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MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW

OPENING: 9:15 am by NY Dept. Chaplain Bro. Rev. Mark D. Issacs who gave the Invocation

-Pledge of Allegiance Recited lead by DC Leo McGuire, PCC

CALLED TO ORDER: 9:20 am

-Greetings presented to CinC Don Shaw, PDC by DC Leo McGuire

-Credentials Report presented by Bro.PDC Daryl Verstreate Jr.

-Report consisted of: 27 Registered Delegates, 25 Voting Delegates.

-Bro. Treasurer, Jeffrey Albanese, PDC was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian for the Encampment and read the Rules for the Encampment and noted that the encampment utilizes Robert's Rules of Order.

-Encampment Committee Appointments made by DC McGuire:

-Constitution and Regulations Committee: Bro. Daryl Verstreate Jr., PDC and Bro. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

-Reports and Resolutions Committee: Bro. Danny Wheeler, PCinC, and Bro. David Dziewulski, PCC

-Fraternal Relations: Leo McGuire, PDC and Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC

-Roll Call of Members: PRESENT are the following: Read by Department Secretary, Robert Pugsley, PDC

Bros. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Brian Castler, Perry Cleaveland, Robert Dauchy, PDC, Thomas Crounse, James Dolan, Paul Ellis Graham, PDC-Absent-Sick, Dennis Duffy, PCC, Michael Erb, Darin Everdyke, John Goodnough, Robert Hensel, PCC, Mark Issacs, Vincent Jockimo, Robert Keough, PCC, Fred Kuntz, Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC, Douglass Mabee, Thomas Maggs-Absent, Leo McGuire,DC, David Neiss, Jerry Orton, PDC,-Absent, Robert Pugsley, PDC, James Russell,PDC, George Shadman-Absent, Donald Shaw, CinC-Guest, Richard Straight, John Swartwout, Daryl Verstreate Jr., PDC, Raymond Wheaton, PDC,-Absent, Danny Wheeler, PCinC, David Dziewulski, PCC.

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ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS: Commander: Leo McGuire, PCC present

Sr. Vice Commander- Richard Straight, PCC-present

Jr. Vice Commander-Darin Everdyke-present

Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC- present

Treasurer- Jeffrey Albanese, PDC-present

Council 1 Daryl Verstrete, Jr.-present

Council 2 Paul Ellis-Graham, PDC-excused

Council 3 Raymond Wheaton, PDC-excused

Counselor-Danny Wheeler, PDC-present

Assistant Secretary-Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC-present

Patriotic Instructor-Richard Straight, PCC-present

Chaplain-Rev. Mark D. Isaacs-present

Eagle Scout Coordinator-Brian Castler, CC-present

Archivist-Lance Ingmire-absent

Historian-Jerry Orton, PDC-excused

GAR Highway Officer-Matthew Hereford, PCC-absent

GRO-Dennis Duffy-present

Memorials Officer-David Dziewulski, PCC-present

Webmaster-Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC-present

Volunteer Editor-Darin Everdyke-present

ROTC/JROTC Liaison Officer-Jeffrey French, PDC-absent

Musician-Raymond L. Ball-absent

Veterans Home Visitation Officer-James Russell, PDC-present

Color Bearer-Warren McFarland-absent

Guide-Cael Honig-absent

Guard-Ryan Wheaton-absent

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-Department Officer Reports- (See Attached Department Officer Reports in Proceedings)

-Department Commander Leo McGuire gave his opening remarks as well as his Report

Notes: Bro. Jerry Orton, PDC, 50 year membership badge received for Bro. Orton

-Senior Vice Commander Report- Read by SVC Bro. Richard E. Straight, PCC

Notes: Department Fundraiser 480+ raffle fundraiser letters mailed to Department membership on 2/20/19 and on website, Cost \$420.00 for mailing expenses (envelopes, coupons, stamps), raised gross \$1,255.00 to subtract expenses, over 40 return to senders mostly due to address changes.

-Junior Vice Commander Report- Submitted into record by JVC Bro. Darin Everdyke, PCC

-Secretary Report for 2018 - Read by Robert Pugsley, PDC

Notes: Annual Report to National submitted on time, Proceedings Submitted late,

28 members gained, Lost 30 members with 7 deceased, 453 members total, Lost 1 Camp,

in 2013 we had 548 members, we now have 453 members.

The Jr. Vice Commander Growth Awards for Growth and Recruitment (for camps that showed a net increase in membership) were announced by Secretary Pugsley, the recipients are:

Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sydney Camp #41, Col. John B. Weber Camp #44, Col. Augustus Van Horne-Ellis Camp #124, and Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544

The PDC John B. Kernan Cup is to be presented to Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544

-Treasurer's Report - Read by Department Treasurer Bro. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Notes: 2 Handouts were passed out of the balances of current year and last year of the Department as well as the proposed budget and approved budget of last year as well as proposals.

Current Members 428

Dues Paying Members Down to 368 (Lost 113 members in 6 years more than 20% of Dept. membership)

Proposed Budget for 2019 is: \$8,519.00 (Department is facing a crisis with membership loss)

*RECOMMENDATION: The Archival Committee bank account held by the Department Archivist was directed to be turned over to the Department Treasurer at the 134th Department

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Encampment this was not done. This bank account is in violation of the National Regulations as it not held by the Department Council and funds need to be turned over. The Department Treasurer requests the account and funds to be turned over.

*PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION for a Resolution to appoint a 5 year special committee on recruitment and public relations to find ways to stem our membership losses and execute them.

*BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL for Assistant Department Secretary to be included in the Department ByLaws

Brother LeMay commended for start of a fine website

Bro. Bob Pugsley, PDC commended for his long standing work as Department Secretary

Bro. DC Leo McGuire commended for his service as Commander

-Department Council Report-Verbal report read by Bro. Daryl Verstrete Jr., PDC, Dept. Council member

Finance Reports “the Department Books” were found in great order and approved by the Council

-Department Counselor Report-Read by Bro. Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, sad part of suspension of camps,

Believes there needs to be a worksheet for the year for items to be done and when, by month for the camps.

Commends CinC and Department Commander for their hard work this year

-DC McGuire gives remarks visited 4 states and 8 camps and visited Grant’s Tomb, Thanks CinC Shaw for assistance

-CinC Shaw gives remarks, wishes a harmonious and productive encampment on behalf of the officers of the National Organization of the SUVCW. CinC Shaw stated “I didn’t come here to talk, I came here to listen, this weekend belongs to New York”. Encouraged Brothers to talk to him about concerns.

-Department Patriotic Instructor, Richard E. Straight, PCC read his report- Camps have been active and very successful in their mission to advance the goals of the order.

-Camps that filed their Annual Patriotic Report

PI Awards presented::

Lincoln Camp #6, PI Pugsley, PDC-presented

French Camp #17, PI French, PDC-noone present

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Tilden Camp #26, PI Kimes-noone presented

Sydney Camp #41, PI Vogt-presented

Col. John B. Weber Camp #44, PI Erb-presented

Sgt. Judson A. Hicks Camp #111, PI Pugsley, PDC-presented

Homer Searle #114, PI Wolczanski, CC-presented

Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp #124, PI Albanese, PDC-presented

Cpl. James Tanner Camp #134, PI Brenner-suspended-not presented

Col. David Ireland Camp #137, PI Gardiner, CC-suspended-presented

Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, PI Cooney-presented

Phineas Catlin Camp #341, PI Dudgeon

Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, PI McKendrick, PCC-suspended

Camps that did not submit reports were: Caywood #146, Smith Camp #193, Cook Camp #223

Patriotic Instructor Award of \$100 presented to Walter H. French Camp #17 to PI Jeffrey French, PDC

Brothers PI's were commended for their service and Bro. Keough, PCC was commended for his work on designing certificates

-Question from floor from Unknown Brother regarding the PI Award and answered by Bro. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, that the PI Award of \$100 is to include a written report by December 31st of the year received of how the stipend was used to Department PI and to be included in report to next encampment. PDC Albanese asked Bro. Straight if he has ever received a written report regarding the PI Awards received in the past, he replied "No, I have never received anything back".

-Chaplain Bro. Rev. Mark Isaacs-gave his report-

*Suggestion that when you are on Ancestry.Com and you have found a civil war ancestor that a popup should appear saying you are eligible for membership in the sons and daughters of union veterans of the civil war.

Discussion ensued, Bro. Verstrete, PDC commented that a link could be put on Department website to the New York State Civil War Soldiers Database for research.

From Chaplain Report: 8 Brothers passed from 2018 to 2019

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Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 Roy L. Clement Jr.-9/8/2018,

Homer Searle Camp #114-Stephen L. Reese-1/6/2018, Patrick J. Kavanaugh-Unknown, Gordon A. Knapp-8/17/2018, Elmer Niles-3/13/2019,

Col. David Ireland Camp #137-Steven Arthur Swartwood-10/28/2018,

David G. Caywood Camp #146-George W. Artley-12/27/2018,

Col. George L. Willard Camp #154-Harry George Taylor, Jr.-6/30/2018.

-Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian Castler, CC gave his report-

First communicated with camps to update current eagle scout coordinator officers, There are currently 13 Boy Scout Councils, although 16 councils are currently shown on website. An introduction Letter sent in May introducing sons eagle scout program information to councils. During the current term 99 eagle scout certificates were rewarded by 9 camps, the camps were commended and coordinators for their programs.

-DC McGuire noted that Bro. ESC Castler paid out of pocket for expenses for the office and that all brothers paid out of pocket as we all enjoy what we do, Bro. Castler thanked for his report.

-Department Archivist, Lance Ingmire submitted a report which was submitted into record; not read.

Historian Report by Bro. Jerry Orton, PDC-submitted his report in absentia into record; not read

-GAR Highway Officer Matthew Hereford, PCC-not present-report accepted into record; not read

-Memorials Officer Bro. David M. Dziewulski, PCC read his report- General Thomas monument project work on monument has been 8 years on going, branches and tree removal, signage placed, has since been conducted, limited edition pens of tree branches presented at "Evening of the Earl" 20 pens made and with 18 fundraised raised well over \$1,000, the 2 first pens will be auctioned off separate. The final project of the rejuvenation of the recasting of the iron wrought fence, will cost \$12,000 to recast. Albany Steel has covered that remaining cost, with other funds coming from private donations. Thank you for your support if you bought a stamp cachet, or challenge coin. There will be ongoing maintenance to continue the work at the lot with the remaining funds. The project was declared "essentially done".

The New York State Civil War Memorials Database with Access has been recovered from Access, using Google Earth getting exact GIS coordinates and get to camps to finish up Form 61's.

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Questions from report were read:

1. Should the monument information from the old Department website be reconstituted on the new Department website. If so, what form should it take? Are photographs too ponderous for the Department website?
2. Should the information be combined with the Access database that has been recovered and submitted piece-by-piece to the National database?
3. Is it worthwhile to trace the loss of the Access database and determine why New York data were never properly included in the National database?
4. What, if anything, can be done to simplify the monument submission process at the Department and National level? Can a simple online form be used on the Department website to get the overall process re-started?

-Department Webmaster Report read by Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC -

Commended predecessor Brother Robert “Bob” M. Paul, PCC in maintaining the old department website all of these years and continuing to do so for a good portion of this year while I was working to move the site to a new platform.

PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS::

1. I believe that the process of submitting graves/monuments needs to be discussed in order to make what we are doing more in accordance with the Civil War Monument Assessment Form #61, specifically with focusing on the form data rather than the images.
2. That a donation box/button be placed on the Department website to claim donations from Brothers/Sisters/Public etc for the Department as a fundraiser and that an online pay/payment option be set up for that purpose.
3. An online payment option be placed on the Department website for encampment registrations and banquet registrations by brothers/sisters via paypal or another form of payment that would streamline registrations. If there are any fees involved they would be passed along as a “convenience fee” to the payer. Obviously this would not be the only option, but it may appeal to some members and help streamline the process.
4. Once 501c3 status is achieved as a non-profit we should apply to Facebook to be added as a Nonprofit, add a Fundraiser button to our Facebook page which would accept donations directly from the public. This would allow us and people to set up fundraisers “campaigns” in which the money would be sent to us and we would be allowed to receive donations via Facebook such as Facebook’s birthday donations.

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The 2019 Camp Website Award was awarded to the Moses A. Baldwin Camp No.544

See the full attached report for more information.

-Volunteer Editor Darin Everdyke, PCC-read his report

Compiled 3 submissions editions, Fall Summer, Winter of the Volunteer, thanked everyone for submitting material, able to put out 7 pages per edition, all submitted on deadline.

-JROTC/ROTC-Jeffrey French, PDC-not present-no report

-DC McGuire excused Bro. Shadman, PDC for not being in attendance

-Discussion by DC McGuire regarding the ROTC ceremonies

-Musician Raymond Ball-not present-no report

-GAR Highway Officer Matthew Hereford, PCC-not present-no report

Veterans Home Visitation Officer-James Russell, PDC-present-gave a very brief oral report

Color Bearer, Guard & Guide-No Reports Needed

Color Bearer-Warren McFarland-absent

Guide-Cael Honig-absent

Guard-Ryan Wheaton-absent

-COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Endorsement Request from Dept. of Michigan for National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Bro. Paul Davis, PDC
2. Endorsement Request from Bro. Michael A. Paquette, PDC for National Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
3. REQUEST for the reinstatement of PCC Honors for Bro. Darin Everdyke as PCC of the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6. Original motion was approved by the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6. *Motion for reinstatement of PCC Honors for Bro. Darin Everdyke by Bro. Bob Pugsley, PDC, Seconded by Bro. Daryl Verstrete Jr., PDC; MOTION PASSED.

-Greetings and Proclamations read by DC McGuire from Governor Cuomo presenting greetings to Encampment, Congresswoman Stefanik from the US House of Representatives and Village of Lake George Mayor Robert Blais. - Bro. LeMay commended for his work on this encampment.

-At 10:50 am DC McGuire at the sound of the gavel broke for 10 minutes- but the encampment re-adjourned 20 minutes later

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-Department Treasurer, Bro. Albanese, PDC stated that he spoke with the CinC and believe that that the Baldwin Camp No. 544 is no longer suspended.

-CinC Shaw gave remarks on the EIN numbers and 990N form and how camps can become unsuspended

-Sisters were presented from the Department of New York Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on visitation and an exchange of love gifts were made, Brothers and Sisters gave a warm welcome to Sister Department President Diane Theetge, and Sister Department Chaplain Kerri LeMay. The brethren and Commander gave a warm reception.

-At 11:20 am DC McGuire and PDC LeMay went on fraternal relations visitations to the allied orders of the New York Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and then to the New York Department of the Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and SVC Straight assumed command.

-Bro. Duffy rose to address and state that the status of the Col. Ireland Camp be reinstated as they had the same issue as the Baldwin camp, but was ruled out of order as to timing of reading committee reports and Bro. Albanese stated that the Ireland camp needs to write the Department Commander for reinstatement and their circumstances were not the same as the Baldwin Camp.

-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Legislation Cmte.-No Report
2. GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Cmte.-No Report
3. Memorials & Monuments Grant Cmte.-Oral Report read by PDC Albanese no report
4. Lost Proceedings Cmte.-Report read by PDC Albanese, proceedings can be reconstructed there is enough material to reconstruct missing years.
5. Rally Round the Flag Cmte.-Report read by Bro. Straight, 128 letters were mailed in a trial to Albany County municipalities for support for the NYS Civil War Battleflags and received only 1 response. It would cost 5 million to conserve the flags. The state of New York Department of Parks, Recreation, Historic Preservation and New York State DMNA has dismantled the New York State battleflag preservation project and ability to make donations for project are no more. Close to 75% battleflags remaining to be conserved, 472 flags need to be conserved. See Full attached report with sample letters.

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****RECOMMENDATION** that the Rally Round the Flags Committee and Resolution both be extended for 5 years.

-SVC Straight asked for suggestions, and discussion ensued.

-CinC was asked for comment regarding monuments and allying groups and national battleflag committee and he addressed those issues

-At about 11:35 am DC McGuire returned and re-assumed command

-Ladies were presented from the Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War on visitation and an exchange of love gifts were made, Brothers and Sisters gave a warm welcome to the Delegation. The brethren and Commander gave a warm reception.

4. 2019 Department Encampment Cmte.-Report read by DC McGuire, Grant's Cottage will open for us tomorrow at 10 am, DC McGuire will cut a check for everyone's fee for admission.

5. 2020 Department Encampment Cmte.-No committee appointed; It was noted that the next Department Commander needs to appoint two new members and announce encampment location, date and time.

-DC McGuire adjourned the encampment until 1:30 for Lunch

-DC McGuire re-adjourned the encampment at the sound of the gavel

-DC McGuire appointed Bro. Robert Keough, PCC as Acting Chaplain as Chaplain Rev. Isaacs was excused to prepare his sermon for the morning

--Roll Call of Members: PRESENT are the following: Read by Department Secretary, Robert Pugsley, PDC: Bros. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Brian Castler, Perry Cleaveland, Robert Dauchy, PDC, Thomas Crounse, James Dolan, Paul Ellis Graham, PDC-Absent-Sick, Dennis Duffy, PCC, Michael Erb, Darin Everdyke, John Goodnough, Robert Hensel, PCC, Mark Issacs-Absent, Vincent Jockimo, Robert Keough, PCC, Fred Kuntz, Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC, Douglass Mabee, Thomas Maggs-Absent, Leo McGuire,DC, David Neiss, Jerry Orton, PDC,-Absent, Robert Pugsley, PDC, James Russell,PDC, George Shadman-Absent, Donald Shaw, CinC-Guest, Richard Straight, John Swartwout, Daryl Verstrete Jr., PDC, Raymond Wheaton, PDC,-Absent, Danny Wheeler, PCinC, David Dziewulski, PCC.

-DC McGuire announced that the Fall, Spring and Winter issues of the Volunteer were just now posted on the Department website.

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-An additional COMMUNICATION:

-Bro. Thomas Crounse, PCC rose and read a Letter dated May 14th, 2019 submitted from Col. David Ireland Camp #137, Col. David Ireland Camp requests that the camp be granted as an unincorporated association of the Department has less than a \$1,000 in treasury.

-A letter from the Smith Camp was read requesting to be reinstated by PCinC Danny Wheeler.

-Letter from Col. David Ireland Camp No. 137 was read by Secretary Pugsley, PDC which was regarding tax status

-DC McGuire read letter from the Schuyler Smith Camp regarding their current status and asking to be reinstated

ACTION--DC McGuire at the sound of the gavel REINSTATED the Col. David Ireland and Schuyler Smith Camps

-ACTION-Treasurer Albanese passed out a 2 page Budget and motion was made by Bro. Wheeler, PCinC and seconded by Bro. Straight, PCC and was PASSED unanimously.

-ACTIONS-COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS-

1. Bro. PDC Albanese's proposal on Department of New York SUVCW Recruitment and Public Relations Committee was approved unanimously without change and PASSED.

2. Rally Round the Flag Committee 5-year extension proposal was approved unanimously and PASSED.

3. Bro. LeMay's proposal; I believe that the process of submitting graves/monuments needs to be discussed in order to make what we are doing more in accordance with the Civil War Monument Assessment Form #61, specifically with focusing on the form data rather than the images. Recommendation is not to proceed, nothing to vote on. FAILED.

4. Bro. LeMay's proposal; That a donation box/button be placed on the Department website to claim donations from Brothers/Sisters/Public etc for the Department as a fundraiser and that an online pay/payment option be set up for that purpose. Recommendation is not to proceed. FAILED.

5. Bro. LeMay's proposal; An online payment option be placed on the Department website for encampment registrations and banquet registrations by brothers/sisters via paypal or another form of payment that would streamline registrations. If there are any fees involved they would be passed along as a "convenience fee" to the payer. Obviously this would not be the only option, but it may appeal to some members and help streamline the process. Recommendation is not to proceed, nothing to vote on. FAILED.

6. Bro. LeMay's proposal; Once 501c3 status is achieved as a non-profit we should apply to Facebook to be added as a Nonprofit, add a Fundraiser button to our Facebook page which would accept donations directly from the public. This would allow us and people to set up fundraisers "campaigns" in which the money would be sent to us and we would

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be allowed to receive donations via Facebook such as Facebook's birthday donations.
Recommendation is not to proceed, nothing to vote on. FAILED.

-ACTIONS-COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

1. General Order No. 7 Constitution Amendment Change Ratification for Article 4, Section 2B of the National Constitution to delete the words "the last proceeding".
Recommendation to accept, PASSED Unanimously by vote.
2. Bro. Duffy proposed that the graves recognition award proposal to be presented to the individual who registers the most graves for the National Organization,
Recommendation of amendment by PDC Albanese, amended to read as proposed that "The graves registration recognition award is to be presented to the individual that registers the most graves with the national graves registration officer". Bro. Swartwout seconded with a friendly amendment agreement by Bro. Duffy, PASSED unanimously by vote.
3. Proposal by Bro. Duffy that Article 11, Section 4 first paragraph of the Department ByLaws be deleted, Recommendation of amendment by PDC Albanese with a friendly amendment agreement by Bro. Duffy, PASSED unanimously by vote.
4. Proposal by Bro. Duffy that a new Article on Camps with second signatories be required on all accounts, safe deposit boxes. The opinion of the Committee is that the Department does not have the authority to order the camps to do anything beyond the regulations require us to do. The committee moves that the proposal be rejected. Friendly amendment by Bro. Duffy withdraws the proposal from ByLaws for the Department and that the Proposer requests this of the National Council of Administration from the Department.
5. Bro. Duffy proposed the Headstones Monuments Placement Recognition Award, The Committee does not see the need to have another award and moves that the proposal be rejected. Motion was seconded and REJECTED by vote.
6. Bro. Duffy proposed to place all of the Recipients; Individuals, Camps of all Department awards for the last 10 years be placed on the Department website as well as the calendar year be specified for awards. The Committee ruled that there is no specific language for placement and that the language is not in proper form and moves to reject the proposal. The motion was REJECTED by vote.
7. Bro. Duffy's Proposal of 11 Changes to the General Regulations Forms needs to be studied in more detailed and better explained, the Committee had trouble understanding, were DEFERRED to the Legislation Committee to be reviewed and reported on at the next Department encampment.
8. Proposal by PDC Albanese on amendment on duties of Assistant Secretary in Section 8, Article VII "Headquarters and Officers" in Department By-Laws by adding an additional paragraph prior to the existing paragraph in said section to read as

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follows: “The Department Commander shall, in consultation with the Department Secretary, also appoint an Assistant Department Secretary who shall be responsible for preparing the Encampment Proceedings which, upon review and approval of the Department Secretary, shall be posted on the Department website in accordance with these bylaws and shall further assist the Department Secretary Department Council in such other ways as determined by said Department Secretary.” Motion to waive the 60-day review and the motion itself was passed. The committee moves to approve the proposal, and proposal is seconded by Bro. Wheeler, PCinC, all were in favor, proposal PASSED.

CAMP REPORTS-All submitted into the record

- Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #26
- Col. G.L. Willard Camp #154
- Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp #124
- Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544

NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSIONS

- Bro. LeMay requests for direction on the graves and monuments currently on department website-Discussion ensued
- PDC Albanese asked for ideas for Public Relations-Discussion ensued
- DC McGuire presented a gift of a box of Uncle Sam Chocolates to CinC Shaw.
- DC McGuire adjourned encampment for break at 3:15 pm, to re-adjourn at 3:30 pm
- DC McGuire re-adjourned encampment however at 3:38 pm

AWARDS

- DC McGuire presents the Gustav Schurman Musicians Award to Bro. Raymond L. Ball, Sr. of the Col. John B. Weber Camp #44
- 50 Year Membership Badge for Bro. Jerome “Jerry” Orton, PDC
- PDC John G. Kernan Cup presented to the Ellis Camp No. 124
- Oliver P. Clark Plaque awarded to Bro. Dennis Duffy
- Archibald Gracie awarded to Ellis Camp #124
- Newsletter Award awarded to Willard Camp #154

AWARDS ADDENDUM

Two Department Awards were awarded at the Banquet Saturday Night:

- The PCinC Joseph S. Rippey Memorial Award for Outstanding Service presented to: Bro. Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC and The Dr. Mary Walker Award to Sister Caren Cleveland

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-DC McGuire announced the 2020 Department encampment for the mid Hudson valley

-DC McGuire announced that the Doors will be locked for the duration during nominations and elections

NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

-Secretary Pugsley, PDC gave roll call of members present; Bro. James Russell had stepped out and Bro. Isaac went home.

-Department Commander-Bro. Jockimo nominated PCC Richard E. Straight
Seconded by Bro. Robert Hensel, PCC, PDC Verstrete motioned to Cast one vote for ballot and be closed. No Other Nominations-

-Sr. Vice Commander-Bro. PDC Pugsley rose to nominate Bro. Everdyke, PCC,
seconded by PCC Keough, PDC Verstrete motioned to Cast one vote for ballot and be closed. No Other Nominations-

-Jr. Vice Commander-Bro. PDC Albanese rose to nominate Bro. Perry Cleveland,
PCC, seconded by PCC Keough, PDC Verstrete motioned to Cast one vote for ballot and be closed. No Other Nominations-

-Department Secretary-Bro. PDC Albanese rose to nominate Bro. Robert L. Pugsley,
PDC, was seconded, no other nominations, nominations were closed.

-Treasurer- Bro. Robert Keough, PCC rose to nominate Bro. Jeffrey Albanese, PDC,
Seconded by Bro. PDC Straight, no other nominations, nominations were closed.

-Department Council #1-Bro. Pugsley, PDC nominated Bro. Verstrete, PDC,
Seconded by Bro. Cleveland, PCC

-Department Council #2-Bro. Wheeler, PCinC nominated Bro. Raymond Wheaton,
PDC, Seconded by Bro. LeMay, PDC.

-Department Council #3-Bro. Wheeler, PCinC, Seconded by Bro. Verstrete, PDC
Verstrete motioned to Cast one vote for ballot for Bro. Paul Ellis-Graham, PDC for all three council members and ballot be closed. The Ballot was cast in favor unaminously

-No Other Nominations.

All officers called were elected, Ballot and Nominations were closed,
Congratulations were announced.

-Delegates to National Encampment-

Thursday, August 8th-August 11th, 2019, Cleaveland, Ohio

Bro. Leo McGuire, PDC, Bro. Richard E. Straight, PCC, Bro. Dennis Duffy, Bro. Michael Erb, and Bro. David R. Neiss stood elected.

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

OFFICER INSTALLATIONS

-CinC Donald Shaw relieved Bro. DC Leo McGuire's command of the Department.
-DC Elect Richard Straight submitted his roll of officer appointments which was read by Secretary Pugsley, PDC:

Patriotic Instructor: William Stump

Counselor: Danny Wheeler, PCinC

Chaplain: Rev. Mark Isaacs

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Brian Castler, PCC

Archivist: Lance Ingmire

Historian: Jerome "Jerry" Orton, PDC

GAR Highway Officer: Matthew Hereford, PCC

Graves Registration Officer: Dennis Duffy

Memorials Officer: David Dziejewski, PCC

Webmaster: Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC

Volunteer Editor: Darin Everdyke, PCC

ROTC Liaison Officer: Jeffrey French, PDC

Musician: Raymond L. Ball

Veterans Home Visitation Officer: James Russell

Color Bearer: Fred Kuntz

Guide: Daryl Verstrete Jr.

Guard: Vincent Jockimo

Assistant Department Secretary: Darin Everdyke, PCC

*Those present came to the Altar to be installed as Department Officers

-CinC Donald Shaw installed all Department Officers present per the Ritual and Ceremonies

-CinC Shaw installed PCC Richard Straight and pinning him as Department Commander

-Newly Elected and Installed Department Commander Richard Straight, PCC presented the PDC Badge to PDC Leo McGuire.

-DC Straight gave his remarks as the new Department Commander

-DC Straight closed the encampment at 4:25 pm by the sound of the gavel.

Note: Following the close of the encampment business meeting a group photo was taken of the brethren assembled.

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

PROCLAMATIONS



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

Honoring The Department of New York of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on their 136th Annual New York Department Encampment.

Ms. Stefanik of New York: Madam. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Department of New York of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as they gather for their 136th annual encampment.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a fraternal organization founded nationally in 1881. Their mission is to preserve the history and legacy of those who fought and worked and died to preserve the Union. Its members are all descendants of soldiers, sailors, marines and revenue cutter service members who served honorably during the war.

The New York Department was founded two years after the national organization in 1883. Since that time, they have met annually in an encampment to conduct business, plan future volunteer activities and elect leaders. This historic organization has been dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of those who bravely served for generations. They have volunteered their time at historical cemeteries ensuring that the monuments and headstones of civil war veterans do not fall into disrepair and are maintained for future generations to see and reflect on. They also maintain an impressive collection of US flags used by the military as far back as the War of 1812.

The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War do us all a great service by preserving the memory and physical reminders of our history for future generations. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank them for 136 years of dedicated public service.





STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

May 17 – 19, 2019

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 136th Annual Department of New York Encampment of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Since 1881, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – proud descendants of soldiers, sailors, and marines who fought in the Grand Army of the Republic – have advanced the teaching of the history of our struggle to maintain our nation's union during the bloody Civil War. Members of this dedicated group commemorate the courage and zeal of those who served honorably during the War Between the States.

Together with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans, the SUVCW demonstrates gratitude and respect to our veteran population, for their honorable protection of the United States and of freedom-loving peoples everywhere. On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend this heartfelt commitment to preserving and upholding the legacy of the Civil War through your careful maintenance of a vibrant sense of living history. All affiliated with this labor of love can take great pride in knowing that they are respected caretakers of our American heritage, and that they inspire communities of the present, as they safeguard our military traditions for the generations yet to come.

With warmest regards and best wishes for a wonderful encampment and convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Cuomo" clearly legible.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR


WHEREAS, SUVVCW is celebrating their 136th Annual New York Department Encampment,

WHEREAS, SUVVCW has been preserving the history and legacy of acts of heroism to save the Union, and

WHEREAS, SUVVCW was organized in 1881 and chartered by Congress in 1954, and

WHEREAS, SUVVCW has chosen beautiful area of Lake George, rich in history itself, to celebrate their Encampment, and

WE, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake George, hereby commend, honor and appreciate the work SUVVCW.



Robert M. Blais
Mayor

May 18, 2019



**Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department Headquarters
3940 Keller Road
Holt, MI 48842**



**A Resolution of the Department of Michigan
Endorsement of Paul Davis, PDC
for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**

Now comes before the Brothers of the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Independence, Ohio, their Brothers of the Department of Michigan with the following Resolution of Endorsement of Brother Paul Davis, PDC, for their worthy consideration;

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is a Life Member in Good Standing of the Robert Finch No. 14 of Traverse City, and dual member of the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 and the U.S Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City/Saginaw, and of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, has honorably served the Department of Michigan for two terms as Department Commander, having previously honorably served and represented the Department in various elective and appointive Department positions including multiple terms as Department Secretary; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is currently serving the National Organization as a Member of the Council of Administration, having previously honorably served as the Co-Chair of the 2017 National Encampment Executive Host Committee, and having honorably served the National Organization in various appointive positions; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is an honored and respected Companion of the Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, currently serving as its Commander, having previously honorably served as its Senior Vice Commander; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is an honored and respected member of the Marine Corps League, the Marine Corps Association, the Harding-Olk-Craidge Post No. 18 of Bay City, American Legion and the Michigan Living History and Education Association; and

Whereas, Brother Paul Davis, PDC, is honored and respected as a published author and award-winning documentary film maker, and as adjunct faculty with a state university in Michigan for thirteen years;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby heartily endorse Brother Paul Davis, PDC, for election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Department Secretary be directed to spread this resolution upon the permanent record of this 135th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Brothers of the 138th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for their worthy consideration.

Unanimously adopted this 27th day of April 2019 at the 135th Annual Department Encampment of the Department of Michigan at Okemos, Michigan.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard Denney, PCC
Department Secretary

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

COMMUNICATIONS

Michael A. Paquette

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11 March 2019

Commander and Brothers,

This letter serves to affirm my candidacy for election to Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for which I humbly ask for your support.

For the past three years I have had the honor to serve on the Council of Administration and the year prior, I served as National Chief of Staff. During these four years I had the privilege of twice being in the Commander-in-Chief's inner circle which has afforded me additional insight on how business is conducted at the senior levels of our Order.

In addition to my tenure on the Council of Administration I have served on the National Monuments Grants Committee (as Chair), the National Encampment Site Committee, the Programs and Policy Committee, the National Special Committee on Strategic Development, and the CinC Appointed Committee to conduct negotiations with the Allied Orders related to National Encampment contracts and relationships. Through each of these varied positions I have become well-acquainted with the challenges our Order currently faces and along with several forward-thinking Brothers from around our country, I have worked hard to tackle and help solve them. Knowing how business is conducted at the national level is vital to our long-term success and with this knowledge and experience I have dedicated myself to helping us as an Order achieve that goal.

I am a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and currently am the Commander of the Second Military District.

At the Department level I have served as Commander, SVC, JVC, Secretary-Treasurer, Patriotic Instructor and Counselor. As chair, I led the Department Host Committee for two very successful National Encampments; the first in Reston, Virginia in 2010, and the second in Richmond, Virginia in 2015. In my home Camp, I have been elected as Camp Commander, SVC, JVC and currently serve as Counselor. I had the good fortune to become a charter member of two camps; the Irish Brigade Camp #4 in Fredericksburg, Virginia and the Colonel Crowther Camp #89 in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

I am a member in the Department of the Chesapeake, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania and for several years, it has been a pleasure and privilege to attend numerous Department Encampments around the country. At every gathering I have enjoyed meeting so many of you, my Brothers. We are men who share a common passion for our Order, its history and its future. And, as a Marine Corps veteran who retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years of active duty service to our country, my obligation continues to burn bright with my unwavering commitment to a vibrant, healthy and relevant Order.

As we continue to meet the current issues facing our Order head-on, I have the experience to take on the challenges tomorrow brings. With your support for my candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief I pledge to do everything in my power to represent you in a manner in which you **and** our noble ancestors would be proud. Thank you in advance for your consideration and for your untiring dedication to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,



Michael A. Paquette, JDC
National Council of Administration
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

BY-LAW PROPOSALS/RESOLUTIONS



**Donald William Shaw
Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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**General Order #7
Series 2018-2019
5 December 2018**

*Passed
5/18/19*



1. At the 137st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts, in August, 2018, at which a quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend Article V, Section 2 b of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of ~~the last~~ ~~proceeding~~ any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

NOTE: The paragraph as presented contains the current language of the Constitution. The stricken wording on line two of the paragraph is the wording elimination approved by the National Encampment with the insertion of the word "any" in its place, (herein inserted in italics). In voting to approve or reject the change, please read the paragraph with the indicated deletions and the insertion indicated.

FURTHER NOTE: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.

2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50% of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2019 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

Ordered this 5th Day of December, 2018

Donald W. Shaw
Donald W. Shaw
Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

136th ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW
YORK

BYLAW AND RESOLUTION PROPOSALS
OF THE DEPARTMENT TREASURER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Respectfully submitted by:
Jeffrey Albanese, PDC
Department Treasurer

Department of New York
SUVCW

ARTICLE VII "Headquarters and Officers"

IT IS PROPOSED that the Bylaws of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be amended as follows:

That section (8) Article VII be amended by adding an additional paragraph prior to the existing paragraph in said section to read as follows:

"The Department Commander shall, in consultation with the Department Secretary, also appoint an Assistant Department Secretary who shall be responsible for preparing the Encampment Proceedings which, upon review and approval of the Department Secretary, shall be posted on the Department website in accordance with these bylaws and shall further assist the Department Secretary Department Council in such other ways as determined by said Department Secretary."

Said section will then read:

Section 8. The Department Commander shall, in consultation with the Department Secretary, also appoint an Assistant Department Secretary who shall be responsible for preparing the Encampment Proceedings which, upon review and approval of the Department Secretary, shall be posted on the Department website in accordance with these bylaws and shall further assist the Department Secretary Department Council in such other ways as determined by said Department Secretary.

In addition to those outlined in the National Constitution and Regulations, the Officers of the Department of New York may include an Eagle Scout Recognition Officer, Archivist, Signals Officer, Guide, Guard, Musician, Color-Bearer, Webmaster, Veterans Home Visitation Officer, Adjutant to the GAR Highway Officer and JROTC Liaison Officer.

PURPOSE: The position of Department Secretary is one of the most burdensome in terms of paperwork in the Department. The Secretary must not only keep track of deadlines for the camps to file reports so that the Department can file reports but also has the burden of compiling the and submitted the Department Annual Report. Much of this includes contacting camps and sending them reminders. In addition, the Department Secretary has to take the minutes of the Department Encampment at and around the same time he is trying to secure camp annual reports so that he can prepare the Department Annual report. Finally, the Department Secretary must prepare the proceedings of the Encampment which is extremely time consuming and has to be filed within a prescribed time in our bylaws. While the National organization recognizes the position of Assistant Department Secretary the Department Bylaws for an unknown reason does not. This amendment ensures that an Assistant Department Secretary is appointed and that that individual's primary function is to prepare those proceedings under the guidance of the Department Secretary. In this manner it will relieve the Department Secretary of some of his workload while at the same time ensuring that the proceedings which are a valuable record of the Encampment will be timely submitted.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK SUVCW RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

IT IS PROPOSED that the 136th Encampment of the Department of New York hereby create a special committee to be known as the Department of New York Recruitment and Public Relations Committee. Said committee shall provide an annual report of its activities to the Department Encampment and shall serve from its creation at the 136th Encampment of the Department of New York until the 141st Encampment of the Department of New York where it will cease to exist upon the presentation of its annual report.

Said Committee shall consist of five members of the Department of New York in good standing and consist of the Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and three appointed members to be appointed by the Department Commander. The three appointed members shall serve for the duration of the committee's existence and one of the three appointed members shall serve as chairman and shall be elected biannually by the committee. Vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by the Department Commander as needed. Additional non-voting members of the committee may serve at the discretion of the Department Commander. The Committee shall meet at least twice annually.

The purpose of the committee shall be to study and develop policies, programs and methods designed to promote the recruitment and retention of members and associate members throughout the Department and its camps and to execute those policies, programs and methods and to encourage camps to do likewise; to study and make recommendations concerning programs, policies and methods designed to recruit members under the age of 40 throughout the Department and its camps and to execute those policies, programs and methods and to encourage camps to do likewise; to set up policies to aid the Senior Vice Commander in the execution of his duties as public relations officer to execute those policies and insure the continuity of such public relations program in the Department and to aid the Senior Vice Commander in the execution of that program. Said duties shall include creation and maintenance of a Recruitment webpage(s) on the Department website, development of other social media strategies to promote the SUVCW and recruit new members, and insure the dissemination through the media of important Civil War events and observances related to the contributions of New Yorkers during the Civil War, as well as Department and Camp events and programs.

PURPOSE: The purpose is to set up a Committee to bolster the recruitment and retention of new members and new younger members in the Department and its camps and too promote the organization throughout the state. It provides the makeup of the Committee, its selection, duration, gives some guidelines and mandates for its operation and provides for continuity

DATE: March 14, 2019

TO: Leo McGuire, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW
Robert Pugsley, Secretary, Department of New York, SUVCW
C: Fred Kuntz, Commander, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, SUVCW

RE: Proposals To Be Considered At The Department of New York 2019 Encampment

1. Proposed Changes to the Department of New York Bylaws Recommended by the Mid Year Meeting at Ithaca, November 3, 2018 to:

- a. Clarify wording about the graves registration awards to make it clear that there are two awards, one for a camp and one for an individual.
- b. Clarify how Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders who pass in the year preceding an Encampment will be memorialized in the Encampment Journal.
- c. Ensure that all camps have at least 2 signatories on each account and safe deposit box.

2. Proposed Changes to the Department Bylaws Recommended by me to:

- a. Expand the requirement of 2 signatories on each bank account (see 1. c., above) to include the Department in addition to the camps.
- b. Establish annual Camp and Individual Awards for the placement of headstones.
- c. Require that the names of the individual and the camp recipients of all Department Awards for the last ten years be posted on the website.
- d. Specify that all awards are for activities for the previous calendar year.

Regarding 1 and 2, above, the Bylaws of the Department of New York, in Article XVI, require 60 days notice to the Commander and Secretary for changes to the Bylaws to be voted on at the Department Encampment. This, being sent on March 14, complies with this requirement. At the Encampment a two-thirds vote is required.

3. Changes I propose to the National Regulations to be referred to the C & R Committee:

- a. Eliminate or modify the Surety Bonds requirement and make administration a National function. See Attachment 3A and Appendix A (Regulations Chapter 5, Article III – Bonds)
- b. Corrections to Chapter 1 (Camps), Article 5 (Officers). See Attachment 3B and Appendix B.
- c. Change the wording in Chapter II (Departments), Article 1(Formation) to clarify whether or not the annual report and the consolidated annual report are the same document or different and what the difference is between suspending a department and suspending a department's charter. See Attachment 3C (Existing Regulations).

Regarding 3, above, the pertinent National Regulations in Chapter 6, Article 1 say:

"Section 2. (a). All proposed amendments to these Regulations must be submitted in writing or electronically to: -The Commander-in-Chief, - The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations and -The National Counselor and received by the aforementioned National Officers and Committee Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the National Encampment at which they are to be considered." Contact information for these three officers is here as APPENDIX C.

Again, a two-thirds vote is required. Since the National Encampment is August 8-11, any proposal approved by the Department of New York Encampment should be mailed no later than August 1 to ensure compliance. Note that the regulations do not say who can suggest changes, members, camps or departments so presumably any of these can do so.

4. Changes I propose to SUVCW Forms and Reporting Dates to expedite the flow of information throughout our Order and to reduce the work of camp and department secretaries by eliminating duplication. See attachment 4.

5. Resolution to oppose any requirement that all Camps have an Assistant Treasurer and/or an Assistant Secretary and instead that all accounts and safe deposit boxes have at least two signatories and, if the Secretary is absent, a substitute secretary be elected for the particular meeting before proceeding. Establish the requirement that the second account signatory check the account(s) once a month online. The Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary proposal was entered at the Last National Encampment and referred for study. It could come back as is or modified for a vote at the next National Encampment. I suggest that the Department of New York Encampment approve the letter in attachment 5 to be sent by the Department Commander to the Commander-in-Chief.

Attachments 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4 & 5 correspond to the similarly numbered sections above and provide the details of each proposal. Appendices A and B provide the existing National Regulations for reference.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bro. Dennis

Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary-Treasurer, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, &
Graves Registration Officer, Department of New York, SUVCW
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ATTACHMENT 1
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK BYLAWS
RECOMMENDED BY THE MID YEAR MEETING
PAGE 1 OF 2

The attendees at the Department of New York's Midyear Meeting held in Ithaca on November 3, 2018 voted to recommend to the 2019 Encampment that the following changes be made to the Department's Bylaws. If accepted, the Bylaws would include the wording in italics below. Existing wording is underlined.

1. Reword Article XII, Awards, Section 1. G (Graves Registration) to make it clear that there are separate awards for the individual and the Camp who/which register/s the most graves during a year. The current wording is ambiguous because it uses "Camp and/or Individuals (plural, suggesting many) preceded by "The" suggesting that there might be only one. Current wording:

The Graves Registration Recognition Award is to be presented to the Camp and/or Individuals that register the most graves with the National Graves Registration officer. Camps or individuals will report their graves registration activities to the Department Graves Registration Officer.

The suggested new wording:

"Graves Registration Recognition Awards in the form of a framed certificate will be presented at the Encampment to both the individual and the Camp who/which registered the most graves in the prior calendar year. Camp Graves Registration Officers will report no later than March 1 of the following year to the Department Graves Registration Officer or, if that office is vacant, the Department Commander, the number of graves registered in the prior year by individual with a total for the Camp. Graves can be located anywhere. They do not have to be located in the Camp's usual area of operation. Reports may include additional information that may be of interest such as projects undertaken, names and organizations of nonmembers who assisted, notable graves, cemetery names, etc. Camps not reporting will not be eligible nor will their members be. If there is no Camp Graves Registration Officer the Camp Secretary or Commander can provide the report."

Note: Dennis Duffy suggests that this be expanded to add awards for placement of headstones (monuments). See Attachment 2, item 2.

ATTACHMENT 1
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK BYLAWS
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2. Reword Section 4, Article XI, Reports. The entire section now states:

"At least one-half of the Department Journal/Encampment Proceedings shall be dedicated to the memory of any Past Department Commander who dies during the previous year. Upon the passing of a New York Past Department Commander, a full-page memorial will be placed in the Journal or Year book distributed at the next Department Encampment."

In one place this equates the Proceedings which follow the Encampment with the Journal which is printed before the Encampment and, in another place, equates the Journal with a Yearbook, which, if it is the Journal does not need not an additional name, however as is not a journal (record), Yearbook is more appropriate.

Note that generically a journal is, like minutes and proceedings, a record of what occurs made as or shortly after it occurs. Also, how does one dedicate half of a document and are we assuming that if a Commander dies in office he immediately becomes a Past Department Commander?

Suggested new wording for Section 4:

"Upon the passing of the Department's Commander or a Past Department Commander, the Yearbook of the next Department Encampment shall be dedicated to his memory and a full-page memorial will be placed in it."

3. Second Signatories To Be Required on all Accounts/Safe Deposit Boxes. Add a new article titled "Camps" which, in its entirety, shall state:

"Every Camp shall ensure that at least two signatories, one of which must be the Camp's Treasurer, are at all times authorized to write checks and or make withdrawals from any account in which the Camp's funds are deposited or otherwise kept. If online access to view or to process transactions is a feature of the account, again, two officers, one of whom must be the Treasurer must have such access (current user name and password). Two signatures are not required for a check or other transaction unless the Camp elects so. Safe deposit boxes, if any, maintained by a Camp must provide for access by at least two officers one of which must be the Secretary."

NOTE: Dennis Duffy suggests that the two signatory requirement be expanded to include the Department. See Attachment 2, Item 1.

ATTACHMENT 2
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK BYLAWS
RECOMMENDED BY DENNIS DUFFY
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1. Although not discussed at the midyear meeting, it is logical that a requirement that camps have a second signatory on all accounts be extended to the Department concerning its own accounts. This can be accomplished by expanding the rewording regarding camps to say: Add to the Department Bylaws a new article titled "Accounts/Safe Deposit Boxes" which, in its entirety, shall state:

"The Department and every Camp shall ensure that at least two signatories, one of which must be the Treasurer of the particular entity, are at all times authorized to write checks and/or make withdrawals from any account in which the entity's funds are deposited or otherwise kept. If online access to view or to process transactions is a feature of the account, again, two officers, one of whom must be the Treasurer must have such access (current user name and password). Two signatures are not required for a check or other transaction unless the Camp elects so. Safe deposit boxes, if any, maintained by the Department or any Camp must provide for access by at least two officers one of which must be the Secretary. The second signatory will check the account online monthly to see if all looks OK."

2. Headstone/Monument Placement Recognition. The Mid Year Meeting wrote a recommendation to clarify the wording in the bylaws regarding the Department's Graves Registration Awards. I suggest this be extended to add awards for placing monuments (headstones). The expanded recommendation is in italics below.

"Graves Registration and Headstone Placement Recognition Awards in the form of a framed certificate will be presented at the Encampment to the individual and to the Camp who/which registered the most graves in the prior calendar year and to the individual and to the Camp who/which placed the most headstones. Hence there are four awards. Placement, as used here, means original and replacement headstones. Camp Graves Registration Officers will report no later than March 1 of the following year to the Department Graves Registration Officer or, if that office is vacant, the Department Commander, the number of graves registered and the number of headstones placed in the prior year by individual with a total for the Camp. Graves can be located anywhere. They do not have to be located in the Camp's usual area of operation. Reports may include additional information that may be of interest such as projects undertaken, names and organizations of nonmembers who assisted, notable graves, cemetery names, etc. Camps not reporting will not be eligible nor will their members be. If there is no Camp Graves Registration Officer the Camp Secretary or Commander can provide the report."

3. I suggest that the Bylaws be changed to require that all recipients, individual and camp, of all the Department's awards for the last ten years be placed on the web site.

4. Calendar year activities. Some of the current awards contain wording which says "during the year" Another says "a net increase" without specifying any time period. Sometimes the website shows a calendar year and sometimes dates such as 2015-2016 OR 2016-2017. I suggest that the Bylaws be amended to include a general statement that all awards are for activities conducted during a calendar year.

ATTACHMENT 3A
CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE NATIONAL REGULATIONS BY DENNIS DUFFY

1. Chapter V – General Regulations contains a requirement that certain officers, including camp treasurers, be bonded either commercially or personally. The details are in ATTACHMENT III-A.

The minimum amount of coverage available in the market is \$10,000 and the premium is about \$130.00 annually. This is one quarter of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 budget, including contributions, and it is 35% of the camp portion of its dues (\$374 from 34 members). The Baldwin camp has a reserve of just under \$1,000 so the maximum exposure of \$2,500 is reached in January when the annual dues (\$1,500) have been received and deposited but the Department and National shares have not yet been transmitted and the check cleared. In the event that the treasurer were to steal some or all of the camp funds the surety company would not pay until a conviction was obtained.

This regulation does provide that personal surety (another person agreeing to make good if another steals) can be substituted for a bond purchased in the market if the Camp Commander approves. If this method is to be relied upon, National should provide an acceptable form and instructions (witness(es)/notarization required?, copy filed with the Department/National?, etc.) Also, this "personal surety" means that if a treasurer steals say \$2,000 and another member has provided that personal surety that other member is on the hook for the entire \$2,000. Wouldn't it make sense for ten members or all of them to share in this liability? Isn't this exactly what happens when there is no bond? This being the case how could anyone in or out of the Order be induced to provide personal surety?

Bond premiums do not seem to be the best use of funds especially for small camps with limited assets. We ask that National review this regulation to see if:

- a. Camps can be excluded from it entirely, or, if not,
- b. The regulation apply only to camps (and perhaps departments) which have an exposure at any time during the year of at least \$10,000.

If it is necessary to keep the bonding requirement it would seem more efficient for National to make arrangements (establish a program) with an insurer to which camps and departments could subscribe rather than have camps and departments individually enter a market in which few, if any, have any knowledge.

Section 5 of this regulation talks about the bonds "running to" a particular officer or council. We understand that this refers to who gets paid by the insurer. Shouldn't the payee be the Camp or Department which suffered the loss, or do we misunderstand the meaning of "run to?"

Resolution that the Department Commander write to National asking that the above questions be explored.

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Article V - Officers. Should be retitled OFFICERS & DELEGATES as delegates are discussed here.

Section 1.

- A. The "and" between Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor should be replaced by a comma as these are two separate positions.
- B. The sentence, "The Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council." should be moved to Article X, Camp Council.
- C. Counselor & Graves Registration Officer are missing and should be added.

Sections 1 & 2 would be less wordy and easier to understand if they were written as follows:

Sec. 1. Elections shall be held at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive.

- a. The elected officers are Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-Treasurer, and the three members of the Camp Council. These shall be elected by a majority.
- b. Member of the Camp Council, Delegates, and Alternates shall be elected by a plurality.

Sec. 2. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint the Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor (*added*), Historian, Graves Registration Officer (*added*), Memorials Officer, Guide, Color Bearer and Guard.

Section 4. Rank of Officers. Last in this list is "Welfare Committee," the duties of which are described in Section 1 of Article IX. In the ranking, "Welfare Committee" should be restated as "Members of the Welfare Committee" or Chairman of the Welfare Committee" (similar to what is done for the Camp Council) as the committee is not an officer in itself but, apparently, its members are.

Article VII. Elected Officers Job Descriptions & Duties.

- 1. Job descriptions should be written for Delegate(s) and Alternate(s) and included here.
- 2. Section 5. Treasurer. Item (g) makes the Treasurer responsible for preparing a report on the financial condition of the Camp for review and approval by the Camp Council but does not state the frequency. The Camp Council is charged with reviewing and "passing upon" a quarterly report. Can someone provide us with a sample of such a quarterly report? Shouldn't these two be consistent with "quarterly" added to the Treasurer's description and "passing upon" replaced with "approval" for the Council? Better still, why do we need a quarterly report? What is supposed to be in this that is not in the monthly report? If there are differences (monthly vs quarterly) shouldn't they be spelled out?

Article IX. Optional Officers Job descriptions & Duties. Section 1. Welfare Committee

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As above, a committee is not an officer and all of Section 1, Article IX should be moved to Article XII – Committees.

Article X. Camp Council.

1. In listing the activities of the Council “e” and “g” are both used twice.
2. Item (f) says that one of the Council’s activities is “Reviewing and passing upon a quarterly financial report of the Camp.” Why is a quarterly report needed? What is in it that isn’t in the monthly report?
3. The first item ‘g’ says the Council will “render” a complete report.
 - a. Does this mean that Council itself compiles the report? Does the Treasurer have no role?
 - b. Shouldn’t calendar year be fiscal year?
 - c. Can someone provide us with a sample of such a report?
4. Item c says that the Council must “examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any officer and committee or the Camp. Is this done prior to payment? How does this mesh with the Secretary’s description which says “he shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer from the expenditure of money, upon order of the camp, and submit the same to the Commander for his approval. Keeping a book for that purpose.” Who approves a bill before payment? Is it the Council or the Commander or both? If the item is in an approved budget, why would any additional approval be needed?

It seems to me that we should have a budget approved by the members, the Treasurer authorized to make payments if the item is in the budget and someone verifies that the work has been done or the goods received, the Treasurer required to do the reporting and Council should annually audit (rather than “review”) all the transactions, receipts and expenditures, and the bank balances.

ATTACHMENT 3C
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL REGULATIONS BY DENNIS DUFFY

Annual report vs Consolidated Annual Report; Suspend Charter vs Suspend Department; Threshold one year or five?

National Regulations Chapter II (Departments) Article 1 (Formation) state:

Section 10. When a Department fails to file their annual report and pay the annual per capita dues by the date specified in the Regulations for five consecutive years, the charter of the Department shall automatically be suspended; the Department shall lose all voting rights at the succeeding National Encampment, including all Department PDC's and Past Department Commander and Department Commander; the Department may not be reinstated until the succeeding National Encampment has occurred.

Section 11. Any Department which fails to file the annual consolidated report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

Section 12. Any Department which fails to file the annual EIN report by the date specified therein shall be automatically suspended. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue a General Order noting the automatic suspension.

The underlining is mine.

1. I understand that the annual report is form 35. Can you tell me what the annual consolidated report is? If both of these refer to the same form 35 shouldn't "consolidated" be removed so as to avoid the suggestion that there are two different reports?
2. Is there a difference between suspending a Department and suspending the Department's Charter? Is this described somewhere in the Regulations?
3. Is section 10 necessary as section 11 suspends after one year of non-compliance?

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OBJECTIVES:

-Expedite the flow of information, -Eliminate duplication to reduce the work required of camp & department secretaries, and -Eliminate confusion.

BACKGROUND: The SUVCW periodically reviews its forms to see if changes are necessary or beneficial. For example the Camp Status Report (form 30) and the Camp Annual Report (Form 27) are scheduled for review in December, 2019 while the membership application (form 3) is scheduled for review in March, 2020, so it is timely to suggest that the Department of New York ask the Council of Administration to make the following changes:

1. Relocate reporting of the audit completion date from the Installation Report (form 22) to the Annual Report (form 27). Why delay the installation report because the audit has not yet been done? This is usually be the case if the audit is done in January or February after the close on December 31 of the fiscal year for most camps. Installation reports should be in the mail a day or two after the Installation which, in many cases, is in December, sometimes earlier or later but still before the audit can reasonably be done. The sooner the installation report is received by Departments the sooner they can update their contact information on websites and elsewhere.
2. Remove from the Installation Reports of camps (form 22) and departments (form 49), the requirement to restate, year after year, who the past commanders were. This is not information which is going to change!
3. Eliminate the requirement that a camp roster be attached to the Installation report. For most camps an updated roster will follow in a couple of months attached to the Camp Annual Report after renewals have been processed so it will be more accurate. What is the benefit of the existing duplication?
4. Change the annual reports for both camps (form 27) and departments (form 35) to specify that the report is for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) immediately preceding the filing of the report and that the balance on hand should be reported as of December 31. If it is not clear that all camps are reporting for the same period, how can departments add them up?
5. The Veteran status question should be added to the application alongside the Eagle Scout Certificate and ROTC Award questions as there is no other vehicle for obtaining this information.
6. Eliminate the form 30 for new members. Once 5, above is done, there will be no difference at all between the information on the application and the form 30 so the form 30 can be eliminated saving a lot of transcription and photo copying thus reducing work and the possibility of error and saving paper. If this is adopted form 3 should be changed to add instructions to send 2 copies with payment to the Department Secretary.
7. Change the name of the form 30 from Camp Status Report to Member Transaction Report as the latter is a more accurate description of the form's function.
8. Change line 6. on the form 30 to be worded:
___ 6. Discharge of Brother on _____. ___Honorable ___General ___Dishonorable

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9. Change the practice of being able to "catch up" reporting by adding member transactions on camp annual reports. Every transaction, should be supported by a form 30 except new members for which the 30 is a duplication of the application (see #5, above). This will make the Camp Status Report, just that, a status report (no transactions) and a lot simpler.
10. National Regulations Chapter 1(CAMPS), Article 1, section 16 states that "Any camp which fails to file the Form 22, Form 27, or EIN report by the dates specified herein shall have its charter automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension." Note there is no such thing as an EIN Report for Camps. Camps report their EINs on the Camp Annual report, form 27. Departments extract this information from the Camp Annual reports and complete the EIN report. Changes in EIN are extremely rare so to keep copying the same information over and over just makes work and introduces the chance of error. Since departments send to National a copy of each camp's annual report containing its EIN, there is no need for an EIN Report from the department. The EIN report should be eliminated, the camp annual report which already asks for the EIN should be modified to ask "Is this EIN the same as last reported ____YES ____NO and the Regulations should be reworded to say: "Each camp and department must have an IRS issued Employer Identification Number (EIN) and report same on its application for a charter and subsequently on each annual report. Absence of this information means the report is incomplete and will trigger immediate suspension."
11. The deadline for a camps to send in their form 27 should be moved up to February 15 and for Departments to send in their Form 35 to March 31. This will increase the time Departments have to summarize the camp reports from 4 to 6 weeks and greatly expedite the flow of information. The current schedule means that some departments don't have the prior year's information until after their Encampments. The Autumn, 2018 *Banner* reported that at the last National Encampment the CIC referred to the C & R Committee for study a recommendation from the Executive Director that strong disciplinary action be taken against Department commanders and secretaries who neglect or refuse to file form 35 (Department Annual report) on time (May 31). This ignores the underlying problem which is camps not reporting on time or reporting incomplete or inconsistent information which the Department Secretary has to try to resolve. Some camps don't mail the reports until early May giving Department secretaries a scant 3 weeks to do their work. There is no reason why camps should need until April 30 to report on the prior calendar year.



Department of New York
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)
Successor to the Grand Army of the Republic

June 1, 2019

Donald W. Shaw, PDC
Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW
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Re: Proposed Assistant Secretaries & Assistant Treasurers

Dear Commander-in-Chief Shaw:

At the last National Encampment a proposal was entered to require that all departments and camps have Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, a resolution with the good intention of positioning camps to continue business as usual in the event of the death, disability, or resignation of the Secretary or the Treasurer. This was referred for study.

The Department of New York has considered this proposal and has the following comments:

1. This proposal cannot become a requirement because many camps would not be able to comply and would have to be suspended. A recommendation to the same effect is fine.
2. Better requirements, which all would be able to meet, would be:
 - a. That every department and camp always have at least two (2) signatories on all accounts and safe deposit boxes and that the second signatory periodically check the accounts online to verify that all seems OK.
 - b. That, in the absence of the Secretary, departments and camps elect a Secretary for the meeting before proceeding.

We would appreciate it if these comments be considered before a final decision is made on this proposal.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Commander, Department of New York

APPENDIX A

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW)

REGULATIONS

CHAPTER V - GENERAL REGULATIONS

Article III Bonds

Section 1. The bonded officers shall be as follows: The Camp Treasurer (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp); Department Secretary, Department Treasurer (Department Secretary-Treasurer); National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer), National MAL Coordinator, National Quartermaster, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Assistant National Treasurer(s), National Executive Director and National Patriotic Instructor. Also Department Commanders if so ordered by Department By-laws.

Section 2. The above officers shall be bonded in amounts to be fixed by the various Council of the respective bodies, in some acceptable surety company, provided that Camp and Department Officers may furnish acceptable personal surety. Bonded officers shall be held liable for the funds remaining in their possessions until payment to their successors who have been properly installed, qualified and have given bond and have receipted for all money and property.

Section 3. When a Department Commander, who is required to be bonded, through his own fault fails or neglects to furnish sufficient bond within thirty days after assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief should remove him from office pending action by the Council of Administration.

Section 4. The Bonds of the Camp Treasurer and Camp Council shall be approved by the Camp Commander; the bonds of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer (Department Secretary - Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Department Commander; the bond The National Secretary and National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 5. The bonds of the Camp officers shall run to the Camp Council. The bond of the Department Commander, if one is required, shall run to the Department Council. Bonds of all other officers shall run to the officer by whom they are held.

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Personal Surety. A guarantee provided by an individual (rather than an insurer) for the acts of another person. DEFINITION FROM BLACKSTONES LAW DICTIONARY.

Surety Bond, in this application also known as a fidelity bond is a three party agreement. If the Principal (1) does not fulfill the obligation the Suretor (2) pays the Obligee (3). Thus, bonds are said to "run to" the obligee, the person who gets paid if the obligation is not met.

APPENDIX B

National Regulations Chapter 1 – Camps

Article V Officers

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three Members of the Camp Council, Chaplain, Color Bearer, Guard, Guide, Historian, Memorials Officer and Patriotic Instructor, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer). The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.

Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Council, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December, inclusive. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote. On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp officers.

Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in September, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, by a person designated by the Department Commander who shall make report thereof upon the prescribed blanks furnished to him. Said dates of election, and installation to be fixed by each Department and become part of the Department By-Laws. The Council of Administrations shall have authority to grant exceptions to the dates prescribed by these Regulations for Camp elections and installations of Officers, when requested, for adequate reasons, by a Department.

Section 4. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Camp Council.

Rank of officers at the Camp level:

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

SecretaryTreasurer

Chair of the Camp Council

Member of the Council (longest serving has priority, if two competing have same seniority, then alphabetically, beginning with A)

Patriotic Instructor

Chaplain

Counselor

Historian

Graves Registration Officer

Memorials Officer

Guide

Color Bearer

Guard

Currently serving elected National Officer

Currently serving elected Department Officer

Past Commander-in-Chief

Past Department Commander

Past Camp Commander

Brother of Camp with longest time as brother of the Order

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Signals Officer

Recruiting Officer

Welfare Committee

Smith Camp

Dear Commander Leo
Smith Camp Assets
our less than 1,000 And
less than \$200 the yearly
Report. Has been submitted
Asking for it to be
reinstated.

The only thing not done
was the officers list.

Yours In
F.C. & L

Darryl White PCinc
Oral Member Smith
Camp Helderberg Valley N.Y.

Sheraton

PCC Reinstatement

From: "Bruce Glaser" <indian658@email.com>
To: "BOB PUGSLEY" <flycar@frontiernet.net>
Date: Apr 22, 2019 1:08:26 PM

At the last meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 it was unanimously voted by the members in attendance that the honor of Past Camp Commander be reinstated for Darin Everdyke who has rejoined Lincoln Camp. The Brothers of Lincoln Camp request that at the next Encampment of the Department of New York the brothers in attendance also vote to reinstate the honor of Past Camp Commander to Brother Everdyke.

In F, C, & L,

Bruce N. Glaser, PCC
Secy./Treas.
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
Dept. of New York, SUVCW

Passed
Bob P.
Darryl



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
COL David Ireland Camp #137

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14 May 2019

Commander Leo McGuire
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of New York
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Dear Commander McGuire:

In accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Chapter I, Article I, Section 20, I respectfully request that the COL David Ireland Camp #137 be reinstated to the Department of New York as an unincorporated association until which time we regain our tax-exempt status when we will request full reinstatement.

Following an investigation by our current Camp Treasurer, Thomas (Toby) Crounse, we have learned the following concerning the revocation by the IRS of our tax-exempt status:

- The Camp's tax-exempt status was revoked for failure of the Camp Leadership at the time to file form 990N for years 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- The IRS revoked the Camp Tax Exempt Status on 15 May 2011.
- The Revocation was posted by IRS on 11 September 2012.

Camp#137 has less than \$1000 in assets and an annual income of less than \$5000. We understand that while operating as an unincorporated association we must take no action that could jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Department of New York and/or the National Organization.

Please note the suspension of our tax-exempt status occurred prior to current Secretary John Goodnough and I joining the SUVCW and current Treasurer Toby Crounse was at the time an ordinary member of the Camp and not a member of the Camp Leadership. Nevertheless, we regret this transgression and will do everything within our power to rectify it.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Bennett C. Gardiner II (Ben)
Camp Commander
SUVCW

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Reports

Committee	Report By	Written Report
Legislation Committee	No Report	
GAR & SUVCW Property and Artifacts Committee	No Report	
Rally Around the Flag Committee	Richard Straight	Read
2019 Encampment Committee	Leo deferred until his return	oral
2020 Encampment Committee	None appointed	
Memorials and Monuments Grant Committee	Jeff Albanese	oral No applicant
Lost Proceedings Committee	Jeff Albanese	some papers



Department of New York

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

“Rally Round the Flags” Committee Report

May 18, 2019

Committee Members;
Richard E. Straight, PCC Chairman, Camp # 154
Vincent M. Jockimo, Camp # 154
Leo McGuire, PCC Camp # 154
Frank Rogler, Camp # 154

Commander McGuire and Brothers of the Department of New York,

The end of the “Rally Round the Flags” report last year announced that the data base with the 472 flags still needing preservation was complete. The data base breaks down, as to where the regiment that carried a particular flag still needing preservation was raised by county and mustered into United States service. The 500 Civil War Flags that were previous preserved by the state have also been added to the database. The committee intends to use this information to personalize correspondence when seeking support and funding, from State Senators, Assemblymen, County Legislatures, City and Town Officials, allowing us to send them information pertaining to the Flags and the Regiments recruited in their district, county, city, town or hamlet.

The committee decided to focus attention and concentrate on one county (Albany) as a trial county; a letter was written (See Attached) asking for support in seeking funding at the State level to continue conserving the flag collection. Each letter was personalized listing the Regimental and National Flags yet to be preserved that were carried by men from Albany County.

One hundred and twenty eight letters were mailed, one to every official in the County of Albany. As to date, we have received zero response to our request for help in saving the Civil War Flag Collection. I have no answer for the unpatriotic, negative response from the 128 Albany County Officials. Needless to say, it has been the same outcome since the start, dealing with the state legislature, and the results from the sample of Albany County is not encouraging in our endeavor to gather support. According to our list, 45 Regimental and National Flags associated with Albany County still need conserving. Each letter that was mailed listed the flags still needing preservation that were carried by regiment raised and mustered into US Service from Albany County.

Another New York State budget year has gone by another year of watching the annual state budget expand to a record 175 billion and again no money for the flag collection, the 5 million needed to preserve all the Civil War flags, seems like a very small amount when compared to the total budget. When you read in the paper the state will spend 26 million just to allow people to vote 9 days before Election Day you have to wonder where these flags stand, in the minds of our elected officials.

On top of all the above, the Committee received notice of the dismantling of the New York State Battle Flag Preservation Project, a cooperative effort between the NYS Department of Military and Naval Affairs who administer the NYS Military Museum and the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The States "Commitment to Conservation" the collection and the ability to make donations through "The Natural Heritage Trust DMNA Flag Project" is no more. The state government's commitment to conserve the New York State Battle Flag Collection has fallen well short, with still close to 75% remaining to be conserved and stored, and of that 472 New York Regimental Civil War Flags.

Where does the Rally Round the Flags Committee go from here, five years of trying to raise awareness to the fact that a once worthwhile endeavor was slowly being disassembled, by the very people who were given the task to save it? The money that was appropriated to preserve the flags yearly by the State Legislature stopped with the present administration. The "exciting new chapter in the New

York State Battle Flag Collection's history", that started in the year 2000 has come to a distressing halt.

The committee will be asking at the encampment that the Department Rally Round the Flags Resolution and the "Rally Round the Flags" Committee be extended for another five years, we will not give up in our obligation as Sons of Union Veterans to save and preserve these glorious banners that our forefathers fought and died under.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

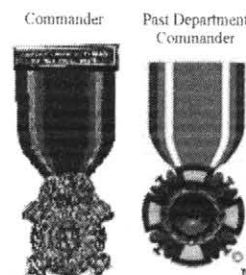
Richard E. Straight, PCC Committee Chairman

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

CAMP REPORTS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Incorporated by Act of Congress
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Chartered 1884



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Camp Report

136th New York Department Encampment
May 17-19, 2019, Lake George, New York
Camp Activities, As of April 25, 2019

Dear National, Department & Camp Officers and members:

It is my pleasure as camp commander to give my Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26 commander's camp report to the N. Y. Department, SUVCW in Lake George, New York. My Report begins on: Jan. 31, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Sgt.-at-Arms John B. Gregor. Topic: "Fort Fizzle" Feb. 28, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Bro. Steve Lally. Topic: His SUVCW & GAR collection.

Mar. 28, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: SVC & PI Arthur Kirmss, Topic: 13th New Jersey Vol. Inf.

Apr. 25, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: SVC Arthur Kirmss, Topic: CW Music, Elections. JVC Gregor, Sect. Wildenberger, Tres. Lirio, Camp Council 1. Portanova 2. Goret 3. Rand.

Apr. 29, 2018 (Sun.) Annual Grant Birthday Commemoration at US Grant National Monument located at 122nd Street & Riverside Drive in Manhattan, NY. Many national, department, and camp officers and members of the Allied Orders were present and participated in the ceremony. We were honored to have SUVCW National Council of Administrator Mike Paquett, PDC, N. Y. Dept. Commander Leo McGuire; Major McKinley Camp #9, New Hampshire. Members of the Department and Auxiliary of the State of New Hampshire; Hope C. Parker, Past President, NY Department Auxiliary; Virginia Twist, Past President National Auxiliary to SUVCW, and Marc Hermann, National Junior Vice President, DUVCW in attendance. Tilden Camp Member Larry Clowers was the recipient of the Robert W. Lord "Patriot of the Year Award". There was a special tribute to Presidents Grant and Lincoln Bros. Larry Clowers as U. S. Grant and Bro. Bob Costello Abraham Lincoln. Many Patriotic and historic organizations Boy Scouts and the Knickerbocker Greys attended the event. Members of the Archibald Gracie Camp #985 Sons of Confederate Veterans were in attendance.

May 14, 2018 (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class I at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 16, 2018 (Wed.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class II at PS 110 Monitor School—. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 17, 2018 (Thur.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class III, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 18, 2018 (Fri.) PS110 preparatory Class at our PS110 Classroom for our trip to NOAA's Research Lab and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse in New Jersey.

May 19, 2018 (Sat.) - Memorial Day Service - Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Cypress Hills Cemetery and Lutheran Cemeteries.

May 21, 2018 (Mon.) PS110 Class boat trip to NOAA's Research Lab & the Sandy Hook Lighthouse.

May. 25, 2018 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy, at PS 110 Monitor School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

May 28, 2018 (Mon.) Leading Honor Guard for Memorial Day Ceremony at Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument at Riverside Park at 89th Street in Manhattan.

May 28, 2018 (Mon.) Memorial Day Parade, Wantagh, Long Island, NY.

May 30, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Memorial Service for our Civil War ancestors and past members. SVC Arthur Kirmss played and sang Civil War music.

June 13, 2018 (Wed.) AECOM—Greenpoint Monitor Museum GCEF Public Meeting at the Bushwick Inlet Park Building.

June 14, 2018 (Thur.) Flag Day Ceremony. Color Guard. PS 34, Greenpoint Brooklyn.

June 14, 2018 (Thur.) Flag Day Parade. 12:00 PM City Hall Park in lower Manhattan. Sons of the Revolution hosted the event.

July 4, 2018, (Wed.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum 4th of July Macy's Fireworks Party at the USS Monitor's launch site on the museum's land. Fireworks was great. Installation of Officers was performed. CC George J. Weinmann, PDC. Officers: JVC Gregor, Secretary Wildenberger, Treasurer Lirio, Camp Council 1. Portanova 2. Goret 3. Rand.

Jun. 25, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting; Neir's Tavern, 87-48 78th St., Woodhaven, Queens, NY.

July 14, 2018 (Sat.) City of Water Day (museum site) in Your Neighborhood event by the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance. Event took place on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land. Introducing community to Museum's Project.

Aug. 26, 2018 (Sun.) 242nd Anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn, Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.

Sept. 15, 2018 (Sat.) 61st Annual German American Steuben Day Parade, Manhattan, NY. We marched in the Metropolitan Div.

Sept. 20, 2018 (Thur.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" moves to their new classroom at John Ericsson 126 Middle School. We thank PS 110 The Monitor School for all their support over the years the museum conducted classes in their school.

Sept. 27, 2018 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speakers: George J. Weinmann, PDC and & President Janice Weinmann, Greenpoint Monitor Museum & SUVCW Aux. member. Update on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum Shoreline restoration project funded by the Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund (GCEF).

Nov. 2018 (Sat.) Honoring Capt. Oliver Tilden & Oliver Tilden Post Civil War Veterans grave site, Woodlawn, Cemetery, Bronx.

Nov. 7, 2018 (Wed.) (Combined Oct. Nov.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: George J. Weinmann, PDC & President Janice Weinmann, Greenpoint Monitor Museum & SUVCW Aux. member. Update on the museum classroom move from PS 110 "The Monitor School" to a John Ericsson 126 Middle School classroom. Vote on By-Laws for Tilden Camp and Co. I, 83rd NYVI SVR.

Nov. 8, 2018 (Thur.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 31 Class I, at MS 126 John Ericsson. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & SVC Arthur Kirmss.

Nov. 9, 2018 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 31 Class II, at MS 126 John Ericsson. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & SVC Arthur Kirmss.

Nov. 11, 2018 (Sun.) Veterans Day—Mayor Bill de Blasio Veterans Day Breakfast, Gracie Mansion, NY, NY.

Nov. 11, 2018 (Sun.) Blessing of the Flags Ceremony, St. Thomas Church, 5th Avenue at 53rd St., NY, NY. Bro. Goret in uniform.

Nov. 17, 2018 (Sat.) Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA. Attended by CC George J. Weinmann, PDC, Janice Weinmann, Bro. Larry Clowers, Treasurer Charles Lirio and George I Rand.

Dec. 1, 2018 (Sat.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show Award Ceremony." – MS 126 John Ericsson at 424 Leonard St., Greenpoint, Brooklyn. The event was very successful that involved children and their parents from all the "Road Show" Schools that were visited during the school year. Awards were given to students that submitted Civil War drawings, paintings, models and letters.

Dec. 12, 2018 (Wed.) Oliver Tilden Camp Christmas Dinner at historic Fraunces Tavern, headquarters of the Sons of the Revolution.

Dec. 14, 2018 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class I at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Dec. 17, 2018 (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class II at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Jan. 11, 2019 (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 110 Class III at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Jan. 30, 2019 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. JVC John Gregor, 1930's GAR Parade in NYC.

Feb 8, 2019 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" MS 126 Class 601 at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Mar. 8, 2019 (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" MS 126 Class 606 at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Mar. 25, 2019 (Mon.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" St. Stanislaus Kostka Academy, at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Mar. 27, 2019 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: SVC Arthur Kirmss Topic: New from the 13th New Jersey.

Mar. 29, 2019 (Fri.) Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" PS 34, at MS 126 John Ericsson School. George J. Weinmann, PDC, Sister Janice Weinmann, & Arthur Kirmss.

Apr. 24, 2019 (Wed.) Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting. Speaker: Bro. Thom Richards Topic: Charles O. Bailey's Civil War Ancestors.

Commander Weinmann & Janice Weinmann continue to meet with the Engineers for the development of the shoreline of the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land. Tilden Camp looks forward to hosting the upcoming Grant Birthday Commemoration on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11:00 am. C-in-C Donald W. Shaw and many officers and members of the Allied Orders will be in attendance. Tilden Camp also looks forward to a Civil War Headstone Dedication for Pvt. Mathew George Cornell, Co. E, 10th New York Vol. Inf., (National Zouaves) on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens, NY. On May 18, 2019, for Memorial Day, the camp will go to Mt. Olivet, Lutheran All Faiths and Cypress Hills cemeteries to place flags on the graves of Civil War veterans. This will fulfill our obligations as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to observe Memorial Day. In conclusion, Oliver Tilden Camp's former Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator John Portanova, PCC reports 4 Eagle Scout Certificates were given out this year by the camp. The camp thanks him for being their Eagle Scout Coordinator over the past several years. This concludes my Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26 camp report.

Yours in, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George J. Weinmann, PDC
Commander

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
COL. AUGUSTUS VAN HORNE ELLIS**

CAMP # 124

GOSHEN, NY

**SERVING DUTCHESS, ORANGE, PUTNAM, ROCKLAND,
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Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis

5/1/1827-7/2/1863

124th NYSV

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April 24,

2019

Dear Commander, McGuire:

**Please find herein the Annual Report of the Colonel
Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 SUVCW for the
May 2018 to April 2019 period.**

May 2018 – The Camp held Memorial Day Services at the grave of William Henry Carpenter, Co. K, 39 NYSV, killed in action Fair Oaks, Virginia on January 24, 1865. In addition, Brother Albanese speaking for the Scholarship committee announced the winners of the 13th annual scholarship competition. First place went to Harrison Garcia of Clarkstown North High School. Second place went to Kevin Koudelka of North Rockland High School and third place went to Mathew Marino.

July 2018 – The Ellis Camp hosted the bi-annual Shohola Railroad Disaster Memorial Observance on July 15th. In addition to the Ellis Camp, remarks were presented by the Pike County and Shohola Historian, George J. Fluhr.

Another featured speaker was Mr. Patrick McCullough, PCC Archibald Gracie Camp #985, SCVCW.

September 2018 -- Camps Brothers manned a SUVCW information table at the 43rd Annual Civil

War Days at Museum Village, Monroe, New York in Orange County. Also, present at the Civil War Days was Catherine M. Walter, Curator of the Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge in New York City. She was displaying a wooden badge carved by Sgt. William C. Lilly, Co. D, 149 NYSV. She invited SUVCW members to utilize the Masonic library in researching veterans of the Civil War who were Masons.

October 2018 – Brother William Stump announced that he created a new Facebook Page with daily Civil War related posts for the camp. That page can be found at Facebook.com “SUVCW Camp # 124 Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis” or with a shortcut of @SUVCW 124.

November 2018 - Brother Paul Ellis-Graham proposed this question for the 14th annual scholarship essay competition to be announced on Memorial Day 2019: “In 1869, one hundred and fifty years ago, the 15th Amendment gave Americans the right to vote. By 1896, those rights were significantly diminished. How did that happen? Who or what was responsible? And finally, how is the issue of minority voting rights still an issue today?”

December 2018- The camp held its annual Christmas party and held elections for its 2019 elected offices.

January 2019 - Installation officer Jeffrey Albanese, PDC installed the following Ellis Camp officers for the next year: Camp Commander Jeffrey Albanese, SVC John Dickerson, JVC William Stump, Sec. Bruce Crandall, Treas. Raymond

Brown and Council member (term expiring 2022) James Meaney. Appointments were made for the following positions: Patriotic Instructor & Signals Officer, William Stump; Chaplain, Barry G. O'Neill; Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer & Camp Musician, Bruce Crandall; Historian & Eagle Scout Coordinator, James Meaney.

February 2019 - Brother Bruce Crandall is working on a virtual cemetery on FindaGrave which will list the known gravesites of members of the 114th NYSV, his great-grandfather's unit. To date he has located the final resting places of 764 of the unit's 1129 members.

March 2019- It was announced that Raymond Brown, PCC of the Ellis Camp had won the Department's Oliver P. Clark Plaque for 2018 and that the Ellis Camp had won the John G. Kiernan Cup for the same year. The camp had a presentation from two dedicated metal detector hobbyists about their hobby including a display of some of their finds including Civil War related items.

April 2019- The Camp filed its annual report on time with the Department. The report indicated that the Camp lost 3 members only one of which was lost for failure to pay dues. In addition, the camp gained and initiated 5 new members three of which were under the age of 40. The Scholarship Committee reported that they received 45 applications from 21 different High Schools for this years Colonel Augustus Van Horne Ellis Scholarship. The winner will be announced on Memorial Day.

The camp has also participated in several events this year with the Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill, New York. The museum is located at the old train station where Abraham Lincoln 's train stopped, and Lincoln said a few words on the way to his Inauguration in 1861 and was also a stop for his funeral train in 1865.

Finally, some of the members of the camp will be attending as guests the unveiling of the statue of Ulysses S. Grant at the United States Military Academy at West Point on April 25, 2019.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jeffrey Albanese

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC
Camp Commander

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Col. George L. Willard Camp #154
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CAMP REPORT

2018 -2019

Events and Activities

Department Commander Leo McGuire,

It is with pleasure that I report to you and our fellow Brothers the last year activities from Colonel George L Willard Camp #154

April 20, 21, & 22, 2018 -135th Department Encampment at Rochester, New York, Brother Leo McGuire, Richard Straight, Brian Castler and Vincent Jockimo attended on behalf of the Camp. Brother McGuire became Department Commander.

May 5, 2018 - RPI ROTC awards at RPI in Troy, Camp Brothers John Swartwout and David Dziejwski presented award to Midshipmen 2nd Class Conrad Dorn and Aaron Dastie

May 5, 2018 - Camp Meeting,

May 26, 2018 - Oakwood Cemetery. Camp provided Color Guard and attended Ceremony presented by VFW Post from Troy, Brother's attending: R. Straight, V. Jockimo, B Castler, D. Dziejwski, R. Keough, G. Malinoski, Leo McGuire

May 28, 2018 - Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 19th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Camp provided Color Guard and Posted Colors for Ceremony, Brother attending: R. Straight, V. Jockimo, B Castler, D. Dziejwski, R. Keough, G. Malinoski, Leo McGuire

May 30, 2018 - Albany Rural & Oakwood Cemetery, conducted Memorial Day ceremonies at Albany Rural GAR plot and Oakwood Cemetery Soldiers Plot. Also conducted ceremony at General George Thomas's Grave site and at the burial site of Col. George L. Willard.

June 1, 2018 - Albany High School, Albany, NY, U. S. Army. Jr. ROTC Leadership Awards Night. Camp Brother Leo McGuire presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commendation Certificate in Recognition of outstanding service as a cadet in the Reserve Officer Training Corps to Cadet Patrick Saha.

June 2, 2018 -Camp Meeting

June 16, 2018 - 6th Annual Lincoln Luncheon & Legion of Merit Award Ceremony at Brown's in Troy, NY

July 14, 2018 -Brothers McGuire and Straight attended Service for deceased Camp Brother Harry Taylor Jr.

July 22, 2018 - Grant's Cottage Brothers McGuire and Orton

August 11- 12, 2018 - Grant's Cottage Civil War Encampment, Wilton NY organized by the Friends of Grant's cottage. Camp Brothers participated at this event with the Iron Jacks.

September 1, 2018 - Camp Meeting

September - October, 2018 - ordered and received from the Department of Veterans Affairs replacement Headstone for Alba Cole, Co. E, 118th NY Infantry at Long Lake Cemetery. Member of GAR post 531, Long Lake. Rededication Ceremony will be, summer 2019.

October 1, 2018 - Gravestone Dedication Ceremony at Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY. Camp Brothers attending conducted GAR/SUVCW Grave side service for Pvt. Philip Troy, 125th New York Infantry Regiment.

October – November, 2018 - ordered and received from the Department of Veterans Affairs a Headstone for unmarked grave of Sergeant Seth Pierce, Co. A, 169th NY Infantry, at Blue Mountain Lake Cemetery. Member of GAR post 531, Long Lake. Dedication Ceremony will be, summer 2019.

October 5, 2018 - Chester A. Arthur Ceremony, Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY Provided Color Guard for National Ceremony on commemorating the birth of President Chester A. Arthur. Brothers attending: R. Straight, B Castler, R. Keough, G. Malinoski, Leo McGuire

October 6, 2018 - October Meeting & Flag Ceremony. After meeting the Camp preformed Flag Ceremony Dedicating a new Flag Pole and Flag Provided by the Camp at the Civil War Howard Hanna Enlistment Center in Harford, NY. Brothers in Attendance: CC Straight, R. keough, B. Castler, J. Swartwout, L. McGuire, P. Cooney, & G. Malinoski.

October 24, 2018 - Winter 2017 issue of Camp Newsletter "The Guidon"
Editor: Robert Keough

November 3, 2018 - Camp Meeting

November 28, 2018 - Spring 2018 Issue of Camp Newsletter "The Guidon"
Editor: Robert Keough

December 1, 2018 - Camp Meeting

December 15, 2018 -Wreaths Across America at Albany Rural Cemetery National Soldiers Plot. Wreaths were placed on all grave stones. Brother's also visited Oakwood Cemetery in Troy to place a wreath at the grave site of Col. Willard and General Thomas. Brothers attending: CC Straight, G. Malinoski, P. Cooney R. Keough, B. Castler, T. Maggs, D. Dziewulski

January 5, 2019 - Camp Meeting

February 2, 2019 - Camp Meeting

February 2, 2019- Fall 2108 Issue of Camp Newsletter "The Guidon"
Editor: Robert Keough

March 2, 2019 - Camp Meeting

March 30, 2019- Winter 2108/2019 Issue of Camp Newsletter "The Guidon"
Editor: Robert Keough

April 6, 2019 - Camp Meeting

May 2, 2019 – CBA-J ROTC - Albany, NY, U. S. Army. Jr. ROTC
Leadership Awards Night, Camp Brother Leo McGuire presented the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War Commendation Certificate in
Recognition of outstanding service as a cadet in the Reserve Officer
Training Corps to Cadet Isaiah Scsarlett..

May 4, 2019 - Camp Meeting

May 4, 2019 - RPI ROTC awards at RPI in Troy, Camp Brothers John
Swartwout and David Dziewulski presented awards to Alexa Relly – Army,
Lucas Wilkes - Navy, and Justin Canfield – Air force.

Respectively,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty
Brother Brian Castler
Camp Commander
Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, SUVCW
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544, SUVCW, Long Island, N.Y.

Leo McGuire, Commander
Department of New York

March 26, 2019

2018 Activities Report of Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544

Moses A. Baldwin camp received its Charter in 2000 and members meet on the third Thursdays of the Months of January, March, June, September, November and December at American Legion Post 390 building in Hempstead, N.Y. This building was built in the late 1800's and was the original meeting place for the GAR after the Civil War. Due to scheduling conflicts we have been holding our recent meetings at the East Meadow Fire Department Benevolent Hall in East Meadow, N.Y.

The camp participated in the following activities in the past year:

Our Camp By-Laws were updated in April to reflect the changes required by General Order #18 and again November to add the wording regarding youthful members.

Commander Fred Kuntz and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Duffy attended the Department of New York State Encampment in Rochester, New York on April 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2018.

Senior Vice Commander Jay Dolan and Sec./Treas. Dennis Duffy represented the camp at the commemoration of the 196th anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant's birth held at Grant's Tomb on Sunday April 29th, 2018.

On Sunday May 27, 2018, the Town of Hempstead Mayor conducted Memorial Day services. These services are normally held in Greenfield Cemetery but because of very inclement weather, the service was held indoors at nearby Kennedy Park. Commander Fred Kuntz presented a wreath in the name of the camp. Several other Brothers participated in Memorial Day commemorations in their respective towns

At the National Encampment held August 9-12 in Framingham, Mass., Dennis Duffy served as one of the delegates of the Department of New York.

On Saturday, September 15, 2018 we held our meeting at the Islip Grange in Sayville where we set up a Civil War display and recruitment drive. This coincided with the Civil War annual encampment and skirmish conducted by the 67th NY Volunteer Infantry. Our exhibit was well attended.

Brother Joseph Hervan was awarded the title of Past Camp Commander in honor of his thirteen years of exemplary service as camp Secretary/Treasurer.

At the Department Mid-year meeting in November in Ithaca, New York, Dennis Duffy served as Resolutions Secretary.

On November 10th, Brothers McKendrick, Howell, Cuzzo, Weidenburner and Dennis Duffy attended the dedication of five new headstones of Civil War Veterans in Lakeview Cemetery, Patchogue. Bruce Weidenburner sang the national Anthem.

Also in November, Junior Vice-Commander Chris Shand participated in the Patchogue Veterans Day commemoration. A number of other brothers participated in or attended Veteran's Day events in their respective towns.

Six Members attended Remembrance Day Weekend in November 2018 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and four marched in the parade.

Installation of Officers' Holiday Luncheon was held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the davenport Press Restaurant in Mineola, NY. This was a joint installation with our sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Kady Brownell Tent #36.

On December 15, 2018, brothers Hervan, Shand and Duffy represented the camp at the DAR's Wreaths Across America ceremony held at Greenfield Cemetery in Hempstead and assisted in placing the wreaths on veteran's graves. The camp also made a monetary donation to the fund for the purchase of wreaths.

In ongoing efforts, Signals Officer (webmaster) Mike Duffy has significantly upgraded our camp website, adding camp news, biographies of member's Civil War ancestors, By-Laws, photos of Nassau County monuments and historical documents. Graves Registration Officer Joe Hervan has added 160 grave locations to the National database since the inception of the program. Monuments Officer Christopher Shand has continued his efforts to visit and document the condition of Long Island Civil War monuments

The Camp's Eagle Scout recognition program led by the efforts of Coordinator Don McMahon and Patriotic Instructor Scott McKendrick presented fifty-three Eagle Scout Commendation certificates in 2018. All but eleven were presented in person.

The Camp inducted up two new members in 2018 and three transferred back in. Three were dropped for non-payment, so our roster increased from 29 to 31 across the year.

Respectively submitted in F.C. & L,

Frederick J. Kuntz
Commander, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544

PROCEEDING MINUTES OF THE 136TH NY DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT SUVCW,
LAKE GEORGE, NY

DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPORTS

Roll Call of Officers

136th Annual Encampment, SUVCW

May 18, 2019

Office	Name	Present AM	Present PM	Report Submitted
Department Commander	Leo McGuire	✓	✓	Read ✓
Sr Vice	Richard Straight	✓		Read
Jr Vice	Darin Everdyke	✓		Read
Secretary	Robert Pugsley	✓		Read ✓
Treasurer	Jeffrey Albanese	✓		Read ✓
Council #1	Daryl VerStreate	✓		Verbal Read
Council #2	Paul Ellis-Graham	Excused		
Council #3	Ray Wheaton	Excused Not here		
Counselor	Danny Wheeler	✓		Read
Assistant Secretary	Ray LeMay III	✓		Not Applicable
Patriotic Instructor	Richard Straight	✓		Read
Chaplain	Rev Mark D Isaacs	✓		Read

EMailed

Eagle Scout Coord	Brian Castler	✓		Read ✓
Archivist	Lance Ingmire	NH		Written
Historian	Jerry Orton	NH		Written
GAR Highway Off	Matthew Hereford	NH		Written
GRO	Dennis Duffy	✓		
Memorials Off	David Dziewulski	✓		Read
Webmaster	Raymond LeMay III	✓		Read ✓
Volunteer Editor	Darin Everdyke	✓		Read
JROTC Liaison Off	Jeffrey French	NH		None
Musician	Raymond L. Ball	NH		None
Veterans Home Vis	James Russell	✓		Read
Color Bearer	Warren McFarland	NH		
Guide	Cael Honig	NH		
Guard	Ryan Wheaton	NH		

N/A

Final Commander's Report by Leo McGuire. 13 May 2019

I feel that I have done the best that I can as Department Commander, new Secretary of the Willard Camp , planner of the encampment in Lake George and JROTC/ROTC officer for the Willard Camp. I joined the Capital District Civil War Roundtable and the American Legion to try to get support for our projects. I have made mistakes but I was always trying to do the best for the organization.

These are some suggestions that I think could help the organization.

- Edward Everett the featured speaker at the dedication ceremony at the Gettysburg cemetery later wrote to Lincoln " I wish that I could flatter myself that I had come as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes ." **KISS == keep it simple, stupid.**
- I heard a minister on TV say that they were taught in seminary to not talk over **20 minutes** .
- I requested that any email that was sent by me to just be answered by the word **RECEIVED**.
- Please read the **job description** that you gain or apply for.
- Use the sites of Civil War Interest in NYS. (Elmira Prison , Grant cottage, Grant's tomb, Lincoln Depot , ETC,)
- John Portanova PCC, Capt Oliver Tilden camp 26 SUVCW of New York suggested that the Department give away decals advertizing the Sons.(best kept secret)
- I believe all year, the only newsletters I received were from the Ireland, Sydney and Bridgewater camps. Share your ideas with the rest of us. For the newsletter award a copy of the newsletter must be sent to the **commander** and **editor** of the Department newsletter.
- I requested all members (especially officers) to check the State and National Sons sites **weekly**.
- There is a new Department website and you must request a registration to go to members only section.
- We must plan for the midyear meeting and the next encampment **now**.
- The Memorial University is up and running,
- We must develop a program for Junior members.
- 20% of my camp doesnt have an email account.

I want to thank everyone who helped me this year. The backbones of this organization are Brothers Albanse, Pugsley and Wheeler. I want to thank all the secretaries and commanders of each camp for doing a difficult job , and Brother LeMay for the web site.

I want to congratulate Brother Orton for 50 years of service to the Sons.

I want to congratulate Brother Castler for 60 years as an Eagle Scout.



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

“Senior-Vice Commander’s Report”

May 18, 2019

Commander McGuire and Brothers of the Department of New York,

In conjunction with the Department’s Annual Encampment Fundraiser and my duties as Senior-Vice Commander to organize and manage the fundraiser, I would like to report;

Four Hundred and Eighty plus letters, each containing two coupon booklets were mailed throughout the state, asking Brothers of the Department of New York for support in the Department endeavor to raise funds through the Annual Fundraiser, with the drawing to be held at the 136th Annual Encampment Banquet, in Lake George, on Saturday evening May 18, 2019

Cost incurred to run the Fundraiser

Office Max Printing	87.48
First Class Stamps 480 @ \$ 0.55 each	264.00
Office Max Supplies	
Paper, Envelopes, Ink &, Labels	<u>69.09</u>
Total	\$420.57

Fundraiser coupon booklets were mailed to Department Brothers, February 20, 2019

Also the fundraiser was added to the Department web page under Encampment showing pictures of the prizes that were donated.

The Department of New York would like to thank those that donated the prizes for the drawing.

As to date, the Annual Fundraiser has raised \$

After mailing out the 480 letters, I received over 40 Return to Sender mostly due to an address changes, at .55 a stamp and cost of material another .40 the fundraiser starts out in the hole before it receives anything. So, if your address has changes, you need to notify the Secretary at the camp level, so changes can be made and forwarded to the Department and then on to the National on the proper forms.

You could lose both the Department "*The Volunteer*" and the National "The Banner" publications.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. (518) 344-7773 or restraight1@gmail.com

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard E. Straight PCC

Department of New York, Senior Vice Commander

Annual report for the JVC – May, 2019

Assisted the following individuals for potential membership:

Matthew Hereford

Christian Cullen

Richard Deverell

James J Weidel

Jeff Gregory

Robert Larz

Kioni Difranto

Edward Furgol

John Savage

Daniel Woloczyn

Respectfully Submitted,

Darin Everdyke, JVC



Commander McGuire,

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It is my honor to present the New York Department Secretary's report for 2018. The Annual Report was submitted to National within the required time frame. The Proceedings were submitted although late. We gained twenty eight members, lost thirty with seven of those deceased for a total of four hundred fifty three members. In 2013 we reported five hundred and forty eight members with seventeen Camps. We lost one Camp this year.

As you can see we are losing members in a dramatic fashion. We need to come up with some sort of a cohesive plan on how to recruit and retain members.

Throughout the year I handled new applications for membership, answered inquiries from Camps and individual members.

And again I stressed through emails, the annual report and in Newsletter articles, the need for filing your Camp's 990N's.

The recipients of this year's Awards for growth and Recruitment are

The Department Junior Vice Commander Growth Awards:

Oliver Tilden Camp 26

Sydney Camp #41

Col John B Weber Camp #44

Col Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp #124

Moses Baldwin Camp # 544

The PDC John G. Kernan Cup for the Camp that recruited the most new members is

Moses Baldwin Camp #544

The recipient of this year's Oliver P Clark Plaque is

Brother Dennis Duffy

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Pugsley, PDC". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Pugsley, PDC

New York Department Secretary, SUVCW

136th New York Department Encampment

May 18, 2019

Lake George, NY

Deceased

5/16/2019

CAMPNAME	Camp #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Status/Description	Past Rank	Date of Death
Homer Searle Camp 114	114	Stephen	L	Reese	Member		1/6/2018
Homer Searle Camp 114	114	Patrick	J	Kavanaugh	Member		Unknown
Col George L Willard Camp 154	154	Harry	George	Taylor Jr	Member		6/30/2018
Col. David Ireland Camp 137	137	Steven	Arthur	Swartwood	Member		10/28/2018
Homer Searle Camp 114	114	Gordon	A	Knapp	Member		8/17/2018
Abraham Lincoln Camp 6	6	Roy	L	Clement Jr	Member		9/8/2018
David G Caywood Camp 146	146	George	W	Artley	M		12/27/2018
Homer Searle Camp 114	114	Elmer		Niles	Member		3/13/2019

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

HEADQUARTERS OF THE TREASURER

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

19 Gregory Drive

Goshen, New York 10924

May 17, 2019

Dear Commander, McGuire 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 to the 136th Encampment of Department of New York.

I have provided two handouts to the Encampment. The first provides the Encampment with the current balances in each account along with the current balances in the accounts just prior to last year's Encampment. The checking account shows a significant increase which reflects the fact that last year's Encampment was unusually early and prior to the deadline for filing annual reports in addition the Encampment was primarily the responsibility of the DUVCW and we did not need to collect monies for the banquet, nor did I receive sufficient advance monies from the raffle to make a deposit. This year's checking account contains almost all Camp per capita funds, advanced banquet payments, a substantial sum from the raffle and registration fees. Careful note should also be made of the footnotes that accompany the account balance sheets.

We also have an account presently held by the Department Archivist, in violation of the national regulations and which has not been audited by the Department council. That account was supposed to be turned over to me after I believe the 134th Encampment. The Archivist claims he sent me paperwork on that account which I believe was simply to put me on as another signatory. That was not the agreement nor is that in conformity with the Regulations. I am requesting that he be directed to turn over all the funds in that account directly to me or my successor forthwith so that it can be deposited into the account as stated in the Archives policy adopted by this Department.

That handout also provides the proposed Budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which we will vote on later today; along with the approved budget of last year. As always, note that the fiscal year for the Department runs from July 1 through June 30. Please further note that we are currently still within the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Please further realize that almost all the financial activity of the Department occurs between April and June of each year. The primary source of all the Department's income comes from three places. These are our Department dues (\$6 per member), our raffle, and a small amount from our Encampment registration fee. Most of our monies however continue to come from the dues which accounted for 90 % of our income, of which about 75% of those dues are a pass through to the National Organization. The less members we have the less we collect the less income we have.

Most of our budget numbers reflect pass through income and a number of budget items that are mandated by our bylaws. The budget reflects a small negative balance which on its face may seem good however to get there I had to cut out several hundred dollars from our discretionary portion of our budget from last year.

Why the decrease in the budget? Because this Department is facing a crisis. As I said earlier less members means less dues collected means less income. Last year I noted in my report a decrease in membership. It is now, in my opinion, reaching crisis proportions. In 2013, my last year as Commander, and

the only year of that period that I have numbers, our per capita check to National was \$11,041. The amount of per Capita directly reflects membership. That year we had 541 members of which 459 of them were dues paying members (Juniors and Life Members do not pay per capita). In 2014 my first year as Treasurer our per capita check to National was \$10,717.00, and the next year \$10,223. However, in the last 3 years that number plummeted to around \$9,400 for the next two years and this year it will be approximately \$8,519. Our total membership now is only 428 members, our dues paying members down to 368. We have lost 113 members, which is more than 20% of the Department membership, in 6 years. This is not meant to point fingers at anyone as this is not just our problem, the most recent issue of the Banner also noted a decline in membership between 2007 and 2018 and other fraternal organizations and veterans' groups are seeing the same thing.

But with all due respect to my brothers who wish to spend time amending the CRR, or talking about awards or flags or gravestones or memorials all of which have the place and are important but we really need to drastically shift our focus from them to figuring out how to retain our members, how to recruit new members and how to recruit younger members. This should be the focus of our midyear meetings and our Encampments; it should be the focus of this very Encampment and the next and the one after that. For if we neglect this issue there will be no one to register those graves, save those monuments, mend those flags.

In that regard I have a second handout which includes a resolution to appoint a 5-year special committee on recruitment and public relations to find ways to stem the losses and to execute them I strongly urge everyone to support it. But that should not be the end of it. We need to discuss that and possible solutions today, not tomorrow or the next day. We need to make the time to have a serious discussion of what can and should be done and get this committee on its feet running.

Now as Treasurer I am obligated to remind everyone of the importance of filing your camp 990s. I mentioned that last year at length, as did the Department Commander, Secretary and Counselor as we and those who preceded us did the year before that and the year before that. Now we are faced with several camps that are suspended because at some point they ignored those reminders. I am hopeful that we can figure out a way to get those camps unsuspended and not go through this process again.

Now some advice, as I have frequently stated since I been giving reports at these Encampments as the GAR Highway Officer in 2005, all officers elected or appointed at any level need to become familiar with and abide by their job duties and responsibilities under both the National Rules and Regulations, the National Job Descriptions, National Policies, the Department Bylaws Department Policies and the Camp bylaws and see that they are followed. There is really, no excuse whatsoever for those who seek and obtain these offices for not knowing their responsibilities, that is particularly true for those of us who seek elective office. We have bylaws that impose additional duties on our officers, for instance being our public relations officer, something I pushed for a number of years ago. Despite that being a duty, I have rarely if ever seen any of the holders of that office perform that function.

In addition, and equally important is knowing what happened at the Encampment you were elected at. Encampments pass Bylaws, Resolutions and approve recommendations and expect the Commander or his designee to see that they are carried out. So, it's important to note them at the encampment and to follow through with them. That does not always happen. It is here at the Encampment that it is decided what the Department can and cannot do as long as it does not violate National Rules and Regulations. We as officers of the Department follow your dictates as you represent the very essence of this organization the members and the camps. They are the life blood for which we as a Department exist. You as those representatives have the right to expect that we follow those dictates.

Further, as mentioned earlier, it is more important than ever that we attract new members and to keep those who are already members we as a Department need to communicate with them and keep them involved. We as Department officers, both elected and appointed, who come from most of our camps

should as part of our duty keep our respective camps apprised of Department and National goings on. It is important for a Department Commander to communicate with the Camp Commanders regularly on what is going on both in the Department and on the National level and to encourage them to also communicate that to their camps. It is important that the Commander and the elected officers continually communicate with each other and that ALL participate in those discussions. It is important that appointed officers regularly communicate with the Department Commander and that they reach out to their respective counterparts at the Camp level. We also need to get our newsletter out to our members on time and we need to keep our website both active and interesting.

We also need to respect the chain of command. While it may be appropriate for an officer to communicate with his direct counterpart at the National or camp level to perform his duties it is not appropriate for a member, even an officer to communicate directly with the Commander in Chief without the permission and consent of the Department Commander. It is the Department Commander who is the liaison with the national organization, not anyone else unless he delegates such authority. If there are issues the Department Commander needs to know what they are, and he needs to know what is going on. To go over his head to me it is disrespectful. I did not like it the one time it happened when I was Department Commander, I do not like it now.

Finally, I have a proposed Bylaw change which I have also handed out and would like to briefly discuss. This Bylaw change was not posted 60 days prior to the Encampment so I will need two-thirds vote to waive that rule before we can consider it. It relates to the Department Secretary perhaps the most thankless and paperwork consuming job in the organization. No one wants to do it. It is a job you usually have a hard time finding someone to take on either Camp or Department level. It is so thankless that if you perform it for 10 years the organization awards you with PCC status or PDC status. When you get a good one you do not want to lose him. That is the case here. He needs assistance and although an Assistant Department Secretary is a recognized position, we for some reason did not include it in our bylaws and we need to do so first because it makes sense and secondly because otherwise one of us will have to take the job.

In closing, I would like to first commend Brother LeMay for a fine start for our new website. It is a great improvement and I am sure he will make it even better as we go along. I believe that social media has a part in keeping and attracting members and I believe a dynamic and interesting and informative website is a start. In addition, I ask all of us to recognize the hard work and substantial contributions our Department Secretary Bob Pugsley has made to the Department and the order for many years and continuing effort to do so. I would be remiss in not recognizing the hard work over this past year by our current Commander, Leo McGuire. Having sat in that chair I understand that it is not an easy position to hold. I would also like to thank all of you for your support over the years and I look forward to continuing to serve the Department and the Order in whatever fashion it chooses.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jeffrey Albanese

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Treasurer

SUVCW, Department of New York

TREASURERS REPORT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

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

ALL BALANCES AS OF May 14, 2019

Fiscal Year July 1-June 30

Accounts currently with Wells Fargo Bank

***Primary Operating Checking Account (Bank Balance) \$26,053.29**

****Savings Account (Bank Balance) \$ 14,810.37**

CDs currently with The Berkshire Bank (Goshen, N.Y. Branch)

*****1. One Year renewable CD (renew date 4/23/20)**

Interest Rate TBD \$10,438.17

******2. Permanent Fund CD (18mos renew date 10/23/19) \$ 1,711.46**

Interest Rate TBD

*******Northwestern Mutual- Mutual Fund \$ 11,245.39**

*** Money in this account currently includes, banquet money, uncleared checks, per capita funds to be paid to national, funds to pay for 136th Encampment expenses (Commander's Room, supplies, PI Award, Banquet, etc.), officers end of fiscal year expenses, and other expenses mandated by Bylaws if any. (checks 2124 and 2125 are missing originally discovered upon assumption of account in 2013 from rear of checkbook from prior Treasurer, checks have never been cashed unknown whereabouts) In addition it contains a \$50 donation to the Permanent fund to be deposited on the maturity date of that CD and \$267 collected from sale of artifacts out of Department Collection.**

****Per the May 2014 Department Encampment of the funds in this account \$10,000.00 is committed to a Memorial Grant Fund**

*****As of April 23rd, 2019, renewal date**

****** As of last renewal date April 2018**

*******As of last Quarterly statement March 31, 2019**

Both bank accounts require a minimum total balance of \$7,500.00 combined to avoid bank fees

There is a checking account in the Adirondack Trust Company the possession of the Department Archivist with a reported but unaudited account Balance of \$ 1,981.00 that must be turned over to the Department Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

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

ALL BALANCES AS OF April 13, 2018

Fiscal Year July 1-June 30

Accounts currently with Wells Fargo Bank

***Primary Operating Checking Account (Bank Balance) \$12,889.13**

****Savings Account (Bank Balance) \$ 14,805.56**

CDs currently with The Berkshire Bank (Goshen, N.Y. Branch)

*****1. One Year renewable CD (renew date 4/23/19)**

Interest Rate TBD \$10,299.23

*****2. Permanent Fund CD (18mos renew date 10/23/19) \$ 1,711.46**

Interest Rate TBD

******Northwestern Mutual- Mutual Fund \$ 11,079.33**

*** Money in this account currently includes, uncleared checks, per capita funds to be paid to national, funds to pay for 135th Encampment expenses (Commander's Room, supplies, PI Award etc) , officers end of fiscal year expenses, and other expenses mandated by Bylaws if any. (checks 2124 and 2125 are missing originally discovered upon assumption of account in 2013 from rear of checkbook from prior Treasurer, checks have never been cashed unknown whereabouts)**

****Per the May 2014 Department Encampment of the funds in this account \$10,000.00 is committed to a Memorial Grant Fund (awaiting approval at this encampment for procedures for applying and awarding the grant funds)**

*****As of April 23rd, 2018 renewal date**

******As of last Quarterly statement March 31, 2018**

Approved Budget 2018 Encampment
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPT. OF NEW YORK
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 July 2018 through June 2019

Proposed

Income	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget	Jul '18 - Jun 19	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
44500 · Fund-Raising	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
44520 Drawings	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total 44500 · Fund-Raising					
46400 · Other Types of Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income					
47230 · Membership Fees	0.00	12,702.00	0.00	12,702.00	12,702.00
47231 Membership Fees-Dues	0.00	290.00	0.00	290.00	290.00
47232 New Member App. Fees	0.00	12,992.00	0.00	12,992.00	12,992.00
Total 47230 · Membership Fees					
49000 · Special Events Income	0.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
49010 · Encampment Banquet	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
49020 · Encampment Registration Fees	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 49000 · Special Events Income					
Total Income	0.00	16,692.00	0.00	16,692.00	16,692.00
Expense					
60300 · Awards and Grants	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
60310 · Camp Patriotic Instructor Award	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
60330 Rippey Award	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
60320 · Grants Cottage Membership	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Total 60300 · Awards and Grants					
60900 · Department Expenses	0.00	420.00	0.00	420.00	420.00
60950 Medals/Badges	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
60930 Grant Ceremony Wreath	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
60960 Misc	0.00	620.00	0.00	620.00	620.00
Total 60900 · Department Expenses					
62100 · Dept. Reimbursed Expenses	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
62110 · Department Commander	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
62120 · Department Secretary	0.00	225.00	0.00	225.00	225.00
62130 · Department Treasurer	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
62140 · Dep. Commander to Nat'l Encampment	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
62150 · Misc Officers reimb	0.00	1,775.00	0.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
Total 62100 · Dept. Reimbursed Expenses					
65000 · Operations	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
65030 · Printing and Copying	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
65040 · Supplies	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
65050 · Equipments and capital assets	0.00		0.00		

Proposed
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPT. OF NEW YORK
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget	Jul '18 - Jun 19	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total 65000 - Operations					
65100 - Other Types of Expenses					
65110 - Advertising Expenses	0.00	775.00	0.00	775.00	775.00
65130 - Refunds					
	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 65100 - Other Types of Expenses	0.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
68300 - Department Encampment					
68301 Encampment Site Committee					
68302 C-in-C Room	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
68303 Dept. Commanders Room	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
68304 Banquet	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
68305 Supplies/Expenses	0.00	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total 68300 - Department Encampment	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
80200 - Payments to National SUVCW					
80220 Application Fees	0.00	230.00	0.00	230.00	230.00
80210 Membership per capita	0.00	10,074.00	0.00	10,074.00	10,074.00
80230 Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 80200 - Payments to National SUVCW	0.00	10,304.00	0.00	10,304.00	10,304.00
Total Expense	0.00	16,844.00	0.00	16,844.00	16,844.00
Net Income	0.00	-152.00	0.00	-152.00	-152.00

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Accrual Basis

New York Department, SUVCW Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2019 through June 2020

	Jul '19 - Jun 20
Dept. Reimburse Expenses	
Misc Officers Reimb	150.00
Department Treasurer	225.00
Dept. Commander Nat'l Encampmen	250.00
Department Secretary	400.00
Department Commander	750.00
Total Dept. Reimburse Expenses	1,775.00
Department Encampment	
Supplies/Expenses	100.00
Encampment Site Committee	150.00
Department Commanders Room	250.00
C-in-C Room	250.00
Banquet	1,200.00
Total Department Encampment	1,950.00
Payments to National SUVCW	
Application Fees	276.00
Membership Per Capita	8,464.00
Total Payments to National SUVCW	8,740.00
Total Expense	13,780.00
Net Ordinary Income	-10.00
Net Income	-10.00

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Accrual Basis

Proposed Budget 2019/20 Fiscal Year
New York Department, SUVCW
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
 July 2019 through June 2020

	Jul '19 - Jun 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Fundraising	1,300.00
Drawings	
Total Fundraising	1,300.00
Special Events Income	
Encampment Registration Fees	250.00
Encampment Banquet	1,200.00
Total Special Events Income	1,450.00
Membership Fees	
New Member App. Fees	348.00
Membership Fees-per capita dues	10,672.00
Total Membership Fees	11,020.00
Total Income	13,770.00
Expense	
Other Types of Expenses	
Advertising	120.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	120.00
Awards and Grants	
Rippey Award	50.00
Camp Patriotic Award	100.00
Grants Cottage Membership	100.00
Total Awards and Grants	250.00
Department Expenses	
Grant Ceremony Wreath	100.00
Medals/Badges	250.00
Total Department Expenses	350.00
Operations	
Supplies	75.00
Printing and Copying	100.00
Website	120.00
Postage, Mailing Service	300.00
Total Operations	595.00



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

“Patriotic Instructors Report”

May 18, 2019

Commander McGuire and Brothers of the Department of New York,

The Department Patriotic Instructor Award, according to the Department By-Laws shall be presented to any and all camps that meet the criteria as outlined by the Department Patriotic Instructor.

According to the Ritual and Ceremonies listed under Installation of Officers, in addition to instructing candidates in their patriotic duties as citizens, the camp Patriotic Instructor is expected, under the direction of the Camp Commander, to have charge of and conduct patriotic exercises and programs for the camp, under the “Good of the Order.” The usefulness, prosperity, growth and attractiveness of each Camp, depend largely upon the activity and enthusiasm of which each camps Patriotic Instructor displays in the discharge of their duties. Each Camp Patriotic Instructor is further required to file a report on form prepared for that purpose, to the Department Patriotic Instructor.

I am pleased to report, the camps of the Department of New York according to the reports received have been active and have been very successful in their mission to advance the goals of the order.

As Department Patriotic Instructor, I have the pleasure to announce that the following camps have met the criteria by filing their camps Annual Patriotic Instructors Report.

The recipients of the Department 2018 Patriotic Instructor’s Award are as follows;

Abraham Lincoln, Camp # 6 - Patriotic Instructor, Robert Pugsley
Walter H. French, Camp # 17 - Patriotic Instructor, Jeffery French
Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp # 26 - Patriotic Instructor, Arthur Kirmes
Sydney Camp # 41-Patriotic Instructor, George Boyer
Col. John B. Weber Camp # 44-Patriotic Instructor, Michael E. Erb
Judson A. Hicks Camp # 111-Patriotic Instructor, Robert Pugsley
Homer Searle Camp # 114-Patriotic Instructor, Jason Wolczanski
Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp # 124-Patriotic Instructor, Jeffery Albanese
Cpl. James Tanner Camp # 134-Patriotic Instructor, Doug Brenner
Col. David Ireland Camp #137- Patriotic Instructor, Ben Gardiner CC
Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154-Patriotic Instructor, Paul Cooney
Phyneas Catlin Camp # 341-Patriotic Instructor, Ted Dudgeon
Moses A. Baldwin Camp # 544-Patriotic Instructor, Scott McKendrick

Camps that did not submit their Annual Patriotic Instructor Report for 2018

David G. Caywood Camp # 146-Patriotic Instructor, Walter Gable
Schuyler F. Smith Camp # 193-Patriotic Instructor, Ralph Jones
Chaplin P. G. Cook Camp # 223-Patriotic Instructor, William Rodney Parker

This year's Camp Patriotic Instructor Award, of \$100.00 dollars goes to the
Walter H. French, Camp # 17 - Patriotic Instructor, Jeffery French

This year 13 out of 16 camps reported, filing their forms, I would like to
thank all these Camp's Patriotic Instructors for their diligence to duty in
responding. I would also like to thank Brother Robert Keough of the Willard
Camp for his design and printing of these beautiful certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard E. Straight,

Department Patriotic Instructor



Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War

Col. George L. Willard Camp #154

Post Office Box 13681

Albany, New York 12212-3681

Dear Senator:

300,00 men from New York State answered the call to fight and die to save the Union in the Civil War.

Their Regimental Colors and National War Flags, the largest collection in the world, over 150 Years Old are in serious states of deterioration, improperly preserved and inadequately stored.

We are asking your support for New York State to appropriate funds to conserve and preserve these Regimental Colors and National Flags.

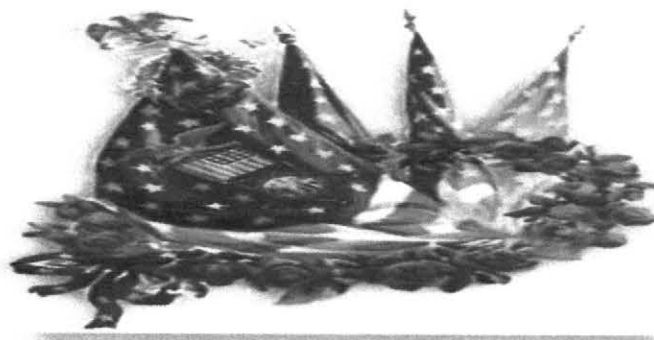
We have met with General _____ and his budget staff so that the line item is included in the 2017-2018 State Budget. This amount represents a start and must be continued for five fiscal years to finish all of the New York State Flags. The work is complete by the Office of Parks & Recreation and they have done other flags. We must provide the funding now so that this skill will not be lost due to retirement or job elimination.

Please contact your colleagues and give the Veterans of the Civil War their rightful place in New York State History.

Richard Straight,

Camp Commander

Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War
Col. George L. Willard Camp #154
Post Office Box 13681
Albany, New York 12212-3681



Mayor Kathy Sheehan
Albany City Hall
24 Eagle Street
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Mayor Sheehan:

350,000 men from New York State answered the call to fight to save the Union in the Civil War. 27,000 died for their country and did not return to New York State. To honor these veterans we must pick up their colors and preserve them for history. The Regimental Colors and National Flags can be used to help educate our citizens why these veterans died for the Union and the American way of life.

In the past their Regimental Colors and National War Flags, the largest collection in the world, over 150 Years Old was in serious states of deterioration, improperly conserved and inadequately stored. The Division of Military & Naval Affairs Military Museum took over the program to conserve and preserve the Regimental Colors and National Flags and is doing an outstanding job. Now the rate of conservation has been slowed to one a year due to the lack of New York State Funding and Support. With over 190 flags to be conserved we will not be finished until the year 2208. The work is usually bid out to local conservators or can be completed by the specialist at the Office of Parks & Recreation. We must increase the amount funding now so that these skills will not be lost due to retirement or job elimination. Albany Veterans who were members of the 3rd Infantry, 16th Artillery, 18th Cavalry, 7th Infantry (Veteran), 43rd Infantry, 93rd Infantry Regiments and numerous other units to be remembered. We need you help to accomplish this task.

A letter of support from you and Albany's Common Council to your New York State Senator and Assembly Representative to increase the funding for conserving Civil War Colors and Flags will give the Albany Veterans of the Civil War their rightful place in New York State and American History. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Richard Straight
Camp Commander



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

Honoring the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic & The Men from
New York who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865



9 May 2019

Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator **(2018-2019)**

Commander McGuire, Officers, and Brothers of the Department of New York,

As an Eagle Scout, it has been an honor to serve this past year as Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator for the State of New York. Upon taking the position on April 21, 2018, I first reviewed the Eagle page on the Department's website to determine which camps were covering which Boy Scout Councils and then contacted each Camp's Coordinator to confirm they were still the Eagle Coordinator and that the listed contact information was correct. If the listed Brother was no longer doing or holding the position, I then contacted the Camp and got a proper name and contact information.

There are currently 15 Boy Scout Councils covering New York State. Our website was showing 16 Councils. Two councils merged 2 years prior, so the Eagle page on the Department website was updated with a proper listing of Council names, Camp assignments to each Council with the Eagle Scout Certificate coordinators name and contact information.

A letter was sent in May, 2018 to each of the 15 Boy Scout Council Executives introducing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) to them and explaining our Eagle Scout Certificate Recognition Program. I asked them to use copies of the letter to notify each Troop and District in the Council of our Eagle Certificate Program. I received positive response from the Councils by listing the SUVCW Eagle Program on their websites and in their Council and District newsletters. Several Councils responded to me on thanking SUVCW for providing the Recognition Program.

On June 25, 2018 the Department Commander was provided the "2017-2018 Annual Eagle Scout Report, Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War" to forward to the SUVCW National Headquarters. Of the 17 camps within the Department 9 Camps responded. 119 SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificates were issued by 8 Camps and the Department covering the period June 1, 2017 to June 15, 2018.

For the current period of June 16, 2018 up to a cut off of April 15, 2019, for this encampment, 12 of the 16 camps responding and the Department for the first 10 months of the current reporting period, 99 Eagle Certificates have been awarded by 9 Camps and the Department.

With the efforts being done, we are still only reaching a small number of Eagle Scouts across the state with our Recognition Program. We must continue to remind the Boy Scout Councils, their Districts and the individual units of our Eagle Scout Certificate Recognition Program.

I would like to thank all the Camp Eagle Scout Coordinators for their efforts and support of the SUVCW Department Eagle Scout Certificate Recognition Program.

Yours in Scouting,

Respectively

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

Brother Brian Castler
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Department of New York
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Final Report of the Memorials Officer
May 2019

General Thomas Monument

As reported to the 2018 encampment, the beech tree that has rained down large limbs and small branches, onto the Kellogg family plot that contains the General Thomas monument, was removed on Friday August 11, 2017. Mention was also made of upcoming fundraising related to saved wood. A project involving a limited edition of pens crafted from wood was conceived. The full story, with photograph, is in an attached story from the Willard Camp *Guidon* that explains the entire process. In summary, two prototype pens were produced from tree branches collected prior to the tree removal. One pen was of a standard slim line style and the other was a Civil War-themed pen. The top of the themed pen had a replica Springfield mini-ball while the writing tip was made of a replica Colt minie ball. The pen's clip was a Springfield musket. Twenty total pens were produced and many were sold at the annual "Evening at the Earl" at Oakwood Cemetery. One pen was purchased by Willard Camp for the annual auction of items associated with this 2019 encampment. The two prototypes have been held in reserve for a special auction that is being discussed with Oakwood Cemetery. It is anticipated well over \$1000 will be generated from this small project.

Another attached *Guidon* article outlines Brother Tom Maggs journey with Oakwood Cemetery. Part of that journey involves the dovetailing of the priorities of Willard Camp, the Department of New York and Oakwood Cemetery. In the article the final project of the rejuvenation of General Thomas plot is explained. The re-casting of the wrought iron fence has begun. Anonymous donations have allowed some fence sections to be reproduced but that only covers about 50% of the total cost. Another \$12,000 needs to be generated and several fundraising projects are being considered. Sponsorship of fence sections through monetary donations is an example.

Routine cleaning of the plot has occurred. Brothers from Willard Camp have returned to clean the monument with D/2 solution which prevents biological re-growth and helps brighten the stone.

New York State Memorials

Work continues on the Access database of New York State Monuments that was discussed at the 2017 Encampment. Apparently over 100 monuments were submitted for the National database using the Access database. Being done in Access meant that the data were arranged as needed for Form 61. However, only the data, and not the developed application, was recovered. At this time the location (coordinates) of each of the monuments is being determined using geographic information systems (GIS) and Google Earth/Google Maps. Once exact locations are determined it is hoped that a nearby camp will volunteer to complete Form 61. Alternatives to this tedious process are being sought. One simple alternative would be to prepare a list of monuments and their locations for the Department website. Decisions on how to accumulate this information should be done in the near future:

1. Should the monument information from the old Department website be reconstituted on the new Department website. If so, what form should it take? Should photographs be included?
2. Should the information be combined with the Access database that has been recovered and submitted piece-by-piece to the National database?

3. Is it worthwhile to trace the loss of the Access database and determine why New York data were never properly included in the National database?
4. What, if anything, can be done to simplify the monument submission process at the Department and National level? Can a simple online form be used on the Department website to get the overall process re-started?

The questions above are directed at members who would be willing to submit (and in many cases re-submit) information. In addition, webmasters need to inform Monument Officers about what processes (e.g. free form builders such as Zoho or HubSpot) would be practical for entering the essential data.

Submitted
David M. Dziwulski
Memorials Officer
May 8, 2019

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SOVCW)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

DATE: April 7, 2019

TO: Leo C. McGuire, Commander

C: Robert Pugsley, PDC, Secretary; Fred Kuntz, Commander, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544;
Bruce Frail, National GRO

FROM: Dennis J. Duffy, Graves Registration Officer (GRO)

RE: Report for Calendar Year 2018

The Department of New York GRO position had been vacant for approximately two years when I was appointed about two thirds of the way into 2018. Perhaps the prime mission of our Order is identifying a veteran, finding his grave, registering it into the National Database, and ensuring that the grave has a proper monument. I became interested in this work when, in the Summer of 2018, I started to research the graves of Civil War veterans in the cemeteries of the Town of Edinburg in western Saratoga County where my family vacations. This work led to questions which I asked of the National GRO who logically pointed out the vacancy in the Department of New York. So, when no experienced brother could be found to volunteer, and knowing well that the best way to learn is by doing, I volunteered.

I then compiled a list of the Camp GROs in New York or, if there was none, substituted that Camp's Commander and, using the list, introduced myself, offering to help. It seemed odd that the Department Bylaws provided annual awards for the camp/brother who registered the most graves but no recognition for those who obtained and arranged for the installation of monuments (headstones) obtained from the Veterans Administration. I wrote to the list that I intended to ask that the Department Bylaws be amended to provide such recognition and to clarify the wording about the existing graves registration awards. The later was endorsed by the midyear meeting at Ithaca. Both proposals will be considered at the upcoming 136th Encampment.

Presenting awards based on numbers means one needs the numbers so I asked the National GRO if I could get reports by camp and individual showing the numbers of graves registered by time periods. Brother Bruce Frail told me he was concerned that a focus on numbers would lead to a diminution in quality and the work should not become a competition of camp vs camp and department vs department. I have also learned that some who have done many registrations want no recognition (doing the work is their satisfaction) while the Banner has published articles honoring others who have done much.

In early March, I again used the e-mail list to ask the camp GROs to submit the numbers of graves registered by those of their members who did such work and a total for each camp so the

Department Awards, one to a brother and one to a camp, could be made. A copy of the suggested report is attached. As yet, I have received no responses.

Curious about what other departments do in this regard I looked at the bylaws of about a dozen departments and found only 2 that mention awards at all in their bylaws (this topic must be covered elsewhere) and while one has a graves registration award it does not specifically mention number of graves registered.

I was asked to audit some entries to the National Data Base made by members of my own camp and found many duplicates, some triplicates and worse, and an absence in many records of grave numbers and readily accessible information about many veterans' service, an experience which supports the National GRO's concern about quality first. I was able to do this because our Camp GRO had an old list of all the Data Base entries for the Town of Hempstead's Greenfield Cemetery. The full report is attached.

Recently, a fellow named Bob Farrell from Huntington, L.I. who is not a member of the SUVCW presented the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 with a list of almost 6,000 Civil War veterans including the Cemetery name for about 10-15% of these. By my estimation, this is probably just about every veteran from Long Island except for those who were living Brooklyn. We will be working on getting these into the National Database. So far, I have one volunteer, William M. Devine, Jr., a brother inducted just last month. Bob Farrell has long been active in the Town of Huntington Historical Society is well known on Long Island as a Civil War researcher and author of *Our Veterans Brave and Noble*.

I now have an "administration account" which permits me to make corrections to existing records and to delete verified duplicates. "Submitter Accounts" permit the holder to enter additions to the database which are then actually added after review by a "submitters' assistant," a step which was added after it had been observed that quality needed to be enhanced. Anyone who has corrections or additions such as a recently discovered grave location, or additional information about a soldier's service can contact me at duffy99999@aol.com. If you have a question you can also call 516-593-4014.

Recommendations:

1. Make no Department of New York Awards for 2018 due to lack of information.
2. Take advantage of the Commander-In-Chief's presence at our Encampment to have a discussion about competition/quality/completeness/awards or not and what information/reports might be made available from the National Database to facilitate the work.
3. Initiate a discussion (put this on the agenda) at the Lake George Encampment among the delegates to find out what is happening at the camps and to determine/initiate future action.
4. See attached recommendations to the National GRO in the attached report.

In F., C., & L.,

Bro. Dennis

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SOVCW)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

DATE: April 9, 2019

TO: Bruce Frail, National Graves Registration Officer

C: Leo C. McGuire, Commander, Department of NY; Robert Pugsley, PDC, Secretary, Department of NY;
Fred Kuntz, Commander, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544

FROM: Dennis J. Duffy, GRO, Department of New York

RE: National Graves Registration Database.

I just completed a review of the records of 15 Union veterans in the National Database which had been added over the years by members of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, the Camp of which I am Secretary-Treasurer. My review was prompted when our Camp GRO, Joe Hervan, gave me a list for Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, New York which he had received a couple of years ago and which showed 113 entries. Bro. Joe had noted that 14 appeared to be duplicates. He asked me to check into these and use my administration account to make any necessary corrections. I added a 15th name as when looking at the records for William H. Raynor, I saw that Elijah K. Raynor appeared to have duplicates also.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. All 15 were indeed duplicates. Several were triplicates and there was one quadruplicate.
2. Many of the records were completed in all Capitals which I understand is frowned upon.
3. Many had no grave # but Greenfield Cemetery easily provided it.
4. When I searched on surname "Raynor" I got back a page that said 1-35 of 35 (should be 46) entries. When I went to page 2 it said 36-46 of 11 (should be 46) entries.

ACTION: All the errors outlined in OBSERVATIONS, above (except for #4) were corrected and, in addition, I added additional information for many of the veterans such as presence on Find-A-Grave, information from the NY Adjutant General's Reports, if a pension was approved based on the veteran's service, and, if so, to whom it was paid. A total of 19 records were deleted and each of the remaining 15 were updated with additional information.

QUESTIONS:

1. When adding records, should I use my submitter account or my administration account?
2. How do we handle burials at sea? Should these go into the database with that notation and, if known, the name of the vessel and location at time of the "burial?"
3. Do we record deaths on battlefields or at the prison camps where there were mass burials?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Display the name of person who entered the record & date of entry.
2. Display the name of the latest person to correct the record and date of correction.
3. Autofill is more a bother than it's worth.
4. Expand "Age" on the screen to "Age @ Death."
5. Correct the numbering shown at the bottom of the pages returned by a search as noted in OBSERVATIONS, above.

In F., C., & L.,

Bro. Dennis



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR



Councilor Report
Commander and Fellow Brothers

This has been a busy year for the department I have been in contact with our commander on a lot of problems etc. The sad part is the suspension of camps. If we have learned anything this year is that all camps must do their jobs. I believe each commander needs a work sheet for the year. The worksheet would have instruction when and what is needed for each camp by month it needs to be done. I trust when the IRS comes around with the group c3's that things will come down. Every member owes the organization to do everything in our power to preserve our members and our camps. I want to take this time to thank the National Order our Commander in Chief for the effort he has given to the Department this year. The hard work of our Department Commander in this difficult year.

Yours in FC&L

Danny Wheeler PCinC
Danny Wheeler PCinC
Department Councilor

Historian's Report

May 3, 2019

Dear Commander:

It has been a honor to wear the badge of our order and to represent all our members this past year. Below you shall find a brief summary of my activities.

In April 2018 and August 2019 I took part in a cemetery tour and bicentennial Civil War weekend in Wilton, NY.

Memorial Day was shortened due to a death in the family but was able to march in uniform in the Eastwood Memorial Day parade.

It was possible to visit the Grant Cottage on Mt. McGregor 5 times last year and once so far this is year. On April 26, 2019, the U.S. Grant Association made its first visit to the historic site. A descendant of long time caretaker, Suye Narita Gambino was among them. Suye was the first naturalized Japanese born citizen of the United States. Set up GAR display several times.

On June 23 camp out with the 148th NYS Volunteers, SVR, in Danby, NY.

At the 100th Department Convention, The American Legion, July 19-22, I received 1st place for a history/scrapbook

On July 27 and 28 attended the national convention of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans in Knoxville, TN.

Attended the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR in Ohio, August 3-5, 2018.

At the NYS Fair August 22 to Sept. 3, set up a GAR display along with the Sons of the American Revolution.

Wore our badge at the Wreath Across America at the Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery in December.

On February 24, attended the 115th annual Heritage Luncheon sponsored by the Syracuse Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

On April 27 had a plant placed before the NYS Monument at Andersonville National Cemetery. Brother John Carroll of the Americus Chapter, Sons of Confederate Veterans did the honor for me.

During the past year I have corresponded with the few remaining real sons and daughters of both the Civil War and Spanish American War.

There is one Civil War widow known to be alive. Helen Jackson of Marshfield, MO. Widow of James Bolin, 14th Missouri Cavalry.

Irene Triplett, the last surviving Civil War pensioner is alive and well in Wilkesboro, NC. Her father, Moses Triplett served in Co.B, 3rd NC Mounted Inf. He was at the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Inquires have been answered but it is an unending task. I have tried to help Brother Ray LeMay III get information on the department encampments where there is little information.

Brother Danny Wheeler, PCinC found the 1981 encampment registration book and Brother Dog Duell the 1977 encampment report. Many thanks.

I had plans to do a lot more with our records but got side lined numerous times and feel that I have let our members down.

This June 6 will be the 50th anniversary of my membership. It was 39 years ago I was elected department commander. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been a large portion of my life. It is impossible to adequately thank all those who I have been involved with over all these years. If it not for the SUVCW I would not have found my late wife, Lorraine.

Wishing you all the very best in F, C and L,

Jerome Orton, Department Historian
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2019 NYS SUV Archive Report

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Commander,

I have had the honor to fill the position of NY SUV Archivist for the last 3 years. Much has been done, as past reports have elucidated. The last year has seen little activity.

For this past year I have continued to maintain the assorted archival material in a dry, temperature controlled environment and the remaining boxes of items are secure.

I did sell many GAR type badges and received a price of \$1,300 for the items, fairly appraised and purchased by the foremost authority on GAR ephemera.

A series of files was turned over to Mr. Albanese concerning some legal action against a past commander (I believe). Those files have not been returned.

I also loaned some papers to Mr. J. Orton, and he is still in possession of those files.

The archival account at the Adirondack Trust Co has balance of \$1,981. Tim Mabee and I are co-signatories on the account, requiring both to sign for any check drawn on the account. Nothing has been withdrawn over the last 24 months and only the deposit for the GAR badges has been made.

There are a few other non NY items in the collection, one being the badly damaged Naval Cutlass and the other being a haversack type

shoulder bag from a Wisconsin Regiment. These items should and will be sold and the proceeds added to the archival account.

3 state encampments ago, I attended the meeting and brought a number of miscellaneous items to be sold to the membership, (duplicate badges and books, etc.). Items were sold and the money was handled by Mr. Albanese...(I had to leave). Of those funds (I heard about \$250 was collected), I never received an accounting for and to date have not received the money, which was to be deposited in the Archival account, as decided at that meeting. Mr. Albanese did request to be added to the account and all the necessary bank paperwork was forwarded to him, but was not completed nor returned.

If asked by the incoming Commander, I would remain as the NY Archivist. At this juncture, all items are well cared for and I will continue to retain all the NY SUV items if I am to remain as archivist.

Sincerely,

Lance Ingmire
Stillwater, NY
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Annual Report
May 2019
Of the
US Rt. 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway
Department of NY

Matthew J Hereford PCC
26 Division Street
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May 2, 2019

Dear Commander,

Below is a brief summary of the highlights of the GAR Highway within NY as of 05-02=2019.

1. Contact was established with the National GAR Highway Officer a few years back, but at recent, I have not heard anything lately.
2. NY Department US Route 6 GAR Highway brochures were distributed through the courtesy of the Bear Mt. Toll House Tourist Information Center and at The Lincoln Depot Museum in Peekskill, NY.
4. Membership, ours being free as a not-for-profit, is in the US Route 6 Tourist Assn. .
5. There are 2 new signs in Peekskill, NY.
6. I am sorry at this time I cannot attend the Encampment.

Recommendations: None at this time.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Matthew J. Hereford PCC

Annual report for the newsletter editor – May, 2019

Prepared and forwarded the Summer Newsletter for approval and posting by the August 1st deadline.

Prepared and forwarded the Winter Edition on December 3rd.

Prepared and forwarded the Spring Edition on May 1st.

Respectfully Submitted

Darin Everdyke, JVC

2018 - 2019 Report of the Department Webmaster
Raymond W. LeMay, III, PDC

Commander McGuire, Fellow Officers of the Department, Brethren,

May my report please the 136th New York Department encampment.

First and foremost, I want to recognize my predecessor Brother Robert "Bob" M. Paul, PCC in maintaining the old department website all of these years and continuing to do so for a good portion of this year while I was working to move the site to a new platform. It was not until I got into it that I fully recognized just how much he had done.

I have previously served the Department as Backup Webmaster and as Webmaster of my camp the Col. George L. Willard Camp No.154 of Albany and to have this opportunity to serve has been an honor.

In the past, our website was hosted through the National organization of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War (which I have been informed that the Department has never been billed for). While this was satisfactory at the time, that platform holds with it many limitations that I wished to address such as making the site adapt its appearance to better fit mobile devices such as tablets and cell phones.

Therefore, it was decided to move the website and rebuild it using wordpress on its own hosting with its own domain name. The domain name that was selected by Commander McGuire was nysuvcw.org which I registered with GoDaddy on 9/13/2018 at the promotional price of \$9.17 on an annual basis running to 9/13/2019. I then registered with 1&1 Internet for our annual hosting package on 10/5/2018 to 10/5/2019 at the promotional cost of \$11.88. The hosting plan that was selected was 1&1 Managed WP Basic. I also registered us with free accounts on google analytics to keep track of stats and mailchimp for emails for the Department website mailing list.

I started my work by backing up the Department website and then choosing and formatting a new design Wordpress theme, which I purchased as my personal donation for the new Department website.

I then began re-building the new website on the wordpress platform by transferring and updating the site's pages, updating all the links. There are currently over 100 pages. The new Department website went live on the 5th of February 2019 and was vetted and announced to the brethren via Department Order #9.

The new features that are available with the current website are a cleaner more interactive design with drop down menus, social media integration with our facebook account feed, mobile responsiveness, interactive contact forms and links, department events calendar, mailing list subscription and database. We also have a customizable brothers only section for brothers who can register and customize their own profile account on the login page and upon my review they are approved and can gain access. There is contact information for Camp

Officers posted under that section as well as a limited beta version of a graves/monuments registration submittal form with the option to upload one image.

According to Google Analytics, the site has received 3581 unique pageviews since its release. Also of note, already 28% of our traffic is coming from cell phones and tablets.

The website is by no means finished (it is an ongoing project). The Ellis Camp website is still under construction and the various Graves and Monuments that have been submitted to me and that were on the old Department website are yet to be added. I am currently testing a graves/monuments form which will automatically create a webpage upon my review of a grave/monument submission.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR 2019-2020:

- GoDaddy: NYSUVCW.org domain name from 9/13/2019-9/13/2020 = \$21.17
 - 1&1IONOS - Website Hosting for from 10/5/2019-10/5/2020 = \$95.88
 - Total: \$117.05 for 2019-2020 year
- *Note: Hosting costs may change as 1&1 Internet was recently acquired by IONOS*

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We continue to maintain a presence on social media with Facebook. I work hand in hand with Brother Jeff Albanese, PDC in maintaining the Department Facebook page. Jeff does a great job posting topical posts that keep the page active. I focus on posting about our organization's activities.

Our Facebook community page keeps continuing to grow. There are currently 731 likes, a growth of 34 from May 1, 2018 to May 1, 2019. We currently average 54 reaches a day total with our posts (a "reach" is a how many people see some piece of our content, whether or not they have liked the page).

2019 DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AWARD

Last but not least, the 2019 New York Department Website Award is hereby awarded to the Moses A. Baldwin Camp No.544 of Hempstead, Long Island. Brother Mike Duffy camp webmaster has gone above and beyond in maintaining their camp website.

PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. I believe that the process of submitting graves/monuments needs to be discussed in order to make what we are doing more in accordance with the Civil War Monument Assessment Form #61, specifically with focusing on the form data rather than the images.
2. That a donation box/button be placed on the Department website to claim donations from Brothers/Sisters/Public etc for the Department as a fundraiser and that an online pay/payment option be set up for that purpose.
3. An online payment option be placed on the Department website for encampment registrations and banquet registrations by brothers/sisters via paypal or another form of payment that would streamline registrations. If there are any fees involved they would be passed along as a "convenience fee" to the payer. Obviously this would not be the only option, but it may appeal to some members and help streamline the process.
4. Once 501c3 status is achieved as a non-profit we should apply to Facebook to be added as a Nonprofit, add a Fundraiser button to our Facebook page which would accept donations directly from the public. This would allow us and people to set up fundraisers "campaigns" in which the money would be sent to us and we would be allowed to receive donations via Facebook such as Facebook's birthday donations.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC
Department Webmaster