

**DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING**  
**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

**Proceedings of the**  
**Eighty-Sixth Annual**  
**Department Encampment**



**June 7, 2014**  
**Denver, CO**  
**James M. Barker, PCC**  
**Department Commander**

# Department Officers

## 2013-2014

- Department Commander .....**James M. Barker, PCC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Department Senior Vice Commander .....**Gene Cheney, CC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Department Junior Vice Commander .....**Robert LeMaster**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Secretary/Treasurer .....**Eric D. Richhart, PDC**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Council Member .....**Garry W. Brewer, PDC**  
*(Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction)*
- Council Member ..... **Gary E. Parrott, PDC**  
*(Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction)*
- Council Member .....**James J. Davenport, PDC**  
*(Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Durango)*
- Immediate Past Department Commander ..... **Eric D. Richhart, PDC**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Patriotic Instructor .....**Geoffrey R. Hunt, PDC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Chaplain .....**Willis S. Whittlesey III**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Eagle Scout Coordinator .....**Gerald F. Mosley., PDC**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Graves Registration Officer .....**Craig A. Ayler, PCC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Historian.....**James M. Barker, PCC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Civil War Memorials Officer .....**Willard F. Hinkley, PDC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- GAR Highway Officer..... **Jon M. Franchino, PCC**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*
- Department Organizer..... **Eric D. Richhart, PDC**  
*(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)*
- Department Newsletter Editor..... **Walter Weart**  
*(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)*

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**June 7, 2014**

**Aurora, CO**

1. As required by Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and by Article III, Bylaws of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, SUVCW, the Eighty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, was held on June 7, 2014, at the Martin Luther King Library, Aurora, CO

2. The Encampment was called to order at 1:00 P. M. by Department Commander James M. Barker. At that time, the encampment was opened in due form according to the Rituals and Ceremonies of the Order.

3. The Department Secretary, Eric D. Richhart called the roll of officers, and reported all officers present or absent as follows:

Department Commander James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100, present.

Senior Vice Department Commander Gene Cheney, CC, Camp 100, present

Junior Vice Department Commander Robert LeMaster, Camp 1, absent.

Secretary/Treasurer Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1, present.

Council Member James J. Davenport, PDC, Camp 12, absent.

Council Member Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7 absent.

Council Member, Garry Brewer, PDC, Camp 7, absent.

Patriotic Instructor, Geoffrey R. Hunt, PDC, Camp 100, absent.

Chaplain, Willis Whittlesey, Camp 1, absent.

Graves Registration Officer, Craig A. Ayler, PCC, Camp 100, present.

Historian, James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100, present.

Civil War Memorials Officer, Willard F. Hinkley, PDC, Camp 100, present.

GAR Highway Officer, Jon M. Franchino, PCC, Camp 100, absent

Eagle Scout Coordinator, Gerald F. Moseley, PDC, Camp 1, absent.

Department Organizer, Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1, present.

Newsletter Editor, Walter Weart, Camp 100, present.

4. Commander Barker appointed PCC Gary Mitchell (Camp 100) as Acting Junior Vice Commander, PCC Craig Ayler (Camp 100) as Acting Patriotic Instructor, PDC Willard Hinkley (Camp 100) as Acting Chaplain and Brother Art Goguen (Camp 100) as Guide.

5. Prior to proceeding with the order of business Bryan Walls was initiated as an Associate of Lot Smith Camp 1.

6. Commander Barker called the encampment's attention to the vacant chair adorned with flowers, a cane and a GAR cap to honor the Grand Army of the Republic veterans. Commander Barker then honored all the Past Department Commanders present.

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7. Our honored guest, National Secretary, Alan Russ was introduced and gave brief comments as follows.

Brothers of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming.

First, I bring you greetings from Commander-in- Chief Ken Freshley. As you are aware, it is impossible for the Commander-in-Chief to attend all the department encampments, especially when still working full time. As such, other national elected officers are asked to represent him at these encampments, and it is my honor to do so here, today. Commander Freshley wishes you a successful encampment and a continuing good year.

It has been a busy year for the organization, and we continue to try to improve the process and outcomes of it. In my position as National Secretary, I have tried to improve the communications downward from the Council of Administration to departments. I periodically send out a newsletter containing summaries of what has gone on since the last issue. We also now post on the national website all motions of the council of Administration which were acted upon by using the “electronic Boardroom”. This is normally updated within twenty-four hours of the final action on the motion.

Our organization came into being from the camp level, then up. This is something I sincerely wish we never lose sight of. That being said, camps and departments do have an obligation to comply with national regulations. As we continue to move toward becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, strict compliance with IRS regulations have become critical to the process. We have all seen the pain of not filing the IRS 990-N for three years. We almost lost a department until it could be brought back into good graces with the IRS. That may have seemed harsh, but it directly affects the status of the National organization.

Your department continues to be successful and it is through the efforts of all of you from the camps and their officers, to the department and its officers. Continue to honor our Boys in Blue. Thank you- Brother Alan Russ National Secretary

8. Commander Barker announced that without objection: a. We would dispense with calling the roll of the Encampment, a list of attendees to be attached to the proceedings. b. He would not appoint Encampment Committees, all actions to be taken by the Encampment as a whole. c. All Officer’s reports will be accepted as presented unless there is objection and all recommendations dealt with at the conclusion of the report. No objections were heard and it was so ordered.

9. The following Department Officer reports were presented by the officer and accepted by the Encampment as written:

Commander James M. Barker, PCC – Commander’s Report [Page A-1]

Gene Cheney, CC – Senior Vice Department Commander [Page A-3]

Robert LeMaster – Junior Vice Department Commander – No Report [Page A-4]

Eric D. Richhart – Secretary/Treasurer Report [Page A-4]

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Geoffrey R. Hunt., PDC - Patriotic Instructor Report - No Report [Page A-5]  
Willis Whittlesey - Chaplain's Necrology Report - No Report [Page A-5]  
Craig A. Ayler., PCC - Graves Registration Officer Report [Page A-7]  
James M. Barker, PCC - Historian Report - [Page A-6]  
Willard F. Hinkley, PDC - Civil War Memorials Officer Report-[Page A-5]  
Gerald F. Mosley., PDC - Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator Report - No Report [Page A-8]

Following the Historian's report, National Secretary Russ decorated the Department's Flag with streamers representing the three U.S. Grant III Cup Awards won by the Department in the 1970s.

10. The following camp reports were submitted and accepted by the Encampment as given.

Lot Smith Camp 1 - No report [Page B-1]  
Chapman-Compliment Camp 2 - No Report [Page B-1]  
Legion of the West Camp 7 - Report submitted by PDC Parrott on behalf of the Camp Commander [Page B-1]  
Thomas M. Bowman Camp 12 - No report [Page B-2]  
Centennial Camp 100 - Presented by Commander Cheney [Page B-2]

11. Secretary Richhart read the following communications:

a. A message from the Department of Illinois regarding support of the B. F. Stephenson Memorial. Motion by Brother Wally Weart, seconded PCC Gary Mitchell that the Department purchase one 4" X 8" brick (\$150) with wording to be determined by the Department Commander. Adopted.

b. A resolution from the Department of Missouri proposing an amendment to the Constitution & Regulations to allow for supplemental memberships by which Brothers can submit applications with additional ancestors, paying the standard application fee for each. Motion by Brother Wally Weart, Seconded PDC Eric Richhart by that the Department concur with the Missouri Department's resolution and urge its adoption. Adopted.

c. A letter from Brother Donald Martin requesting support for his candidacy for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. No action taken.

d. Messages of regret that they were unable to attend the Encampment from PDCs Buschmann, Davenport & Hunt.

12. Commander Barker noted there was one item of unfinished business from the Eighty-Fifth Encampment. That Encampment directed that a committee be formed to consider a design for a department emblem. In 1888, the then Colorado & Wyoming Division of the SVUSA adopted a cap badge that was officially described as "Torch and cross flags on a field of blue in a circle of gold lion". The "torch and cross flags" was the Civil War Signal Corps badge, the "circle of gold lion"

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was not as obvious. The committee presented three designs: A- a torch and cross flags on a field of blue surrounded by a gold ring; B -A torch and cross flags on a field of blue surrounded by four gold lions head to tail; C - A representation of the Rocky Mountains in white on a red field with a blue shield outlined in gold surmounted by a torch and cross flags also in gold in the base, all surrounded by a gold ring inscribed "Department of CO & WY" along the top and "S.U.V.C.W." along the bottom. Designs A & B are interpretations of the historic description. Design C incorporated the Rocky Mountains - the unifying feature of the territory encompassed by the Department, red - the department color, the blue shield with the torch & cross flags being historic elements from the 1888 badge. Motion by DSVC Cheney, seconded by PCC Gary Mitchell that the Department adopt design C as its emblem. Adopted.

13. PDC Ricchart requested discussion on the VA and the ordering of the VA headstones. Brother Alan Russ the National Secretary was invited to tell what national was doing and what we should do. There was a discussion on the issue. Following is the information from Brother Russ.

First, let me stress that what changes many hope will be made by VA. As we also know, VA has other problems which concern those still living, and I am sure these will take both time and budget preference over the headstone policy.

If we are making application for a VA headstone as a member of the SUVCW, then we, as the SUVCW, are required to follow SUVCW policies and procedures.

This is an excerpt from the 2013 National Encampment proceedings (draft):

*"Bruce Fraill, National Graves Registration Officer. Um. what I wanted to touch base on was just to clarify a little bit the VA's new policy on headstones. Okay. Uh. briefly, the next of kin policy is something that I believe should be in place and I know a lot of you Brothers don't believe that. But the reason it's there is to make sure that the proper. the headstones are being done correctly. They're going in the right places. And if possible, the next of kin has been notified. Now that being said, if you get a rejection for not having next of kin, contact my office. There is an appeals process and we can go through that appeals process and more than likely you will get the headstone. That's it."*

On recommendation of the National Graves Registration Committee, a committee on VA headstone applications was appointed for the purpose of continuing to work with the VA on this. Whether one agrees with the current next-of-kin policy or not, it is the current policy and law. I believe many at National would like to see that relaxed in the cases where it is not easily accomplished; however, I also believe that we need to continue to work on this through the Graves Registration Officer and the committee, as flooding VA with numerous complaints will certainly be nonproductive. As I said in Denver, we should not expect any changes to come quickly. There have been many abuses in ordering VA headstones over the last many years, and am sure the VA policy was a result of some of that.

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In the meantime, the alternatives to locating a next of kin are included in the 2010 Government Headstone Ordering Policy (attached). Where a NOK is not identifiable, the policy states, "If you cannot locate the veteran's NOK, you should then request that the cemetery official or the landowner apply for the headstone on the veteran's behalf."

The policy also talks about the funeral home director applying for the stone. That can be an option, keeping in mind, the original funeral home may have changed ownership and name several times since then. This approach may be more successful in the smaller communities, where there was normally only one funeral home in operation at a time.

Also, remember that any application to be submitted by a brother of the SUVCW must be submitted through SUVCW channels through the department GRO to the National GRO for review before it goes to VA. If you then get a rejection from VA, then ask the National GRO for assistance in the appeals process.

With regard to replacement headstones we talked about, here is the link to the VA web page on that. <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/replacements.asp> . It also discusses the requirement to destroy the old marker. Again, if the cemetery damaged it, VA says the cemetery should cover all costs to replace it.

We also talked about graves which are already marked. The VA states on its site, "*For Veterans that served prior to World War I, a grave is considered marked when a headstone/marker displays the decedent's name only, or if the name was historically documented in a related document, such as by a number that is inscribed on a grave block and is recorded in a burial ledger.*"

As the NOK policy is part of the law, we must abide by it until such time as the law is changed.

14. At 2:30 PM, Commander Barker directed the Chaplain to close the Bible and declared a 15 minute recess.

15. At 2:45 PM, the Encampment was reconvened for the purpose of addressing "New Business" to come before the Encampment.

16. The question was brought up on the status of Junior membership by DSVC Cheney. This issue was addressed by National Secretary Russ. He stated that national is working on this and that a recommendation will be presented at the National encampment.

17. Commander Barker presented Department Awards as follows:

a. The James E. Jewell Award for the Outstanding Recruiter of the year to PDC Eric D. Richhart (Camp 1).

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b. The A. V. Bohn Award for the Outstanding Camp of the Year to Centennial Camp 100.

18. Motion by DSVC Cheney, seconded by PCC Gary Mitchell that “All Members and Associates of the Department who are in good standing as of this date and are not otherwise entitled to membership at the National Encampment nor elected as a “Delegate” shall be elected as “ALTERNATE DELEGATES” to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”. Adopted.

19. There being no more new business to come before the Encampment, Commander Barker proceeded with the nomination and election of officers.

Motion by PDC Eric Richhart that the incumbents of all elective offices be nominated for another term, seconded by PCC Gary Mitchell. Adopted

The following Brothers were nominated for the Offices indicated:

Department Commander - James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100  
Senior Vice Commander - L. E. Cheney, CC, Camp 100  
Junior Vice Commander - Robert LeMaster, Camp 1  
Secretary/Treasurer - Eric D. Richhart, PCC, Camp 1  
Department Council - James Davenport, PDC, Camp 12  
Department Council - Garry Brewer, PDC, Camp 7  
Department Council - Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7

There being no further nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for all nominated candidates. Motion passed and all candidates were declared duly elected.

20. At this time, Commander Barker turned over the gavel to National Secretary Alan Russ for the installation of officers.

21. Commander-elect James M. Barker was asked to provide a list of appointed officers . The following list of those elected and appointed, was read:

Department Commander James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100  
Senior Vice Department Commander L. E. (Gene) Cheney, CC, Camp 100  
Junior Vice Department Commander Robert LeMaster, Camp 1  
Secretary/Treasurer - Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1  
Council Member James Davenport, PDC, Camp 12  
Council Member Garry Brewer, PDC, Camp 7  
Council Member Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7  
Patriotic Instructor Geoffrey R. Hunt., PDC, Camp 100  
Chaplain Willis S. Whittlesey III, Camp 1



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Graves Registration Officer Craig A. Ayler, PCC, Camp 100  
Civil War Memorials Officer James M. Barker, PDC, Camp 100  
Historian James M. Barker, PDC, Camp 100  
Eagle Scout Coordinator Gerald Mosely, PDC, Camp 1  
GAR Highway Officer Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7  
Department Organizer Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

22. National Secretary Alan Russ proceeded to install the Department Officers, after which they assumed their respective stations.

23. Commander Barker thanked the encampment for their confidence in re-electing him and outlined his goals for the coming year.

24. Commander Barker entertained a motion that the proceedings of this Encampment, when approved and published, become the official record of this Encampment. It was so moved and seconded. Motion passed.

25. There being no further business brought before the encampment, Commander Barker proceeded to close the Encampment, according to the Ritual of the Order. The Encampment was declared closed at 3:45 PM.

These proceedings of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Encampment for the Department of Colorado and Wyoming are certified to be complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SUBMITTED IN FRATERNITY, CHARITY, AND LOYALTY,

*Eric D. Richhart*

Eric D. Richhart, PDC  
Secretary/Treasurer

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

*James M. Barker*

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James M. Barker, PDC  
Commander

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### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A Officer Reports

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**ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER REPORTS**

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S REPORT**

James M. Barker, DC

Brothers, it is now incumbent upon me to render an account of the duties attached to the high and honorable office you conferred on me at the Encampment held in Salt Lake City one year ago. I deeply felt the honor and promised to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability. I have endeavored to do so and regret my inability to do more.

As your representative, I attended the National Encampment held 8-11 Aug in Milwaukee along with DSVC Gene Cheney and Newsletter Editor Br. Wally Weart. My report of the encampment was in the Summer issue of the newsletter so I won't repeat it here. On 2 Nov, I attended an event celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the Gettysburg Address at the Hiwan Homestead Museum in Evergreen, CO. PDC Geoff Hunt and other members of the 1<sup>st</sup> CO Volunteers provided a Civil War Camp and our friend John Voehl did a wonderful job as President Lincoln. On Veterans' Day 11 Nov, I travelled to Idaho Falls along with PDC Eric Richhart to rededicate a GAR Monument at the Rose Hill Cemetery. The monument had become engulfed in a juniper bush for decades. Thanks to Camp 1 for leading the effort to get the bush removed and the monument repaired. On 3 May, I represented the Department at the Daughters of the American Revolution Colorado State Regents Banquet honoring veterans. And on 10 May, I gave some brief remarks on Colorado in the Civil War to a meeting of the board of the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

At my election, I announced five goals for the Department to work toward in order to make our Camps the building blocks of the Order. First, to ***Build Camp Membership***. I don't know how each Camp fared in implementing this goal but the Department's Annual Report submitted by the Secretary shows a net gain of one. Disappointing progress indeed but progress nevertheless. Each Brother must be a recruiter, new members bring new ideas and new enthusiasm. I encourage the Camps to redouble their efforts to bring in new Brothers.

Second, ***Improve Camp Programs*** and third, ***Improve Camp Visibility***. The purpose of these two goals is to reinforce the first. By improving camp programs we increase retention of our current members. By developing interesting programs at our meetings we increase our knowledge of and stimulate our interest in the Civil War, the GAR and our own Order and make our members want to come to meetings and participate. By increasing camp visibility we make ourselves known to the wider community. By letting the public know who we are and what we do stimulates interest and leads to new members. I cannot tell you what progress we've made in these areas as I have no reports from the camps. Perhaps we'll hear more about it when the Camp Commanders make their reports to you.

The fourth goal was to ***Improve Camp Leadership Training***. In most camps the same Brothers tend to rotate through the offices over and over again. It's only natural, they've gained the necessary experience and they certainly exhibit the desire. Perhaps, it is they who have the time

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necessary to perform the duties. But they get tired, they wear out. Not everyone is interested in it's taking on the responsibility, some will do it if they're asked, some are interested but are not sure they know enough to do the job. We must train our members to take leadership positions; even if only writing down what you do, how you did it and tips you've learned along the way and giving it to your successor. Those who have led must mentor those coming up. Those taking over seek the advice and counsel of those who have gone before. Another excellent tool is the Officer's Training Course of the SUVCW Memorial University on the national website.

The last goal was to *Improve Camp & Individual Recognition*. If we publicly recognize those who do a good job furthering the objects & purposes of our order, we not only let them know their efforts are appreciated, we encourage others to do just that little bit more that make our camps and our order successful. Early in this administration we revived the James E. Jewell Award and established the A.V. Bohn Award as Department level awards and we'll present those later this afternoon. There are also unit and individual awards through the national organization. But recognition does not have to take the shape of an award. Acknowledging a job well done at a camp meeting is also effective.

Although not stated as a goal, we also need to work to *Improve Communication*. Communication from the Commander to you, from you back to the Commander and within the Camp. Commanders must keep their commands informed of activities of the Camp, Department and National Organization. Likewise Brothers should keep their camp officers aware of what they may be doing individually. As Department Commander, I make three reports to National - two to the National Council of Administration, in the fall and the spring, and an annual summary to the National Encampment. It's hard to make these reports without information from the camps and department officers on their activities and concerns.

I am reminded of Frank O. Burdick. For years and years Dr. Burdick's Comrades in the GAR would elect him as the Department Medical Director. Year after year he would appear at the annual encampment to make his report; only one or at the most two sentences had anything to do with the health and welfare of his comrades. The rest of his report, paragraph upon paragraph, would be a litany of the frustration he felt, hoops he had to jump through, the time and money he had to expend importuning Post Surgeons and Post Commanders to report something - anything that he could use to make a useful report. Finally, at the end of his report, he would recommend that if his comrades thought so little of the value of his duties would they kindly oblige him by voting to eliminate his office altogether. Whereupon, the encampment would solidly vote his recommendation down and elect him to another term. Finally, in 1915, when the health concerns of the veterans were self-evident, they took pity on him and elected him Department Commander so he could leave the haranguing to his staff.

There have been times this year when I've felt great sympathy for Dr. Burdick. I know that it is almost tradition going back to the days of the GAR to ignore requests for information. I also understand that for most of us, officer positions are at best sometimes jobs and don't rate high as a

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priority in our daily lives. But occasionally it would be nice to hear from you if only to say "Everything going fine here. Thanks for asking".

A new communications tool that we've added at the Department level is an electronic meeting room. We have a large department, not in terms of numbers, but in area. If you don't count the Pacific Ocean between California and Hawaii, we're the largest department in the SUV. We are 5/11<sup>th</sup> the size of the old 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Division of late memory. With the Electronic Meeting Room the Department Council and elected officers can discuss urgent matters and make decisions without trying to find a time and place to meet physically. Another good tool is our Department Newsletter - the Western Tribune. Lately, we've been running a lot of historical pieces and stories on interesting GAR veterans. Mainly because we don't have a lot of camp news to report. We like camp news and we like pictures of camp activities. So take a few minutes and send them in. Camp Commanders or Secretaries should also send in the names and ancestors of new Brothers so we can introduce them to the Department.

Unlike Dr. Burdick, I will not recommend that you abolish my position. I do however, make the following recommendation:

- That this Department take out a half page ad in the Encampment Booklet for the upcoming National Encampment in Georgia.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty;

James M. Barker, PCC  
Department Commander

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### DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT

L. E. Cheney, CC

As Senior Vice Commander I have endeavored to promote Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War, the Department Of Colorado and Wyoming, and their activities to the public and our members by electronic and verbal means.

At all activities I attended, I presented myself as a member of the Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, and Centennial Camp 100.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

L. E. Cheney, CC  
Department Senior Vice Commander

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**DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

Robert LeMaster

No report given due the absence of DJVC LeMaster.

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**SECRETARY**

Eric D. Richhart, PDC

**Membership:**

The Department strength as of March 31, 2013 was:

Hereditary Members (including Life Members):	92
Associates:	0
Juniors:	1
Junior Associates:	0
Dual:	0
Total:	93

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There is a gain 1member over the previous year.

**Camps:**

The number of Camps in the Department as of March 31, 2013 was: 5

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There is a gain/loss of \_\_0\_ Camps over the previous year.

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**TREASURER**

Eric D. Richhart, PDC

Balance on hand January 1, 2013	\$3861.20
Income January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013	
National Application Fees	\$ 10.00

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National Per Capita	\$1887.00	
National Quartermaster	\$0	
Department Per Capita	\$ 311.00	
Department Encampment Proceeds	<u>\$0</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2208.00</b>
Expenses January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013:		
National Application Fees	\$ 10.00	
National Per Capita	\$1887.00	
National Quartermaster (Supplies)	\$0	
Department – General	\$ 1302.81	
Encampment Expense	\$0	
Gift-Cinc/NP	\$0	
Department Website (hosting and domain renewal)	\$0	
Office Supplies/Postage	<u>\$0</u>	
<b>Total Department Expenses</b>		<b>\$3199.81</b>
Ending Balance December 31, 2013:		<b>\$2869.39</b>

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**DEPARTMENT COUNCIL**

James Davenport, PDC; Garry Brewer, PDC; Gary Parrott, PDC

No report given due the absence of all the Council Members.

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**PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

Geoffrey R. Hunt, PDC

No report was given due to the absence of PDC Hunt.

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**CHAPLAIN**

Willis S. Whittlesey, III

No report was given due to the absence of Brother Whittlesey.

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**CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER**

Willard F. Hinkley, PDC

There has been no activity regarding Civil War Memorials.

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## HISTORIAN James M. Barker, PCC

1. I have the honor to report the status of the following historical projects:
  - a. Department Historical Roster: I continue to add names of past members as I find them and collect research data with a view to beginning a narrative history of the Department.
  - b. Survey of GAR Posts: The Survey of GAR Posts that existed in the GAR Department of Colorado & Wyoming is essentially complete. New information will be added as I get it. I'm working to modify the information so that it can be added to the department website in a useful form. Work has also started on a volume of the GAR Posts that existed in the GAR Department of Montana. Future plans will include additional volumes covering the GAR Departments of Utah & Idaho.
  - c. SUV Department Commanders Biography Book: Completed this year is a book containing the biographies of all Department Commanders not only those from the 1929 reorganization but going back to the original 1883 Department. New information will be added as it is found.
  - d. GAR Department Commanders Biography Book: A new project started is a similar book of biographies of all the GAR Department Commanders.
  - e. Survey of SUV Camps: Another new project is to compile a Survey of the SUV Camps in the Department, similar in style and content to the Survey of GAR Posts.
  - f. Department Scrapbook: I have also started a Department Scrapbook containing news items from the department archives. Additionally, I'm going through historic Colorado newspapers and adding items that reference SUV activities.
2. Department Archives: I have organized the existing archives into a subjective file to facilitate easier searches and included individual files for each member. Part of the archives include a large number of back issues of the Banner mostly from the 50s & 60s. If any Brother has back issues they would like to donate I would be happy to reimburse the postage to get them to me. In going through the archives, I've discovered that the department was the recipient of the U.S. Grant III Cup for the greatest percentage increase in membership not once but three times. At the time the award was an actual cup that had to be returned to National Headquarters at the end of the year. Consequently, other than the letters transmitting the cup there is no visible evidence that we were ever awarded the cup. These days the recipient of the award is presented a certificate and a streamer for the Department flag. Working with SVCinC Tad Campbell, we have obtained streamers to represent our awards.
3. Recommendations: I have no recommendations to make to the Encampment at this time other than to urge Camps to document their activities annually.



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty;

James M. Barker, PCC  
Department Historian

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### GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER

Craig A. Ayler, PCC

In accordance with the Dept. of CO & WY's request and the Commander of Centennial Camp 100's request, I am the appointed GRO for the Dept. CO & WY and Centennial Camp 100.

I would like to begin with a Centennial Camp 100 issue all though this is mainly the Camps business. On June 14, 2013, Flag Day, the Flagpole Platform Project was completed at Riverside Cemetery, Denver, CO. The Veterans walkway is 1/5 complete. There will be a total of 5 blocks, holding veteran bricks. The next and most important event will be a ceremony on both projects. We will need a group to make this happen.

I received an email Feb 15, 2014 from Allan McKenny from the Lot Smith Camp. He is the GRO for the Boise, ID area. As of that date, he has entered over 200 names to the National Register. Brother McKenny requested someone from our Dept. attend the local Memorial Day ceremony. I believe I've mentioned this in the past. I regret that I couldn't make the trip. He is also working through other communities. We should send him a letter rewarding his accomplishments. In regards to the Memorial Day Ceremony, Brother Mckenny approached the VA at Ft. Boise and our National GRO with the Memorial Day Ceremony and was told that there wouldn't be a ceremony. Brother Bruce also told him that only relatives can get military markers. This came up a while back and I believe the SUVCW is allowing our government to fade our organization away. I know that our government spends trillions of dollars, so why do they have to pick on a small project such as stone replacements?

I am currently focused on the "Oldest Civil War Veterans" from every county. This is need easy but I have put together. Currently, I have found and proven 8 soldiers. It is difficult to find the correct soldier. There are some stories where we can find them however, I've been going through all my pictures and finding the oldest one. It's very time consuming but there doesn't seem to be much choice.

With very little time, I've managed to make these projects flow. I am requesting that I may continue the GRO position both Department as well as Centennial Camp 100. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Ayler, PCC  
Dept. Graves Registration Officer

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**EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR**

**Gerald F. Mosley, PDC**

No report was given due to the absence of PDC Mosley.

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**GAR HIGHWAY OFFICER**

**Jon J. Franchino, PCC**

No report was given due to the absence of PCC Franchino

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**DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER**

**Eric D. Richhart, PDC**

Efforts are continuing to organize new camps in Idaho. Brother Brian Edgerton of Idaho Falls is transferring to Lot Smith Camp 1 from the RI Dept. and will be helping with this effort.

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**DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Walter Weart**

The newsletter has been published in a timely manner. In the past year we published one special issue and 4 regular issues. The next issue is due out this summer.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
ATTACHMENT B - CAMP REPORTS**

**LOT SMITH CAMP 1, SALT LAKE CITY, UT  
Commander Gerald F. Mosley**

No report provided.

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**CHAPMAN-COMPLIMENT CAMP 2, BILLINGS, MT  
Commander Fred J. Morgenthaler II**

No report provided.

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**LEGION OF THE WEST CAMP 7, GRAND JUCTION, CO  
Commander Bennett Young**

Since the last report submitted, the officers and members of SUVCW - Legion of the West Camp No. 7 have participated in many events and activities. These have included the following:

- Performing extensive research (regarding - local GAR Posts, graves registration, GAR memorials/monuments, etc.);
- Participated in various local events/activities (Veterans Day Parades, Memorial Day events, local history celebrations, etc.);
- Continue recruitment efforts for new Camp members have occurred during the past year; and,
- Planning for upcoming events (4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veterans Day, etc.) and other activities to celebrate the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Civil War.

Specifically, during the past year the Legion of the West Camp has participated in the following events/activities:

- Participated (in uniform and with other members of Allied Orders) in the 2013 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Grand Junction, Colorado;
- Attended and participated in the historical marker dedication event at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery event (in Grand Junction) on August 10, 2013 (with other members of Allied Orders);

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- Attendance with other members of Allied Orders at the Grand Junction's Veterans Day Annual All Services Ball on November 8, 2013.
- Placed flags next to the headstones of the graves of veterans at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery for the 2013 Veterans Day weekend (note - 15 Civil War veterans are buried there);
- Attended and participated in the *Wreaths Across America* memorial service on December 14, 2013, at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction;
- Placed flags next to the headstones of the graves of veterans at the Crown Point Veterans Cemetery and the Palisade Municipal Cemetery (in the City of Palisade, Colorado) for the 2014 Memorial Day weekend (note - 14 Civil War veterans are buried at the Palisade Cemetery); and,
- Attended and participated (with other members of Allied Orders) in the Wreath Laying Ceremony during the 2014 Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

Sadly, the Camp lost two (2) Brothers (Ronald Ross and John Dinsmoor) since the last report. It should be noted, Brother Dinsmoor was a Real Son.

Currently, the Camp has 19 members and has regular quarterly business meetings. Other special meetings are called as needed by the Commander. Additionally, the Camp has currently on hand: \$107.02.

All Brothers within the Camp continue to be active members and look forward to the challenges associated with the continuing 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Gary E. Parrott, PDC  
Secretary-Treasurer

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**THOMAS E. BOWMAN CAMP 12, DURANGO CO**  
Commander Timothy R. Crites

No report provided.

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### CENTENNIAL CAMP 100, DENVER, CO

Commander L. E. (Gene) Cheney

I have to honor to submit the following report of the activities of Centennial Camp 100 since the last Department Encampment.

- a. Camp Projects: Riverside Flagpole/Memorial Project: Phase one, the concrete base has been completed. Phase two has been started. The first square of bricks has been set. All engraved bricks have been set. Four more squares of bricks will be set when the bricks are acquired. Fund raising opportunities are being explored to continue with phases two and three. An estimated 500 bricks and 6 tons of sand are needed to complete the walkway, phase two, \$200.00. An additional \$2500.00 is estimated to complete phase three. Funding is hoped to be raised through grants, donations, and sales of Memorial Bricks.
- b. Camp Status: Centennial Camp 100 has elected and installed the 2014 Officers. Elected and Initiated 6 new members. Honorably Discharged 3 members. Has a roster of 38 members, 4 Life Members, 1 Dual Member, 1 Associate Member, 1 Junior Member, and 4 members under 40.
- c. Other Activities:
  - 4 July 2013 Members of Centennial Camp 100 participated in parades and activities throughout the area.
  - August 2013 Centennial Camp 100 members DC J. M. Barker, SDVC, CC L. E. Cheney, W. Weart, Camp Secretary attended the National Encampment.
  - November 2013 Members of Centennial Camp 100 participated in various parades and activities along the Front Range.
  - 15 Dec 2013 DC Barker, CC, DSVC, Cheney, Brother Zink, SVC, Sisters Goguen, Zink and Cheney participated in a fund raising event at Barnes and Noble Book Store.
  - 22 Mar 2014 Centennial Camp members DC Barker and DSVC, CC Cheney were interviewed by a Martinez Elementary School student about The Battle Of Gettysburg for his school project.
  - Apr & May Centennial Camp members DC Barker, DSVC, CC Cheney, PDC Hinkley, and Brother Marsh presented JROTC Certificates and Medals to cadets at Air Academy HS(1), Westminster HS(1), Harrison HS(1), Pueblo County HS's(4), and Pueblo City HS's (4).
  - 1 Eagle Scout Certificate presented.

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In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

L. E. Cheney  
Commander

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**ATTACHMENT C - ENCAMPMENT ATTENDEES**

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**Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City, UT**

Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Department Secretary/Treasurer  
Bryan Walls

**Chapman-Compliment Camp 2, Billings, MT**

No Representation

**Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction, CO**

No Representation

**Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Durango, CO**

Charles E. Sharrock, PDC

**Centennial Camp 100, Denver, CO**

Craig A. Ayler, PCC, Department Graves Registration Officer  
James M. Barker, Department Commander  
L. E. Cheney, Department Sr. Vice Commander, Camp Commander  
Art Goguen  
Willard F. Hinkley, PDC, Department CW Memorials Officer  
Gary C. Mitchell, PCC  
Walter Weart, Department Newsletter Editor

**Guests**

Alan L. Russ, National Secretary, SUVCW (Dual Member-Camp 100)

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**ATTACHMENT D - DEPARTMENT ORDERS**

Department Order No. 2, 26 Oct 2013 was the last of the series for 2012-13

Headquarters, Department of Colorado & Wyoming  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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Department Order No. 1  
8 June 2013

1. Having been elected at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming held 8 Jun 2013 at Midvale, UT, I hereby assume command.

2. The following named Brothers, Camp indicated, were elected to the following positions:

Commander:	James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100
Senior Vice Commander:	Gene Cheney, CC, Camp 100
Junior Vice Commander:	Robert LeMaster, Camp 1
Secretary/Treasurer:	Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1
Department Council:	James Davenport, PDC, Camp 12
Department Council:	Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7
Department Council:	Garry Brewer, PDC, Camp 7

3. The following named Brothers, Camp indicated, are appointed to the following positions:

Patriotic Instructor:	Geoffrey R. Hunt, PDC, Camp 100
Chaplain:	Willis S. Whittlesey III, Camp 1
CW Memorials Officer:	Willard H. Hinkley, PDC, Camp 100
Historian:	James M. Barker, PCC, Camp 100
Graves Registration Officer:	Craig A. Ayler, PCC, Camp 100
Eagle Scout Coordinator:	Gerald Mosely, PDC, Camp 1
GAR Highway Officer:	Jon J. Franchino, PCC, Camp 100
Department Organizer:	Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1
Newsletter Editor:	Walter Weart, Camp 100
Webmaster:	Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

4. Headquarters of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming is transferred to 5715 El Dora Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Communications for the Commander may be sent to that address or by email to [barker944@msn.com](mailto:barker944@msn.com) or by telephone to 719-593-2061.



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JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

ATTEST:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary-Treasurer

Headquarters, Department of Colorado & Wyoming  
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Department Order No. 2  
18 June 2013

1. The 2013 National Encampment will be held 8-11 August 2013 at Brookfield, WI a suburb of Milwaukee.
2. All Past Department Commanders in good standing are automatically entitled to a seat and a vote at the Encampment. Additionally, all Brothers in good standing have been elected Alternates. All those attending must have a current membership card and an Encampment Credential Card. Those wishing to attend please contact me at the address above or email: [barker944@msn.com](mailto:barker944@msn.com) and I'll furnish you a Credential Card.
3. The Headquarters Hotel is the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, 375 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005. Phone: (262) 364-1100. Fax: (262) 786-5210. Online reservations may be made at: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/alliedordersofthegar> . Hotel website: [www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton). There is a special room rate of \$99 (plus tax) per night. When phoning for reservations mention that you are with the "Allied Orders of the GAR".
4. Registration forms for the Encampment, Allied Orders Banquet, SVR Breakfast, Tours and an order form for the Commemorative Badge can be found here: <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org/forms> and in the latest issue of "The Banner". *The deadline for reservations/registration is 31 July 2013.*

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

Attest:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 3  
22 August 2013

1. Pursuant to the recommendation to the Department Encampment, 8 June 2013, granting the Department Commander authority to develop and issue Department policies, the following procedures are in effect:

a. Each policy will be issued as a standardized publication similar to a Department Order and will be numbered with the calendar year of its issue and a consecutive number.

b. Each policy will have a unique title and will be signed by the Department Commander and authenticated by the Department Secretary.

c. The first paragraph of each policy will state the purpose for which it is issued and to whom it applies.

d. In the event that a policy is amended (i.e., changes made to a part of the policy) or revised (i.e., completely rewritten) it will retain its original number but bear the date of the amendment or revision.

e. Each policy issued will be promulgated by a Department Order, will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked, will be posted to the Department website, and will be reviewed annually for continued applicability.

2. The Department Encampment and the Department Council may, by their vote, direct the Commander to formulate and issue a policy on a particular subject.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

ATTEST:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 4  
9 September 2013

1. Department Policy 2013 - 1, Department Electronic Meeting Room, dated 9 Sep 2013 is hereby promulgated.
2. Because the large geographic area of the Department makes it impractical to arrange meetings at short notice, this policy establishes a Department Electronic Meeting Room. It prescribes the procedures to be used by the Department Council and elected Department Officers to discuss matters and make decisions on issues which arise between Department Encampments and scheduled meetings of the Department Council.
3. The Department Webmaster will post the policy to the Department's Website.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

ATTEST:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 5  
9 September 2013

1. The **James E. Jewel Award**, originally established by Department Commander Doyle M. Brewer, Jr. in Department Order No. 1, 28 Jan 2005, is hereby revived.
2. This award is named after Comrade James E. Jewel of Ft. Morgan, CO a Past Commander of the GAR Department of Colorado & Wyoming and the only Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic from Colorado. It will be awarded to the Brother (in good standing) who recruits the most new Brothers for the Department.

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3. Procedures for nominating Brothers and administering this award are contained in Department Policy 2013 - 2, James E. Jewel Award, dated 9 Sep 2013, which by this order is hereby promulgated.

4. The Department Webmaster will post the policy to the Department Website.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

ATTEST:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 6  
6 November 2013

1. The **A. V. Bohn Award** is hereby established.
2. This award is named after Comrade A. V. Bohn of Leadville, CO a Past Commander of the GAR Department of Colorado & Wyoming and the Commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grand Division of the Sons of Veterans of the USA. It will be awarded to the most outstanding Camp in the Department.
3. Procedures for nominating Camps and administering this award are contained in Department Policy 2013 - 3, A. V. Bohn Award, dated 6 November 2013, which by this order is hereby promulgated.
4. The Department Webmaster will post the policy to the Department Website.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

ATTEST:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 7  
7 January 2014

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Brother John W. Dinsmore, Colonel, USAF (Ret) on 4 November 2013 at the age of 85. Brother Dinsmore was a Real Son, his father was Pvt Samuel P. Dinsmoor Co. B, 116 OH Inf.
2. Brother Dinsmore joined the SUVCW on 14 Jan 1996, as a member of Centennial Camp 100 he later transferred his membership to Legion of the West Camp 7. Internment was at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver with full military honors.
3. The Department Charter and all Camp Charters, membership badges & websites will be draped for 30 days from the date of this order in honor of Brother Dinsmore.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

Attest:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

Headquarters, Department of Colorado & Wyoming  
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Department Order No. 8  
17 January 2014

1. Congratulations to all newly elected or re-elected Camp officers and best wishes for a productive year. Please send me an email with contact information so that I can update my email lists.

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2. Camp Commanders and secretaries are reminded that the “Certification of Election and Installation of Camp Officers” (Form 22) is due to the Department Secretary by 15 Feb 2014. This report is important not only to update the Department & National Organization but we must use it to prepare the Department’s EIN Report to the National Treasurer. Failure to file this report in a timely manner jeopardizes our tax exempt status with the IRS.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

Attest:

ERIC D. RICHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 9  
12 May 2014

1. On 5 May, 1868 General John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published General Order #11, setting aside the 30<sup>th</sup> of May for the purpose of decorating the graves of those who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion and for “cherishing tenderly” their memory. Each of us, when we joined the Order, promised solemnly to observe this day as we took our obligation.
2. This year, Memorial Day is observed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. As we honor the Boys in Blue on this 146th anniversary of that Order let us be mindful and honor all men and women who serve or have served in our Uniformed Services.
3. All Camps and Brothers of this Department are directed to participate in some form of appropriate observance either as a body, small groups or individually as circumstances dictate.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

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Attest:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

Headquarters, Department of Colorado & Wyoming  
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Department Order No. 10  
13 May 2014

1. In accordance with Chapter II, Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Article III, Bylaws of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, the Officers and Brothers of this Department will assemble in Annual Encampment on 7 Jun 2014 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. The Encampment will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave, Aurora, CO 80010.
2. National Secretary Alan Russ, PDC will represent the Commander-in-Chief and be the Installing Officer.
3. All Past Department Commanders, Past Camp Commanders and sitting Camp Commanders in good standing are automatically entitled to a vote at the Encampment. All Brothers in good standing are cordially invited to attend.
4. All Department Officers (elected and appointed) and Camp Commanders are directed to provide a written report of the activities of their office/camp since the last Encampment to the Department Commander by 28 May 2014.

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

Attest:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary

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Department Order No. 11  
7 June 2014

1. The following Department awards are announced:

A. V. Bohn Award- Outstanding Camp of the Year: Centennial Camp 100

James E. Jewell Award - Outstanding Recruiter of the Year: PDC Eric Richhart, Camp 1

2. The following Brother is appointed Department Aide de Camp and is authorized to wear the Department Ribbon behind his membership badge for one year:

PDC Eric Richhart

Camp 1

JAMES M. BARKER, PCC  
Commander

Attest:

ERIC D. RICHHART, PDC  
Secretary



# Incoming Department Officers

## 2014-2015

<b>Department Commander .....</b>	<b>James M. Barker, PDC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Department Senior Vice Commander .....</b>	<b>Gene Cheney, CC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Department Junior Vice Commander .....</b>	<b>Robert LeMaster</b> <i>(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)</i>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer .....</b>	<b>Eric D. Richhart, PDC</b> <i>(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)</i>
<b>Council Member .....</b>	<b>Garry W. Brewer, PDC</b> <i>(Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction)</i>
<b>Council Member .....</b>	<b>Gary E. Parrott, PDC</b> <i>(Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction)</i>
<b>Council Member .....</b>	<b>James J. Davenport, PDC</b> <i>(Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, Durango)</i>
<b>Immediate Past Department Commander .....</b>	<b>James M. Barker, PDC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Patriotic Instructor .....</b>	<b>Geoffrey R. Hunt, PDC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Chaplain .....</b>	<b>Willis S. Whittlesey III</b> <i>(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)</i>
<b>Eagle Scout Coordinator .....</b>	<b>Gerald F. Mosley., PDC</b> <i>(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)</i>
<b>Graves Registration Officer .....</b>	<b>Craig A. Ayler, PCC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Historian.....</b>	<b>James M. Barker, PDC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>Civil War Memorials Officer .....</b>	<b>James M. Barker, PDC</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>
<b>GAR Highway Officer.....</b>	<b>Gary E. Parrott, PDC</b> <i>(Legion of the West Camp 7, Grand Junction)</i>
<b>Department Organizer.....</b>	<b>Eric D. Richhart, PDC</b> <i>(Lot Smith Camp 1, Salt Lake City)</i>
<b>Department Newsletter Editor.....</b>	<b>Walter Weart</b> <i>(Centennial Camp 100, Denver)</i>

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7 JUNE 2014