

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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## THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, October 13, 2013, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.**

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## OLD TOWN DAYS AT GARDNERVILLE

September 13-15, 2013

Gardnerville celebrated Old Town Days at Heritage Park on September 13 through 15. The activities were mainly Civil War reenactments put on by the Department of the Pacific Federal Battalion and other reenacting groups. Carlin Camp 25 Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester helped with the cannon demonstration on the 13th for the 400 or so schoolchildren who attended that day. Other Carlin Camp 25 members present for the duration who took part in the reenactments were Camp Bugler Ray Ahrenholz, Ken Auld, Camp Chaplain Wayne Eder, and Camp Guard Vincent Vitale.



Carlin Camp 25 Secretary-Treasurer Brian Worcester

## RECENT RAMBLINGS

Since the last meeting, Commander John Riggs and Senior Vice Commander and Historian David A. Davis, PCC, have made several history-related several trips. On August 25, in an effort to get away from the forest fire smoke in Reno, we mde a thunder run to Austin, Nevada. The sites visited included the cemetery where Civil War nurse Johanna Shine and several other Civil War veterans are buried, Ruel Gridley's store, and the International Bar and Cafe. The International was in part built from lumber removed from the first International Hotel in Virginia City and transported to Austin in 1862. The second floor was built as a ballroom where after the war, the Grand Army of the Republic Lander Post No. 27 held dances and other functions. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to go up there.

We visited Dayton for Dayton Valley Days on September 21. We took a tour of the building and grounds of the old Union Hotel which is in sorry shape, but is for sale for \$190,000. Despite inaccuracies in the official state marker on the front, the hotel was always at that site, was built in the late 1850s, and never burned down. No Civil War-related activities had been planned for Dayton Valley Days, but Harry Ehrman of the Battleborn Civil War Reenactors was present in his Colonel's uniform with two cannons on a trailer. Toni VanCleve came in one of her Victorian dresses, and we all had a nice visit.



Front (L to R): Harry Ehrman, John Riggs, Toni VanCleve; Back: David A. Davis

We intended to visit the Genoa cemetery and museum on September 28 but got waylaid by Genoa's annual Candy Dance. We then visited the Mottsville Cemetery (no obvious Civil War veterans) and the Fredericksburg Cemetery (one obvious Civil War veterans). After stopping in Woodfords and being told

there were two private and two Indian cemeteries with restricted access there, we went to Markleeville. We visited the museum and later the library. The assistant museum curator said Markleeville is in the process of renovating their rundown cemetery and time was too limited to walk up the hill to it. We exchanged contact information in case some burials prove to be of Civil War veterans, and Government issued markers can be obtained. We also left a request for cemetery information from the local historian at the library. Findagrave notes 53 burials, and cadaver dogs indicated at least 81 sites at the Markleeville Cemetery.

While not a physical rambling in the true sense, the Camp Historian acquired a 1923 copy of the Women's Relief Corps Red Book. The Red Book is the WRC's equivalent to the G.A.R. Blue Book and contains their by-laws, rules, legal opinions, and interpretations. It states that while it was preferred to have Corps created as auxiliaries to local G.A.R. Posts, independent Corps could also be created where Posts were absent at the pleasure of the Department President. This might explain the formation of the Gettysburg Corps 122 in Tonopah in 1912 without mention of any formal G.A.R. representation.

## **GENERAL U.S. GRANT CAMP 9 DISBANDED**

Department Order No. 8 issued July 29, 2013, was concerned with the unpleasant task of the disbanding of General U.S. Grant Camp 9 in Modesto, CA. Camp 9 was chartered in June 2004, about a year after Carlin Camp 25 was chartered, and was named after the G.A.R. Grant Post 9 of Modesto. The Camp's early activities appear to have revolved around the G.A.R. plots in the Modesto Cemetery complex. In recent years, however, the Camp failed to thrive. The viability of Camp 9 was discussed during the last several Department Encampments, and the Camp's fate was sealed at the most recent Encampment. Camp 9 appears to have gone the way of the Isaac Crist Camp 28 of Reno, which lasted from 1967 to 1979 (13 years). The Crist Camp 28 started with a purpose, which was to compliment and help the DUVCW Johanna Shine Tent 82 (also now defunct) renovate the G.A.R. Mitchel Post 69 cemetery plot at Hillside. According to Ed Lineau, Past Camp Commander of the Crist Camp 28, after a few years, interest waned, the Camp lost members and failed to recruit new active members, and then the Camp folded. Carlin Camp 25 is now in its 11th year and started with the purpose of renovating the statue in the G.A.R. Custer Post 5 cemetery plot at Lone Mountain in Carson City. Just a few things to think about such as the direction our Camp could go and the interest that should be shown in the Camp's elections coming up in December.

## **2013 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

**August 8-11, 2013**

The 132nd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 127th National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the 126th National Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was held on August 8-11, 2013, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The top officers elected were: Commander-in-Chief Ken L. Freshly, PDC, of Willoughby, Ohio; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell, PDC, of Gilroy, California; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC, of East Berlin, Pennsylvania; Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, of St. Francis, Kansas; and Treasurer Richard Orr, PCinC (1997-1998), of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Department of California and Pacific brothers in National appointed positions (not including special committees) include Backup National Webmaster Jon C. Henry of Folsom, California; National GAR Records Officer, Chairman of the National Committee on GAR Records, and member of the National Committee of Civil War Memorials Dean A. Enderlin, PCC, of Calistoga, California; member of the National Committee of Communications and Technology Dr. Joseph L. de Beauchamp of Las Vegas, Nevada; Chairman of the National Committee on Fraternal Relations Jerry Sayre, PDC, of Fallbrook, California; member of the National Committee on GAR Records Jeffrey L. Vaillant, PCC, of Novato, California; members of the Aides Committee on GAR Records Glen Roosevelt, PDC, of Anaheim Hills, California, and D. Brad Schall, PCinC (2010-2011) of Lincoln, California; Chairman of the National Committee on Legislation and member of the National Committee on Program and Policy Dan Earl, PCC, of San Jose, California; Chairman of the National Committee on Program and Policy Tad D. Campbell, PDC, of Gilroy, California. Please see the National website, <http://www.suvchw.org> for a complete list of officers and committee members and other information involving the Encampment.

## **NEVADA DAY**

**October 26, 2013**

The Nevada Day Parade will be held October 26, 2013, in Carson City, NV. The paperwork for Carlin Camp 25's participation has been sent in, and the details will be sent out when they become available. The parade starts at 10 am. The theme is "Nevada Day Parade Celebrates 75 Years, 1938-2013". The annual chili feed will also be held the same day at the Nugget in Carson City between noon and 2 pm.

## **ANNUAL WEST COAST CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE**

**November 1-4, 2013**

The annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference will be sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Round Table. The Conference will be held on the Carnival cruise ship Inspiration as part of a Mexican Baja Cruise out of Long Beach, and the topic will be, "American Civil War 1863". For details, visit <http://sjvcwrt.com/2012-September-Bugle%20Call.pdf> or see the flyer at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com/events/WCC2013.pdf>.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY, SACRAMENTO, CA**

**November 19, 2013**

General George Wright Camp 22 will hold a Remembrance Day observance of the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address at 10 am on Tuesday November 19, 2013, at the main Grand Army of the Republic plot in the Old City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway in Sacramento. President Abraham Lincoln will be present as a special guest. For more details, please see the Wright Camp 22 website: <http://www.camp22.org>. Several Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A 3rd U.S. Artillery SVR members are planning to attend.

## **FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**November 23, 2013**

All are invited to the 57th Annual Remembrance Day observance which is sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military Department of the SUVCW. A parade and other activities will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The headquarters for the event is the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg. For registration and other information, please go to <http://www.suvcw.org/RembrDay/2013/2013remembranceday.pdf>.

## **THE NEVADA VOLUNTEERS**

As noted above, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the Nevada Volunteers. On April 2, 1863, General George Wright, Commander of the Department of the Pacific told Nevada's acting governor Orion Clemens that the War Department had authorized him to raise volunteer companies in Nevada to help protect the Overland Mail route. Eventually 1088 men would serve in six cavalry companies and three infantry companies. The Nevada Volunteers never saw action in the eastern theater, but they were kept busy chasing and fighting Indians and reining in Copperheads and criminals. They eventually helped man Forts Churchill and Ruby in Nevada, Camp Independence in California, Camp Douglas in Utah, and Fort Bridger in what is now Wyoming as well as a number of small temporary posts in between. When the war ended, some Nevada troops were fighting Indians with California and Michigan troops as far away as Wyoming. For more information, see: Fort Churchill, Nevada Military Outpost of the 1860's, 1981, edited by Stanley W. Paher, researched by Kathryn Totton; Nevada Volunteers in the Civil War, 1959, and The Sagebrush Soldiers, 1962, by Philip Dodd Smith, Jr.; and The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 1897, Series I, vol. L, parts 1 and 2.

## **DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

A group of ladies belonging to different tents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in southern Nevada and parts of California are forming a tent in northern Nevada. If you know of any women who would be interested in joining or transferring their membership closer to home, please contact Phyllis Moats of 171 Pete Hendrichs Road, Yerington, Nevada, 89447, by email at phyllisjomoats@yahoo.com or by phone at 775-781-4065.

### **AUGUST 18, 2013, MEETING MINUTES**

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Department of California and the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25. Camp mailing address: 5200 Cedarwood Dr. Reno, NV. 89511-9025.

1. Call to Order and opening Prayer by the Patriotic Instructor. 2. All brothers in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. 3. Roll Call: John A. Riggs, David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Tyrone Davis, Ray Ahrenholz, Brian Worcester and guest Chaun Mortimer. It should be noted that this Camp meeting was filmed by Television Station -2, Reno and aired along with the interview of Commander Riggs. 4. Commanders Report: Commander Riggs reiterated our Memorial Day activities in Virginia City and the personal hand written letter that he received from Governor Sandoval. The Commander also related his experiences along with Brother Davis at the Gray Eagle, CA. rendezvous. The trip included researching certain documents that incorrectly detail the Modoc Indian War. They also returned to the location of the Historical Plaque, placed by B.S.A. Troop-88 in 2006, detailing some key events in the War. However, the Plaque is now missing. The trip also included verification of the GAR marker on Nevada Highway-6. 5. History and Memorials Report by Brother Davis was sent as an attachment by Brother Davis and contains the following topics: G.A.R. and Tonopah, Nevada and B.F. Mills Civil War Veteran in Tonopah. 6. Treasures/Secretary Report: Brother Brian stated our US Bank balance is \$591.04, with no outstanding debts. Brother Brian will also order certain 150th Gettysburg Anniversary medals for persons as requested. Brother Brian is also attempting to learn certain "Calls" on the drum for future Camp use. 7. Patriotic Instructors Report: Brother Tyrone related his progress on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the B.S.A. He also provided a synopsis of the history of the program. 8. Bugler Ray announced the possible addition of one or even two Buglers to the Camp in the near future. 9. Old Business: None. 10. New Business: The Camp will participate in the Gardnerville Reenactments, including manning the Batteries, and School Days on 13, 14 and 15, Sep. 2013. On Friday, 13 Sep.2013, at 0900 Hours, the Camp will participate in school children education. Over 200 students are scheduled to attend. 11. Next meeting date at Post 9211 is 13 October 2013 at 1300 Hours. A closing Prayer was offered by Brother Tyrone and the meeting concluded at 1425 Hours.

Submitted in C, F and L, Brian I. Worcester

### **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

August 18, 2013

David A. Davis, SUVCW Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

#### **G.A.R. AND TONOPAH, NEVADA**

The Grand Army of the Republic has been a bit of an enigma in Tonopah, Nevada. Tonopah, originally called Butler, came into existence as a mining camp in 1901. The main Tonopah newspaper was the "Tonopah Bonanza", which started publication as a weekly on June 15, 1901, and mentions Civil War veterans participating in the 4th of July festivities in 1901. The Memorial Day and 4th of July editions for 1902 specifically mention participation by the G.A.R. but never mention a Post. The paper became a daily in 1906, and the G.A.R. is mentioned at events again without a Post name at least into the 1910s. Seven G.A.R. members were counted in the 1910 Memorial Day parade, and one Civil War veteran, J. M. Carl, was left in 1928, though he was not mentioned as being a G.A.R. member

Other interesting articles mention the following. John O'Brien died May 13, 1904. He had been a private in the Civil War and was noted to be a G.A.R member. The G.A.R took care of his funeral arrangements, and he was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Tonopah. Again no Post was mentioned. The G.A.R. Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.) organized the Gettysburg Corps 122 on August 17, 1912 and existed at least until 1934. The W.R.C. could not organize a chapter without a local G.A.R. post, but the newspaper article never mentions one and only that WRC officers were coming in from San Francisco for the ceremony. An e-mail request was sent to the W.R.C. for clarification on the organization requirements of that era, but no reply has been received yet. The 1904 book by Thomas Wren, "A history of the state of Nevada : its resources and people" lists the G.A.R. Posts in the state at the time. Again, Tonopah is not listed as having a Post.

To date, issues with articles on Memorial Day, the 4th of July, some obituaries, and a few select events have been researched mainly in the "Tonopah Bonanza". A tedious page by page examination of this and other Tonopah newspapers will be the next step in the research as time permits. Also, the alleged G.A.R. cemetery and some G.A.R. activities in events involving Goldfield, contemporaneous with and only 20 miles from Tonopah, may tie into this research.

### **B. F. MILLS, CIVIL WAR VETERAN IN TONOPAH**

The May 31, 1902, issue of the "Tonopah Bonanza" had an article on B. F. Mills as being the leader of the Memorial Day parade. Just before the Battle of Chattanooga, in 1862, Union Captain Andrew sent seven volunteers, including Mills, behind Confederate lines to Atlanta to cut the telegraph lines and burn the bridges behind General Albert Sydney Johnson's army. They made it to Atlanta but were unsuccessful because of being unable to steal a train. They safely made it the 300 miles back to the Union lines. Captain Andrews attempted the same thing again with different volunteers. They were all captured and hung at Chattanooga. A Civil War veteran, Benjamin Franklin Mills, is buried without a marker in the New Tonopah cemetery, but no obituary has yet been found, and it is uncertain if he is the same man.

### **RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

For a complete list, see Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

**Department Order No. 8**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**29 July 2013**

#### **DISBANDMENT OF GEN. U. S. GRANT CAMP NO. 9**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with the National Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, and after due notice to its membership, the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9 of Modesto, California has voluntarily surrendered its Charter.

Section 2: All Camp property and funds have been turned over to the Department and are now in the custody of the Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 of Elk Grove, California, with copies and acknowledgement of the same forwarded to Department Secretary-Treasurer Owen R. Stiles.

Section 3: The Gen. George Wright Camp No. 22 will assist the current membership of Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9 with discharges and transfers of membership to other Camps.

Section 4: The Department of California and Pacific recognizes faithful and loyal service of the members of the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9 since the Camp's chartering on June 16, 2004.

Section 5: The Department of California and Pacific hereby acknowledges the surrender of the Charter and receipt of the property of the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9, and it is hereby ordered that the Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9 be considered fully disbanded and dissolved.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth, in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, State of California by Timothy Paul Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Timothy P. Reese, PCC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific  
ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

**Department Order No. 9**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**29 July 2013**

### **PASSING OF BRO. EMMITT STANFORD "BUD" MINOR**

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is my sad duty to report that last year, on August 14, 2012, Brother Emmitt Stanford "Bud" Minor passed away. His obituary follows:

Emmitt Stanford Minor AKA "Bud" was born in Bedford County, TN on January 10, 1928 and passed away on August 14, 2012 in Merced, CA at the age of 84.

Bud was known as a proud American who served his country proudly. After military retirement Bud worked with his brother Eldon at Ace Savage in Merced. Later he would Co-own Ace Pipe & Steel in Merced. He was a member of the Merced Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #1240, VFW, Civil War Re-Enactment, Club Mercedes, Valley Vintage Car Club, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. Bud was past commander of American Legion Post #83, former commander for the Honor Guard, and volunteered for Disabled Veterans.

He loved to collect and restore antique cars, trucks, and caterpillar tractors. However, his prize collections were his military army jeeps which were featured in numerous local parades.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents, Euleess Mose and Mary Leota Foster Minor; daughter, Carolyn Minor James; and brother, Roy Minor.

He is survived by his wife whom he married 67 years ago on April 26, 1945, Shirley Minor; daughters, Marilyn & Michael Armstrong of Omaha, NE, Janet Parson & Kevin Filgas of Mariposa, and Linda & Jimmy Smith of Merced; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Section 2: The Department and all Camp Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 3: All Department Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Article III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 4: The Department of California and Pacific extends its sincere condolences to the family of Brother Bud Minor and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-eighth, in the City of Salinas, County of Monterey, State of California by Timothy Paul Reese, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(DEPARTMENT SEAL)

By Order of: /s/ Timothy P. Reese, PCC, Department Commander, Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST: By: /s/ Owen R. Stiles, PCC, Department Secretary-Treasurer

## **RECENT GENERAL ORDERS**

For a complete list, see National website: <http://suvchw.org/go/go.htm>.

**General Order No. 25**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**3 July 2013**

I have included in this General Order a request to amend the Constitution of the SUVCW to be considered at the National Encampment in Milwaukee, WI on August 8 – 10 2013.

**Proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 1(c) of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War "Honorary Membership"**

**I. Background.** For more than a year, I have worked closely with two British citizens to discover, identify, and improve the grave of Private William Blazey, 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery, who is buried in the Bexleyheath, Kent, England, Cemetery. Their dedication to assisting me in this project has been exemplary and worthy of special recognition. When I consulted the Constitution concerning Honorary Membership, I was surprised to learn that non-citizens are excluded even when they have rendered service to the Order that is worthy of this recognition. While not American citizens, they otherwise meet the criteria and, in my opinion, are worthy of consideration for Honorary Membership.

First, they are not eligible for membership in the Order.

Second, they meet the requirement of eminence, having both received civil honors from Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, for years of dedicated service to Queen and Country. They have been invested as Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE), which was founded by King George V to recognize achievement or service in or to the community which is outstanding in its field and has delivered a sustained and real impact which stands out as an example to others.

Because I believe that Honorary Membership should recognize the contributions of citizens and non-citizens alike, this recommendation offers the following change to the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is submitted for consideration to the Commander-in-Chief in accordance with the Constitution, Article IX, Page 9.

**II. Reference.** Article VII (“Membership”), Section 1(c) (“Honorary Members”), Page 6, to wit: “The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary memberships to persons of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.”

**III. Problems.** As the criteria are currently defined, Honorary Membership:

1. Rewards good citizenship of notable people without reference to outstanding support of the historic purposes, goals and mission of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. Is limited only to citizens of the United States no matter how praiseworthy or conspicuous are the contributions of non-citizens to the mission of the SUVCW. This is also inconsistent with the policy of admitting non-citizens to membership through consanguineous descent.

**IV. Discussion.** All awards presented on behalf of the Order and its Commander-in-Chief ought to recognize outstanding contributions to the historic mission of the SUVCW to preserve and promote the memory of the “Boys in Blue” no matter what the criteria for the individual award. As stipulated, Honorary Membership is not given with reference to contributions to the order, but to important people who are being commended for outstanding citizenship. Because citizenship is limited to Americans only, Honorary Membership cannot be granted to foreign nationals. While their contributions to the historic mission of the Order may have warranted special recognition, they cannot be even considered for this reward, no matter how deserving.

Furthermore, as specified, there appears to be no mission-oriented purpose for even having the award, even if the Order does gain public recognition when awarding Honorary Membership to some noteworthy person.

**V. Proposed Amendment.** It is recommended that Article VII, Section 1(c), Page 6, should be amended to read as follows:

“The Commander-in-Chief, upon recommendation from a Camp, Department, or the National Council of Administration and with the approval of the National Council of Administration, may grant honorary membership to individuals who are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order and who meet one of the following criteria:

1. American citizens of unimpeachable loyalty and patriotism who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act.

2. American citizens of acknowledged eminence who are especially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and who have been active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act and are known not to be eligible for membership in our Order.

3. Foreign citizens of unimpeachable character and eminence who have demonstrated outstanding support for the historic mission of the Order, either by a prolonged period of service or for a single outstanding act, and whose words and deeds demonstrate an appreciation for and support of the historic role played by the United States in promoting peace and liberty throughout the world. The National Organization, Departments, and Camps shall not impose the per capita dues, fees, dues, or any other monetary assessment on Honorary Members. Honorary Members are entitled to a free subscription to the Banner.”

**VI. Additional Information.**

1. This amendment does not conflict with or violate the spirit of the purposes of the Order as stated in Section III, Federal Charter (1954), or Section 200302, Federal Charter (1998).

2. This amendment will not impact Chapter V (“General Regulations”), Article III (“Badges and Decorations”), Section 3F (“Honorary Member Badge”), Page 59, because it authorizes the issue of the badge to Honorary Members without reference to criteria. Should it be decided, however, to select a different device for foreign citizens (e.g., oak leaf versus star), a change would be required to the National Regulations in Article 3, Section 2, Page 58.

Respectfully submitted  
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, PDC, PCC  
Junior Vice Commander, Department of Tennessee

Ordered this 3rd Day of July, 2013: Perley E. Mellor, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order No. 26**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**23 July 2013**

The Department of New York has filed a completed Form 35, “Department Annual Report” with National Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charters has been lifted and they are hereby reinstated to good standing with the National organization.

Ordered this 23rd Day of July, 2013: Perley E. Mellor, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



**General Order No. 27**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**25 July 2013**

The proposed Amendment to the SUVCW Constitution to Change the Preamble to Reflect Revenue Cutter Service as Eligibility for Membership has passed. The vote so far is 23 Department reporting with 494 Yeas, 18 Nays and 5 Abs. There were 19 Departments that voted unanimous for approval.

Ordered this 25th Day of July, 2013; Perley E. Mellor, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order No. 28**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**3 August 2013**

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the passing of Marian Morgan, Past National President of the National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. She died Thursday, August 1, 2013 and was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, who died on April 23, 2013. Mrs. Morgan was National President for two terms 1989-1990 and 1990-1991. She was very involved in the work of the Grand Army Memorial Museum in Springfield, Illinois and dedicated to volunteering at the Veteran's Home in Battle Creek, Michigan.. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, August 6, at Winkel Funeral Home in Otsego, Michigan.

Condolences may be sent to: Family of Marian Morgan at 324 Sherwood Street, Otsego, MI 49078-1257.

I am requesting that all membership badges Camp and Department Charters and the National website will be draped in black until 2 September 2013.

Ordered this 3rd Day of August, 2013: Perley E. Mellor, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order No. 29**  
**SERIES 2012-2013**  
**19 August 2013**

1) This final General Order for the 2012-2013 administrative year documents the awards that were presented at the National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2) The following awards were presented at the 2013 National Encampment:  
Lifetime Achievement Award: Joseph "Joe" Long, Jr. - Department of Pennsylvania  
Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award – Brother of the Year: Ronald F. Rittel – Department of Iowa  
Abraham Lincoln Award – Camp of the Year: General Frederick K. Lander Camp No. 5, Lynn, MA – Department of Massachusetts  
Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award (Department with greatest number of new members): Department of Ohio (78)  
U.S. Grant Cup Award (Department with highest percentage of gain of new members): Department of Georgia-South Carolina (27%)  
Joseph S. Rippey Award – Most Outstanding New Camps: George J. Stannard Camp No. 2, North Western, VT  
Under Forty Award (Department with the greatest number of new members under age 40): Department of Wisconsin (7)  
Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Newsletter: Department: "The Missouri Unionist" – Department of Missouri;  
Camp: "They Will Not Be Forgotten", – Colonel Hecker Camp No. 443, Department of Illinois  
Albert Woolson Award (Most Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event): Bentonville Battlefield Union Monument Dedication  
Department of North Carolina SUVCW  
Scholarship Awards: Britta A. Musser – Mt. Union Church Camp No. 502 Auxiliary – Dept. of Pennsylvania  
Horace Greeley Award – Most Outstanding Website - Department: Department of California & Pacific;  
Camp - Lincoln Cushing Camp No. 2, Department of the Chesapeake  
Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Lee Stone, PDC – Department of the Chesapeake; Charles (Charlie) E. Kuhn, Jr. PCinC  
– Department of Pennsylvania; James H. Houston, PDC – Department of Ohio  
National Aides: Gary Scheel – Department of Missouri – 13 new members; David K. LaBrot – Department of Texas – 10 new  
members; James Ludlam - Department of New Jersey -10 new members; Fredric C. Lynch – Department of Ohio – 8 new members;  
Dr. Douglas Fidler – Department of Tennessee – 7 new members; Robert Grandchamp – Department of Vermont – 6 new members;  
John R. France – Department of North Carolina -5 new members; C. Jeffrey Heagy – Department of New Jersey – 5 new members;  
Timothy Murphy – Department of New Jersey – 4 new members; David Hann – Department of New Jersey – 3 new members;  
William Kale – Department of New Jersey – 3 new members  
Meritorious Service Award: William C. Stark – Department of Ohio; George J. Weinmann – Department of New York; Chris  
Czopek – Department of Michigan; David M. Lamb – Department of Iowa; Thomas Gaard – Department of Iowa; Steven Bogle –

Department of Iowa; Allan W. Howey – Department of Ohio

Dr. Mary Walker Award – Ladies Appreciation, National Award: Jane Graham, PNP – Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Rachele M. Campbell, PDP - Auxiliary to the SUVCW; Ellen Higgins, SVP – Daughters of Union Veterans 1861 - 1865; Judy Rock, NP – Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

B.F. Stephenson Award – Brother who recruits most new members: David Rish – Department of Ohio (17 new members)

John R. Clem Award – Most Outstanding Junior(s): Payton Seats – Governor William Denison Camp No. 1 Department of Ohio

Ordered this 19th Day of August, 2013: Perley E. Mellor, Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Eugene Mortorff, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **General Order No. 1**

**SERIES 2013-2014**

**27 August 2013**

1. To all of the Brothers that attended the 132nd National Encampment in Brookfield, WI, I extend my sincerest thanks for your support and faith in me. I am honored and will work diligently and efficiently to serve the Order.

2. I wish to thank all of the hard working Brothers from the Department of Wisconsin for an outstanding and wonderful encampment.

3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive year and look forward to continue working with them in perpetuating the memory of our noble ancestors.

4. All National Special Committees in place from 2012-2013 will remain in place to serve the Order.

5. The Headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief is transferred from Brookfield, WI to 4287 Windsor Avenue, Willoughby, OH, 44094 and all correspondence to the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Electronic communications are available at [CinC@suvvw.org](mailto:CinC@suvvw.org) and phone (440) 942-2559.

6. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

7. All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order can be directed to Richard Orr, PCinC, National Treasurer, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251; (412) 931-1173; [treasurer@suvvw.org](mailto:treasurer@suvvw.org).

8. All other correspondences to the Order may be directed to the National Secretary, Alan L. Russ, PDC, P.O. Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673; (785) 332-2118; [secretary@suvvw.org](mailto:secretary@suvvw.org)

9. Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be directed to Don Martin, PDC, 6025 St. Route 722, Chillicothe, OH 45601; (740) 663-4961; [CofA2@suvvw.org](mailto:CofA2@suvvw.org)

10. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule. All Departments please contact the National Chief of Staff, Leo F. Kennedy, PCinC, 43 Beverly Circle, RI 02828; [ChiefofStaff@suvvw.org](mailto:ChiefofStaff@suvvw.org) ; (401) 949-1780 with Department Encampment dates and locations so planning can be made for attendance to as many as possible.

11. All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, New York 14850; (607) 272-7314, [QM@suvvw.org](mailto:QM@suvvw.org).

12. All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), [banner@suvvw.org](mailto:banner@suvvw.org).

13. The death of a Brother should be reported to National Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, [pptom@msn.com](mailto:pptom@msn.com). Please include the deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, name of Camp and Department and the rank and unit of his Union ancestor.

14. All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Department Headquarters **on time**. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to National Headquarters **on time**. It may be necessary to drop members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations.

15. Please make every effort to keep Camp and Department websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Departments, the only means of communication. It is imperative that schedules of meetings, Events and other activities are maintained. These websites are also resources for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are an active organization.

16. All National Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 133rd National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.

17. It is the intention of the Commander-in-Chief to continue the program of recognizing Brother's for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2013-2014 administrative year will be declared a National Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the National Organization's colors to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new Brothers or Associates in that time will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the National Secretary through Department Secretaries by July 1, 2014.

18. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of investigating the Membership process and the capability of improving the actual membership process, including an online process, this new committee will be called Committee on Membership Process Development. Committee Chairman and Members to be listed in the National Officers and Committee lists as published.

19. I am creating a new committee for the purpose of revising the current Memorial University program and to look at adding more testing modules for leadership training. This will be called Committee on Memorial University Redesign. Committee Chairman and Members to be listed in the National Officers and Committee lists as published.

Ordered this 27th Day of August, 2013: Ken L. Freshley, Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**General Order No. 3**  
**SERIES 2013-2014**  
**22 September 2013**

1. Background: In 2011, incidents regarding activities at a major State University came to the public eye. These allegations resulted in a criminal trial which ended 22 June 2012 in a conviction. During this time the SUVCW was aware of the issues and there were questions regarding its effect on the recruitment of Members under the age of 18, and Juniors/Junior Associates into the Order. During this time the Order has taken minor steps to move on this matter. Also, during this time Federal and States have enacted policies/laws in regard to the protection of minors and the requirements enacted on various organizations. To this date the Order has not fully learned how and what laws/requirements affect our type of organization. As such the Order, through ignorance or lack of policies, is vulnerable to law suits for not taking proper action to safeguard minors within our organization. Further, as the various Departments within the Order encompass many legal jurisdictions (e.g. California/Pacific, Colorado/Wyoming, Department of the Chesapeake to name a few) there are questions as to which to follow or a requirement to follow all or the strictest. A prime example is the Department of Pennsylvania in which the latest State requirements are far stricter than Federal mandates.

2. As Commander-in-Chief, I am well aware to the strict wording of the SUVCW Constitution Chapter I, Article V, Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) which states "If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the last preceding National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or **suspend such action if previously implemented** until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected." However I do find that the action by proceeding Encampments and the current changes to State and Federal mandates/laws have placed the Order in a precarious situation. The laws have changed and we have not kept up with them or have not at least made changes to protect our members and the Order as a whole.

3. In Accordance with SUVCW Constitution Chapter I Article V Section 2b (page 4 of the SUVCW C&R annotated) the following General Order, with the aforementioned background, is proposed for approval of the SUVCW Council of Administration:

**"Effective immediately, and with the approval of the Council of Administration, the recruitment program for members, under the age of 18, Juniors and Junior Associates is hereby suspended until the next immediate National Encampment in August 2014. This action is taken to permit the Order to assess State/Federal mandates/laws and promulgate policies for the protection of the youth within our Order, as well as the Order itself. As stated in the "Background" above, the Statutes of the Federal law and some States have passed the Order by without action on our part. This suspension will permit the Order to establish a committee to ascertain what actions we are required to have in place to comply with the aforementioned Federal/State Laws, it will also provide the upcoming encampment with wording to better protect our youth. Regarding this issue, Departments and Camps will, at a minimum, comply with all State laws dealing with Child Protection until such time as the Order can complete this task. Consideration should be given having parents or legal guardians attend meetings and events."**

4. I am establishing a committee of attorney members to assist the construction of policy regarding our youth. This committee will report to the CofA at the Spring 2014 meeting and hopefully have a written policy that can be presented to the National Programs and Policy or the C&R Committee prior to the 2014 Encampment where such wording can be enacted.

5. This General Order should be taken in the light as a protection for OUR youth and OUR Order, not as an action to punish or lessen our membership. The youth of OUR Country are OUR GREATEST Hope and Treasure. And with all Treasures, they should be guarded with our utmost care.

Ordered this 22nd Day of September, 2013: Ken L. Freshley, Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Alan Russ, Secretary, National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War