

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

The National Encampment is the supreme governing body of the Order. When the National Encampment is not in session, the business of the Order is carried out by the Council of Administration. The Council of Administration consists of the elected National Officers, five elected council members and the Immediate Past Commander-in-Chief.

### ***Officers***

Officers for the National Organization are elected by the membership (through their delegates) at the National Encampment. Those officers elected are the Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Quartermaster, and five members of the Council of Administration.

The Commander-in-Chief appoints staff officers to assist him. These staff officers include The *Banner* Editor, National Camp-at-Large and Department Organizer, National Chaplain, National Chief of Staff, National Civil War Memorials Officer, National Counselor, National GAR Highway Officer, National GAR records Officer, National Graves Registration Officer, National Historian, National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, National Patriotic Instructor, and a Washington DC Representative. A complete description of the duties and responsibilities of the National Officers is included in the National Constitution and Regulations.

### ***Standing and Special Committees***

Standing committees manage the various programs of the Order. The Commander-in-Chief appoints committee members, and each committee reports its activities to the Council of Administration. A list of standing committees and their functions is in the National Constitution and Regulations. Special Committees are established to manage short term projects and are announced in General Orders.

### ***National Headquarters***

The National Headquarters is located at Harrisburg, PA. An Executive Director, who is a paid administrator of the organization, manages the Headquarters.

### ***The Banner***

The *Banner* is the official publication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, containing news of activities in the various Departments, at the National level, and other items of interest to the membership. This magazine is published quarterly and mailed to all members in good standing. The subscription is included in your annual dues. If you should have problems in receiving your

copy, contact the Camp Commander who will work with National HQ to rectify the problem.

***Constitution & Regulations***

The National Constitution & Regulations can be found on the National Website at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/BlueBook2011.pdf>

Also on the National Website (suvchw.org) you can find:

- A list of National Officers & Committees
- General Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief