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COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

Brothers,

We have started on a great year for the Department of California & Pacific. So far this year we have initiated 27 new Brothers, had 2 Associates become full members, 2 Brothers transferred out, 2 Brothers are deceased and 8 Brothers were discharged from membership. We also saw the closing of the Almeron J. Patchin Camp No. 26 and the formation of the Henry C. Veatch Camp No. 30 of Gridley, CA. The Department was awarded the "Under 40" award at the National Encampment for the most new members under the age of 40. That is a nice trend and one I hope will continue in the years to come.

And speaking of awards I would like the members to become knowledgeable about what award are available to them and how to go about nominating someone for an award. The Department awards are mentioned in Article X of the Department bylaws, which are on the Department web page www.suwpac.org. Nominations for Department awards should be sent to the Department Commander at commander@suwpac.org. National awards are discussed in the Awards and Recognition Policy on the National web page www.suvcw.org. The policy is found by clicking on the tab "Governance", then "National Policies", and finally "Awards and Recognition Policy". Nominations for National awards must be sent to the Commander-in-Chief at CinC@suvcw.org. Please note that some awards of the Department seem to be the same as ones at National, BUT they are separate awards and must be sent to each entity for review. The Department does not forward any nomination for a Department award to National even though there is an equivalent award at the National level. Department award nominations should be sent to the Department Commander no later than 31 January, and nominations for National awards should be submitted as outlined in the National policy.

I will be at "Fort Mervine" a.k.a. the 9th Annual ORD BARRACKS Civil War Encampment in Monterey, CA, 2-4 October 2015. I hope as many of you as can will come and help our Brothers of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 10 put on a great school day and encampment for the general public.

Please let me know of Camp meeting and Installation dates so I can make as many as I can.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Thomas T. Graham
Commander
Department of California & Pacific

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DISPATCH FROM THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

By Dept. Cmdr. Tom Graham

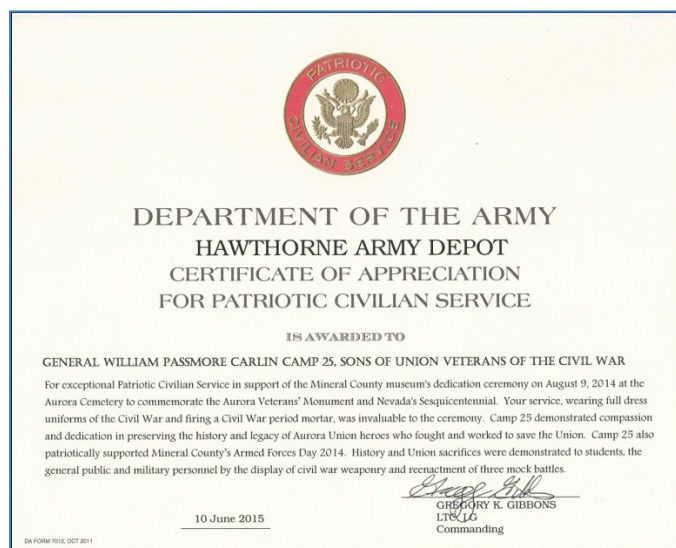
The 134th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Richmond, VA, is past. The Department of California and Pacific was well represented by a delegation of 13 Brothers: Past Commander-in-Chief **BRAD SCHALL**, Commander-in-Chief **TAD CAMPBELL**, Past Department Commander (and current National Chaplain) **DAN BUNNELL**, Department Commander **TOM GRAHAM**, Brothers **FRANK AVILA**, PCC, Camp 25 Commander **MICHAEL DROUIN**, **DAN EARL**, PCC, **MICHAEL E. EMETT**, **MICHAEL S. EMETT**, **DEAN**



CAMP 25 RECEIVES U.S. ARMY AWARD

by Col. Edward Carson, JVC (USA Ret.)

On June 10, 2015, Hawthorne Army Depot's Commander Lt. Col. Gregory K. Gibbons presented the Patriotic Civilian Service Award to William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Gardnerville, Nevada. The Hawthorne Army Depot stores conventional munitions, demilitarizes and disposes of unserviceable, obsolete and surplus munitions; and maintains serviceability through inspection and renovation to ensure munitions readiness per their mission statement.



This award was issued in accordance with the criteria set forth in U.S. Army Regulation 672-20. Camp 25 was honored for their exceptional patriotic civilian service in support to the Mineral County Museum's dedication ceremony last August 9, 2014 at the Aurora Cemetery helping to commemorate the Aurora Veterans Monument and Nevada's Sesquicentennial dedicated in preserving the history and legacy of Union heroes who lie at Aurora and who fought and worked to save the Union. In addition, Camp 25 supported the Hawthorne Armed Forces Day 2014 held at Henry Lefty Mayer Field by providing the history and Union sacrifices by means of demonstrating both the display of Civil War weaponry as well as performing three mock battles held for students, general public and military personnel.

Camp 25 members attending the award ceremony were **JOHN RIGGS**, Commander Camp 25, **DAVID DAVIS**, Senior Vice-Commander, and Retired Army Colonel **EDWARD CARSON**, Junior Vice-Commander. John

ENDERLIN, PCC, JIM MONTETON, LINN MALAZNIK, and DAVID SCHLEETER, PCC. Three Camps were represented: Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4, General George Wright Camp No. 22, and Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23. I would strongly recommend going to at least one National Encampment to personally experience how the organization is run, and the comradeship that is felt when being there. The 135th National Encampment will be in Springfield, IL, in August of 2016. Hope to see more of our Department Brothers there.



Riggs remarked how proud he was of his Camp 25, the 2014 Recipient of Abraham Lincoln Award for the best camp in the nation, and also complimented his support by the Sons of Veterans Reserve personnel under the command of Captain **WAYNE EDER** of Battery A, 3rd U.S. Artillery.

CENTENNIAL REDEDICATION OF SOCIAL LINCOLN MONUMENT

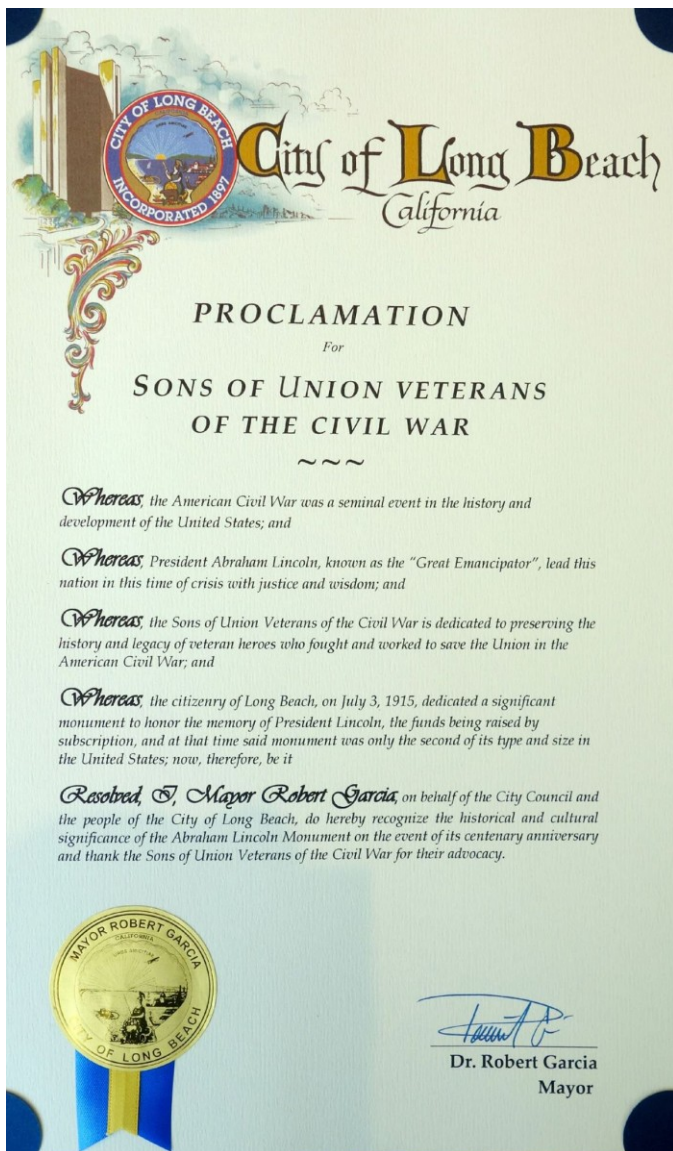
On August 29, 2015 General William S. Rosecrans Camp 2 (Greater Los Angeles & Ventura Counties) conducted a ceremony rededicating the Abraham



Lincoln Monument, in Long Beach. The rededication was the culmination of a year of planning and coordination with the City of Long Beach. The Lincoln Monument was originally dedicated to the memory of the veterans of the Civil War on July 3, 1915, the anniversary of the Union victory at Gettysburg, PA. This monument was only the second of its' kind in the nation at that time, the other being on the battlefield at Gettysburg. It was paid for by donations and subscriptions solicited by ladies' organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. Civil War veterans and their wives were among the early settlers in Long Beach, and many of their number were prominent in the business, social and political life of the community.

Period newspaper accounts suggest as many as 12,000-15,000 people attended the dedication ceremony, roughly equal to the population of the City at that time. The principal speakers were John M. Eshleman, Lieutenant Governor of California, Louis N. Wheaton, Mayor of Long Beach and California Assemblyman Joseph A. Rominger. Featured prominently in the 1915 ceremony were G.A.R. Long Beach Post 181, which was the second largest Post at that time Representatives of the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans, Henry W. Lawton Camp No 11, Long Beach, and the Veterans Union of the Blue and Gray (a unique local group of former Confederate and Union Veterans) were also on hand. The Secretary of the Navy sent the Cruiser U.S.S. Chattanooga to fire a salute from the harbor in honor of the unveiling of the monument.

The Centennial Rededication was well attended by the public, local political and community figures, and Brothers and Sisters from Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, Stoneman Camp 18, Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Auxiliary No 2 and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Elizabeth Hill Mills Tent 88 and Hannah Anderson Ropes Tent 86 Rosecrans Camp 2 Council



Chairman **TOM CHUMLEY** called the event to order. Kudos are due as well to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, who did an admirable job of presenting the colors. Webelos from Long Beach Area Council Pack 206 lead the pledge of allegiance in good style. Introductory comments were made, the history of the monument briefly told and dignitaries were introduced. Memorial wreaths were placed by General William Rosecrans Camp 2, General William Rosecrans Auxiliary No 2, and Hannah Anderson Ropes Tent 86. The principal speaker was Long Beach City Prosecutor Douglas P. Haubert, who gave an informative and entertaining speech on "Lincoln the Lawyer". Brother Chumley made a few closing remarks and the event was closed with the retirement of the colors, again in excellent form by the SVR.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Mr. Haubert and certificates of participation have been made and are pending presentation to the Webelos of Pack 206. The event was preceded with articles by reporters of the Los Angeles Times, the Long Beach Press-Telegram and the Grunion Gazette, a local newspaper. Channel Two (CBS) News ran a short story during prime time a few days before the event.



While not precisely connected to this event, in July the Mayor of Long Beach, on behalf of the City Council presented an official proclamation to the Order thanking us for our advocacy in historic preservation, and recognizing the historical and cultural significance of the Lincoln Monument.

2016 Department Encampment

130th Annual Department Encampment

March 4-5, 2016

Sacramento, California

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

321 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811

The Encampment will be held in conjunction with the annual Encampment of the Auxiliary's Department of California and Pacific

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to help out, please contact the Department Senior Vice Commander

svc@suvpac.org

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

DEPARTMENT ORDER 03 *Highway Sign Project*

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, by the Department Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: During regular business at the 129th Department Encampment held on March 8, 2015 the Department voted to start a fundraiser to fund the purchase several "GAR Highway"

signs that could be placed by local governments at a few key locations.

Section 2. In most of Nevada the GAR highway, U.S. Route 6, is well marked. However there is little or no signage existing in California, save the end of the highway plaque in Long Beach. Estimated costs for signs are \$155 for the first sign and \$125 for each additional sign

Section 3. The camps in the Department are encouraged to place an item on their next meeting agenda and in some form or manner match Brother

THOMAS CHUMLEY'S generous donation of \$150.00.

The forgoing Department Order is proclaimed this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, State of California by **Thomas T. Graham**, Commander of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTS

To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865...to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all. - from the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

GENERAL ORDERS

SERIES 2015-2016

GENERAL ORDER 01

Change of Command

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. At Richmond, Virginia, on August 22, 2015, the Delegates to the 134th Annual National Encampment elected me to the highest post in the SUVCW. I will do everything my knowledge and skills will allow to meet your expectations. I wish to thank the Department of the Chesapeake's Host Encampment Committee for planning and executing an excellent Encampment. The National Encampment Site Committee, under the direction of Brother Jim Crane also deserves kudos for a job well done.

2. Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby transferred to 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316. All correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to mortorff@comcast.net. Mail and Email is my preferred communications method. Please refrain from telephone

communications except in the case of urgent matters and then please use 717-619-7053.

3. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's schedule. Requests for the Commander-in-Chief's attendance at Department Encampments and other events should be coordinated directly with National Chief of Staff Michael Paquette, PDC, 11901, Branchwater Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407. Phone: 540-850-8090. paquettemichaela@aol.com.

4. Correspondence concerning membership, membership reporting, annual reports, or finances should be directed to Executive Director David W. Demmy, Sr. at SUVCW National Headquarters, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (National Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411. Phone: 717-232-7000. execdir@suvcg.org.

5. Correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be directed to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. Phone: 412-931-1173. treasurer@suvchw.org

6. All other correspondence to the Order should be directed to National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, PO Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673. Phone: 785-332-2118. secretary@suvchw.org
Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2015, in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia.

GENERAL ORDER 02

Allied Orders Leadership

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to the duly elected National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Cindy Zerkowski of the Woman's Relief Corps; Carolyn Agosto of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Sally Redinger of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Linda Kronberg of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

2. I am looking forward to working closely with each of these competent leaders throughout the coming year.

3. Many hands make light work. A famous saying that sometimes is forgotten. We, as the Allied Orders, are many. Our sisters are ready, and eager, to help us in our work. We must be equally eager to help them in theirs. I charge every Camp and Department (where possible) to make positive contact with our Sisters to plan some joint event(s) that will further our shared missions. Once done, please publicize the results in the media and especially sending articles to "The Banner."

Ordered this 30th day of August, 2015, at the town of East Berlin, in Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER 03

Last Real Sons

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. The Annual Report of the Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters to the 2015 National Encampment [Part 5.9, pp 53-54] noted that there are only six known living Real Sons and eight living Real Daughters. It is recognized that, given their advanced ages, the sad day is approaching when there will no longer be any Real Sons and Daughters with us. Therefore, it is essential that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in cooperation with the other Allied Orders, plan to properly honor these Brothers and Sisters in their remaining time with us, and to honor them at their passing.

2. To meet this objective, and fulfill our obligation to honor these last remaining Real Sons and Daughters, each department in whose territory a Real Son or Daughter resides, will ensure the following actions are taken as soon as possible: a. Engage with the local Camp to make and maintain positive and productive contact with each Real Son or Daughter and their families and to ensure the families are aware of our desire to honor their Real Son or Daughter as a living link to the Civil War. b. Prepare a biographical sketch of each Real Son and Daughter, including a recent photo. The biographical sketch should also include details of their father's service and a photo, if possible, of him. Provide these to the National Webmaster for posting on the National Website. This should be complete no later than Remembrance Day. c. Offer each Real Son and Daughter and their respective families, Allied Order representation at funeral services if they so desire. If so, then prepare a plan to provide a visible, dignified, and prominent ceremony in accord with their wishes. It is recommended to coordinate with the local SVR for assistance and participation, as well as local, county and state governments, Veterans' organizations, and re-enactor groups. Be prepared to execute the plan. d. Upon a Real Son or Daughter's passing away, immediately notify the National Organization.

3. Our National Webmaster will create a web page dedicated to the

Real Sons and Daughters and post biographical sketches received from Departments.

4. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will, in coordination with the local Camps and Departments, draft a Press Release for each Real Son and Daughter to be issued at their passing. Each Press Release will include contact information for national and local media Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Office of the Commander-in-Chief 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316 outlets. These Press Releases will be provided to the National Chief of Staff by Remembrance Day, November 2015.

5. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters will prepare a plan to honor the last surviving Real Son and Real Daughter. This plan will be briefed at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

6. The Special Committee on Real Sons and Daughters, in coordination with the local Departments and Camps, will prepare a plan for the Order to render highly visible, dignified, and prominent honors at the passing of the last Real Son. The Committee will also prepare Press Releases as per Section 4. The Committee will brief this plan at the Springfield Council of Administration meeting in April 2016.

7. Proper prior planning is the key to success. Departments and

Camps, which have the honor to have a living Real Son or Daughter, should take on this opportunity with enthusiasm and vigor. Ordered this 14th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER 04

Reinstatement of Department of Connecticut

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. General Order 24 (Series 2014-15) suspended the Department of

Connecticut in accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 10, of our National Regulations. Having successfully met all requirements of that General Order, I hereby reinstate the Department of Connecticut effective August 23, 2015. All rights, privileges and responsibilities as members of the Sons of Union Veterans are restored.

Ordered this 16th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER 05

Passing of James A. Getty

By the authority vested in me as

Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. It is with great sadness that I am reporting the passing of James A. Getty, 80, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on September 26th in Gettysburg. Many of you knew Jim and witnessed his contributions to our organization, and many, many others over a long time.

2. Brother Getty was a long-time member of Gettysburg Camp 112 in the Department of Pennsylvania and Life Member 419. He received his Bachelors of

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation:

And Whereas, It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord:

And, Inasmuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart THURSDAY, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope, authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Education Degree and Master of Music Degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Jim's early career was in vocal performance and opera. From 1952 to 1956, he was in the United States Navy and served in the Korean War on the minesweeper USS SWIFT 122.

3. Jim's lengthy (40 years) career as an Abraham Lincoln portrayer services at many of our events, including the Annual Remembrance Days event in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

4. A comprehensive obituary can be found on the Gettysburg Times online. We will miss him greatly.

Ordered this 29th day of September, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

GENERAL ORDER 06

***Resignation of C of A Member
and New Appointment***

On November 3, 2015 I accepted the resignation of Brother Council of Administration member John McNulty of Pennsylvania. He resigned for personal reasons and we will miss his experience in our organization and his wisdom.

In accordance with our Constitution and Regulations, the Council of Administration has unanimously appointed Brother Jonathan Davis, of Ohio, to serve

in that seat, with full authority and power, until the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois. I welcome Brother Davis to the Council and look forward to working with him in the future.

Ordered this ninth day of November, 2015, in the Town of East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
/s/ Eugene G. Mortorff National
Secretary Commander-in-Chief

AU REVOIR

With the publication of this issue I now resign as editor of the department newsletter. I thank Past Department Commander Tim Reese for allowing me to begin and our current Department Commander, Tom Graham, for allowing me to continue. It has been a very rewarding and challenging experience. I also thank you all for your kind words and encouragement for the last (almost) three years.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

*Joe Marti, PCC
Editor
The California Column*