

Department of Maine  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
140<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment  
June 25, 2022

Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment respectfully submitted by Eric Boothroyd, P.D.C., Department Secretary-Treasurer.

The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Maine, SUVCW, was held at Governor's Restaurant, Waterville, Maine, on Saturday, June 25, 2022. It was held in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the Department of Maine, DUVCW.

The Encampment was opened with full ritual at 9:13 AM with Department Commander Peter Redman presiding.

**Roll Call of Department Officers:**

Commander Peter Redman – present  
Sr. Vice Commander Howard Black, Jr. – present  
Jr. Vice Commander Robert Richford– present  
Council #1 Paul Dionne, Jr. – present  
Council #2 Larry Bonney - present  
Council #3 James Bonney – present  
Secretary-Treasurer Eric Boothroyd - present  
Patriotic Instructor Larry Bonney – present  
Chaplain James Bonney – present  
Counselor Eric Boothroyd – present  
Historian Wayne Bennett – present  
Graves Registration Officer Howard Black, Jr. – present  
Civil War Memorials Officer James Ewing - present  
Guide Harry Epp – present  
Color Bearer James Ewing – present  
Guard Cameron Currier– absent  
Eagle Scout Coordinator Paul Dionne, Jr. – present  
Signals Officer Peter Redman – present

The Commander appointed the following Brothers to the Credentials Committee:  
Eric Boothroyd

The Commander then introduced our National Representative, Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette, of the Dept. of the Chesapeake. C-in-C Paquette spoke briefly to let us know he resided in Virginia but was originally from Rhode Island. His Civil War ancestor served in the 19<sup>th</sup> Maine Inf. and is buried in Augusta. The C-in-C hoped we would accept him as a fellow New Englander.

### Report of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee reported 18 Brothers of the Department and 1 guest present. [Initially, 17 Brothers of the Department were reported, but that count was in error, and the correction was reported at the beginning of the afternoon session.] All Department Brothers were Members and eligible to vote. \$34 was collected in registration fees at the door (an additional \$43 in donations were received by the end of the Encampment). The roll call of the Encampment membership was reported by the secretary as follows:

Peter Redman, PCC, DC	Camp 3	Wayne Bennett, PCC	Camp 11
Howard Black, Jr, CC, DSVC	Camp 3	Charles McGillicuddy, PDC	Camp 11
Robert Richford, DJVC	Camp 3	James Annis, delegate	Camp 11
Harry Epp, delegate	Camp 3	Morris Berry, PDC, CC	Camp 68
James Ewing, delegate	Camp 3	Paul Dionne, Jr., PDC, Council	Camp 68
Paul Zebiak, delegate	Camp 3	Larry Smith, PDC	Camp 68
Eric Boothroyd, PDC, Sec/Treas	Camp 11	Steven Gibbons, delegate	Camp 68
Larry Bonney, PDC, Council	Camp 11	Donald Grinnell, delegate	Camp 68
James Bonney, Council	Camp 11	Randy Stearns, delegate	Camp 68

[Camp 69 was not represented, as it is currently under suspension.]

Appointments to other standing committees were as follows:

#### Constitution & Regulations

Paul Dionne, Howard Black

#### Resolutions

James Bonney, Robert Richford

#### Officers' Reports

Steven Gibbons, James Ewing

#### Fraternal Relations

Larry Bonney

### Officers' Reports

Written reports (to be included with the Encampment proceedings) were submitted and presented by Commander Peter Redman; Senior Vice Commander Howard Black; Junior Vice Commander Robert Richford; Secretary-Treasurer and Counselor Eric Boothroyd; Patriotic Instructor Larry Bonney; Chaplain James Bonney; Graves Registration Officer Howard Black; Historian Wayne Bennett; Civil War Memorials Officer James Ewing; and Eagle Scout Coordinator Paul Dionne.

A verbal report was presented by Peter Redman in his position as Signals Officer. He reported that he monitors the Facebook page and the website, which is maintained by Debi Curry. Brother Richford is working on an application to post and share all Camp and Department events.

The written reports were referred to committee.

During the reading of the reports, the topic of Camp 56's Charter surrender was mentioned. The Commander-in-Chief asked where the surrendered Charter was. The Haskell-Marston Camp 56 Charter was just turned in at this meeting. C-in-C Paquette indicated that all expired Charters need to be returned to the Executive Director at National Headquarters. This was news to us, seeing that the Department is holding other expired Charters as well.

### Communications

A letter of intent and resume were received from Brother Kevin Martin, PDC, Dept. of the Chesapeake, announcing his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in Chief at the National Encampment. (referred to the Resolutions committee)

Resolutions were read from the Dept. of Michigan endorsing Brother Robert Payne, PDC, for National Council of Administration, and Brother Donald Shaw, PCinC, for National Quartermaster. (referred to the Resolutions committee)

A note was received from Brother Ronald Jones, Dept. of the Southwest, in appreciation of *The Banner* article on the dedication of the new Maine monument at 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Battlefield and the work of the Department members who helped make it happen. His great grandfather fought with the 139<sup>th</sup> Penna. Vols. in that battle and lost the lower part of his leg.

A brief email report was received from Brother Dennis Gray, Secretary-Treasurer of the suspended Chamberlain Camp 69. He said they have begun the process of completing the IRS Form 1023 and hope to have it completed and submitted by early July. C-in-C Paquette indicated that there may be a way to bring Camp 69 back to an active status in the eyes of the National Organization by filing a letter of unincorporated organization while waiting for the IRS determination to be processed. He will send details to Brothers Redman, Boothroyd, and L. Bonney.

Brother Berry mentioned that he brought items from the old Hyde Camp 46 for viewing on the back table. He also brought some scrapbooks.

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A short recess was called by the Commander so that committees could confer. The Bible was closed at 10:20.

The Encampment was reconvened and the Bible was opened at 10:45. All 18 members were reported present.

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### Unfinished Business

Dirigo Award Committee (R. Redman, M. Berry) – The concept for this award was presented to us by PDC Morris Berry in 2017. Commander Redman outlined his parameters for this award:

- a) That it recognizes a non-member of the Allied Orders for service that promotes the principles of the SUVCW
- b) That the award goes to a Maine resident or business
- c) That nominations would be made by Members and would be chosen at the Department Encampment
- d) There will be one award a year in the form of a certificate of recognition, whether it be paper or a plaque.

C-in-C Paquette mentioned that the Dept. of RI similarly offers a plaque for recognition and advised us to check with them for details of their criteria and program. Commander Redman appointed an expanded committee to make this happen in the next year. The committee will include the Commander, Brother Berry, Brother L. Bonney, and Brother Epp. Brother Richford mentioned the certificate of appreciation that Chaplin Camp 3 issues.

Archives and Relics Committee – Brother Richford reported that a non-profit in Lincoln is acquiring a building and land for a military museum. It could be a possibility for storage of Department property, but it would come at a cost. He also mentioned the Maine State Archives. Brother L. Bonney rejected that idea saying that items will get lost at the Archives. Brother Stearns objected to Brother Bonney's insinuation, stating that he had family who worked diligently there. Brother Bonney stood by his assessment. Brother Boothroyd was concerned about the ownership arrangement with the non-profit museum. Brother Richford said that would be negotiated once a partnership with the Department was approved. The Commander-in-Chief added that he would make remarks later about what National is doing relative to the GAR/SUV Deed of Conveyance.

Confederate-style VA Stones in Wells – In the absence of Brother Sosnowski, Brother Black reported that even if new stones were ordered for the Union graves to replace the Confederate-style markers, the cemetery refuses to replace them. It was decided that this item of business will be dropped.

3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Monument Dedication – Brother Berry summarized the evolution of the project. His grandfather had fought on that battlefield. The physical monument was not there for the Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> dedication due to shipping delays, but Brother Berry and members of his family were present (along with the Bonneys). He declared that it was one of the most significant events that he has participated in for the SUVCW. The Bonneys provided a video of the dedication of the physical monument, which occurred later, and played it for the Encampment.

Relationship Chart Project - Brother Berry explained his concept. He just wants to gather data from Department Brothers on their CW ancestors and their service records to find relationships, *e.g.*, all Brothers who had ancestors serving in the same regiment. Only three Brothers have submitted information. All we need to do is send him our ancestor's name, unit, and any other information we wish to share, like battles fought, injuries, post-war pensions, etc.

Sumner Hunnewell Stone Rededication – The Commander reported that he and Brothers L. & J. Bonney, McGillicuddy, Black, and Ewing attended the So. Portland ceremony last September along with a contingent of the 1<sup>st</sup> Military District, SVR, led by Maj. Kevin Tucker.

SUV Grave Marker Flags – At last year's Department Encampment, we proposed a resolution prompted by Brother Black to support the making of a standard SUVCW grave flag to be issued by the National Quartermaster. Brother L. Bonney said that our resolution was approved at last year's National Encampment. The QM was to explore costs. We know nothing further. The Commander-in-Chief made a note to check status.

Camp 69 Suspension – As was mentioned earlier, the Commander-in-Chief will get back to us with a method of bringing the Camp back to active status while waiting for the IRS determination. Commander Redman will withhold requesting that their Charter be revoked at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

Resolutions: Brother J. Bonney reported the Resolution Committee's recommendation that the Maine delegation to the Nat'l Encampment vote their conscience for the offices of Junior Vice C-in-C, Nat'l Council of Administration, and National Quartermaster.

Officers' Reports: Brother Gibbons recommended that the officers' reports be accepted as presented.

The report of the Department Council (not referred to committee) was presented. Brothers Dionne, L. Bonney, and J. Bonney audited the financial records of the secretary-treasurer and found them to be in order.

### **New Business**

When asked, Secretary-Treasurer Boothroyd recommended that the Department per capita tax remain at \$5, at least. Brother Black moved to maintain the Department per capita tax at \$5. Brother Ewing seconded the motion. The motion was APPROVED without opposition.

Brother Ewing moved that the Department pay for the Encampment meals of our National Representative, C-in-C Paquette, in the amount of \$37. With a second from Brother J. Bonney, the motion was CARRIED unanimously.

Brother L. Bonney moved to donate \$50 to the Taconnett Falls Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society in support of their research library in Winslow which houses old Department membership records. The motion was seconded by Brother Black and APPROVED.

Brother Richford moved to donate \$150 to Wreaths Across America and participate in the group fundraising program, as we have done in past years. The motion was seconded by Brother Ewing, voted by the membership, and APPROVED.

Dept. JVC Richford mentioned that he created an informational trifold for new members of his Camp upon presentation of their Membership Badges. Is that something that the Department or National might be interested in? He said he sent a copy to the National JVC-in-C. The Commander-in-Chief said he would follow up.

Commander Redman called a recess for lunch. The Bible was closed at 12:02 PM.

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A signing ceremony was held in the Ballroom for the Charter of Corporal George Samuel Cobb Camp 68, Rockport, by Dept. Commander Redman and Secretary-Treasurer Boothroyd. Once the Charter was signed and sealed, Commander-in-Chief Paquette presented the Charter to Camp Commander Berry and the Brothers of Camp 68 present. Following the combined luncheon with the Sisters of the DUVCW, a joint Memorial Service was officiated by the Sisters. Our departed Brothers were recognized by Chaplain James Bonney. They were PCinC Andrew Johnson, Real Son John Oliver, and former PDC Dennis Ryan King II (ex-Camp 3).

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The meeting of the Department Encampment was reopened by Commander Redman at 1:25 PM. Fourteen Brothers of the Department and one guest were reported present. [Brothers L. Smith, C. McGillicuddy, R. Stearns, and D. Grinnell were absent for the rest of the meeting.] Items of new business continued.

Brother Gibbons moved to maintain the Encampment registration fee at \$2, and with a second by Brother Richford, the motion was voted and APPROVED.

Brother Berry indicated that he will continue to represent the Order and lay a wreath at the grave of Gen. Henry Knox in Thomaston on Knox Day in July at no cost to the Department. The Encampment expressed our thanks.

Secretary-Treasurer Boothroyd read the minutes of the final meeting of Haskell-Marston Camp 56 where they expressed the desire that their Camp funds (\$1804.64) be turned over to the new Corp. G.S. Cobb Camp 68. The funds were surrendered to the Department, as required by the C&R, and now the issue comes before this Encampment to consider their request. With little discussion, Brother L. Bonney moved to authorize payment of \$1804.64 from the Department treasury to the treasury of Cobb Camp 68. The motion was seconded by Brother Richford, taken to a vote, and APPROVED without objection.

Brother Black brought to our attention information about Operation Life Boat (OLB) which had been released in the past couple of weeks. OLB offers guidelines for inventorying Camp and Department property and seems to do so in the name of the SUVCW, citing many regulations from the C&R. Brother Black was not sure the author of this was a Brother of the Order. C-in-C Paquette chimed in citing that National has been made aware of this recently, and OLB is not sanctioned by the National Organization. This led to a discussion on monitoring activity of Allied Orders items for sale on eBay. The C-in-C said that National does monitor activity but that the SUVCW can only claim legal rights to Order records, not physical property. If Brothers find questionable items for sale, they should pass this information along to National. Brother Berry spoke about all of the GAR records he had (from Hyde Camp inventory) and what was he supposed to do with them? The C-in-C said he would keep in communication with us on this issue. Brother Gibbons offered to check with the Camden/Rockport Historical Society to see if they had any storage space. C-in-C Paquette cautioned that we make sure that conditions of ownership are clear if we go that route. Brother Epp moved to cease discussion on this matter. Brother Ewing seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED.

Next Year's Encampment – Brother Boothroyd prefaced the discussion by explaining the economic advantages of meeting with the Daughters and that the Daughters must meet in June according to their Department bylaws. Their bylaws could be revised, but that would have to be decided at their next Convention and wouldn't take effect until the following year. Also, the ASUVCW has always been obligated to meet when the Sons meet. When they reorganized three years ago to form the Department of New England, they were going to rotate their Encampments among the New England states. We were to host them next year, but the word is that they are meeting prior to the National Encampment, so we don't need to consider their attendance. Brother J. Bonney said the Daughters were discussing this matter right now. Since we do not yet know the outcome of their deliberations, Brother Richford made a motion to have the Commander and Secretary/Treasurer communicate with the Daughters and leave the decision of the time and place of the next Encampment to the Executive Officers. Brother J. Bonney seconded the motion, and it was CARRIED.

#### Nomination of Officers for 2022-2023

The Commander yielded the Chair to DSVC Black to open nominations for the Department Commander. Peter Redman was nominated.

The Chair was yielded back, and the Commander opened nominations for the remaining elected officers of the Department with the following results:

Sr. Vice Commander: Howard Black, Jr.

Jr. Vice Commander: Robert Richford (Steve Gibbons was also nominated, but declined)

Council (2 yr.): James Bonney

Council (1 yr.): Morris Berry (Harry Epp was also nominated, but he withdrew)

Secretary/ Treasurer: Eric Boothroyd

Nominations were opened for (4) delegates to the National Encampment as follows:

James Bonney  
Wayne Bennett  
Robert Richford  
Steven Gibbons

With nominations ceased, Brother Boothroyd moved that the secretary cast one vote for the uncontested slate of officers and delegates. Brother Ewing seconded the motion, and it was CARRIED unanimously.

Brother Boothroyd further moved that all remaining Brothers of this Department in good-standing at the time of this Encampment be hereby elected as Alternates to the next annual National Encampment of the SUVCW. Brother Ewing seconded this motion and it, too, was CARRIED.

Commander Redman prepared his list of Officer appointments and yielded the Chair to C-in-C Paquette, who offered some updates on what was happening at the National level.

- 1) He offered comments on the ownership of a controversial Kit Carson monument in Santa Fe, NM. The city wants it removed due to Carson's legacy for the mistreatment of Native Americans, however, it rests on land protected by the Historic Preservation Act. The SUVCW may have ownership of it due to the Deed of Conveyance. The disposition of this monument will be brought up at the National Encampment.
- 2) Virtual training has been instituted for Department Treasurers and Department Patriotic Instructors. Also, the C-in-C has been in direct contact with Department Commanders on actions of the Council of Administration over the year.
- 3) He created a Special Committee on Information Technology. The Order may need to pay for support to manage IT in the future, rather than rely on volunteer efforts.
- 4) The C-in-C has been canvassing those Brothers under 40 as he has been visiting Encampments. They don't use the website or Facebook. To grow the Order, how do we reach out to them?

#### Installation of Officers

While still maintaining the Chair, Commander-in-Chief Paquette served as the Installing Officer. Brother James Bonney served as Installing Chaplain, and Brother Harry Epp served as Installing Guide. The secretary called the roll of officers-elect with the Commander-elect making the following officer appointments:

Patriotic Instructor: Steven Gibbons  
Chaplain: James Bonney  
Counselor: Eric Boothroyd, PDC  
Historian: Wayne Bennett, PCC  
Graves Registration Officer: Howard Black, Jr.  
Civil War Memorials Officer: James Ewing  
Guide: Harry Epp  
Color Bearer: James Ewing

Guard: Harry Epp

Eagle Scout Coordinator: Robert Richford

Signals Officer: Peter Redman

The officers were duly installed according to the ritual. The gavel was placed into the hands of Department Commander Redman to preside over the remainder of the Encampment.

With no other business to come before the Encampment, the secretary was instructed to present the minutes.

Minutes of the Encampment

Secretary Boothroyd read back the minutes of the meeting. Brother J. Bonney moved to accept the minutes as reported. With a second from Brother Ewing, the motion was voted and CARRIED.

The 140<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Maine was duly closed with ritual at 3:22 PM by Department Commander Peter Redman.

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