

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Brothers of the Department of Indiana:

137th Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW

The Department Order and Pre-registration flyer for the 137th were sent via email. Brother Jon Swartz is handling pre-registration and lunch orders. Lunch will again be served on-site. There is no charge to attend the Encampment. There is a \$14 person fee if you wish to eat lunch.

Proceedings of the 2022 Mid-Year Encampment of the Department of Indiana, SUVCW

The proceedings have been placed on the Department website at: <http://suvwin.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2022-Mid-Year-Encampment-Proceedings.pdf>

Thank you to PDC William Adam for his hard work in the daunting task of transcribing the minutes.

Commander-in-Chief Meeting with Department Commanders

Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail called a meeting of Department Commanders on January 30, 2023.

There were several items on the agenda however, I will focus on two for this circular. The first is a Special National Committee to Review Membership Qualifications report on revising the SUVCW Constitution. The recommendations of the Committee are to amend the language regarding eligibility of membership. Please read the report as it will likely be addressed by Brother Hritsko at our Encampment.

The second was in-depth conversation about the lineage documentation requirements, originally outline in General Order #5, revised in General Order #7, and revoked in General Order #13. I stated our concerns regarding the implementation of these new documentation requirements. Some Departments concurred with my comments, and some did not. In the end, the majority of Departments on the call stated they are in favor of the lineage documentation requirement and that they perceive minimal or no burden in its implementation, so I anticipate this will be enacted at the National Encampment. Again, this will likely be discussed by Brother Hritsko at our Encampment.

Camp Officer Installations

It was my honor to install Camp officers for John W. Foster Camp No. 2, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, and Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, John B. Anderson Camp No. 223, John Auten Camp No. 8, and Champion Hill Camp No. 17. Due to conflicts, I was unable to install officers at David D. Porter Camp No. 116 and William P. Benton Camp No. 28, therefore I designated PDC William Adams and PDC Dennis Rigsby to represent me. Thank you to Brothers Adams and Rigsby for doing so.

The Indiana Legion

Brother Jonathan Swarts has again produced an outstanding January 2023 issue. Please forward items to Brother Swarts and, while you are at it, please let him know you appreciate his efforts in publishing **YOUR** Department newsletter!

Department Treasurer

Brother Gib Young has notified me that he will not seek re-election as the Department Treasurer therefore, anyone interested in standing for election as Department Treasurer please notify me of your interest ASAP.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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