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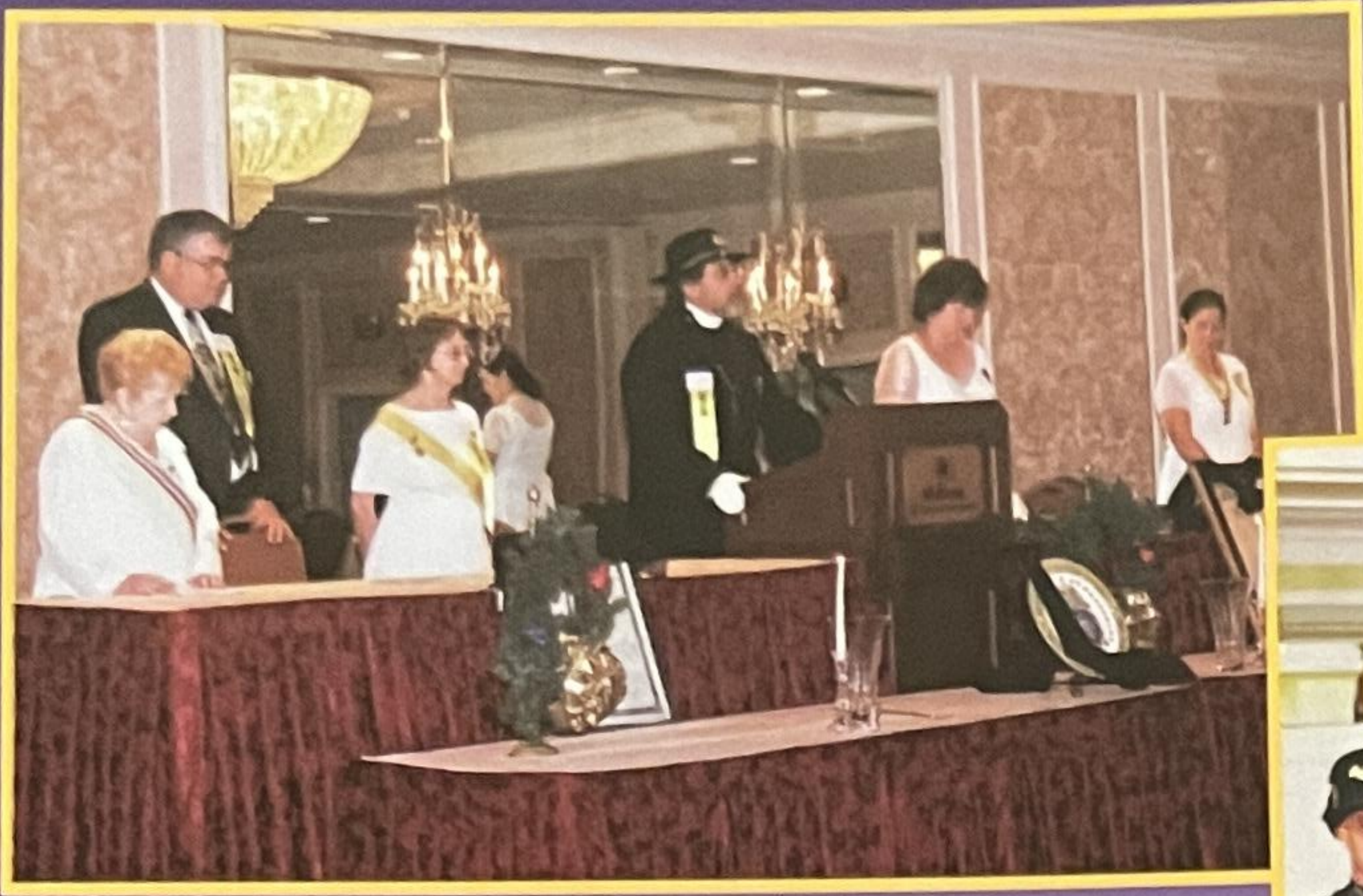
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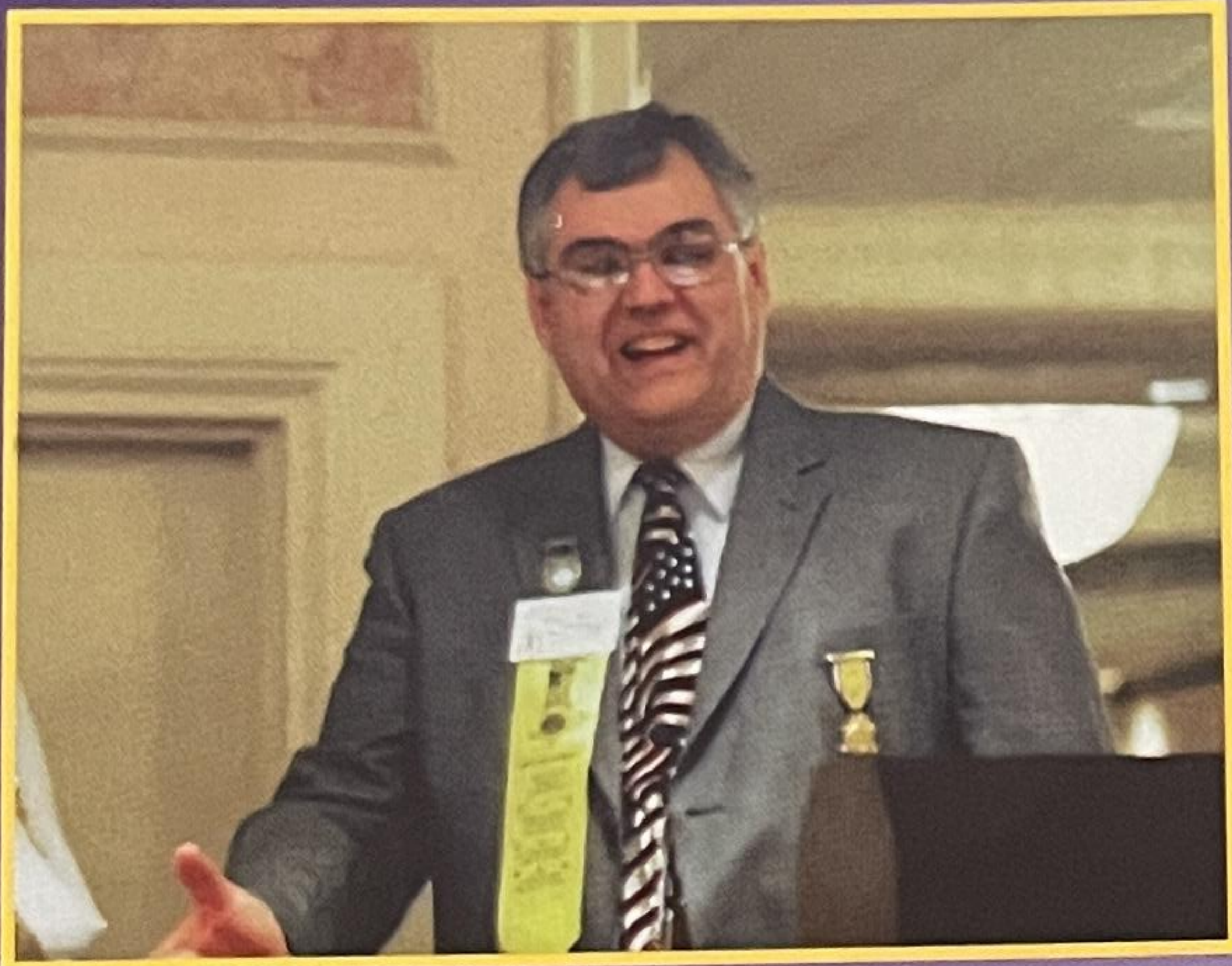
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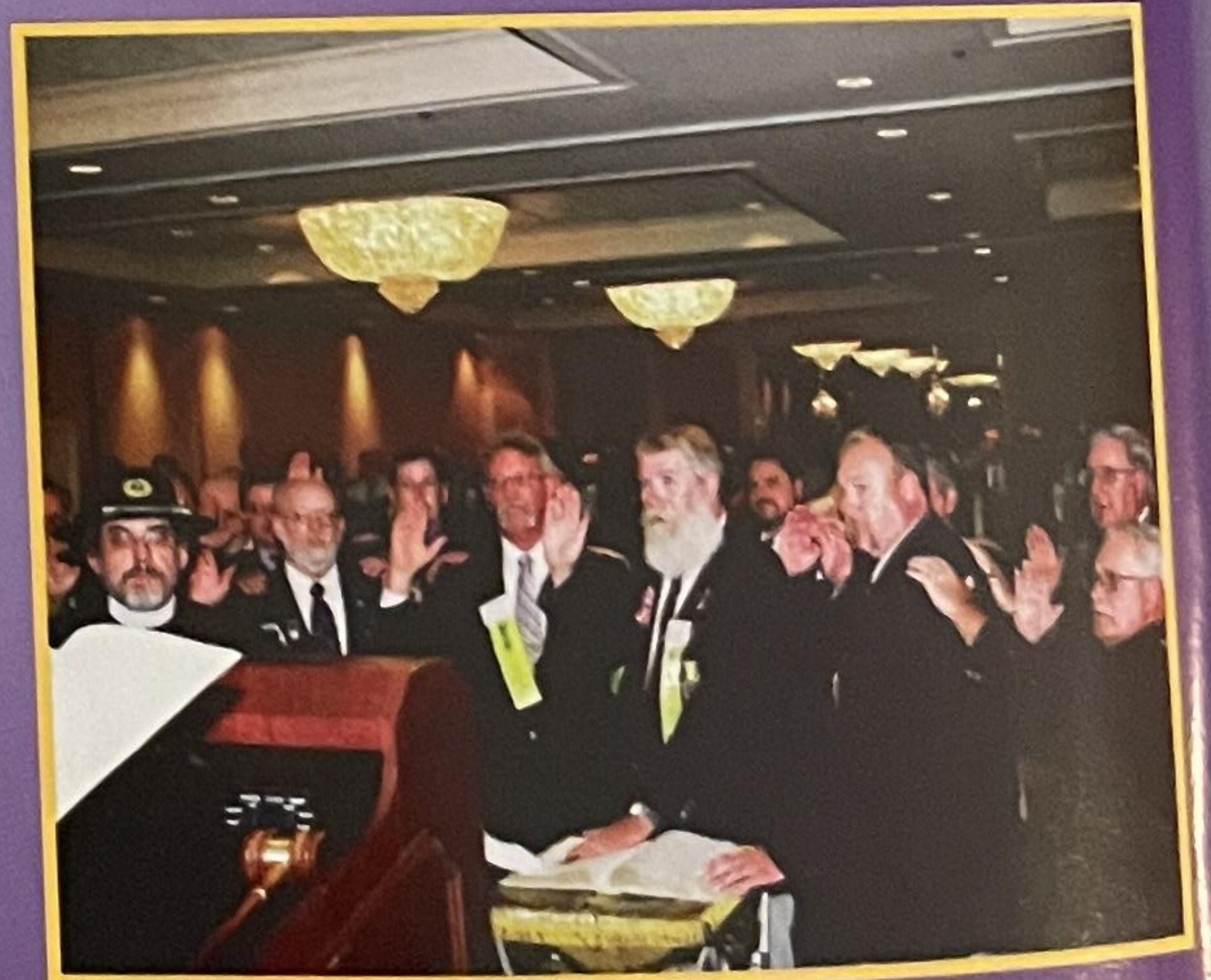
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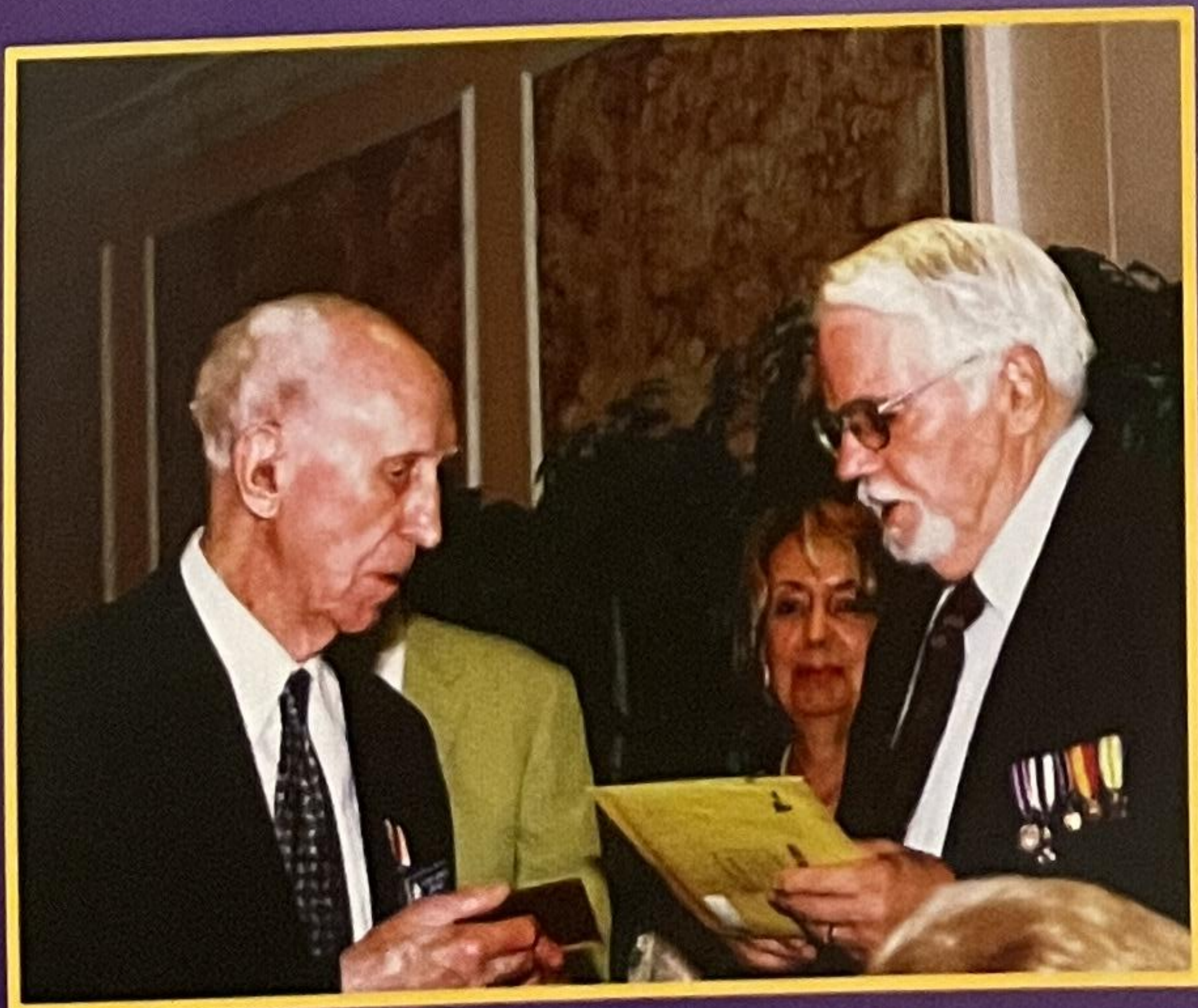
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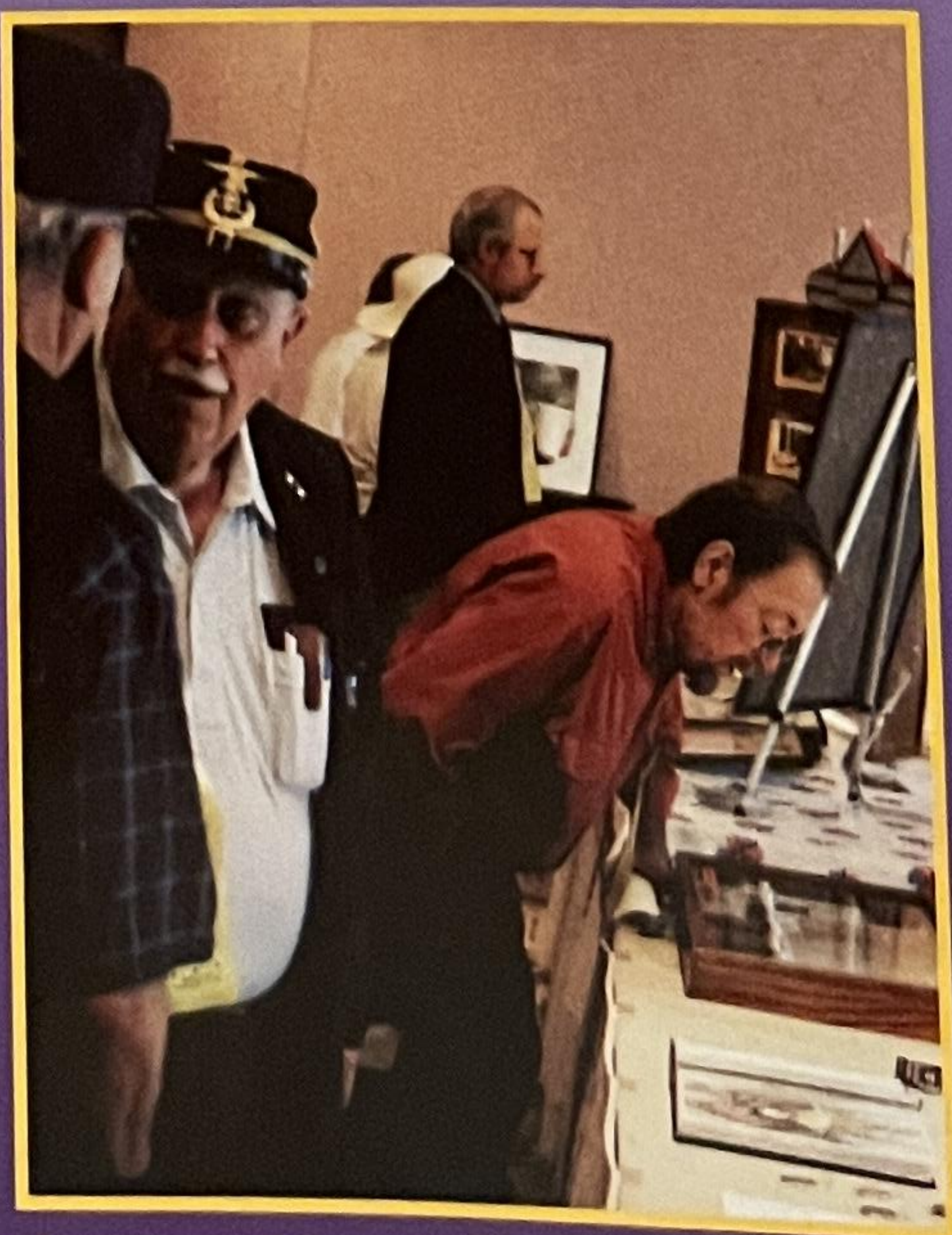
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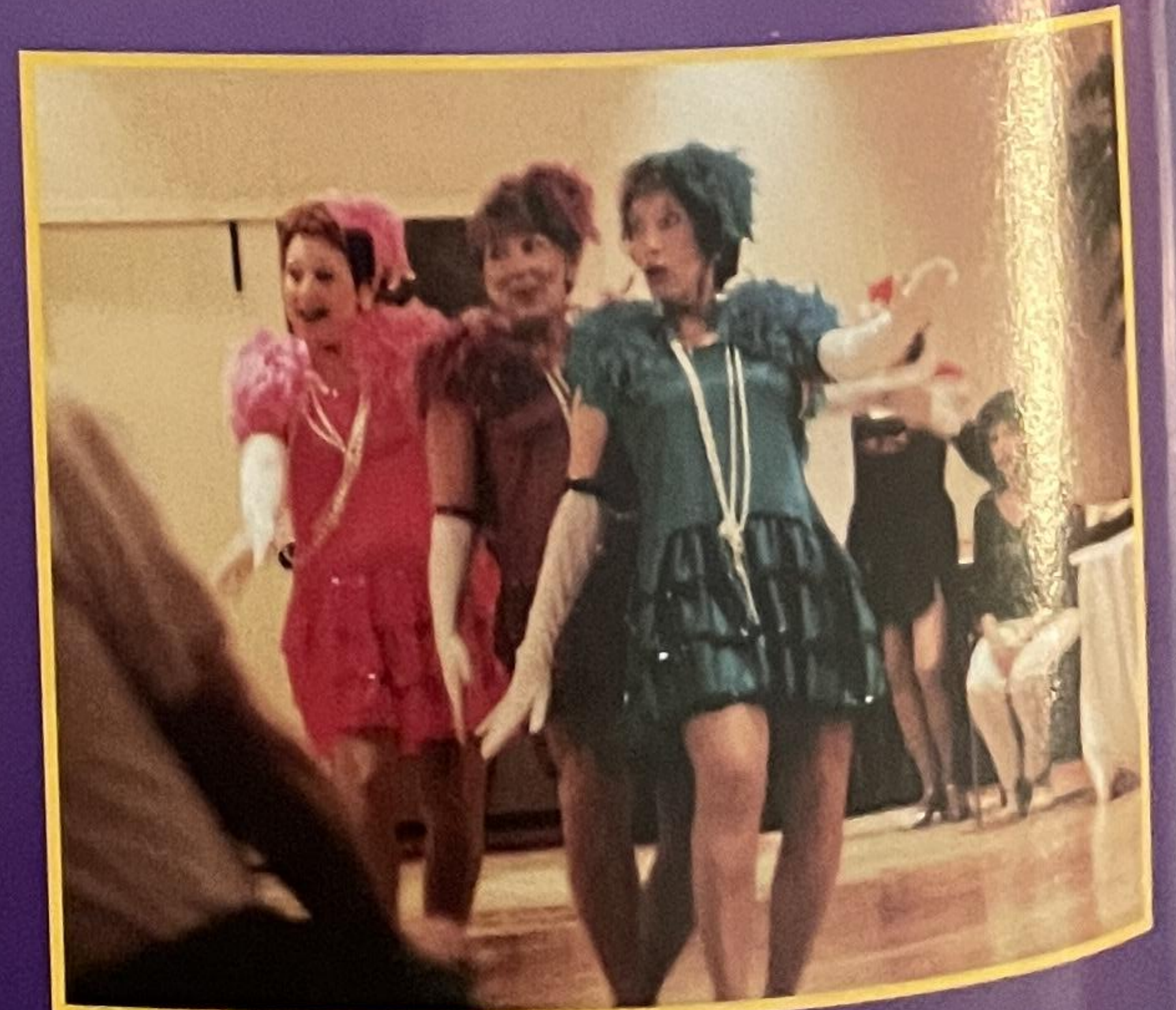
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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES

### Pre Encampment—9 August 2007—St. Louis, MO

The meeting was opened by CinC James B. Pahl at approximately 8:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. An inspirational opening prayer was then offered by Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. Upon the roll call of officers, the following were recorded present: CinC James B. Pahl, SVCinC Charles Kuhn, JVCinC David V. Medert, Nat. Sec. Michael S. Bennett, Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Leo Kennedy, D. Brad Schall, Daniel Murray, James Hanby, and Eric Schmincke, Immediate PCinC Don Darby, Nat. Counselor Donald Shaw, Nat. Washington D.C. Representative and PCinC Andrew M. Johnson. Additional Past CinCs present included Stephen A. Michaels, Edward J. Krieser, Keith G. Harrison, Charles W. Corfman and Richard L. Greenwalt.

Guests were: Nat. Chief of Staff Donald Palmer, Exec. Dir. Lee Walters, Nat. Chaplain Kowalski, Assist. Nat. Treas. Eugene Mortorff, Banner Publisher John Hart, Foundation Dir. Robert Petrovic representing the MO Host Committee, and Brs. Neal Breagh from the Dept. of MI, Blair Rudy from the Dept. of TX, and Co. Harvey Linscott from the Dept. of FL.

CinC Pahl asked for a vote to affirm all votes of the Electronic Boardroom. A motion to do so was made and duly seconded, and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to amend the policy on the use of the name and emblem of the Order to add *challenge coins* to the list of items which Brothers, Camps and Departments are authorized to use the SUVCW name and symbols upon. The motion was seconded, and considerable discussion and debate took place, following which a vote was taken. The motion failed.

Br. Breagh was then recognized by CinC Pahl and given the floor to address the Council on a recommendation for Honorary Membership. After his presentation, and some discussion, no motion was made.

PCinC Michaels then addressed the Council regarding his work as Editor of The Banner, presenting the 2006-2007 budget break-down and also showing a proposed budget of costs that would be incurred if the Banner was published by ProGraphics of WI. Banner Publisher John Hart was then given an opportunity to give his own presentation and proposal from Dunmore Publishing Inc. In addition to expressing their appreciation for Br. Hart visiting the meeting to share this information, the Council also extended their gratitude for his work on the Banner over the last six years, noting that the Banner has come a long way in that time. It was the Council's position that they would provide advice and guidance to the Banner Editor, but would allow him the latitude to make the final choices he felt were best for the publication

CinC Pahl then shared Br. Schall's request for clarification by asking the question, "What is the \$7 Encampment Registration Fee for?" After discussion, it was agreed that as funds (currently \$1,500) are given to the Encampment Comm. early on to help with some of their up-front expenses, the Fee goes back to the Nat. Organization to help offset that expense. It does not, as some have suggested, cover the cost of producing and distributing Encampment Proceedings, nor does it cover transcription and other related expenses. It was noted that the cost of producing Proceedings is in excess of \$6,000 per Encampment.

The subject of discussion groups, such as those hosted by Yahoo, was brought up and it was noted that at least two now exist for the Sons of Union Veterans. Discussion then took place, regarding the use of the SUVCW name or logos being used on these sites, as well as what guidelines or restrictions should be followed. SVCinC Kuhn recommended that the matter be referred to the Program & Policy Comm. for their review and recommendations.

Whereupon the CinC declared the Council to be in Executive Session and respectfully asked all guests to temporarily leave the meeting room.

Upon resumption of the regular meeting, PCinC Darby requested that the CinC issue a General Order directing that all PCinCs whose Encampment Proceedings are outstanding, and who are delinquent in providing the materials needed to complete those Proceedings, be required to turn over all such materials by the Gettysburg Council of Admin. meeting in November of 2007. The Proceedings of any who do not comply with this Order will then be compiled with the materials that are available—even if that should mean that those Proceedings merely list the date and location where the Encampment was held, and the names of those who were elected to Office. The motion was seconded by SVCinC Kuhn and passed unanimously.

Nat. Chaplain Kowalski was given a moment to update the Council on his progress with the *Chaplain's Handbook*. He noted that he would be meeting with Camp and Dept. Chaplains during the Nat. Encampment, and asked for instructions as to what to do with this material when it is compiled. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Programs and Policies Comm. for their review before it is made available to the membership. PCinC Corfman requested that it also be provided to the Council for their review, electronically, before being made available to the Order.

Treas. Newman then updated the Council on our progress with submission of IRS Form 990s, noting that both the IRS and our new Auditors are working with us to bring this matter to a speedy resolution. He also briefed

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**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 14**

1. Effective Wednesday, August 8, 2007, Nat. Headquarters shall be established at The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, 1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

2. The next meeting of the Council of Administration shall be at 8:30pm, Thursday, August 9, 2007.

3. The 126th Nat. Encampment of our Order shall commence with the Joint Opening Ceremonies on Friday, at 9 AM, Friday, August 10, 2007.

4. I have been privileged to issue several awards and recognitions, including:

To **Alan Russ**, Dept. of Kansas, with the approval of the Nat. Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star

To **Bob Lowe**, Dept. of California/Pacific, with the approval of the Nat. Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star

To **Gene Turner**, Dept. of Oklahoma, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Mark Edwards**, Dept. of Oklahoma, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Bill Lowe**, Dept. of Michigan, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Clark McCullough**, Dept. of Pennsylvania, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Jerry Strowsnider**, Dept. of New York, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Larry Green**, Dept. of New York, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Randy Fletcher**, Col Edward D. Baker Camp 6, Camp at Large (Oregon), the Meritorious Service Award

To **Sam Gant**, Dept. of Tennessee, the Meritorious Service Award

To **Phillip Soyring Jr.**, Dept. of New York, the Meritorious Service Award

To non-member **Jesse Lasorda**, a Certificate of Recognition for devotion to the GAR plot of the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Mich.

To the **Lansing Board of Water and Light, Maintenance Construction Resource Center**, a Certificate of Recognition for devotion to the GAR plot, by donation of personnel and equipment, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Mich.

To **Thomas P. Lauria**, Dept. of Tennessee, Certificate of Recognition upon his retirement from the United States Air Force

To **Bruce Gosling**, Dept. of Michigan, National Aide for recruiting seven new brothers

To **Michael Virts**, Dept. of Maryland, National Aide for recruiting at least five new brothers

To **John Moscoe**, Dept. of Maryland, National Aide for recruiting five new brothers

To **Michael LaMott**, Nat. Aide for recruiting five new brothers

Ordered this 29th day of July, 2007.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 15**

1. The General John Sedgewick Camp-at-Large 10, a Nat. Camp-at-Large, located in the State of Oregon, is hereby ordered suspended for failure to submit their annual report and per capita.

2. All Past Commanders-in-Chief and others holding materials for unpublished past proceedings shall turn all such materials over to James Hanby no later than the Order's Remembrance Day observances in Gettysburg, Penn., 2007 - for collating and publishing of their proceedings. After that point, those missing proceedings will be published with the materials at hand, even if that is nothing more than the place and date of the Encampment and reporting on the election of officers.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2007.

**GENERAL ORDERS NO. 16**

I am pleased to announce the winners of various awards, presented at the 126th National Encampment of our Order in St. Louis, Missouri:

To Douglas E. McGovern, Patrick Coyne Camp #1, Dept. of Kansas, the Meritorious Service Award

To Lindsay Misegades of St. Charles, Mo., on behalf of the Council of Administration, the Founders Award, for her unselfish efforts directed towards preserving the memory of unknown soldiers, including those who fought for the Union during the Civil War. Ms. Misegades has undertaken significant work at the Jefferson Barracks to lead others in decorating nearly 3000 graves. This project included soliciting donations of supplies, creating the decorations, and coordinating more than 100 volunteers to decorate the graves of unknowns scattered over some 20 acres on the Barracks grounds. She then led her crew in removing these decorations in January 2006.

To the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp 1881, Dept. of Maryland, the Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award

To the HARRIET LANE, newsletter of the Lt. Commander Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp 2, Dept. of Texas (as edited by Michael L. Lance), the Marshall Hope Award for best Camp Newsletter.

To the Michigan Messenger, newsletter of the Dept. of Michigan (as edited by Rick Danes), the Marshall Hope Award for best Dept. Newsletter

To the Dept. of Pennsylvania, with the greatest numerical growth in membership during the past fiscal year of the Order, the Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award

To the Dept. of New Hampshire, with the greatest percentage growth in membership, the U.S. Grant Cup

To Gen Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Dept. of Michigan, John Keith, Commander, the Abraham Lincoln CinC award to the most outstanding Camp in the Order.

To Glen Roosevelt, Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, Dept. of California/Pacific, the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award as the most outstanding brother during my term in office

To Nat. Treasurer Max L. Newman, Henry Wallace Camp 160, Dept. of Michigan, the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award as the most outstanding brother during my term in office.

Ordered this 11th day of August, 2007

By Order of:  
James B. Pahl  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:  
Michael Bennett  
National Secretary





## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES

### Post Encampment - 12 August 2007 - St. Louis, MO

The meeting was opened by CinC Charles Kuhn at 8 AM. The opening prayer was offered by Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following officers were present: CinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVCinC David V. Medert, JVCinC Leo Kennedy, Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. QM Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Daniel Murray, James Hanby, Eric Schmincke, D. Brad Schall, Robert Petrovic, Immediate PCinC James Pahl and Washington, D.C. Rep. PCinC Andrew Johnson. Additional PCinCs present included Charles W. Corfman, Lowell V. Hammer, Edward J. Krieser, George L. Powell, Stephen A. Michaels and Donald E. Darby. Guests included: Exec. Dir. Lee Walters, Nat. Chap. Kowalski and Past Nat. Sec. Michael Bennett.

CinC Kuhn issued the new username and password to the Council for the Electronic Boardroom. He then initiated a discussion on 2007-08 membership dues for Nat. Members-at Large. A motion was made by SVCinC Medert moved, PCinC Pahl seconded that membership dues remain \$31, prorated in July for 6 months, with a \$10 application fee. Motion passed.

Br. Petrovic moved, JVCinC Kennedy seconded and the council voted to appoint Alan Russ as NMAL Coordinator for the 2007-08 administrative year. Motion passed.

On waiving membership dues for Brothers serving in a combat zone: PCinC James Pahl moved, Br. Hanby seconded and the council voted that dues and application fees for Brothers serving in a combat zone be waived. Motion passed. Note: Camps must supply the letter requesting the waiver.

Regarding the sale of 2007 Nat. Encampment items: Br. Schmincke moved, Nat QM Wheeler seconded and the Council voted unanimously to grant approval to the Dept. of MO to sell items associated with the 2007 Nat. Encampment until they are gone.

On the pre-1996 Life Membership reimbursement: Br. Hanby moved, Br. Schall seconded to keep the reimbursement at \$6. Motion passed.

CinC Kuhn opened a discussion on the on-line application, noting that his goal is to complete the process by the end of the 2007-08 administrative year. Appointment of Jerry Sayre, Dept. of California & Pacific Co., as an Aide to the Comm. on Membership was noted. SVCinC Medert mentioned that many of the contacts listed on Dept. websites are out of date. He followed this with a motion to have any changes in contacts listed on Dept. websites be sent immediately to Exec. Dir. Walters and Nat. Webmaster Ken Freshley. Second was made by Br Hanby. Motion passed.

CinC Kuhn initiated a discussion on database software for Graves Registration and other functions of the Order. This was turned over to the Comm. on Communications & Tech. Resolution is sought by the end of the 2007-08 administrative year. Br. Schmincke offered to serve as

consultant, and was subsequently appointed as an Aide to the Committee.

PCinC Powell distributed a list of proposed changes to the Credentials Set-Up process from the Spec. Comm. on Nat. Encampment Registration. Discussion ensued on purchasing computers to support the Nat. Encampment. PCinC Pahl moved that a committee explore purchasing three (3) laptops, issuing them to the Nat. Sec., the Exec. Dir. and Editor of the Banner, making sure the laptops get to the Nat. Encampment, and that the Nat. Treas. investigate the purchase's feasibility. PCinC Powell offered a friendly amendment to include a printer, network switch and cables, and have the committee report back at the next Council meeting. Accepted by PCinC Pahl; Br. Schmincke seconded. Motion passed, with one CoA member in opposition.

The CinC asked the Program and Policy Comm. to investigate how to make Credentials information part of the Nat. Database per the list of proposed changes submitted by PCinC Powell.

On distribution of Nat. Encampment proceedings: CinC Kuhn requested that the Credentials Card include a box to be checked if a copy of the proceedings is requested. This change was forwarded to the Program and Policy Comm. per the 126th Nat. Encampment. In addition, the CinC asked the BANNER Editor to place an ad in the BANNER, advertising copies of old proceedings currently available to be disposed of in Spring 2008.

CinC Kuhn initiated a discussion on the "domain squatter" and the suvcw.com domain, noting that this issue was passed to the Council of Admin. for action by the 126th Nat. Encampment. PCinC Pahl recommended sending a "less than friendly" letter to the suvcw.com domain squatter. The CinC volunteered to contact the Nat. Counselor and request that a letter be sent on behalf of the Order.

CinC Kuhn asked SUVCW name and logos licensing applicants to present their requests. Council Member Petrovic presented a banner that McCormick Camp 215 (Dept. of MO) wishes to sell for \$175. PCinC Pahl moved to approve this request through the next post-Encampment Council of Admin. meeting provided that one of the GAR badges shown is changed to the badge of our Order. The motion was amended, indicating the GAR badge be on the left and SUVCW membership badge on the right. Br. Schmincke seconded. Motion passed.

Regarding the Garfield Camp 142 (Dept. of OH) badges/challenge coins: PCinC Pahl moved to recall the badges/challenge coins, have the Camp refund all money and destroy the die. The motion was amended to state returned funds be placed in the Nat. Monuments and Memorials Fund. QM Wheeler seconded. Motion passed. The CinC asked the Nat. Sec. to send a letter highlighting the actions requested by the Council of Admin. to the Camp on behalf of the Nat. organization.

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## SPECIAL ORDER 2007-01 22 July 2007

1. Effective 20 July 2007 and by virtue of General Order 13, Series 2006-2007, as promulgated by CinC James B. Pahl, National Organization, SUVCW, Keith D. Ashley, PDC, Ohio, was suspended from membership in the SUVCW. This suspension is pursuant to the provisions of Chap. V, Art. VI, Sec. 17(A) of the SUVCW Regulations.
2. Insofar as Keith D. Ashley has been suspended from membership in the SUVCW as so set forth in Par. 1, supra, he is therefore not a member in good standing of the SUVCW and thus not eligible to maintain membership in the SVR. Pursuant to the provisions of Chap. IV, Art. I, Sec. 2 of the SUVCW Regulations, the said Keith D. Ashley is hereby suspended from membership in the SVR, and, specifically suspended from membership in Battery I, 1st Ohio Lt. Art., SVR.
3. The foregoing suspension, disciplinary in nature, shall remain in full force and effect, pending resolution of the Disciplinary Proceedings against the said Keith D. Ashley by the Hearing Council.

HENRY E. SHAW,  
COLONEL, SVR  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

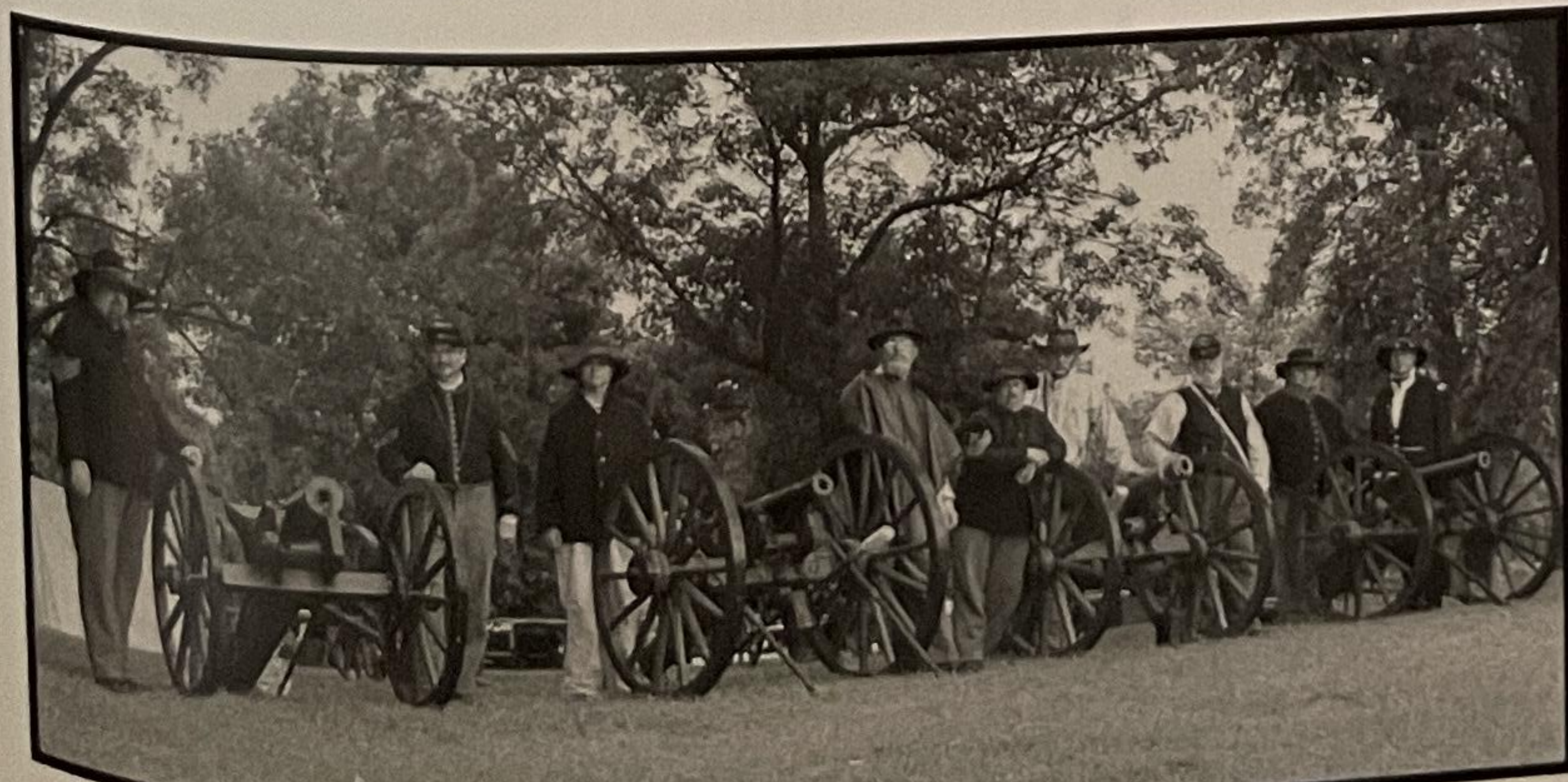
JR. DAVID V. MEDERT  
BRIGADIER GENERAL, SVR  
COMMANDING

## SVR ARTILLERY SCHOOL HOSTED AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS

The 4th Military District and the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) conducted a School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety program, June 23-24, at Jefferson Barracks Ct.y Park in south St. Louis County, MO.

NCWAA chairman Jim Newkirk and three NCWAA instructors, SVR Gen. Charles Corfman of Holmesville, OH, and eight local instructors qualified 76 participants from Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, and Kentucky. Current NCWAA-approved drill practices were taught for Civil War-era field guns and mountain howitzers and for 18th-century fieldpieces.

The next SVR School of the Piece will be held at the Bos-cobel, Wisconsin Sportsman's Club on May 16-17, 2008.



Artillery school participants from Company M,  
1st Missouri Light Artillery, with their battery.

## SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are promoted to:

### 2nd Military District

Maj. Todd A. Shillington, Commander of the 2nd Military District. *(Pictured Below)*



Capt. John M. Hart, Jr., Commander of the Delaney-Delacy Guard, is re-commissioned.

Captain Michael C. Harris, Commander of Co. C, 28th PA Vol. Inf., is re-commissioned.

1st Lt. Russell J. Manning, Adjutant of Co. C, 28th PA Vol. Inf., is re-commissioned.

### 3rd Military District

1st Lt. Larry J. Ebert, Commander of Co. D, 27th IN Vol. Inf., is re-commissioned.

### 6th Military District

2Lt. Daniel R. Earl, Adjutant of Co. C, 8th CA Vol. Inf., is re-commissioned.

### 7th Military District

Maj. Talbot S. Hackett, Jr., Dist. Co. at his written request, is relieved of command and transferred to the SVR Inactive Reserve at his present rank of Major.

1st Lt. Kenneth V. Early, Chief of Staff, is promoted to Captain and appointed District Co.

1st Lt. Eric B. Peterson, Chaplain, is reassigned and appointed Chief of Staff.



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**Descendants of Mexican War Veterans**





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## PETROVIC, SCHALL ELECTED TO COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

**PDC Robert Petrovic** was elected to the Council of Administration, his second term. He previously served from 2001-2004. Br. Petrovic joined the Sons in 1984 as a member of St. Louis' W.T. Sherman Camp 65 and served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer for ten years before helping form U.S., Grant Camp 65 in that city. That same year (1995), he helped form the Department of Missouri and was elected its first commander. He also helped organize Co. A, 2nd Missouri Infantry (SVR) and has served as its Adjutant.

Br. Bob has been Nat. Eagle Scout Coordinator, on the Real sons & Daughters Committee, Encampment Site Committee, and chairman of the eBay Surveillance Committee. In 2002, Br. Petrovic became one of the founding members and a director of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, placed in charge of its merchandise program.

In 2004, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star, the Order's highest honor. He served as chairman of this year's 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis.

**PDC Brad Schall** was re-elected to the Council of Administration, having just completed three years with that body.

In 2002, Br. Schall sold his business, DBS Specialty Foods, a meat brokerage company and retired to Lincoln, CA. Since then he has organized and commanded the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 and served on the staff of two other Camps. He's commander of Co. B, 8th CA, SVR. After serving as Dept. Commander, Br. Schall served as chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, on the Nat. Comm. on the C&R and as a National Aid to the Memorials Comm. He is also co-chairman of the SUVCW foundation.

In addition to the SUVCW, he is a member of the Sacramento Civil War Round Table, a former board member of the Tri-Valley Civil War Round Table, an active participant on the Round Table Speakers Bureau and Co-Chairman of the Friends of Alcatraz.

He and wife Patti have five children and 12 grandchildren.

## REGULATIONS AMENDED AT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2 amended - by adding the following sentence at the end of that section: The Department Treasurer or Department Secretary-Treasurer where the Department has joined the two offices and any Assistant Department Treasurer or Assistant Department Secretary-Treasurer may not serve concurrently on the Department Council.

Chapter I, Article X, Section 2 amended - by adding the word not between the words need and meet - so as to allow Associate Juniors: Section 2. Juniors shall be males at least

six (6) years of age but less than fourteen (14) years of age, who need not meet the qualifications stipulated in Article III of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation.

Chapter III, Article VII, Section 1 amended - by adding the following committees to the list of permanent committees: Civil War Heritage Defense Fund, Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, Ebay Surveillance and Scholarships.

Respectfully submitted in F,C, & L

PCinC James B. Pahl

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