

**Proceedings of the 134th New
York Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War
Held May 6, 2017
Ithaca, NY**

**Compiled by Robert Pugsley, PDC
New York Department Secretary**

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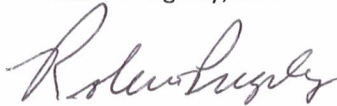
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I affirm that this record of the Proceedings of the Business meeting of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held May 6, 2017 in Ithaca, NY is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and ability

Robert Pugsley, PDC

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert Pugsley', written in a cursive style.

New York Department Secretary

New York Department

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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 Suffern, NY EIN 13-6165515 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

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

On the 30 day of April, 2016 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: Paul Ellis-Graham	16 Vanderbilt Dr	Highland Mills	NY	10930	(845) 928-8945	pegsox24@gmail.com
Senior Vice Commander: Daryl VerStreate	208 Fillmore St	Newark	NY	14513	(585) 305-9475	daryl_7375@hotmail.com
Junior Vice Commander: Leo McGuire	47 Merritt Dr	Schenectady	NY	12306	(518) 355-3746	
Council Member 1: Raymond Wheaton	12 Olli Rd	Newfield	NY	14867	(607) 564-7227	rbw008@yahoo.com
Council Member 2: Todd Shillington	15 Park Pl	Holly	NY	14470	(585) 638-5929	coh84nyv@rochester.rr.com
Council Member 3: Jerome Orton	213 Dixon Dr	Syracuse	NY	13219	(315) 488-4076	orton50@aol.com
Secretary: Robert Pugsley	4796 Lincoln Rd	Macedon	NY	14502	(585) 737-5710	flycar@frontiernet.net
Treasurer: Jeffrey Albanese	19 Gregory Dr	Goshen	NY	10924	(845) 294-0924	jialb@frontiernet.net
Patriotic Instructor: Richard Straight	88 Cindy Crest Dr	Rotterdam	NY	12306	(518) 344-7773	restraigh1@gmail.com
Chaplain: Barry O'Neil	49 Westg St	Warick	NY	10990	(845) 986-0480	barry.oneill@nystew.ang.af.mil
Graves Registration Officer: Bruce Paulson	16 Bivona La, Lot 90	New Windsor	NY	12553	(845) 476-0348	HFD208@aol.com
Historian: Jerome Orton	213 Dixon Dr	Syracuse	NY	13219	(315) 488-4076	orton50@aol.com
Civil War Memorials Officer: David M. Dzielwski	40 Euclid Ave	Troy	NY	12180	(518) 273-2152	dmdzee@nycap.rr.com
Eagle Scout Coordinator: Christopher Hosford	3875 Waldo Ave, #9T	Riverdale	NY	10463	(201) 344-6465	cfhosford@gmail.com
Counselor: Danny Wheeler	5 Benny La	Ithaca	NY	14850	(607) 272-7314	dwhheel2@twcny.rr.com
GAR Highway Officer: Matthew Hereford	18 Secor St Suite B	Nelsonville	NY	10516	(845) 809-5188	outbackmat@aol.com
Department Organizer:						

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CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Paul Ellis-Graham	Highland Mills	NY	12118				
Ryan Wheaton	Candor	NY	13743				
Richard Straight	Rotterdam	NY	12306				

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased.)							
Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Ray LeMay III	Mechanicville	NY	12118	Todd Shillington	Holly	NY	14470
George Weinmann	Brooklyn	NY	11222				
Robert Pugsley	Macedon	NY	14502				
Jeffrey Albanese	Goshen	NY	10924				
Raymond Wheaton	Newfield	NY	14867				
Danny Wheeler	Ithaca	NY	14850				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: _____ Installing Officer: _____ Department Secretary: _____ Department Commander: _____ National Executive Director: _____

Signature _____ Signature _____ Signature _____ Signature _____

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

Minutes

**Minutes of the 134th Annual
New York Department Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Held May 6, 2017 in Ithaca, NY**

Paul Ellis-Graham, Department Commander

The Meeting was called to Order and opened according to the Ritual at 9:30 AM by Department Commander Ellis-Graham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain invoked the Divine Blessing.

Robert Pugsley, PDC and Sr Vice Commander Leo McGuire were appointed to the Credentials Committee

Roll Call of Delegates: George Weinmann, Jeffrey Albanese, Barry O'Neill, Robert Pugsley, Gary Chapin, Mark Day, Vincent Jockimo, Richard Straight, Richard Straight, Robert Dauchy, Danny Wheeler, Thomas Badamo, Scott McKendrick, Chuck Smeltzer np, George Shadman, Daryl VerStreate, Daniel Olsen, Ronald Neiss, Ryan Wheaton, Calen Honig, Lyman Baker, Silas Ferguson, William Sebring, Blaine Elkie, Perry Cleaveland, Robert Kent, Ray LeMay, James Russell, Douglas Deuel, Thomas Crounse, Todd Shillington

National Senior Vice Commander Mark Day was recognized.

Jeffrey Albanese, Danny Wheeler and Bob Dauchy were appointed to the Constitution and Regulations Committee.

Daryl VerStreate, Todd Shillington and Barry O'Neill were appointed to the Resolutions Committee

Perry Cleaveland was initiated into Abraham Lincoln Camp #6.

Commander Paul Ellis-Graham read his report. See Attached

Sr Vice Commander Daryl VerStrete read his report. He states that 160 Brothers have sent in raffle tickets for a gross of \$1119. After expenses the profit margin is 765.97 but noted that there will be more ticket sales as the weekend progresses. Prizes consisted of 'The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln' values at \$125. Gettysburg Print, Sharpshooters est \$100, Abraham Lincoln Bronze Statue valued at \$60, Statue of Freedom est at \$29.95 and DVD set "War Between the States" est at \$25.

Jr Vice Commander Leo McGuire read his report. See Attached

Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese read his report. See Attached

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Secretary Robert Pugsley read his report. See Attached

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

Patriotic Instructor Richard Straight gave his report. See Attached.

Douglas W. Brenner of the Cpl James Tanner Camp #134, won the Patriotic Instructor's Award.

The following Camps won the Patriotic Instructor's Award: Abraham Lincoln Camp #6, Walter French Camp #17, Captain Oliver Tilden Camp # 26, Sydney Camp #41, Col John Weer Camp #44, Sgt Judson Hicks Camp #111, Homer-Searle Camp # 114, Col Augustus VanHorne Ellis #124, Cpl James Tanner # 134, Col David Ireland Camp #137, Admiral John L, Worden #150, Col George L Willard Camp #154, Phineas Catlin Camp #341.

Discussion centered on how complex the Patriotic Form is and how more charitable work has to be done to become a 501(c)3.

11:00 AM

Chaplain Barry O'Neill's Report: The following Brothers passed away this past year: Albert Goodwin Camp #154; Earl E Allen, PDC Camp Homer-Searle# 114; Francis Putnam,

Augustus VanHorne Ellis Camp # 124; William Poulton PCC, Abraham Lincoln Camp #6; Lee Houser, Cayward Camp #146; Douglas Herman, Stewart-Hope Camp #126; Carl Gugel. Abraham Lincoln Camp #6

The report was followed by a moment of silence.

Counselor Danny Wheeler gave his report. See Attached

Eagle Scout Coordinator- no report. Commander Ellis-Graham acknowledged Brother Scott McKendrick for distributing fifty Eagle Scout Certificates Note: The Report was submitted after the Encampment and is contained herein.

Archivist Lance Ingmire reported that he will address the need for a second signature on the account that he opened.

Memorials Officer David Dziejewski submitted written report and read by Ray LeMay. See Attached.

Jerry Orton inquired why only photos of graves of Majors and above were allowed on website. Secretary Pugsley replied that at the time that it was created, it was not known how much data we could submit. That may be different now.

Webmaster Bob Paul not present, no report

Volunteer Editor Don Zeilman not present, no report

Musician Bruce Crandall awarded the Department Musician Award to James Pace, Weber Camp 44. Todd Shillington will take it to him.

Jr ROTC Officer Jefferey French not present, no report

GRO Officer Bruce Paulson not present, no report. It is reported that he has moved out of state.

GAR Officer Matt Hereford not present, submitted written report, See Attached

Break 11:30

Back from Break 11:45

Commander Paul Ellis-Graham goes on visitation with Ray LeMay

Daryl VerStreate takes Commander's seat and Todd Shillington fills in for Sr Vice.

Historian Jerry Orton reads and submits report, See attached

Veterans Home Visitation Officer James Russell no report

Committee Reports

Artifacts Jerry Orton says he has not heard anything.

Proceedings Committee Jeffrey Albanese read and submitted report. Committee needs past reports. See Attached

Legislative Committee Efforts have focused on the "Rally Around the Flag" efforts

Visitation from the Auxiliary Hope Parker, Department President and Diane Theetge, Past Department President.

Encampment Report Danny Wheeler announces that the 2018 135th Encampment will be held at the Lexington Hotel, 911 Brooks Ave, Rochester, NY 14624 Room rate \$109/night.

12:00 Lunch

Back at 1:55

Commander Ellis-Graham and Ray LeMay go on Visitation

Sr Vice Commander Daryl VerStrete fills in and George Weinmann fills the Sr Vice Chair.

Committee Reports Continue

Richard Straight of the "Rally Around the Flag " Committee gives report. See Attached
Department Commander Ellis-Graham returns

Jeffrey Albanese gives Memorials and Grant Committee Report, See Attached

Visitation from the DUVCW Pauline Novick Dept President, Helen Higgins, PNC , PI Karen Messersmith

Communications:

Dept Commander Ellis-Graham says he has had a communication from a Mr Duvall about a Camp at Richmond Hill. The Commander and George Weinmann will look at the documents.

Dept Commander Ellis-Graham also heard from a Mr Mitchell from the Rome/Utica area has documents from a Camp in the 1890s Bob Heller from the Stewart-Hope Camp will go and look.

Commander Ellis-Graham reported that the Department of Georgia/South Carolina contacted us about a NY Monument that is at the location of the Battle of Ringold Gap. It is in a bad location with a power plant nearby. The battlefield is going to provide protection. Discussion revolved around who owns it.

Commander Ellis-Graham stated that Lyman Baker sent a letter about the status of Michael Bennett. Jeff Albanese said that he met with the DA and the State Police. The original complaint was filed in November, 2013 by then Department Commander Robert Pugsley. The Augustus VanHorne Ellis Camp found the same activity so that the cases were combined. Nothing has been done and Jeff may contact Attorney General. Brother Doug Deuel said he investigated himself and found out the case was closed in march of 2017 SIS 5428318. PDC Pugsley related the timeline of events.

The Council has now outlined how the audit should be done.

George Artley asked if we are bonded. The answer is no. It is felt that it would be too expensive to do that considering how much money we have.

2:48

Unfinished Business

Blaine Elkie brought up support for the Scythe Tree in Waterloo. The tree is a 167 year old Balm of Gilead that is eight foot across its base. It is in need of care. An arborist has examined it. The Town of Waterloo will pay for an arborist. Blaine said that will free up money that he has raised. He would like to set up a committee that would include a member of the SUVCW and it would be a 501c3. Questions were asked about who owns the tree and the rights of an easement. The GAR was mentioned in the 1994 Easement. Also who owns the land that it is on. A woman named Winifred Law owned it at one time. It is believed that it is privately owned. The Commander requested that a member

of Cayward Camp be on the Committee and that the Department commit to \$50-100 a year.

A motion was made that the incoming Department Commander appoint the Memorials Officer serve on the Committee.

Passed

3:12

George Shadman while he was at the Department of the Chesapeake Encampment and noticed that Charles O'Dell had a 70 year member pin on his badge. He needs 75 year which has been ordered.

Brother Shadman is the Assistant National Quartermaster in charge of JrROTC medals. Recommends each Camp have a JrROTC coordinator. Medals are free to help with our status as a 501(c)3. Form 7 is the applicable Form for the award. Some of the branches do not want them. They cannot wear it on their military uniforms but can wear it on their JrROTC uniform. George has passed out almost one thousand of them.

Danny Wheeler praised George for his efforts.

3:27

Constitution and Regulations Committee

The Committee recommends to waive the 60 day posting requirement for By-Law changes and adopt the policy on dealing with Junior and Junior Associates members.

See attached

Passed

A Resolution was passed to form a Committee to study the feasibility of hosting a National Encampment.

Recommendation was passed to continue the Committee to reconstruct the 2010-2013 Proceedings.

A recommendation was approved to award grant money from the Memorial Monument Fund

3:36

Budget

The budget was presented and a motion and second was made to pass the budget. Ray LeMay moved to purchase a replacement plaque for the Oliver P. Clark Award. Jerry Orton will buy the plaque on the condition that whoever receives it is financially responsible to replace it if it is lost. Budget Passed

Council Report

The Council Report was presented. The books are in order. See Attached

Jerry Orton offered praise to Jeffrey Albanese for his work.

Jerry related how when Lafayette Camp 140 folded it gave the Department \$30,000 with the stipulation that each of its members be made life members and the number 140 may never again be used.

3:45

Senior Vice National Commander asked if there were problems with Brothers receiving the Banner. They have been having problems at the National Level but things will be straightened out. He also reports that National is now a 501(c)3. However Departments and Camps are not and continue to be 501(c)4. The failure of Camps in being denied 501(c)3 status is their failure to file their 990-Ns If you do not file for three consecutive years, you lose your 501(c)4 status. Forms 5, 9, 22, 27 and 35 have been revised. There are now Certificates to give to places that fly the American Flag as long as it is not used in advertising. He told about a statue to a Civil War Soldier in Panama. Discussed putting our photos of monuments into the National database. A committee has been formed to review Memorial Day and upholding our efforts to bring it back to May 30. Encouraged

us to attend Remembrance Day. Now that National is 501(c)3 they will look into efforts at fundraising.

4:23

AWARDS

Awards Presented by Department Commander Paul Ellis-Graham

Scott McKendrick was presented a Certificate and Book Fields of Honor by Ed Bearrs for presenting Eagle Scout Certificates.

Oliver P. Clark Award for Recruiting: Robert Pugsley

John Kernan Cup for most new members: Sgt Judson Hicks #111

Joseph S. Rippey Award for Outstanding Service to the Department: Ray Wheaton
Award accepted by Ryan Wheaton

Jr Vice Commander Growth Award presented to: Sgt Judson Hicks #111, Catlin Camp #341, Sydney Camp #42

Department Newsletter Award to Col George L Willard Camp # 154

Department Website Award to Oliver Tilden Camp #26

Grave Registration Award was not given

Archibald Gracie Award presented to Camp for outstanding service to Confederate Veterans. Presented to Col Augustus Van Horne-Ellis #124

Sister Janice Weinmann was recognized for winning the Mary Walker Award

Department Commander Paul Ellis-Graham thanked everyone for their support for the past year.

Break 4:31

Back at 4:54

ELECTIONS

Call of Delegates

All Members stood and as their names were read they then sat down.

Result: Thirty members present; 28 voting members, 2 non-voting

The Results of the Elections were as follows:

Department Commander: Daryl VerStreate, Jr

Senior Vice Commander: Leo McGuire

Junior Vice Commander: Richard Straight

The offices of Treasurer and Secretary were not up for election

Treasurer Jeff Albanese

Secretary Robert Pugsley

Council: Ray Wheaton

Todd Shillington

Paul Ellis-Graham

List of all Elected Officers and Appointed Officers are listed on the attached list on Form 49.

The Installation Ritual was performed by PDC Todd Shillington.

New York Department Commander Daryl VerStreate then closed the 134th Annual Encampment of the New York Department, SUVCW at 5:20 PM