

## Minutes – 138<sup>th</sup> Department of Indiana Annual Encampment - April 27, 2024

The 2024 Annual Encampment, Department of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held in the Commandant's Home on the Indiana Veterans Home Grounds, Lafayette, Indiana.

Members of Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry SVR presented the Colors.

The 2024 Department of Indiana Annual Encampment was called to order at 8:03 AM EDT by Commander Thomas Schmitt.

The Secretary called the roll of officers as follows:

Commander, Thomas L. Schmitt, Present  
Sr. Vice Commander, Travis J. LeMaster, Absent  
Jr. Vice Commander, David Hoesli, Present  
Secretary, William R. Adams, PDC Present  
Treasurer, Dennis C. Hutchinson, PDC Present  
Council Member #1 Dennis H. Rigsby, PDC Absent  
Council Member #2 Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Present  
Council Member #3, J. Alan Teller PDC Absent  
Patriotic Instructor, Brian J. Mexin, Present  
Chaplain, J. Alan Teller, PDC Absent  
Graves Registration Officer, David Hoesli, Present  
Historian, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC Absent  
Civil War Memorials Officer, Michael W. Beck, PDC Present  
Eagle Scout Coordinator, Michael W. Beck, PDC Present  
GAR Highway, William R. Adams, PDC Present  
Signal Officers, Timothy J. Beckman, PDC Present  
The Legion Editor, Jonathan P. Swarts, Present  
GAR Records Officer, Bruce R. Kolb, PDC Absent

In the absence of Chaplain J. Alan Teller, the opening prayer was presented by Brother Randy McNally. Commander Schmitt requested Patriotic Instructor Brian Mexin to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Commander Schmitt then welcomed all to the encampment. Commander Schmitt explained that our National Representative National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski had not arrived and he would make that introduction when once he did.

Commander Schmitt asked if all Department and Camp Officers reports had been submitted. Department Secretary William Adams confirmed that all had been received.

Commander Schmitt announced that he was going to deviate from the printed agenda for a few moments in preparation for a check presentation to the Indiana Veterans Home (IVH) that would take place later.

Commander Schmitt explained that we are meeting at the IVH as a result of a Department By-law calling for annual visitation by the SUVCW to the IVH. This resulted in having today's Annual Department Meeting here. Commander Schmitt then asked for input from the brothers in attendance if they wanted to continue holding the Annual Encampment at the Indiana Veterans Home? Brother

Gib Young expressed that we should continue based on the location, and history of the IVH. (It being built through the efforts of the Indiana GAR). Brother Jon Swarts agreed we should continue with the annual meeting here. Secretary Adams spoke in support of Brother Young and Swarts recommendations. He also related a personal note that his G. G. Grandmother lived at the home until her death in 1940. This as a result that her husband, Brother Adams' G.G. Grandfather's service as a Civil War veteran. Brother Tim Beckman agreed with continuing Annual meetings at the IVH but asked if there were other rooms or locations that might provide more room. Commander Schmitt answered that the upstairs hall way in this building afforded more room, the only drawback would be the issue of climbing stairs for some.

**Motion:** Brother Phil Dyer made a motion, supported by Brian Mexin, that all future Annual Encampments be held at the Indiana Veterans Home while maintaining the past practice that all Midyear Encampments be hosted by camps and rotated to various locations determined by the hosting camp. *Motion Approved* David D. Porter Camp Sr-Vice Commander Herbert W. Smith III announced that Daivid D. Porter Camp requested the opportunity to host the 2026 midyear. This would coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of David D. Porter Camp #116. Commander Schmitt said there was no reason not to grant the request but bring it up again at the 2025 Midyear Encampment. Commander Schmitt then asked for input and suggestions on who has responsibility for the organization of the Annual Encampment at Lafayette? Brother Adams suggested a committee comprised of a Department Officer and a host Camp Commander organize the Annual Meeting. Not hearing any other suggestions Commander Schmitt asked everyone to think about ways to host the Annual Meeting. The discussion was tabled until the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Midyear encampment. Next followed a discussion on the amount to donate to the IVH with the donation earmarked for the Commandants Home restoration. All 8 Camps donated \$25each with Commander Schmitt recommending the Department of Indiana donating \$50 for a total of \$250. After some discussion, including the amount in the Department's account, a motion by Phil Dyer and supported by Rick Wiegmann was made.

**Motion:** That the Department of Indiana Contribute \$800, to be combined with the \$200 contributed by the camps, for a total of \$1000 donated to the Indiana Veterans Home, designated for the renovation of the Commandant's Home. *Motion Approved*

#### Department Special Committees:

**Last Union Veteran Project:** Brother Gib Young had nothing new to report.

**26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Vicksburg Monument:** Brother Bill Adams provided an update on the request to move the 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana's Monument back on the VNMP property. He provided a history of the project bringing all in attendance up to date. Adams said he contacted the Department of Tennessee with Mississippi Commander George Huttick who has been active at Vicksburg for the SUVCW. Brother Huttick provided contact information for the Executive Director of "The Friends of Vicksburg". Although Brother Adams has contacted her twice, he had not received a reply as of this report. He finished by saying that a new Park Superintendent has been appointed and progress is being made on repair of the roads and the National Cemetery. He asked that all remain positive as we continue to work with the park and the Friends of Vicksburg.

**Introduction of National Representative:** Commander Schmitt paused the meeting to introduce and welcome our National Representative Jerome Kowalski, National Chaplain who had just arrived. Chaplain Kowalski accepted Commander Schmitt's request that he serve as the Department Chaplain for the remainder of the meeting.

**Department Records Storage:** Secretary Adams reported that all Department records are currently sorted and stored in heavy plastic totes. He updated the Encampment on his recent discussions with Dr. Heather Calloway, Director, Center for Fraternal Collections & Research Indiana University. Additions to the committee are Brothers Alan Teller and Travis LeMaster. The next step is to arrange a meeting, with examples of our records, with Dr. Calloway. Questions and comments from the floor were to ask about the contractual relationship in that we retain ownership of the records. Another comment was to ensure that no one may make changes to any of the digitized documents. If

the records are to be viewed by the public certain information may need to be redacted. (i.e. treasures report, etc.)

**Treasure's Report:** Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson reported receipts of \$7,834.75 and disbursements of \$1,090.01 since November 1, 2023. The Department now has \$16,201.30 in our department account as of April 27, 2024. (See treasures report for detailed information)

**Minutes:** Commander Schmitt asked for a motion to approve the November 4, 2023 Department Midyear Encampment minutes (revised). A **motion** was made by Brother Dennis Hutchinson and seconded by Brother Randy McNally that the minutes of the Midyear Encampment of November 4, 2023 be accepted. ***Motion Approved***

**Department Projects:** No report.

**Hosting a National Encampment:** Committee chair Brother Mike Beck said he had nothing new to report at this time. He did request additional help and any brothers interested in being part of this Committee should contact him. Commander Schmitt shared that at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Brother Jim Pahl from Michigan asked if Indiana would be interested in hosting a National Encampment. Commander Schmitt informed him that we were just beginning to discuss the possibility.

Speaking of Brother Jim Pahl, Commander Schmitt related information that Brother Pahl had for many years been trying to locate a civil War ancestor of his buried in Indiana but was unsuccessful. Commander Schmitt said he would ask Brother David Hoesli for help as he was very good at this. Commander Schmitt reports that in a day and a half, Brother Hoesli had located the grave. Brother Pahl was thrilled and delighted and Commander Schmitt congratulated Brother Hoesli for his quick work and for an excellent job!

#### Old Business:

**Evansville Memorial Coliseum Update:** PDC Dennis Hutchinson provided an update on this project. He mentioned that on December 10, 2024 four Foster Camp members attended an open house. The open house was organized by a County Councilwoman for the purpose of announcing planned renovations to the Coliseum. The Coliseum was built just after WWI so the renovations would include infrastructure such as electrical, plumbing, etc. Brother Hutchinson said that items other than the records such as chairs, pictures etc. are being stored the County Courthouse. The plan is for the remodeling and renovations to begin this year.

**Chaplains Report:** National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski read Department Chaplain Teller's report. He reported on the lives of two brothers, Jack Ray Robinson of Foster Camp #2 and Ivan Dean Lancaster of Ben Harrison Camp #356 who had passed since the Midyear Encampment November 4, 2023. Chaplain Kowalski asked for bowed heads and a moment of silence in memory of these two Brothers.

**Midyear Encampment 2024:** Brother Gib Young requested that Champion Hill Camp #17 host the 2024 Midyear Encampment. They Encampment would be held at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne, November 2, 2024. **Motion:** The 2024 Midyear Encampment would be hosted by Champion Hill Camp #17 and held at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne. ***Motion approved***

**Department Zoom Account:** Signals Officer Brother Tim Beckman said that the Zoom Account renewal was due in 2 days. Although he had received approval at the Midyear Encampment to renew The Departments Zoom account there has been an increase in cost to \$159.90. He therefore wanted to revisit the renewal due to that increase. Renewal will cover the period of April 29, 2024 to April 29, 2025. Brother Tim Beckman made a motion supported by Garry Walls. **Motion:** Renew our 1 year Zoom account at the new price of \$159.90. ***Motion Approved.***

**Mother George Memorial Project:** Commander Schmitt reported on a new Memorial dedication at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum in Fort Wayne for Civil War Nurse, "Mother George". The sponsor for this monument is Commander Schmitt who noted that this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil War monument to be dedicated at the Shrine and Museum. The dedication will be announced and scheduled once the plaque that has been ordered is completed and available.

**Thraikill Monument:** Brother Randy McNally addressed the encampment regarding a project of Orlando Somers Camp. The Thraikill Cemetery north of Swayzee has the first Civil War Veterans monument placed by the GAR in Grant County. The monument of a Civil War soldier is in need of cleaning, repair and restoration. Initial estimate of repair costs is \$12,000 of which \$5600 has been raised. Brother McNally asked that all camps be made aware of the project and that donations are being accepted. He noted there were news articles, posters and other information in the hallway outside of the meeting room. He also mentioned that a poster is given to anyone donating \$10.00 or more.

Commander Schmitt reminded everyone in addition to the poster in the hallway, there were other items for auction as well. All proceeds from the auction go to the Indiana Veterans Home.

**Kimmel Park LGAR/DUV Monument:** Brother Beck reported that his contact for this project at Vincennes University had passed away. He was now trying to locate a new contact at the University to continue the work on the project.

**The Indiana Legion:** Editor Brother Jon Swarts noted that he was sending reminders for news articles but asked that the Camp Commanders and Secretaries not wait for his requests but keep the articles coming as they happen.

**Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston:** Commander Schmitt asked if anyone had additional information on Eliza Ann Hardy-Boston. Her name had been given to him by PDC Floyd. He expressed the need to know more about her and confirmation that she had served as a Civil War Nurse. Brother Tim Beckman responded that she was buried in a country cemetery outside of Pendleton Indiana. Her head stone had Civil War nurse engraved on it. He said there were newspaper articles and additional verification that Brother John Bowyer had obtained. Commander Schmitt asked Jr. Vice-Commander Hoesli if he had information on Civil War nurses in Indiana. Brother Hoesli said he would search for verification on Eliza Hardy-Boston to confirm her role as a Civil War nurse. Brother Beckman said he would locate the newspaper articles and Brother Bowyers information and send it to Commander Schmitt and Jr. Vice-Commander Hoesli.

**Nurse Monument South Bend:** Brother Adams provided background on Nurse Mother Angela. Mother Angela was a sister from St. Mary's who had been requested by the President of Notre Dame to assemble other Sisters and travel to Paducah Kentucky to care for Union Solders. She is buried in Notre Dame's Cemetery and the US Navy erected a sign in the South Bend area honoring her and the other Sisters work as nurses during the Civil War. A March 2025 memorial program is being planned, more information to come.

**Bonding of Officers:** Commander Schmitt addressed the issue of bonding by saying that if the members were tired of hearing about this subject, he was equally tired of discussing it! He reminded everyone that that the National Constitution and Regulations (CC&R) require all Camp and Department Officers handling money must be bonded. The Department will pay the costs for both the Department and Camps. The Department Liability Insurance Carrier, State Farm Insurance, will provide the Fidelity Bond coverage. Previously State Farm requested that a bonding questionnaire be completed by each person to be bonded. Since the initial request to complete the questionnaire there are 1-2 people who have not turned them in. State Farm has since developed a new questionnaire and asks that all brothers holding positions requiring bonding fill out the new questionnaire. We have not been bonded to date as it was held up for the 1-2 Brothers who had failed to complete the form.

Commander Schmitt stressed that we will not continue to do this. Because National can suspend the Charter for the entire Department of Indiana for the lack of bonding, he stated any camp having an individual who has not or will not complete the questionnaire can either remove that person from the position or the camps charter will be suspended. National representative Chaplain Jerry Kowalski added that there are other insurance carriers who offer similar bonding policies that may offer lower rates and/or different requirements for bonding. He offered to supply a list of some of these other insurance carriers to Commander Schmitt. After many questions and discussion Commander Schmitt informed the members present that copies of the new questionnaire were available and for those who need one for themselves or for their camp come forward and pick one up. Completed questionnaires may be sent to Commander Schmitt or Secretary Adams.

**Upcoming SVR Events:** Brother Adams explained that all upcoming events were marked on the SVR Activities Calendar. The next event would be May 18<sup>th</sup>, Old Ossian Wells Cemetery rededication in Wells County, Tim Beckman is the contact. Commander Schmitt asked why Ben Harrison Camp #356 members were in charge of the event due to it being closer to Champion Hill Camp #17. Brother Tim Beckman answered that he had been contacted by an ancestor of a Civil War Veteran buried there. He took the lead for the project because of that contact. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event on the calendar is May 27<sup>th</sup>, the day Memorial Day is celebrated. Ben Harrison Camp #356 is in charge of the rededication of Captain William Bough's headstone in Grandview Cemetery. Contact is Brother Mike Beck. Additional events being planned but not reported yet to be placed on the calendar; August 17<sup>th</sup> Brother Beck and Beckman contacts, Peterson Cemetery Montgomery County grave dedication. David Hoesli reported Dedication Ceremony of 130 plus headstones replaced and/or reset at Bellefontaine Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Indiana and Last Soldier Event for Cato Powell of the U.S.C.T. at Sandhill Cemetery in Gibson County, Indiana. No dates or times have been set at this time but Brother Hoesli will update Brother Adams with the details to be added to the SVR Calendar. Brother Adams noted that in addition to SVR Members, he would also send the calendar to all Camp Commanders as all Department Brothers are invited and urged to attend these events. Commander Schmitt added that he installed officers at 6 out of the 8 camps this year. He was impressed with all of the events and projects but no one outside of the camp knows about it. He pointed out that the camps need to let the SVR know about these events so they can receive support.

**Thraikill Monument Addition:** National Chaplain Jerry said he had a proposition to make regarding the Thraikill Monument funds. He said he had 10 Two-dollar bills he would exchange for twenty dollars each. If 10 Brothers purchased the two-dollar bills that would raise \$400 that he would donate to the Thraikill Monument refurbish fund. That would bring total funds raise to \$6,000.

### New Business

**Reimbursement of Department Officers:** Commander Schmitt brought before the Encampment the request for Department Officers to be reimbursed for expenses incurred while doing the Departments business. Receipts were presented to Department Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson from Secretary Bill Adams in the amount of \$82.36. A Motion from Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson supported by Brother Herb Smith was made. **Motion:** To reimburse Secretary Adams for expenses. *Motion Approved.*

**National Encampment Advertisement:** Commander Schmitt announced he had received a request from the Department of Kentucky to advertise in the National Encampment Book. Full page ads are \$100, ½ page \$50, and ¼ page are \$25. The same wording as previous to be used with just the date and the Department Commanders name changed to reflect current information. Dennis Hutchinson will provide the artwork with the updates. **Motion:** Taylin Allen made the motion that we place a full-page ad in the National Encampment Book, supported by Phil Dyer. *Motion passed*

**Greetings from the National Commander-in-Chief:** National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski said he brought greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment from Commander-in-Chief Hritsko. Chaplain Kowalski expressed that the C-in-C wished only the best for the Department of Indiana. Chaplain Jerry then presented a brief message on everyone's need for a higher power and the power of prayer to that higher power. As examples to support his message he referred to two scenes from the movies "Glory" and "A Bridge too Far."

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski closed the Bible and the Encampment was adjourned for lunch at 11:15

### Programs presented during lunch:

**Special Presentations:** Brother Gib Young and Bill Adams each presented on the history of the Indiana Soldiers Home.

**Return from lunch:**

**Special Recognition Awards:** Commander Schmitt presented Certificates of Commendation to Brothers Joseph Beckman, Rick Wiegmann, and Randy McNally for Meritorious and Distinguished Service to the Camps and Department in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who served the Union from 1861 to 1865.

Sons of Veterans Commander Captain Mike Beck presented badges to the following brothers of the SVR, Pvt. Tim Beckman, Sgt. Tom Schmitt, and 1st Lt. Bill Adams for their service and dedication to Company D. 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana SVR.

**Special Presentation:** Commander Schmitt on behalf of the Department of Indiana was presented an original Indiana camp charter signed in 1889 by National Quartermaster Bobby Welch. Brother Welch explained that he had purchased this charter off eBay and had displayed it at our 2023 Midyear Encampment, when he had joined us as our National Representative. After leaving that day he felt that the charter really belonged with Indiana and as such had returned to donate it to the Department. The charter is for the Merchant Camp # 185 of Petersburg Indiana. Commander Schmitt accepted the charter on behalf of the Department of Indiana and thanked Brother Welch for his kindness.

**Presentation of Donation Check to the Indiana Veterans Home:** Commander Schmitt presented a check for \$1000 to the Indiana Veterans Home for use on renovation of the Commandants Home. The check was presented to Rhonda Jagger, Administrative Assistant for the Indiana Veterans Home.

**National Encampment:** Commander Schmitt reminded everyone that this year's National Encampment would be August 1st – 4<sup>th</sup> in Lexington Kentucky. The Commander urged that everyone who can attend do so because of the close proximity of the Encampment. But most of all he wanted a large attendance so we can be a force in instilling Midwest values as opposed to the East-West coast values that have been introduced into the Order. Secretary Adams then provided information on how to find the Encampment website and how to register for the Encampment and the various programs.

**Election of Delegates to the 2024 National Encampment:** Secretary Adams explained that the number of delegates allowed to a National Encampment is determined by a formula based on the total number of eligible Department members. For the 2024 National Encampment the number of delegates is 10. The following 10 Brothers names were nominated to be delegates to the 2024 National Encampment: David Hoesli, Herb Smith III, Joe Beckman, Travis LeMaster, Fred Leickly, Ron Hyer, Taylin Allen, H. Michael Robinson, Lance Ferris, and Jeffery Mauldin. Secretary Adams made the following motion supported by Brother Michael Beck. **Motion:** to elect the 10 Brothers nominated as Department of Indiana Delegates to the 2024 National Encampment. **Motion Approved.**

**Other New Business:** Brother Randy McNally requested a moment as he Presented a Certificate of Commendation to Chaplain Jerry Kowalski. The certificate was a thank-you for Chaplain Jerry's help earlier in raising additional funds for the Thrailkill Cemetery monument by selling Two-dollar bills for Twenty dollars.

**Other New Business:** Brother Tim Beckman addressed the encampment regarding the earlier presentation on fundraising for the repair and refurbishing of the Thrailkill Cemetery monument. Brother Beckman said he felt that the Department of Indiana needed to have some "skin" in the game and support projects such as this one. Brother Beckman made a **Motion:** That the Department donate \$500 toward the Thrailkill Cemetery monument, supported by Brother Swarts. During the discussion a question was asked, how much do we normally spend on such projects? Answer was that a committee headed up by Allan Teller would need to answer that but he was absent. Secretary Adams said that he was sure that since the committee was formed there had been no requests. After further discussion a new motion was made and supported to up the donation to \$1200. A question

then was asked what is the dollar value of receipts vs. expenditures for the Department? Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson said he was not sure as he had only been in his position for 1 year and did not yet have those figures. Secretary Adams remarked that we had 208 members who pay \$33/year to National. Removing the Lifetime Members, we spend approximately \$6500/year to National. Department Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson said there were other smaller expenditures but the Department account had the money to donate and he had no issue with the donation. After this discussion another motion in the amount of \$2,000 was suggested. A question was then asked of Department Treasurer Hutchinson regarding how much is received in funds yearly. Treasurer Hutchinson was not sure. Secretary Adams said based on 208 members each contributing \$6.00 dues annually we would have receipts of approximately \$1200. Commander Schmitt then asked that a vote be taken on each motion beginning with the motion for \$500. **Motion failed.** Then a vote was taken on the \$1200 donation. **Motion failed.** Finally, a vote for the \$2000 donation motion was taken. **Motion failed.** Brother Jeffery Mauldin said that we needed to set an amount that we could contribute to help such projects but not take all yearly receipts. Brother Mauldin made a **Motion:** That the Department donate the sum of \$1000 to the Thrailkill Monument. **Motion passed.** Secretary Adams recommended that the Commander appoint a committee to determine and set the rules and parameters of future donations. It was determined that the committee already exists with Brother Alan Teller. Secretary Adams to review old minutes to determine who else is on this committee with Brother Alan.

**Other New Business:** Brother Fred Leickly spoke on the Graves Registration database and the importance of this database to all brothers. He urged everyone to make sure their ancestor is registered. Brother Leickly said he was also making a request for help or registering a complaint, he was not sure. He has assembled the recollections of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Calvary of which his ancestor was a member. He said the research yielded a different perspective from the soldiers' eyes about the Battle of Cedar Creek. He approached the NPS at Cedar Creek and asked if he could set up a table at an annual gathering on the anniversary of the battle. He would like to educate and present this new perspective. The NPS requested he enter as a vendor and pay a fee. An alternative was that he arranges to attend with the Department of the Chesapeake, SUV CW who always have a table at the event. Brother Fred contacted the email address for the current DC of the Department of the Chesapeake but never received an answer. His question was how does he make contact with them? Why is it difficult to have communication with the National and other Departments? It was suggested that he try contacting several different officers of the Department of the Chesapeake. Many times, the email addresses can be old on Department Web sites as they are not always maintained in a timely manner.

**Other new Business:** Department Treasurer Dennis Hutchinson addressed an issue he thought was a problem. He requested Department Secretary Adams to complete the minutes after Encampments more quickly rather than 6 months later just before the next Encampment. Brother Hutchinson said he was frustrated because he couldn't always remember if he was on a committee or what that committee's purpose was. He suggested that was one of the reasons why committees didn't complete their tasks because they couldn't refer to the minutes to know what to do or if they were a member of a committee. He felt if the minutes were published sooner, they could reference them to answer those questions. Secretary Adams responded that was a fair request however, Brother Hutchinson was not taking into account that the Secretary had far more to do than just minutes of encampment meetings. Secretary Adams said that the reason Committees don't function properly is because they don't do their jobs not because they don't know what they are to do. The minutes should not be a substitute for each member keeping notes of their own responsibilities. Secretary Adams noted that the Treasurer would only have to suffer this one more year as he was stepping down from the position and the problem would be solved.

**Good of the Order:** A concern was mentioned regarding the two Civil War Soldiers that stand either side of the steps leading to the entrance of the Commandants Home. Both are missing their muskets. Commander Schmitt said that the committee noticed this on their first visit and remarked it was something that had to be corrected. Commander Schmitt will contact Tom Smith our Indiana Veterans Home contact about the concern. Another concern raised about the Commandants Home

was that if it's not used it could be torn down. Commander Schmitt remarked that would not happen as the building is on the National Registry of Historical Places and is protected.

**Election and Installation of Officers:** Commander Schmitt then proceeded to call for any additional nominations from the floor for any elected officer positions, none were submitted. Commander Schmitt appointed Brother Jonathan Swarts to replace Brian Mexin as the Department Patriotic Instructor. Brother Randy McNally made the **Motion:** supported by Ron Hyer, instructing the Department Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for the following list of Department Officers:

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Thomas L. Schmitt PCC</b>
<b>Sr-Vice Commander</b>	<b>Travis J. Le Master PCC</b>
<b>Jr. Vice Commander</b>	<b>David Hoesli CC</b>
<b>Secretary/ GAR Highway Officer</b>	<b>William R. Adams PDC</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dennis C. Hutchinson PDC</b>
<b>Council Member #1</b>	<b>Dennis H. Rigsby PDC</b>
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<b>Historian/GAR records Officer</b>	<b>Bruce R. Kolb PDC</b>
<b>Legion Editor/Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>Jonathan P. Swarts</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>J. Alan Teller PDC</b>
<b>CW Memorial Officer/Eagle Scout Coordinator</b>	<b>Michael W. Beck PDC</b>
<b>Patriotic Instructor</b>	<b>Jonathan P. Swarts</b>
<b>Graves Registration Officer</b>	<b>David Hoesli CC</b>

National Representative, Chaplain Jerry Kowalski installed all those duly elected per the SUVCW "Installation of Officers Ritual" to their elected positions.

There being no further business to bring before this Encampment Commander Schmitt proceeded to the closing ceremony. The meeting being properly adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

*William R. Adams*

William Adams, PDC  
Secretary, Department of Indiana