

Minutes of the 139th Annual Department of New York Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am on May 14th, 2022 by Department Commander Brian Castler with 29 voting eligible Brothers and 3 guests present.

Commander Castler introduced guest Kevin P. Tucker who is on the National Council. He spoke to the encampment and offered the following information:

- The National Encampment will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan this year, and Nashua, New Hampshire next year. Possibly Kentucky in 2024

To be discussed at this year's National Encampment

- The Kit Carson monument in Cimarron, New Mexico may be removed from public land. It's an SUVCW owned monument and if we disown it, it could set a dangerous precedent for other monuments.
- Remembrance Day – The Park Service demanded last year that all graves be flagged, not just NY graves.
- Discussion on how to make “directed donations”.
- New capital campaign for fundraising.
- New “virtual” training platform.
- Nominations for National awards should be ASAP
- Newsletters should be sent in to National to be considered for awards.
- Reminder that General Order #7 allows all attendees of functions to have their pictures used in Sons publications.

Commander Castler presented past Dep't Commanders Everdyke, Straight and McGuire with certificates of appreciation for serving as Commanders during the Pandemic.

A certificate went to John Goodnough for putting together the Dep't encampment.

Committee on Credentials read their report of attendance - 33 persons signed in with 29 voting members.

The Roll Call was completed.

Appointment of committees for the Encampment was done by e-mail prior to the meeting.

Reading of Reports of Elected Officers was completed – All reports submitted either on paper or electronically will be attached to these minutes to form the full Proceedings.

Under the Legislative Committee report there was an extensive discussion regarding the National General Order on lobbying.

Under the Rally 'Round the Flag Committee – the effort to lobby any government sources is essentially dead due to the economic and political climate. The next focus may be made on business and private funds.

Verbal addendum to the Newsletter Editor's Report – Caywood Camp gets the annual award for best newsletter. Honorable mention goes to Willard Camp and Moses Baldwin Camp. Lincoln Camp has resumed publication with a good newsletter. All Camp newsletters submitted are greatly appreciated as source material for the Department Newsletter. It is quarterly now, 4 editions.

Awards –

Brother Verstraete announced that the Department of New York received the National award for most new members at the 2021 National Encampment...

- Oliver P Clarke – Dennis Duffy
- Kiernan Cup – Baldwin Camp
- Joseph Rippey Award – Leo McGuire
- Jr. Vice Cmdr. Growth Award – Lincoln, Lefferts, French, Ireland, Cook, Catlin, Baldwin.

By-Laws changes. All proposed by-laws changes and other proposals were passed. Proposed change #7 in regard to publication of Officers' Reports was amended to delete "... copies must be sent to all Members" and to include "posting the reports on the Dep't website as soon as possible and e-mail copies to all Department officers and Camp Commanders".

Scholarship Committee – was proposed and authorized last year but never formed. Brother Albanese described the scholarship that Ellis Camp awards, and how the Department might scale this one up to \$1000 per year.

Unfinished Business – None

Budget - Was submitted and attached to the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

New Business – Brother Pugsley was contacted by DUVCW PNP Caren Cleveland asking about interest in hosting the National Encampment in Niagara Falls in 2026. Extensive

discussion on communications between the Orders, requirements specified by national, participation by members, maybe a different city than Niagara Falls. An exploratory Committee is to be formed.

Elections – Commander – Jeffrey French

Sr Vice - Ed O'Brien

Jr Vice – William Stump

Secretary – Robert Pugsley

Treasurer – Jeff Albanese

Council – Ray Wheaton

Paul Ellis-Graham

Brian Castler