



MINUTES OF BUSINESS 29th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE ENCAMPMENT

Joint Opening of Encampment Department of Tennessee SUVCW / Joseph H. Rider ASUVCW 62 (Presentation of the Colors, Patriotic Music)

1. Opening of Encampment
2. Roll call of Officers
 - Department Commander: George Andrew Huttick,
 - a. Senior Vice Commander: Chip Huffman, PCC
 - b. Junior Vice Commander: Absent - Norman Osburn, PCC requested to sit the station
 - c. Secretary / Treasurer: Absent - Daniel Girton requested to sit the station
 - d. Department Council: David DuBrucq, PDC, Gary Burke, Daniel Girton
 - e. Chaplain: Absent - Gary Burke requested to sit the station
3. Recognition of guests
 - a. Br. Kevin Tucker, National Junior Commander-in-Chief
 - b. Sister, Julie Huttick, National Chief of Staff ASUVCW / President National Auxiliary at Large Joseph H. Rider #62
 - c. Delegation, National Auxiliary at Large Joseph H. Rider #62
4. Memorial for Departed Brothers (regretfully, not honored during the Encampment)
 - a. Todd Van Beck, Fort Donelson Camp #62 – May 2023
5. Roll call of members as reported
6. Reports of Officers – attached
 - a. Amended Treasurer's Report
 - i. \$3,406.33 several matters are pending.
 - ii. Effective Balance: Approximately \$3469.33.
 - iii. Department 990- N Tax form has been submitted to the IRS
 - b. SVR Report: Maj. David M. DuBrucq Commander of the 7th Military District extended an invitation to any camp wanting to form an SVR Unit.
7. Reports of the Camps - attached
8. Reception and reference of communications – attached.
9. Reports of Committees
 - a. By-laws Committee
 - b. Committee to Determine the Expectations, Requirements, and Resources to host a National Encampment

10. Report of Department Council
 - a. Department Council reviewed the Department Accounts and all is in order.
 - b. The Department Council also recommended adding policy of who are the appropriate signatories to the Department Accounts.
11. Unfinished business
 - a. Approval of minutes of the 28th Department Encampment – attached
 - i. Jim Loftis, PCC; 2nd Thomas Wright; passed
12. New Business
 - a. Department Awards
 - i. Membership Awards
 1. Corporal William H. Bell Membership Award – Army of Tennessee Camp #64
 2. Private Henry Hoover Membership Award – Army of Tennessee Camp #64
 - ii. Department Commander Awards
 - iii. Award of Service to Department Command
 1. Brother David M. DuBrucq, PDC
 - a. Who provided extensive support and insight to the Department Commander
 - b. This Brother served as a sounding board for ideas and direction. His service allowed for a sense of True North for our Department
 2. Brother Michael Downs, PDC
 - a. Who provided extensive support and insight to the Department Commander
 - b. This Brother served as a sounding board for ideas and direction. His service allowed for a sense of True North for our Department
 3. Brother Ben Block Jones II, PDC
 - a. Who provided extensive support for the Department Commander
 - b. This Brother served as a sounding board for approach, proper parliamentary procedure, and adherence to process.
 4. Award of Fraternity to Department Command
 - a. Brother Chip Huffman
 - b. Who has exemplified Fraternity to the Department Command. He is a voice of reason. He has exemplified how to fill a role of Department Officer. He has also chosen by some odd quirk of his personality to just 'hang out' with the Commander.
 5. Award of Loyalty to the Department
 - a. Brother Gary M. Burke
 - b. Who is the most visible active member of our Department. His engagement with Civil War groups throughout Middle Tennessee and media presence greatly helps our Order and honors the Boys in Blue.
 - iv. Department of Tennessee Charles Henry Engle, Jr. Award
 1. Daniel T. Girton – Army of Tennessee #64
 2. Brother Dan has been extraordinary in carrying out his duties, more often than not going above and beyond what one would normally expect. He is prompt, contentious and thorough. Brother Dan answers all inquiries promptly and strives for accuracy and detail in everything he does. He is also active in recruiting new members and welcoming them into the fold. Simply put, he works hard for his Camp and Department. Whether in his capacity as Secretary Treasurer or as a volunteer at camp events and re-enactments. If anyone deserves recognition, Brother Dan does!

- b. Vicksburg Update – no action required.
 - c. Committee to Determine the Expectations, Requirements, and Resources to host a National Encampment
 - i. Amendment concerning membership in the SUVCW to change the Constitution and Regulations, Orders, and Other Official acts of the National Organization. After a thorough discussion of the delegates,
 - 1. the motion to accept the Constitutional Changes was made by National and seconded by Brother Cody Engdahl, the motion was passed by the delegates.
 - d. The possibility of the Department of Tennessee hosting the National Encampment (Possibly in 2027?) was discussed and a motion stating that the Department is interested and should start forming committees to explore sites was made by Cody Engdahl and seconded by Thomas Wright, the motion was passed by the Delegates. Department Commander will determine committee chair. Several Brothers volunteered to be involved. It was noted that the Sisters of ASUVCW NAL Joseph H. Rider #62 should also be included. Br. Kevin Tucker also volunteered to be on the committee.
 - e. Recommendation of the Department Council:
 - i. Motion to establish policy that the signatories of the Department Accounts be limited to the Department Secretary Treasurer and the Department Assistant Secretary Treasurer.
 - 1. Jim Loftis, PCC; 2nd CC David Burchfield, CC. The motion was passed by the Delegates.
 - f. Election of Delegates to National Encampment
 - i. A motion was made to accept the Delegate list by CC David Burchfield and seconded by PCC Norman Osburn.
 - g. Brother Rich Holmes (?) Challenged each camp to restore or replace a damaged Union Civil War soldiers grave marker in their area.
 - h. The Department is requested to participate in the Polaski County Graves Registration Project. Permission must first be granted by the Cemetery and with the help of the Department's graves registration Officer.
 - i. Selection of Host Camp for 30th Department Encampment
 - i. No host camp identified
13. Nomination and Election of Officers (done by roll call of Camps)
- a. A motion to vote in by unanimous consent any non-contested nominee was made by Dan Girton and seconded by PDC/ PCC David M. DuBrucq. The motion was passed by the delegates
 - b. Commander – Br. Chip Huffman, PCC
 - c. Sr. Vice Commander – Br. Gary W. Moore, PCC
 - d. Jr. Vice Commander – Br. Skip Rexroade, PCC
 - e. Secretary / Treasurer – Br. George Andrew Huttick, PDC
 - f. Council - Gary Burke, David M. DuBrucq, PDC, Norman Osburn, PCC
14. Installation of Officers
Closing ceremony



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24. Report of Department Council [Verbal]
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 - f. Selection of Host Camp for 30th Department Encampment
27. Nomination of Officers (to be done by roll call of Camps)
 - a. Commander
 - b. Sr. Vice Commander
 - c. Jr. Vice Commander
 - d. Secretary / Treasurer
 - e. Council
28. Election and Installation of Officers
29. Closing ceremony [pg 3]

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

Department Commander

12 March 2024

Department Officers, Camp Commanders, Brothers,

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as your Department Commander for the last two years.

My focus as Department Commander was growing our leadership. We are a bottom-up organization, Camps are the heart of our organization. That being said, National and Department have a responsibility to help train and coach downward. In some ways I succeeded in this, in others I did not. As I leave office, I remain concerned that our Department (and most Camps) are led by the precious few, and most of them are overburdened. If we do not change this course, we will likely slowly die of apathy.

What I have enjoyed most about Department Command is visiting the Camps. I encourage my successor to maintain that activity. Sultana Camp has the shortest meetings, Fort Donelson has the best presentations, if you time it right – Army of Tennessee has the best potluck meals and fellowship, Missionary Ridge has the most passion about serving the Boys in Blue by doing cemetery work and Hayes Camp has the biggest and maybe best chance to grow.

I find our Order extremely important in an era where history is revisioned, reinterpreted, rewritten or forgotten. When those who sacrificed to keep this nation a republic are forgotten, we will be far, far worse.

Recommendations:

- Follow the principle: Just do it. If you aren't absolutely sure what you're supposed to be doing, just ask.
 - Implied: Follow the organization's processes, CC&R, by-laws, and policies
- Find leaders. Encourage them to take small roles to grow to larger roles.
- Stop the practice of "running the line". It doesn't matter. It's good to know all the roles, but if someone is great at Jr. Vice Commander, let them serve there for awhile to strengthen the organization. But know when to respectfully give someone else a chance!
- Set the expectation. Don't put people in a role and not tell them what the role is or what they should deliver. People want to do the right thing! Point them in the direction!
- As recommended by Br. Dave DuBrucq, PDC at the end of his term; I will continue to recommend that Department Officers serve two year terms if they are willing to serve. This will add stability to the Department and let us continue to grow people to the roles.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

George Andrew Huttick

Commander

Department of Tennessee, with Mississippi, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Sr. Vice Commander

28 Feb 2024

Department Senior Vice Commander. The activities of the Department Senior Vice Commander should include: (1) Promoting Department activities in the media; (2) Preparing a Department newsletter; (3) Presiding in the absence of the Department Commander at the Department Encampment; (4) Acting as personal representative upon the request of the Department Commander; (5) Forwarding information about Department and Camp activities to the Editor of the BANNER; (6) Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Department Bylaws, Department Encampment and Department Commander.

In the spirit of the above noted responsibilities, I have sent stories for every Quarterly Publication of the Banner to the National Editor of the Banner, James Pahl, who has published each submission in the appropriate issue.

At the request of Department Commander George Huttick, I worked with the National Encampment Site Committee, especially Kevin Tucker NJVC, to prepare a report on the possibility of having a National Encampment in Tennessee in the future. That report is issued here at the 29th Department of Tennessee Encampment.

I made myself available to the Department Commander for any help that that might be needed.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chip Huffman
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Tennessee

Department Jr. Vice Commander

March 5, 2024

Brothers:

First, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Junior Vice Commander over the past year. In that time, has been my pleasure to assist several potential brothers by discussing the options of joining. Almost all enquiries come from men located in the far eastern part of Tennessee, which historically was the most Union sympathetic and therefore the region with the most Union ancestors. Most of these prospective members do not want to join camps they cannot attend or participate in and are unwilling to join.

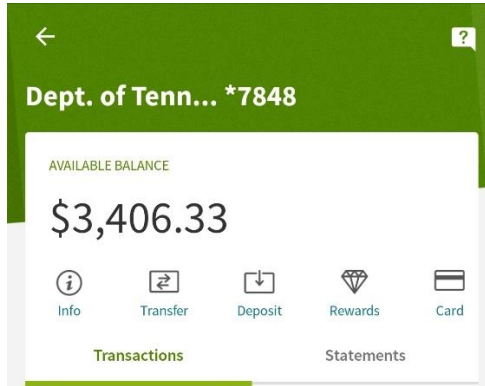
I encourage all brothers to complete Memorial University so you can understand the rules of our Fraternity. I also encourage all brothers to seek office in their camp and in the department.

I would also state that civility between Brothers should be maintained at all times.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Gary W. Moore
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Tennessee with Mississippi

Department Secretary / Treasurer



Trans	Date	Amount	Balance	Payee	Notes
FY Start			\$ 3,763.17		
1521	14-Mar-23	\$ 38.00	\$ 3,725.17	National HQ	
Dep	16-Mar-23	\$ 210.00	\$ 3,935.17	Deposit	
1510	20-Mar-23	\$ 990.34	\$ 2,944.83	Julie Huttick	Reimbursement for Dept Encampment
1511	4-May-23	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,901.83	National HQ SUVCW	
Dep	21-Jun-23	\$ 3,345.75	\$ 6,247.58	Deposit	
1512	7-Jul-23	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 3,397.58	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	
Dep	1-Sep-23	\$ 116.25	\$ 3,513.83	Deposit	
Dep	13-Sep-23	\$ 61.25	\$ 3,575.08	Deposit	
1513	10-Oct-23	\$ 107.50	\$ 3,467.58	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	Dues
1514	10-Oct-23	\$ 34.75	\$ 3,432.83	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	Lucas Holt Dues
1515	10-Oct-23	\$ 26.50	\$ 3,406.33	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	James Rossel Dues
TBD		\$ 120.00	\$ 3,526.33	Army of Tennessee	K. Phillips / D. Phillips
TBD		\$ 63.00	\$ 3,589.33	SUVCW National	?
TBD		\$ 60.00	\$ 3,649.33	Army of Tennessee	Steven R Jordan
TBD		\$ 45.00	\$ 3,694.33	Fort Donelson	Steven Corey
9999		\$ 225.00	\$ 3,469.33	National HQ	Dues and Apps

\$ 3,469.33 Close

*Additional details on file

Additionally, our Department By-Laws Rev. D. have been signed and recorded.

Department Patriotic Instructor

Commander,

The Department Patriotic Instructors Report is due annually on 1 June of each calendar year. Camps are due to submit their reports by 15 May. Therefore, the current report is valid through 31 May, 2024. When the 2024-2025 report is completed and sent to the National Patriotic Instructor, I will provide a copy to the Commander.

The new Patriotic Instructor will be required to have the ability to communicate via the internet. I recommend you pass that requirement to your successor.

As always, I am at your service.

In F, C & L

David M. DuBrucq, PDC
Department Patriotic Instructor
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Department Chaplain

No written report received

Reports were not requested of the follow appointed officers

- **Department Graves Registration Officer**
- **Department Eagle Scout Coordinator**

05 March 2024

Eagle Scouts Certificates issued by the Department Commander 2022-2023

- Eloy Omar Caban Smyrna, TN – COH 16 Dec 2023

To be issued:

- Wesley Cooper Bailey, Knoxville TN – COH 2 April 2024
- Elijah West, Helenwood TN – COH 13 Jan 2024

We should pursue additional advertising of the award across the Department.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

George Michael Huttick
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

- **Department Counselor**

REPORTS OF THE CAMPS

Sultana Camp #1

No written report received

Fort Donelson Camp #62

March 4, 2024

The activities of Fort Donnelson Camp Commander have been minimal as the slate of new officers, including myself, of Fort Donnelson Camp No. 62 were elected at our November 29, 2023, Camp Meeting held at Fort Negley. The meeting was held the Thursday following the Reconciliation March of November 24th commemorating the 159th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. Additionally, on November 21, 2023, I coordinated with Past Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW Brian Epperson concerning Consulting Party comments related to Arlington National Cemetery and the removal of the National Reconciliation Memorial from Section 16.

The first meeting in which I officially presided over as Camp Commander was our January 23, 2024 Meeting in which we honored of deceased Brother, Sam Gant with his family present. Please know that I am making myself available to both the Department Commander George Huttick and Junior Vice Commander Chip Huffman for any assistance they need in furthering the cause of the Department of Tennessee.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

H. Edward Phillips III, Esq.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Camp Commander – Fort Donnelson camp No. 62
Department of Tennessee

Missionary Ridge Camp #63

2023 Annual Report for Missionary Ridge Camp #63

2023 Camp Officers

- Camp Commander – Nick Norwood – Resigned at end of 2023 due to personal reasons
- Vice Commander – David McMahan
- Treasurer/Secretary – Mark Kemp
- Junior Commander – Harvey Scarborough – Resigned at end of 2023 due to health issues.
- Grave Marking – Richard (Rich) Holmes

2024 Camp Officers

- Camp Commander – David McMahan
- Vice Commander and Grave Marking – Richard (Rich) Holmes
- Treasurer / Secretary – Mark Kemp
- Junior Commander – Mark Miller

Camp Membership

2024 Members – 12 camp members.

We currently only have four camp members who are active in camp activities, but we are committed to keeping the camp active and viable. We are focused on grave marking and participating in the various Civil War historical opportunities available at the Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park and other local and regional events.

Financial Report

Checking balance as of 01/31/2024 is \$1877.98. All current bills paid.

Camp Activities

- Four quarterly meetings were held (in person) including the election of officers.
- Eight grave markings or replacements including grave marking ceremony at Grasshopper (Birchwood TN) Church Cemetery
- Wreaths across America – Chattanooga National Cemetery
- Presentation for Camp #63 by ranger from Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park
- Participation in local Civil War historical forums such as Chickamauga & Chattanooga Civil War Roundtable and Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park events such as guided hikes / tours.
- Transition from website to Facebook page to better engage with members and the public.

Deceased Brothers

None

Respectfully submitted,

David McMahan
Camp Commander
Missionary Ridge Camp #63

Army of Tennessee Camp #64

Status of the Army of the Tennessee, Camp 64, SUVCW for the period of March 2023 to March 2024.

'We have installed three new Brothers. Our Camp has grown to twenty-two members.

Camp 64 is very active in several communities in central and eastern Tennessee. We have sponsored for three years now a very well attended "Little Patriots Parade" on the 4th of July, in Livingston, TN. We have sponsored an additional "Little Patriots Parade" in Monterey, TN on July 3rd, 2023. And we have plans to do both parades again in 2024.

Our Members supported 4th of July events, Memorial Day events and Veteran's Day events. We had a large turnout at "The Trails through History" event in Monterey, TN. We supported "standing Stone Day" in Monterey, TN. Our Brothers also supported with a cannon salute the "Field of Honor" event in Crossville, TN. Our Brothers are committed to preserving Civil War history and spend many hours at Civil War reenactments, events and living histories and historical presentations at a great number of locations. One of our Brothers and his wife does an outstanding job portraying President Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln at many events. Two of our Brothers have won awards for their historical research and presentations.

At Christmas time, our Camp takes up collections for the Tennessee Veterans home and collects toys and money for the underprivileged children in our area. We are a social camp and have a summer Camp dinner and a Christmas Camp dinner for our Brothers and their families. Our Patriotic Instructor Report will show that our very active camp has volunteered many hours to Civil war related and community events in the past year.

Camp Commander -David Burchfield

Secretary / Treasurer – Daniel T. Girton

Capt. Asa N. "Black Hawk " Hays #81

March 5, 2024

Brothers:

Asa Nelson "Black Hawk" Hayes Camp 81 has had its share of challenges during its first year. Our Commander had to step aside due to ill health and we pray for his healing and soon return to full health. Having lost our original meeting site, we were able to secure the library in Lexington as our regular meeting place. Meetings are every other month. Looking forward, we have one application in the pipeline. We are in the planning stages of having a Union ancestry reunion on October 12 at the Parkers Crossroads Park. More information will be posted on Facebook. Please plan to attend. We need your support.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Gary W. Moore ,

Commander

Asa Nelson "Black Hawk" Hayes Camp 81

Department of Tennessee with Mississippi

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COMMUNICATIONS

10 March 2024

Dear Dept. Commander Huttick,

We, the Sisters of TN ASUVCW, Joseph H. Rider #62, have heard it rumored you had been asked to consider hosting a National Encampment in the coming years.

The officers have agreed, we would be willing to help assist you make this happen. At this time, we have no financial backing available to offer.

In F., C., and L.,

Julie Huttick
President Joseph H. Rider #62,
TN ASUVCW



David K. Hann PDC
440 Clark Drive
Hammonton, NJ 08037

Dear Commander George Andrew Huttick and Brothers of the Department of Tennessee.

Hello and greetings. My name is David Hann, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for a seat on the National Council of Administration at the 143rd National Encampment to be held in Lexington, Kentucky.

I've been a member of our order for well over 35 years and as you will see from my resume I've held several offices in the Camp, Department and National level.

I feel that with my experience I can better help serve our Order and to help "keep Green the Memory" of our gallant Boys in Blue. It is an honor to be a member of our order and I base my membership on my Great-great-great Grandfather Private Charles Ellet of Company B, 3rd Michigan Infantry who proudly served from 1861-1864.

I would be honored to have your support and I wish you a harmonious Department Encampment.

Yours in the bonds of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

David K. Hann PDC
Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp # 7
Department of New Jersey



Peter J. Hritsko Jr
Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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General Order #2 (Amendment)
Series 2023 – 2024

10 August 2023

General Order on Membership
Qualifications Ratification

1. The 142nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War passed the following change to the SUVCW Constitution, which must be ratified by more than 50% of the Departments.

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

Article III, Eligibility to Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

All male descendants, for the purpose of this Constitution, and all Regulations, Orders, and other official acts of the National Organization; Departments and Camps "male" is defined as a person who was biologically male at birth, 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.

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

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

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

1. Associates are males, a person who was biologically male at birth, 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 of membership established by the National Organization.
 2. Junior Associates are males being a person who was biologically male at birth, 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 the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation but otherwise meet the requirements for membership established by the National Organization.
- c. 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 discharged from the Order solely because of that Brother's change in gender or sexual identification.

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

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

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

Recommendation 5 Refer to the Program & Policy during 142nd National Encampment

- e. ~~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 being a person who was biologically male at birth, 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.~~

2. All Departments will see that this General Order is disseminated throughout. There cannot be any changes made to the items presented as this is the wording accepted by the 142nd National Encampment. It is strictly a For or Against Ratification vote.
3. Once the vote has been taken the Department Commander through the Department Secretary will notify IN WRITING the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary of the result of said vote. As soon as the 51 percent of the Departments ratify these changes will be in effect.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023

Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko Jr

Peter J. Hritsko Jr

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Submitted 10 August 2023

attest:

Daniel W Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

By-Laws Committee

No report or recommendations were received.

Committee to Determine the Expectations, Requirements, and Resources to host a National Encampment

Prepared by Department Senior Vice Commander Chip Huffman February 28, 2024

On Wednesday August 2, 2023, TN ASUVCW Vice President Marsha Fetty-Huffman and myself met with members of the National Encampment Site Committee and the New Hampshire Host Committee to ask about their experiences in Hosting a national Encampment. In attendance were:

1. Kevin Tucker Past National Encampment Site Committee
2. Daniel Murray New Hampshire Host Committee Chairman
3. Linda Murray New Hampshire Host Committee Treasurer

They were extremely helpful and forthcoming in their assessment of what is necessary to host a National Encampment. The following is from my notes of that meeting:

- At this point, we are in the Discussion Stage. With the approval of the Dept. Commander or a vote of the Dept. Encampment to begin the process, put together a proposal for Hosting an Encampment and submit it to the National Encampment Site Committee, (right now, that is PCinC Mike Paquette and National Chief of Staff Jim Crane).
- The Department Commander must appoint a Host Committee. Committee members should be prepared to serve until the conclusion of the Allied Orders National Encampment in the year being proposed. Continuity and dedication are essential qualities for these committee members.
- The Host Committee will then submit a Letter of Intention to the National Encampment Site Committee, listing the Requested Year and Possible Locations (Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga in our case).
- The Host Committee will receive an Instruction Book at a meeting during the next Allied National Encampment.
- The Host Committee will then send out Request For Proposal (RFP)s to Hotels and select at least three hotels which fit the requirements. The Host Committee then has 90 Days to submit a Written Proposal to the National Encampment Site Committee.
- The Host Committee must then prepare a Formal Proposal for the National Encampment Site Committee. Once they have a chance to evaluate it and approve it, you can then submit a motion to host the Encampment for a vote of your Department Encampment. That vote is a binding one.

At the time of this meeting last August, the future National Encampments were scheduled as follows:

- 2024 Lexington, KY
- 2025 Texas
- 2026 Rochester, NY (May be dropping out)
- 2027 Open (**Tennessee Potentially**)
- 2028 Open

FINANCES

The Department of New Hampshire put up a deposit of \$4000.00 with the hopes of getting most of that back through Fund Raising.

The Department of New Hampshire had raised \$14,000.00 through Fund Raising. National was to contribute \$3500.00.

The National Auxiliary was to contribute \$700.00.

The New Hampshire Host Committee finalized their National Encampment with a profit of a couple thousand dollars.

The Host Committee can either obtain its own separate EIN or they can run the finances of the Encampment through the Department's Treasurer. New Hampshire chose to do the latter. At the time of this meeting last August, which was held the day before the National Encampment opened in Nashua, NH, Pre-Registrations were tabulated at 160 SUV CW and 35 ASUVCW.

The following pages are taken from the National Encampment Site Committee's publication, "Hosting A National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Submitting A Proposal To Host An Allied Orders National Encampment

1. The Department Commander must appoint a Host Committee. Committee members should be prepared to serve until the conclusion of the Allied Orders National Encampment in the year being proposed. Continuity and dedication are essential qualities for these committee members.
2. With approval from the Department Commander and the respective Department, the Host Committee should submit a letter of intention to the National Encampment Site Committee, with the year requested and possible locations for the Allied Orders National Encampment.
3. The Host Committee will receive an instruction book at a meeting during the Allied Orders National Encampment immediately following submission of the request.
4. The Host Committee will send out Request for Proposals, (RFPs) to hotels, listing the requirements for holding an Allied Orders National Encampment.
5. The Host Committee will review proposals from the hotels and select at least 3 that fit the requirements for holding an Allied Orders National Encampment.
6. If a Host Committee wishes to continue with the request after reviewing the requirements, they will have 90 days to submit a Written Proposal to the National Encampment Site Committee.
7. The Host Committee must prepare a formal proposal to the National Encampment Site Committee, detailing the satisfaction of each of the minimum requirements, and include any additional factors which may weigh favorably in the host Department's favor. Remember that there may be competition for hosting the National Encampment in the year you are proposing, so be sure to include your most persuasive factors in your proposal.
8. List of Requirements to Host an Encampment:
 - Location city must be easily accessible by automobile and in close proximity to an airport.
 - Host Committee have proposals from at least 3 hotels, (can be in different cities).
 - Cost of transportation from airport to hotel must be reasonable for all Brothers.
 - Host Committee must choose their recommendation for hotel, and state why.
 - List of planned activities before/during/after the Encampment.
 - Hotel must have the appropriate space for the SUVCW and ASUVCW to hold meetings (Diagrams included in book for space requirement). If any of the other Allied Orders are joining us for the Encampment, meeting rooms, audio-visual equipment and other items will be required for them, as well.
 - List of personnel within the Department with skills, willingness and experience to host an Allied Orders Encampment.
 - List of restaurants in close proximity to the hotel, especially those within walking distance.
 - Encampments are held Thursday through Sunday. Dates for the National Encampment should fall between the last weekend of July and the second weekend in August.
 - State how many seats are available in the hotel restaurant.
 - The Allied Orders banquet should be priced at around \$40.00, inclusive of all service charges and taxes.

MINUTES OF THE 28TH DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Opening of Encampment (Ritual)

Roll Call of Officers

Department Commander: George Andrew Huttick
Senior Vice Commander: Chip Huffman
Junior Vice Commander: Skip Rexroade
Secretary/Treasurer: Gary W Moore
Chaplain: Gary Burke

Recognition of guests:

Bruce D. Frail – Commander-in-Chief

Reports of Department Officers – Attached

Reception and Reference of Communication – Attached

Charles Henry Engle Jr. Award of Appreciation 2021 – Darrell Ball

Charles Henry Engle Jr. Award of Appreciation 2022 – Ben Block Jones II

New Business:

- Vicksburg Update – No action taken.
- Changes to Department ByLaws
 - Rev D required changes per National
 - Rev D updated per requests * see attachments
 - Rev D included language to allow for DMALs for one year as a Camp forms
- Resolution from Camp #64 - Resolution stating our disapproval of the dues increase
 - Resolution retracted by Camp after discussion
- SUVCW Special Committee to Review Membership Qualifications
 - Approved.
- Election of Delegates for National Encampment
- Election of Officers
 - Commander – George Andrew Huttick, PDC
 - Sr. Vice Commander – Chip Huffman, CC
 - Jr. Vice Commander – Gary W. Moore, PCC
 - Secretary / Treasurer – Skip Rexroade – CC, PCC
 - Council – Gary M. Burke

Installation of officers:

Conducted by Bruce D. Frail – Commander-in-Chief

Closing Ceremony (Ritual)

*** attachments available on file. (Department Encampment Packet)