

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## REMEMBER 9/11

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### THE NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held after the Nevada Day parade, Saturday, October 27, 2007, at a location to be decided upon after the Nevada Day parade. The meeting will probably last less than an hour.**

### MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

Please see the agenda for Nevada Day and Veterans Day below. We will hold a short business meeting after the Nevada Day parade either in a local restaurant or upon arrival back at the VFW Hall in Reno. Brian has already e-mailed the minutes of the last meeting as is his usual custom, and they are also reprinted in this newsletter. We will forego the other reports, and I will keep the agenda very short as we will all be likely ready to head home after the parade. If anyone has something they want discussed at this meeting, however, please send it to me, and I will put it on the agenda.

As noted in the past, I placed flyers about our Camp and the SUVCW at the Nevada Historical Society and the Reno Family History Center. I have also placed them in a number of libraries around Reno and the library in Sparks. They have been going fast at the Nevada Historical Society, and I just had to put more into the Reno Family History Center. However, no has yet contacted me.

I have been going over our website and asked Department Signals Officer Tad Campbell to make a few changes. I see Tad has implemented the following changes. I had the membership list removed until I have time to update it. I had the phrase "Meetings generally held in Reno, NV" added under "Gardnerville". I also had the area of Camp 25 updated. In the future, I plan to have the by-laws and a list of former GAR posts, SOV/SUVCW camps, and DUVCW tents within our camp boundaries added, as well as an updated membership list.

Department Eagle Scout Coordinator Al Peterson e-mailed an idea for a meeting of the minds over the Eagle Scout program. I reprinted his e-mail below for comment. I would like to see us resurrect our Eagle Scout program, but I not sure traveling far to a central meeting is a feasible way to discuss it.

I have started compiling a membership spreadsheet for the Phil Kearney GAR Post 10 and the Phil Kearney WRC Corps 85 in Virginia City. I have some membership rosters and newspaper articles to go by. I hope to eventually track down some more burials on the Comstock above and beyond those on the GAR Burials list I found at the Historical Society and passed onto Don Huffman.

I expect to see all the brothers without previous engagements and living within a reasonable driving distance to be to the parade and meeting.

## **NEVADA DAY AND VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES**

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

The tentative activities for Nevada and Veterans Days are as follows:

I have sent the form and \$65 in to enter the Nevada Day parade at 10 am on Oct. 27 in Carson City. I will acquire two magnetic signs for the side of a vehicle. They will probably cost between \$120 and \$160. Brian and I will be chipping in for them so as not to deplete the Camp account too badly, which stands around \$400. Brothers Don Huffman and Don Guidici have also graciously donated towards the cause, and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone else wishes to chip in. The signs will keep and can be used again at future events. Don Guidici has also allowed us the use of his Dodge pick-up. We'll put the signs on the sides, the flags probably on the back bumper, and possibly some other decorations elsewhere. We can meet at the VFW Hall in Reno and carpool down to Carson City. As soon as I hear the time we need to be getting ready in Carson City, I will let you all know.

On Veterans Day, we will ride in a trailer with the VFW Post members in the Reno parade. I haven't found out the time yet, but it will likely be in the morning. I will dress in Civil War garb and Brian in Revolutionary War garb. We will meet at the Lone Mountain statue at 3 pm for a wreath laying service, and will be joined by some members of the Reno chapter of the DAR and hopefully others as soon as I have a chance to contact them.

More details will be firmed up as we go along. All members without prior commitments and live within a reasonable distance are requested to come to each parade.

## **E-MAIL SUGGESTING A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM**

By Al Peterson, Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, September 11, 2007

Brothers, as you know I am the Department Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. To provide you with a little history, I was involved within the scouting program for 15 years back in Rhode Island, moving up from Asst. Cub Master when my son was old enough to join, and then holding each and every position through the Pack onto the Troop and ending up as asst. District Commissioner. My son also became an Eagle Scout of which I am proud.

Secondly, not to brag, but I am the author of the Eagle Scout certificate, introducing a resolution at Nationals a few years back. NOW, do I want to see this program work? I certainly do, and as the certificate coordinator for the department of CA/PAC, I more so want to see this program work. During my terms as the ESCC, I have found that many Camps throughout California are having problems getting this program off the ground for several reasons, either they do not have an active coordinator, they have no funding to pay for the certificates and mailing, or they are not getting cooperation from the various BSA Councils in their Camp area. I would like to try and correct these problems.

Therefore, I am suggesting that all the ESCC from each Camp or a representative attend a meeting, at a central location and have a day of sharing information, sharing material, suggestions, comments or whatever, a good meal along with fellowship, friendship etc. **THIS IS ONLY A SUGGESTION.** Please get back to me with your comments on this matter. Lets all pull together for the "Good of the Order" and lets show what the Department of California/Pacific is made of.

I am aware that we all live in different direction and travel might be tough, but I too living in Las Vegas, would have to travel to the location as well. (Unless you would like to spend a nice weekend here in Vegas??? hmmm?)

## **NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

The 122nd annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of California and Pacific Encampment will be held March 7-8, 2008 in San Luis Obispo, California.

## **AUGUST 26, 2007, 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. Time: 1300 Hrs.

1. Call to order and opening of the Bible.
2. Opening prayer by Camp Chaplain Brother Donald.
3. All Brothers present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: David A. Davis, Frank Wood, Donald Guidici and Brian Worcester.
5. Camp Commander's Report: Commander David spoke concerning our Camp Boundaries and a By-Law Change. Both of these items have been approved by the Department Commander and subsequently approved by all Brothers present. A discussion and report (attachments) was held on the following subjects: Drawing Attention to Ourselves, Eagle Scouts, Flag Box, and the National Encampment.
6. Graves Registration Report: Prepared by Brother Don Huffman and read by Commander David is also an attachment.
7. History and Memorials Report: Submitted and read by Commander David covered the following topics: GAR in Comstock Cemeteries, contributor Brother Steve Frady, Copy of 1913 Department of California and Nevada Reno Encampment Report, Susanville Cemetery and Miscellaneous items all of which are included as attachments.
8. Camp Secretary/Treasurer Report: Brother Brian moved that the Minutes of the last Camp Meeting be accepted as read. Motion passed. Brother Brian stated the U.S. Bank Balance as of July 31, 2007 is \$527.92.
9. Old Business: Proposed By-Law amendment Concerning the Camp Newsletter, responsible officer and text is also an attachment. The Nevada Day Parade and the Veterans Day Parade was also discussed. If the VFW Post trailer is repaired in the near future the Camp will ride with the VFW on both events. The Nevada Day Parade is on Saturday, October 27, 2007 and the Veterans Day Parade in Reno will be on Sunday, November 11, 2007. Assembly points and times will be given in future e-mails. The next Camp meeting was set for Saturday, October 27, 2007 at the VFW Post, 255 Burris Lane prior to the Nevada Day Parade. Time to be announced as this will occur before parade assembly. The local DAR Chapter has been contacted and may participate in a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Civil War Statue and gravesites at Lone Mountain at 3:00 PM on that date.
10. No New Business.
11. Brother Donald offered a closing prayer and the meeting concluded at 1420 Hrs.

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

# **HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT**

August 26, 2007

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

## **GAR IN COMSTOCK CEMETERIES**

Brother Steve Frady sent me a copy of a report on GAR cemetery research in Virginia City by Cindy Southerland for Nevada Assemblyman Ty Cobb. Ms Southerland is a historian and researcher for the Legislative Bureau Council. The report was done to see if legislative bills for appropriations to water and care for GAR graves introduced by Nevada Senator William Cobb in 1937 and 1941 supported the possibility of a GAR cemetery in Virginia City. The report contains nothing definite to indicate Phil Kearney GAR Post of Virginia City ever acquired a plot in any of the Comstock area cemeteries.

Two weeks ago, I spent an afternoon looking through most of the deeds at the Recorder's Office at the Storey County Courthouse trying to ascertain if the Phil Kearney GAR Post ever acquired a cemetery plot somewhere around there. I had spent a couple of hours doing the same several months ago, and I have now been over the indexes covering the periods 1868 to 1875 and 1878 to 1917, which is when they were active. To date, I have found no evidence in the indexes. I only came across an 1880 record of the Exempt Firemen's Association selling part of their cemetery to Joseph A. Conboie, but he was an undertaker, and the record says nothing about him doing it specifically for the GAR.

It is possible that a plot was purchased by the Phil Kearney Post, but never recorded. It is also possible, the records only named the individuals responsible for the transaction, and one would have to look at ALL such records to be certain. However, none of the Memorial Day newspaper articles ever refer to a service at a specific cemetery such as they do for Reno and Carson City. The articles commonly refer to decorating all of the graves in all of the cemeteries. If the Phil Kearney Post did acquire a plot, then it might have been designated just for veterans who were paupers, and was never used as the center for Memorial Day services. Also, if markers were used at such a plot, they are all gone now, and to date, the Comstock Cemetery Foundation has not identified a cluster of graves of Civil War veterans.

Barring the discovery of a cluster of graves of Civil War veterans or the surfacing of some kind of record to the contrary, the present evidence I have found is tentatively against a Phil Kearney Post GAR plot.

## **COPY OF 1913 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA RENO ENCAMPMENT REPORT**

Some time ago, Department Graves Registration Officer Kirby Morgan sent me two copies of the report on the 1913 GAR Department of California and Nevada encampment in Reno. One copy was for our files and one was to be donated to one of the Nevada agencies. The State Library refers such things to the Historical Society, and the Historical Society recently acquired a couple of original copies. However, Special Collections at the Getchell Library at the University of Nevada, Reno, accepted the copy into their collection.

## **SUSANVILLE CEMETERY**

As noted in the last two month's GRO report, Don Huffman and I agreed to look into acquiring replacement markers for six GAR graves in the Susanville Cemetery. The graves were identified by Commander John Patchin of Patchin Camp 26 in Los Molinos, CA, and he asked if we would help his camp with this. I visited the Susanville Cemetery and found the six graves according to Don's list. I also found three other GAR markers in as bad a shape as the ones Commander Patchin had identified. Six of the graves are aligned in a row hinting at a possible GAR plot. All of the markers are marble, measure about 10 inches wide by an inch or so thick by 12 to 15 inches tall. They contain the inscription "GAR" and the veteran's name. The conditions of the markers range from slightly cracked to broken off and laying down. New markers can be gotten for free from the Veterans' Administration, though setting them might be another matter. Several months ago, Don was in contact with the Department of Public Works, which oversees the cemeteries in Lassen County.

I recently called Larry Millar, the head of the Department of Public Works, and he said the graves had been looked at by his employees, and the paperwork was sent back to John Patchin. However, I e-mailed John, and he said he has yet to receive anything. I will call Larry Millar again when I get the chance. He's usually gone by the time I get off from work.

## MISCELLANEOUS

I acquired two ribbons for the 1913 GAR Department of California and Nevada encampment in Reno. They were in a lot containing five other ribbons on E-bay. I bid, was outbided, and lost. Ironically, the person who outbided me was outbided by Past Department Commander Tad Campbell, and he won. He had been interested in one of the other ribbons, and he contacted me about the Reno ones.

I also acquired a Department of California and Nevada envelope dated 1904 to J. A. Robertson, the Adjutant for Phil Kearney Post No. 10 and a Phil Kearney Post. No. 10 check for dated 1900 for \$1.50 for the August Hall rent. The check was to H. B. Fay, the Post Quartermaster. The Phil Kearney Post No. 10 was headquartered in Virginia City.

I acquired an 1896 booklet entitled "History of the GAR, Engagements of the Civil War, The Easel Monument Project". The Easel Monument Project was an attempt by the GAR to raise money through subscriptions to build a huge, elaborate easel-like monument from white bronze to commemorate the GAR and related organizations. As far as I can tell, it was never built, but I stand corrected if someone has proof otherwise.

I also acquired a lapel button for the Union Veterans Union, and to show that there are lawyers for everything, I acquired the business card for F. D. Neale, "Attorney-at-Law and Claim Agent" in Washington, DC. The card has a GAR symbol, and his specialty was "Soldiers' Claims, Pensions, Bounties, Etc."

## GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT – August 26, 2007

By Don Huffman

All I have really gotten done since last meeting was to notify the Indiana Department of Burials that they were not aware of. Below is a copy of the e-mail

Hi Alan,

I ran across an article in an Indiana newspaper about the repair of a Pioneer Cemetery, O'Neill Cemetery, located near Yountsville. It stated that there were Civil war veterans there. The whole article can be read at

<http://www.journalreview.com/articles/2007/08/19/news/01cemetery.txt>

But here is the excerpt that might be of interest to you since you are the state GRO:

"Some of the soldiers and little listed information included Silas Albertson, Company E., 72nd Indiana Infantry; John Coleman, Company E, 150th Indiana Infantry; Jasper Field, Company B, 10th Indiana Infantry; Robert Henry, 9th Indiana Battery; Lewis Hopping, Company I, Indiana Infantry; Ebenezer Jackson, War of 1812; Franklin C. Lebo, Company F., 42nd Indiana Infantry; Edward Parker, Ohio, 1820-93; Samuel Robbins, War of 1812; Robert Smith, 9th Indiana Battery; Robert Taylor, War of 1812; John Thompson, War of 1812; and Jonathan Thompson, Mexican War."

I hope you don't mind the notification as I am GRO for Carlin Camp #25 in Reno, NV and have no way to verify on my own. I am a member of an Indiana Pioneer family from Parke County, IN so I get these bulletins from time to time.

Thanks,

Don Huffman

GRO, Carlin Camp #25

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## RECENT DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

DEPARTMENT ORDER No. 7

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PASSING OF BROTHER JAMES BRAZELTON

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: On September 10, 2007, Brother James Brazelton of the Gen. U.S. Grant Camp 9, passed away suddenly, at his home in Modesto. He was 66 years old. Brother Brazelton was a well known and well respected former Prosecutor for Stanislaus County, and a truly dedicated member of our Order. His passing leaves a widow, 3 sons and a stepson as well as a void in our Department that will be difficult to fill.

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 Brazelton and to the Brothers of his Camp.

The foregoing Department Order is proclaimed this 11th day of September in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-second, in the Town of Fallbrook, County of San Diego, State of California by Jerry R. Sayre, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: Jerry R. Sayre  
Department Commander  
Department of California and Pacific

ATTEST:

By: J. Thomas Smith  
Department Secretary-Treasurer

## RECENT NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER No. 1  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
18 August, 2007

1. The Grand Army of the Republic has sounded its final tattoo and that long line of blue has marched off into the sunset leaving behind a rich history and a legacy that will endure as long as we make it. We are all that is left of their dreams, hopes and desires. Their blood courses through our veins. They have passed the torch of freedom and democratic government to us and we must not fail in the sacred charge to pass it along to future generations.
2. We too as an organization have a rich history. Just as our forefathers defended this great Nation, we have done the same. The blood of Sons have been spilt on every battlefield since it's conception and our banners have flown over San Juan Hill and in the muddy trenches of France. Even today Sons serve all over the world and some still die for the cause of freedom and liberty. We owe it to every Brother of our Order who has ever put on a uniform of the United States Armed Forces to keep the history of this Order intact in a permanent way so that our deeds will be known by future generations.
3. It is for this reason that I have proposed several committees be formed and with their implementation we will be placed on good footing for the future. The great history of this organization must be preserved for future generations to study and understand in a permanent location. The problem of archival and artifact storage has plagued this organization for many years. Records, files and documents have disappeared that were almost invaluable. Important historic documents have been saved from public auction by concerned Brothers of this Order when these items should never have left our possession to begin with. Camp and Department artifacts have disappeared and have surfaced at antique dealers about the Nation because of not having a permanent location to store them. This must stop. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Long Range Planning Committee has been established and charged with examining the problem, finding solutions and reporting back to the 127th National Encampment in Boston with their recommendations for a solution to the problem.
4. As we move into the next decade the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War will be upon us. We as the living breathing descendants of the "Boys who wore the Blue" have a moral obligation to lead this Nation in this observance. Many functions will take place throughout the Nation and the Order will benefit from endorsing some of them, by setting up memorable ceremonies that will fall under the public eye and producing memorabilia that will serve to remind ours and future generations of the sacrifices of our forefathers. With action taken at the 126th National Encampment on this recommendation a Civil War Sesqui-Centennial Committee has been charged with just that and to prepare the Order for this venerable time in this Nations History.
5. Also My Brothers, we are quickly approaching the Sesqui – Centennial of the forming of the Grand Army of the Republic. As per action taken at the 126th National Encampment on a recommendation made by Past Commander in Chief Richard Orr, I have appointed the GAR Sesqui-Centennial Committee to serve through 2016 National Encampment in order to lead the Nation during this monumental celebration.

The Headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

Charles E. Kuhn Jr.  
464 Lake Meade Dr .  
East Berlin , PA 17316  
(717) 259-6156  
cinc@suvew.org

The administrative Headquarters of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

National Headquarters SUVCW  
Attn. Lee Walters, DC, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 1865  
Harrisburg , PA 17105-1865  
execdir@suvchw.org

All Bills of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must be filed with the National Treasurer at the following address:

Max L. Newman  
4995 E. Wilkinson Road  
Owosso , MI 48867-9616  
(989) 743-3525  
treasurer@suvchw.org

All correspondence concerning the Order shall be directed to the National Secretary at the following address:

Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC  
147 Lucerne Place Dr.  
Ballwin, MO 63011-3218  
(636) 230-3656  
secretary@suvchw.org

7. As per the report of the National Treasurer at the 126th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, all Camps and Departments are required by the Internal Revenue Service to have an Employee Identification Number (EIN). Those Departments and Camps that do not have an EIN will now be required to report separately to the Internal Revenue Service and will not be included under the blanket report of the National Order. Check with the National Treasurer to see if your Camp or Department has an EIN on file with the National Order.

8. All applications for Civil War Memorials Grant funds should be sent to following address:

D. Brad Schall, PDC, Chair  
2754 Woodacre Court  
Lincoln , CA 95648  
Phone: (916) 408-4482 Fax: (916) 408-4482  
CofA6@suvchw.org

9. All Camps and Departments should make every effort to keep their web site updated and fresh. This information is vital to a growing organization. Sites that are out of date only cause frustration to those who may wish to contact us or for those wishing to join our Order. Our Order can not afford to discourage a single applicant from joining by ineffective and out-dated information posted to public forum. Please update your site if it has not been done recently and continue to update it regularly. This will alleviate many problems down the road. This same information should also be transmitted to Lee Walters our Executive Director if it varies from the posted information.

10. I would like to extend my congratulations to the newly elected National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865 (DUVCW), The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). I wish you a productive year and extend the Brotherly love of our Order to each of your Orders.

11. This administration will continue the practice established some time ago of recognizing Brothers for their recruitment efforts. Brothers that recruit 5 new Members or Associates into the Order will be considered as a National Aid and Brothers that recruit 3 new Members or Associates into the Order will be entitled to wear a piece of National ribbon behind their Membership or Associates Badge. I look forward to seeing our Order grow and wish to recognize all those Brothers that accomplish exceptional recruiting goals.

12. We have a busy year ahead of us. With you my Brothers we will advance the Order on the road to the future. I do not know what that road may hold ahead for us but with you I make this solemn trust, that I will try my hardest to grow and help the Order as a whole.

13. In closing I would like to thank every Brother of the Order for their support and their vote of confidence by placing me to the Office of Commander in Chief. I am honored that the Brothers of this Order have chosen me to lead them over the next 12 months. I am sure that it will be an exciting time for both the Order and myself. May God bless the United States of America , this Order and you, my Brothers.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No. 2  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
18 August, 2007

A discussion arose at the Post Encampment Council of Administration meeting concerning the determination of the seniority of Council Members. Because of this discussion I have made the following ruling; Council Members that are re-elected to consecutive terms will calculate their seniority based on their election to the position of Council Member from their first term of office. When there are two Council seats voted on at any election, the Brother who receives the first election to the first vacant Council seat will be senior to the second Brother to fill the second Council seat even though both men were elected on the same day.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No.3  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
18 August, 2007

1. After a lawfully chosen Hearing Council was selected and proper notice conformant to the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was given to both parties, the Hearing Council assigned to take testimony in the matter of Commander in Chief James B. Pahl vs. Keith D. Ashley, PDC, convened and held a hearing in abstentia on August 9, 2007 at the Hilton Frontenac Hotel at 1:00 PM local time in St. Louis, Missouri.
2. The Hearing Council was unable to reach a consensus as to guilt or innocence of Brother Keith D. Ashley, PDC.
3. The Constitution and Regulations as well as the Digest of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are mute in this circumstance.
4. It is my ruling that if a Brother who is brought before a Hearing Council and a consensus of guilt or innocence is not reached by the Hearing Council, he must be treated as if he were found not guilty.
5. In as much as Keith D. Ashley, PDC had resigned from the Order in a letter dated July 18, 2007 to Brooks Grant Camp No.7, Department of Ohio and this letter was not received prior to the date of the hearing, he resigned while under suspension. Therefore, as stated in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Chapter V, Article 1, Section 3(e) General Discharge for the Good of the Order - a certificate of a less than honorable discharge, but not a punitive discharge issued to a Brother who has been dropped for nonpayment of dues or is not in good standing at the time he requested a discharge.) Keith D. Ashley, PDC is only entitled to a General Discharge for the Good of the Order as he was not found guilty by the Hearing Council and he resigned while under suspension leaving any proof of guilt or innocence unanswered.
6. In resigning from the Order, Keith D. Ashley, PDC also resigned his Life Membership. Should he ever seek and be granted admission to the Order in the future, his Life Membership will be reinstated under the terms of his original life membership.
7. In as much as Keith D. Ashley, PDC was a Past Department Commander the matter of past honors must be addressed. Since the Constitution and Regulations as well as the Digest of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are mute regarding past honors when a Brother resigns from the Order, it is my ruling that under such circumstance the Brother also resigns all claims to past honors. Should the former Brother seek readmission to the order, he must seek restoration of rank through the process provided in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such a former Brother will still be listed on the rolls of the Order, Department or Camp as a Commander for the terms during which he served but without rights to the respective past honors associated with his past service.
8. All parties to this case have the right to appeal this ruling to the National Encampment. Written notice to the National Secretary of the intent to appeal must be received by the National Secretary at least 30 days prior to the National Encampment.
9. In the absence of any language in the Constitution and Regulations of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding the time to appeal to the National Encampment, it is my ruling that such appeal must be made to the next following National Encampment if the ruling is issued prior to 30 days before the National Encampment or the right to appeal is foregone. In the case of the ruling being issued within 30 days of the National Encampment, the appellant must appeal to the next following National Encampment or the right to appeal is foregone.
10. Any appeal of this Order and Ruling must be made to the 127 th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be held in Peabody Massachusetts from August 7 th through 10th, 2008.

So ordered this 18th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No. 4



SERIES 2007 – 2008  
28 August, 2007

Brothers, after careful consideration and a great deal of effort of the National Councilor and the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations they have reported back to this office the results of the efforts of the 126 th National Encampment on the matter pertaining to Junior Associates. In the rush to create a class of Membership known as Junior Associates the vote of the Brothers seated at the 126 th National Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have placed their efforts in contradiction to the Congressional Charter, our National Constitution and the Regulations of this Order.

The Constitution speaks to the classes of membership and specifically segregates Associates from Members. It further states there shall be one (1) class of Associates (Article VII, Section 2). The creation of a second class of Associates in the form of Junior Associates is clearly in conflict with this provision of the Constitution.

In instances when there is conflict between the Regulations and the Constitution, both the Regulations and Constitution are mute. However there are several applicable decisions to be found in the Digest of Decisions;

The Commander-in-Chief or the Division Commander cannot by special dispensation or otherwise, alter, amend or abrogate any provision of the Constitution. CinC Griffin Op. VI, Blue Book 11; also Op. LXXXVI, Blue Book, 73

The Commander-in-Chief has no power of approving the action of any division on any subject, where action does not conform to the constitution and regulations of the Order. CinC Hall Dec. IX, 12 th, 29

There is no authority by which even the Commander-in-Chief may grant a dispensation to permit a violation of the Constitution. CinC Rake, Dec. IV, 16 th, 29

...as the CR&R provide[s], Camp or Division By-Laws conflicting with the CR&R in this or other respects [are] invalid. CinC Griffin, Op. SSSV, Blue Book, 34

4. It is generally accepted that the Commander-in-Chief cannot change an action of an Encampment while at the same time the Commander in Chief is sworn to protect the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Therefore I have come to the following conclusions and decisions;

The Commander-in-Chief cannot give any dispensation to allow a provision of the Regulations which is in conflict with the Constitution to be implemented until such time as the conflict is resolved by a subsequent Encampment.

When a conflict exists between governing instruments, the instrument with higher precedence must be considered to be the ruling instrument.

The order of precedence of our controlling instruments is the Congressional Articles of Incorporation (Congressional Charter), the Constitution, the Regulations, Department by-laws, and Camp by-laws.

The amendment to the Regulations adopted by the 2007 National Encampment regarding the creation of a class of Associates known as Junior Associates is in conflict with the provisions of the National Constitution Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Article VII, Section 2, and will require the process described in Article IX of the National Constitution in order to amend the same.

5. After considering the above it is also my decision that the acceptance of Junior Associates into any Camp, Department or the National Order shall cease immediately and be held in abeyance until such time as the conflict between the Constitution and Regulations can be resolved by a National Encampment and the Brothers seated there in.

6. Any Junior Associate that has been accepted into a Camp, Department or the National Order after 28 August, 2007 may remain as long as they comply with all restrictions relevant to Juniors and Associates combined.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No. 4A  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
28 August, 2007

Upon further consideration I have determined that paragraph 6 of General Order No.4 is Incorrect. Whereas many Camps have not yet met since the 126th National Encampment and whereas this Office recognizes the need for Juniors, Members or Associates, and whereas Camps may have already recruited Junior Associates due to action of the 126th National Encampment and have not had time to act upon these applications, it is my decision that paragraph 6 of General Order No.4 must be amended to accommodate such circumstances. I hereby Order that paragraph 6 be stricken from General Order No.4, Series 2007 – 2008 and replaced with the following;

“6. Applications for Junior Associates that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Junior Associates that have applied prior to this date and are initiated into the Order are subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to both Juniors and Associates. Any further recruitment of Junior Associates shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Junior Associates.”

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.

Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER No. 5  
SERIES 2007 – 2008  
28 August, 2007

With the recent action that took place at the 126th National Encampment concerning Junior Associates, the National Counselor, the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Past Commanders in Chiefs, Brothers of this Order who have expertise in the legal field as well as this Office have spent large amounts of time in examining all areas of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. There is one other area of the Constitution that is in conflict with the Regulations of the Order.

These types of things occur when we try to address Constitutional issues by amending the Regulations. The Constitution defines who we are and why we are here. The Regulations place rules upon each of the items in the Constitution. That is why we cannot repair Constitutional issues such as Membership in the Order with amendments to the Regulations.

Membership must be addressed with Constitutional amendments. For the same reasons set forth in General Order No.4, Series 2007 – 2008, Junior Membership as a whole has placed the Constitution in conflict with the Regulations of the Order. This is a situation that is non tenable.

The Constitution is very specific in defining Membership in the Order. It specifically states that there will be three (3) classes of Members. They are Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members.

Therefore with a heavy heart and a great deal of thought as well as reluctance to issue this Order it is the general consensus that further recruitment of Junior Members must be held in abeyance until such time that the Constitution and the Regulations of this Order are no longer in conflict with each other concerning this issue.

Juniors that have already been initiated into the Order, and are currently on the Roster of the same, shall remain with the same restrictions as are currently in force concerning them.

Applications for Juniors that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Any further recruitment of Juniors shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Juniors.

It is my earnest hope that this issue will be brought to a close during this Administration. I will do everything within my powers as Commander in Chief to bring this to a successful conclusion and re-establish Juniors and Junior Associates within the Order if at all possible, for this issue also affects this Office as well. I too have a Grandson that will be eligible to become a Junior next year.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007;  
Charles E. Kuhn, Jr.  
Commander in Chief  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Donald Palmer  
Secretary,  
National Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War