

The Department of Tennessee  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
A History





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## 1 1996-1997

The Department of Tennessee was chartered<sup>1</sup> on the 15th of March 1996 with three Camps, Memphis<sup>2</sup> Camp #1, Fort Donelson Camp #62 and Farragut Camp #6. The Department Activation Ceremony was held in Jackson, Tennessee on April 20, 1996, and hosted by the Memphis Camp #1. Brother Charles Yates, PCC, the Department Organizer, was elected the First Commander of the Department. The minutes are located on page D-9.

The officers were:

Commander	Charles C. Yates, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Edward J. Duffel, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	John E. Anderson, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Clyde Getman
Council	Jim Green
Council	Allen Smith
Council	Clyde Hayner

Guests at the Activation Ceremony were Commander-in-Chief David Medert and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Alan Loomis. Commander-in-Chief Medert was the installing officer.



Figure 1 Department Organizer Charles Yates

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<sup>1</sup> General Order Number 5, April 16, 1996 (See page A-1)

<sup>2</sup> Memphis Camp later renamed as Sultana Camp #1

## 2 1997-1998

A fourth Camp joined the Department in 1997 as the Missionary Ridge Camp #63 of Chattanooga. Tennessee was chartered and activated. Also, the allowed borders for the Department of Tennessee extended into Alabama with General Orders Number 6 (See page A-3). Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr approved the Department Bylaws on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1998 (See Appendix E.1 on page E-78).

### 2.1 2<sup>nd</sup> Department Encampment

The 1997 Department Encampment was held in Savannah, Tennessee, and was hosted by the Farragut Camp #6 of Savannah, Tennessee. Brother Ed Duffel, PCC was elected Department Commander. PC-in-C David Medert and C-in-C Alan Loomis attended the Encampment. A 4<sup>th</sup> Camp joined the Department as the Missionary Ridge Camp Number 63 from Chattanooga was chartered.

The officers were:

Commander	Edward J. Duffel, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	John E. Anderson, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Allen F. Smith, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry J. Waggoner
Council	Frank Harned, PCC
Council	Charles C. Yates, PDC
Council	Trent D. Johnson
Chief of Staff	Craig S. Courtney
Patriotic Instructor	Rick Hoover
Chaplain	Ronald C. Powell, Sr.
Assistant Chaplain	Clyde Getman
Historian	George Dunlap
Graves Registration	Billy J. Darnell
Communications & Technology	Allen F. Smith
Color Bearer	Andrew J. Duffel
Guide	Harold Eugene Taylor
Guard	Ron O'Dell
Camp Organizer/Coordinator	Charles C. Yates, PDC

## **2.2 116<sup>th</sup> National Encampment**

The 116<sup>th</sup> National Encampment was held in Utica, New York. Department Commander Ed Duffel represented the Department.

### 3 1998-1999

During 1998, the National President and Secretary of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War made a visit to Tennessee to visit Tent #2 in Selmer, Tennessee. Department Senior Vice Commander John Anderson greeted the ladies with a corsage of the Tennessee state flower, the blue Iris. Brother Anderson and his wife Sarah accompanied the ladies on a tour of Shiloh National Battlefield (assisted by Brother Brian McCutcheon of Farragut #6) and a tour of Civil War sites in Corinth, Ms.

After becoming Department Commander in April, Brother Anderson took part in a Memorial Day service at Shiloh that include two Real Sons – Waldemar Williams and Madison Gadberry, both members of Farragut Camp #6. On June 27, Brother Anderson and his wife traveled to Blaine, Tennessee in Granger County to meet Mrs. Gertrude Janeway, the last known Union widow. Brother Anderson presented a certificate from the SUVCW in honor of her husband's service and place a basket of flowers on Pvt. Janeway's grave.



Figure 2 Brother John Anderson and Gertrude Janeway

The Department also extended its boundaries into the state of Alabama as the Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 was chartered and joined the Department of Tennessee in January 1998. The Activation Ceremony was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1998.

### 3.1 Department Encampment

The 1998 Department Encampment was held in Dover, Tennessee On 18 April 1998, and was hosted by the Fort Donelson Camp #62 of Dover, Tennessee. Brother John Anderson, PCC was elected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander	John E. Anderson, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Allen F. Smith, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Frank Harned, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Clyde Getman, PCC
Council	Ed Duffel, PDC
Council	Charles C. Yates, PDC
Council	Allan Howey, PCC
Patriotic Instructor	Allan Howey, PCC
Chaplain	John Sering
Historian	Ron Odell
Graves Registration	Barry Winn



Figure 3 PDC Yates awarding John Anderson Department Commander Badge

Figure 4 shows the officers elected and appointed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Encampment. From left to right Clyde Getman-Memphis, outgoing Department Commander Ed Duffel-Fort Donelson, Charles Yates, PDC-Memphis, incoming Department Commander John Anderson-Farragut, Al Smith-Fort Donelson, Frank Harned-Missionary Ridge, John Sering-Wilson and Al Howey-Wilson.



**Figure 4 Attendees at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Department of Tennessee Encampment**

### **3.2 117<sup>th</sup> National Encampment**

The National Encampment was held in Harrisburg, Pa on 6-9 August 1998. Department Commander John Anderson spoke to the Encampment asking for financial help for Mrs. Gertrude Janeway, widow of Pvt. John Janeway, Company E, 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry.





Figure 5 Department Commander Anderson with Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr and ASUVCW President Jackie Johnston at the Campfire



Figure 6 Commander Anderson with Keith Harrison at SVR Breakfast



## 4 1999-2000

On January 29, Commander Anderson temporarily relinquished his duties as Department Commander to Senior Vice Commander Allan Smith because of a family emergency

The 1999 Department Encampment was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was hosted by the Missionary Ridge Camp #63 of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Due to the death of his father, Commander Anderson was unable to attend but the Encampment was presided over by Senior Vice Commander Smith. This was the first time a Tennessee Encampment was scheduled for a 3-day event and all who attended had a most enjoyable time. Brother Allen Smith, PCC was elected Department Commander.

Awards were given to Missionary Ridge Camp #63 (Bell Award) for most new members and to Sultana Camp #1 (Hoover Award) for largest increase in membership. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Brother Allen F. Smith (Ft. Donelson #62), Brother John S. Sering (Wilson #1), Brother Warren F. Whitby (Wilson #1) and Brother Barry L Spink (Wilson #1).



Figure 7 Attendees at the 4<sup>th</sup> Encampment

In Figure 8, the Brothers in the front row are Council/Patriotic Instructor Ralph Scott, Secretary/Treasurer Al Howey, Senior Vice Commander Frank Harned, Commander Allen Smith and Graves Registration Barry Winn.



**Figure 8 Installation of Officers at the 4<sup>th</sup> Encampment**

The officers were:

Commander  
 Sr. Vice Commander  
 Jr. Vice Commander  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 Council  
 Council  
 Council  
 Patriotic Instructor  
 Chaplain  
 Historian  
 Graves Registration  
  
 Communications & Technology  
  
 Guard  
 Color Bearer  
 Camp Organizer  
 Eagle Scout Coordinator

Allen Smith, PCC  
 Frank Harned, PCC  
 Clyde Getman, PCC  
 Allen Howey, PCC  
 Ed Duffel, PDC  
 John Anderson, PDC  
 Ralph Scott, CC  
 Ralph Scott, CC  
 Shawn Atchley, CC  
 William Shackleford  
 Barry Winn  
 Charles Engle  
 Allen F. Smith, PCC  
 Edward J. Duffel, PDC  
 Robert Neyman, CC  
 Robert Neyman, CC  
 Barry L. Spink  
 Charles Yates, PDC  
 Clyde Getman, PCC

## 5 2000-2001

A 6<sup>th</sup> Camp joined the Department as the Col. William Sanders Camp Number 1 of Knoxville, Tennessee was activated on January 8, 2000. Brother Robert Queen was the Camp Organizer and its first Camp Commander.

### 5.1 Department Encampment

The 2000 Department Encampment was held in Montgomery, Alabama, and was hosted by the M.G. James H. Wilson Camp #1 of Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, across from the State Capital, and a stone throw from the First Capital of the Confederacy. We were very well received and those who attended had a great 3 days of good food and friends. National C-in-C Danny Wheeler and his wife Betty, and Senior Vice-C-in-C Ed Kreiser attended the Encampment. Commander Wheeler received a big Bear hug from a Johnny Reb when the man found out that he was National Commander of the Sons who had supported the flying of their Flag in South Carolina. Wish we had Brother Danny's picture to see his expression when this happened! Brother Frank Harned was elected Department Commander.

Awards were given to Charles Engle (Missionary Ridge) as Most Outstanding Department Member, Fort Donelson Camp 62 for best camp, Missionary Ridge Camp #63 for the Bell award (most new members) and the Hoover Award (largest percentage growth). Department Certificates of Appreciation were given to Barry Spink (Wilson), Robert Queen (Sanders) and Shawn Atchley (Farragut). Wilson won the Best Camp Newsletter and Fort Donelson the Best Camp Scrapbook.

The officers were:

Commander	Frank Harned, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Clyde Getman, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Allan Howey, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Engle, PCC
Council	Allen Smith, PDC
Council	John E. Anderson, PDC
Council	
Chaplain	Shawn Atchley, CC

## 5.2 Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp Number 53

The newest Camp in the Department was the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp #53 that received their Charter dated July 5, 2000. On October 14, 2000, Commander Frank Harned installed the new officers at the Officers Club in Redstone Arsenal. Figure 9 shows Department Commander Harned and Department Chaplain Atchley during the installation of Taylor Officers.



Figure 9 Installation of Taylor Officers



Figure 10 Dept. Commander Frank Harned presenting the gavel to David Milam

## 6 2001-2002

### 6.1 6<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The Department Encampment for the year 2001 was held in Memphis, Tennessee and hosted by the Sultana Camp #1 of Memphis, Tennessee. The Encampment was held at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis. National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George Powell who addressed the assembly on pertinent issues now before the National Organization attended the Encampment. The Encampment was highlighted by a visit to the Cemetery containing the remains of the victims of the Sultana riverboat disaster. Brother Clyde Getman was elected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander	Clyde J. Getman, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Allan W. Howey, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Charles Engle, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer	Shawn Atchley, PCC
Council	Frank Harned, PDC
Council	Allan F. Smith, PDC
Council	Robert Queen, PCC
Chaplain	John Anderson, PDC
Historian	Charles C. Yates, PDC
Graves Registration	David E. Milam, PCC

### 6.2 120<sup>th</sup> National Encampment

At the 120<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Springfield, Missouri, Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Kreiser presented the Abraham Lincoln Award for the most outstanding camp to the Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1. Brother Allan Howey was the Camp Commander.



## 7 2002-2003

### 7.1 7<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The Department Encampment for 2002 was held March 1st & 2nd at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Madison, Alabama (Huntsville). The site was chosen due to its central location in relation to the Department Camps. The Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp #53 assisted in the preparations for the Encampment and the Banquet. All had a most delightful time and the business meetings were very productive. Brother Allan Howey was elected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander  
Sir Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Council  
Council  
Council  
Patriotic Instructor  
Chaplain  
Historian  
Graves Registration

Allan W. Howey, PCC  
Charles Engle, Jr.  
Shawn Atchley, PCC  
Steve Pearce  
Frank Harned, PDC  
David E. Milam, PCC  
Clyde Getman, PDC  
David E. Milam, PCC  
John Anderson, PDC  
Charles Yates, PDC  
Brian Hogan



Figure 11 2002-2003 Department of Tennessee Officers

In Figure 11 in the Front Row from left to right – Shawn Atchley, Allen Howey, Charles Engle. Jr. In the Back Row – Brian Hogan, Steve Pearce, Frank Harned, Clyde Getman, John Anderson, and David Milam.

At the Encampment Banquet, Outgoing Department Commander Clyde Getman presented the Abraham Lincoln Award to Incoming Department Commander Allan Howey, Commander of the M.G. James H. Wilson Camp #1. This award was announced at the 120<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Springfield, Mo. the previous August.



**Figure 12 PDC Getman presenting Lincoln Award to Wilson Camp**

## **8 2003-2004**

### **8.1 Department Encampment**

The eighth annual Department of Tennessee Encampment for 2003 was held on March 1, 2003 at the Radisson Inn Huntsville Airport in Madison Alabama, and hosted by the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53. Past CinC Edward J. Krieser and Jr. Vice Commander Stephen A. Michaels were in attendance. Charter of the Col Robert Byrd Camp presented to Byrd Camp Commander Charles Engle by the out going Commander Allan Howey. Brother Charles Engle was elected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander	Charles Engle Jr., PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	William S. Pearce, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Shawn Atchley, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PCC
Council	Allan W. Howey, PDC
Council	Clyde Getman, PDC

### **8.2 122<sup>nd</sup> National Encampment Fort Mitchell, Kentucky**

The National Encampment was held in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky on August 8-10, 2003. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Commander Charles Engle, Jr., and Delegates Shawn Atchley and Geoffrey Hintze.

### **8.3 In Memoriam**

The year 2003 saw the loss of two Real Sons and the last Union widow. Waldemar Weatherby Williams died on Feb 17, 2003 and Madison Walden Gadbury died on Oct 31, 2003. Both were members of Farragut#6. On Nov 26, 2003, the Wilson #1 Camp in Montgomery lost Brother Robert J. Conrad. On January 17, 2003, Mrs. Gertrude Janeway, the last known Union widow died. John Anderson, PDC and Department Senior Vice Commander Charles Engle, Jr represented the Department of Tennessee at the funeral.



## 9 2004-2005

The Department of Tennessee was represented at the funeral of Alberta Stewart Martin in Elba, Alabama on June 12, 2004. Mrs. Martin was the widow of William Jasper Martin, a veteran of the 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama CSA and believed to be the last widow of a Confederate Soldier. Brother Glenn Winn of the M.G. James H. Wilson Camp #1 gave a Eulogy. Brother Charles Engle, PDC carried the American Flag into the church and joined Brother Winn at the podium during the service.

### 9.1 Department Encampment

The Department of Tennessee Encampment for 2004, ninth annual, was held on February 28, 2004 at the Highlands Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. The location was the home meeting place of the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53. Brother Getman, PDC, installed the officers for 2004. Brother Getman presented a motion to hold the 10th Encampment at Farragut. A discussion was made to possibly getting a medal commemorating the 10th Encampment in 2005. Brother Steve Pearce was elected Department Commander.

Awards were presented to Brother Brian Hogan of Camp Taylor for outstanding Service award, Brother James Durham of Camp Missionary Ridge for graves registration, Brother Robert Dobbs Camp Missionary Ridge for Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty for assisting PDC Frank Harned and his wife. Camp Wilson was awarded best newsletter and Camp Missionary Ridge the best camp.

The Department Officers were:

Commander	William S. Pearce, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Shawn Atchley, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PCC
Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	Frank Harned, PDC
Council	Allen Howey, PDC
Council	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Charles Engle Jr., PDC
Chaplain	John Anderson, PDC

## **9.2 National Encampment Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Past Department Commander Brother Charles Engle, Jr. represented the Department in Cedar Rapids.

## **9.3 In Memoriam**

The Fort Donelson Camp#62 lost Brother James M. Gowan on April 20, 2004.

## 10 2005-2006

### 10.1 10<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The Department of Tennessee Encampment for 2005, tenth annual, the Encampment was held January 22, 2005, at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Pickwick Dam, TN. Farragut Camp #6 hosted the Encampment. Brother Don Darby, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief attended and installed the officers for 2005. A special medal commemorating the 10th Encampment in 2005 was struck for the attendees. Brother Shawn Atchley was elected Department Commander.

Awards were given to Missionary Ridge as outstanding Camp, Brother Brian Hogan of Camp Taylor as Outstanding Brother, Fort Donelson for best Newsletter and Taylor for best website.

The officers were:

Commander	Shawn Atchley, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander	Geoffrey Hintze, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Talbott Hackett
Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	Steve Pearce, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Sam Gant
Chaplain	Clyde Getman, PDC
Grave Registration	Steve Pearce, PDC



**Figure 13 Attendees of 10<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment**

## **10.2 124<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire**

Department of Tennessee representatives include Past Department Commander Charles Engle, Jr. and Delegates Geoffrey Hintze, Talbott Hackett and Douglas Fidler. Figure 14 shows the attendees in Nashua. From left to right, Charles Engle, Jr., PDC, Douglas Fidler, Talbott Hackett, Geoffrey Hintze.



**Figure 14 Department Attendees in Nashua**

## 11 2006-2007

### 11.1 11<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The eleventh annual Department of Tennessee Encampment was held January 28, 2006, at the Bevill Conference Center at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Hosting the event was the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp located in Huntsville AL. Brother Don Darby, SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, attended and installed the officers for 2006. Brother Geoffrey Hintze was elected Department Commander. The Department Bylaws were revised and approved at the Encampment (See Appendix E.2 on page E-89).

Awards were given to Brother Talbot Hackett (Camp Taylor) for outstanding Brother, Outstanding Brother Commendations to Brother Brian Hogan (Camp Taylor), Brother Charles Engle (Camp Missionary Ridge) and Brother Barry Spink (Camp Wilson), the Eagle Scout award to Brother Perry Greene (Camp Taylor). Camp Wilson and Camp Taylor were named best Camp and Camp Wilson also was named best Scrapbook and best website.

The officers were:

Commander	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Sr. Vice Commander	Joe Johnson
Jr. Vice Commander	Sam Gant
Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	John Anderson, PDC
Council	Shawn Atchley, PDC
Council	Steve Pearce, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Carl E. Addison
Chaplain	Clyde Getman, PDC



Figure 15 Attendees of 11<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

One of the attendees to the 11<sup>th</sup> Encampment was Charles Yates, PDC. Brother Yates was the organizer of the Department of Tennessee and its first Department Commander. An award to Brother Yates was presented at the Encampment Banquet. Figure 16 shows Clyde Getman, PDC presenting the award to Charles Yates, PDC as Department Commander Hintze looks on.



Figure 16 PDC Clyde Getman presenting award to Charles Yates, PDC



Figure 17 shows the Past Department Commanders attending the 11<sup>th</sup> Encampment. Standing from left to right: John Anderson, Steve Pearce, Charles Yates, Charles Engle, Jr., and Clyde Getman. Seated is outgoing Department Commander Shawn Atchley.



Figure 17 Past Department Commanders of Department of Tennessee

## 11.2 125<sup>th</sup> Encampment in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Department of Tennessee representatives include Department Commander Geoffrey Hintze, Past Department Commander Charles Engle, Jr. and Delegates Talbott Hackett and Douglas Fidler. At the SVR Breakfast, Brother Talbott Hackett received the rank of Major in the SVR as the Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District (see Figure 18).





Figure 18 Talbot Hackett receiving rank at SVR Breakfast

### 11.3 In Memoriam

Brother Joe Johnson, Department Senior Vice Commander, died July 12, 2006. Talbott Hackett was appointed by the Department Council to fill the rest of Brother Johnson's term.

## 12 2007-2008

### 12.1 12<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The twelfth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on January 27, 2007 at the Elks Lodge in downtown Huntsville, Alabama. Hosting the event was the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp located in Huntsville Al. National Commander-in-Chief(CinC), Brother James B. Pahl, attended and installed the officers for 2007. Brother Geoffrey Hintze was reelected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Sr. Vice Commander	Bill Butler, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Sam Gant
Secretary/Treasurer	Tod Jenness, PCC
Council	John Anderson, PDC
Council	Shawn Atchley, PDC
Council	Steve Pearce, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC
Chaplain	John Anderson, PDC



Figure 19 Attendees of 12<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

## **12.2 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri**

The National Encampment was held in St. Louis, Missouri on August 9-12, 2007. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Commander Geoffrey Hintze, Past Department Commander Charles Engle, Jr. and Delegate Douglas Fidler.

## **12.3 Special Encampment Gettysburg, Pa**

Remembrance Day is held in Gettysburg every November (the weekend closest to November 19) to commemorate President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It is held in Gettysburg, Pa. and begins with a Sons of Veterans breakfast followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the Woolson Monument. The highlight of the afternoon is a parade of several thousand brothers of the Order and re-enactors, both Blue and Grey marching through the historic part of town. A period dress ball in the evening caps the day's events. Funds raised are then donated to Park Service for monument restoration. The pageantry is magnificently nostalgic as Union and Confederates stroll the city's streets taking one back in time. The Department has been represented regularly since 1999 by having brothers carry the Department flag and march in the parade.

In conjunction with the regular activities, the Sons of Veterans held it's first Special National Encampment on November 17, 2007, to resolve the status of junior members. Charles Engle, PDC, represented the Department as a delegate.

## 13 2008-2009

### 13.1 13<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment

The thirteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on Saturday, 26 January 2008, at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama, across from the State Capital, and a stone throw from the First Capital of the Confederacy. The Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 hosted the event. In addition, the weekend marked the 10th anniversary of the Wilson camp's installation in 1998, and we celebrated that occasion at a dinner that evening. National Commander-in-Chief(CinC), Brother Charles E. Kuhn, attended and installed the officer for 2008. Brother Kenneth Early was elected Department Commander.

The Officers were:

Commander  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Council  
Council  
Council

Kenneth Vance Early, PCC  
Bill Butler, PCC  
Sam Gant  
Tod Jenness, PCC  
Geoffrey Hintze, PDC  
John Anderson, PDC  
Steve Pearce, PDC



Figure 20 Attendees of 13<sup>th</sup> Department Encampmen

### **13.2 127<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Boston, Massachusetts**

The National Encampment was held in Boston, Massachusetts on August 7-10, 2008. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Past Department Commanders Charles Engle, Jr. and Geoffrey Hintze and Delegate Douglas Fidler.

## 14 2009-2010

### 14.1 Department Encampment

The fourteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on 31 January 2009, at Ferguson Hall, 5350 Main Street, Spring Hill, Tennessee. The Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 hosted the event. The attending Department Council and Department Officers held a brief council meeting at 10:00am. The status of camps in the department was reviewed. The department financial records for expenses and income for 2008 were reviewed, with everything in order. The department encampment began at 10:30am in accordance with the rituals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). National Commander-in-Chief(CinC), Brother David V. Medert attended and installed the officers for 2009. Brother Charlie Engle was elected Department Commander.

The officers were:

Commander	Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC
Sr. Vice Commander	Samuel C. Gant, PCC
Jr. Vice Commander	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD
Secretary/Treasurer	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Council	Tod Jenness, PCC
Council	Kenneth V. Early, PDC
Council	Clyde Getman, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	George A. Huttick
Chaplain	Clyde Getman, PDC

### 14.2 128<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Louisville, Kentucky

The National Encampment was held in Louisville, Kentucky on August 13-15, 2009. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Commander Charles Engle, Jr., Past Department Commanders Geoffrey Hintze and Delegates Samuel Gant and Douglas Fidler. Sam Gant, Department Senior Vice Commander and Commander of Fort Donelson Camp #62, received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and Meritorious Service Award for recognition of his service as



Chairman of Franklin Battlefield Task Force Unknown Soldier Burial Committee.



Figure 21 Brother Gant discussing Franklin Grave Dedication in Louisville



Figure 22 Brother Fidler receiving National Aide-de-Camp award in Louisville



Figure 23 Commander Engle receiving award in Louisville

At the Encampment, it was mentioned that the Department of Tennessee needed to update their Bylaws to allow Junior Associates. The Bylaws were updated and approved (See Appendix E.3 on page E-103)



### 14.3 Battle of Franklin Unknown Soldier

The remains of a Civil War soldier were found in a construction site in Franklin, Tennessee. The Franklin Battlefield Taskforce scheduled a memorial service and re-interment for October 10, 2009. Samuel Gant, Commander of the Fort Donelson Camp 62 was chairman of the burial subcommittee. The Fort Donelson Camp and the Sam Davis SCV Camp 1293 planned and carried out the re-interment. Taking part in the ceremony were B.G. Robert Grim, Commander of the SVR, Major Kenneth Early, Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> MD SVR and member of the M.G. James H Wilson Camp #1, Department of Tennessee Commander Charles Engle, Jr., Department of Tennessee Chaplain Clyde Getman, PDC, Fort Donelson #62 Commander Samuel Gant. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. David Du Brucq, 10<sup>th</sup> TN SVR and Fort Donelson Camp 62, commanded the honor guard, which include 3 Union and 3 Confederate members. Past Department Commander John Anderson and his wife Sarah Anderson, representing the Daughters of the Union Soldiers of the Civil War, also attended. Also taking part was Larry Cockerham, Commander of Sam Davis Camp 1293 and also a member of the Fort Donelson Camp and other members of the Fort Donelson Camp. Representing the Union Soldiers who fought at the Battle of Franklin was Real-Son 93-year old Harold Becker, son of Charles Conrad Becker of the 128<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry.



Figure 24 Joint SUV SCV Honor Guard



Figure 25 Changing of the Guard with Brothers Du Brucq and Tenney



Figure 26 Dept. Chaplain Clyde Getman, PDC in Memorial Service





Figure 27 Dept. Chaplain Getman leading the Procession



Figure 28 Commander Gant, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt DuBrucq, BG Grim, and Major Early



Figure 29 Commanders Gant and Cockerham at Gravesite



**Figure 30 Unknown Soldier Grave**

#### **14.4 In Memoriam**

Gordon L. Cottrell of the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 and John. J. Thomas of the Sultana Camp 1 had their final muster.



## 15 2010-2011

### 15.1 Department Encampment

The fifteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on 30 January 2010 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Brother Sam Gant was elected Department Commander. Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy was the guest in snowy Chattanooga.

The officers were:

Commander  
Sr. Vice Commander  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Council  
Council  
Council  
Patriotic Instructor  
Chaplain  
Graves Registration Officer  
Historian  
Counselor

Samuel C. Gant, PCC  
Douglas K. Fidler, PhD  
Tod A Jenness  
Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC  
Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC  
Kenneth V. Early, PDC  
Mark Kemp, PCC  
George A. Huttick  
Clyde Getman, PDC  
Charles H. Engle, Jr. PDC  
Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC  
Steve Pearce, PDC



Figure 31 Attendees of 15th Department Encampmen

## 15.2 129<sup>th</sup> National Encampment Overland Park, Kansas

The National Encampment was held in Overland Park, Kansas on August 12-14, 2010. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Commander Samuel Gant, Past Department Commanders Charles Engle, Jr. and Geoffrey Hintze and Delegate Douglas Fidler.

A new Tennessee Camp (Major William Anderson McTeer Camp Number 39) received their Charter from CIC Leo Kennedy. Figure 32 shows Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy present the McTeer Charter to Douglas Fidler. From left to right: Geoffrey Hintze, PDC, Samuel Gant, Douglas Fidler, Charles Engle, PDC and Commander-in-Chief Leo Kennedy.



Figure 32 Brother Fidler and rest of Tennessee Delegation receiving Camp McTeer Charter





Figure 33 Commander Engle in Louisville



Figure 34 Commander Engle in Louisville



Figure 35 Brother Fidler receiving National Aide-de-Camp Award in Louisville

### 15.3 In Memoriam

Ernest C. Treubig, Jr. of the M.G. James H. Wilson Camp 1 had his final muster.

## 16 2011-2012

The Department of Tennessee extended its borders to include the State of Mississippi per General Order #26 (See page A-4) on 1 August 2011. After one year, the Department may change their name with a majority vote within the Department.

### 16.1 Department Encampment

The sixteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on 29 January 2011 at Fort Negley Park in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Douglas Fidler was elected Department Commander. Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall was our guest and installed the officers.

The 2011-2012 officers were

Commander	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD
Sr. Vice Commander	David M. Du Brucq
Jr. Vice Commander	Roger A. Tenney
Secretary/Treasurer	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Council	Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	Samuel C. Gant, PDC
Council	Mark Kemp, PCC
Patriotic Instructor	George A. Huttick
Chaplain	J. Scott Alley
Graves Registration Officer	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD
Historian	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Civil War Memorials Officer	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Douglas K. Fidler, PhD



**Figure 36 Attendees of 16<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment**

## **16.2 130<sup>th</sup> National Encampment Reston, Virginia**

The National Encampment was held in Reston, Virginia on August 11-13, 2011. Representing the Department of Tennessee were Commander Douglas Fidler and Past Department Commanders Samuel Gant, Charles Engle, Jr. and Geoffrey Hintze. The Department of Tennessee was awarded the 2011 U.S. Grant Cup for achieving the highest percentage of growth in members during the 2010-2011 year. Certificates were also awarded to Kenneth Early, PDC, David Du Brucq and Roger Tenney for completing the Memorial University Course on the SUVCW site. A certificate was also presented to George Huttick, Jr. for completing the Junior Member course at the Memorial University. Sam Gant, PDC and Department Commander Douglas Fidler received National Aide-de-



Camp Awards for recruiting new members. Commander Fidler also was awarded the Meritorious Service Award and the Memorial University Course completion. Figure 37 shows from left to right: Charles Engle, PDC, Geoffrey Hintze, PDC, Department Commander Douglas Fidler, Samuel Gant, PDC.



Figure 37 Dept. of Tennessee representatives at 130<sup>th</sup> National Encampment



Figure 38 Commander Fidler and PDC Gant receiving U.S. Grant Cup from Commander-in-Chief Schall

### **16.3 In Memoriam**

In 2001, the Fort Donelson Camp 62 lost two of their Brothers when Larry D. Cockerham and James R. Hurst had their final muster.



## 17 2012-2013

### 17.1 Department Encampment

The seventeenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on 28 January 2012 at the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother Craig Taylor Brown was elected Department Commander. Commander-in-Chief Don Palmer was our guest and installed the officers.

The 2012-2013 officers were

Commander	Craig Taylor Brown
Sr. Vice Commander	Roger A. Tenney
Jr. Vice Commander	Douglas K. Fidler, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Council	Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC
Council	Samuel C. Gant, PDC
Council	Douglas K. Fidler, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	George A. Huttick
Chaplain	Clyde J. Getman, PDC
Graves Registration Officer	Douglas K. Fidler, PDC
Historian	Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC
Civil War Memorials Officer	Craig Taylor Brown, DC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Douglas K. Fidler, PDC
Signals Officer	George A. Huttick
Guide	Nicholas Lee Knight

Commander Fidler presented outstanding Brother awards to PDC Samuel Gant and PDC Geoffrey Hintze. In Figure 39, Commander Fidler presents the outstanding Brother award to Sam Gant, PDC. Figure 40 shows the attendees of the 17<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. From left to right, outgoing Commander Douglas Fidler, Commander-in-Chief Palmer, Roger Tenney, Geoffrey Hintze, PDC, Sam Gant, PDC, incoming Commander Craig Brown and Charles Engle, PDC. Clyde Getman, PDC and Nicholas Knight are not shown.



Figure 39 Commander Fidler presenting outstanding Brother Award to PDC Gant



Figure 40 Attendees to 17th Department Encampment

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
General Orders No. 5  
Series 1995/1996  
David R. Medert, Commander-in-Chief  
16 Shawnee Drive  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1148**

In the name and by the authority of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

To all unto whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Know that reprising Special Trust and Confidence in our Worthy Brothers Charles C. Yates, Edward J. Duffel, John Anderson, George R. Dunlap, Clyde J. Getman, James G. Green, Jr., Allen F. Smith, Craig S. Courtney, Larry J. Waggoner, Clyde H. Hayner, Shawn G. Atchley, James E. Green III, Andrew J. Duffel, John Ross, Robert Higginbottom, Billy J. Darnell and Waldemar Williams,

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby constitute them, their associates and successors, a Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to be known as The Department of Tennessee and as such they are hereby duly authorized and empowered to conduct the business of said Department in accordance with the constitution provided for its government and the regulations of the Order.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Organization to be affixed at Chillicothe in the State of Ohio this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord One

Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Six and the Two Hundred and Nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

With rank from March 15th, 1996.

By Order of:

David R. Medert

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace

National Secretary

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**General Orders No. 6**

**Series 1996-1997**

**Alar R. Loomis, Commander-in-Chief**

**1310 Forest Park Avenue**

**Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-3329**

**(219) 464-1332**

**ARLSUVCW@AOL.COM (E-Mail)**

1. The Department of Tennessee is hereby notified that it may expand its borders to include Alabama. This order to being executed in order to allow camps formed in or to be formed in Alabama to become a part of the Department of Tennessee, provided, when at least three camps have been formed in Alabama, a Department of Alabama shall be formed. At that time, the boundary of the Department of Tennessee shall revert to the boundary in force at the time of this General Order # 6.

By Order of:

Alan R. Loomis

Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

David F. Wallace

National Secretary

## **Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War**

**Office of the Commander-in-Chief**

**Brad Schall, Commander-in-Chief**

**2754 Woodacre Ct.**

**Lincoln, California 95648-8228**

**[cinc@suvcw.org](mailto:cinc@suvcw.org)**

**General Order #26**

**SERIES 2010-2011**

**1 August 2011**

### **Department of Tennessee**

1. The Department of Tennessee, at the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief and by a vote of the senior leadership of the Department, accepts the honor and responsibility to add the state of Mississippi to their Department boundaries.
2. The Department name shall remain the Department of Tennessee
3. The Department may change its name by a majority vote after one year.

The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation of the vote of the Department of Tennessee.

Ordered this 1st Day of August 2011.

Brad Schall

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



**Appendix B Department Commanders**

<b>Year Term</b>	<b>Department Commander</b>	
1996-1997	Charles Yates	
1997-1998	Ed Duffel	
1998-1999	John Anderson	
1999-2000	Allen Smith	
2000-2001	Frank Harned	
2001-2002	Clyde Getman	
2002-2003	Allan Howey	
2003-2004	Charles Engle, Jr.	
2004-2005	Steve Pearce	
2005-2006	Shawn Atchley	

2006-2007	Geoffrey Hintze	
2007-2008	Geoffrey Hintze, PDC	
2008-2009	Kenneth Early	
2009-2010	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC	
2010-2011	Samuel Gant	
2011-2012	Douglas Fidler, PhD	
2012-2013	Craig Taylor Brown	

**Appendix C    Camps in Department of Tennessee**

<b>Camp Name</b>	<b>Camp #</b>
Sultana	1
Fort Donelsen	62
Farragut	6
Missionary Ridge	63
M. G. James H. Wilson	1
Col. William P. Sanders <sup>3</sup>	1
Pvt. Richard Taylor	53
Col. Robert Byrd	8
Major William Anderson McTeer	39

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<sup>3</sup> Col. Sanders Camp has been disbanded

## **Appendix D    Encampment Minutes**

### **D.1            1<sup>st</sup> Encampment Minutes**

# **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

## **Department of Tennessee**

**April 20,1996**

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) met at the Holiday Inn in Jackson, Tennessee, and April 20, 1996, for the purpose of organizing the Department of Tennessee. Alan Loomis, Senior Vice Commander of the SUVCW agreed to preside over an informal pre-meeting at 10:00 am to discuss informally how to proceed and to answer questions and receive responses from the assembly. It was the consensus that the initial offices of Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander would include members representing the three currently chartered camps in Tennessee, i.e., Memphis, Fort Donelson, and Farragut.

Charles Yates, Commander of the Memphis Camp, was nominated for Commander by representation from Fort Donelson. Edward Duffel, Commander of the Fort Donelson Camp, was nominated for Senior Vice Commander by representation from Memphis. John Anderson, Commander of the Farragut Camp, was nominated for Junior Vice Commander by representation from the Farragut Camp. Each of these nominations in turn was seconded and passed by acclamation.

Three Council members were needed. Jim Green, of Memphis, and Allen Smith, of Fort Donelson, were asked to be members. Clyde Hayner, of Farragut, asked to be the third member. The above three were accepted by acclamation.

It was agreed to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Clyde Getman, of Memphis, was nominated, seconded, and passed by acclamation, to be Secretary/Treasurer.

Following the above elections, congratulations and expressions of support, David Medert, Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW served as Installing Officer for the installation of Charles Yates as Department Commander.

The Department was opened by Commander Yates. Commander-in-Chief Medert brought fraternal greetings from the National body, and made a presentation to Real Son Waldemar Williams of the Farragut Camp. Brother Hayner made a presentation to C-in-C Medert.

By-Laws were recommended by Brother Duffel as an interim arrangement. Following discussion about a dues structure, it was moved by Brother Getman that the Council bring a proposal to the Department. Brother Duffel amended the motion to have the proposal returned in ninety days, Both actions were seconded and passed. For the next meeting, the Council was to meet and report back by I December. Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde J. Getman

Secretary

## **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Tennessee**

April 19, 1997

Members of the Department of Tennessee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War met for the Second Annual Encampment on April 19, 1997, at the Lodge at Pickwick State Park.

### **1. Opening of Encampment**

The meeting was opened in order by Brother Charles Yates, Department Commander, at 9:10 am, Delegates and guests were welcomed, and the Order of Business was distributed.

### **2. Roll-call of Officers**

The Roll of Officers was called by Brother Clyde Getman, Secretary, and is recorded as follows:

Commander	Charles C. Yates	Memphis Camp No. 1	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Edward J. Duffel	Fort Donelson Camp	
No. 62	Present		
Junior Vice Commander	John E. Anderson	Faragut Camp No. 6	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	Clyde J. Getman	Memphis Camp No. 1	Present
Department Council			
	Allen F. Smith	Fort Donelson Camp	
No. 62	Present		
	Clyde H. Hayner	Farragut Camp No. 6	Present
	James E. Green, Jr.	Memphis Camp No. 1.	Present
Chaplain	Ronald Powell, Jr.	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62	Absent
Historian	George Dunlap	Memphis Camp No. 1	Absent
Guide	James E. Green, III	Memphis Camp No. 1	Absent
Color Bearer	Andrew J. Duffel	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62	Present
Guard	Paul Neyman	Memphis Camp No. 1	Absent
Graves Registration Officer	Billy Darnell	Faragut Camp No. 6	Present

### **3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials**

### **4. Report of Committee on Credentials**

### **5. Roll-call of Members**

Commander Yates ruled that since this was the first meeting after organization, and that that we are still loosely organized and informal the Committee on Credentials would be dispensed with, and that all members duly authorized by their camps as delegates, and in attendance, were declared eligible to participate and vote.

### **6. Appointment of Committees**

Commander Yates stated that since we would hold a brief rather than protracted meeting, we would dispense with the appointment of committees for the encampment.

### **7. Reports of Officers**

Reports will be held and presented under Unfinished Business.

**8. Reception and reference of communications**

No communications received.

**9. Unfinished business**

**A. Bylaws**

Brother Ed Duffel, Senior Vice Commander, distributed copies of the proposed Bylaws. Motion made and seconded to approve the Bylaws. After brief discussion the motion passed.

**B. Minutes of April 2Q, 1996**

Brother Getman presented the minutes. Minutes were approved as read. A copy of the Treasurer's Report was included.

**10. Reports of Committees**

No reports were received.

**11. Report of Department Council**

No report received.

**12. New business**

**A. Department flag**

There was discussion about securing a flag for the department together with other necessary accoutrements. This led to a discussion of finances.

**B. Finances**

The department currently has no income and no balance. There was discussion on how to bring in income.

**C. Real Sons**

Farragut Camp No, 6 presented two Real Sons to the encampment. (Data will be added later, when received from Anderson)

**D. Awards/Recognitions**

Brother Robert Wetzel was presented with a Certificate of Meritorious Achievement for his work in membership recruitment.

Fort Donelson was recognized with the Henry Hoover Membership Award for the largest membership increase in the department during the past year.

Fort Donelson was also recognized with the William H. Bell Membership Award for the largest percentage increase in membership during the past year.

**13. Election of Officers**

Brother Allen Smith presented the report of the Nominating Committee for 1997-1998.



Officers:		
Commander	Ed Duffel	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62
Senior Vice Commander	Clyde Getman	Memphis Camp No. 1
Junior Vice Commander	Allen Smith	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Waggoner	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62
Department Council		
	Charles Yates, PDC	Memphis Camp No. 1
	Frank Hamed	Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63
	Trent Johnson	Fort Donelson Camp No. 62

Brother Bo Higginbothorn, Farragut Camp No. 6, stated that Farragut Camp was not represented on the slate of officers, and that he was on the Nominating Committee but had not been contacted or included in the process. Brother Smith responded that correspondence had been sent to Brother Higginbothorn and other members of the Nominating Committee, but that he had not received any response or nominations from the Farragut Camp. Discussion followed. Brother Higginbothorn nominated John Anderson, Farragut Camp No. 6, for Senior Vice Commander. Motion was seconded. Commander Yates directed that with the agreement of the encampment, the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee, with the exception of Senior Vice Commander would be by acclamation. The motion passed.

Ballots were distributed to each of the four camps for a poll of delegates for Senior Vice Commander. Members from the Farragut Camp asked for ballots to be given to each delegate. Such was done. Ballots were counted by Brothers Duffel and Higginbothorn and announced: Anderson -10, Getman-9. After discussion, Commander Yates declared Anderson elected.

#### **14. Installation of Officers**

Brother Yates introduced Brother Duffel as the Department Commander for the coming year. Brother Duffel recognized Brother Yates for his fine service to the Department during the past year and presented him with an appropriate commendation, and a certificate recognizing him as Trail Blazer for his work on behalf of the department.

Brother Duffel presented the names of persons he has appointed as department offices for the coming year:

Chaplain	Ronald Powell
Patriotic Instructor	Rick Hoover
Historian	George Dunlap
Graves Registration	Billy Darnell
Color Bearer	Andrew Duffel
Guide	John Taylor
Guard	Ron O'Dell
Camp Organizer	Charles Yates
Communications and Technology	Allen Smith
Chief of Staff	Craig Courtney

Officers for the coming year were introduced to the assembly and installed by Brother Allen Loomis, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### **15. Closing Ceremonies**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde J. Getman Secretary

### D.3 3rd Encampment Minutes

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### Department of Tennessee

April 18, 1998

Members of the Department of Tennessee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War met for the Third Annual Encampment on April 18, 1998 at Dover, Tennessee.

#### 1. Opening of Encampment

The meeting was opened at 2:10 pm by Department Commander Ed Duffel.

#### 2. Roll-call of Officers

The Roll of Officers was called by Department Secretary Larry Waggoner as follows:

Commander	Ed Duffel, PCC	Present
Senior Vice Commander	John E. Anderson, PCC	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Allen F. Smith, PCC	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Waggoner	Present
Department Council	Charles C. Yates, PDC	Present
	Frank Harned	Present
	Trent D. Johnson	Absent
Chief of Staff	Craig S. Courtney	Absent
Patriotic Instructor	Rick Hoover	Present
Chaplain	Ronald C. Powell, Sr.	Absent
Graves Registration Officer	Billy Darnell	Absent
Communications & Technology Coordinator	Allen F. Smith, PCC	Present
Color Bearer	Andrew J. Duffel	Present
Guide	Harold Eugene Taylor	Absent
Guard	Ron Odell	Present
Historian	George Dunlap	Absent
Assistant Chaplain	Clyde Getman	Present
New Camp Organizer/Coordinator	Charles C. Yates, PDC	Present

#### 3. Roll-call of Delegates

The Roll of Delegates was called by Department Secretary Larry Waggoner from the delegate sign in sheets which are attached.

## 4. Officer Reports

The reports of the Department Commander was read (copy attached.) The report of the Senior Vice Commander was made regarding Department By-Laws being sent to each Camp as notated by National. The report of the Junior Vice Commander was read (copy attached.)

## 5. Minutes

The minutes for the meeting of April 19,1997 were read and approved as read.

## 6. Treasurers Report

A balance of \$25 was reported.

## 7. Other Reports

There was no council report due to lack of activity by the council.

The Patriotic Instructor reported on the Department Flag. The cost of flags from a

Manufacturer recognized by National are as follows: a 3x5 flag is \$525,a 4x6flag \$675. Brother Hoover checked into digitizing the Department emblem from which a flag or other items could be produced. The cost of the digitizing process is \$200. A flag produced by this method would be approximately \$200 more. There are no Department funds available for any of the above.

New Camp Organizer Brother Yates reports lack of response to any of his efforts.

## 8. Correspondence and Resolutions

Correspondence from Miss Virginia Ritter and Brother Steve Soper were read.

Resolutions for nominations were read as follows:

Gary L. Gibson	Council of Administration
Danny Wheeler, PDC	Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Gregg A. Mierka	Council of Administration
Alan E. Peterson	Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Robert E. Grimm	Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

## 9. Unfinished Business

By-Laws: Department approved copy sent to National. Finally approved by National on February 2,1998 with corrections noted. Corrections read by Commander Duffel. No discussion of same. Changes voted upon and accepted **unanimously**.

Sons of Veteran Reserves: The 9th Kentucky was deactivated. The 7th Military District was deactivated due to lack of a 3rd unit.

## 10. Committee Reports

Legislative Committee report read by Commander Duffel, committee chairman. Copy attached.

By-Laws Committee report skipped.

Membership Committee held no meetings.

A recess was called at 3:10pm Meeting reconvened at 3:25pm

## 11. New Business

Per Capita Tax for Department Revenue:

Brother Yates, PDC moved to establish such a tax. Motion seconded by Junior Vice Commander Anderson. Discussion was held on amount of Tax. SVC Anderson called for a vote on the motion of establishing the tax. Motion for tax passed. Discussion on amount of tax resumed.

Memphis Camp-Camp Commander Getman suggested \$2 per person.

Donelson Camp-PCC Smith suggested \$1 to \$2.

Farragut Camp-Brother Higginbottom wants money to be used for operating expenses only. Missionary Ridge-Brother Harned suggested pro-rating by age of camp.

Department Commander Duffel suggested exempting new camps for the first year.

Wilson Camp-Brother Howey suggested no more than \$2 and suggested a once per year payment.

Motion amended to exempt new camps for first full calendar year. Amendment passed. Camp Commander Getman moved for a \$2 per year tax. Motion seconded. Question by SVC Anderson as to number of members currently in department. Motion, as passed states "Two dollar (\$2.00) tax per member of each camp on the rolls as of March 31 of each year. New camps are exempted for their first full year. Honorary, Real Sons, Life Members and Junior Members are exempted."

Next Department Meeting:

Wilson Camp offered to host at Montgomery

Missionary Ridge Camp offered to host at Chattanooga

Farragut Camp hosted at Pickwick Lake last year.

Donelson Camp is this year's host.

Memphis Camp stated they were willing to host but suggested a more central location.

PDC Yates moved to hold the next annual Department Encampment in Chattanooga. Motion seconded and passed.

## 12. Awards

William H. Bell Membership Award -Ft. Donelson Camp #62

Henry Hoover Membership Award -Farragut Camp #6

Past Camp Commander Certificates

Presented to John Anderson by PDC Charles C. Yates; to Al Smith and Charles Yates by DC Ed Duffel.

Past Camp Commander Badge presented to Al Smith by DC Ed Duffel

Camp Commanders Howey and Harned appointed as National Aides.

Department Certificates of Appreciation presented to Camp Commander Harned, Camp Commander

Howey and Kim Hoover (absent.)

### 13. Election of Officers

(Isn't it strange that this comes up as item number thirteen? Just an observation by the Secretary)

Commander – Farragut Camp nominated Brother John Anderson. Seconded by Ft. Donelson Camp. No further nominations.

Senior Vice Commander – Donelson Camp nominated Al Smith, Farragut Camp seconded.

No further nominations.

Junior Vice Commander – Memphis Camp nominated Frank Harned. Donelson Seconded. No further nominations.

Secretary-No nominations received on first roll call of camps. After a brief caucus Dr. Clyde Getman nominated by Memphis Camp. Donelson Camp Seconded. No further nominations.

Treasurer-Every one having learned their lesson on the secretary nomination, Memphis Camp swiftly nominated Brother Getman. Donelson Camp Seconded. No further nominations.

Council (1 member)-Memphis Camp nominated Brother Allen Howey. Donelson Camp seconded. No further nominations.

Delegates-Brother Clyde Hayner nominated and seconded.

All nominees agreeing to serve the Secretary cast one vote for each and all were elected to office.

A recess was called at 4:04 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 4:07 pm

Department Commander Anderson's appointments:

Allen Howey	Patriotic Instructor
John Sering	Chaplain
Ron Odell	Historian
Shawn Atchley	Guide
Robert Neyman	Guard
J. T. Odell	Color Bearer
Barry R. Winn	Graves Registration
Major Clyde Hayner	Chief of Staff

All officers were duly installed by PDC Charles C. Yates. Commander Anderson addressed the camp, exhorting members to continue their support of the department. Officers call made for June 13, 1998 to begin departmental planning for the ensuing year.

### 14. Minutes

Minutes of the current meeting were read and amended as follows: 7th Military District deactivation, Real Sons exempt from Department Tax, and to note Article II section 3 of the by-laws which states that "Special meetings of the Department maybe called by the Department Commander, with the consent of the Department Council, and shall also be convened by the Department Commander upon the petition of a majority of the Camps, approved by their Brothers, provided that not less than fifteen (15) days notice of said meeting shall be given each Camp, but no business shall be transacted an any special

meeting other than for which it was called and the call for the special meetings shall state the object and purpose of same."

Motion made to accept the minutes as read and amended. Minutes so accepted.

Encampment closed at 4:47 pm.

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Department of Tennessee

Members of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, met for the Fourth Annual Encampment on April 9, 10, and 11, 1999, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### Opening of Encampment

Department Senior Vice Commander, Allen F. Smith opened the meeting at 2:20 PM.

### Roll-Call of Officers

Acting Department Secretary, PDC Edward J. Duffel, read the roll call of Department Officers.,

Commander-John E. Anderson -Absent  
Senior Vice Commander \* Allen F. Smith-Present  
Junior Vice Commander-Frank B. Harned -Present  
Secretary-Clyde J. Getman -Absent  
Treasurer-Clyde J. Getman-Absent  
Department Council-PDC Charles C. Yates -Absent  
PDC Edward J. Duffel -Present  
Allen W. Howey-Present  
Chief of Staff- Clyde Hayner-Absent  
Patriotic Instructor-Allen W. Howey -Present  
Chaplain-John S. Sering- Absent  
Guide-Shawn Atchley -Present  
Guard \* Robert Neyman Present  
Color Bearer-J.T Odell-Absent  
Historian-Ron Odell -Absent  
Graves Registration Officer \* Barry Winn -Present  
New Camp Organizer \* PDC Charles C. Yates-Absent  
Camp-At-Large Coordinator PDC Charles C. Yates-Absent

### Report on Credentials

Acting Department Secretary, PDC Edward J. Duffel read the credentials report as follows:

I Past Department Commander  
4 Camp Commanders  
2 Past Camp Commanders

Sultana Camp No. I

1 Camp Commander  
1 Camp Commander  
1 Past Camp Commander  
1 Delegate

Farragut Camp No. 6

1 Camp Commander

Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63

1 Past Camp Commander



	3 delegates
	3 alternates
Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1	1 Camp Commander
	2 Delegates

## Roll Call of Camps

All 5 Camps within the Department of Tennessee were represented at the 4th Annual Encampment and each was reported to be in good standing,

## Reports of Department Officers

Commander-No report was submitted. The acting secretary read a letter from the Department Commander to the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-Report read by Senior Vice Department Commander Allen F. Smith.

Junior Vice Commander \* Report read by Junior Vice Department Commander Frank B. Harned.

Secretary-Report submitted by Department Secretary, Clyde J. Getman, Read by acting Secretary, PDC Edward J. Duffel.

Treasurer- Report submitted by Department Treasurer, Clyde J. Getman. Read by acting Treasurer, PDC Edward J. Duffel.

Department Council-Report read by PDC Edward J. Duffel, member of Department Council

Chief of Staff - No report was submitted by Department Chief of Staff Clyde Hayner

Patriotic Instructor - Report read by Department Patriotic Instructor, Allan W. Howey.

Chaplain-No report was submitted by Department Chaplain, John S. \$ering

Graves Registration Officer - Department Graves Registration Officer Barry Winn had no report,

Historian - No report was submitted by Department Historian Ron Odell

New Camp Organizer \* No report was submitted by PDC CharlesC. Yates

Camp-at-large Coordinator-Report submitted by Camp-at-large Coordinator,PDC Charles C. Yates, and read by acting Department Secretary, PDC Edward J. Duffel.

## Communications and Resolutions

One communication was received from JVCinC Alan E. Peterson.

## Unfinished Business

Discussion on the Department Per capita tax approved at the 3rd Annual Encampment, April the 18th 1998, in Dover, Tennessee. Acting Department Secretary, PDC Edward J. Duffel, read to the Encampment the motion that was passed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Encampment regarding the Department per capita tax. After some discussion, a motion was made by Department Junior Vice Commander, Frank B. Harned " that all new Camps be exempt from the Department per capita tax if they were activated within 12 months of the due date of the per capita tax to the Department Treasurer. The due date is April the 1st of every calendar year. The amount will be \$2.00 per member, per year. The following members are exempt from the Department per capita tax, Real Sons, Life Members, Junior Members, and Honorary Members." Robert Neyman, Camp Commander, Sultana Camp No. 1, seconded this motion. Vote was all in favor, no one against.

## Reports of Department Committees

Legislative -Chairman, Department Commander John E. Anderson\* No report was submitted

By-laws - Chairman, Department Senior Vice Commander Allen F. Smith – Included with the Department Senior Vice Commander's Report.

Membership - Chairman, Department Junior Vice Commander Frank Harned - Included with the Department Junior Vice Commander's Report.

Graves Registration/Memorial Day/Remembrance Day - Chairman, Department Chaplain John S. Sering and Department Graves Registration Officer Barry Winn -No Report was submitted

## New Business

Motion was made to not allow Mr. Craig Courtney, former SUVCW Member and former Camp Commander of the Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, the privilege of using the title of Past Camp Commander. This motion was made by Past Department Commander Edward J. Duffel, currently the Camp Commander of Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, on behalf of the current membership of the Camp. Before discussion on this motion. PDC Duffel asked to make a statement reference this motion. After the statement was made, Robert Neyman, Camp Commander of Sultana Camp No. 1 seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote was all in favor, no one against with one abstention, Department Graves Registration Officer, Barry Winn.

Motion was made by Brother Thomas Bock of Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63 to rotate the site of the Department Encampment each year. This was seconded by Brother Ralph Scott of the Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1. The vote was all in favor and no one against.

Motion was made by Brother Allen W. Howey that the Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 and the city of Montgomery, Alabama be the host for the 2000 Department Encampment. A date will be determined as soon as possible. Brother Barry Winn of the Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 seconded this motion. The vote was all in favor and no one against.

Motion was made by PDC Edward J. Duffel, acting Department Secretary, on behalf of Department Secretary/Treasurer Clyde J. Getman that the Department of Tennessee establishes a checking account at a location within the Department. After some discussion, Department Junior Vice Commander Frank B. Harned seconded the motion. Vote was all for and no one against. Note that the motion was amended to appoint Brother Clyde J. Getman to serve as the Coordinator for this task.

PDC Edward J. Duffel, acting Department Secretary, made motion, on behalf of Department Secretary/Treasurer Clyde J. Getman that the reporting practices of the Camps be reviewed and a statement drawn up to assist the Camps in the preparation of reports. Brother Andrew J. Duffel seconded the motion and after much discussion, it was decided that the incoming Department Secretary/Treasurer would provide guidance for the Camp Secretary/Treasurer during the upcoming year on the proper procedures for completing the necessary forms. Vote was all for and no one against.

Motion was made by PDC Edward J. Duffel, acting Department Secretary, on behalf of Department Secretary/Treasurer Clyde J. Getman that the annual per capita assessment to the Department be collected with the report for January, February, and March and due on the 1st of April of each year. Department Graves Registration Officer Barry Winn seconded motion. Vote was all for and no one against.

Motion was made by PDC Edward J. Duffel, acting Department Secretary on behalf of Department Secretary/Treasurer Clyde J. Getman that the Department establishes guidelines for and approves a budget for April 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 based on anticipated income during the year. Department Patriotic Instructor Allan W. Howey seconded the motion. After much discussion, it was decided that the Department by-laws allows for maximum amounts of reimbursement for certain Department officers and with this being the first year of collecting Department per capita that not enough money would be remaining to substantiate a budget. Vote was no one for and all against

Motion was made by PDC Edward J. Duffel acting Department Secretary on behalf of Department Secretary/Treasurer Clyde J. Getman that the Department approves a resolution to adopt the Eagle Scout Certificate Program of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Robert Neyman, Camp Commander, Sultana Camp No. 1, seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was passed with a vote of all for and no one against.

## Awards

The Bell Award for recruiting the most new members during the past 12 months went to the Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63.

The Hoover Award for the largest increase in membership during the past 12 months went to the Sultana Camp No 1.

Department Senior Vice Commander, Brother Allen F. Smith read a Certificate that will be presented to the Daughters of Union Veterans Tent No. 2 of Tennessee in regards to Widow Janaway.

Past Camp Commander Certificates for 1998 went to PCC Frank B. Harned, Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63, PCC Clyde J. Getman, Sultana Camp No. 1, PCC Robert Higginbottom, Farragut Camp No. 6, and PCC Allan W. Howey, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1.

Department Certificate's of Appreciation were presented to Brother Allen F. Smith, Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Brother John S. Sering, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, Brother Warren F. Whitby, II, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, and Brother Barry L. Spink, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1.

Mrs. Kathy Smith, President of Fort Donelson Auxiliary No. 1 of Tennessee, administered the oath of the Ladies Auxiliary to Lacie J. Duffel and presented her with her Auxiliary Membership Badge.

## Nomination of Department Officers

Commander – Allen F. Smith, nominated by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. Seconded by Farragut Camp No. 6.

Senior Vice Commander – Frank B. Harned, nominated by Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63. Seconded by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1.

Junior Vice Commander- Clyde J. Getman, nominated by Sultana Camp No. 1. Seconded by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1.

Secretary - Allen W. Howey, nominated by Sultana Camp No. 1 Seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62.

Treasurer – Allen W. Howey, nominated by Sultana Camp No.1 Seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62.

Department Council – PDC Edward J. Duffel, nominated by Sultana Camp No. 1, Seconded by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1. PDC John E. Anderson, nominated by Sultana Camp No. 1. Seconded by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1. Brother Ralph Scott, nominated by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1. Seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62.

Delegates to the National Encampment for 1999 -Shawn Atchley, Farragut Camp No. 6, nominated by Sultana Camp No. 1 and seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. Barry Winn, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, nominated by Major General Wilson Camp No. 1 and seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. Glenn Winn, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 and seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. Frank B. Harned, Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63, nominated by Missionary Ridge Camp No. 63 and seconded by Sultana Camp No.1. Warren Whitby, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1, nominated by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 and seconded by Sultana Camp No. 1. Barry Spinks nominated by Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 and seconded by Sultana Camp No. 1.

Alternates to the 1999 National Encampment -A motion was made that any member of the SUVCW within the Department of Tennessee, who is in good standing at this time, may attend the 1999 National Encampment as an alternate delegate. Motion by the Sultana Camp No. 1 and seconded by Fort Donelson Camp No. 62. All members were reminded that they must have a signed credentials card from the Department Secretary,

All Brothers agreed to serve in the office they were nominated for.

Motion was made by PDC Edward J. Duffel that all nominated officers be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Brother Thomas Bock of Missionary Ridge No. 63. Vote was all for and no one against.

## Installation of Department Officers

PDC Edward J. Duffel served as the installing Officer for this Encampment. PDC Duffel conveyed thanks to outgoing Department Commander John E. Anderson and relieved him of Command of the Department and awarded him Past Department Commander Status and authorization to wear the Past Department Commander Badge.

Department Commander Elect, Allen F. Smith was asked for his list of Appointed Officers for the coming year. It reads as follows:

Chaplain - Shawn Atchley

Patriotic Instructor – Ralph Scott

Graves Registration -Barry Winn and Charles Engle

Communication and Technology - Allen F. Smith, PDC Edward J. Duffel, and Robert Neyman

Historian - William Shackelford

Guard - Robert Neyman

Guide – Andrew J. Duffel

Color Bearer - Barry Spink

New Camp Organizer – PDC Charles C. Yates

Camp-at-large Coordinator - PDC Charles C. Yates

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator – Clyde J. Getman

PDC Edward J. Duffel installed all officers.

## Closing Ceremonies

The 4th Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Edward J. Duffel, PDC

Acting Department Secretary

Minutes of the 5th Annual Encampment Department of Tennessee Sons of  
Union Veterans of the Civil War 18 March 2000  
Prepared by Allan W. Howey Former Secretary/Treasurer  
2 April 2000

The 5<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held in the Milo B. Howard Auditorium of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday, 18 March 2000. The Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1, Montgomery, Alabama, was the host camp.

The Department Council (Ed Duffel, John Anderson, and Ralph Scott) met with Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey in the Auditorium from 0915 to 1015 to discuss Department of Tennessee finances, etc. The Council report is attached with Department Officer Reports at Tab #2.

The Encampment opened at 1041 and closed at 1630.

- Opening Ceremonies –Presided over by Department Commander Allen Smith.
- Welcome to National Officers -Department Commander Allen Smith welcomed National Commander in-Chief Danny Wheeler and National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser. The Department Commander also welcomed National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, Sarah Anderson.
- Remarks from Commander-in-Chief Wheeler-Commander-in-Chief Wheeler presented greetings from the National Order. He also gave a short prepared speech and some informal remarks. He mentioned that the National membership fee was set at \$35 (fee to members joining the National Order directly, not the fee for new members joining individual camps). He also told us that the National Council of Administration would meet on 25 March 2000 in Erie, PA. Furthermore, he said that the National Order had a new award -a framed certificate for anyone forming three new camps in one calendar year; likewise any brother who recruited three or more members in a calendar year would be awarded with "National Aide" status. He also said that National Committees were monitoring Internet trading sites, such as "E-bay," looking for the sale of GAR grave markers. He then told the Encampment about awarding a "Silver Star" to Brother Jerry Orton for his excellent work with real sons and daughters and that the Order seemed close to a resolution of the Gettysburg GAR Hall issue that has plagued the STIVCW over the past few years. Finally, he discussed the SUVCW resolution of support for the Confederate battle flag, which will be debated again at the next National Encampment, and told the brothers assembled that the Order was starting to place blank SUVCW forms on its National website for downloading by Departments and Camps.
- Report on Credentials -Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey reported on credentials (registration information is attached at Tab 1). In addition to Brothers Danny Wheeler and Ed Krieser as National representatives, a total of 18 official Department/Camp delegates and one observer attended the meeting for a grand total of 19 Department brothers. (NOTE: All members of the Encampment, except for Wilson Camp Brothers Lauderbaugh, Addison, and Boutwell, were also Department officers. In addition, Wilson Camp Brother Glenn Winn attended as an observer and erroneously voted as a delegate; however, his vote did not affect the outcome of the various elections and resolutions.) Secretary/Treasurer Howey noted that the following Department officers and Camp delegates had registered and were present for the Encampment:
  - Department Commander -Allen Smith (PCC)
  - Department Senior Vice Commander -Frank Harned (PCC)
  - Department Junior Vice Commander -Clyde Getman (PCC)
  - Department Council Members -Ed Duffel (PDC), John Anderson (PDC), Ralph Scott (CC)
  - Department Secretary/Treasurer -Allan Howey (PCC)
  - Patriotic Instructor-Ralph Scott (CC)
  - Department Chaplain-Shawn Atchley (CC)



- Acting Department Guide-Tim Spink
- Department Guard-RobertNeyman(CC)
- Department Historian -William Shackleford(CC)
- Department Graves Registration Officers -Barry Winn, CharlesEngle
- Past Department Commander-CharlesYates(PDC)

- SultanaCamp#1 Delegates -RobertNeyman(CC), CharlesYates(PCC), Clyde Getman (PCC)
- Ft Donelson Camp #62 Delegates -Allen Smith (PCC), Ed Duffel (PDC)
- Farragut Camp #6 Delegates -ShawnAtchley (CC), JohnAnderson(PDC)
- Missionary Ridge Camp #63 Delegates -William Shackleford (CC), Frank Harned (PCC),CharlesEngle
- MG James H. Wilson Camp #1 Delegates -Ralph Scott (CC), Allan Howey (PCC), GeorgeLauderbaugt Carl Addisoq Walter Boutwell
- Col William P. Sanders Camp #1 Delegate -RobertQueen(CC)

- Greetings from the Auxiliary to the SUV CW -Mrs. Sarah Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor of the ASUVCW, thanked the Encampment members for supporting her efforts to raise money for the Auxiliary. She reported earning over \$100.
- Roll Call of Camps -Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey called the roll of Department of Tennessee Camps. As noted above in the "Report on Credentials," all Camps were represented.
- Reports of Department Officers--The following Department of Tennessee officers presented reports. All written reports are attached at Tab 2, except as noted below.

- Commander Allen Smith -attached
- Senior Vice Commander Frank Harned-attached
- Junior Vice Commander Clyde Getman-attached
- Secretary/Treasurer Allan Howey -attached
- Patriotic Instructor Ralph Scott -attached
- Department Council Chairman Ed Duffel -attached(also report of Fort Donelson Camp #62\
- Chaplain Shawn Atchley -attached
- Historian William Shackleford-oral report only
- Graves Registration CharlesEnglelBarry Winn -attached
- Sons of Veteran Reserve Representative Frank Harned -attached
- Eagle Scout Coordinator Clyde Getman -attached

- Communications& Resolutions-After a recess from 1207 to 1238,Secretary/TreasurerAllan Howey read an assortment of communications and resolutions, far too voluminous to list separately. Communications and resolutions are attached at Tab 3.
- Unfinished Business -After asking the Encampment delegates, Commander Allen Smith found no unfinished business to discuss.
- New Business -After a recess from 1311 to 1355 for a catered lunch, the Encampment considered the following items of new business.

- Brother John Anderson gave a report on the political situation in Tennessee, where the Governor was threatening state parks, such as Fort Pillow and other Civil War sites, with closure because of a tax revenue dispute. Brother Anderson urged delegates to send letters of protest to the Tennessee Governor. He then gave a report on the status of the last surviving Union widow, Mrs. Janeway. He stated that he was able to give Mrs. Janeway \$650 at Christmas to purchase a new water pump for her cabin and asked for further donations for her birthday in July.

- Brother Ed Duffel presented several motions as a result of the Department Council meeting:

- Moved to reserve \$100.00 of the Department Treasury for the next Department Encampment and to charge a \$5.00 registration fee for each attendee starting in 2001. Seconded by Robert Queen and Robert Neyman. Motion carried by a vote of 17 to 1.
- Moved to have the Bylaws Committee (chaired by new Senior Vice Commander Clyde Getman) send to Department Camps for approval an addition to the responsibilities of the Department Council to assess future Department Encampment expenses and recommend reserving a reasonable amount of the Department Treasury. Seconded by Frank Harned. Motion carried by a vote of 15 to 2.
- Moved to establish a Flag Committee to purchase a Department Flag and help Camps purchase Camp Flags, said committee to be chaired by the Department Patriotic Instructor and consisting of Camp Patriotic Instructors. Seconded by Charles Yates. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- Moved to reserve \$100.00 from the Department Treasury to purchase a Department Flag and ask for donations from individuals and each Camp for the balance of the purchase. All collected money will be deposited in the Department Treasury and "fenced" for the purchase of the Department Flag. The Department Treasurer will report the status of the Flag Fund to the Department Patriotic Instructor. (OTE: PDC John Anderson will actually purchase the flag.) Seconded by Ralph Scott. Motion carried by a vote of 12 to 5.
- Moved to have the Bylaws Committee (chaired by new Senior Vice Commander Clyde Getman) look at the duties of the Department Council and more closely align the Council's duties with those of the National Council of Administration. Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

-Encampment delegates discussed the issue of Department Members-at-Large. Currently the Department has one such paid member, Brother Carrington Montague of the Chattanooga area (\$15.00 dues paid in the summer of 1999). Discussion centered on who was responsible for contacting such members and ensuring that their dues were paid. No motions were presented and no resolution of the issue took place.

-Moved to have the Department Secretary/Treasurer place a Department ad in the National Encampment program each year with costs borne by the Department Treasury to a maximum of \$10. Seconded by Tim Spink. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

-Encampment delegates discussed who would attend the 2000 National Encampment as Department of Tennessee delegates. Six delegates are authorized based upon the current number of members within the Department. Shawn Atchley and Charles Engle were volunteers.

- Moved to nominate all Department Encampment delegates as delegates to the National Encampment with ALL Department of Tennessee members eligible to serve as alternate delegates. Seconded by Clyde Getman. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

-Moved to hold the 2001 Department Encampment in Memphis, TN; hosted by the Sultana Camp. Date will be announced. Seconded by Ed Duffel, Frank Harned, and John Anderson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

-John Anderson announced that he would escort the lady who lays the Union wreath at the Shiloh Memorial Day ceremony in May. He said that this would be the first time the lady will be escorted by a representative of the SUVCW.

- Awards -Commander Allen Smith presented the following awards (some data at Tab #4) and certificates:
  - Bell Award (most new brothers)-Missionary RidgeCamp#63; William Shackelford-accepting
  - Hoover Award (largest percentage growth) -Missionary Ridge Camp #63; William Shackelford accepting
  - Department Certificates of Appreciation to: .
    - Barry Spink (Wilson) -representing the SUVCW at the SCV convention .
    - Robert Queen(Sanders)-forming new Sanders Camp
    - ShawnAtchley (Farragut)-meritorious service to Camp and Department
  - Meritorious Achievement Award -Frank Harned (Missionary Ridge)
  - Best Camp Award -Fort Donelson Camp #62;Ed Duffel accepting
  - Past Camp Commander Certificates to:
    - Shawn Atchley (Farragut)
    - 'Robert Neyman (Sultana) .
    - Allan Howey (Wilson) .
    - Edward Duffel (Fort Donelson) .
    - Mark Kemp (MissionaryRidge)
  - Best Camp Newsletter-MG James H. Wilson Camp #1; Ralph Scott accepting
  - Best Camp Scrapbook -Fort Donelson Camp #62;Ed Duffel accepting
  - Most Outstanding Department Member -Charles Engle (Missionary Ridge)
  - Past Auxiliary SUVCW President Pin-Kathy Smith (Fort DonelsonAuxiliary)
- Nomination & Election of Officers -After a short recess from 1532 to 1545, the Encampment nominated and elected the following officers (complete listing at Tab #5) for the year 2000:
  - Commander: Frank Harned
    - Nominatedby Farragut; seconded by Missionary Ridge
    - 'Nominations closed by Fort Donelson; seconded by John Anderson
    - Unanimous vote'
  - SeniorVice Commander: Clyde Getman .
    - Nominated by Sultana; seconded by Fort Donelson .
    - Nominations closed by Sultana; seconded by Ed Duffel .
    - Unanimous vote
  - Junior Vice Commander: Allan Howey .
    - Nominated by Wilson; seconded by Sanders ,
    - Nominations closed by Sultana; seconded by Ed Duffel .
    - Unanimous vote
  - Secretary|Treasurer: CharlesEngle .
    - Nominated by Farragut; seconded by Missionary Ridge .
    - Nominations closed by Sultana; seconded by Ed Duffel .
    - Unanimous vote
  - DepartmentCouncil : Allen Smith .
    - Nominated by Missionary Ridge; seconded by Sanders .
    - Also nominated was Barry Winn -nominated by Wilson; seconded by Fort Donelson
    - Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler mentioned this was in contradiction to the National Constitution and Regulations; the Past Department Commander should automatically be placed on the Department Council; Department Bylaws should be revised to incorporate this provision
    - By show-of-hands vote 11 for Allen Smith; 3 for Barry Winn
- Installation of Offrcers -Frank Harned requested that Commander-in-Chief Danny Wheeler install the new officers. During the Installation Ceremony, Rita Harned pinned the Department Commander Badge on Frank, and Kathy Smith pinned the Past Department Commanderbadge on Allen.

- Moment of Silence -A moment of silence was observed for two people, associated with the Department of Tennessee, who passed away over the last year: Dan Haire of the Sultana Camp and Martha Smith.mother of Allen Smith.
- Approval of Minutes Secretary/Treasurer(new Junior Vice Commander) Allan Howey read the draft minutes of the Encampment. Approved by acclamation.
- Closing Ceremonies-Presided over by new Department Commander Frank Harned. The next Department of Tennessee Encampment will be held in Memphis, TN, and will be hosted by the Sultana Camp (dates to be announced).

Submitted Respectfully in F, C, & L,

ALLAN W. HOWEY, Former Secretary/Treasurer Department of Tennessee

## D.6 6<sup>th</sup> Encampment Minutes

### SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

#### Department of Tennessee

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Tennessee Department, SUVCW, convened 31 Mar 2001 , at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis, Tenn.

Before the opening of the Encampment, all National Officers present were welcomed and introduced:

Brother George L. Powell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Sister Sarah Anderson, Nat'l Ass't Guard, DUVCW

Brother John Anderson, PDC, Nat'l Membership-at-Large Coordinator

The Department Commander, Brother Frank Harned officially opened the Encampment in compliance with our Ritual.

Brother Powell then addressed the Encampment with several pertinent issues:

- Problems with the Banner, (difficulties with the printing, need for a new editor, possibility of selling advertising and enlarging it):
- Life membership, (this program would emerge, revised, but with increased fees):
- National is searching for candidates to fill two positions,(National Secretary and National Treasurer):

#### Roll Call of Department Officers

The Department Secretary proceeded with the Roll Call:

Department Commander	Frank Harned	Present
Department Senior Vice Commander	Clyde Getman	Present
Department Junior Vice Commander	Allan Howey	Present
Department Secretary/Treasurer	Charles Engle	Present
Department Council	John Anderson, PDC	Present
Department Chief of Staff	Robert Queen	Present
Department Patriotic Instructor	Shawn Atchley, PCC	Present
Department Camp Organizer	Charles Yates, PDC	Present
Department Guard	Robert Neyman	Present

All other Department Officers were absent.

## Report on Credentials

### Department Secretary reported Credential Certification

Farragut	6 delegates authorized	2 present(John Anderson, PDC, Shawn Atchley, PCC)
Fort Donelson	9 delegates authorized	None present
Missionary Ridge	9 delegates authorized	2 present (Frank Harned, DC, Charles Engle, CC)
Sanders	6 delegates authorized	1 present (Robert Queen, CC)
Sultana	7 delegates authorized	3 present (Charles Yates, PDC, Clyde Getman, CC, Robert Neyman
Taylor	2 delegates authorized	None present
Wilson	6 delegates authorized	1 present(Allan Howey,PCC)

The above listed as present are certified as delegates for this Department of Tennessee Encampment, 2001.

### Roll Call of Camps

All seven camps of the Department of Tennessee are in good standing and their delegates are fully accredited. Five camps represented and two absent.

### Reports of Department Officers

Necrology Report: There was one reported death in the Department - Brother Babaley of Camp Sanders. . The Department held a moment of respectful silence and then CC Robt. Queen spoke a few words in his memory.

The following officers gave their reports which are attached: Department Commander, Dept. Senior Vice Commander, Dept. Junior Vice Commander, Patriotic Instructor, and Eagle Scout Coordinator.(These reports are in the care of the Department Secretary's files) All reports submitted were approved.

### Communications and Resolutions

The Dept. Sec had no recent communications to present. Prior to the last four months, information was passed through a bi-monthly report. These are in the department files. Solicitations for support for candidates were scanned; the National Commander-in-Chief Ed Krieser sent regrets that he was unable to attend this Encampment. Department Commander Harned announced that we were now part of the Central Division. There were no resolutions introduced.



## Unfinished Business

By-laws Committee: It was moved to have the Committee send to the camps for approval an addition to the responsibilities of the Department Council to assess future Encampment expenses and recommend reserving a reasonable amount of the Dept. treasury for these expenses. No changes in the Department bylaws were proposed at this time.

Department Flag: D.C. Harned gave a status report . The flag is unfinished but is in the process of being made by the Blockade Runner. The final cost is not yet determined. It is the hope that the flag will be delivered by The Western Spring Memorial.

## New Business

Department Meeting Site 2002: A discussion of next year's meeting site showed the delegates preferred holding the Encampment in a location more central to the camps of the Department than continuing with a camp host rotation. The Franklin/Murfreesboro area near Nashville was mentioned. Brother Anderson proposed Northern Alabama, in the Huntsville/Decatur area. The Department Commander is to select a committee to organize the Encampment.

National Encampment Delegates: A request for delegates brought forth the following Brothers-J. Anderson, PDC, Charles Engle, C. Getman, DC, F. Harned, PDC. Sultana then moved that all Department Brothers be elected Acting Delegates. Seconded by Wilson.

Champ McPherson: CC Queen gave a background sketch of the camp which had its beginning as a Camp-at-Large. The camp fell on hard times but is now in good standing. They have requested membership in the Department of Tennessee. Robt. Queen, CC, had done much of the organizing work with the camp in order to bring it up to standard and moved to that it should be accepted. J. Anderson, PDC, seconded. After discussion it was decided to amend the motion to include the entire state of Georgia, not just McPherson in the Atlanta area, to be eligible for admission into the Dept of Tennessee. The vote to include the entire state of Georgia was unanimous. The vote to include McPherson was unanimous.

## Awards

The Bell Award for recruiting the most new members was shared by Ft. Donaldson and Missionary Ridge. The Hoover Award for the largest increase in membership went to Camp Sultana.

Past Camp Commander certificates went to Brothers:

Farragut-Shawn Atchley,

Ft Donaldson-Andrew Duffel.

Missionary Ridge-William Shackleford,

W. P. Sanders-Robt. Queen,

Sultana-Clyde Getman,

Wilson-Ralph Scott III.

Department Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

Sarah Anderson, Nat'l Ass't Guard, DUVCW;

John Anderson, PDC, Nat'l M-a-L Coordinator;

Ch Engle, Dept Sec/Tres.

Outstanding Camp Award went Missionary Ridge '63.

Outstanding Member Award to Robt Queen, CC Sanders.

The award for best camp newspaper went to Ft. Donaldson.

#### Nomination of Department Officers

Office	Candidates Vote	Nominated by	Seconded by
Commander	Clyde Getman Unanimous	Sultana	Wilson
SVC	Allan Howey Unanimous	Sultana	Farragut
JVC	Charles Engle Unanimous	Wilson	Sanders
Sec/Treas	Shawn Atchley Unanimous	Farragut	Missionary Ridge
Council	Frank Harned-2 yr Unanimous	Sultana	Farragut
Council	Robert Queen-1 yr Unanimous	Wilson	Sultana

All Brothers who were nominated agreed 2 serve.

#### Installation of Department Officers

National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell served as the Installing Officer. The Delegates applauded now Past Department Commander and his wife decorated him his badge. For the term 2000/1 Department Commander Clyde Getman was honored with his Badge of Office by his wife. The listing of appointed officers was not complete at the close of the meeting and will be attached to these minutes at a later date.

#### Closing Ceremonies

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The 6th annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War was concluded in accordance with the prescribed Ritual of the Order at 2:00PM, 31 Mar 01.

Respectfully submitted, Humbly, in

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Ch Engle, Department Secretary/Treasurer

## Minutes 7th Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee

### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

#### Madison, Alabama

Saturday, 2 March 2002

The 7th Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee, SUVCW, convened on 2 March 2002 in the Apollo Room of the Radisson Hotel in Madison, Alabama.

- Council Meeting:

Before opening the Encampment, the Department Council met from 8:30 AM to 9 AM for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget prepared by the Department Secretary/Treasurer, and for reviewing the financial records of the Department. Present were Council members Allen Smith, PDC, and Frank Harned, PDC, and Department Secretary/Treasurer Shawn Atchley, PCC.

- Memorial Service:

Just before the opening of the Encampment, Department Chaplain John Anderson, PDC, conducted a brief memorial service for departed Brothers Thomas F. Hayes and John M. Hicks. Chaplain Anderson draped the Department charter in black.

- At 10 AM, Department Commander Clyde J. Getman officially opened the Encampment in compliance with our Ritual.

Sister Sarah Anderson greeted the Encampment on behalf of the DUVCW and SUVCW Auxiliary. She introduced guest Sister Sue Ann Falco of the DUVCW and husband Joseph.

- The Department Secretary proceeded with the Roll Call of the Department officers:

Commander	Clyde J. Getman, PCC	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Allan W. Howey, PCC -	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Charles Engle -	Present
Secretary	Shawn Atchley, PCC -	Present
Treasurer	Shawn Atchley, PCC -	Present
Department Council:	Allen F. Smith, PDC -	Present;
	Frank B. Harned, PDC -	Present;
	Robert Queen PCC -	Absent
Chaplain	John E. Anderson, PDC -	Present
Historian	Charles C. Yates, PDC -	Absent
Counselor	Allen F. Smith, PDC -	Present

Graves Registration Officer	Davi E Milam, PCC -	Present
Department Organizer	FrankB. Harned, PDC -	Present
Webmaster	Allen F. Smith,PDC -	Present
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Clyde J Getman, PCC -	Present

Commander Getman assigned Brother Brian Hogan as Patriotic Instructor and Guide and Brother Sid Gaddy as Guard. These positions and the Memorials Officer were vacant.

- The Department Secretary reported Credential Certification:

Sultana	7 delegates authorized,	1 present (Clyde Getman, PCC)
Ft Donelson	9 delegates authorized,	1 present (Allen Smith,PDC)
Farragut-	6 delegates authorized,	2 present(JohnAnderson,PDC; ShawnAtchley, PCC)
Missionary Ridge	8 delegates authorized,	1 present (Frank Harned, PDC)
Wilson -	5 delegates authorized,	3 present(Allan Howey, PCC, Frank Patton; Barry Winn)
Sanders	5 delegates authorized,	1 present (Charles Engle)
Taylor	4 delegates authorized	4 present(David Milam, PCC; Sid Gaddy; Geoffrey Hintze; Brian Hogan)

All seven Camps of the Department are in good standing and their delegates were fully accredited. All seven Camps were represented.

- The following Department officers gave their reports. These reports are in the care of the Department Secretary files. All reports submitted were approved.

Commander

Senior Vice Commander

Junior Vice Commander

Secretary/Treasurer- included proposed budget

Chaplain

Graves Registration Officer

Department Organizer

## Eagle Scout Coordinator

- Encampment recessed at 12 PM for lunch. Reconvened at 1:15 PM.
- Communications received were too numerous to read. The Secretary stated he did not see any that would require action by the Brothers assembled. Commander Getman directed that . these be placed near the entrance to the meeting room for inspection by any Brother interested. These are in the Department files. There were no resolutions introduced.
- Unfinished Business -None.
- New Business.

Brother Smith moved to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Brother Harned seconded. Vote to accept was unanimous.

Brother Howey presented copies of the journal, *The Civil War Courier*, and gave information on subscriptions.

Brother Howey presented a recommendation to amend the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations regarding absentee ballots at Camp meetings (paper concerning this in Department Files). This would be to allow absentee voting when camps could not attain quorums. Discussion followed. It was suggested that this only be done by registered mail. Brother Gaddy made motion to accept recommended amendment. Seconded. Voting was done by Camp, with all voting unanimously in favor of submitting the recommendation to National. Department Commander directed Brother Howey to present his recommended amendment to National. Discussion on problems with maintaining a Department Member-at-Large organization. Several Brothers commented on difficulties trying to maintain contact with Members-at-Large. No votes were taken on matter, but it was agreed by all those expressing an opinion that Members-at-Large should be encouraged to join a Camp nearest them.

- Recessed at 2PM. Reconvened at 2:25PM.

### New Business (continued):

Discussion was made as to where to hold next Department Encampment. Motion made by Brother Atchley to continue using a central location in Department, such as Madison. Seconded by Brother Smith. Discussion followed on pros and cons of this, with no vote being taken.

Invitation given by Brother Hogan on behalf of Taylor Camp to attend a Sunday morning worship service the next day in Madison.

Invitation given by Brother Hogan on behalf of Taylor Camp to attend an upcoming historical tour.

Brother Harned reminded Brothers of the upcoming Spring Memorial event in Chattanooga in April, and encouraged all to attend.

Discussion on what to do with remaining \$32 in Department flag fund. Brother Howey presented a motion to rename the flag fund the "Flag and Equipment Fund" and to add money left over from this Encampment's registration fees(money remaining after paying hotel bill). The fund would be used to purchase station banners, altar cloth, Alabama and Tennessee state flags, and any other equipment required by the Department. Seconded by Brother Atchley. Vote was unanimous to change the fund in this manner.

- Nomination of Department Officers.

Department Commander.

Sultana Camp nominated Allan Howey  
Farragut seconded nomination for Howey  
Brother Howey agreed to serve if elected.

Department Senior Vice Commander.

Farragut nominated Charles Engle  
Missionary Ridge seconded Engle  
Brother Engle agreed to serve if elected.

Department Junior Vice Commander.

Farragut nominated Shawn Atchley  
Missionary Ridge seconded Atchley  
Brother Atchley agreed to serve if elected.

Department Secretary/Treasurer

Wilson nominated Steve Pearce  
Taylor seconded Pearce  
Brother Pearce agreed to serve if elected.

Department Council

It was agreed that Commander Getman was entitled to a seat on the Council as PDC. In addition, due to the resignation of Brother Queen Brother David Milam was nominated by the Wilson Camp to serve; seconded by Fort Donelson. Brother Getman and Milam both agreed to serve. PDC Frank Harned has one year remaining on his two-year Council term.

- Election of Department Officers:

Brother Hintze made a motion for a blanket ballot to elect above nominated officers, Seconded by Brother Anderson. All voted in favor of the above named candidates.

- Installation of Department Officers:

Brother Anderson, as National Member-at-Large Coordinator, acted as installing officer. Installation of Department Officers was conducted according to our Ritual. Officers took their stations. The DC badge was pinned on Commander Howey by his wife, Barbara. The PDC badge was pinned on Brother Getman by his wife, Suzanne.



- Department Awards: PDC Getman presented Department Awards:

Bell Award -Taylor Camp

Hoover Award -Taylor Camp

Certificates of Appreciation went to Brothers David Milam, PCC, and Brian Hogan for their work in helping to create Taylor Camp and helping it grow over the past year.

Outstanding Camp -Taylor Camp for its strong and continued growth over the year.

Outstanding Member –Frank Harned, PDC, for his work in bringing about the Spring Memorial Event in Chattanooga.

Best Newsletter-Taylor Camp.

Best Scrapbook-Missionary Ridge.

Past Camp Commander Certificates awarded to:

Sultana	Clyde Getman
Fort Donelson	Kenneth Early
Farragut	Billy Darnell
Missionary Ridge	Tim Matthews
Wilson	Allan Howey
Sanders	Robert Queen
Taylor	David Milam

- New Commander Remarks:

Commander Howey thanked the Brothers assembled for electing him to office of Department Commander. He also thanked all present for their dedication to the Order. He then suggested holding the next Department Encampment sometime during first two weeks in March 2003. Next, he directed that a committee -Senior Vice Commander(Charles Engle), Junior Vice Commander (Shawn Atchley), and Secretary/Treasurer(Steve Pearce)-plan the next Encampment.

Commander Howey asked the SUV CW in Tennessee/Alabama to accept a "mission" for the next year –graves registration. He encouraged all members to try to submit a minimum of 10 grave registration forms to the new Department Graves Registration Officer, Brian Hogan, for a total of approximately 1000 registered graves. Commander Howey called this “Project 10-

1000."

Commander Howey also asked all Camps to submit current membership rosters to the Secretary/Treasurer with their next quarterly report so that the Department Commander may issue at least one newsletter during his term. To support his newsletter, he asked all Camp Commander sand Secretaries to include a short "how goes it" report with each quarterly report. This "how goes it" report should briefly summarize the activities of the Camp over the preceding three months.

Brother Howey read a list of his appointed officers:

Chaplain	John Anderson, PDC
Patriotic Instructor	David Milam, PCC
Historian	Charles Yates, PDC
Counselor	Allen Smith, PDC
Graves Registration Officer	Brian Hogan
Department Organizer	Frank Harned, PDC
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Clyde Getman, PDC
Webmaster	Allen Smith, PDC
Color Bearer	Sid Gaddy
Guide	vacant
Guard	vacant

- Election of delegates to National Encampment in Springfield, Ill.

Camps to elect delegates to attend, as per requirements in the Constitution & Regulations

[Commander Howey note: After the Encampment, this procedure was found to be in error. The Constitution & Regulations requires us to elect delegates at the Department Encampment and not wait for the Camps, and submit the list of delegates on the Farm 49, "Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers." Therefore, Commander Howey appoint sall those who expressed an interest in attending the National Encampment as formal Department delegates: Commander Howey, Senior Vice Commander Charles Engle, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Pearce, Council Member David Milam, Council Member/PDC Clyde Getman, Graves Registration Officer Brian Hogan, and Chaplain/PDC John Anderson.]

- Miscellaneous Remarks:

Brother Anderson reminded Brothers present of the upcoming Lincoln Death Day and Day of Remembrance events.

- . Approval of Minutes:

Brother Atchley read the minutes of 7th Encampment, Department of Tennessee. Brother Gaddy moved that the minutes be approved as read, seconded by Brother Engle. All voted in favor.

- Closing of Meeting:

The 7th Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee, SUVCW was concluded in accordance with the prescribed Ritual of the Order at 4:30 PM. 2 March 2002.

Respectfully submitted in F C & L,

Approved:

SHAWN ATCHLEY

CLYDE GETMAN

Secretary/Treasurer (Outgoing)

Commander (Outgoing)

**Minutes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Department of Tennessee, Eight Encampment,  
March 1, 2003.  
Location: Radisson Hotel, Madison Alabama.**

**Council Meeting:**

Morning of March 1.

Attended by Clyde Getman, Al Howey, Charles Engle, David Milam, and Steve Pearce.

Purpose: To review books and Treasurer's Accounts for previous year.

Previous 12 months Budget Approved

Budget for next 12 months discussed;

- Discussion to move Bank Account to Huntsville Teachers Credit Union to avoid \$2 per month balance charge.
- \$150 set aside for National members to travel to Department Encampments

At 10am, Department Commander Al Howey brought the Department of Tennessee Encampment to order.

Brother Atchley verified all present were in good standing.

Brother Pearce calls Department Officers roll call.

Brother Anderson open Bible and leads the Department in Prayer.

Brother Atchley escorts guests to altar for introduction.

Brother Anderson spoke of the various memorials.

Brother Pearce led Camp roll call.

Officer Reports:

Commander Howey: Declared that the Department of Tennessee owes the Department of Ohio a word of thanks for attending the widow Janeway funeral. Brother Anderson to send report and names of those that attend from the Department of Ohio.

Brother Hogan commended for his effort as Department Grave Registration Chairman.

Other officers gave their report.

At 11:45am the Department of Tennessee secured for lunch. Brother Anderson closed Bible.

At 1pm Brother Howey reconvened the Encampment with Brother Anderson opening the Bible.

Brother Howey discussed the proper wearing of badges

Brother Pearce proposed the ninth Encampment be held in Madison Alabama the Saturday of February 28<sup>th</sup> or March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Charter of the Col Robert Byrd Camp presented to Byrd Camp Commander Charles Engle.

Department of Tennessee voted by proclamation, on the request of Brother Duffel, that Brother Holmes be reported as a Past Camp Commander. Proper documentation presented.

Discussion on delegates to the National Encampment to be held August 7-10 in Ft. Mitchell Kentucky. All Past Department Commanders considered separate then delegates. Department voted and elected any brother wishing to attend as an alternate until date of National encampment. Those in attendance, at the National Encampment, to be considered Department delegates. Delegates authorized are 1 for each 25 members in a Department. Department of Tennessee number to be based on the number of members reported in the annual report.

Resolution to explore options dealing with the cabin of Civil War widow Janeaway. Committee of Brothers Anderson and Patton with Sarah Anderson to explore options. Communications between Brother Anderson and Mr. Grubb (the representative of the cabin property) to commence.

Money for the funeral expenses of Mrs. Janeway to be sent to Dual Grubb 209 Woodman St., Athens Tn. 37303-4243.

Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Mr. Box who assisted in the Graves registration project.

#### Awards

Certification of Appreciation to Brother Anderson for the care provided to widow Janeway

Certification of Appreciation to Brother Atchley for service above and beyond the call of duty



Certification of Appreciation to Brother Engle for keeping the Sanders Camp going while also serving as Byrd Camp Commander.

Certification of Appreciation to Brother Dobbs for most outstanding member.

Certification of Appreciation to Brothers Beeler Dobbs, and Harned, for their work in Grave Registration..

Brothers nominated and elected as the Department of Tennessee Officers for March 2003-March 2004. Officers installed by Past National Commander Kreiser. Officers are:

Cmdr	Charles Engle, PCC
SviceCmdr	Steve Pearce
JviceCmdr	Shawn Atchley, PCC
SecTreas	Geoffrey Hintze
Council	A. Howey, PDC
	C. Getman, PDC
	D. Milam, PCC
Patriotic Ins	D. Milam, PCC
Chaplain	John Anderson, PDC
Counselor	A. Smith PDC
Historian	C Yates, PDC
GRO	Brian Hogan
Organizer	
Eagle Scout	C. Getman, PDC
Webmaster	A Smith, PDC
Color Bearer	S. Gaddy

Standing Orders from Brother Charles are as follows:

Dept Order #1-The newly elected Dept of Tenn officers thank the brothers for their support in placing us in position of leadership and will do their utmost to maintain your confidence;

Dept Order #2-The Dept Commander thanks all past Dept and Camp Officers for their work in bringing the Dept to level where it is now;

Dept Order #3-The Dept Commander requests all camps to inform him as promptly as practicable as to the installation date of their camp officers for the year 2004. The reason being the Dept Co will attempt to attend the installation;

Dept Order #4- All camps are urged to prepare plans for Memorial Day services, by the Camp or individually.

Brother Charles also suggested that the Senior Vice Commander collect material for publication in the Banner. Dues are due on the April Quarterly report.

Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War closed by Department Commander Engle. Brother Anderson properly closed meeting with prayer.

## **Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Encampment Department of Tennessee 28 February 2004**

Department Commander Charles Engle opened the 9th Encampment of the Department of Tennessee-held at the Highlands Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. Brother Engle thanked all the Brothers for their assistance during the previous year. Brother Gordon Cottrell, acting in place of the Department Chaplin, opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance, and America's Creed were recited.

The Department Secretary, Brother Geoffrey Hintze, called the Roll of Officers. In attendance were the Department Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer, Graves Registration Officer and Council Clyde Getman, PDC. Absent were Council Allan Howey, PDC, Council and Patriotic Instructor David Milam, PCC, Chaplain John Anderson, PDC, Historian Charles Yates, PDC, Counselor Tommy Smith, CC and Webmaster Allen Smith, PDC.

The Department Secretary called the Roll of Camps. In attendance were Sultana (1 member), Farragut (1 member), Missionary Ridge (2 members), Pvt. Richard Taylor (5 members) and Byrd (1 member). Fort Donelson, Wilson and Sanders were absent. Several additional brothers from Camps Missionary Ridge and Richard Taylor attended the meeting during the course of the encampment. Brother Chad Walker (Missionary Ridge) was present and recognized for his overseas tour of duty as a Medical Technician, USAF, at a base in Turkey.

Brother Hintze gave the Necrology Report. Brother Madison Waldon Gadberry passed away 31 October 2003. Brother Gadberry was the son of Milton Granville Gadberry who served as a Private with Co H of the 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry. We also lost Mrs. Nello (Nell) Ingle Wilson, daughter of Adam Frank Ingle, Pvt. Co B, 4<sup>th</sup> Reg't Tennessee Mtd. Infantry.

### **Officers Reports**

The Department Officers gave their reports. Copies of the reports of Department Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary/Treasurer and Graves Registration Officer will be included in the Department minutes as appendixes.

### **Correspondence**

Brother Hintze introduced correspondence from Charles E Kuhn, Jr., PDC. Brother Kuhn is a candidate for a seat on Council of Administration. He also is Co-Chairman of the SUVCW National Committee on Civil War Heritage Defense Fund to help combat the loss of our heritage. This committee is raising funds to combat individuals who purchase Civil War monuments for profit.

Brother Engle introduced correspondence to help restore the Traditional Day of observance for

Memorial Day. Also, correspondence to help honor Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Lincoln at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield. Also a note from the Dept of Wisc. advocating NSVC Steve Michaels for advancement to the of ice of NCiC at the coming National Encampment.

## Unfinished Business

At the 8<sup>th</sup> Encampment, a offer was presented to the Department of Tennessee to manage the Widow Janeway's home. Brother John Anderson had the action to look into it. Brother Anderson has not reported back. Brother Hogan suggested that we check with the State of Tennessee for help. It was decided that although this was a most worthy project. It is beyond the resources of the Tenn. Dept to manage it.

## New Business

Brother Getman presented a motion to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> Encampment at the Shiloh NBP area with Camp Farragut as the host. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was presented to hold the Encampment as close to March 1 as possible but must be before April 1, 2005. This motion was seconded and passed.

A discussion was made to possibly getting a medal commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Encampment in 2005. The cost per medal is projected to be \$10 or less. Brother Engle will devise a design and contact a source to produce the medal.

Brother Hogan suggested that the Department get together with the Ladies of Knoxville for grave identification and registration.

A motion was made for the new Department Commander to appoint a Liaison Officer to coordinate details with respect any Allied Orders. The motion carried.

Brother Engle passed around a drawing of the symbol of the Army of the Cumberland and proposed that the Department of Tennessee adopt it as the Departments symbol. Brother Getman gave a motion to adopt the symbol as our symbol. The motion was seconded and carried.

The 2004 National Encampment in Cedar Rapids was discussed. Brother Getman proposed that all members of the Department in good standing be considered as alternates to the Encampment. The motion was seconded and passed.

## Awards

- Brother Hogan (Camp Taylor) was given the Department outstanding Service Award.
- The past Camp Commander awards were handed out.
- Brother James Durham (Camp Missionary Ridge) was given an award for his outstanding efforts in graves registration.

- Brother Robert Dobbs (Camp Missionary Ridge) was given an award for his efforts in exhibiting the principles Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty in assisting Brother Frank Harned and his wife.
- The Wilson Camp, Brother Bush, editor, was given the outstanding newsletter award.
- The Missionary Ridge Camp was awarded the Department Most outstanding camp.

## Election of Officers

Brother Pearce was nominated for Department Commander

Brother Atchley was nominated for Senior Vice Commander

Brother Hintze was nominated for Junior Vice Commander

Brother Engle was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer with the stipulation that he was not going to pass through the rotation of line officers again; and would cheerfully yield the office if anyone came forward with the approval of the Dept Commander and Council.

Brother Engle and Brother Harned were nominated for Department Council.

The officers were unanimously elected.

Brother Getman installed the officers and Brother Pearce assumed the symbolic gavel and the badge of his office. Commander Pearce thanked those who voted with confidence in his election as Department Commander.

Commander Pearce appointed Brother Charles Engle as Liaison Officer to coordinate details with respect any Allied Orders.

With no unfinished business the Commander closed the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Dept of Tenn., SUVCW, at 12:30 pm with Brother Cottrell closing with prayer.

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE 2005 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

The Encampment was held at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Counce, Tennessee on 22 January 2005 at 9:10 AM CST.

Dept. Commander Steve Pearce opened the meeting according to the Ritual of the Order. A ten minute recess was called to sort out the delegate count with the following results:

DC- S. Pearce, Taylor Camp  
SVC- S. Atchley, Farragut Camp  
JVC- G. Hintze, Taylor Camp  
S/T- C. Engle , PDC, Byrd Camp  
Delegates- S. Gant, Fort Donelson Camp  
C. Getman , PDC, Sultana Camp  
T. Hackett, Taylor Camp  
F. Harned, PDC, Missionary Ridge Camp

Upon resumption of the mtg, Bro. Don Darby, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief was introduced and made several remarks: he brought greetings from the National Headquarters to the Dept.,; explained that several of the reporting forms were being revised (eventually a form would be created that would standardize all camp rosters, all forms would be available through the SUVCW internet site); prices were to rise up to 5% for certain articles from the Nat'l QM. In addition a \$5 charge would be needed for insurance on orders over \$100.

The wives present were introduced: Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Atchley and Mrs. Harned.

There were no committee reports.

The Necrology report was given: Bro. Billy Joe Darnell, PCC (Farragut), Bro. Taylor (Missionary Ridge), Bro. Neuman (Missionary Ridge). Bro. Atchley spoke of Bro. Darnell and Brothers Harned and Engle spoke of Brothers Taylor and Nueman. The Dept. charter was draped in black.

Camp reports were called for: Farragut - difficulty in getting members out for mtgs, but was active with the Allied Orders in conducting Memorial Day observances. Fort Donelson - Bro. Gant was not familiar enough with the Camp's activities to give a report. Missionary Ridge - successful year in conducting the business of the Order, held 3 Memorial Day services among other monthly activities. Sultana - relatively inactive year. Taylor - active year with Memorial Day services, monthly meetings as well as email newsletter. Byrd - difficulty in conducting meetings, has raised \$1500 for monument in City Veteran's Park.

Bro. Darby brought to Dept's attention that \$500 grants were available to Camps for monument repair and establishment and that monuments were available for graves of last known Union veterans in

each county.

Bro. Norman Miller, a transfer to Camp Ft. Donelson, requested that his rank of Past Camp Commander be recognized. Bro. Gant so moved, Bro. Atchley seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Bro. Darby made a request for Camps to solicit their Brothers to volunteer for National Committee posts.

Dept Commander Pearce made the following awards:  
Outstanding Camp - Missionary Ridge  
Outstanding Brother - Brian Hogan (Taylor) for his work in graves registration  
Newsletter - Ft. Donelson  
Website - Taylor

Contacts with Auxiliaries: A discussion with a Tenn. State Representative yielded the information that in order to place an historical marker honoring Widow Janeway, the request must originate in the county where the sign is to be placed. At present we have no contact with a member in Blaine County. Beginning talks were started with the Daughter's Tent in Knoxville regarding graves registration. Bro. Darby said that very shortly graves already registered would be available on a website, thus avoiding duplication of graveyard searches.

Nominations were then opened for Dept Officers for 2005.:

Office	Candidate	Nom.
DC	Shawn Atchley	Sultana
SVC	Geoffrey Hintze	Taylor
JVC	Talbot Hackett	Taylor
S/T	Charles Engle, PDC	Miss. Ridge

Voting then followed with all candidates being elected unanimously.

(S/T nominated accepted with understanding if any Brother wishes the office all documents will cheerfully and promptly be surrendered to that "volunteer").

Commander Atchley appointed the following Brothers to Dept Offices: Patriotic Instructor, Sam Gant; Chaplain, Clyde Getman; Graves Registration, Steve Pearce

Bro. Darby conducted the installation of Dept Officers in accordance with the Ritual.

Commander Atchley, after assuming his office, made a few enthusiastic remarks.

The preliminary reading of the minutes was accepted without corrections or additions.



Delegates were solicited for the National Encampment in Nasuha, NH. Bro. Getman proposed all Brothers, so qualified, be given status as alternatives, and approved.

It was decided to continue the Dept. webpage. Commander will contact PDC Al Smith to see if he wished to remain as Webmaster. If he declined, Commander Atchley will appoint PDC Pearce as new Webmaster. All Camps are to inform the Dept Secretary what specific information they want to insert for their Camp officers.

The Nat. SVC-in-C asked the Camps to provide articles for the Banner. Newspaper articles are copyrighted, so please retype and modify before submitting.

Proposals for the site for the 2006 Dept. Encampment were requested. After most Camps present declined, Taylor volunteered to host it in the Huntsville area. Commander Atchley will request Camps for date suggestions and then make a final determination.

As no other business was presented, the Dept. Commander closed the 2005 Dept. Encampment in accordance with the Ritual.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Shawn Atchley, Dept. Commander

Charles Engle, PDC, Dept. Secretary

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

### **Department of Tennessee Minutes of the 2006 Encampment**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual department encampment was held 28 Jan 06, in Huntsville, AL, and was hosted by Camp Taylor of that city. The encampment business meeting began at 9:45 am. It had been preceded by a Memorial service honoring two deceased brothers of Camp Taylor, J. P. Johnson and Edison Connor. Long may they be in our memories.

The Department Council (Brothers Harned and Pearce being absent) and Department Officers held a brief council meeting in the conference room at 8:30AM. The past year's expenses and income of the Department were listed and a tentative budget was outlined. The continuing membership in the Central Region Association was discussed, and the council determined to present it to the Encampment for a decision on whether to continue membership. The need to switch our checking account from one with a service charge was emphasized again. It is a high priority item for this coming year.

The department encampment began in accordance with the rituals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

The Secretary collected credential cards, and a total of 18 delegates-in-good-standing were present (see entry on Credentials for camp representation).

The roll call of officers showed all present except for two councilors, Brothers Harned and Pearce and Counselor Ed Duffel, each a PDC. Department Commander Atchley appointed Brother Bill Butler as Guide and Brother Doug Fidler as Guard.

Greetings to the encampment from Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer were read.

The following guests were introduced and extended greetings:

National Commander in Chief, Brother Don Darby

Bickerdyke Tent #2 Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Organizer and Past President, Ms. Sarah Anderson

Sons of the American Revolution representative, Brother Doug Fidler

Auxillary to Sons of the Union Veterans, Mrs. Jane Atchley

Department Commander Atchley thanked the "guests" for their attendance.

NC-I-C Darby made the following remarks:

- Brothers were encouraged to attend the National Encampment this August in Harrisburg, Penna. The 2007 National Encampment will be in St. Louis, MO. The 2009 National Encampment may be

held in Kentucky to honor the birth state of Abraham Lincoln.

- 300,000 Union Veterans are now listed in the database for the graves registration project. The project is making it easier to input new information and access present files.

- He urged camps to compile their camps' history and present a copy to the department for historical purposes.

- This past year the SUVCW has added 6 new camps and approximately 400 new brothers.

- He reminded brothers of the several charitable foundations that the Sons support.

- Changes are coming, to be announced later, to the JROTC award program.

- Brother Hogan, Taylor, raised the question as to the accuracy of GAR records. Commander Darby responded that the GAR was exacting in documentation of new members so that GAR records should be highly reliable in present research activities.

- Thanks were given to National Executive Director for his recent memo listing the details of dept. and camp sec's duties.

The Dept. Credential Committee reported 18 Brothers present as accredited delegates for the encampment. The following was the camp representation:

- Sultana	2
- Fort Donaldson	1
- Farragut-	2
- Missionary Ridge	1
- Wilson	3
- Taylor	8
- Byrd	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

### Reports:

The Department Commander then called for department officers. Copies of reports are made part of the minutes and attached to the file copies in the Dept. Secretary's files.

At 10:20 AM, the encampment rose and held a moment of silence to honor the memories of the lost crew of the "CHALLENGER" which fell from the sky at that moment 20 years ago.

Upon resumption of encampment activities, each camp gave their annual reports. Copies of these reports are attached to and made part of the official minutes report.

The following communications were issued:

- A letter from Brother James Hamby (Dept. of Maryland) requesting consideration for his running for National Council of Administration;

- Copies of the Executive Director's description of secretaries' duties was passed out to those camps present.

### Committees Reports:

On behalf of the Bylaws committee, Brother Geoffrey Hintze presented administrative changes to Dept. bylaws. All changes were approved by the members present, and the new Dept. bylaws were signed

by the National Commander. The approved changes are attached to the minutes' file copy.

### New Business:

Brother Ed Duffel, PDC wrote a letter to the Department requesting that Camp dues to the Dept be suspended in order to help struggling camps have some "breathing room" and get back on their feet.

A lively discussion followed. Brother Shawn, DC, prefaced the discussion with the stipulation that any decision would apply to all camps and be limited to one year. One suggestion presented by Brother Talbot Hackett, Dept. Jr. Vice, was that camps should consider suspending their own dues rather than Dept dues.

A subsequent motion was presented that the Dept. act to suspend Dept. dues for one year. The motion failed with a unanimous voice vote.

A discussion followed regarding the Dept.'s membership in the Central States Region. After deciding that no benefit has been received by any brother during the past 5 years that we were a member, and no future benefits were anticipated, the encampment voted to discontinue membership.

The next issue was a discussion of registration fees for future Department Encampments. For the past several Encampments a \$10 fee had been collected. This had covered mailing costs, charges for conference rooms and other miscellaneous Encampment fees. The issue was referred to the Dept. Council in order to generate a proposal and present a recommendation at next year's encampment. This was proposed by Brother Hackett, Dept. Jr. Vice. The National Commander-In-Chief, Brother Darby added that the council could make this decision on behalf of the department.

The Department recessed for an hour's lunch.

Upon the resumption of encampment business, Jr. Vice President Dusty Nicholas of the Bickerdyke Tent #2 DUVCW, was introduced by Sister Sarah Anderson and welcomed by the Brothers. She extended Tent greetings to the encampment assembly.

Brother Doug Fidler (Byrd), a history professor at Phillisippi State College, Knoxville, Tenn., reported that a class of his had taken on a project to locate Union Veterans' graves in the Knoxville area. They have located 130 graves to date. The Dept. Commander decided to send a letter of appreciation to this class.

### Awards:

Brother Shawn Atchley, DC next presented the following awards:

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| - Best Camp Scrapbook               | Camp Wilson             |
| - Best Camp Website                 | Camp Wilson             |
| - Best Camp Newsletter              | Camp Ft. Donaldson      |
| - Outstanding Brother commendations | Brother Brian Hogan     |
|                                     | Brother C. H. Engle     |
| Brother Barry Spink                 |                         |
| - Eagle Scout award                 | Brother Perry Green     |
| - Outstanding Camp                  | Camp Wilson             |
|                                     | Camp Taylor             |
| -Outstanding Department Brother     | Brother Talbot Hackett. |

In addition Past Commander Certificates were awarded to the following brothers:

- Clyde Getman, PDC, Sultana
- Al Smith, PDC, Fort Donaldson
- John Anderson, PDC Farragut
- Richard J. Kochendorfer, Wilson
- Les Davis, Missionary Ridge
- Talbot Hackett, Taylor
- Jay Hacker, Byrd

### Department Elections:

A ten minute recess was then declared in order to caucus for department officer candidates for 2006. The Encampment then resumed with the following Brothers nominated as officers for 2006:

Department Commander	Geoff Hintze, PCC Taylor
Senior Vice Commander	Joe Johnson, Taylor
Junior Vice Commander	Sam Gant, Fort Donaldson
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Butler, Wilson
Council	John Anderson, PDC, Farragut

Shawn Atchley automatically rose to the office of Council upon becoming a Past Department Commander. Voting then followed with all candidates being elected unanimously.

### Installation:

The Installation of Department Officers for the year 2006 was conducted by National Commander-in-Chief Don Darby in accordance with the Ritual. The newly elected officers then assumed their stations.

The following two appointments were made:

- Patriotic Instructor	Carl Addison, Wilson
- Chaplain	Clyde Getman, PDC, Sultana

### Delegates for the National Encampment:

It was moved that if any member would contact the Department Commander and express a desire to be declared a delegate for the encampment he would be authorized to attend the encampment if qualified. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

### 2007 Tennessee Department Encampment:

Brother Steve Pearce proposed Huntsville as the site for the Encampment site. It was unanimously agreed to.

### Minutes:

The rough notes of the 2006 Encampment were read and approved.

The Encampment was then closed with the SUVCW ritualistic ceremony.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,  
For Shawn Atchley, PDC

Charlie Engle, PDS/T  
13Feb06

**DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE (& ALABAMA)  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**MINUTES  
ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT  
(27 Jan 2007)**

The twelfth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on January 27, 2007 at the Elks Lodge in downtown Huntsville, Alabama. The Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp No. 53 hosted the event.

The Department Council (Brothers Anderson and Atchley being absent) and Department Officers held a brief council meeting at 1:00pm. The status of camps in the department was reviewed, with grave concerns being expressed about the large number of camps not meeting regularly and lack of camp activities. The department financial records for expenses and income for 2006 were reviewed, with everything in order.

The department encampment began at 1:30pm in accordance with the rituals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

The roll call of department officers showed all elected officers present except for two councilors, Brothers Anderson and Atchley. A roll call of camps showed the following represented: Fort Donelson, Missionary Ridge, Wilson, and Taylor; with Sultana, Farragut, and Byrd camps not present. Department Commander Hintze appointed Brother Brian Hogan to act as Guide. The Guide and Secretary collected credentials cards, and a total of 10 delegates-in-good-standing were present (see entry on Credentials for camp representation).

The following guests were introduced and extended greetings:

National Commander-in-Chief(CinC), Brother James B. Pahl

**The CinC made the following remarks:**

- **Commander Pahl offered words of encouragement and thanked all of the camps in the department for their efforts in promoting the goals and ideals of the order.**
- **He stressed that Graves Registration and Preservation initiatives were at the forefront of SUVCW efforts, and he also stressed the need to ensure that GAR and other Union monuments are restored. He highlighted some notable achievements in other departments towards that end, as well as the need to remain vigilant and aware of the damage that often happens to monuments and markers in our communities. He mentioned that grant money is available to the camps for their work to improve and restore monuments and markers across the nation, and he promised that all submitted proposals would be reviewed.**
- **He highlighted a current initiative to improve the quality and capabilities of the National Graves Registration database and efforts to improve software that would be made available to more graves registration officers across the order. The commander stressed**



this was one of the most important legacies that we could leave to our children, their children, and each successive generation.

- The commander emphasized that camps, departments, and the national organization all needed to focus on improving communications with members and amongst each other to ensure we were responsively meeting the needs of our order. He mentioned efforts to improve the function and activities of the National Headquarters and the Executive Director.
- Commander Pahl encouraged each camp and the department to continue work on camp histories to ensure the story of the SUVCW would be told. He highlighted the need to capture and document our activities, as well as work at the National HQ to preserve our common heritage.

The Dept. Credentials Committee reported 10 Brothers present as accredited delegates for the encampment. The following was the representation by camp:

- Sultana	0
- Fort Donelson	1
- Farragut	0
- Missionary Ridge	1
- Wilson	2
- Taylor	6
- Byrd	0
Total	10

## Reports:

The Department Commander then called for reports from the Department officers and the camps. Copies of the reports are made a part of the minutes in the Dept. Secretary's files. The following were submitted:

Department Commander Report  
Senior Vice Commander Report  
Junior Vice Commander Report  
Treasurer's Financial Report  
Secretary's Membership Report  
Fort Donelson Camp Report  
Wilson Camp Report  
Taylor Camp Report

Brother Steve Pearce reported on the Department Council meeting preceding the encampment. Notes from that meeting are also made a part of these minutes.

Brother Brian Hogan reported that he had received 20 Graves Registration forms from the Daughters of Union Veterans Tent in Eastern Tennessee to be entered into the National Database.

## Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to address.

## New Business:

Brother William Butler, Department Treasurer submitted a reimbursement voucher for department business expenses. The encampment approved payment of the voucher in the amount of \$18.36.

Brother Charles Engle of the Missionary Ridge Camp nominated Brother Douglas Fidler of the Byrd Camp as a Department Delegate to the next National Encampment. The encampment approved Brother Fidler's appointment as delegate.

A ten minute recess was then declared in order to caucus for department officer candidates for 2007. The Encampment then resumed with the following slate of Brothers nominated as officers for 2007:

**Department Commander**  
**Senior Vice Commander**  
**Junior Vice Commander**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Department Council**

**Geoffrey Hintze, PDC (Taylor)**  
**William Butler (Wilson)**  
**Samuel Gant (Fort Donelson)**  
**Tod Jenness (Taylor)**  
**Shawn Atchley, PDC (Fort Donelson)**  
**John Anderson, PDC (Farragut)**  
**Steve Pearce, PDC (Taylor)**

Voting then followed with the slate of candidates being elected unanimously.

### **Installation:**

The Installation of Department Officers for the year 2007 was conducted by CinC Pahl in accordance with the SUVCW Ritual. The newly elected officers then assumed their stations.

### **2008 Tennessee Department Encampment:**

Brother Barry Spink proposed Montgomery, Alabama as the site for the next Encampment site, with Wilson Camp acting as hosts. The Taylor Camp moved to accept this offer, with Fort Donelson seconding the motion. The encampment unanimously agreed. Time and date for the 2008 encampment to be determined later.

### **Minutes:**

Brother William Butler moved to have the reading of the minutes waived, with a draft to be circulated for final approval. The encampment approved the motion.

The Encampment was then closed in accordance with the SUVCW Ritual.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

**WILLIAM M. BUTLER**  
**Past Department Secretary/Treasurer**  
**28 January 2007**

**GEOFFREY HINTZE**  
**Department Commander**



**Department of Tennessee**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
  
**Minutes**  
**Annual Department Encampment**  
**(26 Jan 2008)**

The thirteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Alabama State Archives in downtown Montgomery, Alabama. The Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 hosted the event.

The Department Council, Department Officers and CinC Kuhn held a brief Council meeting at 10:00 am prior to the Encampment meeting. The Department checking account was reviewed and found in order. Dept and Camp EIN #'s listed below.

Dept of TN	62-1778475
Fort Donelson #62	61-1287703
MR #63	62-1689493
Col Robert Byrd #8	02-0698094
MG JH Wilson #1	63-1198242
Sultana #1	unknown
Farragut #6	62-1643004
Sanders #1	in suspension
Taylor #53	63-1257680

CinC Kuhn indicated it was time to close Sanders #1. The checking account with \$44 needs to be closed and the monies along with the Charter returned to the Dept.

The Department Encampment began at 10:30 am in accordance with the rituals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The roll call of department officers showed all elected officers present except for two councilors, Brothers Atchley and Pearce. A roll call of Camps showed the following represented; Fort Donelson, Missionary Ridge, Wilson, Taylor, Byrd and Farragut. Sultana (in suspension) was not represented. It was noted that PDC Atchley was battling health issues was wished the best from all those in attendance.

Guest Sara Anderson was introduced. She read a thank you letter from the National DAR and the SUVCW Daughters of Union Veterans.

National Commander-in-Chief Charles E. Kuhn was introduced and welcomed to the Encampment. The CinC made the following remarks:

Commander Kuhn stressed the importance of the Camp EIN numbers. They are needed to retain the IRS tax exempt status. Also encouraged us to include Junior Members when possible to keep interest in future members. Was asked to go into further details why National needed a clarification of the junior and associates membership status. CinC Kuhn encouraged participation in the new Department of Georgia and South Carolina ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Department Commander Hintze appointed Brother Kent Wright to act as guide. The Guide collected credential cards from 12 delegates in good standing.

-Wilson	4
-Taylor	4
-Fort Donelson	1
-Byrd	1
-Missionary Ridge	1
-Farragut	1
- Sultana	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

## Reports:

The Department Commander called for reports from the Department Officers and Camps. Copies of the reports are made a part of the minutes in the Dept. Secretary's files. The following were submitted.

Department Commander Report  
Senior Vice Commander Report  
Junior Vice Commander Report  
Treasurer's Financial Report  
Secretary's Membership Report  
Wilson Camp Report  
Taylor Camp Report  
Byrd Camp Report  
Missionary Ridge Camp Report  
Farragut Camp Report

Additional comments made by Brothers listed below.

Brother Fidler asked that all BSA Eagle Scout Awards given out during the year be reported back to him. Also reported the Blount County Historical Museum opened Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. Brother Sam Gant reported that the Fort Donelson Camp is gaining strength. Brother Hogan gave the Graves Registration Report. Slide shows of yearly activities were shown from Wilson and Taylor Camps. Wilson's presentation included a briefing of Alabama's observance of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War with suggestions as to how individual SUVCW camps can get involved.

## New Business:

Department voted on and unanimously approved the two resolutions from National to clarify Junior and Associate membership.

Approved Brother Doug Fidler as one of the Department Delegates to the National Encampment in August.

The following Brothers were nominated as Officers for 2008.

Department Commander – Kenneth Early (Wilson)  
Senior Vice Commander – William Butler (Wilson)  
Junior Vice Commander – Samuel Gant (Fort Donelson)  
Secretary/Treasure – Tod Jenness (Taylor)  
Department Council – Geoffrey Hintze, PDC (Taylor)  
John Anderson, PDC (Farragut)  
Steve Pearce, PDC (Taylor)

Voting followed with the slate of candidates being elected unanimously.

The Installation of Department Officers for the year 2008 was conducted by CinC Kuhn in accordance with SUVCW Ritual. The newly elected officers assumed their stations.

#### 2009 Department of Tennessee Encampment.

Brother Samuel Gant proposed Spring Hill, TN as the site for the next Encampment with Fort Donelson acting as host. The encampment offer was so moved and unanimously agreed. Time and date to be communicated separately.

#### Minutes:

Brother Jenness moved to have the reading of the minutes waived, with a draft circulated for final approval. The encampment approved the motion.

The Encampment was then closed in accordance with the SUVCW Ritual.

The tour of the Alabama State Archives was one to remember. The historic Flag restoration project is monumental. Being so close to actual Flags men carried into battle in defense of their ideals made the tour very humbling.

Members of the Encampment adjourned to the Maxwell Air Force Base to enjoy dinner, friendship and Wilson Camp's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE (& ALABAMA)**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**MINUTES**

**ANNUAL DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT**

*(31 Jan 2009)*

The fourteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was held on January 31, 2009 at Ferguson Hall, 5350 Main Street Spring Hill, Tennessee. The Fort Donelson Camp No. 62 hosted the event.

The attending Department Council and Department Officers held a brief council meeting at 10:00am. The status of camps in the department was reviewed. The department financial records for expenses and income for 2008 were reviewed, with everything in order.

The department encampment began at 10:30am in accordance with the rituals of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

Those in attendance thanked JVC Samuel Gant for stepping in and running the meeting as Commander Early and SVC Butler were unable to attend. A roll call of camps showed the following represented: Fort Donelson, Taylor, Sultana, Farragut, Missionary Ridge and Byrd. Wilson camp was not present. The Guide and Secretary collected credentials cards, and a total of 10 delegates-in-good-standing were present (see entry on Credentials for camp representation).

National Commander-in-Chief(CinC), Brother David V. Medert was introduced and extended greetings.

The CinC made the following remarks:

- He offered words of encouragement and thanked all of the camps in the department for their efforts in promoting the goals and ideals of the order.
- He spoke on ideas to retain current SUVCW members and importance of fellowshipping new members. Recommended speaking with members from California at the next National Encampment as they are having a lot of success with recruiting.
- Recommended ways to keep interest level up by circulating historical events such as Lincoln's 200 Birthday and past Presidents that served in the Civil War.
- Reviewed new membership paperwork flow through Department JVC. There are the technical way, regulation way and best way. Should have new membership forms on line

soon.

- American Legion is active in preserving memorials and monuments. Check with your respective County Commissioners to verify if they are responsible for the upkeep of all monuments.
- Little known fact that the WPA listed all veterans of the civil war at Courthouses with cemetery name and burial location.
- He asked that the Camp PI take an active role to promote the Order and forward events to the Banner.

The Dept. Credentials Committee reported 10 Brothers present as accredited delegates for the encampment. The following was the representation by camp:

- Sultana	1
- Fort Donelson	4
- Farragut	1
- Missionary Ridge	1
- Wilson	0
- Taylor	2
- Byrd	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

#### Reports:

JVC Samuel Gant then called for reports from the Department officers and the camps. Copies of the reports are made a part of the minutes in the Dept. Secretary's files. The following written reports were submitted:

Junior Vice Commander Report

Treasurer's Financial Report

Secretary's Membership Report

Taylor Camp Report

Byrd Camp Report



### Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to address.

### New Business:

Need permanent storage location for Dept records. Fort Donelson looking at possibilities. It was suggested that moving forward for the Dept Sec to keep one year's paper records on hand and scan to digital media documents older than one year.

Read Proposed amendment Article V to the SUVCW constitution. Amendment passed.

Brother Doug Fidler proposed that the Dept. send a letter to the National Scouting organization congratulating them on their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2010. Proposed and passed resolution to ask National SUVCW to do this as well.

Brother Charles Engle of the Missionary Ridge Camp nominated Brother Douglas Fidler of the Byrd Camp as a Department Delegate to the next National Encampment. The encampment approved Brother Fidler's appointment as delegate. All other members of the Dept. elected as Alternates.

### Elected Officers for 2009:

Department Commander	Charlie Engle, PDC (Missionary Ridge)
Senior Vice Commander	Samuel Gant (Fort Donelson)
Junior Vice Commander	Doug Fidler (Byrd)
Secretary/Treasurer	Geoffrey Hintze, PDC (Taylor)
Department Council	Tod Jenness, 2 yr term (Taylor)
	Clyde Getman, PDC 1 yr term (Sultana)
	Kenneth Early, PDC (Wilson) 2 yr term (to be asked).

If unable to serve, Brother Shawn Atchley, PDC was elected as an alternate in his place.

Voting then followed with the slate of candidates being elected unanimously.

### Installation:

The Installation of Department Officers for the year 2009 was conducted by CinC Medert in accordance with the SUVCW Ritual. The newly elected officers then assumed their stations.

Minutes:

Brother Tod Jenness reviewed the minutes with a draft to be circulated for final approval.

The Encampment was then closed in accordance with the SUVCW Ritual.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Tod Jenness

Past Department Secretary/Treasurer

31 January 2009

GEOFFREY HINTZE

Department Commander

## Minutes of 15th Annual Department of Tennessee Encampment

30 January 2010

Commander Charles Engle, Jr. called the Encampment to order. The Secretary called the role of Department officers. The Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain were absent. Commander Engle appointed Mark Kemp, CC, as Patriotic Instructor and Robert Dobbs as Chaplain for the Encampment. Aside from Commander Engle, Senior Vice Commander Sam Gant, CC, Junior Vice Commander Dour Fidler, PhD and Secretary/ Treasurer Geoffrey Hintze, PDC were also present.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Leo Kennedy, was introduced. Commander Kennedy talked about the importance of Graves Registration and the restoration and preservation of Civil War monuments. As the Department of Tennessee is in the process of adding two new Camps, the Commander-in-Chief also discussed the procedure to become a Camp.

The Secretary gave the Necrology Report. No Brothers died in the past year. However, Real Daughter, Lila Rose Queener Hudgens, of Maryville, Tennessee passed away on January 5, 2010. She was the daughter of Pvt. James Madison Herron, Co. G., 8th Tennessee Infantry. Brother Doug Fidler, PhD gave her Eulogy. He also reported in his activities report the death of Real Daughter Velma Sloan Roberts (19 October 1910-16 April 2009) from Rockford, TN. She was the daughter of Pvt. Clifford Sloan, Co B, 13<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry. Brother Fidler has been in communication with Sister Sarah Anderson about Mrs. Hudgens, whom he “discovered” and passed on to the DUVCW. Sister Sarah, wife of Brother John Anderson, PDC, is scheduled to have back surgery this week. The Department offers prayers for her recovery. The Commander-in-Chief also mentioned that the wife of Past Commander in Chief, David V. Medert, passed away January 30, 2010 of cancer. The Department sends their condolences to the Mederts on their loss. The Commander-in-Chief suggested a contribution to the American Cancer Fund in her name. Brother Fidler offered to head up the collection and donation of the contribution.

A resolution was proposed that Brother Doug Fidler create a certificate of recognition honoring Tennessee Veterans of the armed forces, both past and present. It will be sent under the new Department Commander’s signature to the Adjutants General of Tennessee and Alabama.

It was proposed that the new Major William Anderson McTeer Camp Number 39 have an annual cemetery celebration at President Andrew Johnson’s grave on his birthday, 29 December. The Park already has an event, but the SUVCW should try to participate officially. Bro. Fidler indicated that he would address this with the brothers of Camp McTeer and recommend that they consider the proposal favorably. This led to a short discussion of the need to expand into “far east” Tennessee, as Greeneville is a 180-mile round trip from the Blount County Court House.

Brother Fidler has some certificates to send to the Boy Scout Councils that serve Scouts in Alabama and Tennessee to recognize the centennial of the BSA. These were given to the Department Secretary for mailing.

With respect to Fraternal Relations, it was announced that the Fort Donelson Camp cooperates with the local SCV Camps. The re-interment of the Civil War soldier in Franklin was a joint effort. The Missionary Ridge Camp cooperates with the SCV in monument restoration and Confederate Memorial Day.

During Officer Reports, Commander Engle discussed changing the name of the Department from Department of Tennessee (including Alabama) to Department of Tennessee and Alabama. The Commander-in-Chief said this would require a new charter and changes to the wording on flags, letterhead and websites. General discussion revealed that such a change would be expensive. It was also revealed that Alabama may form its own department once three or more camps are established. Commander Engle also sees more expansion of Camps in East Tennessee. However, it is appropriate to use that name in internal communications. A recommendation was discussed and tabled for the near future that the new Department

Commander should form a committee to study the impact of doing this and preparing for a time when there were sufficient members to split into two distinct Departments. Commander Engle also would like to see a more active role in the Graves Registration Officer. He also sees more expansion of Camps in East Tennessee. The Junior Vice Commander reported problems when a local camp signed up a new member. The Department Junior Vice Commander is not routinely notified. Brother Fidler requested that all members signed up by camps notify the Department Junior Vice Commander. He also volunteered to draft language for a Department Commander order that would require coordination and specify how it would be done. Brother Fidler also reported on the activities of the JROTC and Eagle Scout programs. He suggested that camps identify local JROTC units and volunteer to provide the SUVCW JROTC medal at a future awards banquet. At \$5.00 for the medal and certificate, he said it was a worthwhile investment in local young citizens. He explained that the only program that is authorized by regulations to wear the medal, however, is Air Force JROTC. While others can present it, too, the SUVCW must be careful to ensure that other service units understand it has not been authorized for wear on the uniform except by Air Force JROTC cadets.

Commander Engle gave out certificates to the Camp Commanders and also presented two plaques – one for the “Most Outstanding Member” and one for “Superior Service” for the year 2009. Brother Doug Fidler was presented the “Most Outstanding Member” and Brother Geoffrey Hintze, PDC was presented the “Superior Service” plaque.

The nomination and election of officers was then held. A motion was made and approved allowing a Brother who had agreed to serve but was not present because of weather. The 2010 Officers were as follows:

Commander:	Sam Gant, DC
Sr. Vice Commander:	Doug Fidler, PhD, PJVC
Jr. Vice Commander:	Tod Jenness, CC
Sec/Treas:	Geoffrey Hintze, PDC
Council:	Mark Kemp, CC
Council:	Charles Engle, Jr., PDC

Commander-elect Gant was not ready to name his staff. Commander-in-Chief Kennedy installed the officers, except for Brother Jenness. Brother Jenness and the Staff need to be installed as soon as possible.

It was decided that the Fort Donelson Camp host the 2011 16th Annual Encampment at Fort Negley and the newly formed Major William Anderson McTeer Camp host the 2012 17th Annual Encampment. The dates for both Encampments were to be determined later.

Commander Gant then declared that the 15th Annual Encampment the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was now closed.

## ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

The Necrology Report neglected to mention the death of Brother Gordon L. Cottrell (13 Nov 1925-21 March 2009) of the Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp #53. Brother Cottrell, the great grandson of Pvt. Charles H. Miller, Co. F, 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry, was a decorated Marine in both World War II and Korea. Brother Cottrell was wounded in the Battle of Tarawa in 1943.

PDC Charles Engle requested that SVC Doug Fidler create a certificate of recognition to be sent to the superintendent for the outstanding guided tour by Park Historian James Ogden of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Battlefield Park for members of the Encampment. The certificate and cover letter were created and sent to DC Sam Gant for action.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC

Department of Tennessee

Secretary/Treasurer

## D.16 16th Encampment Minutes

Minutes from 16<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, Department of Tennessee

29 January 2011

Commander Gant called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on 29 January 2011. The roll call of officers showed that Jr. Vice Commander Tod Jenness and Chaplain Clyde Getman, PDC were absent. Brother Shawn Atchley, PDC sat in the Jr. Vice Commander Chair and Brother Richard Sherlock sat in for the Chaplain.

The officers reports were as follows:

Commander Gant reported that he attended the National Encampment along with Brothers Fidler, Engle and Hintze. The Commander reported that with the increase in dues, it was expected that his Camp would lose about 10 members this year.

The Senior Vice Commander gave his report. He attended the National Encampment and organized the new camp in Maryville (McTeer).

In the absence of Junior Vice Commander Jenness, the Department Secretary announced that the Department added 15 new members in 2010 – 7 from Fort Donelsen, 4 from the new McTeer Camp, 3 from the Byrd Camp and 2 from the Wilson Camp. Though most drops will not be known until the camps send in their annual reports, the Wilson lost 1 brother with the death of Brother Ernest Treubig, Jr. in February.

The Department Secretary/Treasurer presented a written report that is attached to these minutes. A Necrology report was also given announcing the death of Ernest C. Treubig, Jr. on February 3, 2010.

The SVR report showed 14 members of the Tennessee Infantry with 24 members state wide. They have taken part in reenactments in Franklin and Fort Negley. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are listed as friends of Fort Negley and the Franklin Preservation. SVC Fidler noted that McTeer Camp had form the 1st Tennessee Infantry and had nearly a dozen members. McTeer Camp Commander Craig Brown was also elected to command the new SVR unit.

The Patriotic Instructor report announced that 3 of the 8 camps in the Department have not sent in reports.

The Chaplain presented a prayer in memory of Brother Treubig plus for the recovery of Brothers and their spouses. This included the wife of Brother Getman, both Brother Anderson and his wife and Brother Engle.

After a lunch break, the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, Brad Schall, joined the Encampment. The CIC spoke about the Graves Registration program has been updated but that the Memorials Committee needs to update. The Quartermaster has medals Sesquicentennial Challenge Coins they can sell to Camps/Departments for \$5.00 each (minimum of 10 coins) that then can be resold to brothers for \$10.00. The list price in the Quartermaster store is \$12.50.

The nomination of officers for the 2011 year were as follows:

Commander:	Douglas Fidler, PCC
Sr. Vice Commander:	Dave Du Brucq
Jr. Vice Commander:	Roger Tenney
Secretary/Treasurer:	Geoffrey Hintze, PDC

Commander-Elect Fidler appointed George Huttick for Patriotic Instructor.

The Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall installed those five brothers plus Brothers Sam Gant, PDC and Charles Engle, PDC to the Department Council. Commander Fidler took the gavel. A motion was made to appoint delegates to the August National Encampment in Virginia. Brothers in good standing will be appointed delegates on a first come/first served except that the Department Sr. Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander have priority.

In New Business, the 17<sup>th</sup> Department of Tennessee Encampment will be held on 28 January 2012 in Maryville, Tn. The McTeer Camp will be the host.

Concern was expressed for the ROTC recognition program. While the SUVCW created the recognition award and offered it to the Armed Forces for both Senior and Junior ROTC units, a cadet who receives the award cannot legally wear it on the uniform without the approval of the parent service. As of this time, the award has been approved only by Headquarters, Air Force Junior ROTC. The SUVCW website does not make this clear, but it was suggested that National Commandery should specify this restriction, rather than letting units purchase our awards for wear whose cadets cannot actually wear them. It was also noted that the National Commandery should pursue discussions with all services to attempt to gain authorization for our award for all its units. Commander Fidler noted that he had visited HQ AFROTC at Maxwell AFB, AL, and discovered that the award had once been discussed for award to senior cadets, but had been refused because the SUVCW had been confused with the Sons of Confederates Veterans, some of whose members had professed racist viewpoints. A motion was made to write a resolution to National to allow services other than the Air Force to wear the JROTC medal on their uniform. After discussion, this motion was tabled while a resolution is crafted to forward to the National Commandery.

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A motion was made to first send any resolutions to the Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries for approval before sending the motion to the National Secretary. The National Secretary must receive the motion at least 45 days before a National Encampment.

PDC Gant requested permission from Commander Fidler to leave the encampment for a time to attend to a personal matter. This was granted, but Commander Fidler asked the assembled brothers to rise and offer a round of applause for PDC Gant's outstanding tenure during 2010.

Commander Fidler then declared that the 16<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Tennessee was closed.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer

Department of Tennessee

## Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> Department of Tennessee Encampment

28 January 2012

Commander Fidler called the meeting to order at 930 AM. Secretary Hintze read a roll call of the Camps. Sultana, Fort Donelson, Missionary Ridge, Taylor and McTeer were represented. Farragut, Wilson and Byrd were absent. Brother Hintze then proceeded with a Roll call of the Officers. Commander Fidler, Junior Vice Commander Tenney and Secretary/Treasurer Hintze were present. Senior Vice Commander Du Brucq, Patriotic Instructor Huttick and Department Chaplain Alley were absent. Commander Fidler appointed PDC Getman as Chaplain and seated him in the Junior Vice Commander position with Junior Vice Commander Tenney seated in the Senior Vice Commander position.

Brother Nicholas Knight reported back with the Credentials Committee. There were nine Brothers in attendance. There was one Department Commander, four Past Department Commanders, one Camp Commander, one Past Camp Commander and one Delegate.

Commander Fidler introduced the Commander-in-Chief, Donald D. Palmer, Jr. Brother Palmer discussed the survey that was handed out in Reston and then sent to Departments/Camps for those who did not attend the National Encampment. National will try to improve communications between National, Departments and Camps. The SUVCW is a bottom-up organization unlike the Sons of American Revolution (SAR), which is top down. The SAR has programs set up for junior members. SUVCW setup a Junior Committee to get programs for junior members. The membership steadily dropped from 1900 until the 1950s when it stayed steady. The current membership is 6200. The goal is to get to 10000 members. We have a marketing budget to promote the SUVCW.

The Commander-in-Chief also talked about our IRS problems. The situation is much improved but there are still some problems. As part of our Federal Charter, the Proceedings of the Encampments are to be sent to the Library of Congress. Some of the Proceedings are incomplete which led to some of the IRS problems.

Brother Engle asked about upcoming National Encampments. This year, the Encampment will be in Los Angeles on Aug 9-11, 2012. Commander-in-Chief Palmer recommended our Brothers consider attending. The 2013 Encampment will be in Milwaukee and in 2014 in Atlanta.

Commander Fidler discussed the Department By-Laws. Brother Hintze said that the Department is currently on Revision B. The Department Senior Vice Commander chairs a committee that includes a Brother from every Camp (normally the Camp Senior Vice Commander). Commander Fidler would like to handle the naming and numbering of new Camps within the By-laws. Commander Fidler offered to draft a proposed change to the Department By-Laws and to forward a suggestion to National for the same purpose under the authority of the Department Commander. This was found acceptable to the Brothers. A proposal from the Fort Donelson Camp was presented suggesting a 2-year term for the Commander-in-Chief. A motion was presented by Fort Donelson and seconded to propose this change. On a vote of 4-3, the motion failed. It was suggested that the new Department Commander forward this proposal to National.

Brother Hintze presented the Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Necrology reports. Commander Fidler presented the Commander report as well as Eagle Scout Report and the McTeer report. These reports are attached at the end of the minutes.

New Business

Proposed new names of the Department were presented. The Department can change their name on/after August 1, 2012. Proposed names were Department of the MidSouth, Department of the Army of the Tennessee, Department of the Old Southwest and Department of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. Commander Fidler indicated that the cost of a new department flag would be \$440 (with fringe) and \$390 (without fringe) respectively. A motion was made to keep the name the same for now because the number of Camps in Alabama and Mississippi did not as yet warrant such a major change. The motion passed. Commander Fidler recommended that these names be place among the minutes for historical purposes should the Camps and Brothers choose to raise the issue later.

A motion was made to purchase a Mississippi flag, pole and stand. The motion passed. Commander Fidler offered to purchase the items on behalf of the Department because other Department ritualistic items were already in Maryville.

Commander Fidler discussed the addition of Mississippi to the Department. There are at least 12 members of the Department from Mississippi, several of whom live along the Gulf Coast near other Brothers who live nearby in Alabama. Commander Fidler suggested that the new Department Junior Vice Commander should reach out to the Brothers who might be interested in starting a Camp along the coast. The Department JVC will check out the possibility of chartering Mississippi Camps or Camps on the Gulf Coast between Alabama and Mississippi.

Secretary Hintze brought up Communications received. The only communication was from Brother Tad Campbell, PDC of the Department of California and Pacific. Brother Campbell is a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. CinC Palmer reminded Brothers that there is a page on the website to read about candidates and their qualifications.

The Department of Georgia and South Carolina will host a Sesquicentennial event commemorating Andrews Raid on April 14, 2012. Missionary Ridge Camp 62 will help as the event ends at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga. Commander Fidler asked Missionary Ridge to consider ways that Department Brothers might attend the event, even if the portion that will be at the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

#### Department Awards

The following awards were presented at the Department Encampment by Commander Fidler:

Corporal William H. Bell Membership Award (Total New Members)

Major William Anderson McTeer Camp No. 39

Private Henry Hoover Membership Award (Percentage of Growth in Members)

Major William Anderson McTeer Camp No. 39

#### Department Certificate of Appreciation

*Blount County Historical Museum for Outstanding Contributions to the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Civil War*



Award for Sustained Outstanding Service

Brother Sam Gant, PDC, Fort Donnelson Camp No. 62

2011 Outstanding Brother Award

Brother Geoffrey Hintze, PDC, Private Richard Taylor Camp No. 53

#### Nomination for Officers

Only those in attendance can be named Commander who must have completed at least one term as Camp Commander. Sultana nominated Craig Taylor Brown, PCC of McTeer. Brother Brown agreed to serve.

Roger Tenney, CC of Fort Donelson was nominated for SVC.

Douglas Fidler, PDC of McTeer was nominated for JVC

Geoffrey Hintze, PDC of Taylor was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer.

Since the By-Laws make the immediate Past Commander an ex officio member of the Council, Commander Fidler will fill the vacancy resulting from a Past Commander completing his two-year term. A question was raised by CinC Palmer about whether a JVC could also be a member of the Council. After a brief study of the C&R to ascertain if a Brother could be on the Council and be JVC, it was determined that this was allowed. Therefore, only 1 Council seat was open. Brother Charles Engle, PDC was nominated for Council.

The slate passed by acclamation.

#### Installation of Officers

With Commander-in-Chief Palmer as installing officer, the following Brothers were installed.

Commander: Craig Taylor Brown, PCC

Senior Vice Commander: Roger Tenney, CC

Junior Vice Commander: Douglas K. Fidler, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer: Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC

Council (Expires 2013): Samuel Gant, PDC

Council (expires 2014): Douglas K. Fidler, PDC

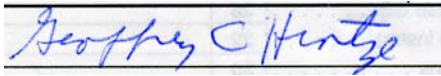
Council (expires 2014): Charles H. Engle, Jr., PDC

The rest of the staff will be named later.

Brother Roger Tenney was appointed to be a Delegate to the 2012 Encampment in August.

Commander Brown then closed the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty



Geoffrey C. Hintze, PDC

Secretary/Treasurer

Department of Tennessee

Attachment 1 – Secretary Report

On 29 January 2011, I had the honor of being elected Secretary of the Department of Tennessee at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment in Nashville, TN. In February 2011, I reported the EIN information to the National Treasurer as required by the IRS. The Department Annual Report was compiled and submitted in August 2011. I also attended the National Encampment in Reston, Virginia along with Commander Fidler, PDC Gant and PDC Engle. I also attended a meeting of the Wilson camp #1 in Montgomery during their election of officers for 2012.

Attachment 2 – Treasurer Report

The beginning balance in the checking account was \$1071.21 on 1 February 2011. During the year, our income was \$3288.52 and our expenses were \$3294.89. The current balance (on 26 Jan 2012) is \$1083.82. In May 2011, the annual report was submitted to National along with a check for \$2800.00 for per capita dues.

Attachment 3 – Commanders Report

- Roane State CC Merit Badge College - 19 Feb
  - Genealogy Merit Badge
  - Description of SUVCW
- Memorial Day Observance - 28 May
  - Bount County Courthouse
- SVC Grave Dedication - 4 Jun
  - Col Solon Z. Ruff, 18th Georgia Infantry
  - Lt Col Henry P. Thomas, 16th Georgia Infantry
  - Killed in Action at the Battle of Knoxville
  - Introduced as a special guest of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp No. 87
- SAR Independence Day Observance - 4 Jul
  - Stephen Holston Chapter
  - James White Fort, Knoxville
- Veterans Day Observance - 11 Nov

- Presentation at Avebury, Wiltshire - 21 Dec
  - Asst Surgeon Charles Mayo, MD
  - Grant's Medical Staff at Vicksburg
  - Presented small memorial shadow box to the Church Wardens
- Grave Marking at Bexleyheath, Kent - 23 Dec
  - Pvt William Blazey
  - 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery
  - Assisted by brother-in-law, Allan Nicholls, MBE
  - Planted Old Glory on grave

#### Attachment 4 – Major William A. McTeer Camp 39 Report

- GAR Grave Dedication - 14 May
  - Cpl William Harden Wells
  - Co. D, 5th Tennessee Infantry
- Cemetery Decoration - 30 May
  - Magnolia Cemetery
  - Resting Place of Major William A. McTeer
  - Joint Effort of SUVCW, DUVCW, UDC
- Memorial Ceremony - 16 Jul
  - Pvt William T. Phelps
  - Co. A, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry
  - Killed in the Sultana Explosion
- Last Soldier Project - 10 Nov
  - Pvt Benjamin Franklin
  - 1st US Colored Heavy Artillery
  - Solicited Community Support through Newspaper Article

#### Attachment 5 – Committee Reports

##### Eagle Scout Committee

- Eagle Scout Certificates
  - 168 (since last Encampment)
  - 1149 (2006-present)
- Eagle Scout Courts of Honor
  - 29 May - Thomas E. Wade
  - 6 Nov - Stewart C. Milne

#### Junior ROTC Committee

- Air Force JROTC Award Presentations
  - 2 (since last Encampment)
  - 8 (2007-present)
- Air Force JROTC Award Banquets
  - 14 Apr - Heritage HS
  - 29 Apr - William Blount HS

## Attachment 6 – Historian Report

As Department Historian, it was determined to finally compile the History of the Department of Tennessee. As the Department Secretary, I had access to many of the records of the Department. The early years were very sparse. I contacted every Past Department Commander for help in compiling this document. Past Department Commanders Clyde Getman, John Anderson (along with his wife Sister Sarah Anderson), Charles Engle, Jr. and Allan Howey were helpful in providing input and identifying people in the pictures. I also received help from Brother Barry Spink, PCC of the Wilson Camp with respect to identifying Brothers.

A Document for the first 16 years has been compiled and is provided with this report.

NOTE: Commander Fidler commended our Brother Historian and asked that Brothers recognize his hard work.

## Attachment 7 – Necrology Report

### Necrology Report

Since the last Encampment in Nashville, two Brothers from the Fort Donelson Camp 62 passed the final Muster. Brother Larry Cockerham died on 12 Feb 2011 and Brother James R. Hurst died on 21 March 2011.

Brother Cockerham was a member of both Fort Donelson Camp 62 and SCV Sam Davis Camp 1293 where he was the Commander. Brother Hurst joined Camp 62 in 2008 and served in the ceremonial color guard until his health failed.

It was also reported that Brother John J. Thomas, who was listed on the roster of Sultana Camp #1 died on 22 March 2009.

The Department also lost a Real Daughter when Sister Anna Dobbs died on 17 March 2011. Sister Dobbs was the mother of Brother Robert Dobbs of the Missionary Ridge Camp.

*Appendix E Department Bylaws*

E.1 Original Bylaws

BYLAWS

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DATE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT - April 19, 1997

DATE APPROVED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF - Feb 2, 1888

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Orr", is written over the date "Feb 2, 1888".

BYLAWS  
DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

ARTICLE I - Organization

This Department shall be constituted and remain constituted as provided by the Constitution and Regulations (C & R) governing the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and shall be known as the DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

ARTICLE II - Meetings

Section 1: The Encampment of the Department of Tennessee shall be held annually.

Section 2: In the event of the failure to fix the time and place of the Annual Encampment before July 1st, the same shall be determined by the Department Commander, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, and the members of the Department Council, by a majority vote of those present at the meeting duly called by the Department Commander at least 30 days prior to July 1st in any year.

Section 3: Special meeting\$ of the Department may be called by the Department Commander, with the consent of the Department Council, and shall also be convened by the Department Commander upon the petition of a majority of the Camps, approved by their Brothers; provided that not less than fifteen (15) days notice of said meeting shall be given each Camp, but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than for which it was called and the call for all special meetings shall state the object and purpose of same.

ARTICLE III - Officers and their Duties

Section 1: The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All terms, except for the Department Council, will be for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed. Terms for members of the Department Council will be two years. The Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer shall not serve on the Department Council. The same member may hold the office of Department Secretary and the office of Department Treasurer simultaneously. The above named elected officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Tennessee and shall meet the requirements and perform their duties as detailed in the C & R.

Section 2: The Department Commander, after his election, shall appoint all other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C & R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Department Camp Organizer, Historian, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Graves Registration Officer, Aide, and any other positions required by the C & R, these Bylaws and/or the Order's ceremonials and Ritual. The appointed officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Tennessee and shall perform the duties as specified by the C & R, Ritual, Department Bylaws, and/or the orders of the Department Commander.

Section 3: If a vacancy should occur in any elected office, the Department Council shall convene and, by a majority vote of said Council, elect some Brother of the Department of Tennessee to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. If a vacancy should occur in any appointed office, the Department Commander may appoint another Brother of the Department of Tennessee to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. The removal from office of any elected or appointed officer for misconduct of duty shall be as provided by the C & R and Department Bylaws.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Department Commander and Department Secretary, jointly, to make arrangements for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the Annual Department Encampment.

Section 5: All officers of the Department (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office turn over to their successor all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office.

Section 6: Pursuant to the C & R a sufficient number of Brothers of the Department of Tennessee shall be elected as Delegates and Alternates to attend and represent the Department of Tennessee at the Annual National Encampment of the Order. Said election shall occur at the Annual Department Encampment preceding the National Encampment in question.

#### ARTICLE IV - Authorized Expenditures

Section 1: The Department Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year shall be obtained from the Department Council. Typical expenses may include but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

Section 2: The Department' Secretary may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.



Section 3: The Department Treasurer may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not be limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

## ARTICLES V - Bonds

Section 1: The Department Treasurer shall, within fifteen (15) days from the date of his installation furnish a bond in an amount to be fixed by the Department Council which sum shall not be less that one thousand dollars (\$1000), for the faithful performance of his duties, and a just accounting for all funds and property of the Department that may come into his hands, said bonds to be taken in the name of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to be held in trust for the Department of Tennessee.

Section 2: The bond shall be taken in a reliable surety company, authorized to conduct and conducting business in the state in which the treasurer resides, and shall be paid out of the funds of the Department of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE VI - Department Council

Section 1: The Department Council shall meet after their installation and elect a Chairman, and Secretary. All Past Department Commanders will be asked to serve one, two year term as a member of the Department Council, upon leaving office. The Department Council shall have charge and supervision of all investments of funds and property of the Department. They shall convene no later than the first day of the Department Encampment at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) for the purpose of a full audit of the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and to review a budget, prepared by the Department Treasurer, for the upcoming year; and for the consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

Section 2: The Department Treasurer shall have all necessary books, papers, etc., at the time and place designated and shall render assistance in making said audit. Failure to comply without just cause or prior arrangements may result in disciplinary measures as set forth in the C & R and Department Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII - Reports

Section 1: The Department Commander and all Department Officers shall present an annual report in writing at the annual Department Encampment.

Section 2: The Department Secretary shall make and keep a record of the Proceedings of the Department Encampment, and shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent and other activities as required by his office and to make such report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C & R and such special report as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander and/or Department Council.

Section 3: The Department Treasurer shall make and keep a record of the finances of the Department, stating the' total receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand to the Department Encampment, and to make such report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C & R, and such special reports as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander' and/or Department Council.

Section 4: The above specified regular reports shall be embodied in the next Department Order by the Department Commander as soon as possible after receipt of same.

## ARTICLE VIII - Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax

Section 1: The Charter fee for new Camps (full and provisional) shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall be paid before approval of the Charter by the Department Commander. The fee shall also cover the cost of the Camp Packet.

Section 2: The Camp Packet shall consist of one (1) Ritual, five (5) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War application forms, two (2) transfer forms, two (2) charter application forms, two (2) organizer's report forms, one (1) Department Bylaws, one (1) Constitution & Regulations, one (1) Document entitled, "Job Descriptions for Department and Camp Officers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and a listing of the current Camps and Officer's within the Department.

Section 3: The Per Capita Tax for the ensuing year shall be fixed at the annual Department Encampment.

Section 4: Camps shall be exempt from Department Per Capita Tax assessment on Real Sons, Life Members, and Juniors.

## ARTICLE IX - Committees

Section 1: The standing Committees of the Department shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, and Grave Registration & Memorial.

Section 2: Special Committees may be created by action of the Department Encampment and shall exist for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

Section 3: The Department Standing Committees shall, except as where otherwise noted, consist of a maximum of five (5) Brothers of this Department in good standing within their respective Camps. The Department Commander shall appoint the Chairman of the Committees unless otherwise specified.

Section 4: The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Department Senior Vice Commander and shall annually review the Bylaws of the Department and bring to the attention of the Department any necessary revisions. All Camp Senior Vice Commanders will serve as members of this committee.

Section 5: The Legislative Committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced in the Tennessee or other state legislatures of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or the patriotic interest of the people and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action it may deem advisable or expedient. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Department Secretary, and three Brothers of the Department appointed by the Department Commander.

Section 6:, The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Vice Department Commander and consist of all Camp Junior Vice Commanders. The purpose of the Committee shall be to put forth proposals and implement programs for the recruitment of Brothers into the Order.

Section 7: The Graves Registration & Memorial Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans and all monuments, memorials, etc., dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the republic within the boundaries of the Department of Tennessee. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave or memorial. The Department Chaplain along with the Department Graves Registration Officer will Co-Chair this committee. All Camp Chaplains and Graves Registration Officers will serve on this committee.

## ARTICLE X - Camps

Section 1: The Department Commander may annually inspect each Camp for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of same.

Section 2: The use of ritualistic ceremonies in the conducting of regular Camp meetings is encouraged of all Camps.

Section 3: The initiation of candidates into the Order is encouraged to be done as per the Ritual of the Order at a regular Camp meeting.

Section 4: Camps are encouraged to meet at least quarterly throughout the year in regular Ritual session.

## ARTICLE XI - Department Camp-at-Large

Section 1: While applicants are encouraged to join Camps in their local areas, authorization is provided for the establishment of a Department Camp-at-Large within the Department of Tennessee to accommodate Brothers of the Order who do not reside within a reasonable distance of a local Camp.

Section 2: The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator for the Department Camp-at-Large. He will perform the duties generally associated with a Camp Secretary for this Camp. Applications for membership shall be directed to him and he shall accept or reject the same, keeping a record of such Brothers.

Section 3: All fees and dues collected by the Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer. The Department Treasurer shall maintain the funds of this Camp as a liability account in the General Fund of the Department. The Department Treasurer shall remit per capita payments based on the membership report of the Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator.

Section 4: Membership fees shall apply to Department Camp-at-Large Brothers in the same manner as for Brothers in a local Camp. Annual dues for the Department Camp-at-Large shall be set yearly by the Department Council.

Section 5: All Brothers with National Membership-at-Large status within the boundaries of the Department of Tennessee shall be encouraged to transfer into a Camp within the Department of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE XII - Associates

Section 1: Associates may be enrolled only into existing Camps within the Department pursuant to the Order's C & R.

Section 2: The Associate applicant shall observe all procedures of application, membership, and dues structures as the Member applicant.

Section 3: A rejected applicant for Associate enrollment shall not be eligible to apply again for Associate enrollment until six (6) months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section 4: Associates will enjoy all of the privileges of membership including the right to vote at Camp and Department functions and the right to hold all offices at the Camp and Department level.

## ARTICLE XIII - Elections and Installations

Section 1: The Camps of this Department shall elect Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp during the month of October and the first meeting of December, inclusive; said elections shall conform to regulations established by the C & R.

Section 2: The Camps of this Department shall install Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp in November and January, inclusive. Said installation shall conform to regulations established by the C & R and shall be performed by proper authority, the Department Commander or his designee or the Commander-in-Chief or his designee.

## ARTICLE XIV - Amendments

Section 1: The Bylaws shall only be amended, altered, or added to by a two thirds vote of the Brothers present and entitled to vote at any annual Department Encampment.

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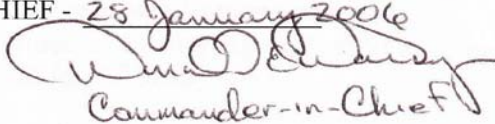
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Section 3: Special meetings of the Department may be called by the Department Commander, with the consent of the Department Council, and shall also be convened by the Department Commander upon the petition of a majority of the Camps, approved by their Brothers; provided that not less than fifteen (15) days notice of said meeting shall be given each Camp, but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than for which it was called and the call for all special meetings shall state the object and purpose of same.



### ARTICLE III – Officers and their Duties

Section 1: The elected officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. All terms, except for the Department Council, will be for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed. Terms for members of the Department Council will be for two years. The Commander, Secretary, or Treasurer shall not serve on the Department Council. The same member may hold the office of Department Secretary and Department Treasurer simultaneously. The above named elected officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Tennessee and shall meet the requirements and perform their duties as detailed in the C & R.

Section 2: The Department Commander, after his election, shall appoint all officers for a term of one (1) year as per the C & R. The appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Department Camp Organizer, Historian, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Graves Registration Officer, Aide, and any other positions required by the C & R, these Bylaws, and/or the Order's ceremonials and Ritual. The appointed officers shall all be Brothers of the Department of Tennessee and shall perform the duties as specified by the C & R Ritual, Department Bylaws, and/or the orders of the Department Commander.

Section 3: If a vacancy should occur in any elected office, the Department Council shall convene and, by a majority vote of said Council, elect some Brother of the Department of Tennessee to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. If a vacancy should occur in any appointed office, the Department Commander may appoint another Brother of the Department of Tennessee to fill said vacancy until the next Department Encampment. The removal from office of any elected or appointed officer for misconduct of duty, shall be as provided by the C & R and Department Bylaws.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Department Commander and Department Secretary, jointly, to make arrangements for temporary Headquarters and place of meeting for the Annual Department Encampment.

Section 5: All officers of the Department (elected and appointed) shall upon their retirement from office turn over to their successor all property of the Department within ten (10) days after leaving office.

Section 6: Pursuant to the C & R a sufficient number of Brothers of the Department of Tennessee shall be elected as Delegates and Alternates to attend and represent the Department of Tennessee at the Annual National Encampment of the Order. Said election shall occur at the Annual Department Encampment.

#### ARTICLE IV – Authorized Expenditures

Section 1: The Department Commander may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses necessary for the conduct of his office. Approval of reimbursement for expenses up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year shall be obtained from the Department Council. Typical expenses may include but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

Section 2: The Department Secretary may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum of fifty dollars (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

Section 3: The Department Treasurer may be entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses, up to a maximum amount of fifty dollars (\$50) per year necessary for the conduct of his office provided that a written request is presented to and approved by the Department Commander. Typical expenses may include, but are not limited to, long distance telephone calls, postage, and mileage.

## ARTICLE V – Bonds

Section 1: The Department Treasurer shall, within fifteen (15) days from the date of his installation furnish a bond in an amount to be fixed by the Department Council which sum shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1000), for the faithful performance of his duties, and a just accounting for all funds and property of the Department that may come into his hands, said bonds to be taken in the name of the Department of Tennessee, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to be held in trust for the Department of Tennessee.

Section 2: The bond shall be taken in a reliable surety company, authorized to conduct and conducting business in the state in which the treasurer resides, and shall be paid out of the funds of the Department of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE VI – Department Council

Section 1: The Department Council shall meet after their installation and elect a Chairman, and Secretary. All Past Department Commanders will be asked to serve one two-year term as a member of the Department Council, upon leaving office. The Department Council shall have charge and supervision of all investment funds and property of the Department. They shall convene no later than the first day of the Department Encampment at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) for the purpose of a full audit of the Department books and accounts, and accounting for all Department property; and review a budget, prepared by the Department Treasurer, for the upcoming year; and for consideration of such other business as may be brought to its attention.

Section 2: The Department Treasurer shall have all necessary books, papers, etc., at the time and place designated and shall render assistance in making said audit. Failure to comply without just cause or prior arrangements may result in disciplinary measures as set forth in the C & R and Department Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII – Reports

Section 1: The Department Commander and all Department Officers shall present an annual report in writing to the annual Department Encampment.

Section 2: The Department Secretary shall make and keep a record of the Proceedings of the Department Encampment, and shall make a regular report of the correspondence received and sent and other activities as required by his office and to make such a report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C & R and such special report as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander and/or Department Council.

Section 3: The Department Treasurer shall make and keep a record of the finances of the Department, stating the total receipts, expenditures, and balances on hand to the Department Encampment, and to make such report to the Department Commander as often as required by the C & R, and such special reports as may be deemed necessary by the Department Commander and/or Department Council.

Section 4: The above specified regular reports shall be embodied in the next Department Order by the Department Commander as soon as possible after receipt of same.

## ARTICLE VIII – Camp Charter Fees and Per Capita Tax

Section 1: The Charter fee for new Camps (full and provisional) shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall be paid before approval of the Charter by the Department Commander. The fee shall cover the cost of the Camp Packet.

Section 2: The Camp Packet shall consist of one (1) Ritual, five (5) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War application forms, two (2) transfer forms, two (2) charter application forms, two (2) organizer's report forms, one (1) Department Bylaws, one (1) Constitution & Regulations, one (1) Document entitled, "Job Descriptions for Department and Camp Officers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and a listing of the current Camps and Officer's within the Department.

Section 3: The Per Capita Tax for the ensuing year shall be fixed at the annual Department Encampment.

Section 4: Camps shall be exempt from Department Per Capita Tax assessment on Real Sons, Life Members, Juniors, and Junior Associates.

#### ARTICLE IX – Committees

Section 1: The Standing Committees of the Department shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, and Graves Registration & Memorial.

Section 2: Special Committees may be created by action of the Department and shall exist for a period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be simultaneously defined.

Section 3: The Department Standing Committees shall, except where otherwise noted, consist of a maximum of five (5) Brothers of this Department in good standing in their respective Camps. The Department Commander shall appoint the Chairman of the Committees unless otherwise specified.

Section 4: The Bylaws Committee shall be chaired by the Department Senior Vice Commander and shall annually review the Bylaws of the Department and bring to the attention of the Department any necessary revisions. All Camp Senior Vice Commanders and the Department Counselor will serve as members of this committee.

Section 5: The Legislative Committee shall keep itself informed of all legislation which may be introduced in the Tennessee and other state legislatures of such a nature as to affect the interest of this Order and/or the other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or the patriotic interest of the people and may recommend to the Camps, subject to the approval of the Department Commander, any action it may deem advisable or expedient. The Legislative Committee shall consist of the Department Commander, Department Secretary, and three Brothers of the Department appointed by the Department Commander.

Section 6: The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Junior Vice Department Commander and consist of all Camp Junior Vice Commanders. The purpose of the Committee shall be to put forth proposals and implement programs for the recruitment of Brothers into the Order.

Section 7: The Graves Registration & Memorials Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War Veterans and all monuments, memorials, etc., dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic within the boundaries of the Department of Tennessee. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown any Civil War grave or memorial. The Department Chaplain along with the Department Graves Registration Officer will Co-Chair this committee. All Camp Chaplains and Graves Registration Officers will serve on this committee.

## ARTICLE X – Camps

Section 1: The Department Commander may annually inspect each Camp for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of same.

Section 2: The use of ritualistic ceremonies in the conducting of regular Camp meeting is encouraged of all Camps.

Section 3: The initiation of candidates into the Order is encouraged to be done as per the Ritual of the Order at a regular Camp meeting.

Section 4: Camps are encouraged to meet at least quarterly throughout the year in regular Ritual session.

## ARTICLE XI – Department Camp-at-Large

Section 1: While the applicants are encouraged to join Camps in their local areas, authorization is provided for the establishment of a Department Camp-at-Large within the Department of Tennessee to accommodate Brothers of the Order who do not reside within a reasonable distance of a local Camp.

Section 2: The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator for the Department Camp-at-Large. He will perform the duties generally associated with a Camp Secretary for this Camp. Applications for membership shall be directed to him and he shall accept or reject the same, keeping a record of such Brothers.

Section 3: All fees and dues collected by the Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer. The Department Treasurer shall maintain the funds for this Camp as a liability account in the General Fund of the Department. The Department Treasurer shall remit per capita payments based on the membership report of the Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator.

Section 4: Membership fees shall apply to Department Camp-at-Large Brothers in the same manner as for Brothers in a local Camp. Annual dues for the Department Camp-at-Large shall be set yearly by the Department Council.

Section 5: All Brothers with National Membership-at-Large status within the boundaries of the Department of Tennessee shall be encouraged to transfer into a Camp within the Department of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE XII – Associates

Section 1: Associates shall be enrolled only into existing Camps within the Department pursuant to the Order's C & R.

Section 2: The Associate applicant shall observe all procedures of application, membership, and dues structures as the Member applicant.

Section 3: A rejected applicant for Associate enrollment shall not be eligible to apply again for Associate enrollment until six (6) months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section 4: Associates will enjoy all the privileges of membership including the right to vote at Camp and Department functions, and the right to hold all offices at the Camp and Department level.

## ARTICLE XIII – Elections and Installations

Section 1: The Camps of this Department shall elect Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp during the month of October and the first meeting of



December, inclusive; said elections shall conform to regulations established by the C & R.

Section 2: The Camps of this Department shall install Camp Officers between the first regular meeting of the Camp in November and January, inclusive. Said installation shall conform to regulations established by the C & R and shall be performed by proper authority, the Department Commander or his designee or the Commander-in-Chief or his designee.

#### ARTICLE XIV – Amendments

Section 1: The Bylaws shall only be amended, altered, or added to by a two thirds vote of the Brothers present and entitled to vote at any annual Department Encampment.

Section 2: Any proposed amendment, alteration or addition to these Bylaws shall be printed or typewritten and a copy sent to the Commander of each Camp at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual Department Encampment. The Camp shall take action on same and instruct their delegates accordingly. *In the event that the Department Encampment is not imminent (60 days), the proposed amendment will be sent to the Camp Commanders for presentation to and a vote by their respective Camps at their next stated meeting. The same 2/3 vote by the Brothers present as prescribed in Section 1 will apply. The results of the Camp vote will be recorded and sent to the Department Senior Vice Commander for tabulation. The amendment in its final form will be sent to the Department Commander for his approval and forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief*

Section 3: These Bylaws and any amendment, alterations, or additions thereto shall go into effect immediately after their adoption by the Department Encampment and approval by the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 4: All Bylaws heretofore adopted by the Department of Tennessee are hereby repealed.

## ARTICLE XV – Ritualistic Equipment

Section 1: Camps are encouraged to secure appropriate ritualistic equipment and to use same in the conducting of Camp meetings.

Section 2: Camps are encouraged to provide at least three (3) flags. The first two flags shall be the United States Flag and *the flag of the state in which the Camp is located*. The third flag shall be blue bearing the gold badge of the Order no smaller than 8 x 10 inches centered with the names in gold lettering of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the name and number of the Camp. The size of all three flags and poles, respectively, shall be the same. The fringe on all three flags shall be yellow.

Section 3: The Department is encouraged to provide at least three (3) flags. The first two flags shall be the United States and the State of Tennessee flag. The third flag shall be red bearing a gold badge of the Order no smaller than 8 X 10 inches centered with the names in gold lettering of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of Tennessee. The size of all three flags and poles, respectively, shall be the same. The fringe on all three flags shall be yellow.

Section 4: All flags of the Camps and/or the Department shall be displayed, if practicable, at all regular meetings of the respective body, at parades, and when ordered by the Department Commander.

Section 5: All Camps and the Department shall make all efforts possible to secure and use the ritualistic equipment provided for in the C & R Ritual and Bylaws, including, but not limited to, station banners, ballot box, altar cloth, seals, badges, etc.

## ARTICLE XVI - Awards

Section 1: Authorization for two Department membership awards is provided. The Department may confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Tennessee that initiates the most new Brothers during the twelve (12) months preceding the Department Encampment. This award shall be designated as the Corporal William H. Bell Membership Award. The Department may also confer an award upon the Camp within the Department of Tennessee that demonstrated the largest percentage of growth during the twelve (12) months preceding the Department Encampment. This award shall be designated as the Private Henry Hoover Membership Award.

Section 2: Authorization for a Department certificate of appreciation award is provided. The award shall be known as the Department of Tennessee Certificate of Appreciation. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander upon

any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through his/her actions, words, and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the Boundaries of the Department of Tennessee. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Department Secretary no later than two (2) months prior to the annual Department Encampment. Recipients of the award shall be publicly announced and a certificate presented at the annual Department of Tennessee Encampment. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year.

## ARTICLE XVII - Discipline

Section 1: The Department Commander shall have jurisdiction over charges made against officers of the Department, except himself, and Camps within the Department Tennessee.

Section 2: Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation, violation of office, or doing anything tending to injure a Brother, Camp, Department or the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Such charges shall be filed in writing within a reasonable time of the alleged violation; a copy of same being delivered to the accused in a reasonable time before the hearing.

Section 3: Charges made against the Department Commander shall be addressed to the Department Council and sent to the Chairman. The Council may then appoint the Trial Commissioner and proceed with a hearing. In cases involving charges against the Department Commander, the Department Commander shall retain the right to ask that the hearing be convened by the Commander-In-Chief rather than by the Department Council.

Section 4: The provisions of the C & R regarding Discipline shall be observed by all levels within this Department.

## ARTICLE XVIII - Sons of Veterans Reserve, Camp Guards and Chief of Staff

Section 1: The Department Commander may call upon the SVR Officer commanding within the Department and request the SVR to provide an appropriate appearance and military participation on behalf of the Department.

Section 2: The Senior Officer of any SVR unit existing within the Department, present at any Department function, shall assume overall command of the military aspects of the Department function. The senior officer of each Camp Guard participating in the Department function shall place himself and his Camp Guard under the command of the SVR Officer.

Section 3: Camps may maintain an independent Camp Guard under the Auspices of the Camp. Said Camp Guards shall not be governed by the Standard Operating procedures of the National Military Department, SVR, with the exception that SVR uniform regulations shall be observed by the Camp Guards. The highest ranking officer of any Camp Guard shall be Captain.

Section 4: Each member of any Camp Guard shall wear upon his kepi the insignia as adopted by the Department. (The Badge for the Department of Tennessee is as yet undetermined)

Section 5: The Department may call upon the various Camps and request that the Camps provide an appropriate appearance and military participation at a Department function.

Section 6: Each Camp with a Camp Guard may regulate the amount of dues for members of such a unit.

Section 7: There shall be no money paid out from the Department Treasury to any source expense or purpose for the SVR or any Camp Guard, unless it is so voted by a two-thirds vote of those present and entitled to vote at any annual Department Encampment.

Section 8: The Department Commander may appoint a Brother of the Department as Department Chief of Staff. Said Brother shall be familiar with both the 1860-1865 United States Military Regulations and the Order's Ritual.

Section 9: The Department Chief of Staff shall serve as the liaison between the Department and the SVR and Camp Guards within the Department.

#### ARTICLE XIX - Inclusion of Other Regulations

Section 1: Included herein by reference and made a part of these Bylaws are the following rules and regulations and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto: Constitution and Regulations of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures of the National Military Department of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

#### ARTICLE XX - Department Encampment

Section 1: All Past Department Commanders, current and Past Camp Commanders, Department Officers, and Camp Delegates, or Camp Alternates serving in the absence of the Camp Delegates, to the Department of Tennessee Encampment, will register upon arrival at the Encampment with the Department Secretary and shall be considered registered and entitled to vote at the Department Encampment.

Section 2: Present and Past National Officers and Present and Past Department Officers from other Departments, who are not Brothers from Camps within the Department of Tennessee shall not be entitled to vote at a Department of Tennessee Encampment.

Section 3: Only one vote per person may be claimed on the basis of past offices held. Regardless of the number of Camp, Department and/or National offices, past or present, held by any registered Brother of the Department of Tennessee to the Department Encampment, he shall only be entitled to one vote on any issue to come before the Department Encampment.

#### ARTICLE XXI - Separation, Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

Section 1: In the case of surrender or forfeiture of the Department Charter, all Department property and assets shall be turned over to the National Commander-in-

Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to his duly authorized representative and shall become the property of the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Section 2: All property of the Department shall be held for the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a charitable trust that is held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists. Any such transfer or disposal within six (6) months of disbandment or surrender of the Department Charter without the written consent of the National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is prohibited. The property and funds of the Department shall not be divided amongst its members.

Section 3: In the event the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War no longer exists, said property and funds shall revert to the benefit of the first and any remaining organization of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic or in their absence, to the holdings of the State Archives of Tennessee.

#### ARTICLE XXII - Assignment of Camp 'Numbers

Section 1: In accordance with the National Organizations C & R, the Department Commander will assign camp numbers to any new camps forming within the Department.

#### ARTICLE XXIII – Juniors and Junior Associates

Section 1: Camps within the Department of Tennessee may allow acceptance of Juniors and Junior Associates in compliance with the C & R. Juniors and Junior Associates will also be accepted as members of the Department's Camp-at-Large. Juniors and Junior Associates will not pay Department or Camp dues.