

**Proceedings of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual New York  
Department Encampment**

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Held on May 6, 2023  
In Callicoon, NY**

**Jeffrey French, Department Commander**

**Prepared by Robert Pugsley, PDC  
New York Department Secretary  
SUVCW**

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# Foreword

Contained herein is the Proceedings for the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, SUVCW.

The record that is included here is the result of many individuals devoting hundreds of hours of work and toil.

This year's Proceedings has a new element. One of the comments in the past has regarded how difficult it is to navigate through the Report. Wherever you see a highlighted link, if you put your cursor over it and hold in Ctrl and then click, it will take you to that point in the Report. Sometimes you have to double click. When going to that page, you can then hit the [Back](#) button to o return to the previous page.

A General question was sent out about how we could do things better. One was to keep in mind that a lot of us are getting older. Try to keep that in mind and see if you can help. I know the new Department Commander has to carry a lot of material. Also, another one was the use of a microphone. Let me know your thoughts.

If I left out any Reports, let me know.

The Department of New York has a long and proud history of honoring the Boys in Blue and the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We should be proud that whatever differences arise we always practice our guiding goal:

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Robert Pugsley, PDC

NY Dept Secretary

***Preserved by the Grace of God***

# **Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the New York Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Held May 6, 2023 at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY**

The meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM by Department Commander Jeffrey French.

The Department Secretary called the roll of Officers.

The following Officers were present: Department Commander Jeffrey French, Sr Vice Ed O'Brien, Jr Vice Commander William Stump, Dept Secretary Robert Pugsley, Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese, Counselor Danny Wheeler, Council Member Brian Castler, Chaplain Rev Mark Isaacs, Historian Jerry Orton, Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian Castler, Co Archivists Brian Castler, Leo Mcguire, Grave Registration Officer Dennis Duffy, Color Bearer John Swarthout, Jr

Absent as excused: Council Member Paul Ellis Graham, Assistant Secretary Darin Everdyke, Patriotic Instructor and JrROTC Officer Axel Ravera, Web Master Ray LeMay III, GAR Highway Officer Matthew Hereford

Absent: Council Member Ray Wheaton, Memorials Officer Christopher White, Guide Daryl VerStreate, Guard Vincent Jockimo

The opening Ritual was performed.

### **9:35 AM**

The Committee on Credentials was appointed. Brothers Anton SchwarzmueLLer and Jay Dolan

Guests recognized were National Jr Vice Commander Kevin Martin, PDC and William Fischer, PCC of the Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania

Report of the Credentials Committee:

Number of Attendees: 21

Number of Delegates: 19

Number of Camps Represented: 9

Number of Commanders in Chief: 0

Number of PCinC; 1

Number of Department Commanders: 1

Number of PDCs: 7

Number of Camp Commanders: 4

Number of PCC: 3

Number of Guests: 2

List of Attendees: Robert Pugsley, David Neiss, George Shadman, Jeffrey French, Brian Castler, Dennis Duffy, John Swartwout, Jeffrey Albanese, Jerry Orton, John Goodnough, Leo McGuire, Danny Wheeler, William Stump, Edward O'Brien, Jay Dolan, Bennett Gardiner, Kevin Martin, Anton Schwarzmuller, William Fisher, Ted Phillips, Rev Mark Isaacs.

Abraham Lincoln Camp #6: Anton Schwarzmuller, Ed O'Brien

Walter French Camp #17: Jeffrey French

Sydney Camp # 41: Danny Wheeler

Sgt Judson Hicks Camp #111: Robert Pugsley

Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp #124: Jeffrey Albanese, William Stump

Col David Ireland Camp # 137: John Goodnough, Ben Gardiner

David G Caywood Camp # 146: David Neiss, George Shadman

Col George Willard Camp # 154: Brian Castler, Leo McGuire, Rev Mark Isaacs, John Swartwout, Jerome Orton

Moses Baldwin Camp #544: Dennis Duffy, Jay Dolan, Ted Phillips

Guests Natl Jr Vice Kevin Martin, Ezra Griffin Camp # 8, Dept of PA William Fischer, Jr

Appointment of Constitutions and Rules and Regulations Committee: Danny Wheeler and Dennis Duffy

Appointment of Resolutions, By Laws and Recommendations Committee: Jeffrey Albanese, Dennis Duffy, Robert Pugsley

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

Department Commander French made a motion not to read Officers' Reports unless items were to be added or deleted. Seconded by Jeffrey Albanese Passed

Department Commander French made motion to limit discussion to five minutes and have to times to discuss. Motion by Danny Wheeler and Dennis Duffy. Passed

Jeffrey Albanese suggested as this is being recorded, when speaking announce your name.

Department Commander French: Submitted Report No change to report [page 16](#)

Sr Vice Commander Ed O'Brien: Submitted Report No changes. Total of Fundraiser \$2042  
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Jr Vice Commander William Stump: Talked about results of survey. Received 21 responses. Talked about recruiting and retaining members, attracting younger members, Department more engaged with Camps. 81% 60+, 3 over 80, 95% hereditary, many members are veterans so there should be an outreach to veterans' organizations.

We now have a PayPal account for donations [page 20](#)

Department Secretary Pugsley: Submitted Report No changes. We have 444 members down from 507. Large part to two Camps under suspension. Must get those 990Ns in. Stated his term ends in 2025 and would like to have someone step forward to start learning the job now.

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**9:47 AM**

Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese: Submitted written report. In addition: With approval of Council, \$10,000 was transferred from the checking account to savings account. In the nine years as Treasurer has never used his allotted expense money, he did take \$150 of his expense account money along with \$100 of Commander French's expense account to place an ad in the American Legion Journal at their State Convention. A few issues to keep in mind. We should work with Veteran Organizations like the American Legion and VFW. We need better recruitment and retention especially with younger members. Many members are not aware of the Dept, we have never had all camps attend an Encampment. Officers and members should familiarize themselves with the C&R and the By Laws. [Page 24](#)

Counselor Danny Wheeler: Submitted report and read [Page 28](#)

Patriotic Instructor Ravera: Submitted Report [Page 29](#)

Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian Castler Submitted Report [Page 33](#)

Archivists Castler and McGuire: Report submitted (See attached)

Artifacts Castler: College in Rochester is renovating. They are not certain if they will have room. Items are in temporary storage at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. We need to find a permanent spot. William Fischer of Ezra Griffin Camp #8, Dept of PA mentioned the importance of a detailed loan agreement with whomever we deal with. [Page 72](#)

GRO Dennis Duffy: Report submitted: The GRO award will be announced at banquet tonight. (Ethel French) Two ladies are recognized for their contributions with certificates. The first is Audrey Graham of the Corning Cemetery and Ella Alsheimer of the Rome Cemetery.

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Fund Raising Committee Ed O'Brien Report submitted Combined with Rally around the Flag Committee. May want to separate out. So far \$21,000 has been raised \$21,000 went directly to the Friends of the New York Military Museum. Jeff Albanese questions the ability of the Dept to raise money. There was much discussion about how the money should be spent towards the flags. The museum was to conserve vs digitalize. The museum wants to conserve the flags. We will support whatever the Museum wants. We need to prioritize which flags to preserve. There are 1800 flags. The CinC is tying our hands in doing lobbying. Judge Dollinger wanted digitalizing of the flags which is not going to happen. Commander French took Grant writing course and will research grants. William Stump asked if there was a hit list or ranking of flags to be conserved. Five hundred smaller flags have been done. Our focus will be on Regimental Flags. Cost is around \$10,000 per flag. It was mentioned to look at corporate sponsors. Fundraisers need to be focused on what we are raising money. [Page 58](#)

#### **10:19 AM**

Historian Jerry Orton wants to establish a committee to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Independence. It could take the form of a pin, coin etc. It was given to Danny Wheeler to act on. The Lafayette Camp #140 had 737 members. Jerry has their original book. When they disbanded, they donated \$25,000 with the stipulation that all their members would be given Life Membership and that the Name Lafayette Camp and Number 140 could never be used again. Report given to Brother Albanese for consideration after lunch.

Motion made by Commander French that all Camp Reports are included in the Proceedings. Seconded by Jeff Albanese

Other Officers' Reports have been submitted.

GAR Highway Officer Matt Hereford [Page 37](#)

Newsletter Editor Darin Everdyke [Page 42](#)

Assistant Secretary Darin Everdyke [Page 43](#)

Department Webmaster Ray LeMay [Page 44](#)

Old Business

Replacement of Department Flag Jr Vice Commander Martin may know of a source. There has been some difficulty in finding a maker. William Stump mentioned there is a new Dept of Alabama. Where did they get their flag? Commander French will inquire of them.

Council Report Submitted. Books are in order 2024 Registration Fee set at \$10.00 [Page 43](#)

**10:30 AM Break**

**Call Back to Order 10:53 AM**

Jr Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin spoke about several topics.

He brought greetings from CinC Benjamin Frail. The new National Website is up and running and the old one is no longer available. CinC Frail asks all the Brothers to fill out the skill set survey. Updated Forms include Nos 3,7,11,12,17,27,30 and 35. Please use the new Form 3. Old Form 3s will be rejected.

Much discussion ensued about the definition of male in the C&R Refer to Document N2 under the section of National Regulations Changes. There are five recommendations from National. The Department C&R committee presents the following recommendation' Put definition of male once at the beginning and there after the word male would refer the earlier definition. The Committee recommends that Recommendation 5 be passed. The Committee recommends that Recommendations 1,2,3, and 4 be replaced with the the Department's C&R recommendation. See documents towards end of Proceedings.

Dennis Duffy made a motion to have the Encampment vote on presenting the Dept's recommendation on the definition of a male to National. Jeffrey Albanese seconded. Passed.

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Brother William Stump told the story of Albert Cashier.

Jr Vice Commander in Chief relayed from the CinC that if you cannot make the National Encampment send your comments and ideas to your delegate.

Jr Vice CinC Martin then made remarks about having to prove lineage when applying for membership as a member. The CinC made GOs then rescinded them on this topic. One concern is the extra work on Camp Officers. Read GO 5,7,11 and make comments.

Most of the discussion revolved around if this would help or hurt recruiting. Commander French said unlike the SAR who has a well-established infrastructure to help with determining lineage, the SUVCW does not.

**11:25 Resolutions, By Laws and Recommendation Committee**

Jeff Albanese, chairman, Robert Pugsley, Dennis Duffy



BY1 Changing name of Website award Motion by Dennis Duffy, seconded John Swarwout

Passed [Page 47](#)

BY 2 Danny Wheeler, PC-inC Lifetime Service Award Motion made by Dennis Duffy Seconded by George Shadman

Passed [Page 47](#)

BY 3 Withdrawn

BY 4 and 5 Combined Deals with Legislation Committee. Dennis Duffy made motion, seconded by Danny Wheeler

Passed [Page 49](#)

BY 6 Withdrawn

BY 7 Deals with Life Members pay Department dues if become life members after June 1,2023

Motion made by William Stump, seconded by Jeff Albanese

Passed [Page 50](#)

R1 Deals with how lobbying efforts are determined. Amendment added that “The NY Dept Requests to change GO 14 that National file Form 5768”

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, Danny Wheeler seconded the motion

Passed [Page 56](#)

R2 Deals with the fact Form 7 does not include Cadet’s name for ROTC award.

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, seconded by William Stump

Passed [Page 56](#)

R3 Sets up Special Committee for a Scholarship Committee

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, seconded by John Swartwout.

Passed [Page 57](#)

R4 Establishes a Special Department Fundraising Committee.

Motion made by Robert Pugsley, seconded by Danny Wheeler

Passed [Page 58](#)

R5 Withdrawn

R6 Withdrawn for now

R7 National provide Eagle Scout Certificates at no charge.

Motion made by Brian Castler, seconded by Jeffrey Albanese Passed [Page 55](#)

R8 Withdrawn

R9 Establishment of National Host Committee to host National Encampment in 2026

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, seconded by Ed O'Brien

Passed [Page 59](#)

R10 That the Department allocate \$4000 to the Friends of the New York State Military Museum.

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, seconded by Brian Castler

Passed [Page 61](#)

11:55 Visitation by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Representatives Lynne Dolan, National President and Susan Berardi, Department President. They extended greetings.

**12:03 PM Broke for Lunch**

**2:02 PM Resumed**

R11 Resolution to increase amount of Monuments/Memorial Grant Fund from \$500 to \$750

Motion by Dennis Duffy, seconded by William Stump

Passed [Page 61](#)

National Regulation Change regarding wording of Transfer paperwork

Motion made by Leo McGuire, seconded by Dennis Duffy

Passed [Page 51](#)

2:05

Commander French Left for Visitation, Sr Vice Commander O'Brien took Commander's chair.

Retention of Records Policy motion made to table by Dennis Duffy, seconded by Leo McGuire

Passed

Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese presented 2023-2024 Budget.

Balances are general due to checks not having cleared yet. Also Fiscal year ends on June 30.

The Treasurer explains various aspects of the different accounts.

Presented last years budget vs actual spent. Money from dues, fundraiser, and registration fee.  
Received about \$40 from Paypal

Went over expenses.

Duffy asked about membership application fees. It includes projected new applicants Also asked if \$1900 for fundraising is gross or net. It is gross. Asked about how much is in permanent fund? Around \$1841

Danny Wheeler Awards already paid.

Motion made by Dennis Duffy, seconded by George Shadman

Passed [Page 63](#)

## **2:23 Break**

## **2:37 Resumed**

Motion to create a pin for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States (FYI it is called a semiquincentennial) Referred to fundraising committee.

Motion by Jerry Orton seconded by Dennis Duffy

Passed

## **2:39**

Visitation by the NY Auxiliary to the SUVCW

Representatives Diane Theetge, President, and Department Secretary Hope Parker

They bring greetings.

## **Awards**

Jerry Orton received the Elmer "Bud" Atkinson Achievement Award for 50 years of Service.

Brothers Ed O'Brien, William Stump, Robert Pugsley, Jeffrey Albanese, Danny Wheeler, Brian Castler, Leo McGuire, Matt Hereford, Darin Everdyke, Ray LeMay III, Dennis Duffy, Roy Weidenberger (performing National Anthem), Moses Baldwin for raising money for Battle Flag Preservation, George McGraw, for contributions for Preserving Battle Flags

Camp Newsletter Award      David G Caywood Camp

Website Award      Col George Willard

George Shadman received Award for 50 years membership.

Brian Castler recipient of the Joseph Rippey Award

The Danny Wheeler Meritorious Award recipients were:

Danny Wheeler, PCinC

Jerome Orton, PDC

Robert Pugsley, PDC

Junior Vice Commander Awards go to Moses Baldwin Camp 544, Walter H French Camp 17, Schuyler F Smith Camp 193, Bret Col George Willard Camp 154

Oliver P Clarke Award goes to Bret Smith of the Schuyler F Smith Camp #193

Jerry Orton will make new one. Oliver P Clarke was the first curator of Grant's Cottage

PDC John G Kernan for most new members goes to Moses Baldwin Camp 544

No one received the Archibald Gracie Award. Given to the Camp that honored Confederate Veterans

Leo McGuire told about the Covell Award co-sponsored by the Willard Camp and an SAR chapter Battlefield each contributed \$100 to a Jr ROTC cadet for outstanding performance

No Patriotic Instructors Awards

## **Elections**

The Roll of Delegates was called. Everyone except for visitors were entitled to vote. Seventeen Commander French made a suggestion if unopposed then the Department Secretary casts one ballot. Leo McGuire made motion, Jerry Orton seconded.

Sr Vice Commander Ed O'Brien nominated for Department Commander by Dennis Duffy.  
Elected

Jr Vice Commander William Stump nominated for Sr Vice Commander by Jeffrey Albanese.  
Elected

Patriotic Instructor Axel Ravera nominated by Jeffrey French for Department Junior Vice Commander.

Elected

Leo McGuire nominated Brian Castler to Council. Ed O'Brien nominated Paul Ellis Graham and Jeffrey French

Elected to Council:

Paul Ellis Graham

Jeffrey French

Brian Castler

Election of Delegates to National Every PCinC, PDCs, one for being a Department. One for every 25. Based on 507 members we would be entitled to 20 delegates. Everyone present was elected as a delegate. A few others recommended by those present. See Form 49 for complete list.

Kevin Martin states as a delegate you can vote, if alternate then the DC can choose, or his designee can fill an absent delegate seat with an alternate.

Delegates Elected

**Break**

**Resumed 3:45**

Jerry Orton moved that the minutes prepared by the Department Secretary be the Official Record of the Encampment

Motion made by Jerry Orton, seconded by Jeffrey Albanese

Passed

Jr Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin relieved Commander French of his duties

Installation: The following Elected and Appointed Officers were installed by National Jr Vice Commander Kevin Martin following the directions included in the Ritual

Department Commander Edward O'Brien

Sr Vice Commander William Stump

Jr Vice Commander Axel Ravera

Dept Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese

Dept Secretary Robert Pugsley

Council Members

Brian Castler

Paul Ellis Graham

Jeffrey French

Patriotic Instructor Ben Gardiner

Chaplain Rev Dr Mark Isaacs

Grave Registration Officer Dennis Duffy

Historian Jerry Orton

Counselor Danny Wheeler

Eagle Scout Coordinator Brian Castler

ROTC/JrROTC Liaison Officer Ben Gardner

Co Archivists Brian Castler, Jeffrey French

Web Master Ray LeMay III

Veteran's Home Visitation Officer Jeffrey French

Civil War Memorials Officer Anton Schwarzmuller

Color Bearer John Swartwout

Guard Vincent Jockimo

Guide Daryl VerStreate

Assistant Secretary and Volunteer Editor Darin Everdyke

Jr Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin declared the Officers of the New York Department duly seated.

Jr Vice Commander Kevin Martin pinned the Department Commander's Badge on newly installed Ed O'Brien

Jr Vice Commander in Chief Kevin Martin pinned the PDC badge on PDC Jeffrey French

Department Commander O'Brien thanked the Department for their support.

Jerry Orton related that the Department Commander's Badge which is passed down from Commander to Commander was purchased in 1947.

Newly elected Department Commander Ed O'Brien closed the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Annual Department Encampment, SUVCW at 4:09 PM

Department Treasurer Jeffrey Albanese reminded that the Department's Fiscal Year ends June 30<sup>th</sup> so submit all receipts for reimbursement before then.

PDC French reminds everyone that the 141<sup>st</sup> NY Department Encampment, SUVCW will be held May 3-5, 2024, at the American Legion in Canandaigua, NY. Trying to lock in rooms for \$125/night.

The above minutes were prepared by Department Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC and swear that they are accurate to the best of my ability.

Robert Pugsley, PDC

NY Dept Secretary, SUVCW

## HEADQUARTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



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## 2022-2023 Department Commanders Annual Report

It has been a privilege and honor to have served as NY Department Commander. It was a great experience to work with so many talented brothers.

Since the Annual Encampment in May, quite a few Camps have held various activities from dedicating headstones, installing, and dedicating new headstones on unmarked graves, repair and cleaning existing headstones, dedication of graves, dedicating markers of Civil War Markers of Metal of Honor Winners, presentations (Civil War, GAR, SUVCW, etc.), and participated in the National Ceremony of commemorating the birth of President Chester B. Arthur, just to name a few.

In September the Commander in Chief started to conduct Quarterly Zoom meeting to update Department Commanders on subjects discussed at the Quarterly Council of Administration Meetings.

On 24 April 2022, the Department participated in ceremonies at Grant's Tomb for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U. S. Grants Birth and on 27 April 2022 participated in the in-Remembrance Day of Grant's birthday and dedication of Grants Cottage as a National Historical Landmark and the raising of a new Civil War flag over the Cottage donated by Colonel George L. Willard Camp #154, SUVCW. The Camp and



the Department will return to the cottage on the 23 July 2022 to remember his death.

Memorial Day Weekend the Camps did numerous cemetery ceremonies honoring the Boys in Blue. The Walter H. French Camp #17 procured a headstone for Pvt Caleb Barrett and conducted a ceremony with Dorothy Prentice, PNP from the DUVCW and Hope Parke, PDP from the ASUVCW, Brother Robert Dauchy, PDC from the Homer Searle Camp #134, and me as Department Commander along with living descendants. Camps also participated in Memorial Day Parades in their communities. As Department Commander I joined the ASUVCW in their parade in Jordan, NY.

At the 139<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment; it was voted by the brothers to have a National Host Committee for 2026. The committee has procured 4 requests for proposals. A letter of intent was sent to the CinC and the National Site Committee for consideration. The National Site Committee has settled on Rochester as the location for hosting the 2026 National Encampment. The 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment will vote on to host the National Encampment or not.

The Department Mid-Year meeting was conducted in October.

Lee Richards contacted me to turn over GAR and SUVCW archives to me. The Department of NY archivists Leo McGuire, PDC and Brian Castler, PDC have done an exceptional job of inventorying the archives and procuring a place to store the items. A long-term location will need to be determined by the GAR & SUVCW Property & Artifacts Committee for recommendations.

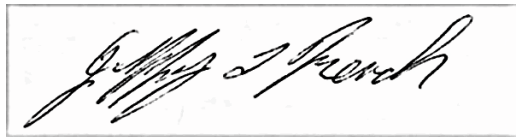
Preserving history is one of our many missions. NYS has roughly 1800 battle flags requiring preservation. CinC Paquette gave the Department approval to lobby for the preservation of these battle flags. To date one State Assemblyman expressed interest in this endeavor. More work on this front is in work. The Department is exploring a plan of action on fundraising efforts from corporations and businesses. This will be an ongoing project for the next few years until all have been successfully preserved. In addition, the Department Fundraising Committee was established to help raise funds for the Battle Flags. The success of this committee will be in the report they're submitting. Recommend they become a special committee to continue raising funds for the Department projects.

It was my pleasure to be able to visit some of our Camps doing great work. Camps that I visited were the Col. David Ireland Camp #137, David G. Caywood Camp #146, Sydney Camp #41, and the Schuyler F. Smith Camp #193.

The Department implemented the Under 40 Working Group initiated by the DJVC, Brother Stump, to increase recruitment from the younger generation along with a department survey. Working with local colleges history departments is another initiative to aid in recruitment and visibility.

On 30 April I will be attending Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #26 Ulysses S. Grant's 201<sup>st</sup> Birthday Ceremony in Manhattan, NY.

Looking forward to the upcoming 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment in Callicoon, NY at the Villa Roma Resort. [Back](#)



Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Jeffrey French, PDC (CH)  
Department Commander,  
Department of New York, SUVCW



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

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER  
REPORT



To: Department Commander  
Jeffrey I. French, PDC (CH), PCC

5/4/2023

To: Secretary, Dept. of NY  
Robert Pugsley, PCC, PDC

From: Senior Vice Commander

Department of New York  
Edward P. O'Brien, PCC

Commander:

SVC Report.

It is my pleasure to report that I'm active within the Order.

1.) I filled in for the Department Commander only on a few rare occasions when he was unable to attend an event. That was seldom because Commander Jeff French is very diligent in his duty's as NY Department Commander.

2.) Have been active with the Department & Camp Fundraising Committee.

3.) Additionally became active with the Rally Round the Flags Committee. (NY Regiment Battle Flags)

3.) Took charge of our annual raffle ticket fundraiser for the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment. Suitable items for the raffle were acquired and posted on the NY Department web page, Facebook page and published in The Volunteer Newsletter. Total Gross amount received from the fundraiser is \$2,073, Net \$1,596.57 represents 40% of the Department projected income.

4.) Worked with SUVCW-DUVCW and AUVCW on the 2024 NY Department Encampment, locating a suitable American Legion Post in Canandaigua, NY for the meeting place.

5.) Worked with SUVCW-DUVCW and AUVCW on the 2026 National Encampment location site in Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,  
Faithful Servant

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty  
Edward P. O'Brien, PCC  
Senior Vice Commander DNY

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Jr Vice Commander William Stump

2023 Membership Survey Response

21 surveys were received. Improvement for next year will be to avoid a majority of open-ended questions instead offering multiple choice

Demographical information of respondent Brothers

1. Age: 81% are age 60 and above
2. Membership status: 95% are hereditary members.
3. Length of membership: 52% 10 years or less (One Brother self-reported 50 years)
4. Education level: 61% bachelors or better

5. Regions represented: 33% Mid-Hudson, 19% Capital. Lowest response: North Country and Western New York
6. Veterans: 48% including Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo

#### Question response overview

1. Reasons for joining the SUVCW: 43% mentioned ancestor's service, the next biggest factor was an interest in genealogy or the Civil War. One Brother mentioned an SUVCW project inspiring him to join
2. Ideas for Camp Improvement: 14% mentioned Camps hosting events like dinners. Another 14% also mentioned having Zoom meetings or having more active members
3. Ideas for Department Improvement: Nearly 30% had no comment with many saying they get no benefit from the Department. 14% requested more assistance for camps from the Department in one way or another. One Brother requested the ability to pay dues through Paypal.
4. Ideas for National Improvement: The most popular responses with about 14% each was asking for better marketing for the Order or requesting more transparency from National particularly with fee increases.
5. Future of the Camp and Department: The overwhelming response with 50% was concerns on a lack of recruiting members particularly young members. One Brother took the time to address a letter and fill not much of anything in except "A slow agonized death" in response to this question.
6. Biggest challenge faced: Nearly 90% of respondents mentioned again a lack of recruiting with an even higher emphasis based on recruiting younger members
7. What we aren't doing that we should be: 33% of Brothers advocated for better community outreach
8. Are you staying: 95% indicated they would continue as members
9. What would help recruiting: 43% suggested better community outreach and a further 14% suggested we work with other civic organizations.

#### Additional Comments:

"If we can survive and continue to sell ourselves as a community of good people doing good things we may be able to attract those who can join."

"In another organization that I am involved in, the club gained many new younger members, but all left within a few years. Many of the younger guys were alienated and or stayed away from the older guys because the more tenured members did not want to accept new ways or thoughts"

"The public has no idea we exist."

"On the roster camp has 29 members...when meeting is held 6 to 8 attend meeting. When event is scheduled 4 will show up."

"Streamline application process when I joined it was a year before I was voted in"

"What we are not doing is targeting young people for recruitment by offering social events, networking events, pub crawls, etc"

"We should be as big as the Civil War Trust in our preservation attempts. I don't know why have been sidelined or where the money is, but we should be the ones recognized as preserving the memory of Union Civil War Veterans."

"Centralize meetings and encampments"

"The ROTC/Eagle Scout Programs are vital"

"There is a need to help enlighten school children on the importance and merits of patriotism, respect for the US flag, the veterans, our sacred Civil War monuments and landmarks"

"Part of our mission should be to speak up against the displaying of confederate uniforms, battle flags and sentiment in our areas. Too many Union soldiers were killed or maimed fighting to end the rebellion against democracy in America and would be spinning in their graves if they saw the northern acceptance of confederate displays and virtues today/'

"There are millions eligible we have only scratched the surface"

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## NY Department Secretary's report

### Submitted on the Occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, May 6, 2023 in Callicoon, NY

Commander French and Brothers

I would like to present my 2023 New York Department Secretary's Report

Our current membership is 444. That is down from last year's membership of 507. This reflects the loss of having two Camps under suspension at this time. One Camp is expected to complete their paperwork this weekend which would add eleven bringing up the total to 454. If and when the other camp complies, the total could rise to a possible 489. The additional drop consists of a gain of twenty members and a loss of thirty eight. We have fifteen Camps in good standing and two that are under suspension.

When duals are subtracted the number of unique members is 421. There are thirteen Jr Members. We have fifty six Life members up from forty four from last year. We gained six new members under the age of forty.

The 2022 Department Annual Report was submitted on time last year. It is expected to be the same this year.

One challenge this year was to get the Camps that were not in good standing with the IRS back in compliance. This has been generally successful. It all revolves around the fact of Camp's failure to file their 990Ns. Department Treasurer Albanese and myself have been harping for years about the importance of meeting this requirement. We are going to be more diligent in keeping track of 990N compliance.

I would like us to start doing a better job in recognizing our members who have passed away. First off we should be more diligent in getting it the Form 30s We need to get the names on the website, the Volunteer and the Banner in a timely manner. I am going to start a program of sending sympathy cards to the family of deceased Brothers.

Some of my activities have included processing new applications, Form 30s, preparing the Annual Dept Report, preparing for the Annual Encampment and assisting Camps with any of their needs.

Expenses incurred have included postage, office supplies, ribbons for the Encampment along with the name tags and holders.

When submitting the Form 3, application, make certain that you fill out the Recommended By part so I can give you credit. That helps determining some awards.

One area that I have been derelict is getting out the Proceedings in a complete and timely manner. I am going to work harder this year to correct that.

Probably one of the most important Forms we have is Form 27. Every year there are numerous points of confusion that are brought to me by Camp Secretaries. I am going to compile a list of those issues and present them in a FAQs format.

My term of Office ends at the end of the 2025 Encampment. I know every three years I say I am not taking it again. This time I mean it. To do this job properly takes a lot of time and effort. I would like someone to consider stepping up and learning the job over the next two years.

If anyone would like to help out in any of these endeavors I have mentioned, please contact me.

There seems to be a continuing problem with some Camp Officers not doing their duty. This results in Camps being suspended. This is a point of shame for those Camps, their Officers, and their members. Brothers, if your Officers are not doing their duty, hold them accountable. When you accepted the Office you put your left hand on the bible, rose your right hand and swore an oath before all the members of your Camp and almighty God that you would faithfully execute the duties of your Office. We are all here because our ancestors, through their blood, sweat and tears fulfilled their oaths. It is disgraceful to their memory that we cant do ours. We are proud of our ancestors who bled and died to save the Union and remove the over seers boot off the neck of an enslaved people. We should endeavor to make them proud of us.

In the course of my duties as Department Secretary I have to collect the data to determine the awarding of three Awards. The Oliver P Clarke Award for the Brother that recruited the most new members, the PDC John G Kernan Cup to the Camp that gained the most new members and the Department Jr Vice Commander Growth Award to the Camps that showed a net increase in numbers.

The recipients this year are:

Oliver P. Clarke award to Brother Bret Smith of the Schuyler F Smith Camp #193

PDC John G. Kernan Cup to the Moses Baldwin Camp #544

The Department Jr Vice Commander Growth Award to:

Walter H French Camp #17

Col George L Willard Camp #154

Schuyler F Smith Camp #193

Moses Baldwin #544

I would like to especially thank the efforts and support of our Dept Commander Jeff French whose efforts have been untiring in building a better Department. Relentless is a better word. I don't know when he sleeps because when I send him an email at three in the morning he responds within half an hour. I also want to recognize Department Treasurer Jeff Albanese, Past Commander in Chief Danny Wheeler, Assistant Secretary Darin Everdyke and Department Grave Registration Officer Dennis Duffy who have always been willing to help and offer advice which has proven to be invaluable.

Most of all I would like to thank all the Camp Officers who submit their respective reports in on time. You have no idea how much easier it makes my job.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Robert Pugsley, PDC

NY Dept Secretary, SUVCW

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## **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

April 18, 2023

Commander French and Brothers of the Department of New York:

Please let this letter serve a Preliminary Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Department of New York, SUVCW to the 140th Encampment of Department of New York. The report is preliminary because at this time of year I begin to receive a number of camp per capita checks and issue a number of

checks to pay for annual expenses and am still working on completing the proposed budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and will present a more up to date report closer to the Encampment. It is important to understand that unlike most of the camps our fiscal year is July 1 through June 30<sup>th</sup> and that most all the financial activity of the Department occurs between April and June of each year corresponding with Encampment. As such we are currently still within that 2022/3 fiscal year.

Now as Treasurer I am obligated to remind everyone of the importance of filing your camp 990s. I mention this every year, as does the Department Secretary, as has those who preceded us did the year before that and the year before that. Once again, we find the Department suspending camps for not filing their 990s. This is not a new requirement!!! Department Secretary Pugsley sends out constant reminders about this issue and it is a constant subject at Department Encampments and midyear meetings. Failure to do so results in the suspension of a camp and during that suspension a camp cannot do any business until it makes that filing and if a camp fails to do so for 3 successive years it leads to the loss of a camp's tax exempt status. There is no excuse for not doing these annually and on time and it should be a discussion of importance at every officer installation meeting annually. Failure to do so does a disservice to the organization, the department, the camp and most importantly to the camp's members.

Since our last encampment most of the activity regarding our finances has been minimal and mostly routine. The depositing of new members checks and reinstatement fees and the issuance of checks to national for their per capita fees and for officer's expenses, such as for membership badges, postage, or copying or supplies. As of today, I have written about twenty-eight checks since our last Encampment, twenty-one of which are during this fiscal year.

In accordance with the Department Bylaws on April 16, 2023, I forwarded all the monthly bank statements, check register, CD, and mutual fund statements as well as our 990N filing for all accounts up through April 16<sup>th</sup> to the Department Council for their review and examination prior to this Encampment.

Although I know a number of you have heard this before but for those who are new, I must inform you that the Department currently holds 5 accounts, a Wells Fargo checking account in which most activity occurs, a Wells Fargo savings account which primarily consists mostly of funds set aside per an earlier direction of an earlier Encampment to fund approximately 20 years of annual \$500.00 Memorial & Monument Grants. A mutual fund account value according to its last quarterly statement has suffered some recent losses, a renewable Permanent Fund CD and a renewable regular CD which are currently earning interest. Please note that our accounts at Wells Fargo require us to keep a minimum balance of \$7,500.00 or we are subject to an approximately \$15.00 monthly maintenance fee. While that may not sound like much, if that is to occur that would equal the dues of 2 and 1/2 members each month or the dues of 7% of our current dues paying members annually.

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 fees which primarily go to pay for Encampment expenses. Most of our income continues to come from the dues which normally account for 90 % of our income. Of all the dues collected by the Department the Department retains only 15% and 85% is passed through to National. The less members we have the less we collect the less income we have. Also, of importance is that our Life members and all our Juniors currently DO NOT pay Department per capita. So, while you may hear that we have approximately five



hundred members, approximately seventy-two of these classes of members or about 15% do not currently pay dues to the Department.

As to our budget based on the numbers provided for membership as provided by the Department Secretary and reported in the Department newsletter, I project Department dues income for the 23/24 fiscal year to be approximately \$2,640.00 with an additional net raffle income of about \$1,400.00 for a total of approximately \$4,040.00 which is slightly down from last year. Our bylaws also mandate that we budget approximately \$2,075.00 for officer expenses along with a couple of awards and other items. This leaves about \$1,965.00 in discretionary spending. But as I said in the past that is not really discretionary as we also need to pay our annual reoccurring expenses, primarily postage, copying and supplies for the raffle, Encampment expenses, advertising, costs for the PDC badge, the Mary Walker Award, Grant Ceremony Wreath, and website costs. Details will be listed in the proposed budget which will be provided at the Encampment.

I would also be remiss in not mentioning the concept of Fiduciary duty. We who are Camp Treasurers or Camp Commanders have a fiduciary duty to protect the funds that are entrusted to us and to recognize that the funds we collect as dues we do so for both our camp, the Department, and the National Organization. We need to realize that that responsibility includes both civil and criminal penalties for failing to follow that duty as a fiduciary. As an attorney I am keenly aware of that duty and what it entails. It is not proper or permissible for any reason to spend money that you are holding for anyone else be it the Department or the National Organization or the camp even if you intend to repay it.

In addition, to my activities as Treasurer I have reviewed and commented on the contract for this year's Encampment. I have also hosted both the Department's Midyear meeting and the subsequent January meeting on Zoom. I, with the able assistance of brother Stump, also had the Department PayPal account set up. In addition, I serve on the Department's Encampment Committee, the Special Fundraising Committee, the Special Scholarship Committee, The National Encampment Exploratory Hosting committee, the Monuments and Memorials Grant Committee and the 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment Bylaws and Resolutions committee. I also represented the Department and Commander French at a dinner honoring current National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Lynne Dolan.

This year marks my 21 years as a brother in the SUVCW. During those years I have served in every camp position, most recently and for the first-time last year as camp secretary. I have also served as a department officer either appointed or elected since 2004 including three terms as Department Commander. During my time as camp secretary I have discovered how very tough and cumbersome this position is. I have had the pleasure of working closely with brother Bob Pugsley now for more than a decade. Initially as we worked our way up the ladder to Department Commander and then as Department Treasurer and Secretary. As such I ask all of us to recognize the demanding work and substantial contributions brother Pugsley has made to the Department and our Order for the many years, he has held the job of Department Secretary. I think the best way we can recognize that service is to make sure we get all our camp reports to him accurately and on time. He does not make the rules, but he has to comply with them. If he does not, then the Department gets suspended and then the Department and the Camps and therefore our members suffer. These reporting deadlines should be no surprise to anyone. Not only are they the same each year, but he sends out reminders, and they appear on the national website. So, let us not produce excuses, lets produce results.

I would also like to commend our Department Commander Jeff French. I have sat in that chair, and I know the work that is involved. Commander French, in my opinion, has this past year executed his job duties in that office with extreme competence, he has made a great effort to do so transparently, he has been informative, he has asked for and listens to advice and has epitomized the Order's core principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. 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. Many of you I know and those that I do not please feel free to come and introduce yourself sometime during the day.

Now for some advice, as I said last year, we really need to shift our focus to figuring out how to retain our members, how to recruit new members and how to recruit younger members. Younger members are the key to our continued survival. This should be the focus of our meetings; 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. To do so we need to be relevant to today. As someone once told me, and it is true, the Civil War is still being fought. Not on the Battlefield but as to its history and its legacy. We need to educate our youth and others about what the war was about and what its legacy should be as that is how we honor our ancestors who fought for the Union. We need to oppose those who continue to push the myth of the Lost Cause.

Further, as I have frequently stated since I been giving reports at these Encampments going back to 2004, all officers elected or appointed at any level and that includes those serving on committees, need to become familiar with and abide by their job duties and responsibilities under both the National Rules and Regulations, 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, which is particularly true for those of us who seek elective office. We also have bylaws that impose additional duties on our officers beyond those in the National Rules & Regulations and the National Policies and you need to know them and perform them. I also believe that if you are a Camp Commander or a Department Commander it is your obligation to as a camp commander to attend the Department Encampment and as a Department Commander attend the National Encampment and if you cannot to make sure someone from your camp or from the Department does attend. I have been coming to these encampments for almost 20 years and I cannot recall when, if at any time, we had attendance by a representative from every camp and frankly I find that disgraceful.

Finally, last year I introduced a proposal to explore the possibility of having a youth scholarship program and setting up a committee to explore the feasibility of doing so with the proviso that it devise a way of generating a revenue stream to support it. That resolution passed and this year that committee will recommend we do so with seed money from the Department's reserves to get it started but only as a 5year special committee to see if the Department can sustain it by generating a revenue stream through the Department fundraising committee. The point is that if we are going to make proposals that will cost the department money over a sustained period of time, they should be accompanied by a plan to generate the revenue to continue to sustain it.

Now some recommendations.

I like to commend the Department Newsletter Editor for his work on the newsletter. The finished product looks good, and it has good content. However, it is sent out as a word document. Members who have Apple computers have difficulty in opening word documents and in addition as a word document the file

takes up a considerable amount of space. I would recommend sending it out as a pdf as it allows it to be opened by most operating systems and further reduces the space the file takes up making it easier to transmit.

Secondly, the National Organizations retention of records provisions of the R&R require us to keep our Encampment proceedings. Encampment proceedings consist of both the minutes as well as the Officers and Committee reports, the proposed resolutions and bylaws and markups if any, the proposed and adopted budget and any other correspondence or written matter associated with the Encampment. We have not posted proceedings on our website for the last three Encampments. We have posted minutes but reading those without the associated reports, proposed bylaws, or resolutions, mentioned or referred to in them makes them fairly useless. While I commend the fact that we are now getting the minutes out relatively quickly we need to do so with the accompanying reports etc. and we need to see if we can reconstruct those reports and add them to the minutes for the last three years while they are still relatively available.

Finally, the Department PayPal account only appears on the Department website. As of today, after several months, it has raised only \$43.00 from two contributions, one of which was a test contribution from the Department Commander. I do not know how many visits the department website gets or how active it is, but I do know from brother LeMay that only about three camps still operate a website while many more have a Facebook or other social media presence. My camp raises money for headstone installations and for some other projects on our Facebook page. The Department Paypal account should be used on our Facebook page and other social media. In addition, our fundraising should be targeted and focused and not just a wish list without any promotion of any particular project.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Jeffrey Albanese

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, Treasurer

SUVCW, Department of New York

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## **NY Department Counselor's Report on the Occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Annual Department Encampment, SUVCW, May 6,2023 in Callicoon, NY**

Dear Commander French and Fellow Brothers,

It has been a pleasure to serve the Department as Counselor to the Department Commander. We have always had the GAR in mind. As we keep working on ways to get younger people to assure the Organization moves forward should be on top of our list.

Yours in F,C, and L,

Danny Wheeler PCinC

Department Counselor

Transcribed from handwritten submission

Transcribed by Robert Pugsley, PDC NY Dept Secretary

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# DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report  
Report Deadline June 1, 20\_\_

Department Name:

Department Patriotic Instructor Signature: 

Department Commander Signature: 

*INSTRUCTIONS: Reporting period is 1 January through 31 December. Complete form and send to National Patriotic Instructor. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Hours are calculated by multiplying the number of hours for an event by the number of Brothers participating. (e.g. 10 hours x 3 Brothers = 30 hours reported) Fill in box or write narrative as applicable. Do not fill in shaded boxes.*

*KEY: Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.*

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How many Civil War history education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic Responsibility?					
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?					
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?					
4	Armed Forces Day participation?					
5	Memorial Day participation?					
6	Flag Day participation?					
7	July 4 participation?					
8	Remembrance Day participation?					

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9	Veterans Day participation?					
10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays?					

11	How many Patriotic / Americanism Essay Contest participation?					
11a	Number of schools participating?					
11b	Number of Youth Groups participating?					
11c	Number of students involved?					
11d	Scholarships awarded if any?					
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your Department? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
13	Did SUVCW members wear and display member Badges?					
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the community, businesses, and schools?					
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Department?					
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program?					
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program?					

18	What events or functions did your Department participate in by showing how important Patriotism / Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
19	Did your Department include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?					
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?					
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?					
22	Department Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Department Meetings?					
23	As Department Patriotic Instructor; what forms of communication did you use? (continue on page 4 if necessary)					
24	Suggestions for the Patriotic Instructor positions (continue on page 4 if necessary):					

25	How many Camps within your Department?					
26	How many Camp Patriotic Instructors within your Department?					

No.	Narrative Continuation

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## 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



3 March 2023



## **Annual Report of the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator (2022-2023)**

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

I have again sent an updated letter to each of the 14 Boy Scout Council Executives in the State of New York reminding them about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) 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. In 2021, the Boy Scout Councils in New York State went from 15, to 14 Councils. The Westchester-Putnam Council and The Hudson Valley Council merged to The Greater Hudson Valley Council. As of the date of this report, the Iroquois Trail Council and the Greater Niagara Frontier Council are looking to merge in the first half of 2023, leaving 13 councils in New York State.

I have kept in contact with Brother Bob Seal, National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. About mid-July he will develop and submit an Annual Eagle Scout Program Report to the Chief of Staff for inclusion in the National Encampment Report.

On 3 July 2022, the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator was.

provided the “2021-2022 Annual Eagle Scout Certificate Report, Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War. Of the 17 camps within the Department, 10 Camps responded. 127 SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificates were issued by 7 Camps and the Department covering the period 1 July 2021, to 30 June 2022.

In 2021 young women are now eligible to earn the Eagle Scout Award. The SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate is now a newly worded Certificate to make the certificate gender neutral (They can be ordered from the National Quartermaster. The certificate will have to be ordered on a printed order form and marked up to note “gender neutral” next to the Eagle Certificate line item). The certificates also

include the words “Boy Scouts of America”, which is satisfactory because the name of the corporation remains “Boy Scouts of America, Inc.”, even though the Program name changed from “Boy Scouts” to “Scouts BSA”.

For the first 9 months of the current reporting period of 17 camps in the Department, 10 reported of which 5 Camps have issued Eagle Scout Certificates. A total of 108 Certificates have been issued by the Department Camps to date with 25 being referred to the Camps from the Department to issue the certificate for the Boy Scout Council Areas they are covering.

With the cost of providing these Eagle Certificate packets to the Eagle Scout, the Department and/or National should reimburse the Camps for some, if not all the cost of furnishing them. Currently the cost can run up to \$11.85 +/- for each certificate packet.

I have submitted 2 resolutions to the 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment. One is for National to reimburse the Departments and Camps for part of the cost of the Eagle packets and the other for the Department of New York to reimburse its Camps for part of the cost of the Eagle Packets.

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, PDC, PCC

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

**Department of New York, SUVCW  
 GRO Report – 1/1/22-12/30/22**

TO: Jeffrey French, Commander, Department of NY

DATE: 2/27/2023

C: Henry Duquette, National GRO, Dept. Officers, Camp Commanders, & GROs, Dept. of NY

**GRAVES REGISTERED**

The number of graves registered by brothers (and one sister) of the Department of New York in 2022 was 2,161 vs 3,891 in 2021, 2,188 in 2020, 233 in 2019, and 3 in 2018. That's growth!

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bruce Crandall, Camp #124	0	1534	949
John Goodnough, Camp #137*	253	245	0
Willis Platt, Camp #137	0	0	58
Dennis Duffy, Camp #544	211	1072	506
Don McMahon, Camp #544	299	534	675
Wayne Haddock, Camp #544	286	504	0
Christopher White, Camp #154	0	2	0
Ethel French	1,112	0	0
Total # Graves Entered	2,161	3,891	2,188

\*Bro. John completes GR forms, in complete detail, which are then entered by Christopher Shand of Camp #544 or the Department GRO.

Note: The figures above are only what's been reported. There may others who have done lots of work but prefer not to report. Also, there are non-member submitters who register graves and members from other Departments who enter NY graves.

**New York State Totals Excluding Regular Army, NAVY, Revenue Cutter Service**

	<b>12/31/22</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Served in NY Units and Recorded in the Database	90,352	87,571	2,781
NY Unit, Buried in New York	42,494	40,999	1,495
Unit from another state, buried in NY	11,197	11,396	(199)
NY Unit, buried in other States & countries	47,858	46,572	1,296
Total Buried in NY	53,691	52,395	1,286

**HEADSTONES PLACED-Total 6**

The Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 reports placing 6 VA headstones in Greenfield Cemetery for 4 Civil War Veterans and one each from the Spanish American War and WWI. A dedication ceremony was conducted on October 15 with participation by the DUVCW, the American Legion, the VFW and Boy Scout Troop 336, Lynbrook, NY.

**HEADSTONES REPAIRED/RESET.** None reported.

**HEADSTONES CLEANED-** None reported.

### **GRAVESTONE DEDICATIONS.**

-On July 16 the Baldwin and Tilden Camps combined to carry out a grave dedication ceremony in Green-Wood Cemetery for CW Navy veteran Edward Van Velsor whose family had worked with the cemetery to obtain and place the stone. The 14<sup>th</sup> Brooklyn fired the volleys.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Early in January, Anton Schwarzmuller, Secretary, Lincoln Camp #6 and Bill Wagner of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 started submitting graves thus becoming welcome members of the Graves Registration Team. In 2022, Ethel French entered more than all the brothers together thus earning the Department of NY GRO Award which will be presented at the Encampment. Perhaps, with the addition of Bros. Anton and Bill, the brothers collectively will out do Ethel in 2023.

Late in 2021, I came in contact with Ella Alsheimer a DAR member from Rome, NY. She agreed to check out some questions I had about burials in Rome Cemetery. A year later she sent me a list of 300, doubling the number we had in the database and adding information and making corrections to what we already had! Bill Wagner will be doing the additions.

I have a list of several thousand graves in Allegany County given me by Legion Riders Post 702 of Wellsville, NY and could use a volunteer to confirm and enter these graves.

Richard Sherman, PCC, Tanner Camp #134 has provided a list of burials in the Old Stone Fort Graveyard, Schoharie, NY

I continue to serve on the National Graves Registration Committee and the Graves Registration Manual which I updated is now on the National website. The Committee is now developing specifications for a new system which will be put out to bid and Bill Wagner has been appointed an aide to the committee because of his experience in developing requests for proposal.

If the work of any brother or camp has not been included here, please let me know and I will amend this report. Also, if you have suggestions as to what this report should cover in the future, let me know. Thanks to all who are contributing to perhaps the most significant of the

SUVCW projects and, if your Camp is not participating, and there is anything I can do to help you get involved, please call. So far, about one third if all Union Veterans are in the Database so there's a lot more to do!

Any questions, call or write.

In F., C., & L.,

*Bro. Dennis*

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May 2023

US Rt. 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Report.

April 26, 2023

Dear Department Commander French,

I would like to report the following as the US Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer for the Department of NY, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 2022-2023 term:

Below is a brief summary of the highlights of the GAR Highway within NY

1. NY Department US Route 6 GAR Highway Brochures PDF is enclosed and may be printed for distribution at Camp events. Camps may contact me at [outbackmat@aol.com](mailto:outbackmat@aol.com) if they so desire a PDF.
2. Contact has been maintained with National GAR Officer Hrisco, PDC. I inquired about the vendor that supplies National and the current price of Route 6 GAR signage. Brother Hrisco researched the vendor and found that signage had increased to \$250 per sign excluding shipping and handling. He is currently looking into finding a new vendor.
3. I met with Putnam County Highway Dept. Commissioner, Thomas Feighery, and he was very positive about placing signage in and or around Carmel, NY.
4. After my positive meeting with the Highway Department, I personally purchased two (2) signs from the Ebay vendor for roughly \$60. I have enclosed pictures of the 9"x 18" signs. Hopefully a location will be set and placement of the signs will be done this year.

5. I regret that I cannot attend this year's Encampment due to health issues a travel conflict.

Recommendations: None at this time.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Matthew J. Hereford PCC

3 Attachments

GAR Highway Brochure (2 pages)

Picture of newly purchased GAR sign



## About The Sons Of Union Veterans Of the Civil War

Shortly after the end of the Civil War, Union veterans organized into the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and became a social and political force that would control the destiny of the nation for more than six decades. Membership was restricted to men who actually served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Cutter Service during the years

1861-1865, thereby limiting the lifespan of the

G.A.R. In 1881 the G.A.R formed the Sons of Veterans (SV) to carry forward the traditions and memory of the G.A.R. after it ceased to exist.

Membership was open to any man who could prove ancestry to a member of the G.A.R. or to a veteran eligible for membership in the G.A.R.

In 1925 the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), under which a federal charter was issued by an act of Congress in 1954. The SUVCW is the legally recognized heir to the G.A.R.

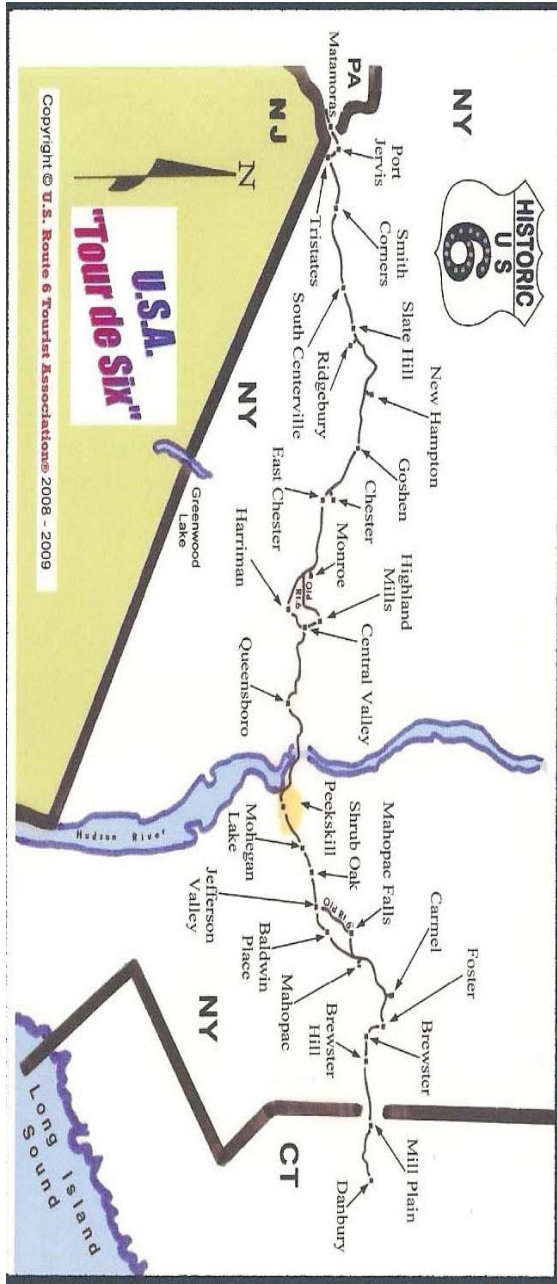
### The Purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The purpose of the SUVCW is "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861-1865..." We as Sons do this by:

- honoring all who have patriotically served our country:
- preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members: - teaching patriotism,

citizenship, and the history of our country:

- furthering the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.



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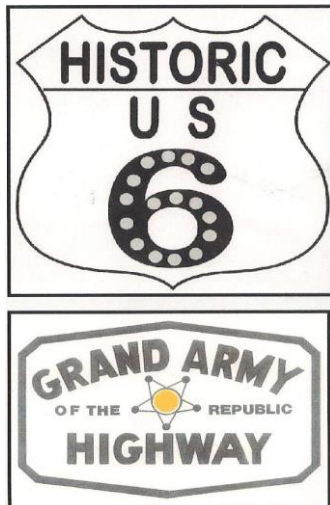
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## Creation of the GAR Memorial Highway

The historic highway got its start in 1926, when the AASHO (American Association of State Highway Officials) adopted the U.S. Route numbering system to mark the Nation's main interstate highways.



The idea for the GAR Memorial highway goes back to the mid 1930's when it was proposed at a Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment, that U.S. Route 6, running from Provincetown (Cape Cod) Massachusetts, to Bishop California, be designated as the "Memorial Highway."

### **U.S. Route 6 GAR Highway**

The Highway was nationally designated as the U.S. Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway in 1937, passing through fourteen states. With the approval of Long Beach, California as an extension to the Route, the 3,652 miles from Provincetown, made it the longest U.S. Route in the country. In 1965, The AASHO approved a request from the State of California to end the Historic highway in Bishop, California, thus losing its transcontinental status. Though losing the status, the Route's 3,227 miles makes it the second longest U.S. Route in the country.

### **NY State Legislation**

In 1937, the New York State Legislature passed, with the approval of then Governor Lehman, the law (chapter 442) designating U.S. Route 6 in New York State as the **Grand Army of the Republic Highway**. This was done: "*In grateful recognition of the valued services rendered by the Union Veterans of the Civil War.*"

### **The U.S. Route 6 GAR Highway In NY**

From the eastern border of Brewster, NY to the western border of Port Jervis, NY, the U.S. Route 6 Grand Army of the Republic Highway extends 78.09 miles (125.67 km). The Route passes through Putnam, Westchester, Orange and a small stretch of Rockland county near where it passes over the Hudson River on the Bear Mountain Bridge.

Grand Army of the Republic Highway markers are located in Port Jervis, Middletown, Goshen, Woodbury, Slate Hill, Peekskill & Brewster.

**Touring the NY GAR Highway Putnam Co.** In Putnam County "The Quartermaster of the Union", Brewster, NY was home to the Borden Company, which produced canned condensed milk to supply the Union Army A state historic marker shows the location of "Borden's Bridge" along the route. This area was also a major source of iron ore. The Tilly Foster Mine supplied ore to northern foundries during the war.

#### **Westchester Co.**

Going through the old Hudson River port of Peekskill in Westchester County, once the summer residence of abolitionist Henry Ward Beecher. One can also visit the Lincoln Depot Museum, where a statue of Abraham Lincoln marks the spot where he stopped and spoke in 1861 on his inaugural train journey from Springfield to Washington D. C.

#### **Orange Co.**

Passing over the Bear Mountain Bridge into

Orange County, the United States Military Academy is directly north. The USMA produced many notable officers of both the Union and the Confederacy. Passing through Monroe and its historic Monroe Village is the Hamlet of Sugar Loaf. Here stations of the Underground Railroad were located for escaped slaves heading north to Canada.

Further west is Goshen, the Orange County seat, many men were destined to the famous 56<sup>th</sup> NYVI "Tenth Legion" and the 124<sup>th</sup> NYVI "Orange Blossoms." Goshen is also home to "The Trotter" in Harness racing. The Hambeltonian Stakes originated at the Goshen Historic Track, where in 1873, President U.S. Grant visited and watched the races from the rooftop of a house on Main Street, alongside the track.

Passing Middletown and Hillside

Cemetery, where many Orange Blossom veterans and their comrades rest, Port Jervis on the Delaware River is the final destination in NY State. Here, in Veterans Park, the tallest Civil War monument in the state looms over the spot where Stephen Crane interviewed veterans for his novel "The Red Badge of Courage.

*A short drive north and west on Route 97 from Port Jervis to Barryville in Sullivan County, will bring you across the river to Shohola, PA, site of the worst train disaster in American History at the time of the Civil War. Seventy six men, mainly Confederate prisoners and a few Union guards heading for Elmira Prison, perished in a head on collision with a coal freight train. Two confederate prisoners are buried in the small graveyard of the old Barryville Congregational Church.*

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## Newsletter Editor Report for the 2023 NY Department Encampment.

The Volunteer continues to be a quarterly publication, published on or about Jan 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year.

Contributions from the various Department Officers, Camp Officers and Camp Newsletter Editors have been profuse and enthusiastic- more than enough to support the increased demand created by the new publication frequency.

Efforts to include the Allied Orders have met with little success. There have been very few contributions and almost no communication from the Daughters or the Aux. These efforts will continue, given that the effort is well worth any possible success.

Since the 2022 Department Encampment, Editions of The Volunteer have been published on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, October 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. As of the date of submission of this report (3/4/2023) the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 edition is currently being assembled.

Respectfully submitted,

In F, C, & L,

Darin Everdyke, PDC

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## Assistant Secretary Report for the 2023 Encampment of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Assistant Secretary of the New York Department has transcribed and submitted the spoken minutes of both the 2022 Department Encampment (held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022) and of the Mid-Year meeting (held on October 9, 2022).

The Encampment minutes were completed and submitted on June 22, 2022

The Mid year Meeting minutes were completed and submitted on November 24, 2022

The transcribed minutes of both meetings were combined with the various Department Officers' Reports to create the full Proceedings of each meeting and posted on the Department web site.

Respectfully submitted this day of 3/4/2023,

In F, C & L,

Darin Everdyke, PDC

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Dear Officers & Members of the Department of New York, S.U.V.C.W.

The following information serves as the report of the Department Council for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to date and is prepared for the upcoming 140th Encampment in May.

All three Department Council members have found the books in good order. Treasurer Albanese does an excellent job of keeping track of our account funds and keeps us posted of any necessary requests that may need to be made during the fiscal year.

To that effect, we note that in February 2023 and April 2023 two requests were made by the Treasurer. In February, Treasurer Albanese requested that we transfer \$10,000 from the Department checking account to the Department savings account. That was done on February 13th with the approval of the Council.

Several weeks ago, Treasurer Albanese requested that we take \$150 from his budget as treasurer (which has never before been utilized) so that the Department could purchase an ad in the NY American Legion convention journal in order to boost our visibility with related patriotic groups for future fundraising purposes. The state's American Legion convention is scheduled for this July. The Council unanimously approved this request.

As a department, we are fortunate to have such a fine and consciousness treasurer and, as Chairperson of the Department Council, I am happy to have two past department commanders serving with me on the Council, namely Ray Wheaton and Brian Castler.

In F, C, and L,

Paul F. Ellis-Graham,  
NY Dept. Council Chairperson

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## **2022 - 2023 New York Department SUVCW Report of the Department Webmaster Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC**

Dept. Commander French, Fellow Officers of the Department, Brethren,

To have this opportunity to serve once again this year as Department Webmaster has been an honor. Throughout this year, I have kept our website up-to-date by posting department orders, communications, encampment information, and the Volunteer as best as possible as I received the information. I forwarded correspondence received through the website's form to the appropriate Brothers. Additionally, I posted communications, Department information on Facebook along with Bro. Ravera.

### **DEPARTMENT EMAIL ADDRESSES**

I set up masked forwarding email addresses for all Brothers with Department positions. They can be seen on the contact page of the website. The addresses forward to each Brother's email address of choice (generally their personal email address). For committees, it is sent to every member of the committee. Upon a Brother's election or appointment to a new position, the emails will be amended to forward to their email address. Therefore it is important we have email addresses for all appointed and elected Brothers.

### **WEBSITE HOSTING:**

Our current hosting is through 1&1 IONOS. During this past year, there have been multiple functionality issues with many IONOS apps failing as well as unreasonable issues with lag times and downtimes caused by the host. This has proven to be unacceptable with the website being down several times. I have spent significant time correcting these issues. Also, each year IONOS makes erroneous billing

charges which I successfully refute. I have temporarily migrated the site to a personal hosting account I have as a backup should this site be knocked offline again.

I wish to pursue a more permanent solution, by migrating our website immediately to Hostinger.com as a better hosting solution. Not only will there be less issues to contend with, but there will be better functionality and security at half the current cost. I have been test driving this host for the last year and it's been great. We are currently paid up to October 2023 though I would prefer to not wait until this date.

The new budget I will be requesting:

GoDaddy	NYSUVCW.org domain name from 9/14/2023-9/14/2024	\$22.17
Hostinger	Wordpress Starter Website Hosting for 1 year	\$83.88 Initially \$2.99/mo for the first year, then \$6.99/mo thereafter.
		(With IONOS we had been paying \$95.88.)
Total:		\$106.05 Note: It will be just \$58.08 this year.
Budget requested of \$110.00, as prices may go up (domain names consistently rise).		

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Keeping our Facebook page accurate, up to date, and active, is important for our organization. My thanks to Cmdr. French for appointing Bro. Ravera to assist with Facebook as we need to be more organized with regular postings on Facebook.

Our Facebook page continues to grow. There are currently 976 likes, a growth of 119 likes (13.9%) from April 30, 2022 to April 7, 2023. We have 1,004 followers.

In addition we have 390 page visits, up 42.9%. We had 1,095 page reaches since last year's report. (a "reach" is how many people see some piece of our content, whether or not they have liked the page).

## **SUMMARY OF ONLINE ACTIVITY OF THE CAMPS**

There are currently 3 camps that have camp websites to my knowledge, they are the Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Colonel George L. Willard Camp #154, and Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544.

Currently, there are 7 camp pages and 1 camp group on Facebook:

Lincoln Camp #6

Weber Camp #44

Van Horne Ellis Camp #124

Caywood Camp #146

Willard Camp #154

Cook Camp #223

Catlin Camp #341

French Camp #17 [camp group]

Additionally, Department of NY SUVCW Musician's Page hosted by our Department

Musician Bro. Raymond L. Ball is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/suvcwmusic/>

## **2023 DEPARTMENT'S CAMP WEBSITE AWARD**

The Department Commander and I have conferred in awarding the Col. George L. Willard Camp No. 154, of Albany, NY for their camp website.

## **PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS:**

1. Communications are a constant issue. The website is only as good as the information it provides. If something needs to be changed or indeed, that information needs to be sent to me requesting the update.
2. Content submitted to the Department website needs to be web-ready and formatted correctly. Therefore, rather than sending a flier for an event or happening, please type out that information exactly as it should be displayed on the site. If an image should be included, please include that in your email.
3. All proceedings should be supplied to the webmaster as soon as completed so they may be made available on the website.
4. I urge the camps to maintain a camp website and a social media presence for both the benefit of our own membership and to communicate what we do to prospective members and the public at large.

5. In the rise of camp Facebook Social Media pages, and only 3 camps having camp websites. I have proposed an amendment resolution, that Article XIII "Awards" Section 1, (I) be amended to include social media pages.
6. I strongly encourage that the Department requests from the camps a list of member email addresses, and a list from the membership at large, to be sent to the Department Webmaster to improve communications in the future. I realize that this may take time and that not all brothers communicate regularly through this means, but we should not ignore this means of communication in this digital age.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

**Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC**

Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC

Department Webmaster

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The Office of the Department Webmaster  
Department of NY SUVCW

By Law Amendment Proposal

Brothers of the Department Encampment,

In the rise of camp Facebook Social Media pages, and only 3 camps having camp websites, I propose that Article XIII "Awards" Section 1, (I) be amended as "The Camp (Online Presence Award shall include social media pages and websites as determined by the Department Webmaster and Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted this date of February 12th, 2023.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Raymond W. LeMay III, PDC

Department Webmaster

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**140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW**

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

## BYLAW CHANGE

It is important to recognize those brothers who have served the Department meritoriously over a significant period of time beyond what would qualify for the award of the Joseph S. Rippey Memorial Award therefore I would propose that the bylaws be amended to allow for a Lifetime Service Award as follows.

That Article XII Awards be amended as follows:

### Article XIII Awards

That Section I be amended to change in the first sentence so that the word "ten" be deleted and replaced by the word "eleven" and the number "10" be deleted and replaced by the number "11" so as to read "The Department of New York has eleven (11) awards, which are presented at the annual Encampment."

That a new subsection K be added to read as follows:

K. The Danny Wheeler, PC-in-C Lifetime Service Award, a medal, presented to a member or associate of the Allied orders in the Department of New York, who has distinguished themselves through continuous meritorious service over a significant period of time that reaches beyond the Camp level to have an impact across the Department or beyond to the National or International level.

Except when automatically authorized it must be recommended by a Camp Commander or elected Department Officer in writing to the Commander, Department of New York, SUV CW and be approved by the Department Council. The medal will automatically be authorized when a brother has served as an elected or appointed officer of the Department for a continuous period of 20 years or more or if a brother is awarded by the National C-in-C the Bud Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.



The medal shall be presented by the Department Commander at the Department Encampment, except "hen disability or other excusable reason decided by the Department Commander exists.

The Medal can be awarded only once per individual and need not be awarded annually unless it is automatically authorized.

In recognition of the significance of this award the winners of this award will have their names and the year of the award permanently listed on the Department website.

SUBMITTED BY: Jeffrey I. French, Department Commander,  
Walter H. French Camp #17 [Back](#)

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2023

## By Laws Change (BY 4 & BY 5, combined)

Background: Article X, section 2 of the bylaws says

Section 2. The Legislation Committee shall consist of at least two members/associates to be appointed by the Department Commander. The committee is charged with watching matters of proposed legislation within the Department which affects the welfare or purposes of the Order or the Constitution, or the welfare of the United States of America, to oppose the same or support the same in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and to provide an annual report to the Department Encampment concerning its activities.

Note that this authorizes the Legislation Committee to oppose or support legislation already introduced. It does not authorize the Committee to ask that legislation be introduced. Note also the words "and to provide an annual report to the Department concerning its activities" are redundant as all Committee Chairs must report by Article XI, section 7. (The section establishing the Artifacts & Property Committee has no reporting requirement. We should be consistent.

Resolution: That the Department of New York's bylaws Article X Section 2 be changed to add after the words "committee is," the words "authorized to ask that

legislation be introduced which affects the welfare or purposes of the Order in a positive way and" is charged with watching.....

Resolution: That the Department of New York's bylaws Article X - Committees Section 2 be changed to remove the words "and to provide an annual report to the Department Encampment regarding its activities. ' ,

Submitted by: Dennis J. Duffy, Chair, Legislation Committee and Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin camp #544, 2/26/23 [Back](#)

140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF NY, SUVCW  
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BY LAWS CHANGE

BACKGROUND. Historically, the SUVCW National organization charged for life membership an amount calculated to cover the total National, Department, and Camp dues, adjusted for mortality and guaranteed retention. In subsequent years, upon request of the Department or Camp and, if the member was still living, National paid to the Departments and Camps the annual portion of the life membership fee which had been collected on their behalf. Consistent with this policy, Departments and Camps changed their bylaws to say that life members were exempt from Department and Camp dues.

About 15-20 years ago, National changed its policy to charge only the adjusted amount of National dues (collecting nothing for the Departments and Camps and stopping the practice of sharing). National then said "Life membership in the SUVCW excuses a Brother from paying annual National per capita dues. Life Members are required to pay annual Department and Camp level dues. A Department may waive its annual dues for Life Members, but Departments must make this decision. Likewise, a Camp may waive its annual dues, or a portion thereof, for Life Members, but the Camp must make this determination. Examples of each of these three dues conditions can be found within the Order."

Many Departments and Camps did not adjust their bylaws and continued to exempt life members from dues. This has made life membership a real bargain (you're only paying 2/3 of the real cost) and starves the departments and camps of

revenue. The solution is to re-establish the fact that brothers owe dues to the Department and Camp.

RESOLUTION: Article IV Section 2 of the Bylaws be changed to add the underlined words: Life members shall be exempt from per capita dues assessed by the Department if their life membership was effective prior to June 1 2 2023.

SUBMITTED BY: Dennis Duffy, Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin camp #544

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140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW

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NATIONAL REGULATIONS CHANGES

Constitution  
ARTICLE VII.  
Membership

Section 4. A member in good standing, as recommended by the Camp Commander, and Camp Council with input from secretary and treasurer, shall be voted on by the camp members present at a meeting, ~~upon written application to his Camp,~~ Shall be entitled to receive a **Transfer Card or Honorable Discharge**, and, if his Camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a Transfer Card from the Commander of the Department.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo McGuire, PDC, Col. George L. Willard camp #154

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Constitution & Regulations Committee  
Department of New York, SUVCW

## 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment - 2023

### Resolution N2 — Definition of "Male"

As requested by the National Organization, the Committee considered the following 5 recommendations which constitute N2:

Recommendation 1: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows (underlined wording added):

All male descendants assigned at birth as biologically male, whether through lineal or collateral lineages specified in Article VII of this Constitution who are blood relatives of soldiers, sailors, marines or members of the Revenue Cutter Service, who were regularly mustered and served honorably in, were honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America or such State regiments as were called into active service and were subject to orders of United States general officers, during the War of the Rebellion between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime; and who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed have, never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America shall have eligibility to membership.

Recommendation 2: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, Section 2, Subsections (a) and (b), are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Associates. There shall be two classes of Associates.

- (a) Associates are males assigned at birth as biologically male at least fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.
- (b) Junior Associates are males assigned at birth as biologically male at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age who do not meet the blood relative qualifications stipulated in Article III of this Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 3: The Constitution of the Order is hereby amended as follows:

Article VII, Membership, is hereby amended to add a new Section 6 to read as follows:

Section 6. A Brother who has been duly elected to membership in the Order shall not be subsequently disqualified from membership or be involuntarily discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual Identification.

Recommendation 4: The Regulations of the Order are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter V, Article X, Junior Associates, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Junior Associates shall be males assigned at birth as biologically male at least six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age, who do not meet the ancestor service qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 200303 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.

Recommendation 5: It is recommended that Form 3, Membership Application, be amended so that the declaration in Part II, Application Information and Declaration, be amended to read as follows:

I declare that I am a male? assigned at birth as a biological and that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete and, if accepted, I will obey and support the National Constitution of the Order, the Bylaws of the Department and the Bylaws of the Camp.

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The Committee recommends as follows:

That recommendation 5 be passed.

That recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 collectively be replaced by:

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to replace "line of ages" with "lineages" and add the following sentence to the existing wording: "Wherever the word "male" appears in this Constitution or in the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it shall mean "assigned at birth as biologically male." A brother already in the Order shall not be involuntarily discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

Explanation. The Committee's recommendation to consolidate is more succinct and complete. Note that what the Committee was presented with left occurrences of male in the Regulations such as Chapter III Article V Eligibility of Officers with an undefined version of "male." Best to say it once and completely.

In F., C., & L.,

Danny Wheeler, Chair, Axel Ravera & Dennis Duffy, Members April  
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ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND: Many Camps are spending as much as \$500.00 per year on Eagle Scout Certificates. The cost includes the Eagle Scout Certificates, Presentation Folders, Sons Eagle Patches, Postage, Manila Envelopes, Ink, Parchment Paper, etc. Camps are struggling to support this mission.

RESOLUTION: National can help reduce some of the cost by making the Eagle Scout Certificates, Presentation Folder, and the Sons Eagle Patches available to the Departments and Camps at no cost. This can be accomplished like the ROTC/JROTC program.

Recommend National provide Eagle Scout Certificates, Presentation Folders, and Sons Eagle Patches to the Department and Camps at no cost and tracked like the ROTC/JROTC program under our 501C3 status.

SUBMITTED BY: Brian Castler PDC, PCC

Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

Col. George L. Willard Camp # 154

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## Department of New York, SUVCW

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

### Resolution

Background: 501 (c) 3 organizations can choose to have their lobbying efforts measured by either their lobbying activities or by the amount of money they spend on lobbying. The former requires very detailed record keeping of letters, phone calls, etc. The latter requires only a separate account which is charged with actual lobbying expenses. Each Camp, Department, and National would have to set up such accounts and periodically report the amounts to National. The selection is made by completing a form 5768. If a 5768 is not filed, the IRS assumes you want to be measured by activities.

Resolution: That the Department of New York request National to file a form 5768 indicating that the SUVCW wants to be measured by actual expenses.

Submitted by: Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, 2/26/23

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### Encampment

Department of New York, SUVCW

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

### Resolution

Background: It has been noticed that Form 7, Application for an ROTC Award, has no place to insert the cadet's name. Here's a response from the National Chief of Staff:

Sent: Mon, 30 Jan 2023 at 21 :31

Subject: Re: Form 7 - Add Cadet's Name?



Br. Dennis,

As a member of P&P, I can tell you that all the forms that have been updated have been a result of the action of the body. I agree with you that this is an oversight, however the P&P committee cannot take any action unless the form is in our standard review cycle, which I do not believe the Form 7 is due to be reviewed this year, or a recommendation or motion is brought up at the National Encampment. As for the origin of the Form 7, I cannot speak to, however given my current understanding on how forms are created or updated, without researching it, I highly doubt that this was created without the agreement of the National Encampment.

In FCL

Br. Ben Frail, PDC, Chief of Staff, National Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Resolution. Be it resolved that the Department enter a resolution to the National Encampment to add a box for the cadet's name to Form 7.

Be it further resolved that, for the future, the proper National officers/committee be authorized to make changes to forms, outside the mandated review cycle when in their judgment it is useful to do so.

Submitted by: Dennis J. Duffy, Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, 3/2/23 [Back](#)

## 140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

### RESOLUTION

Establishing a Special Department Scholarship Committee

WHEREAS the 139<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of New York resolved that a committee be formed to study the feasibility of the Department issuing an annual scholarship to a deserving New York high school senior contingent upon their enrollment at a four-year college or university, and

WHEREAS the Department of New York Scholarship Feasibility Committee was formed and after study and deliberation said committee believes that the issuance of such a scholarship by the Department is feasible and recommends that a Special Scholarship Committee be formed in that

among other things the program will bring more visibility to our organization and aid potentially in future recruitment; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a Scholarship Committee be formed as a Special Committee of five years duration with a membership of three brothers as chosen by the Department Commander one of which as elected by the committee shall serve as chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee shall during its first year develop an application (it is recommended that the application be modeled on the application for scholarship used by the Colonel Ellis Camp #124) and a protocol and criteria for the issuance of said scholarship along with plan for disseminating its availability which protocol and dissemination plan shall be presented to and approved by the 141<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once the protocol and plan has been approved that the Committee for the next four years execute the plan by offering a scholarship of Five-Hundred dollars (\$500.00) annually and awarding it in accordance therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department set aside Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from the General Fund as seed money for the support of this program for four years and that Department Fundraising Committee, if it so exists, shall be responsible and charged with the administration of this program and if it does not exist that the Scholarship Committee shall then propose an alternative plan to fund it along with its protocol etc. to the 141<sup>st</sup> Department Encampment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee provide an annual report to the Department Encampment regarding its activities and during its fifth year and final year that it provides a report to the Encampment concerning whether said committee should continue, keeping consideration in whether the Department's fundraising efforts can continue to support it, and whether it should be made a standing committee of the Department.

SUBMITTED BY: Jeffrey I. French, Department Commander,  
Walter H. French Camp #17

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140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW  
Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023  
RESOLUTION

Establishing a Special Department Fundraising Committee

WHEREAS the Department of New York has projects such as supporting the proposed scholarship or the renovation of Civil War monuments and memorials, Civil War battle flags requiring an organized sustained fundraising effort, and

WHEREAS a Fundraising Committee was started through the Department Order and to date has implemented a PayPal Donation link on the Department Website along with a Fundraising page and has engaged in discussions regarding New York battle Flags and more work needs to be done, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a special committee be formed known as the Fundraising Committee for a term of 5 years that is focused on raising funds for various projects, including supporting the Department Scholarship if such scholarship is approved, and for other focused projects beneficial to our cause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee consist of the Past Department Commander as chairperson, the Department SVC, the Department Treasurer, two at large brothers to be selected by the Department Commander and all camp SVC's who shall serve as ex-officio members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee provide an annual report to the Department Encampment regarding its activities and during its fifth year and final year that it provides a report to the Encampment concerning whether said committee should continue and whether it should be made a standing committee of the Department.

SUBMITTED BY: Jeffrey I. French, Department Commander,  
Walter H. French Camp #17 [Back](#)

140<sup>th</sup> ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, SUVCW

Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023

## RESOLUTION

Recommend Establishing a Department National Host Committee

2026 National Host Encampment Exploratory Committee Report

WHEREAS the 2026 National Host Encampment Exploratory Committee was formed pursuant to the 139<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of New York and the Committee members being as follows:

Committee Chairman — Jeffrey French, DC

Committee Members — Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Daryl VerStreate, PDC

Robert Dauchy, PDC

Caren Cleaveland, PNP DUVCW

Hope Parker, PDP ASUVCW, and

WHEREAS the committee, through emails, phone calls, and zoom meetings worked on the 2026 National Host Encampment with the SUVCW National Site Committee on the possibility of the Department of NY Hosting National Encampment in 2026 and the Department sent a Letter of Intent which is required to get the process moving forward and provided 5 hotels requests for proposals from Rochester, Albany, and Syracuse areas, and

WHEREAS the National Site Committee contacted these hotels. One in Rochester did not meet their requirements and was eliminated from the process. The other three in Albany and Syracuse did not negotiate reasonable terms for 2026 with the other Rochester hotel being the only hotel willing to negotiate hosting the National Encampment within the requirements of the National Organization, and

WHEREAS the National Site Committee is working on a contract for the

Department of NY SUVCW and DUVCW to review sometime in May 2023 and will require a vote by the Encampment to host the joint National Encampment of the SUVCW, the DUVCW and the Auxiliary to the SUVCW at the 140<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment; and

WHEREAS the SUVCW Department of New York has not hosted a National Encampment in over 25 years and hosting will be advantageous to our

Department and the Committee strongly supports hosting National SUVCW in 2026 as it will be beneficial for our department as it can be capitalized on to bring visibility to our organization and as a recruitment tool

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of New York SUVCW at it 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment vote to host the 2026 National Encampment and that the Department

Commander appoint a National Host Committee be formed in accordance with the HOSTING A NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC guidebook.

**SUBMITTED BY: Jeffrey I. French, Department Commander,  
Walter H. French Camp #17** [Back](#)

140<sup>th</sup> Encampment  
Department of New York, SUVCW  
Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023  
Resolution

Background: Brother George McGraw of the Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp #111 has donated \$20,000 to the Friends of the New York State Military Museum to conserve the Colors of the 111<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. In addition, he has pledged another \$10,000 to match donations from others and has already matched a \$500 donation from the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544. Bro. McGraw's generosity presents a wonderful opportunity to put to good use part of the funds the Department of New York has responsibly accumulated over the years.

Resolution: That the 140th Encampment of the Department of New York, SUVCW authorize a one-time, non-budgetary payment of \$4,000 from its accumulated reserves to the Friends of the New York State Military Museum, Inc. a 501(c) 3 organization. Such funds shall be used, with others, for conservation of New York's Civil War Battle Flags at the discretion of the Museum staff.

Submitted by: Jeffrey French, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW,

3/6/23

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140<sup>th</sup> Encampment  
Department of New York, SUVCW  
Callicoon, NY May 5-7, 2023  
Resolution

Background: The resolution creating the Monuments/Memorials Grant Fund established a base maximum of \$500.00 which will pay for very little material or work today.

Resolution: That the base amount of \$500.00 in the Monuments Memorials grant fund be increased to \$750.00 and the carryover to year 2, if not spent in year 1, be increased to \$1,500.

Submitted by: Dennis J. Duffy, GRO & Secretary, Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544,

2/26/23

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PROPOSED 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET  
2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR APPROVED BUDGET FOR  
COMPARISON  
DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCES

# Proposed

## New York Department, SUVCW

### Profit & Loss Budget Overview

July 2023 through June 2024

Jul '23 - Jun '24

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	25.00
Individ, Business Contributions	
Total Direct Public Support	25.00
Fundraising	
Drawings	1,900.00
Total Fundraising	1,900.00
Membership Fees	
Membership Fees-per capita dues	14,352.00
New Member App. Fees	390.00
Total Membership Fees	14,742.00
Special Events Income	
Encampment Banquet	1,800.00
Encampment Registration Fees	300.00
Total Special Events Income	2,100.00
Total Income	18,767.00
Expense	
Awards and Grants	
Camp Patriotic Award	100.00
Grants Cottage Membership	100.00
Misc	75.00
Rippee Award	75.00
Total Awards and Grants	350.00
Department Encampment	
Banquet	1,800.00
C-in-C Room	300.00
Department Commanders Room	250.00
Encampment Site Committee	250.00
Supplies/Expenses	200.00
Total Department Encampment	2,800.00
Department Expenses	
Grant Ceremony Wreath	100.00
Medals/Badges	169.00
Total Department Expenses	269.00
Dept. Reimburse Expenses	



# New York Department, SUVCW

## Profit & Loss Budget Overview

July 2023 through June 2024

	Jul '23 - Jun '24
Department Commander	750.00
Department Secretary	400.00
Department Treasurer	225.00
Dept. Commander Nat'l Encampmen	250.00
Misc Officers Reimb	75.00
<b>Total Dept. Reimburse Expenses</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>
Operations	
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	300.00
Equipment and Capital Assets	500.00
Postage, Mailing Service	300.00
Printing and Copying	200.00
Supplies	75.00
Website	150.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>1,525.00</b>
Other Types of Expenses	
Advertising	350.00
<b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>350.00</b>
Payments to National SUVCW	
Application Fees	330.00
Membership Per Capita	12,144.00
<b>Total Payments to National SUVCW</b>	<b>12,474.00</b>
Payroll Expenses	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,468.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-701.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-701.00</b>

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New York Department, SUVCW  
22/23 Fiscal Budget  
July 2022 through June 2023

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Cash Basis

Ordinary Income/Expense	Printing and Copying
Income	Supplies
Fundraising	Website
Drawings	Total Operations
Total Fundraising	Other Types of Expenses
Membership Fees	Advertising
Membership Fees-per capita	Total Other Types of Expenses
dues New Member App. Fees	Payments to National SUVCW
Total Membership Fees	Application Fees
Special Events Income	Jul '22 -Jun 23
Encampment Banquet	
Encampment Registration Fees	
Total Special Events Income	
Total Income	1 ,800.00
Expense	
Awards and Grants	1,800.00
Camp Patriotic Award	
Grants Cottage Membership	12,470.00
Misc	550.00
Rippey Award	
Total Awards and Grants	13,020.00
Department Encampment	
Banquet	2,400.00
C-in-C Room	320.00
Department Commanders	
Room	2,720.00
Encampment Site Committee	
Supplies/Expenses	17,540.00
Total Department Encampment	
Department Expenses	
Grant Ceremony Wreath	100.00
Medals/Badges	100.00
	75.00
Total Department Expenses	75.00
Dept. Reimburse Expenses	
Department Commander	350.00
Department Secretary	
Department Treasurer	2,400.00
Dept. Commander Nat'l	275.00
Encampmen	250.00
Misc Officers Reimb	200.00
	75.00
Total Dept. Reimburse Expenses	
Operations	3,200.00
Books, Subscriptions,	
Reference	
Equipment and Capital Assets	100.00
Postage, Mailing Service	450.00

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750.00  
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1,775.00

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Membership Per Capita

Total Payments to National SUVCW

Total Expense

Net Ordinary Income

Net Income

Jul '22 -Jun 23

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10,074.00

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10,524.00

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18,124.00

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## TREASURERS REPORT OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

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

ALL BALANCES AS OF April 30, 2023

Fiscal Year July 1-June 30

Accounts currently with Wells Fargo Bank

\*Primary Operating Checking Account (Bank Balance) \$28,026.78

Checkbook Balance \$29,953.78

\* \*Savings Account (Bank Balance) \$24,374.09

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

\*\*\* 1. One Year renewable CD (renew date 4/25/24)

Interest Rate TBD \$10,834.58

\*\*\* \*2. Permanent Fund CD (18mos renew date 04/24/24) \$ 1,841.28

Interest Rate TBD

\$  
\*\*\* \* \*Northwestern Mutual- Mutual Fund 11,660.60

\* Money in this account currently includes, uncleared checks, funds to pay for 140th Encampment expenses (PI Award, Rippey Award, officers end of fiscal year expenses, Department Commander Room, Camp National per capita funds (12 camps have so far have deposited their annual per capita into this account totaling approx. \$11, 627.00) to be sent in with Department annual report, and other expenses mandated by Bylaws if any. (As previously reported 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 \$ 827.20 of the funds in this account which were collected from the sale of artifacts is put aside for the care of the remaining Department Artifacts and Archives

\* \*Per the May 2014 Department Encampment of the funds in this account \$10,000.00 is committed to a Memorial Grant Fund. \$9,500.00 remains in that account. In addition, there is a proposal at the 140th Encampment which if it passes with contribute \$4,000.00 from this fund for battlefield flag preservation. There is also a proposal that if it passes would put aside \$2,000.00 from this fund to seed the scholarship fund.

\*\* \*As of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, renewal date

\*\*\*\* As of last renewal date October 24, 2022

\*\*\* \* \*As of last Quarterly statement March 31, 2023

Bank accounts require a minimum total balance to avoid bank fees.

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## **2026 National Host Encampment Exploratory Committee Report**

7 March 2023

Committee Chairman – Jeffrey French, DC

Committee Members – Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Daryl VerStreate, PDC

Robert Dauchy, PDC

Caren Cleaveland, PNP DUVCW

Hope Parker, PDP ASUVCW

The committee, through emails, phone calls, and zoom meetings working 2026 National Host Encampment feasibility.

The committee worked with the SUVCW National Site Committee on the possibility of the Department of NY Hosting National Encampment in 2026. The SUVCW NY Department sent a Letter of Intent which is required to get the process moving forward. The committee provided 5 hotels requests for proposals from Rochester, Albany, and Syracuse areas.

The National Site Committee contacted these hotels. One in Rochester didn't meet their requirements and was eliminated from the process. The other three in Albany and Syracuse refused to negotiate reasonable terms for 2026. Rochester is the only hotel willing to negotiate hosting the National Encampment.

The National Site Committee is working on a contract for the Department of NY SUVCW and DUVCW to review sometime in May 2023. The NY Department will require a vote to host National at the 140<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment; which a resolution has been submitted to accomplish this. The DUVCW has to vote on hosting at both their Department and National Conventions to Host with the Sons.

A hotel visit is being coordinated for end of July after the Daughters National Convention and before the Sons National Encampment. The site visit may occur after the National Encampment in August 2023.

Once the Ny Department Encampment votes to host National, the Host committee will then work fundraising to cover the cost of hosting National, create sub-committees to work brochures, medals, campfire entertainment, and other proponents to making the National Encampment successful.

The Committee strongly supports hosting National in 2026 This will be beneficial for our Department and can be capitalized to bring visibility to our Department and as a recruitment tool.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jeffrey French, DC, PDC (CH)  
Committee Chairman  
Department of New York.

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**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**

**5 March 2023**

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT GAR & SUVCW ARTIFACTS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2022-2023**

- From 2013 to 2021 the Department Archives and Records have moved around the state trying to find a home.
- Parts of the Archives and Department Records have been donated to the NYS Archives & The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Affairs, Artifacts were sold that do not have any value to the GAR & SUVCW (monies turned over to the Department Treasurer).
- In the spring of 2021, they were placed at Oakwood cemetery in Troy, N.Y.  
for temporary storage.
- The material was sorted again to see what was salvageable.
- These materials were sorted, inventoried, and placed in proper archival boxes and indexed by box and stored on metal shelving.
- Oakwood Cemetery is no longer available to us.
- It appears that our (only) next step is to store the records on jump Drives which will take many manhours to do, develop an index at both Camp and Department level and has the knowledge and time to do this.
- We still need to address storage of the physical items.

**Respectively**

**In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,  
Brother Brian Castler PDC, PCC  
Department of New York  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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**Department of New York, SUVCW**  
**Legislation Committee Report – 1/1/22-12/31/22**

TO: Jeffrey French, Department Commander

DATE: 2/28/2023

C: Department Officers, Camp Commanders & Secretaries, Department of NY, & Dan Earl, PCC, National Legislation Officer.

A. The 2021 Encampment authorized this committee to, in accordance with (GO) 14, Series 2020-2021, to seek permission from the CinC to lobby as follows:

**1. The Governor of the State of New York and Members of the New York State Legislature.** *To allocate funds for the conservation, proper storage, and display of New York State's Civil War battle flags.* The Department Commander asked permission of the CinC and permission was granted only to the Department Commander himself who wrote to the leadership of the Assembly and the Senate. The one reply received to the four letters sent suggested that the issue be brought up best In January, 2023 when the Legislature reconvenes. The Department Commander continues to work on this.

**2. Members of Congress (House & Senate).** *To provide funding for the following three items:*

*a) Annual reauthorization of funds permitted by the Preserving America's Battlefields Act, \$20,000,000 per year.*

*b) Change in VA headstone rules so medallions can be issued to affix to family/private headstones for veterans who served prior to 1917 as are available to post 1917 veterans.*

*c) National Parks Service's "Search for (Civil War) Soldiers/Sailors" Databases to be expanded to include all those who served in the Union military, including white sailors, members of the Marines, Revenue Cutter Service, etc.*

The Department Commander had written to National regarding (b) above. No action has yet been taken on (a) and (c).

B. Recent NYS legislation makes it illegal to discharge even blanks from a firearm in many public spaces or to even carry an unloaded firearm of any type in these same spaces unless one is active duty military or active or retired law enforcement. This make is difficult to fire the traditional volleys at headstone dedications and such. The Department Commander asked for permission to lobby on this issue. Permission was not granted with National positing that "we do not have a dog in this fight." The committee does not understand this logic. The Dept. Commander has asked National to reconsider and grant permission to lobby.

C. 1. We ask that another brother volunteer to join is on the committee.

2. We ask that Tony Houston's name be removed from the Department website as a member of this Committee as the Committee has not been able to contact Bro. Houston in well over 2 years.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Dennis, John*

Dennis J. Duffy, Chair, and John Portanova, PCC, Member  
Legislation Committee

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

MEMORIALS & MONUMENTS GRANTS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jeffrey Albanese, PDC, CHAIRMAN

Brian Castler, PDC

W. Rodney Parker

Robert Dalton

April 30, 2023

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

The Committee received a timely application from the D.G. Caywood Camp # 146 seeking a grant to assist with some renovations of the “Baby Bear” a building which is part of the former Seneca County Courthouse Complex located in Ovid, New York. The complex is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The complex is one of only examples of three adjacent public structures built in the Greek-Revival style of architecture. The “Baby Bear” was constructed in 1845 and served initially as the County Clerk’s Office. In 1862 a new county clerk’s office was constructed (Mama Bear) and the Baby Bear became the County Surrogates Office and then a temporary bank. Beginning in 1882 it was used exclusively as the meeting hall for the C.T. Harris Post 325 of the G.A.R. Subsequently, the building is now exclusively used as the meeting hall for the D.G. Caywood Camp #146 SUVCW. A small museum dedicated to local Civil War veterans is also located in the facility. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is also placing a historic marker on the site denoting it as a site where once the C.T. Harris GAR Post 325 met and that it is now the home of the Caywood Camp #146 SUVCW.

The project consists of some downspout work, some carpentry and painting of some door thresholds, doors and custom windows including lead paint removal for a total cost of approximately \$17,700.00. The Caywood Camp is a tenant pursuant to a lease with an annual rent of \$1.00. According to the applicant the tenant is responsible for general upkeep of the building and the landlord, Seneca County, for major repairs. The funds from this grant would be dedicated to only a portion of the project which is primarily

the preparation and painting of two exterior windows and one exterior door. The applicant is also hoping for some funding from Seneca County and has also run a fundraiser and a go-fund me page to fund it.

The proposal seeks a \$500.00 grant and is in proper form and accompanied by an estimate of the cost of work for the proposed work, a series of photographs and a detailed set of answers to questions posed by Committee member Brian Castler.

The Committee has received no other applications. Both Brother Castler and I felt that this project was in the grey area for qualifying as a monument or memorial for grant purposes. However, after review of the responses to certain questions and the history and use of the structure the Committee has awarded the full requested grant of \$500.00 to the Caywood Camp project. In accordance with the grant protocols upon receipt of an invoice or invoices from the vendor or vendors for services or materials provided for the project or proof of payment to such vendors a check or checks will issue from the Memorials & Grants Fund for a total of \$500.00 payable to such vendors or in reimbursement for their payment.

Respectfully submitted

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

### **NY Department Encampment Committee Report**

7 March 2023

Committee Chairman – Jeffrey French, DC

Committee Members – Jeffrey Albanese, PDC

Robert Pugsley, PDC

Leo McGuire, PDC

Darin Everdyke, PDC

Perry Cleaveland, PCC

Eileen Sleckman, DUVCW

Susan Berardi, DP DUVCW

Lynn Dolan, NP DUVCW

Diane Theetge, DP ASUVCW

The committee, through emails, phone calls, and zoom meetings worked the NY Department Encampment location for the years 2023 and 2024.

2023 Department Encampment rotation is in the Southeastern Region of New York this rotation cycle. The Daughters worked at the location with the brothers providing support. During this process it became evident that the hotels have

changed the way they do business, increasing their costs significantly. The best location offering the best price ended up being Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY for 5-7 May 2023.

This started a brainstorming process of how we should do business in the future with the brothers in the SUVCW, DUVCW, and the ASUVCW. Options ranged from one day business meeting only, central location, no Campfire and keeping the rest, and keeping the same as we are doing but utilizing second tier locations to lower the costs. Second tier locations being defined as organizations like the American Legion, Rotary clubs, Elks, and so forth, community conference centers, and colleges. By majority in favor of keeping the current format but utilizing second tier locations to keep the costs down.

With Brother Ed O'Brien's assistance, the committee locked in the location at the American Legion in Canandaigua, NY for 3-5 May 2024. Two motels were provided in the area costing \$125 and \$90 per night.

The committee can not currently provide the cost for the American Legion as they are in process of voting on rates for the meeting rooms and caterer services. After the 140<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, the committee will correspond with the American Legion to obtain the new rates and provide to the Allied Orders.

The committee has already identified the next rotation for 2025 being the Northeastern Region of NY. The Daughters will decide the location within this region. Sister Caren Cleaveland is on the Department Encampment Committee to work this effort.

The Committee is currently updating the Department Encampment Guide to reflect the changes as mentioned in this report.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jeffrey French, DC, PDC (CH)  
Committee Chairman  
Department of New York.

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## **Rally Around the Flag Committee Report**

7 March 2023

Committee Chairman – Jeffrey French, DC

Committee Members – Paul Ellis-Graham, PDC

Edward O'Brien, PCC

George McGraw

The committee, having been reorganized, is developing short-term and long-term plans of action. The Rally Around the Flag Committee will be a sub-committee to the Fundraising Committee.

The focus of the Rally Around the Flag Committee will be to continue fundraising efforts to conserve the NYS Battle Flags. Brother McGraw has challenged the Department with matching funds up to and not to exceed \$10,000. The Fundraising Committee has projected raising \$5,000. This leaves the Rally Around the Flag Committee to urge Camps to raise up to \$5,000 to match the balance.

The second focus will be to apply for grants that provide funds to conserve historical items like the battle flags. Brother French is currently enrolled in Jefferson Community College Grant Writing Course. This will enable the committee in the coming year to apply for these grants.

The committee will provide quarterly reports to the Department Commander and the Camp Commanders on our efforts to conserve the Battle Flags in NYS.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jeffrey French, DC, PDC (CH)

Committee Chairman

Department of New York.

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## **NY Department Scholarship Feasibility Committee Report**

7 March 2023

Committee Chairman – Jeffrey French, DC

Committee Members – Jeffrey Albanese, PDC  
Danny Wheeler, PCinC

The committee having conversed via email and zoom meeting concluded that it is feasible for the Department of NY to have a Scholarship Committee. Seed money of \$2,000 to jump start the program is available and utilize the Department Fundraising Committee to raise funds to sustain the scholarship program. It was agreed that \$500 would be the amount awarded for the best essay on the Civil War subject.

The Committee has an application form and an Approval Letter ready for the Special Committee to start the process.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of this committee that a Special Scholarship Committee is formed. A resolution has been forward for the Brothers to discuss and vote on for the 140<sup>th</sup> NY Department Encampment.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Jeffrey French, DC, PDC (CH)  
Committee Chairman  
Department of New York.

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Commander French and Secretary Pugsley:

Transmitted herewith is our Report for the above period, regards submittals for the upcoming NY Department 140th Annual Encampment

MEETINGS. Ireland Camp held eight (8) formal sessions during Calendar Year 2022. Regarding the other four months, one had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. In July and August, no formal meetings are scheduled. The December meeting was waived due to the year-end holidays. However we joined with members of local Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent #2, DUVCW, for an informal December holiday season luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP. The roster had 14 members in good standing. We lost one Brother (Lyman Baker) in death during the year, however gained another (Bro. Gerald Wilcox). At the end of the year, 2023 membership dues renewal payments were starting to arrive. We had lately learned that two other applicants were in process of submitting. About 40% of our members live out of town, too far away to attend meetings. In order to cover all tasks in a given year, some of us have two or more duties.

FINANCIAL. Camp #137 remains one of the smallest in the NY Department. Typical annual monetary flow amounts to less than \$1,000.00. The Camp has less than \$2,000.00 in total assets. We have no outstanding debts and have not encumbered our organization or the Department in any financial obligations. Many costs are absorbed by generous members who donate time, funds, services or materials without requesting any compensation, for the Good of the Order.

REGIONAL EVENTS. Many sponsors unable to hold previously scheduled programs, ceremonies or exhibits in 2021 were able to resume some semblances in 2022. Camp #137 was represented in well over 75% of newly revived or first-time commissioned Civil War theme events. Several were in cooperation with Mrs. Benjamin Harrison Tent #2, DUVCW, the Binghamton Civil War Round Table, the 137th NY Infantry Civil War Civilian and Military Living History Reenactor Group, Silas Gore Camp #141, SUVCW, of the Athens/Sayre, PA area, and local municipal historians. In March, 2022, several of us marched in the annual Ancient Order of Hibernians Parade held at Binghamton, NY. In the marching order was our cherished Camp Flag. As a concluding optional event immediately following the SUVCW NY Department's 139th Annual Encampment held at Binghamton, on Sunday morning, May 15, 2022, we co-hosted commemorative exercises at four Civil War veteran grave sites in Binghamton's Spring Forest Cemetery, attended by well over 50 people including Allied Orders, local dignitaries, historians, researchers and the general public. Conclusionary renditions included readings, patriotic anthems, a salute over the grave sites, and rendering of TAPS. The latter was provided via auspices of PDCs Castler and McGuire. In June we provided color guard detail during the annual Flag Day program at the Donnelly School in neighboring Conklin, NY. We were active in several Civil War theme endeavors and provided presentations or exhibits at venues of historical societies or institutions at Harpersville, Binghamton and Cortland, NY, and Towanda, PA. During the summer, Camp #137 was prime ritual and ceremonies organizer for dedication of a new headstone at the grave site of former 137th NY Infantry veteran Eli Watrous in Knox Cemetery, Ouaquaga, Broome Co., NY. In September we provided color guard, speakers and other participation during the 125th Anniversary program at New York State Veterans' Home, Oxford, NY, with other allied organizations. We took part with a replica encampment, demonstrations and drills, exhibits and other amenities during the Johnson City, NY Carousel Park Summer Celebration in August. On Saturday, Oct. 15th, we jointly conducted ceremonies with DUVCW Tent #2 at the new headstone dedication for former 5th NY Cavalry soldier Seth Steele in the Lisle, NY Village Cemetery. We were also primary sponsors at securing service awards bestowed on veteran DUVCW members Eileen Patch and Daryl Holloway, per ceremonies in a reception after the dedication. Our last official participation for the year was with other regional Camps at graveside obsequies in honor of deceased long-time member Bro. Lyman Baker at South Hill Cemetery, Ithaca, NY (Nov. 5th).

REPRESENTATION AT DEPARTMENT SPONSORED EVENTS. This Camp was honored, during the course of topics taken up at the Oct. 16, 2021 mid-term meeting of the NY Department at Ithaca, NY, to

be afforded representation on the ad hoc committee to organize and plan the 139th NY Annual Encampment which ultimately became reality at Binghamton, NY on the weekend of May 13-14, 2022.

LIAISON AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOCAL ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS. Cdr. Ben Gardiner and Bro. Willis Platt maintained communications with other Civil War theme sponsors and affinity organizations on a regular basis. Schedules of events and programming throughout the year were derived from same.

VETERAN GRAVE SITE HEADSTONE DEDICATIONS. The Camp took active parts as above with two dedicated in 2022. Two others are slated for dedication in the local area in May, 2023, and another possible in September.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION AND OUTREACH. At the several opportunities afforded in 2022 as the last of major restrictions of the COVID pandemic receded, members provided patriotic instructions, especially in areas where the National Flag is displayed. When conditions were favorable, there were also demonstrations regards the meaning of the G.A.R. grave site metallic flag holders, and the evolution of styles thereof since the 1870s. Some members presented solely or in conjunction with members of other orders, in audio/visual programs with titles such as THE CIVIL WAR AND THE RAILROADS; A NOBLE GROUP OF VETERANS; NEW YORK IN THE CIVIL WAR; ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FUNERAL TRAIN, held at such venues as Binghamton, Cortland, and Harpursville, NY.

PUBLICATIONS - NEWSLETTER. Copies of our newsletter, THE INFORMER, go out ten months of the year to members in good standing. Courtesy copies are also supplied to prospective new members, local historians and regional Allied Orders. Distribution is both by electronic means and U.S. Mail.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRAVES REGISTRATION. A significant program of the camp has been to share information on regional Civil War veterans including biographical sketches and places of interment. For some, we have data virtually "from cradle to grave" as part of services to citizens seeking genealogical information on their Civil War veteran ancestors. In recent months we have incorporated, where found, data on post-war memberships in local G.A.R. posts. Many submittals have been made, via SUVCW Form GR, to NY Department GRO Dennis Duffy for editing and forwarding to the National SUVCW database. Current Camp GRO is Bro. John Goodnough, and Memorials Officer is Bro. Willis Platt.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS. The slate of elective and appointive posts was reviewed and elections held in November, 2022. Brothers so elected or appointed were installed in a short ceremony conducted by Department Cdr. French who visited proceedings at the January, 2023 Camp Meeting.

OUTLOOK FOR CY 2023. The horizon shows much promise for continued progress and success in established Camp endeavors. This includes the addition of two new members whose applications are currently in the final stages of review, and also recruiting others. There is also an obvious shortage of people under age 50 as prospective members.

Respectfully submitted, in F, C & L,

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DOG. Caywood Camp #146  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Ovid, New York

Commander



March 4, 2023

PO Box 69  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

TO: Commander Jeffrey 1. French, PDC  
New York Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

TI-IRU: Secretary Robert Pugsley, PDC  
New York Department  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SUBJ: Camp #146 Annual Report

Dear Commander French,

Greetings from the Brothers of Camp # 146,

It is my pleasure to report that during the period from May 2022 through March 2023, D.G. Caywood Camp #146 continued to be a very active organization within the Order.

Membership: Unfortunately, the Camp's decline in membership has continued during the past year through death and drops, despite considerable emphasis on recruiting new members. We gained two reinstated members (one out-of-state, and one living on the other side of Seneca Lake) and lost three (one deceased and two dropped due to non-payment of dues). The Camp continues to remain viable, however, and has been able to attract enough members to monthly meetings to achieve our quorum and hold formal, ritual-based meetings throughout the year. Once again, our top priority for this summer will be to try to attract enough new, local members to ensure the future of the Camp.

Several Brothers received Camp-designed longevity certificates this year:

George A. Shadman, Jr., PDC 50 Years  
Erik D. Olson 25 Years Corey N. Gavette 15  
Years

Walter J. Gable 10 Years

Finances: The Camp membership voted to increase our annual dues to \$45 per year beginning in 2023 due to the increase in the National per capita, with the Camp continuing to retain \$6 and the rest

going to the Department and National. The Camp ended 2022 with a surplus of slightly more than \$1,000 over expenses. This was due to a highly-successful fundraiser organized by Brother Walter Gable in cooperation with a local restaurant, and from several donations from members. Our 2023 budget projects a sizeable deficit, therefore the Camp will need to engage in fund-raising again this year.

G.A.R. Hall: The Camp continues to meet monthly in the G.A.R. Hall in Ovid, also known as the "Baby Bear". The building was built in 1845, and has been continuously occupied by Charles T. Harris Post #325, G.A.R. (from at least 1892 until 1927), D.G. Caywood Camp #146 (since 1914), and Auxiliary #72 (since 1925). The building has no heat, insulation, or plumbing which makes it a challenge to meet there, especially in the winter. The building needs approximately \$30,000 in restoration work. Camp members continue to work on repainting the exterior doors and window frames. Brother Harold Bush recently restored an antique wood stove that has been placed in the Hall near the new USCT soldier display. In December, Seneca County renewed our 5-year lease on the Hall at \$1 per year. Seneca County owns the building.

Newsletter: The Camp publishes a 4-6 page newsletter six times a year. The newsletter was awarded "Best Department Newsletter" at the May 2022 Department Encampment.

#### Activities:

May 5, 2022 — Junior Member Noah Wells, age 11, received the "Do the Right Thing" award at the Rochester, New York, Public Safety Building from City of Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Monroe County Executive Adam Bello, and City of Rochester Chief of Police David M. Smith.

May 13, 2022 — The Pomeroy Foundation approved funding for a Historic Marker to be placed in front of the G.A.R. Hall (aka "Baby Bear") in Ovid. The local Charles T. Harris Post #325, G.A.R., met there from at least 1892 until 1927, and D.G. Caywood Camp #146 has been meeting there continuously since 1914. Auxiliary #72 has also been meeting there since 1925. A dedication ceremony is being planned for sometime in July.

May 14, 2022 — Camp Commander Edward P. O'Brien was elected New York Department Senior Vice Commander at the NY Dept Encampment.

May 30, 2022 — Three Brothers from the Camp and several Sisters from Auxiliary #72 participated in the Ovid Memorial Day Parade. Auxiliary Past National President Virginia Twist and Auxiliary Past Department President Hope Parker rode in Bro. Shawn Neiss' 1996 Mustang convertible while Bros. David Neiss, Jr., and Alex Rappleye-Neiss carried the National and Camp colors. In Lyons, NY, Senior Vice Commander Daniel Olson organized the extensive Lyons Memorial Day events and served as Master of Ceremonies. The Lyons events involved over 110 participants from a dozen local government and community groups. The Camp awarded \$25 to high school student Braden Bookmiller for a patriotic recitation. In Seneca Falls, NY, Patriotic Instructor Walter Gable was the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day ceremonies there.

June 18, 2022 — the Camp had a recruiting and information table in the new Fire Hall at the annual Ovid Strawberry Festival. Several hundred people normally pass through Hall, inspecting the various tables. Members of Auxiliary #72 and Catlin Camp #341 marched in the morning parade. Brother Steven Wheeler and his wife set up a living history display at the G.A.R. Hall.

June 2022 — The Camp donated a large, garrison-sized US flag to the Friends of the Three Bears organization. The Friends of the Three Bears leases the other two buildings of the complex from the County.

July through August 2022 — Members of the Camp and Auxiliary #72 opened the G.A.R. Hall to the public on the weekends in coordination with several other historical societies, including the Friends of the Three Bears.

October 8, 2022 — Brothers Bill Sebring and Steven Wheeler represented the Camp and set up a living history display at the First Annual Fall Festival at the Deer Haven Park in Romulus. Between 35-40 members of the public stopped at their recruiting table. Auxiliary #72 was also represented at the event.

Fall 2022 - Brothers Ed O'Brien, David Neiss, Jr., Bill Sebring set up a USCT display in the G.A.R. Hall. Camp Commander O'Brien met with the Seneca County Manager, Mitch Rowe, in the Hall and discussed possible funding for various building maintenance projects.

December 2022 — Brothers Harold Bush and Bill Sebring opened the Hall to the public during the Ovid Winter Festival. Approximately 30 members of the public toured the Hall.

December 2022 — Seneca County approved a 5-year renewal of the Camp's lease on the G.A.R. Hall

January 7, 2023 — Past Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler installed the Camp's 2023 officers in accordance with the Ritual. Brother William Evans, Sydney Camp #41, acted as Installing Chaplain.

January 25, 2023 — A quarter-page, color recruiting ad ran in the Seneca County Shopper, circulation 10,000. The ad will run again this summer.

February 7, 2023 — New York Department Commander French visited the Camp during our regular monthly meeting. He provided updates on the Department's activities and encouraged the Camp in its recruiting efforts.

In closing, the Brothers of DG Caywood Camp #146 look forward to another very active summer and remain cautiously optimistic about the future of the Camp. Our main effort again this year will be to attract local, active members.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty



Edward P. O'Brien, PCC

Commander

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#### CALENDAR – MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**6-8 May 2022** Department Encampment Brothers were encouraged to attend the Department encampment in Binghamton. Department Archives we're safely finalized and stored securely at Oakland Cemetery Troy until the Department secures a climate control final storage facilities .

**28 May 2022** Oakwood Cemetery Ceremony

**30 May 2022** Memorial Day @ Oakwood & Albany Rural Cemetery Wreathes were place at the following President Chester A Arthur, GAR plot, Oakwood Soldiers plot, Col. Willard, General Thomas's grave  
 Rural Cemeteries

**4 June 2022** Camp Meeting ARC Headstone Dedication

**June 9**, Brother Hernandez presented the JROTC medal at Albany High School. June found the Camp meeting well attended. We had several meetings during the month in preparation for the George Lamb Willard dedication planned for October 27

**12 June 2022** Lincoln Luncheon, Brown's, Troy .June 12 found the Camp at Browns restaurant in Troy for fellowship and awards. Well attended with several significant others attending. s Several brothers finished placing Flags at Oakwood. Over 1200 were placed on our beloved Heroes.

**23 July 2022** Grant Remembrance Day (death [23rd]) at the cottage July brought a very successful conclusion with a memorandum of understanding with our Camp and Albany Rural Cemetery. This gave us the opportunity to continue the restoration of approximately 40 Civil War graves that had been gifted to the GAR post in Albany. A former Commander of our Camp did extraordinary work on the History of those veterans. Additionally, restoration of the gravesites was completed. Brothers made a point of identifying several CW graves and a Medal of Honor Hero at Beverwyck Cemetery in Rensselaer, NY

**August 2022** August the Camp placed Flank Markers at the ARC GAR lot. In addition a twenty foot Flag Pole with a solar light was installed plus a road side sign describing the GAR lot. Additionally, A magnificent Plaque was installed at the grave site of George Lamb Willard inscribed with the Highlights of his life. This would be dedicated in October. Several Camp members met to plan for the event. We were joined by a gracious P R professional who would make arrangements for the press etc. A commemoration ribbon was designed by the committee and would be available at the October event

**3 September 2022** Camp Meeting September brought our first Camp meeting. It was our hope to have a ceremony at Saratoga National Cemetery with the dedication of a bench we had purchased. The area is the only unknown Civil War hero buried at Saratoga. Because of issues out of our control it has been postponed till Memorial Day 2023.

**13 September** The Camp participated in the annual birthday celebration at Uncle Sam's grave at Oakwood. A number of individuals were very interested in our group. We also assisted the Head of St Peters Cemetery in locating a number of CW heroes graves.

**1 October 2022** Camp Meeting October Camp meeting. began with nominations for the coming new year. Work continued on the Willard gravesites All monuments were cleaned and two metal crosses that had been stolen were replaced. The October 27 event was a great success. Well over 100 attend and media coverage was strong

**5 October 2022** Chester Arthur's birth (1829) Albany Rural the Camp participated with a wreath laying on President Arthur's grave recognizing his birthday

**5 November 2022** Camp Meeting November Camp meeting was followed by a Veterans Day dedication of The Albany Rural GAR restoration

**3 December 2022** Camp Meeting December brought the camp together for the swearing in of the Camp Officers. Assignments were posted and completed.

**17 December 2022** Wreaths Across America The Camp participated in annual wreaths across America. Wreaths were placed at the graves of all Government Heroes lot, President Arthur and the GAR plot. At Oakwood General Thomas Col Willard, General Carr and the Veterans Lot.

**7 January 2023** Camp Meeting January Camp meeting discussion on. a \$70,000 grant the Camp will be helping to facilitate the restoration of Old and New Mount Ida in Troy. Both of these Cemeteries have a long History of involvements by our Camp. Reiteration of Brothers responsibilities to the Camp. together for the swearing in of Camp officers. Assignments were made

**4 February 2023** Meeting canceled. The town shut the senior center down for work

**4 March 2023** Camp Meeting

**1 April 2023** Camp Meeting

**29 April 2023** ? Grant's Tomb

**29 April 2023** Camp Meeting

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**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers**  
**Form 49**

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

At the Annual Meeting of this Department held at (location) Callicoon, NY From the Department of NY to National Headquarters EIN 13-6165515

On the Sixth day of May, 20 23 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed: **OFFICERS**

**INSTALLED**

**Name First, Middle, Last**

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## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Do NOT include deceased)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State Zip Code
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<b>CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES</b>				

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (attach additional sheet, if necessary). *Do not include living PDC:s in the section.*

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## CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as ALTERNATES to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City State Zip Code	State Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City
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V<sup>1</sup> Check here if, all remaining Brothers of this Department in **Good Standing** at the time of this Encampment are hereby elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Installing Officer \_\_\_\_\_

5/6/2023

Signature

Printed Name:

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Department Secretary

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Robert Pugsley, PDC

Department Commander

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Ed O'Brien, DC

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David W. Demmy, Sr.

Date received at National Headquarters \_\_\_\_\_

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**Camp Report**

**140th New York Department Encampment**  
**May 5 & 7, 2023, Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY**  
**Camp Activities, As of April 17, 2023**



Dear National,

Department & Camp Officers and members:

It is my pleasure as Camp Commander and NY Dept. Past Commander to give my Captain Oliver Tilden Camp #26 commander's camp report to the N. Y. Department, SUVCW.

My Report begins on:

Jan. 26, 2022 - Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting- JVC John Gregor - Dug relics from his collection and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum.

Feb. 23, 2022 - Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting-Camp - SVC Arthur Kirmss

Mar. 30, 2022 - Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting-Bro Mark Goret - The Civil War America "Melting Pot"

April 27, 2022 - Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting-JVC John Gregor Topic: The Manhattan Incendiary Plot of 1864.

April 24, 2022—200th Birthday Commemoration for U.S. Grant with the National Parks Department at the National Monument. Our Keynote Speaker was Bro. Frank Scaturro.

April 27, 2022—200th Birthday Commemoration for U.S. Grant- National Parks Service. May 22, 2022 - Memorial Day Service - Robert J. Marks GAR Post Plot, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Lutheran Cemetery and Cypress Hills Cemetery. Placed flags on Civil War veterans graves.

May 25, 2022—Memorial Day Service for our departed members and our Civil War ancestors.

This fulfilled our camp's obligation to honor our Civil War ancestors for Memorial Day.

May 30, 2022— Wantagh Memorial Day Parade—John & John P. Portanova, PCC marched. May 30, 2022—Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument Memorial Day ceremony at Riverside Park at 89th Street in Manhattan.

June 14, 2022—Flag Day—Color Guard for PS 34 Flag Day Ceremony.

June 14, 2022 - Flag Day Presentation hosted by the Sons of the Revolution.

July 24, 2022—Oliver Tilden Camp's Color Guard, Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. Inf. Sons of Veterans Reserve conducted a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the General Grant National Memorial.

### **Sons of Union Veterans**

July 16, 2022—Moses Baldwin Camp Headstone Dedication, Edward Pryor Van Velsor, US  
**of the Civil War**

**1 Centre St. Room 2208** Navy. Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. Bill Mason, PCC participated.

**New York, NY 10007** Aug. 28, 2022—Battle of Brooklyn, Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn. New York.

**347-435-1862** Sept. 17, 2022—64th Annual German American Steuben Day Parade.

Sept. 28, 2022- Zoom Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting - Speaker: JVC John Gregor Topic: Relics found at the Greenpoint Monitor Museum site.

Oct. 25, 2022—Moses Baldwin Camp Headstone Dedication. John P. Portanova, PCC.

Oct. 26, 2022—Zoom Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting - Speaker SVC Arthur Kirmss. Oct.– Nov. 2022 The Greenpoint Monitor Museum cleared and leveled the museum ground and placed new soil and grass seeds.

Organized 1881 — the only male organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic  
Webpage <http://olivertildencamp26suvchw.org/index.html>

Nov. 11, 2022 - Mayor's Veterans Day Breakfast. Janice & George J. Weinmann, PDC.

Nov. 12, 2022— Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. (2) Mark Goret- E.S. Coordinator.

Nov. 14, 2022 - 101st Annual Flag Service for the Patriotic and Historical Societies (Blessing of the flags). Bros. John Gregor, JVC, Bill Webb and Mark Goret.

Nov. 19, 2022— Remembrance Day Parade—Gettysburg, PA

Nov. 26, 2022—Civil War Presentation—Bishop Loughlin HS. John P. Portanova, PCC.

Nov. 30, 2022—Greenpoint Monitor Museum "Road Show" Classroom at John Ericsson MS 126— Presentation to 3 visiting schools. Janice & George J. Weinmann, PDC, Commander.

Nov. 30, 2022—Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting - Elections: JVC John Gregor, Sect. Roy Wildenberger, Tres. Charles Lirio, Camp Council 1. John P. Portanova, PCC 2. Mark Goret 3. George Rand were elected. Speaker SVC Arthur Kirmss.

Dec. 12, 2022—The Center for Jewish History—Shapell Project.—Mark Goret.

Dec. 15, 2022—Tilden Camp Christmas Party at Fraunces Tavern.



Jan. 25, 2023—Zoom Tilden Camp Meeting—Speakers: Commander George J. and Janice Weinmann  
Topic: The Greenpoint Monitor Museum Land fill and top soil permit project.

Feb. 22, 2023 - Zoom Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting - Speaker: JVC John Gregor.

Feb. 26, 2023—Moses Baldwin Camp, John Shaud's 90th Birthday. American Legion Hall, West Hempstead, Long Island. Charles Lirio Tres., John Gregor JVC, George J. Weinmann, PDC, CC and Janice Weinmann, Aux. SUVCW & Pres. Greenpoint Monitor Museum.

Mar. 29, 2023 - Zoom Tilden Camp Monthly Meeting - Speaker: Bro. Mark Goret. Subject: The Schapell Project. Jews in The Civil War.

Apr. 16, 2023—Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Mark Goret- E.S. Coordinator.

The camp is looking forward to working again with the Greenpoint Monitor Museum to teach children in their classroom at John Ericsson MS 126. The children will learn about the USS Monitor, John Ericsson, our Civil War ancestors, Music, GAR, SUVCW and much more. The museum did a short presentation in November for 3 visiting schools. It was very successful and it was a start for the return to teaching the children again. The museum is in the process of inviting the schools to their classroom again. Waiting for approval from the local schools. It will feel good to be back after being shutdown due to Covid.

The museum is continuing to work on building a museum on its land where the USS Monitor was built and launched. Shoreline Permits were approved. The museum placed 1 foot of new soil on its land so the site will be safer to hold additional public events. Grass seeds were put in place and they are starting to show growth. Looking forward to holding events on the new soil.

The camp has scheduled a Memorial Day Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Maspeth, Queens on Saturday,

May 20, 2023 at 11:00 am. After the service, the camp will visit the GAR Post plots in Lutheran All Faiths

Cemetery and Cypress Hills (Not the National Cemetery) Cemetery. The camp will place flags on the Civil War graves in the three cemeteries. This will fulfilled our camp's obligation to honor our Civil War ancestors for Memorial Day.

Oliver Tilden Camp was honored last year to host the 200th Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant at his memorial monument. This year, our Annual Commemoration of the Birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, NY. Tilden Camp is hosting the event with the National Park Service. The event will be part of a week of events held by the Parks Department to honor General Ulysses S. Grant.

National, Department officers and members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will be giving remarks, placing wreaths and many will be in attendance. We thank the

General Grant National Memorial Park Service for working with us again to make our ceremony possible and memorable every year.

This concludes my Oliver Tilden Camp #26 camp commander's report.

Yours in, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
George J. Weinmann, PDC  
Commander

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

DATE: February 27, 2023

TO: Jeffrey French, Commander, Department of New York, SUVCW

C: Elected & Appointed Department Officers, Camp Commanders, Camp Secretaries

RE: Camp Commander's Report for 1/1/22 to 12/31/22

**Membership.** We inducted 4 new brothers bringing our roster to 56. 54 of these renewed for 2023 (an incredible retention rate of 96.4 %, especially considering the dues increase). So far in 2023, we inducted 2 more brothers keeping us at 56. At 1/1/2018 we had 29 so this is an increase of 27 (93.1%) since then, falling just short of our ambitious goal of doubling over 5 years.

**Meetings/Attendance.** We held eight meetings, two ZOOMED and six in person. At 11.75 brothers per meeting vs 10.4 last year, average attendance is up 13 percent. The details:

	Brothers	Inductees	Guests
January 27 (ZOOM)	17		
March 23 (ZOOM)	13		
May 7	9		1
June 18	11		1
September 17	11		3
October 15	18	1	4
December 3	9		1
December 4	6		5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94</b>		

Average = 11.75 brothers per meeting in 2022 vs 10.4 in 2021, 9.3 in 2020 and 10.7 in 2019.

### **Events.**

On April 18, the Camp planted a shag bark hickory tree in the GAR plot at Greenfield Cemetery, Uniondale, NY in memory of its long time Secretary-Treasurer, Joe Hervan, PCC, who passed in

2019. At this event we also unveiled new signs installed by the veteran friendly Town of Hempstead to note the GAR plot, memorialize the names of those who lie there, mark the tree, the grave of our namesake, Moses A. Baldwin, and to tell the story of how the Civil War Monument there came to be.

May 7, Bald Hill School House, Farmingville, NY, "Living History" PCC McKendrick & Bro. Weidenburner. This event was open to the public.

May 20, Smithtown Historical Society, "Living History" PCC McKendrick. Students were bused in from several area middle schools.

On May 22, Several brothers participated in "Flags In" at St. Ann's Episcopal Cemetery & Union Cemetery, Sayville. Specific Honors to Gen. deTrobriand, 66th NY Infantry with many Veterans of all wars honored. Most of the Civil War Veterans honored were members of the Richard J. Clarke GAR Post 210. The Sayville American Legion Post coordinates this effort. Local Boys Scouts as well as Veterans groups pitch in.

May 24, Northport, NY Middle Sschool, "Living History" PCC McKendrick with the 67th NY Infantry.

May 26, "Gold Star Family Event", Somerset VOTEC, Somerset, NJ. PCC McKendrick attached to the 6th NY Independent Battery. Well attended and supported by the Department of the Navy.

On May 28, "Flags In" Patchogue Village Cemeteries. PCC McKendrick & Bro. Weidenburner. Revolutionary War Veterans to current conflict honored. Again, many members of the Richard J. Clark GAR Post 210 are buried within three cemeteries. The VFW, American Legion and Amvets work together to accomplish placing flags in at gravesites. Local Boy Scout Troop #540 assisted.

May 29, VA Headstone Dedication at Patchogue's Cedar Grove Cemetery for PFC Lewis Swezey, KIA WW1. DSC & PH. PCC McKendrick, USN Ret. was a Guest Speaker & Chief of the Piece for the 6th NY Parrott Rifle firing.

May 30:

- PCC Scott McKendrick was Master of Ceremonies for the Bayport Memorial Day Parade at Bayport Memorial Park, Bayport, NY
- Commander McMahon led a contingent at the Town of Hempstead's Memorial Day event, including placing a wreath at the Civil War Monument in Greenfield Cemetery. Our Bro. Bob Guarneri, Brig, Gen. (Ret) was the keynote speaker.
- Later, Cmdr. McMahon and Bro. Donald T. McMahon, III marched in the Albertson, NY parade.

June 3, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Bayport Middle Sschool assigned to the 6th NY.

June 7, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Brentwood Middle School working with the 67th NY infantry & 6th NY Independent Battery.

On July 4. Bros. Dennis & Mike Duffy attended the parade in Northville, NY.

On July 16, the Camp joined with brothers from Oliver Tilden Camp #26 to dedicate a new VA headstone in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY for Civil War Navy veteran Edward Van Velsor. Edward's descendants had worked with the cemetery historian to obtain the stone and asked the SUVCW to do the dedication.

July 30, PCC McKendrick "Living History" at Middle Country Library.

September 11:

- Bro. Scott McKendrick, PCC lead the Color Guard at Patchogue's Memorial Park.
- Secretary Dennis Duffy carried the Colors at Lynbrook's Memorial Ceremony at Village Hall

September 16-17-18. JVC Jim McKenna and Bro. Robert Hanson recruited at the Long Island Fair at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Treasurer Ted Phillips took photos.

On September 17, The Camp, in collaboration with the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW participated in the Long Island Civil War Weekend at the Islip Grange, Sayville, NY.

September 16-17-18, Bro's. McKendrick and Weidenburner supported this Civil War event.

September 24-25, Longwood Estate "Living History" Bro's McKendrick & Weidenburner.

On October 15, the Camp dedicated six headstones which it obtained from the VA and were placed without charge by the Town of Hempstead in that same GAR plot. Four are for Civil War veterans and one each for the Spanish American War and WWI

November 11, Veterans Day:

- Bro. Dennis Duffy carried the Colors at the Lynbrook Veterans Day Remembrance at the VFW Hall.
- PCC McKendrick, representing the Am. Legion Commander, spoke at Patchogue's Four Corners.

November 12, GAR Mem. Service, Old Bethpage Village Restoration. JVC Jim McKenna recruited.

November 19, Remembrance Day. Bruce Weidenburner and Scott McKendrick, PCC marched in the parade. SVC Jay Dolan attended.

On December 4 we held a combined officer installation dinner with the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW at the historic Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Great River, NY.

December 10. St. John's Episcopal Church, a "Civil War Christmas," a living history event that includes performers in period dress, music, and song. Bro's. Bruce Weidenburner, and Scott McKendrick with Bro. George Munkenbeck of Oliver Tilden Camp #26

**Graves** added to the SUVCW Database in 2022 by members of the Camp were 796 vs 1,865 in all of 2021. In addition, Camp members entered 253 graves for which John Goodnough of the Col. Ireland Camp did the research vs 245 similar in 2021. Five brothers are actively entering graves, Don McMahon, Wayne Haddock, Christopher Shand, Dennis Duffy, and Bill Wagner!

**Headstones obtained & placed.** Six.

**Finances** are in very good shape with approximately \$2,800 available to the Camp after accounting for the per capita due the Department and National. This is because the brothers have donated to the Camp, in addition to their dues, about \$3,500 over the last 5 years.

**Donations from Camp Funds to other Civil War 501(c) 3 organizations** were \$260.00, an increase of \$40.00 over what we donated in 2021 and \$ 90.00 more than the \$170 donated in 2020.

Details are:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Am. Battlefield Trust (Civil War Trust)	25	30	
Friends of Grant Cottage	30	30	
Elmira Civil War Prison	30	30	
Friends of the NYS Military Museum*	40	40	
Waterloo, NY Memorial Day Museum	30	30	
Wreaths Across America	15	0	15
Echoes in Time Civil War Museum, Springville, NY	30	30	
Cattaraugus County CW Memorial Building, Little Valley, NY	30	30	
Greenpoint Monitor Museum	30	0	30
Totals	\$260	\$220	40

\*Earmarked For CW Battle Flag Conservation

**Rally Round the Flags.** \$359 in donations for Rally Round the Flags was received in 2022 from collections at three events: the Headstone Dedication in Green-Wood cemetery in July, the Long Island Civil War weekend in September, and the headstone dedication in October. This brings the total to date to \$1,702 in addition to the \$140 that the Camp has donated from its own funds over the last 4 years bringing the grand total to \$1,842.

**Eagle Scout Recognition Program.** Coordinator Don McMahon and Patriotic Instructor Scott McKendrick presented 41 Commendation certificates in 2022. This compares to the 43 presented in 2021 and 49 presented in 2020. Two more brothers, Bruce Weidenburner and Ted Phillips, have joined our Eagle Scout team so we now have four brothers engaged in this important work.

**ROTC Awards.** One. Certificate presented to St. John's University Army ROTC Cadet Abdelmoshen ("Abby") Mossolem on February 27, 2022.

**Web site.** Our free host, Google sites, changed their framework in 2022 requiring a complete rewrite by webmaster Mike Duffy. Our user friendly site has all the same elements as those in the site of the camp which was judged best website last year. The link is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/mosesabaldwin>

The site is also easily found by searching on "Moses Baldwin sites"

**Newsletter.** Our professional looking quarterly newsletter, *Moses on the Move*, in color, with photographs, has a circulation of about 120 by e-mail including all camps in New York, members of the DUVCW and others, particularly any who expressed interest in our work and is also available on our website. It is mailed to the few brothers who do not use e-mail.

**The Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>** a New York National Guard Unit, was activated and is serving in East Africa. Members of our Camp contributed \$515.00 to the Department's Care Kits for the Troops project.

**Department and National Participation.** Dennis Duffy serves as a member of the National Committee on Graves Registration and recently completed a rewrite of the Graves Instructional Manual which is on the National Website. Bill Wagner has joined that committee as an aide as it gears up to request bids to develop a new easier to use and more functional system. Dennis also serves as NY GRO and Chair of the Department's Legislation Committee. Bill Wagner and Ted Phillips have volunteered to help in the Department's fundraising efforts.

**Awards.** The Town of Hempstead, at over 750,000, by population the largest Town in the United States, recognized our Camp for its work in a Certificate of Recognition issued October 15, 2022 for "significant contributions to the County of Nassau and its residents." See page 6, below.

**Memorial University.** Treasurer Ted Phillips became the second member of our Camp to complete the course. His pin will be awarded at the National Encampment in Nashua, NH,

**Plans for 2023.** We plan three headstone dedications in three different cemeteries covering 10 headstones which we will order from the VA. Including directed donations of \$250 from one brother, our donations to other Civil War organizations are budgeted at \$550.00, up from \$260.00 actual in 2022.

Moses continues on the Move!

In F., C., & L,

*Donald T. McMahon, Jr*

Donald T. McMahon, Jr., Commander





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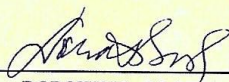
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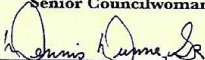
as we honor Veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War  
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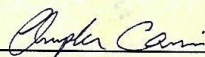


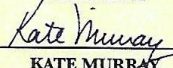
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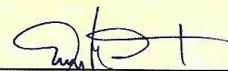
  
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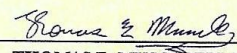
  
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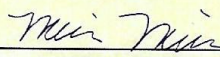
  
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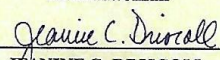
  
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2 April 2023

Department Commander French,

Pleased to report that the Walter H French Camp #17 had a successful year since the last Department Encampment.

On Memorial Day Weekend the French camp along with the Copenhagen American Legion conducted 15 Cemetery Memorial Service.

The French camp along with Brother Dauchy, PDC from the Searles Camp, Doroty Prentice from the DUVCW, and Hope Parker from the ASUVCW conducted a headstone dedication for Civil War Veteran Caleb Barrett. Living descendants were present.

On Memorial Day we participated in the Copenhagen Memorial Day Parade and the Jordan, NY Memorial Day Parade with our Sisters from the ASUVCW.

In August one camp member, Brother French, DC attended National Encampment and Brother Bamann and Brother Lundy conducted a living history event at Sackets Harbor, NY.

In November Brother Lundy participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony with the Copenhagen American Legion.

January, we had our Annual Luncheon meeting and held elections.

We currently obtained 3 headstones for Lowville Rural Cemetery. Ceremony planned for 10 June 2023 at 1 PM. Another individual obtained one headstone for West Martinsburg cemetery which the ceremony has not been planned yet.

Our camp is working on a plaque to honor 30 Canadian Veterans in the Ottawa area.

We will continue to preserve the memory of the Boys in Blue.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alex Rodriguez", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Alex Rodriguez

Camp Commander

Walter H. French Camp #17

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## **Annual Report of the Sgt Judson Hicks Camp #111**

### **SUVCW**

### **2023**

The Camp participated in Memorial Day Activities at Mt Hope Cemetery in Rochester

It also held its Memorial Day ceremony at Marion Cemetery in Marion, NY

We also attended the annual Lincoln Day commemoration with Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 on the occasion of the Anniversary of his death

Several meetings were held throughout the year/

We gained one member and lost one member

We have several events coming up which should provide us with some great exposure

Submitted in F, C, and L,

Robert Pugsley, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer

Sgt Judson Hicks Camp #111, SUVCW

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Department of New York  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN CAMP # 6  
ROCHESTER, NY  
COMMANDER



To: NY Department Commander  
Jeffrey I. French, PDC (CH), PCC

3/5/23

To: Secretary, Dept. of NY  
Robert Pugsley, PCC, PDC

From: Commander  
Abraham Lincoln Camp 6  
Rochester, NY  
Edward P. O'Brien, PCC, NYDSVC

Subject: Department of NY, SUVCW  
Camp # 6 Annual Commander's Report.

Commander:

Greetings from the Brothers of Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6, Rochester, NY.

It is my pleasure to report that between May 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023 Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 continues to be very active organization within our Order. That being said, please take note of our Camps highlights as stated:

Meetings are held at the discretion of the Camp Commander, and usually are quarterly totaling four annually. And are done using SUVCW Ritual & Ceremonies (Blue Book).

#### Membership:

We have grown by the increase of three new members into the camp, but unfortunately have lost five over the last two years, through drops caused by non payment or written request to be removed off the camp roster. Our Camp continues to remain viable and have enough members to form a quorum and meetings are done in accordance with ritual & ceremonies. Our top priority remains attracting new members to ensure the continuance of the Camp.

#### Finances:

The Camp membership voted to increase our annual camp dues to \$50.00 reflecting the National \$10.00 increase and our Camp increase of \$3.00 and we are financially sound.

#### Newsletter:

The Camp publishes a monthly Newsletter, The Telegraph, published by Brother Steve Wheeler and is professionally done and informative.

#### Activity's:

1.) May 13, 2022 Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 participated in the Annual SUVCW Encampment in Binghamton, NY.

2.) May 14, 2022 Abraham Lincoln camp # 6 By-laws updated and signed by department Commander allowing for additional signatories for the Bank account.

3.) May 30, 2022, Abraham Lincoln camp # 6 participated in the Decoration Day Ceremony's at rapids Cemetery, Congress Ave. and Mt. Hope cemetery, Defenders of the Flag Monument, Rochester, NY. June 18, 2022, dedication of William G. Pomeroy Foundation Historic Marker in the Old Section of the Village of Honeoye Falls cemetery on N. main St. at the burial site of Sgt. Charles A. Goheen 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. CO. G, 8<sup>th</sup> NY Cavalry, Congressional medal of Honor recipient, Camp meeting followed the ceremony.

4.) December 17, 2022 Installed Camp Officers, Edward P. O'Brien, Camp Commander, Darin Everdyke, SVC, Steven A. Williams, JVC, Anton Schwarzmuller, Secretary, Nathan Thompson, Treasurer, Robert Pugsley, Patriotic Instructor, Darin Everdyke, Chaplain, Anton Schwarzmuller, GRO, Charles Smeltzer, Historian, Todd Shillington, Perry Cleaveland, Bruce N. Glaser, Council. Anton Schwarzmuller, CW Memorials Officer. Bruce N. Glaser, Eagle Scout Coordinator.

5.) December 17, 2022 Wreaths Across America "Small Ceremony" GAR Section of Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY.  
At the Defenders of the Flag Monument by Sally James Farnham.

6.) February 1, 2023 Camp # 6 along with the Department of NY and the Moses A. Baldwin Camp # 544, Col. Augustus van Horne Ellis Camp # 124, and The Kade Project, sent care kits to the NY 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment deployed to the horn of Africa, a total of 8 care kits were sent and delivered by February 20, 2023.

7.) March 17, 2023 Remembering our Boys in Blue Irish Militias on St. Patrick's Day, Holy Sepulchre, Rochester, NY.  
At the Celtic Cross by Sally James Farnham. Honoring the NY Irish who fought in the Civil War.

8.) April 15, 2023, Lincoln Death Day Remembrance at Defenders of the Flag Monument, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY. Followed by Camp meeting at the Gate House.

9.) May 5-6-7, 2023, Abraham Lincoln Camp members participated in the 140th Annual SUVCW Encampment in Callicoon, NY.

Roster:

During 2023 we maintained a Camp Roster of 35 Members with a 95% retention rate, Attendance at Camp meetings is usually around 9 members.

Membership: As of this report have voted in 3 new members over the past three years.

Continuance: Continue our efforts to recruit new members, Continued support Department activity's, contribute material to the Volunteer and The Banner as well as our own Camp newsletter The Telegraph. Work together between other camps, the DUVCW and Auxiliary's.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Edward P. O'Brien, PCC  
Commander Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6  
Rochester, NY

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# CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report  
Report Deadline April 1, 2023

Camp Name and Number: CPL JAMES TANNER Camp #134

Patriotic Instructor Signature: [Signature]

Camp Commander Signature: [Signature]

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Reporting period is 1 January through 31 December. Complete form and send to Department Patriotic Instructor. Report numbers, hours volunteered and money spent. Hours are calculated by multiplying the number of hours for an event by the number of Brothers participating. (e.g. 10 hours x 3 Brothers = 30 hours reported) Fill in box or write narrative as applicable. Do not fill in shaded boxes.

**KEY:** Y = Yes. N = No. # = Number. Hrs = Hours. Amt = Dollar amount spent.

		Y	N	#	Hrs	Amt
1	How many Civil War history education events conducted to include Patriotism, Americanism, and Civic Responsibility?					
2	How many Civil War history education events conducted via living history or other venues?			1	1	
3	How many flags given or sent to military troops?			0		
4	Armed Forces Day participation?		✓	0		
5	Memorial Day participation?	✓		2	7	\$30
6	Flag Day participation?		✓			
7	July 4 participation?	✓		1	1	
8	Remembrance Day participation?		✓			

9	Veterans Day participation?	✓		1	1	
10	How many community events involving Patriotic Holidays?					
10a	How many Patriotic / Americanism Essay Contest participation?			0		
10b	Number of schools participating?			0		
10c	Number of Youth Groups participating?			0		
10d	Number of students involved?			0		
11	Scholarships awarded if any?			0		
12	How did you promote the SUVCW in your community? (continue on page 4 if necessary) Hosting /M.C. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE in Ontario, Introduced the ORDER giving Brief Description while wearing Kefi, BADGE, BLUE Sport coat w/ tie. Host /M.C. July 4 <sup>th</sup> PARADE in Ontario Introducing ORDER.					
13	Did SUVCW members wear and display member badges?	✓				
14	How many Flag Etiquette programs did you provide to the community, businesses, and schools?			0		
15	Did you actively promote Patriotic Holidays participation in your Camp?	✓		3		
16	Did you actively support the Eagle Scout Award program?		✓			
17	Did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program?		✓			



18	What events or functions did your Camp participate in by showing how important Patriotism / Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation? (continue on page 4 if necessary) ONEONTA MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 4 <sup>th</sup> PARADES. OLD STONE FORT DECORATIONS DAY CEREMONY SMALL PRIVATE PRESENTATIONS				
19	Did your Camp include our Sisters from the Allied Orders?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
20	How many events were the Sisters of the Allied Orders included?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
21	Was a Patriotic Instructor appointed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
22	Camp Patriotic Instructor provided patriotic and/or educational presentations at Camp meetings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4		
23	As Camp Patriotic Instructor; what forms of communication did you use? (continue on page 4 if necessary) VIDEO POWER POINT PRESENTATION, ARTIFACT PRESENTATION, IN PERSON DEMONSTRATION.				



