
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
COLORADO-WYOMING DEPARTMENT
REPORT



Senior-Vice Commander=s Report - Geoffery Hunt
Status of Colorado Springs Provisional Camp

Junior-Vice Commander=s Report - Craig L. Foster

Is ready to assume Senior-Vice Commander position if nominated and elected to that position (read letter)

Camp Reports

Centennial Camp No. 100 Report - John Kelly
Memorial Day Observance
Change in Membership
Special Projects

Camp Lot Smith Camp No. 1 Report - James Rettalick
Memorial Day Observance
Change in Membership
Special Projects

Camp Chapman-Compliment No. 2 Report - Val John Halford
Organized on May 13, 2000 as a Provisional Camp
Camp members sworn in by the Departmental Commander
Camp officers were installed
Provisional Camp Charter will shortly be applied for from National Headquarters
Questions and issues were resolved

1. Use of SUV logos and seals in local camp promotions and fund raisers
2. Questioned the designation of their Camp=s "No 2" designation
3. Deductibility of SUV dues and contributions
3. Departmental Newsletter
4. Recruitment ideas

Invited for the lunch, decided to visit the Little Big Horn National Battlefield and do a little fly fishing

Department Secretary/Treasurer Report

Current financial status of department account
1999-2000 department expenditures
Nation web site maintenance fee

COMMANDER=S REPORT

Departmental Visits

April 29th - Denver, Colorado, Centennial Camp No. 100
Participated in Riverside Cemetery headstone replacement
May 13th - Billings, Montana, Chapman-Compliment No. 2
Organization of Provisional Camp

National Graves Registration (Pamphlet, letter and *The Banner*)

New pamphlet developed - Read Graves Registration Committee letter
Volunteers needed to enter information in database - *The Banner* - page 13

GAR Post Census (*The Banner*)

A total of 8,700 GAR posts have been identified to date, still 2,300 posts short - *The Banner* - page 11
Summary of work done by Ken Nelson - Compiling a GAR reference guide of posts, post commanders, department encampments, national encampments and information of interest. This work will most likely appear in two volumes. The last National Encampment of the GAR was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1949. Six of the sixteen surviving members of the GAR attended. Ken has to date identified 7,500 post and over 1,000 post commanders.

GAR Highway Sign Project

US Route 6 was designated as the national route honoring the Grand Army of the Republic through Congressional action on June 30, 1937. At that time, House Joint Resolution 60 required all states which included US Route 6 to name the highway in honor of the GAR and to sign it accordingly.

Colorado - Geoffery Hunt

Utah - Peter Tichenor

Eric Richhart drove Route 6 from Spanish Fork to Nevada border - no GAR signs present (photographs)

Contacted Utah Department of Transportation - facsimile of the sign is needed.

Have attempted to contact the Churchhills via e-mail and cellular phone and their website. No luck

Sons of Veterans Reserve Badge (Hand around personal badge)

Now that Centennial Camp No. 100 has a functioning Sons of Veterans Reserve unit, they may be interested in acquiring the SVR badge. According to Elmer Atkinson, the Quartermaster General of the Sons of Union Veterans, a new badge has been authorized for members of the Sons of Veteran Reserves. The new badge image is modeled on a previous SVR emblem and was first issued on Veteran=s Day, November 11th, 1999. The cost of the SVR badge is \$10.00, plus postage, and requests should be mailed directly to the Quartermaster Atkinson himself at: SUVCW National Quartermaster, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19116-3719.

Brother William Pierce Remembered

Brother William R. ABilly@ Pierce of Laurel, Montana, passed away in a nursing home in November 1999. A moment of silence to remember this good man and fellow SUV brother.

Departmental Website Project (Handout Example)

Thanks to the good efforts of the Department Secretary /Treasurer Eric Dan Richhart, the Colorado-Wyoming Department of the SUVCW is now part of the SUV website. Department information displayed includes a explanation of the organization, purpose, membership requirements and a complete listing of all Department officers. This website will proven invaluable asset as more individuals interested in the Sons of Union Veterans search out information via electronic means. The address for the new Colorado-Wyoming Department website is [http:// suvcw.org/co/deptco.htm](http://suvcw.org/co/deptco.htm)

SUV National Encampment Date and Location (Hand around letter-announcement)

The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is proud to host the 2000 National Encampments of the SUVCW, Auxiliary to the SUVCW, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in Lansing, Michigan on August 17-20, 2000. The Encampment will be held at the Holiday Inn South Convention Center, located at 6820 South Cedar Street, I-96 / Exit 104, Lansing, Michigan. More details will be forthcoming in the *THE BANNER*. Toll free calls for reservations may be made to the Holiday Inn directly by dialing 1-800-333-8123. Is anyone from the Colorado-Wyoming Department planning to attend the National Encampment?

Department Encampment Date Set

The Colorado-Wyoming Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold its 72st annual Encampment on Saturday, June 9, 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Departmental Flag Project (Have Eric read minutes from last year=s Department Encampment)

In accordance with those instructions received at that time, and with the direct support of the members and camps 6 the Department, I would like to present you our new Colorado-Wyoming Department Flag.

Unfurl and present the new Colorado-Wyoming Department flag to the membership present



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COLORADO-WYOMING DEPARTMENT
AGENDA



71st ANNUAL COLORADO-WYOMING DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK, DENVER, COLORADO
11:00 AM - June 10, 2000

OPENING OF ENCAMPMENT:

Call To Order	Commander Val John Halford
Roll Call Of Officers	Secretary/Treasurer Eric D. Richhart
Opening Prayer	Chaplain Charles O. Counts
Pledge of Allegiance	Patriotic Instructor Eric D. Richhart

WELCOME:

Commander Val John Halford
Thank all for coming and participating
Thank Centennial Camp 100 for hosting the Department=s Encampment
Extend an apology for Lot Smith Camp attendance
Vote of thanks to Secretary/Treasurer Eric Richhart for all his good work
Thank Centennial Camp for their hospitality extended on April 29th

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OFFCIERS:

Senior-Vice Commander	Geoffery Hunt
Junior-Vice Commander	Val John Halford for Craig L. Foster
Camp Comanders	John Kelly Jim Retallick Val John Halford for Fred J. Morgenthaler II
Secretary/Treasurer	Eric D. Richhart
Department Commander	Val John Halford

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS: Val John Halford

Commander
Senior Vice-Commander
Junior vice-Commander
Secretary/Treasurer
Department Council

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Doug Wilson and Charles O. Counts

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Eric D. Richhart

CLOSING CEREMONIES: Geoffery Hunt