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TEACHING THE TRADITION

CINC PALMER'S TRAVELS



CinC Donald Palmer, Amanda Stokes Tent 2 Pres. Marquerite Dyal, and Immediate PDC Theodore H. Golab at the GA & SC Dept. Encampment, held in Roswell, GA, on April 28th.



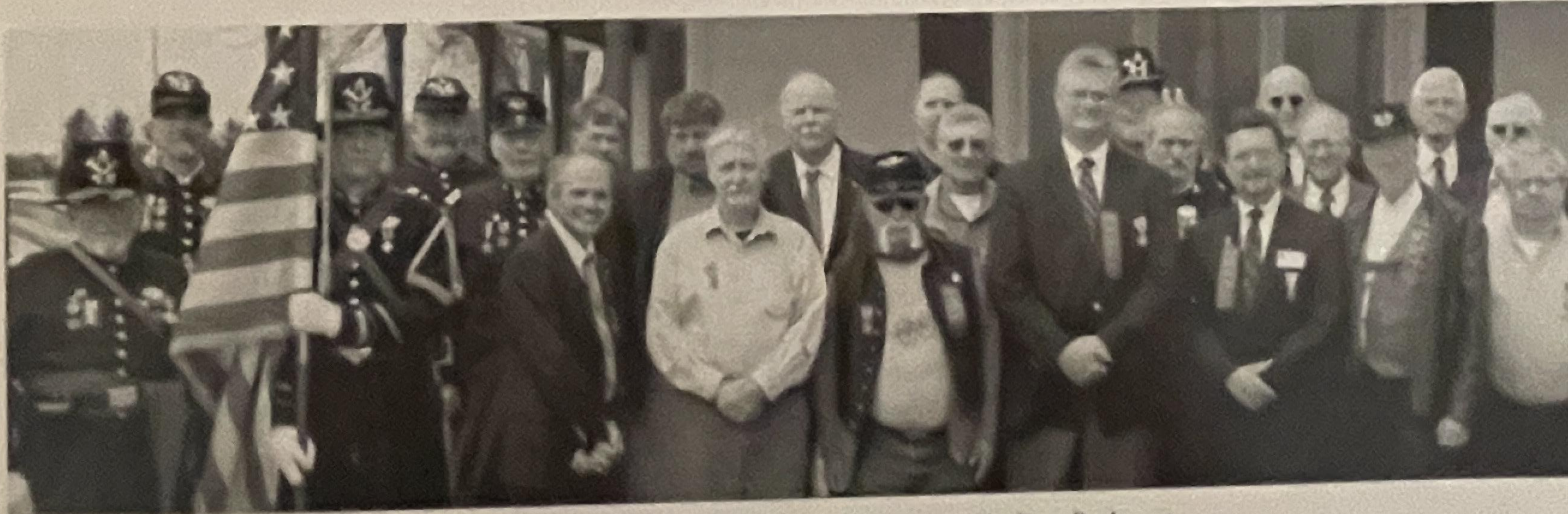
CinC Palmer posed with delegates while attending the New York Dept. Encampment in West Point on May 18-20.



CinC Palmer places a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery on April 14th.



CinC Palmer congratulates new DC Kirk Derment, Col. Heck Camp 443, elected during the Illinois Dept. Encampment, held May 12th in Sycamore. Photo by Br. Jon McGinty, Logan Camp



Those attending the Iowa Dept. Encampment in Fort Dodge on April 20-21 got a chance to meet CinC Palmer.

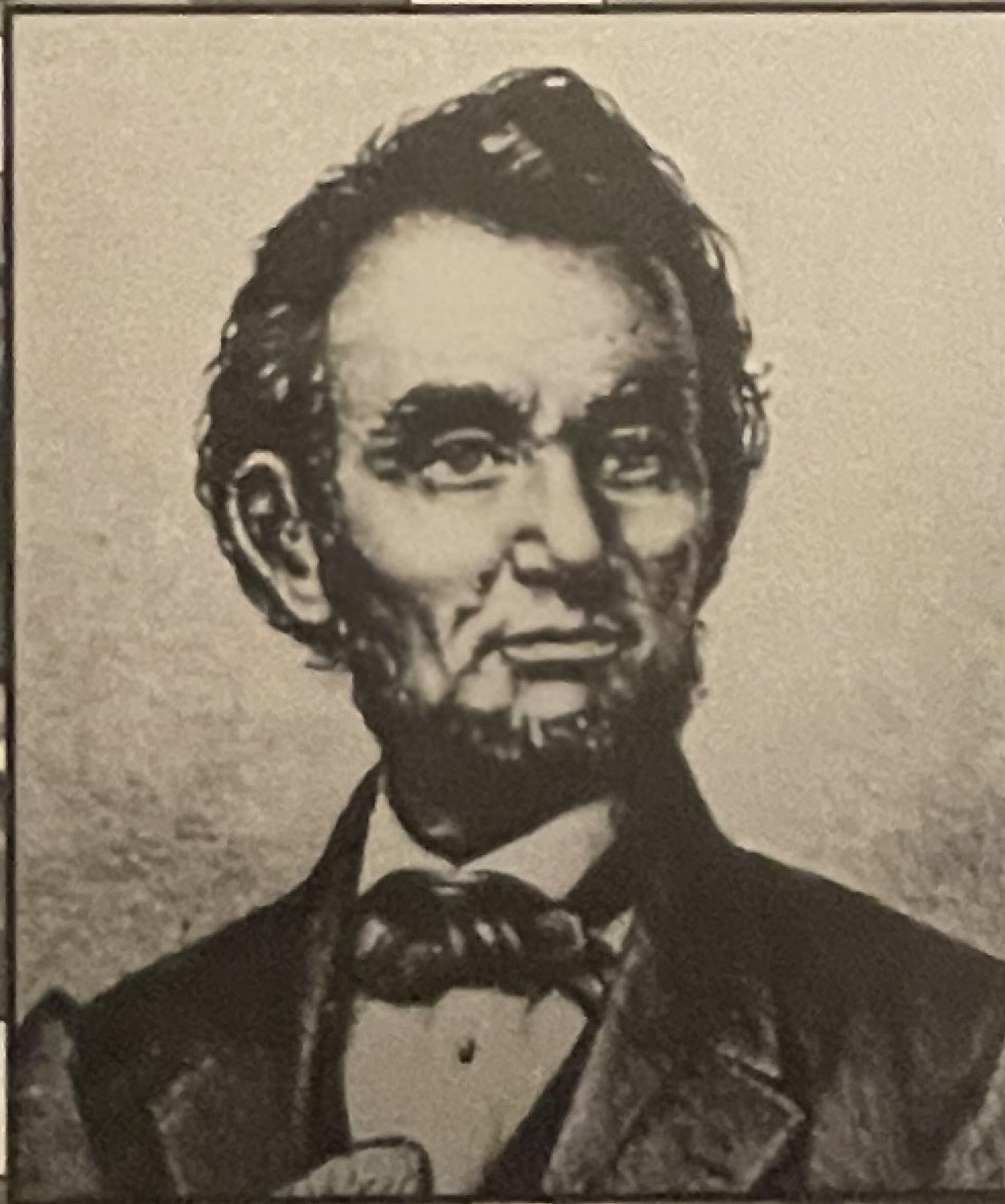
"Four years ago, O Illinois, we took from your midst an untried man...we return him to you a mighty conqueror. Not thine any more, but the Nation's, not ours, but the world's. Give him place, ye prairies."

Henry Ward Beecher, Brooklyn preacher
Sermon in anticipation of Lincoln's
Funeral procession, April 1865

THE LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVANCE

Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

April 14, 2012



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 14, 2012 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The meeting was opened by CinC Palmer at 07:25 PM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Nat. Sec. called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and guests present: CinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., SVCinC Perley E. Mellor, JVCinC Ken L. Freshley, Nat. Sec. Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treas. Richard D. Orr, Nat. QM Danny Wheeler, Council Members Steve Hammond, Robert M. Petrovic, Don Martin, Nat. Counselor James B. Pahl (PCinC), PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Robert E. Grim (SVR), PCinC Steve Michaels (Banner), and Exec. Dir. David W. Demmy, Sr. Excused were: PCinC Brad Schall, Council Members Campbell and Vieira. Guests included BG Henry E. Shaw Jr. (SVR), Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski, Nat. Chief of Staff Don Shaw, WI DC Thomas Brown and Br. Ed Norris

Loyalty Bonds: WI DC Brown briefed the sale, supporting his Dept.'s hosting of the 2013 Nat. Encampment. Bond owners may receive in return a portion of the profit from the Encampment after all bills are paid. A copy of the Bond was shown and permission requested to use the SUVCW emblem on the certificate. A representative copy of a bond is on file with the Nat. Sec. Br. Orr moved, Br. Wheeler seconded that the WI Dept. be allowed to use the emblem as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer /Committee Reports:

Current Eagle Scout Certificate: PDC Petrovic, Nat. Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. recommended a change to the application form, using a different graphic for the medal. However, the Eagle Scout medal depicted on the form is correct and should not be changed. Other aspects (border, color, copyright infringements on printing, etc.) were discussed. Referred to Programs & Policies Comm., which will make recommendations at the next Council meeting. Br. Petrovic will provide a CD to the QM to help make changes to the border color.

Memorial University: Members have complained about technical issues and inability to log into the program. JVCinC Freshley will contact Nat. P.L. Bates and discuss the program and address any technical problems.

Financial Report: PCinC Richard Orr provided copies of the 2011-12 Budget, the Consolidated Income Statement for Jul 1, 2011 to Feb 29, 2012 and the Consolidated Balance Sheet (Feb 29, 2012). He identified line items to be adjusted to reflect actual expenses.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded, to amend the budget as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion was approved unanimously.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded to change

allocation of per capita effective Jul 1 2012: \$16 to the General Fund, \$2 to the Civil War Monuments Fund, and \$5 to the Nat. HQ Fund (50 cent decrease to Gen. Fund, 50 cent increase to Civil War Monuments Fund). Motion was approved unanimously.

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Comm. Two grants were approved and the 3rd is being reviewed. On March 4th, a "fill-in" form was submitted for the website, facilitating completion and legibility. Referred to the Tech. Comm. for review and recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Lincoln Tomb Observance Comm. Recommendations: Br. Petrovic reported attendance was down slightly from last year. In conversations with members, they indicated they forgot about it. He contends this may be because it was advertised six (6) months before the event. He recommended that the Banner publication dates be changed to what they once were and put the Tomb Event in the Banner's Winter issue. Discussion ensued. The Banner Editor spoke to the concerns. No action taken at this time.

Scholarship Committee: A recommendation to include copies of the pertinent scholarship applications along with the Committee's recommended selectees to the Nat. Commander. No action needed by the CoFA.

MO Dept. Report: A recommendation that the Nat. Order allow the St. Louis, MO, company do the calligraphy on the Charters, using the "chartering fee". Br. Petrovic discussed two Charters. The Fletcher Camp charter (De Soto, MO) was damaged in the mail and had spelling mistakes, which were corrected by redoing the Charter. He said the Siegel Camp (Rolla, MO) charter was done poorly, using a blue ink marker pen. The Nat. Sec. said he had completed several charters over the last two years and that all were done with a professional black calligraphy pen. A completed charter was physically inspected and there were no complaints. The Nat. Sec. asked why the Rolla Camp did not complain directly to the Nat. Sec. about the Charter and it was discovered they wanted to keep it. A review of previous minutes revealed that charters will be in calligraphy, but does not mandate by whom. The Charter fee goes to pay for the certificates. Doing the calligraphy in house saves our Order money and gets the Charters to their respective Camps quickly. Any Camp who receives a charter with errors, etc., should contact the Nat. Sec. directly. There is no additional fee for replacing a charter. If a Camp or Dept. requires a higher level of calligraphy, a blank charter can be provided for the Camp's calligrapher to do the work at its own expense. No action needed by the CoFA.

A recommendation to change the age limits of the dues hike to be after the young man turns 18, instead of 14. This would allow him time to obtain employment and have the money more readily available. The Nat. Encampment must deal this with.

OPINIONS

By PCinC James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Opinion 1 - once a motion is passed, it becomes immediately effective unless the terms of the motion specify a different effective date.

Opinion 2 - a Past Commander-in-Chief is a member of the National Council of Administration. A PCinC may not vote, however, has all of the other rights of membership on the CofA, including the right to attend all meetings and be a part of discussions, the right to speak at meetings and be heard, the right to make motions and second motions of others.

Opinion 3 - Special Encampment Badges may only be worn at the specific event. Once the encampment ends, a brother no longer wear that event badge. The only exception is a badge issued during a Department Encampment, where that Encampment designates the badge to be worn at the next National Encampment by members of that Department's delegation.

Opinion 4 - Gifts made by donors to Camps and Departments of the Order, including SVR units, districts and the National Department, SVR, are not tax deductible to the donor per the recent ruling letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My wife and I sing in a choir, and one Sunday as we were walking, at the end of the Church Service, back to the choir to hang up our robes; we passed a group of people still talking to one another. A small boy, probably just a year out of kindergarten, asked me as I passed by, "Are you Jesus?"

In retrospect, he must have seen a drawing of Jesus in a long robe, wearing a beard (our choir robes are white and I do have a beard) and he was just curious. What a moment of grace! For this child to want to find Jesus, and looking for Him in Christ and smiling, not aware of the importance of what he was saying. My reply was, "No, but I work for Him." Here was a little tyke, looking for Jesus...in people. How often have we had Him come to us...and we did not recognize Him? How often have we turned Him away, or not had time for Him in our lives? How often have we not realized that what we did to the least of His children, to the neediest of His children, to the loneliest of His children, we were doing to Him?

And on Judgment Day, His questions for us will have to do with those "leasts" and not where we have been, not what we have done, not what we have acquired. We still have time to wonder before the Judgment Day, "Are you Jesus?"

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and

Chaplain

FINAL MUSTER

George V. Holland (LM)
Russell A. Alger Camp MAL (MD)
October 22, 2006

Austin C. Hopper (LM)
U.S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)
September 20, 2010

Ray V. Weidlich
Joni Searles Camp 273 (PA)
January 20, 2011

Harvey J. Gemmaria
Jessie Gemmaria Camp 90 (PA)
June 8, 2011

PCC Ronald Carr Young
Gen. Geo. H. Thomas Camp 19 (PA)
June 27, 2011

Robert Bruce Wolf
Gen. Geo. H. Thomas Camp 19 (PA)
June 28, 2011

Clarence R. Rabach
Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)
June 30, 2011

Elder M. Kerr, Jr.
Jacob M. Carroll Camp 14 (PA)
July 6, 2011

Craig R. Roberts
Dwight D. Porter Camp 116 (MI)
July 20, 2011

Richard Dale Moffatt
John T. Crawford Camp 45 (PA)
August 3, 2011

Gordon S. Secor
Pvt. Silas Gore Camp 141 (PA)
September 3, 2011

Charles D. Sjolander
H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)
October 8, 2011

PCC Thomas J. Brown
Abraham Lincoln Camp 17 (CA) Part
November 14, 2011

PCC Roger E. Church
Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)
January 20, 2012

Murray B. Stewart
Indian Nations Camp 3 (OK)
January 24, 2012

Ray V. Weidlich
Joni Searles Camp 273 (PA)
January 26, 2012

Albert Harper, Jr.
Gen. Benj. Fritchard Camp 20 (MD)
January 31, 2012

Gary T. Johnson
Davis * Camp (PA)
January 31, 2012

Robert E. Sweeney, Sr.
Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 (PA)
February 4, 2012

PCC Gerald Robert Crawford
Brooks-Cross Camp 3 (OH)
February 6, 2012

PCC John E. Trayer
Brindle Camp 50 (PA)
February 22, 2012

Gene R. Wirey
Benj. Harrison Camp 356 (IN)
February 27, 2012

Max Stahl
McLaughlin Camp 12 (OH)
March 7, 2012

PCC Robert Everett Morris
Henry Casey Camp 92 (OH)
March 8, 2012

Gene Murdock
Gen. Jas. McCormick Camp 215 (MO)
March 8, 2012

PBC Larry K. Swigger (LM 262)
McCullough Camp 91 (OH)
March 9, 2012

Frederick D. Thomas
Col. James Crockett Camp 89 (PA)
March 13, 2012

Edward Allen Schmidt
Gen. Wm. J. Sherman MAL Camp 25 (FL)
March 18, 2012

Forest Julius Paulson
Gen. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)
March 26, 2012

PDC Edgar A. Primm, Sr.
Admiral Pease Camp 17 (CT)
April 12, 2012

David R. Beckermann
Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326
April 25, 2012

Jack Linsley
Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 (ND)
April 27, 2012

Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr.
Gen. Geo. H. Thomas Camp 19 (PA)
April 28, 2012

Henry R. Buske
Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp 2 (IL)
May 3, 2012

David L. Wronner
Gen. Philip Kearny Camp 20 (ND)
May 12, 2012

Marcel K. Block
Col. Augustus van Hise Camp 11
May 17, 2012

Clifford W. Cox
Wm. P. Bonham Camp 28 (ND)
May 19, 2012

Robert Mulvihill, D.D.S.
Austin Blair Camp 7 (MI)
May 21, 2012

CJVC Raymond L. Townsend
Spartanburg Camp 1 (SC)
May 23, 2012

Schostetter W. Hafer (LM)
Gentleberg Camp 112 (PA)
Date unknown

Cemetery in Ft Lauderdale on May 20th. Submitted by Br. Wm. Slavin



Bob Mais, Bob Kerr, Bill Slavin, Bob Jones, Richard Shaffer, Rev. Mike Jeffries, Damien Wolf, Alice Schmidlin, Austin Wright, Austin's Brother, Sandy Wolf

GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA



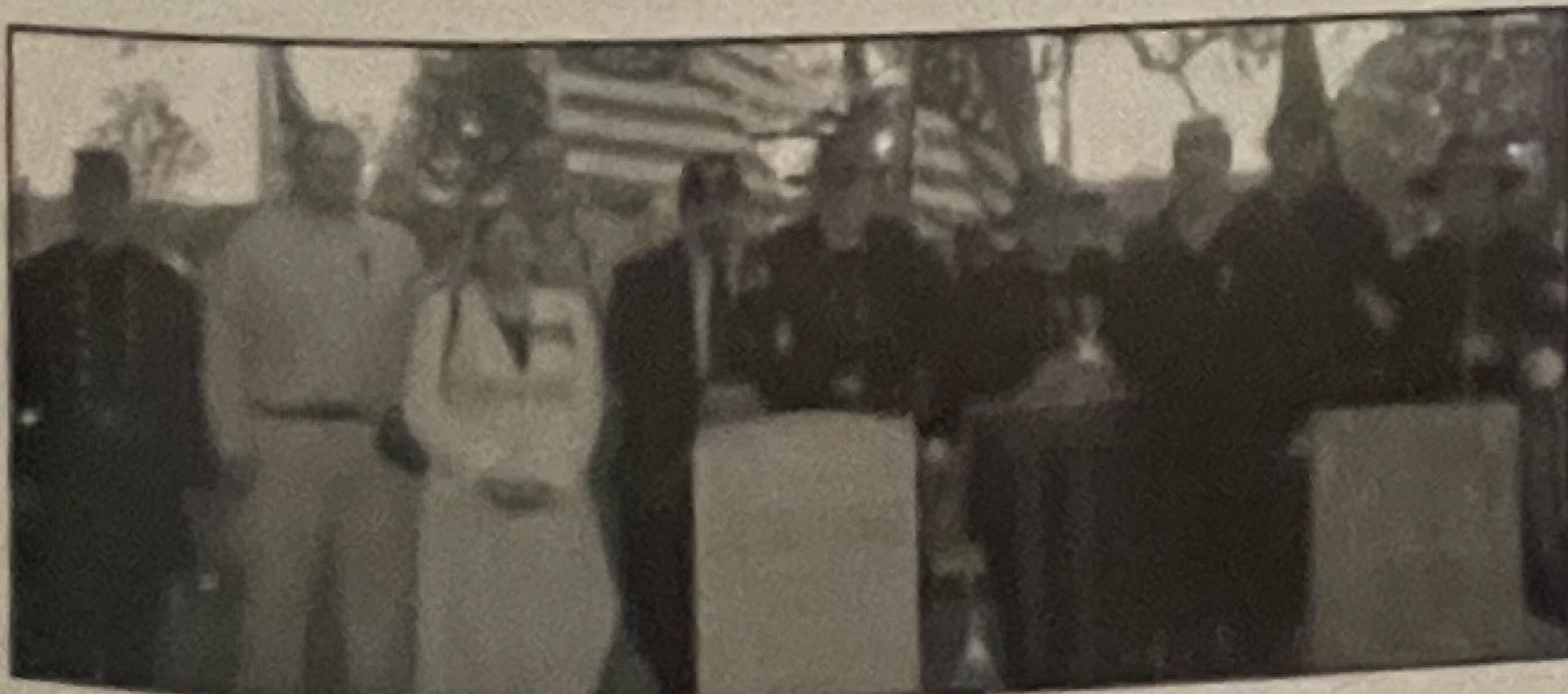
Shown are (back row): PCC Ted Hackney, PDC Eric Peterson, Chaplain David Allee, Brs. Timothy Klob, Joe Walsh (US flag), Andrew Klob (Camp flag), Ernie Blevins
(front row): Sawyer Sarratt, Shar Menard, Tanner Pruitt

On February 18th, Elias Moon Camp 2 surveyed the 16-acre Stone Mountain Cemetery, Georgia, for potential Union graves. The cemetery was established ca. 1850

Union Capt. Robert M. Johnson was discovered in the same plot as Sgt. Jesse B Taliaferro, Co. E, 1st Georgia Regulars. Research showed Johnson, originally from Ohio, married Taliaferro's sister. Three other graves are being investigated for potential wartime service.

Submitted by Br. E. E. Blevins

ILLINOIS



Shown left to right - Dr. Tim Jacobs (Tri-State CWRT), Br. Doug Hubbard (Hecker Camp 443), Sr. Kim Johnson (Mary Logan Aux. 20), Br. Scott Hubbard (Camp 443), PCC Greg Carter (Dept. CWMD), Br. Richard Norris (Camp 443), Br. Stephen Wheat (Dept. Color Bearer), PCC Paul Zeien Jr. (Logan Camp 26), Roger Leach & Steve Kirchner (Tri-State CWRT).

Recently, the dedication of a new monument took place in Quincy, honoring Dr. Samuel Everett, the first Union medical officer killed in the Civil War.

MICHIGAN



GRO Tom Jenkins and the new headstone. Photo courtesy Judy Jenkins, Frances Finch Aux. 9.

Recently, Robert Finch Camp 14 GRO Tom Jenkins was able to help CSVC Jeffery J. Smith of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Gen. Hartranft Camp 15. Br. Smith's ancestor was Martin J. Sehl, Batt. A, 1st Mich. Lt. A.

Pvt. Martin and his battery fought at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain. After the war, he moved to northern Michigan, where he died in 1910, at the age 74.

Br. Smith located Pvt. Sehl's unmarked grave near Vanderbilt, Mich. Camp 14 was nearest to Vanderbilt. Br. Jenkins was contacted. A headstone was obtained on April 18th, Br. Jenkins loaded it in his truck and drove to Vanderbilt to meet with descendent Larry Sehl and sexton Ron Bus. Together they set the headstone. In August, Camp 14 will conduct a GAR grave re-dedication service. Submitted by SVC Jeffery J. Smith and GRO Tom Jenkins

MISSOURI

On March 10th, Phelps Camp 66 honored the men of Phelps' Reg., Missouri Inf., at Pea Ridge Nat. Military Park near Pea Ridge, AR. The Camp was joined by 15 re-enactors and 45 visitors on a hike from Elkhorn Tavern to where Col. John Smith Phelps' outnumbered regiment attempted to hold the Union line against enemy attacks. An account of the regiment's role, short program of each of the regiment's casualties, and 'When the Men in Blue are Gone' were read. A descendant of one of the casualties attended. The program was part of the park's 150th anniversary commemoration.

NEW JERSEY

Gen. James A. Garfield Camp 4, as part of its Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration, conducted a memorial service in Mercer Cemetery at the grave of Capt. Elmer Hamilton, Co. F, 15th NJ Vol. Inf., on May 12th. Capt. Hamilton died of wounds at the Battle of the Wilder-