savings account for a total of \$793.53 (copies of the bank account activity sheet as of February 13, 2014 for each account is attached.) All outstanding Department checks have now cleared. It should be noted that each account is a paperless account and requires the issuance of a debit card.

Upon Mr. Bennett's suspension, he was directed among other things to turn over all financial records to the Department Council. It should be noted that the national organization imposed certain record keeping and retention requirements upon the Department and Camp treasurers and secretaries presumably in accordance with Federal guidelines. In that regards as to these accounts, as well as the supposed CD's owned by the Department, the only financial records turned over were unused checks, a typed list of the CD's and their amounts and a typed check register ledger sheet of the original checking account beginning on June 1, 2013 and ending on the date the records were turned over. That check register is not consistent with the actual account activity during that period.

My review of the original Department checking account reveals numerous questionable activities. These include numerous debit card withdrawals of cash, as well as debit card purchases of what appear to be items and services not related to Department activities. In addition, there are large cash and third party check and starter check deposits. My review also reveals that in July of 2013 there were not sufficient funds in the Wells Fargo checking Account to pay the Department per capita to national. While a bank check was ultimately sent to National for the correct amount in July of 2013 the source of a portion of the funds used to obtain that check is still unknown. Finally, the per capita checks from the Willard Camp, Tilden Camp, Lincoln Camp and Ellis Camp did not appear to have ever been deposited into the Department account.

In regards, the CD's as reported at the last Department Encampment in May of 2013 several requests and demands for the name of the bank or banks where these were located have never been responded to. Rather just prior to Christmas, Mr. Bennett mailed to the Department Secretary a resignation letter and several cashier's checks as follows \$1,577.68, \$4,013.22, \$11,068.45, \$8,518.51 and \$11,054.86. These correspond with the amounts as reported in the May 2013 Encampment. In late summer, Mr. Bennett reported to the Department Commander, in response to a question, that other than the permanent fund (which he reported in May had about \$1,577.68) he just renewed the CD's when they came up. Several were reported due in 2013 and a couple of more in 2014. Whether this money was ever in CD's as of May 2013 is unknown although it is difficult to understand why if they were he would incur the penalties associated with early withdrawals in order to turn them into cashier's checks. These checks were turned over to me and that fact was reported to the authorities, which directed that I hold them while they conduct their investigation, in view of the uncertainty of the source of these funds. In March after my request I was permitted to deposit this money with the proviso that I keep track of where the money went. The money was deposited into the Department savings account where it remains. I caution the Department that the source of these funds remain unknown. The authorities do not believe they were in CD's or at least in CD's under the Department name. It was noticed that in the last two Department Treasurer's reports that he was no longer listing the bank of deposit. It is also believed that the Bank that had been listed in the past may have failed several years ago and was taken over by the FDIC. In addition, there is some evidence that funds from another well-known organization unrelated to the Sons had been deposited into the Department account in the past. This investigation is still ongoing and where it ultimately will lead is unknown. Therefore, it is conceivable that the money turned over as the purported CD money may need to be returned depending on its source and accordingly spending any significant portion of these funds for any purpose should be avoided until the investigation is completed.

I have received and reviewed the last Department and all Camp 2013 annual reports. Based out those reports I can advise that the gross income from the Camp's per capita in 2013 was \$1,820.00, with perhaps another \$500-\$600 netted in the fundraiser. Accordingly, the annual Department income was approximately \$2,320.00 to \$2,420.00 Moreover, I further believe that the Department may be short about \$3,281.77 in the Department operating account.

I determined that amount as follows. I believe that like with the Ellis Camp financials Mr. Bennett reported accurately what should be in the Department accounts, even though in reality those funds were actually not in Department account. In the 2013 Annual report he reported that the Department had in it Wells Fargo account as of 5/31/13 the sum of \$15,394.34 (actual amount \$4,671.34). What I did was then go over the Department account after that date and added in the legitimate deposits and subtracted the legitimate payments. Accordingly, I added in \$862.75 in deposits and subtracted the Department per capita paid in July of \$11,407.00 as well as another \$1,140.79 in legitimate or possibly legitimate expenses. Doing that I came up with approximately \$4,078.30 as what should be in the

account as of today when in reality we have a total of \$793.53. The difference is \$3,281.77. However, further investigation needs to be done to confirm the validity of this supposition

As of May 1, 2014, there is \$975.13 in the original Department Checking account, \$ 480.00 in the new checking account and \$ 36,234.53 in the new savings account. All outstanding Department checks have now cleared. It should be noted however that \$735.00 of the amount reported in the original checking account reflects the early deposit of this year's raffle proceeds, which are normally deposited after the Department Encampment. At this time last year even with the irregularities in the Department account there was more than \$3,000.00 in this account. The bottom line is that the Departments operating funds are at precarious levels.

As Treasurer and because of the above I have concerns about the ability of the Department to meet its financial obligations as outlined in the Department Bylaws.

In regards the current money in the savings account \$1,577.68 represents the Department Permanent fund and cannot be touched per the Bylaws. The remaining funds are currently governed by the mandate of the 2006 Department Encampment held at Glens Falls. At that Encampment, it was mandated that those funds be invested in CD's and that the principal not be touched. It was further mandated that the income be reinvested unless decided otherwise by a vote of the Encampment. While having such a policy may have made sense when CD rates are higher, it makes little sense at current rates of return and even if the rates were higher, the principal is not large enough to generate any real return. In addition, I am in support of those who believe this money can be better used now to renovate monuments or memorials or other artifacts.

Therefore, I would make the following recommendations:

1. Deposit the \$4,013.22 representing one of the CDs in the general account to bring it to the approximate amount it should be
- 2.) Placing another \$10,000.00 into a fund to be used for awarding an annual grant of \$500.00 to be used within the Department to assist in the renovation or restoration of area monuments, memorials or artifacts. Using a plan perhaps based on the national organization will permit camps from around the state to apply to obtain this annual grant to benefit current projects and fund it perhaps for 20 years.
- 3.) The remaining monies to be placed in conservative mutual funds or CDs whereby the annual income will be deposited into the \$10,000.00 grant fund annually.
- 4.) In the event recommendation 2 is adopted that the Department Commander appoint a committee to make recommendations for consideration at next year's Encampment concerning the formation and make up of a standing committee and the procedures to be used in both applying for and disbursing such grants. (This will accomplish 2 things. First, provide for a well thought out method to both solicit, apply for and disburse the grants. Secondly, allow the law enforcement investigation to be completed and therefore have a determination as to whether any of this money needs to be returned prior to expending any significant portion of it.)

In regards safeguarding the Treasury from this type of activity in the future, as I have indicated in the past I would oppose any solution, which makes the position more onerous than it already is. I believe that much of the problem was as a result of trust in an individual. Unfortunately, it appears in this day an age that trust may be a commodity that we can no longer afford. Hindsight is always 20/20 and I do not mean to criticize anyone who served on the Department Council but in the present matter, a proper

audit by the Department Council would have discovered the problem. I therefore believe the solution simply is a requirement that actual primary financial documents, bank statements, check registers, CD statements and the like also be produced for examination by the Council and that they be provided to the Council approximately a week prior to the Encampment so they may have time to properly examine and analyze such records. To this end, I have proposed several bylaw changes to accomplish this task.

In addition, in this case it is apparent that the National organization had concerns about Mr. Bennett for several years but they apparently never properly communicated them in any detail to either the then Department Commanders or the Council. Better communication must be had between National and the Department.

Finally, all officers elected at any level need to become familiar with their job duties and responsibilities under both the National Rules and regulations, the National Job Descriptions, the Department Bylaws and the Camp bylaws and see that they are followed. In that way we can hope to avoid some of these problems in the future.

In any event, I look forward to serving the Order in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jeffrey Albanese

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Acting Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
ALL BALANCES AS OF MAY 1, 2014

All accounts currently with Wells Fargo Bank

Primary Operating Checking Account	\$975.13
Secondary Checking Account	\$480.00
Savings Account (currently reflecting deposit of funds purportedly in CDs)	\$36,234.53

New York Department, SUVCW
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
June 2013 through May 2014

Cash Basis

	Jun '13 - May 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 Membership Fees	
4001 Membership Fees - Dues	13,750.00
4002 MAL Membership Fees	93.00
4003 New Member Application Fee	225.00
Total 4000 Membership Fees	14,068.00
4025 Fund-Raising	
4035 Drawings	
Drawing #1	1,250.00
Total 4035 Drawings	1,250.00
Total 4025 Fund-Raising	1,250.00
4076 MAL Life Member Reimburse	8.00
Total Income	15,326.00
Expense	
6000 Advertising	
Sesquicentennial	200.00
Total 6000 Advertising	200.00
6007 Encampment Site Committee	100.00
6010 Encampments	
6020 Encampment - Previous Yr.	
6027 Encampment Proceedings	200.00
Total 6020 Encampment - Previous Yr.	200.00
6030 Encampment - Current Year	
6034 C-in-C Room/Banquet	250.00
6035 Supplies / Expenses	100.00
6037 Commander's Room	225.00
6039 Registration	-300.00
Total 6030 Encampment - Current Year	275.00
Total 6010 Encampments	475.00
6050 Reimbursed Expenses	
6051 Department Commander	750.00
6052 Department Secretary	450.00
6053 Department Treasurer	75.00
6054 JVC (Dept. Growth Award)	50.00
6056 Eagle Scout Coordinator	50.00
6058 Commander to Nat. Encamp.	250.00
6060 Dept. Musician (Award)	50.00
6061 Pat. Inst. (P.I. Award)	100.00
6062 Camp PI Award	100.00
Total 6050 Reimbursed Expenses	1,875.00
6200 Department Website	60.00
6350 Three Bears	50.00
6375 Grant Ceremony Wreath	100.00
6378 Friends of Grant Cottage	100.00
6600 Mid-Year Meeting	100.00
6725 Miscellaneous	100.00
6750 Medals / Badges	50.00

New York Department, SUVCW
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
June 2013 through May 2014

Cash Basis

	Jun '13 - May 14
6800 Per Capita to National	
6801 Membership Fees	11,775.00
6802 Application Fees	325.00
Total 6800 Per Capita to National	12,100.00
Total Expense	15,310.00
Net Ordinary Income	16.00
Net Income	16.00

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Accrual Basis

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPT. OF NEW YORK
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 July 2014 through June 2015

	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>
Income	
44500 • Fund-Raising	
44520 Drawings	1,150.00
Total 44500 • Fund-Raising	1,150.00
47230 • Membership Fees	
47231 Membership Fees-Dues	12,825.00
47232 MAL Membership Fees	100.00
47232 New Member App. Fees	100.00
Total 47230 • Membership Fees	13,025.00
47500 • Contributions	
47560 • Contributions	105.00
Total 47500 • Contributions	105.00
49000 • Special Events Income	
49010 • Encampment Banquet	2,100.00
49020 • Encampment Registration Fees	300.00
Total 49000 • Special Events Income	2,400.00
Total Income	16,680.00
Expense	
60300 • Awards and Grants	
60330 Rippey Award	30.00
60310 • Camp Patriotic Instructor Award	100.00
60320 • Grants Cottage Membership	100.00
Total 60300 • Awards and Grants	230.00
60900 • Department Expenses	
60920 Thee Bears	50.00
60930 Grant Ceremony Wreath	80.00
60940 Mid-Year Meeting	75.00
60950 Medals/Badges	100.00
Total 60900 • Department Expenses	305.00
62100 • Dept. Reimbursed Expenses	
62110 • Department Commander	750.00
62120 • Department Secretary	400.00
62130 • Department Treasurer	225.00
62140 • Dep. Commander to Nat'l Encampt	250.00
62150 • Misc Officers reimb	175.00
Total 62100 • Dept. Reimbursed Expenses	1,800.00
65000 • Operations	
65020 • Postage, Mailing Service	250.00
65030 • Printing and Copying	100.00
65040 • Supplies	50.00
Total 65000 • Operations	400.00
68300 • Department Encampment	
68301 Encampment Site Committee	75.00
68302 C-in-C Room	250.00
68303 Dept. Commanders Room	225.00
68304 Banquet	2,100.00
68305 Supplies/Expenses	50.00
Total 68300 • Department Encampment	2,700.00

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Accrual Basis

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPT. OF NEW YORK

Profit & Loss Budget Overview

July 2014 through June 2015

	<u>Jul '14 - Jun 15</u>
80200 • Payments to National SUVCW	
80210 Membership per capita	10,925.00
80220 Application Fees	200.00
80230 Website	120.00
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Total 80200 • Payments to National SUVCW	11,245.00
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Total Expense	16,680.00
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Net Income	<u>0.00</u>

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Dear Commander Pugsley and Fellow Brothers

As department Counciler This has been a very difficult year. It started in June when National decided to suspend the department of N.Non-payment. finally at the last minute our per-capti tax got paid and and we were aloud to attend the convention. At the National Convention Brother Pugsley, Albanese and my self were embaressed by members because of bounced checks for two years before and late payment that caused our suspension. At that point Commander Pugsley and Brothers Albanese and myself started looking into why these things were happening. We started asking questions not getting the answers that needed We started looking at bank statement, with Brother Albanese getting them and send us copys They looked real bad this took about 3 months so we did not jump into anything. I as your counciler had know coice but to bring him up on charges

In the future the department needs to change the way we have done business in the past.

I would like to take a moment to thank Commander Pugsley for all his hard workand dedication to the order and Brother Albanese for his hard work also To my fellow Brothers here today it is overand we as a department will survive , it is time for us to move on and back to work for the good of the order and take care of soiders of 1861-1865and speade the word of the grand Army of the republic

I have two recomandations

1. that each year in OCTober we hold a midyear meeting for reports from officers and camps and the council to do a mid-year audit of the book with bank statements etc.
2. I checked at the mid-year council meeting in Springfield IL. and there is no list for brothers who resigned in stead of going tru a trial commision. It is in committee to make a national rule in the constitution and regulations. when the resign from the son's to avoid the court of inquiry that it becomesa automatic dishonable discharge. I suggest that the department send a letter so it is put on the floor for discussion and vote.

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Yours in Fc&L
Danny Wheeler PCinC
Department Counciler

Todd Shillington

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Subject: Department Encampment

Brother Shillington,

I have no report to submit as the Department JROTC Liaison Officer. I just got hired in a new career, after being laid off for a while, and do not know if I can make the Encampment. If I can I will. I do hope this will be a great Encampment. Thanks.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Brother Jeff French, PDC, PCC

Walter H. French Camp #17

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"They need no monument who fought and died
for their country, but their country ever needs the
memory and inspiration of their example." --

Copenhagen. NY GAR

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of New York



**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK GRAVE REGISTRATION
YEAR END REPORT**

MAY 3, 2014

Dear Brothers of the Department of New York,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Department Graves Registration Officer this year. Currently the National Database shows that nationwide there are 59835 graves registered of men who were listed as members of New York units, an increase of approximately 8000 in the last two year. Within the State of New York there are 35756 burials listed in the Database. It appears that we are still in 3rd place behind Ohio with 82238 names and Illinois with 57490 names. Our database is growing slowly but still has a long way to go. It is a simple process to add names to the database just register and submit. Any questions can be answered by reference to the online "Graves Registration Database Booklet" located on the National website.

Other than a few e-mail requests for information it has been a quiet year for me. I hope that the members of the department can make it much busier next year. As the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War continues what more fitting way is there to remember the "Boys in Blue" than to record for posterity their final resting place.

I doubt that the Graves Registration Project will ever be 100% complete, and certainly not in my lifetime, but I feel that it is the duty of every brother to work toward this goal. WE OWE IT TO OUR ANCESTORS!

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bruce N. Glaser, PCC

Dept of NY, Graves Registration Officer

Presented this 3rd day of May, 2014 on the occasion of the 131st Annual New York Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held at Rochester, New York

Subject: Re: GAR Highway
From: Matthew Hereford (outbackmat@aol.com)
To: flycar@frontiernet.net;
Date: Monday, December 8, 2014 10:44 AM

2014 Report

US Rt. 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway
Matthew J Hereford PCC
US RT 6 Highway Officer

May 03, 2014

Dear Commander Pugsley,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for my appointment as the US Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer for the Department of NY Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2014 term.

Below is a brief summary of the highlights regarding our section of the GAR Highway within NY from 2013-2014.

1. Contact has been established with the National GAR Highway Officer, Peter J. Hritsko, who has informed all Department Highway Officers that new signs have been made to the correct specs of the original GAR road signs. Camps (or Departments) wishing to purchase the signs can do so at a cost of \$125 + \$25 shipping. He also mentioned that he has avoided the higher costs of State Highway fees by installing the signs on private property or by utilizing local Chamber of Commerce "welcome areas".
2. With my recommendation and the help of Brother Rich Othmer of the Putnam County legislation, solar powered blinking pedestrian crossing signs have been installed along a busy stretch of Old US Route 6. that is used as a dog walk area for the local ASPCA.
3. NY Department US Route 6 GAR Highway Brochures are being distributed through the courtesy of the Bear Mt. Toll House Tourist Information Center.
4. Membership, ours being free as a not-for-profit, has been renewed in the US Route 6 Tourist Assn. for the 2014 year.

Recommendations:
None at this time.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Matthew J. Hereford PCC

-----Original Message-----

From: flycar <flycar@frontiernet.net>

To: Matt Hereford <outbackmatt@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Dec 7, 2014 5:16 pm

Subject: GAR Highway

Matt,

I am trying to finish up the Proceedings. I seem to have misplaced your GAR highway report. Could you send it to me electronically? I apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Bob