

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HEADQUARTERS OF THE
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**Summary of Important Information from the 145th National Encampment which was held at Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania, on July 30-August 2, 2026**

Brothers of the Department of Indiana,

The 2026-2027 National Elected Officers are:

Commander-in-Chief	Daniel W. Murray, PDC (New Hampshire)
Senior Vice Commander	Robert Payne, PDC (Michigan)
Junior Vice Commander	David Hann, PDC (New Jersey)
Council of Administration	Roderick Fraser (Massachusetts) 3 year term
Council of Administration	Benjamin Frail (Rhode Island) 1 year term

There were several changes to the Constitution and Regulations that passed at the Encampment that referred to the National Organization. Please review the updated C&R once it is published.

Of those proposals that concerned Camps and Departments, a Resolution from the Department of Massachusetts to update badges and one to change the requirements on number of Associates members failed; as did a Resolution from the Department of Ohio to have the **Banner** published entirely electronically.

There were no Resolutions or Recommendations submitted from the Department of Indiana, as our Department Encampment did not vote to send anything to the National Encampment. Brothers, if there is an issue that you feel needs addressed, follow the C&R process.

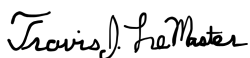
The highlight for the Department of Indiana was the presentation of the Camp Charter for the Spicely Camp No. 252 at the National Encampment by CinC Kevin Tucker. Indiana's newest Camp charter was received by Camp Commander Taylin Allen.

The Department of Indiana was represented by (5) five Brothers at the National Encampment. We had an allotted voting strength of 23. Understandably, not everyone can attend the National Encampment, but when our Department only sends 20% of their available delegates, our voting strength is diluted. This can hurt in how our voice is heard in who is elected to National office as well as how decisions that affect our Order are made. I emphatically encourage all eligible delegates to ensure attendance at future National Encampments to make sure that the Department of Indiana gets the respect it deserves.

Brothers from the Department of Indiana were taking notes on how this Encampment was being conducted since we will be hosting the National Encampment in 2028. We have several members on the committee but will need many hands on-deck to make the Encampment a success. Your ideas and input will be needed.

The 146th annual National Encampment will be held in Franklin, Tennessee. August 12th through 15th, 2027. I would like to see a large contingent from the Department of Indiana attend this Encampment. I encourage you to attend this event and strengthen your knowledge of the workings of our Order.

Yours In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



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Attested:
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Secretary - Department of Indiana
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