

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

**125TH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
ENCAMPMENT**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR**

JUNE 24, 25, & 26, 2005

**RADISSON LACKAWANNA STATION HOTEL
SCRANTON, PA.**

**BROTHER ERIC SCHMINCKE
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

“PRESERVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD

IN

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY”

JOINT OPENING

The Sons and Auxiliary held a joint opening session and memorial service where the department Officers from both organizations were presented to the members and delegates assembled. Department Commander Schminke and Department President Mary Smith both welcomed the delegates and expressed their wishes for a harmonious and successful Encampment for both the Sons and Auxiliary. The Sons and Auxiliary then went to their respective business sessions.

Department Commander Schminke called the 125th Pennsylvania Department Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to order in ritualistic fashion at 10:00 A.M. on June 24th, 2005.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Commander Eric Schminke	present
Sr. Vice Commander Lee Walters	present
Jr. Vice Commander John M. McNulty	present
Secretary/Treasurer Charles Kuhn	present
Department Council Ivan Frantz, Jr.	present
John M. McNulty	present
Lester A. Kern	present
Patriotic Instructor David Sosnowski	present
Chaplain Robert Graves	present
Chief of Staff George Powell	present
Department Historian Wayne Blattner	present

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - John Frantz, Glenn Knight

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS - Ivan Frantz, Jr., Robert Graves, Robert Shaeffer

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS - Elmer F. Atkinson, Richard Orr, John M. McNulty

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS , CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS - Glenn Knight, Dean Acheson, Dave Sosnowski

LADIES ORGANIZATIONS VISITING COMMITTEE - George Powell, John T. McNulty, Howard Wolfe

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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief		11 Camps represented
Past Commanders-in-Chief	4	41 present
Department Commander	1	38 voting strength
Past Department Commander	6	
Camp Commander	2	
Past Camp Commander	6	
Delegates	19	
Alternates	0	
Juniors	2	
Visitors	1	

Within the last year Gen. George G. Meade, Camp #16 of Reading, Pa. was disbanded and surrendered it's Charter after a long and notable history. At this point the flag of Meade Camp #16 was presented to the Department Encampment for inclusion in its historical memorabilia.

Commander Schminke appointed the members of the Credentials Committee as Asst. Department Secretaries with the authority to sign credentials.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Unless otherwise noted, all officers reports were submitted in writing and are attached as addendums to these proceedings so that they may be referred to in their totality.

Command of the Department was turned over to the Dept. Sr. Vice Commander so that the Department Commander could read his report.

MOTION by Ivan Frantz, Jr./second by George Powell - that the report of the Department Commander be accepted along with the other officers reports submitted in writing, and that the reports be referred to the Committee on Officers Reports for necessary recommendations and action. MOTION PASSED

Command of the Department was returned to Department Commander Schminke.

The Encampment was recessed at 10:50 A.M., June 24th, 2005.

Department Commander Schminke called the Encampment to order at 1:15 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS - the following communications were read and referred to the proper committees without debate as specified in the ritual.

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1. Resolution from the department of New Hampshire endorsing Brother Daniel W. Murray for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief.
2. A letter from Davis Star Camp requesting financial help to restore bronze plaques at Soldiers & Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh.
3. From Davis Star Camp and Gettysburg Camp #112 a resolution concerning the sale of monumental and ceremonial cannon to private individuals.

These communications are attached to these proceedings.

The Department Encampment Site Committee was admitted to the room. The Committee brought greetings and a welcome to the City of Scranton, and expressed wishes for everybody to have a good time while here.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

The Department Council met in York, Pa. on October 10th, 2004 and voted to authorize \$500.00 to be added to the reward being offered for the return of a cannon tube stolen from a cemetery in Plymouth, Pa. The cannon tube was recovered shortly after the meeting by local police and the money was not used. On October 12th, 2004 the Council approved funds to purchase a Pennsylvania State flag to be flown from a monument in the State of North Carolina. The request for a state flag was transmitted from a SUVCW Camp in North Carolina to the Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Charles Kuhn. Council attended the Department mid year meeting in Gettysburg on Nov. 13th, 2004 and in March of 2005 voted to approve a request from the Department Commander for a sum of \$500.00 to be used as needed for support of preparations for the 2006 National Encampment to be held in Harrisburg, Pa. In May 2005 the Department Commander consulted with Council about the ongoing process of obtaining a charter for Hiram Purcell Camp #104. Council

ruled that Purcell Camp had violated the National Constitution & Regulations by not obtaining an employee identification number from the United States Treasury Department and the IRS, and not establishing a bank account for this Camp, making the Charter process incomplete.

Submitted in F., C., & L.,
Ivan Frantz, Jr.
Lester A. Kern
John M. McNulty

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The Lawyer from Summit Hill, Pa. that was so instrumental in helping to obtain the return of the cannon back to Summit Hill will be recognized when the cannon are

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rededicated in October of this year. All brothers are encouraged to attend this ceremony to show our appreciation to Summit Hill for their help in getting the cannon returned.

2. The Assistant Patriotic Instructor Glenn Knight gave an update on fund raising efforts that occurred through a mailing to members of the Department. Responses were received from 112 Brothers, and 4 Camps, totaling \$2,265.01. It was recommended that next year the Sons conduct a joint fund raising effort with the Auxiliary, the net proceeds to be divided among the two organizations in proportion with their membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS REVISION

The proposed By-Laws revisions are attached to these proceedings and should be referred to for this section.

MOTION by Ivan Frantz, Jr./second by Richard Orr - that the report of the Committee be accepted and that the proposed changes be adopted ad seriatum at the sound of the gavel if no objections are expressed. MOTION PASSED

1. Article II, add Section 7 - Adding provision for a Department Mid-Year meeting. It was pointed out that if this is adopted, the last sentence referring to Section 5 is not needed. And ad the phrase "Provision is hereby made for a Mid-Year meeting of the Department.... between October 1 and November 8." as a friendly amendment, which was accepted. MOTION by Ivan Frantz/second by Richard Orr - that the proposed change as amended be adopted. MOTION PASSED

MOTION - to temporarily suspend business by Richard Orr/2nd by Charles Kuhn.
MOTION PASSED.

Commander-in-Chief Steven Michaels was admitted to the Encampment and presented at the Department Commanders station. He extended greetings and thanks for the

hospitality, and looked forward to joining the Encampment.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by EF Atkinson - revert to previous business. MOTION PASSED

2. Article III, Section 6 - add "credit union" to list of approved depositories for Department Funds. It was pointed out that the phrase should be amended to read "credit union insured with the NCUA". Motion by Richard Orr/second by George Powell - that the change be adopted as amended. MOTION PASSED.

3. Article IX, Section 4 - there was some objection raised because of the purpose that this was included in the by-laws. MOTION by EF Atkinson/second by George Powell - that this wording be left unchanged. MOTION PASSED

4. Article XVII, Section 1 - the intent is to send original Camp records to the Department Historian and copies may be kept by the Camps. Prior to this Camps could

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send copies and keep originals, because the intent was to preserve information, not necessarily original paper records. MOTION by John M. McNulty/second by EF Atkinson - that this proposed change not be adopted. MOTION PASSED

5. Article XVII, Section 5 - delete, as per action by National, APPROVED

ANDERSONVILLE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1. Program books and cost. MOTION by Richard Orr/second by EF Atkinson - that the question be split for consideration. MOTION PASSED.

1A - Motion by Charles Kuhn/second by Dave Sosnowski - that the Department cover the expense of printing up to 500 program booklets. MOTION PASSED.

1B - Motion by G. Powell/second by EF Atkinson - that the Department not give away any programs for free. Some discussion ensued. It was felt that people who made the trip to Georgia to attend the ceremony should at least get a program at no cost, as considerable travel expense could be incurred. The motion was withdrawn.

1C - Motion by Glenn Knight/second by Dave Sosnowski - that the cost for programs not exceed \$800.00. MOTION PASSED

2. Commemorative badges - a discussion about what type of badge, what metal to use, and how many badges was held. It was felt that a decision could not be made until an estimated cost could be determined. MOTION by Richard Orr/second by George Powell - that this discussion be tabled until an estimated cost could be obtained. MOTION PASSED.

ENCAMPMENT SITE COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

1. \$1,000.00 seed money - that if needed the seed money will be advanced by the Pa. Department. If profit is made, the local committee can keep the profit, but if money is lost it must be absorbed by the local committee, Objection was raised to the local committee absorb any loss, this could discourage Camps and the ladies groups from

hosting an Encampment. Motion by Richard Orr/second by Ivan Frantz - that the recommendation be adopted WITHOUT the provision that a loss be absorbed by the local Committee, and the \$1,000.00 seed money be returned MOTION PASSED.

2. When the Department Site Committee hosts the Encampment, the seed money will be advanced, and any money left (profit) will be returned to the Department and any loss will be absorbed by the Department. Report will be made at the mid-year meeting. PASSED.

3. This was adopted as a sense of the body, but could not be officially adopted because it would also effect the Ladies organizations. Motion by Richard Orr/second by Ivan Frantz - that this be adopted as a non-binding policy. MOTION PASSED.

The Encampment was recessed at 3:10 P.M., June 24, 2005.

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The Encampment was called to order at 8:50 A.M., June 25, 2005.

Commander-in-Chief Steven Michaels was given the floor for remarks. Brother Michaels updated the Encampment on events at the National level, and handed out various recognition awards to Brother Allen Sweeney, and Brother Kurt Voth. The Commander-in-Chief also explained about some of the many things going on at the National level and that many people from the Pennsylvania Department are involved with those things. There have been some problems with the new annual reports, and adjustments are going to be made in that form. Because of Brother Michaels involvement with the Civil Air Patrol, Brother Glenn Knight presented to the Commander-in-Chief a print of Civil Air Patrol action engaging a Nazi U-boat during World War II off the Atlantic Coast.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The following preliminary report was made about attendance:

Commander-in-Chief	1	Registered - 57
Past Commander-in-Chief	4	Voting strength - 54
Department Commander	1	
Past Department Commander	5	
Camp Commander	7	
Past Camp Commander	7	
Delegate	28	
Junior	2	
Visitor	2	

A Visiting Committee from the Auxiliary was admitted to the Encampment consisting of Sisters Margaret Atkinson, Anne Iannito, Victoria Fairburn, and Jean Lambe. The ladies extended greetings and their wishes for everybody to have a good Encampment. Brother Richard Partington responded to the ladies.

ANDERSONVILLE COMMITTEE

The Committee had contacted a badge making company since the previous day and gotten the following estimate for making commemorative badges from .99 sterling silver. The cost to make the die and strike 300 badges would be \$12.33 per badge, for a total estimated cost of \$3,700.00.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by Ivan Frantz - to remove the discussion of badges from the table. MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by Glenn Knight - that the Department authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,000.00 from the GAR Memorial Endowment Fund for the purchase of up to 300 Commemorative Andersonville Badges, with funds received from the sale of the badges to be returned to the GAR Memorial Endowment Fund. MOTION PASSED.

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MOTION by Richard Orr/second by J.M. McNulty - that if pre-sale orders sell a large amount or all of the authorized badges, that the Commander with the consent of Department Council be allowed to increase the amount of badges being struck by a maximum of 200 badges, with a limit of one badge per person. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by Ivan Frantz - that badge #1 be donated to Andersonville National Park. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION by J.M. McNulty/second by EF Atkinson - that 50 badges be held for sale at the December 7th, 2005 ceremony at Andersonville in Americus, Ga., and any unsold badges can be sold by order after that date. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION by Charles Kuhn/second by John Frantz - that badges # 2 - 9 be auctioned, with a reserve bid of \$ 50.00. MOTION PASSED.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

The Committee wishes to extend to all of the Department Officers a great deal of thanks for trying to be faithful and diligent in attending to their duties during the last year. It is evident that not only have they done a great deal of work, but by their recommendations they have put a lot of thought into how the Pennsylvania Department could improve the work that it does and become more involved with the membership of the Department. The Department Commander in particular handled some very tough situations involving a couple of Camps throughout the year. After discussion the Committee makes the following recommendations concerning the recommendation put forth in the Officers reports. Please refer to the reports attached to these proceedings for specific wording.

Department Commander

Recommendations 1 - 12 : these are budget items and are referred to Department Council. No. 4 is referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Recommendation 13 - out of order with National Constitution & Regulations.

Recommendation 14 - referred to Committee on By-Laws.

No. 15 - increase per capita. NON CONCUR. Refer to Department Council to

include as part of budget.

No. 16 - E-mail proceedings. CONCUR. Passed.

No. 17 - online Dept. newsletter. CONCUR. Passed.

No. 18 - Internet cost. CONCUR. Passed.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by Robert Shaffer - that business be suspended to receive Visiting Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans. MOTION PASSED.

A Visiting Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans was admitted to the Encampment and consisted of Sisters Margaret Frantz, Francis Bridge, Katherine Gough, Angela Hall, and Robin Gough. The Sisters extended their greetings to the Encampment and expressed their pleasure at being able to visit, and that our attendance seemed to be very good. Brother Elmer F. Atkinson responded to the Daughters.

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MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John Frantz - that the Encampment return to the current Order of Business. MOTION PASSED.

DEPT. SR. VICE COMMANDER

1. Department News Letter - CONCUR. Passed.
2. Money for color printing - NOT CONCUR. Passed.
3. E-mail News Letter - CONCUR. Passed.

DEPT. SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. Purchase of adding machine - CONCUR. Referred to Dept. Council

DEPT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

1. Continue direct mail fund raising - CONCUR. Passed.

ASSISTANT DEPT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

1. Create position of Asst. Pat. Inst. - NOT CONCUR. Would require By-Laws change and Dept. Commander has authority to appoint assistant as needed. MOTION by George Powell/second by Richard Orr - that this matter be referred to the By-Laws Committee. Passed.
2. Money for fund raising - referred to Dept. Council for budget.
3. Separate fund within General Budget - felt extra book keeping not necessary because Treasurer ultimately handles the money. NOT CONCUR. Passed.
4. Outsourcing of fund raising - NOT CONCUR. An objection was raised, Brother Knight felt that outside fund raising was part of a general awareness program for the Department.

MOTION by Glenn Knight/second by Richard Orr - that the Encampment not agree with the Committee on Officers Reports and sustain the recommendation. Passed.

5. Committee to investigate bulk mailing permit - CONCUR. Passed.
6. Personal/Corporate bequests to Department - CONCUR. Passed.
7. Cooperate with Aux. for fund raising - CONCUR. Objection was raised concerning mixing funds with the Auxiliary, and money may not come in as proportion of membership, which would mean giving money from the Sons to the Auxiliary.

It was felt that funds sent by Sons and Auxiliary should be separated accordingly. MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John M. McNulty - that this matter be tabled until the Mid-year Meeting and this can be discussed with the Auxiliary. PASSED.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John Frantz - that the current order of business be suspended. PASSED.

A Visiting Committee from the Ladies of the GAR was admitted to the Encampment and consisted of Sisters Kelly Rose, Lois Reffner, Harriet Miller, and Shirley Bosar. The Ladies remarked that though they were small in number this year they were always glad to visit and be with the Sons. Brother Richard Partington responded to the Ladies.

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A Visiting Committee from the Womans Relief Corps was admitted to the Encampment and consisted of Sisters Carol Goddard and National President Margaret Lauth. The ladies extended greetings and best wishes for a good and productive Encampment. Brother Elmer F. Atkinson responded to the ladies.

MOTION by John M. McNulty/second by Charles Kuhn - that the Encampment revert to the Committee on Officers Reports. PASSED.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

1. Reporting of death of a Brother - CONCUR. Passed.

NEWS LETTER EDITOR

1. Color printing - NOT CONCUR. Passed.
2. Update of Camp Rosters - CONCUR. Passed.

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

1. Department Data Base - National Data Base is accessible to all SUVCW, CONCUR. Passed.
2. Guide to office - Not Department function, refer to National.
3. Better access to the National Data Base - refer to National.

CHIEF OF STAFF

1. Camps submit reports - CONCUR. Passed.

SIGNAL OFFICERS REPORT

1. Budget for web hosting service - CONCUR. Refer to Council .

The Encampment was recessed at 11:03 A.M., June 25th, 2005.

The Encampment was called to order at 11:17 A.M., June 25th, 2005.

LONG RANGE PLANING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Long Range Planning Committee made 3 recommendations concerning recognizing individual members for their work, and outside areas of interest that

Compliment the Camps. MOTION by Glenn Knight/second by Richard Orr - that the report be referred back to the Committee for more detailed recommendations.
MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Endorsement for National Office - the Committee recommended that this be received and filed. Passed.

2. Cannon Sale Resolution - CONCUR, recommended that copies of this resolution and list of cannon sales be forwarded to the National Organization SUVCW, members of the Pennsylvania State House and Senate, and in particular Representative Harry Readshaw. Passed.

DEPARTMENT BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Department Commanders recommendation No. 13, effectively eliminating the Fraternal Relations Committee.... Article XI, Section 1A - Delete entire subsection

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and renumber to read Section 1A, Legislative Committee... 1B Encampment Site Committee... CONCUR. Objection was raised by Brother George Powell, as being in conflict with National Regulations. Motion by George Powell/second by Joe Long - that the Encampment not concur with the Committee and this section of the By-Laws not be changed. MOTION PASSED.

2. Department Commanders recommendation No. 14 ...establish a standing Committee on Digest. Add: Article XI, Section 1D DIGEST COMMITTEE Said Committee to consist of three (3) members or associates who shall review the Proceedings of the Encampments of the Department of Pennsylvania and all Department Orders, extracting all decisions and revisions which effect policies and by-laws. The Committee shall maintain and publish, as appropriate or directed, a digest of these decisions and shall serve as counsel to the Department Commander. PASSED.

3. Department Commanders recommendation No. 4 ...Campfire presentation. So much of Article III, Section 3 as now reads..."shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)..."shall be changed to read"...shall not exceed the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars..." Objection was raised, not against the amount but against setting the amount in the by-laws. If we again wanted to change the amount it would require another by-laws change.

MOTION by George Powell/second by Richard Orr - that the wording be changed to "an amount to be determined by Department Council". MOTION PASSED.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by George Powell - that the job of Assistant Patriotic Instructor be addressed by the Committee and reported for consideration at a later time. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter had been received from Davis Star Camp concerning the restoration of Past Camp Commander rank for Brother Ron Gancas, who has rejoined the Camp with proper documentation and payment of dues and fees after not holding current membership for some time. Motion by Ivan Frantz, Jr./second by John Frantz -that the letter from Davis

Star Camp be accepted and the Brother have his rank of Past Camp Commander restored.
MOTION PASSED.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother Ivan Frantz explained that while going through items at his Mothers home he found a seal from the HOME FOR VETERANS OF THE G.A.R. AND WIVES that was at one time in Philadelphia. The seal was presented to the Department Commander because he is a member of the Board of the GAR Museum & Library in Philadelphia. It was felt that the seal should be returned home to Philadelphia where it belongs. The seal had probably been received from a Camp that had disbanded by then Department Secretary/Treasurer Ivan Frantz, Sr.

The Encampment was recessed at 11:55 A.M., June 25th, 2005.

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The Encampment was called to order at 1:25 P.M., June 25th, 2005.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother Albert El was given recognition for the great deal of work that he has done with the department in awarding Eagle Scout certificates.

Brother Robert Shaffer was recognized for his good work with the Department Newsletter, the Battlecry of Freedom.

Brother Jeff Heagy was recognized for his work in helping to update and maintain the Department's web site that is linked to the National SUVCW web site.

Banner Editor John Hart was recognized for his excellent work in expanding the BANNER and making it a much better presentation to and for the membership of the SUVCW.

A gift of books about the 90th Pa. Volunteers and Pennsylvanians at Andersonville Prison was made to all members in attendance at the Encampment.

During the last year Gen. George G. Meade, Camp #16 from Reading was disbanded. When the property and effects of Camp #16 were turned into the Pennsylvania Department among that property was found the original "Deed of Conveyance". This was the legal transfer of property of the G.A.R. to the S.U.V.C.W. by the last surviving G.A.R. member, Comrade Albert Woolson. The original "Deed of Conveyance" was presented to Commander-in-Chief Steven Michaels by Department Commander Eric Schmincke on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION by Charles Kuhn/second by Glenn Knight - that the old "Pennsylvania Brigade" be re-activated.... A great deal of discussion ensued, because it was pointed out that the old "Brigade" was technically a Pennsylvania Department body as provided in the Department By-laws, and was not a part of the National S.V.R. It was felt by some

that this would create old problems. The motion was withdrawn, and Brother Charles Kuhn was appointed a committee of one to talk with the current S.V.R. leadership about this proposal.

2. Brother EF Atkinson rose to address the matter of when the Department Encampment is held each year. He felt that moving the Encampment dates to May might make working with hotels easier because it is not in the "summer" season. It was pointed out that the date for the Encampment is set in the Department By-laws, which does not allow for a date in May. It was also discussed that moving it to May would create a problem with school not being out, and this would not encourage participation of younger members.

The National President of the Auxiliary Sister Michelle Langley was admitted to the Encampment, along with National Vice-President Cindy Fox, and Sister Linda Fields.

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The ladies extended their greetings and remarked how pleased they were to be able to join with the Department of Pennsylvania here in Scranton. Brother E.F. Atkinson responded to the Sisters.

3. MOTION by Ivan Frantz, Jr./second by E.F. Atkinson - that the sum of \$500.00, to be taken from interest earned on the GAR Memorial Endowment Fund during the coming year, be given to Davis Star Camp to assist in the restoration of the bronze plaques in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, Pa. Allocate \$125.00 for each of the four plaques. MOTION PASSED.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Department Jr. Vice Commander John M. McNulty was asked to present his report separately because of addressing the concerns of membership, and keeping the members that we have. This report is attached to these proceedings with the other officers reports. The report was accepted, and the recommendations will be referred to the National Organization.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Brother John Hart addressed the Encampment about the importance of youth involvement in the SUVCW. In the Scranton area he has developed a news letter for schools that explain about the SUVCW, the Civil War, why we remember the Civil War, and geneology. He also used the Delaney-Delacey Guard Fife and Drum Corps as another example of getting youth involved in our Order.

5. Dept. Commander Schmincke presented the yearly membership gains awards totaling \$100.00 to Griffin Camp #8 of Scranton. Camp #8 increased not only with the most new members, but also the largest percentage increase in membership. This makes Camp #8 the largest Camp in the Pennsylvania Department. It was also announced that

the plaque for the Rosenberg Award had again been located and would be brought up to date and presented to Griffin Camp #8 for this year.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

It was remarked that the job of raising funds should be handled by a newly created position which has been referred to as an Asst. Patriotic Instructor OR a new Funds Development Officer. This was a general consensus among many members of the Encampment in light of the success of the fund raising mailing undertaken this last year. MOTION by Glenn Knight/second by George Powell - that the position of Department Funds Development Officer be created, and that the outline of the position description as presented in the report of the Assistant Patriotic Instructor be used with the appropriate changes in name. MOTION PASSED.

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NEW BUSINESS

6. MOTION by John Hart/second by Charles Kuhn - that the Department of Pennsylvania initiate a Youth Program in the State of Pennsylvania that is targeted to the fifth grade level of every school in the Commonwealth, and that funding for this program be set at \$1,000.00 a year for 5 years. Discussion of the motion centered on just where the funding would come from.

MOTION by Joe Long, Jr./second by Richard Orr - that this item be tabled until the Department Mid-Year meeting to allow further input on how to accomplish this matter. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

New Jersey Department Commander Joe Saliga addressed the Encampment about the proposed by-laws for a regional organization of the Allied Orders. This organization was to help publicize our Order, assist other Departments and Camps as able to do so, and to share ideas of what works and what doesn't work to help our Order.

MOTION by Charles Kuhn/second by George Powell - that a committee of three (3) members be appointed to examine the proposed regional by-laws and then submit them with recommendations at the Mid-Year meeting.A great deal of discussion was held about what source of funding would be used for this regional organization, the question of representation in relation to membership strength, along with other organizational concerns. The vote taken resulted in MOTION PASSED.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John Frantz - that the Encampment not accept these proposed regional by-laws and the Department of Pennsylvania not participate at this time because of concerns about these by-laws. After more discussion the vote on this motion was not passed. MOTION DEFEATED.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Senior member of Department Council presented the proposed budget for the Department year 2005 - 2006. The budget for the upcoming year would include a proposed increase in Department per-capita tax for each member of \$1.00. The Department Council recommends this increase reluctantly in the face of increasing expenses, noting that it has been at least 5 years since raising the Department per-capita tax. The budget is included with these proceedings on a separate page as an addendum.

MOTION by Ivan Frantz, Jr./second by Richard Orr - that the Department budget for the year 2005 - 2006 as proposed be accepted, with the increase in Department per-capita tax of \$1.00 per member. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John M. McNulty - that the "housekeeping motions" as set forth on pages 12 & 13 of the 2003 Department Encampment Proceedings again be adopted, with the exception of the \$25.00 fines to Camps,

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and the addition of a letter of thank you to the Lackawanna County Sheriff's department. This \$25.00 fine was eliminated by action of last years Encampment. MOTION PASSED.

These actions are as follows:

1. That a letter of thank you be sent to the Encampment Committee, the local municipality, the hotel, and the Lackawanna County Sheriff's Department expressing the pleasure of having a good Encampment.
2. That the delegates to the National Encampment from the Department be elected as "John Does" because specific names are not available at this time.
3. That delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to support, and Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief be requested to support the actions taken by this Department at National Encampment.
4. That the Department Secretary/treasurer be empowered to transfer funds as necessary throughout the year to meet financial obligations of the Department.
5. That all Department Committees for this Encampment except the Credentials Committee be discharged at this time with the thanks of the Encampment. The credentials Committee may be discharged after making its final report.
6. That the Department Patriotic Instructor be permitted to make a final post Encampment financial report.
7. That the Department purchase a page in next years Encampment booklet to list the Past Department Commanders and current Department Officers.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - Final Report

Registered

Commander-in-Chief	1	Camps represented - 13
Past Commander-in-Chief	4	Camps not represented:
Department Commander	1	# 7, 14, 60, 71 & 300
Past Department Commander	5	
Camp Commander	7	Registered - 57
Past Camp Commander	7	

Delegates 28
Juniors 2
Visitors 3

Camps represented - Davis Star, #1, 8, 15, 19, 33, 34, 43, 50, 90, 112, 149, & 273.

MOTION by Charles Kuhn/second by Joe Long, Jr. - that the final report of the Credentials committee be accepted. MOTION PASSED.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the following Department Offices were made -

Department Commander - Eric Schmincke

Department Sr. Vice Commander - Lee Walters

Department Jr. Vice Commander - John M. McNulty

Department Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term) - Robert Graves

Department Council - 2 year term: Howard Wolfe

1 year term: Albert El

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Note - Ivan Frantz has 1 year remaining of a two year term on Department Council.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John Hart - that there being no opposition, the Secretary be empowered to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the slate of nominees. MOTION PASSED.

The Encampment recessed at 3:33 P.M., June 25th, 2005.

The Encampment was called to order at 3:45 P.M., June 25th, 2005.

The Department Officers elected for the year 2005 - 2006 were installed in ritualistic fashion by Commander-in-Chief Steven Michaels. Department Commander Schmincke expressed his thanks for the continuing confidence placed in him by members of the Department by electing him to serve another term of office.

MOTION by Richard Orr/second by John Frantz - that the tapes and notes of this Encampment as taken by the recording secretary, when transcribed, become the Official Proceedings of this Encampment. MOTION PASSED.

The Encampment was closed in ritualistic fashion by Department Commander Schmincke at 4:04 P.M., June 25th, 2005.

