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*We are saddened by the loss of
The Hon. Henry E. Shaw, JR.,
PCinC David V. Medert, and
PCinC Donald W. Shaw*

All were a part of the Foundation in their own way. Henry as a Board member & Lincoln Fellow at the Gold Sentinel level, Dave, who drew up the incorporation papers, and Don as a Lincoln Fellow at the Gold Level. They will always be in our thoughts and our condolences go out to their families and friends.



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On The Cover: Parade at Remembrance Day - Gettysburg, PA, November 19, 2022.



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- OBITUARY -
DAVID V. MEDERT, PCINC
AUGUST 3, 1952 - NOVEMBER 4, 2022.



It is with a heavy heart that we pass along the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief David V. Medert on November 4, 2022. He was elected Commander-In-Chief at the SUVCW's 127th National Encampment in Peabody, MA, on 9 August 2008. CinC Medert's membership is based upon the service of his great-great grandfather, Cpl. Jacob Medert, Co. D, 126 th OVI.

Br. David enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a Cryptologist where he served until his retirement from active duty in 1993 as a Sr. Chief Petty Officer. During his 23-year career, he served onboard three submarines, an aircraft carrier, light cruiser, heavy cruiser, frigate, an airborne reconnaissance squadron, and numerous stateside and overseas duty assignments.

Br. David joined Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 125, Dept. of Ohio in May 1988 and subsequently served as Camp Secretary/Treasurer. In 1996, he formed the Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp 73, where he served as Camp Commander. Medert has been active in the Dept. of Ohio and served as Dept. Commander in 2000. Under his leadership, the Dept. of Ohio chartered five new Camps. Following that post, David was elected Dept. Secretary/Treasurer.

In 1997, Br David was appointed Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, holding that position until his retirement in 2007. He is the recipient of the SVR Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and the SUVCW's Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star.

- OBITUARY -
DONALD W. SHAW, PCINC
 OCTOBER 9, 1955 - DECEMBER 14, 2022.



Again, it is with a heavy heart that we pass along the sudden passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw, National Quartermaster, on December 14, 2022.

Donald William Shaw was elected to membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on July 18, 1994 by the Governor Crapo Camp, No. 145 at Flint, Michigan. His Civil War roots extend to William M. Begole of the 23rd Michigan Infantry Regiment, through whom he joined the Order, as well as through a great great grandfather, John B. Anderson of the 179th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, upon whose service Brother Shaw based his life membership status with the Order.

Brother Shaw has served in most of the elected posts within the Governor Crapo Camp and had been involved with numerous special projects designed to keep green the memory of the soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865. He had also served as Camp Organizer of the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City, Michigan, in which he held dual Camp membership.

Within the Department of Michigan, he had served in various elected and appointed posts. These include Department Counselor, Department Chief of Staff, Department Junior Vice Commander, and Department Senior Vice Commander. He served two terms as Michigan Department Commander, being the 102nd man to serve as Commander since the Department was organized in 1883.

At the National level of the Order, Brother Shaw had served as Assistant National Counselor, National Counselor, National Chief of Staff, four years as an At Large Member of the Council of Administration, Junior Vice Commander in Chief, Senior Vice Commander in Chief and was elected in August 2018 as the Orders Commander in Chief and served until August of 2019. He was elected National Quartermaster in August, 2022.



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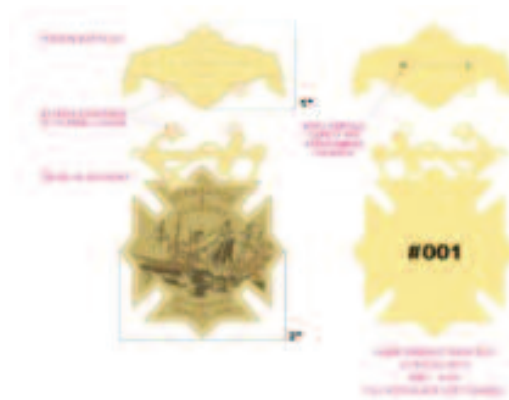


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GENERAL ORDER #2

National Per Capita increase of \$10.00 effective
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GENERAL ORDER #3

Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

GENERAL ORDER #4

Announcing an agreement to participate with the
 Vicksburg National Cemetery Burial Recovery and
 Stabilization Project and naming Henry Duquette, PDC as
 the liaison between the SUVCW and the Vicksburg
 National Cemetery.

GENERAL ORDER #5

Restoration of Lineage Requirements – (withdrawn by
 G.O. 7)

GENERAL ORDER #6

Announcing the CinC appointed National Committee
 on Public Information

GENERAL ORDER #7

Withdrawing General Order 5 and redefining the
 lineage requirements. (Withdrawn by G.O. 11)

GENERAL ORDER #8

Awarding of the Elmer “Bud” Atkinson Lifetime
 Achievement Award to Keith G. Harrison, Past
 Commander-in-Chief

GENERAL ORDER #9

Announcing the passing of SVR Brigadier General
 Henry Shaw Jr

GENERAL ORDER #10

Announcing the passing of David V. Medert, Past
 Commander-in-Chief

GENERAL ORDER #11

Revocation of General Order 7, which includes
 revocation of G.O. 5.

GENERAL ORDER #12

Announcing the updating of several SUVCW forms and
 mandating that only the most current version of each
 form of the Order is to be used.

GENERAL ORDER #13

Reinstatement of Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC

GENERAL ORDER #14

Announcing the passing of Donald W. Shaw, Past
 Commander-in-Chief and National Quartermaster.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Synopsis – Minutes of the Council of Administration
 meeting, September 30, 2022 using Zoom.

(Note from the National Secretary) This is a synopsis
 of the minutes as edited by the Banner Editor. The full
 minutes will be posted on the Order’s website and is the
 official version)

Meeting opened by Bruce Frail at 7:01 PM. Brother
 Joseph Hall led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made and carried to add line item to the 22-23
 budget of \$1,000 for travel expenses for the Assistant
 National Executive Director.

Motion made and carried to increase the National
 Member at Large dues by \$10 above the last year’s dues
 and to leave the Life Member Reimbursement pre-2001 at
 the same level as last year.

Motion made and carried to appoint PCinC Jim Pahl as
 the Editor of the Banner.

Motion made and carried to appoint Alan Russ, PDC as
 the National Member at Large Coordinator.

The SUVCW is attempting to join Tech Soup and then
 get Adobe Pro at the reduced rate.

National Signals Officer Chris Workman gave a
 synopsis of his discussions with Drupal, who designing
 our new web site. Several details concerning the new
 web site were discussed. Motion was made and carried
 (with two abstaining) to continue with Drupal.

Motion made and carried to amend the 2023 budget to
 increase the website design from \$10,800 to \$15,000 and
 website maintenance of \$5000.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.



MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Synopsis – Minutes of the Council of Administration meeting, November 20, 2022, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

(Note from the National Secretary) This is a synopsis of the minutes as edited by the Banner Editor. The full minutes will be posted on the Order's website and is the official version)

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM (EDT) by CinC Bruce D Frail.

Present and introduced at the meeting was Susan Mitchell who is the new Assistant Executive Director.

The framed front-page proof copy of the fall Banner was presented to CinC Bruce Frail by the Banner Editor Jim Pahl.

A motion was made and carried for the Graves Registration Committee to solicit three proposals for rewriting the system and submit it to Communication and Technology Committee.

The Department of Michigan belongs to Tech Soup and is able to secure two copies of Adobe Pro for the National Organization at \$60. The license will expire in 2026.

Upon an advisory vote of the Council, the CinC announced he would withdraw General Order 7.

The chairman of the National Committee on Membership, Brother Martin will have the authority to submit the Committees recommendations directly to the National Constitution and Regulations Committee to enable the recommendations to come to the floor at the 2023 National Encampment concerning documentation of generations in an application for membership.

A motion was made and passed to modify form 3. The CinC announced he will issue a General Order that only the most current forms are to be used for the applications and other forms as found on the website.

A new Secretary's Handbook is being reviewed by the National Secretary and when it is finished, will be posted to the Order's website.

A handout on the proposed new Life Membership fees from an actuary was presented. Refer to C&R.

A motion was made and carried that all merchandising licenses be extended to the Springfield 2023 CofA meeting.

The Kit Carson monument was discussed and a quit claim deed will be offered to the General Services Administration.

CinC Frail met with representatives of the National Park service on Thursday concerning placing U.S. flags on veterans graves in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. This discussion was tabled until the next zoom meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The following forms were approved: 7, 11, 12, 17, 27, 30 and 35.

Brother David Demmy announced that he is thinking of retiring in 2 ½ years. This is to be sent for discussion to the National Headquarters Committee about a possible replacement.

Banner Editor Jim Pahl said there was a cost increase for printing the Banner from \$7865 to \$8690. The banner will go from 8 to 16 pages in color. To go full it would cost \$9411. Postage is also going up, increasing each issue.

Drupal said the site launch will be January 1, 2023.

A virtual museum was proposed by the Department of New Jersey to be put under Memorial University. Proposal is to be taken to the Memorial University Committee and is to include the National Signals Officer and the National Webmaster.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

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Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.



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In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry

Michael Thomas Daugherty
Henry Casey Camp 92 (Ohio)
4/8/2022

Marvin P Schelhouse, PCC
Gen A T A Torbert Camp 1862 (Chesapeake)
9/8/2022

Burdell E Waffler
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James A Garfield Camp 142 (Ohio)
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Gary Norris Pritchard
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5/31/2022

Max D. Miller, PCC
Austin Blair Camp 7 (Michigan)
9/18/2022

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Appomattox Camp 2 (Chesapeake)
9/12/2022

Graham Denby Morey
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9/1/2022

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Gen U S Grant Camp 3 (Southwest)
9/19/2022

Richard H Cromer, PCC
Brindel Camp 50 (Pennsylvania)
10/11/2022

Henry E Shaw, Jr, PDC
Life Member 552
Brigadier General & Deputy Commander, SVR
Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp 73 (Ohio)
10/16/2022

Daniel A Olson
David G Caywood Camp 146 (New York)
8/9/2022

Paul John Schewene
Nelson-Garfield Camp 3 (Kentucky)
8/5/2022

David V Medert, PCinC
Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp 73 (Ohio)
11/4/2022

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12/7/2022

Joseph F Seliga, PDC
Garfield Camp 4 (New Jersey)
12/1/2022

Charles W Smithgall
Garfield Camp 4 (New Jersey)
10/18/2022

Donald William Shaw, PCinC
National Quartermaster
Life Member 890
Gov Henry Crapo Camp 145 (Michigan)
12/14/2022

Jan Duane Huber
Picacho Peak Camp 1 (Southwest)
12/5/2022

James Edward Barrett
Life Member 972
Gov Isaac Stevens Camp 1 (Columbia)
10/1/2022

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I remember back when Vince Lombardi was winning NFL Championships, one of his star players made a commercial which featured Paul Hornug - getting out of a big limousine with two extremely beautiful women. A man with a microphone asked him, "Paul, how do you do it?" His reply was simple, with a big smile on his face "Practice, Practice, Practice."

We as members of the Allied Orders are called upon to do a great many things; attend meetings, participate in events, recruit new or fallen away members. Are we doing this, or just making excuses (I had to wash my hair, my favorite TV program was on, my wife wanted to go shopping, I had an important meeting, etc., etc, etc.....)

Your Brothers and Sisters expect Results and not excuses. Make a Resolution in 2023 to do a better job. Practice, Practice, Practice - you can be the best in our league.

If you agree with me, just say AMEN.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 67th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

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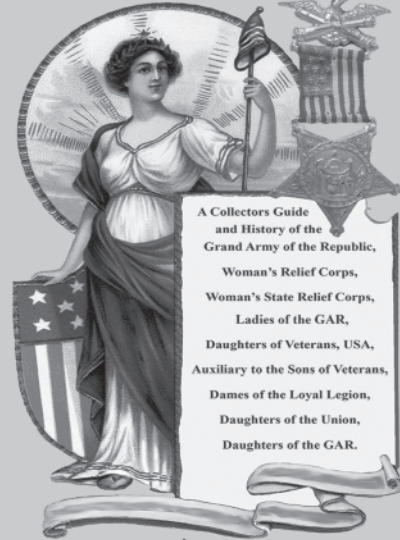
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Brothers,

In the coming months we will see the weather turn nicer and our efforts will be renewed in cleaning up and restoring the graves of our Civil War ancestors. As we start to plan these missions, we must remember to utilize all of the assets at our disposal to get the job done. Hopefully, Camps and Departments have taken my advice to heart and reached out to help in the community during our off months in non-conventional ways and the fruits of these labors have resulted in interest from outside organizations in helping us with our spring clean ups and flagging details. If you didn't get any interest or didn't get a chance to get out and try unconventional efforts, then no worries the more we give back to the community, regardless of how, the stronger our communities grow, and making a strong community is the basis of patriotism.

For the past 6 months or so there has been a common theme in these instructions, and that is get out in your communities. As we get closer to springtime many students will be looking for community service hours. Why is this important? Because we can use these relationships we just forged through some of our outreach programs to get volunteers in the cemeteries. If we have a good working relationship with a school because of in school presentations, food drive contributions, or holiday contributions, just to name a few ways we can assist them during the colder months, we can inform them of volunteer opportunities and forge a partnership with them. Once we have the younger generation learning firsthand while in the trenches so to speak, we can talk to them and educate them on why the sacrifice that these men made on behalf of the Union is so important.

Why is this important? It is a simple question, and the answer is simple in my opinion. By having a conversation with them while working together in a cemetery, you are leaving an impression with them, one that will last a lifetime. Going into a school and lecturing these children might leave an imprint on some, but in my experience, its those kids that you reach while in a cemetery or at a monument restoring it, grabs the attention of most in attendance. I am not trying to say that the tried-and-true method of going into schools or youth organizations and doing presentations isn't effective, because it is. What I am trying to say is that there are multiple ways of clearing a forest, a chainsaw and det cord will both do the job, but one is just a tad more effective than the other (and a lot more fun from what I am told). I look forward to seeing all of the work you Brothers will do in the coming months and my challenge to you all is to try to partner with a local high schools history department, or JROTC program or even go right to the top and reach out to their principals and let them know of the opportunities we as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provide for these students.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
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THE CAPTAIN JOHN V. BOYD POST #23 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CROFTON, KENTUCKY

The American Civil War wreaked havoc on Christian County, Kentucky. A majority of the small farmers in North Christian supported the Union, while the slave-holding planters of South Christian and some Hopkinsville residents sided with the Confederacy. Chaos prevailed.

A number of North Christian Union veterans organized the Grand Army of the Republic Post #2 at Crofton in March 1883. They named the chapter in honor of Captain John V. Boyd (1836-1863). Boyd was a Christian County native and hero to many of the post's charter members who had served under him. The Boyd Post had seventy-five members by April 1895. They frequently participated in patriotic events at the county seat in Hopkinsville.

John Virgil Boyd was born 29 Aug 1836 in Christian County, Kentucky. He grew up between Hopkinsville and Crofton on the family farm near Kelly. He enlisted as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army at Henderson, Kentucky, on 15 Oct 1861. He was assigned to Company B, 25th regiment, Kentucky Infantry. The 25th Kentucky Infantry was consolidated with the 17th. Kentucky Infantry in April 1862. Lieutenant Boyd was promoted to Captain of the 17th regiment's Company G, at Corinth, Mississippi, on 13 Apr 1862.

He saw service at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, and Murfreesboro. Captain Boyd faced disciplinary action in the spring of 1863 while encamped at Camp Spears, near Nashville. He was accused of leading a protest among the 17th regiment's commissioned officers when Kentucky's governor appointed William H. Meglemry, a "civilian," to the rank of "2nd lieutenant" in the unit. Boyd, like his comrades, did not think it was right for civilians to be appointed as commissioned officers. They felt noncommissioned officers, within the regiment, should have first been promoted. Ironically, Captain Boyd, himself, had gone directly from a civilian to a commissioned officer. Colonel A.M. Stout, the regimental commander, had Boyd arrested and cited for "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline" in April 1863. The outcome of the arrest is unclear. The allegations were likely unresolved when he died two-and-a-half months later.

Captain Boyd died of fever on 24 Jun 1863 while encamped at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He was twenty-six years old. His remains were returned to Christian County and buried in the Martha Boyd Cemetery. His contemporary marble headstone bears his name, dates of birth & death, and a fluttering American flag. History has been good to Captain Boyd. His colleagues remained loyal, and paid him the ultimate tribute when they named the Crofton GAR Post in his honor.

Roger H. Futrell
Sergeant Elijah P. Marrs Camp #5



- OBITUARY -
HENRY E. SHAW, JR., PDC
 AUGUST 24, 1938 - OCTOBER 16, 2022.



Brigadier General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve died 16 October 2022 at the age of 84. He was an outstanding member of the SVR General Staff for 21 years. He was a member of the First Ohio Light Artillery Battery.

Henry was appointed SVR Deputy Commander on 17 Nov. 2007 by Major General Robert E. Grim who had just assumed command of the SVR. In his role as SVR Deputy Commander, he organized and coordinated much of the SVR Remembrance Day program at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for over a decade. He received the SVR Distinguished Service Medal in 2004. Brother Henry was an active member and past commander of the SUVCW Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp in Chillicothe, Ohio and Past Ohio Department Commander.

After six years as Prosecuting Attorney, in 1976 he started a distinguished 27-year career as the judge of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas General Division (trial court).

SVR NEWS

Major General Robert Grim recently announced two promotions on the National Staff of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Donald E. Darby, Past Commander-in-Chief has been named the Deputy Commander of the SVR and promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Shane L. Milburn, PDC has been named Adjutant General of the SVR and promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel.



Donald E. Darby, PCinC



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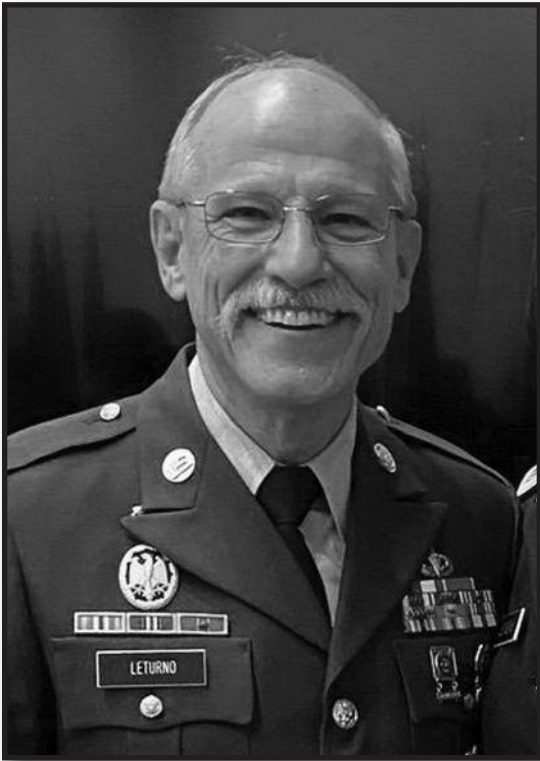
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DEPT OF CHESAPEAKE REPRESENTS



Roger Leturno, PDC

Directed by Congress for FY 2021, The Department of Defense established the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America (Naming Commission). The Commission initially focused on renaming the 9 Army bases named for Confederate Generals: Forts Lee, Pickett, and A.P. Hill (Virginia), Fort Hood (Texas), Fort Polk (Louisiana), Forts Benning and Gordon (Georgia), Fort Rucker (Alabama), and Fort Bragg (North Carolina).

Representing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Department of the Chesapeake conducted lobbying activities for the purpose of “educating” committee members and other key stakeholders about Union heroes whose names should be considered for the renaming of the Army installations in Virginia. Last year’s Department Commander Roger Leturno led the effort once lobby approval was given by CinC Brian Pierson. Leturno engaged department officers and leaders to prepare a message and delivery strategy. The Department coordinated with MOLLUS, SAR, DAR, and DUVCW but essentially ran this effort alone. The Department decided to recommend names of native Virginia Union heroes to the Naming Commission. Past Department Commanders Tim McCoy, Lee Stone, Jay Rarick, and Senior Vice Commander Brian Horgan assisted in the research of candidates and preparation of biographies. The final selection were General George H. Thomas, General Andrew A. Humphreys, Sergeant William H. Carney, and Corporal James Miles.

The Department lobbied the Virginia governor, senators, and congressmen in whose districts the Army installations were located. They also sent correspondence to all members of the Commission, with Leturno personally contacting two members he knew. The Virginia governor alerted the Commission that the SUVCW was attending the “town hall” meetings scheduled at each installation. Leturno attended them all. He personally met with Commission Chair Admiral Michelle Howard as well as members Mr. Lawrence Romo and Mr. Jerry Buchanan for one-on-one discussions. Mr. Romo invited Leturno to start discussions at one of the public meetings.

The Naming Commission completed its duties and disbanded October 1, 2022. Although the Commission didn’t recommend the Department candidates in their final selection, they did submit Dr. Mary Edwards Walker as the new name for Fort A. P. Hill.

The Department’s initiative didn’t guarantee the renaming of a post to Thomas, Carney, James, or Humphreys. But Admiral Howard told Leturno that the Order’s nominations would also be considered in the naming of other things Confederate (i.e. buildings, roads, etc.). Commander Leturno believed the Commission heard him clearly and appreciated the Order’s efforts. Stakeholders who didn’t know the SUVCW existed do now. The Department of Chesapeake can be justifiably proud Virginia has the only installation to be renamed for a Union hero. The real win was the visibility this initiative gave the Order.



CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

Recently the brothers of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 held a living history day on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay to remind visitors that Alcatraz is a national park because of its military history and that it was an important fort during the Civil War.



Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 participated in the La Jolla Christmas Parade, December 4th, 2022. Cars and drivers were donated by the Mustang Club of San Diego.



COLORADO / WYOMING

Brothers of the Legion of the West, Camp 7 participated in Wreaths Across America at the Orchard Mesa Veterans Cemetery on December 17. In addition they placed wreaths upon the graves of 12 unknown Union veterans and other G.A.R. members who were not in the Veterans section.



COLUMBIA

Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1, dedicated a Veterans Affairs (VA) headstone on a previously unmarked grave of a U.S. Navy Civil War Veteran on Saturday, October 8



at Oakwood Hill Cemetery in Tacoma. David Franklin died on March 16, 1920 at his home in Tacoma and buried in an unmarked grave in the G.A.R. section of Oakwood Hill Cemetery. David had been a member of the Custer Post of the G.A.R. The Camp was assisted its Auxiliary and by brothers and sisters of the Col Edward D. Baker Camp #6 and Auxiliary #6, Co B, 71st Pennsylvania Infantry, SVR, Buffalo Soldiers Museum, the Black Collective, Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Sons of the American Revolution, Puget Sound Civil War Roundtable, the USS Tahoma-Washington Civil War Association and Congressman Derek Kilmer.

FLORIDA

General Thomas McKean Camp #3 attended the Veterans Day Parade in West Palm Beach, on November 6, 2022. Good exposure for the Camp and we heard quite a few "Huzzah's!" as we marched along the route.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



Brothers of the Elias Moon Camp #2 recently honored two scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in two

different ceremonies. The first was awarded to Reagan James Konecny and then a few days later, awarded an Eagle Scout Certificate to Jude McNeil. Both scouts have impeccable Civil War ancestry.



ILLINOIS

Colonel John C. Bryner Camp #67 has been working on several headstone projects the last several months. After updating the Tazewell County graves registry, it was determined that the last soldier for that county was PVT Joseph W. Moffatt of Co. E, 139th IL INF. He was born on December 18, 1845 and dies May 10, 1938. He is interred at Fondulac Cemetery in East Peoria.



The first survey was done about 17 years ago and in the intervening years, his stone was broken. A new stone was ordered and installed this past summer. The second headstone replacement was started when a dilapidated and worn stone was discovered in the Howard Virgin Timber Park outside of Leroy. After a couple of years of effort, research was completed and contact was made with the township responsible for the cemetery. A new stone was ordered for PVT Martin V. Grooms of Co. I, 39th IL INF.



A very unusual event occurred in Chicago on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Montrose Cemetery, Chicago. Private Samuel (Day) Dale passed away in 1907. His unmarked grave lay in that state until Ms. Joanne Kuzmicki (a descendant of Pvt Dale) of Tinley Park reached out to Commander-in Chief Bruce Frail for help. Research revealed Private Dale's military records. .

A marker was ordered through the VA. Funds were raised in part by the Department of Illinois to pay for its installation. The Old Glory Camp #6165, Chicago organized and conducted the ceremony complete with a cannon salute celebrating his life and commemorating his service in the 1st New Jersey Light Artillery.



Members of the Glenview, Illinois council, Navy League of the United States gathered with friends and Marines on Saturday, November 19th to celebrate their "Toys for Tots" benefit. Our celebration included both live and silent auctions, a raffle and special banquet dinner featuring a live band. The Council includes members of the American Legion, V.F.W and the George A. Custer Camp #1.

INDIANA

Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1 & Company D. 27th Indiana Vol., SVR gathered on September 11, 2022 in Hartford City, honoring and marking the grave of the Last Union Civil War Soldier to be buried in Blackford County – Private James Augustus Alfrey of Company I, 132nd Indiana Infantry. Several members of our camp along with 19 descendants of Pvt. Alfrey were there for the ceremony at the Hartford City IOOF Cemetery, including a 5x great-grandson. In spite of the rain, we were able to honor his memory and make new friends in the community.



A Last Union Veteran Ceremony for Sergeant, Thomas Jefferson Cave of Co. E, 18th Indiana Volunteer Infantry was hosted by the John W. Foster Camp #2 on August 28th, 2022. The event was held at the Ames Chapel Cemetery just east of French Lick / West Baden, in Orange County, IN. The Color Guard, consisted of 22 people participating along with several others presenting. There were 10 sons from the Department of

Indiana who participated and of those, 8 were SVR members. Two Department of Kentucky sons participated along with 10 American Legion participants, 3 reenactors from the 18th Indiana Light Artillery reenactment group and 2 Sanitary Commission members. At least 4 descendants of Thomas Cave were in attendance along with a good showing of the public.

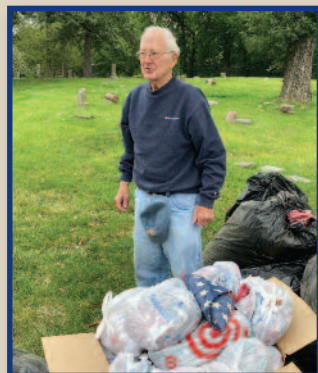


IOWA



On September 17, Members of Camp Robert Mitchell #206 conducted three one hour presentations and walking tours about Dubuque Civil War history, in particular Camps Union and Franklin, on the property of Mathias Ham. These camps trained new recruits prior to the soldiers journey south. These presentations were at the Mathias Ham House Historical Site. The presentations included the location and layout of the camp, the military units raised and mustered into military service, and the major events they participated in, key individuals who passed through the camp, including numerous Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Brothers of the Grenville M Dodge Camp # 75 in Des Moines assisted in the formal retirement of over 5000 flags at Glendale Cemetery. This is an annual event that joins with the Boy Scouts, veteran groups, civic organizations and the public the 2nd Saturday in September.



KANSAS



On Saturday, October 8, 2022, brothers from the Franklin Camp #5 took part in the presentation of colors and the ceremonial opening flag raising ceremony for the Old Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival in Fairway, Kansas. As a symbolic gesture of friendship and goodwill, the color guard performing the ceremony was a combination of members from the Franklin Camp #5 and the Sons of Confederate Veterans Major Thomas J. Key Camp #1920. In a continuation of cooperation between the two groups, a combined information and recruiting booth was manned by both camps throughout the day at the festival.



On Saturday, November 12, 2022, Franklin Camp #5 held their annual Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony and Quilt of Valor Presentations. During the ceremony, the camp presented three "Quilts-of-Valor" created by the local Prairie Point Quilt and Fabric Shop to three United States Air Force Veterans. Franklin Camp annually holds these ceremonies and presentations each Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

LONDON CAMP AT LARGE



The Ensign John Davis Camp #10 of London, England placed a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in London, England in honor of Armistice Day which commemorates the ending of World War I. To the right of the wreath is the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the left is a wreath from the Monuments for UK Veterans of the American Civil War Association.

MASSACHUSETTS

On Sunday, November 6th, 2022, Brothers of the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve participated in the Department of Massachusetts annual ceremony to honor Union hero General Benjamin F. Butler at Hildreth Family Cemetery in Lowell, Massachusetts. The ceremonies included the retiring of the previous year's federal flag which flies over the private family cemetery. In addition, descendants of General Butler, the press and a featured speaker participated in the program.



The following Camps participated: Dept. of Massachusetts: Gen. F.W. Lander Camp No. 5; Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104; Willie Grout Camp No. 25; Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp No. 54; Satuit Camp No. 3188; Major Thomas B. Griffith Camp No. 22; Dept. of New Hampshire: W.W. Brown Camp No. 1; Dept. of Rhode Island: Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3.

MICHIGAN



On October 9, 2022 the Members of Governor Crapo Camp #145 entered a float in the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival parade. The float included mimicking the loading and firing of a civil war era Howitzer Cannon. Exhibiting a sparkler in the fuse, take cover, explosion on speaker and after smoke. Brothers were assisted by sisters of the Gov Crapo Corp 23 of the Woman's Relief

Corp. This portrayal brought a real patriotic response from the crowd. The Float was judged first place in the military division of the parade.

MISSOURI

Members of the General Thomas C. Gletcher Camp 47 and Volker Auxiliary participated in the 125th anniversary reenactment of the placement of three Revolutionary War cannons in Lafayette Park. The cannon were purchased by the Missouri Commandery MOLLUS and donated to the park in 1897. Members the SUVCW, ASUVCW, and DUVCW 1861-1865 participated.



Overall, nine hereditary societies participated including the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, and Children of the American Revolution. Special guests were Auxiliary National President Allison Pollitt and MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Col Robert Pollock.



On November 3rd the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 in Ste. Genevieve presented to the family of the Mueller Tire and Auto Service the SUVCW Flag Certificate to recognize exemplary patriotism in the display of the U.S. flag.

NEBRASKA

On October 29, 2022 members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2 and Welstead Camp #3 performed a Last Union Veteran of Cass County Nebraska for Benton Kinkead Co. D 77th Ohio Infantry whose remains were returned to Nebraska from Washington State to be interred by his wife in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth Nebraska.



On Saturday November 19, 2022 members of the Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2, Welstead Camp #3 and Harrison Camp #53 participated in the 159th observance of the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in front of the Lincoln Statue on the west side of the State Capitol in Lincoln Nebraska. This is an annual event and the Lincoln Statue, designed by Daniel Chester French, is the original one and there is a sculptor's mockup of the statue at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield Illinois.



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department Commander Gary Ward and PDC Michael Shklar presented the Mary Elizabeth Walker award to sister Frances Hanchett on on November 12 , 2022.



NEW YORK



On October 29, 2022, the Col. George L. Willard, Camp #154 with the 125th New York Volunteer Infantry and Oakwood Cemetery in Troy NY held a rededication and new signage at Colonel Willard's grave. Col. Willard was killed July 2, 1863 by an enemy artillery shell near Cemetery Ridge at the battle of Gettysburg.



Brothers of the Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 of Rochester participated in the Wreaths Across America in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA

At a recent meeting of the Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Department of North Carolina, the Camp Brothers received the Joseph S. Rippey Award certificate & streamer. The Rippey Award is granted to the best new Camp chartered in the past year, and Camp



Kilpatrick was named the recipient for 2021-2022 by Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette at the 141st National Encampment.

OHIO



Brothers of the John S. Townsend Camp 108 assisted by the Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 unveiled an historical

marker on Sept. 11 commemorating three young men from Chauncey, Ohio – just north of the City of Athens – who volunteered for the Union Army by traveling to Parkersburg and Clarksburg to enlist in a loyalist regiment that became the 1st West Virginia Cavalry. The ceremony was held at the Chauncey Senior Center adjacent to the Dover Township Park, where the marker will be installed once the current construction is finished. An obelisk in the Nye Cemetery, marking Robinett's grave, was donated by his postwar coworkers at the federal Freedmen's Bureau headquarters in Washington, D.C.

honor of Columbus Day. This statue was placed by the Arizona American Italian Club in 1992 to mark the 400th Anniversary of his voyage.



Brothers of the U.S. Grant #3 of Flagstaff marched in the Williams Patriot Day Parade in honor of the victims of 9/11.

PENNSYLVANIA



On September 17th, 2022. Brothers of the Joel Searfoss Camp 273 conducted the The Last Soldier Ceremony at the Stroudsburg Cemetary, Monroe County, Stroudsburg PA, honoring Private William H Miller. They were assisted by brothers of the Ezra S. Griffen Camp #8 and the Bannon Long Auxiliary 10.

TEXAS

Brothers of Gen. James J. Byrne Camp No. 1 of Fort Worth, gathered at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth. They joined several other patriotic organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR); Disabled American Veterans; and local JROTC units, for the annual Massing of the Colors. Sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), the Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony held to rededicate faith in the United States, and to demonstrate support for the National Colors and the Servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent.



On October 29, 2022, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2 of Houston conducted a graveside memorial service at Old Humble Cemetery in Humble Texas. They gathered to honor Civil War veteran Pvt. Isaac Van Houghton, who served with the 102nd New York Infantry. He later joined the Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan G.A.R. post of Houston. Nearly thirty living descendants of the veteran attended. The Auxiliary to the Lea Camp, along with Sisters of the DUVCW from Houston and San Antonio also participated in the ceremony.



Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 set up a display table at the recent Camp Maxwell Days in Grove City Pennsylvania. Brothers talked to the families and give them a hands on opportunity to see and feel the History in the display items. They also discussed the history and meaning on what it means to be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

SOUTHWEST

U. S. Grant Camp #3 of Flagstaff in partnership with the Arizona American Italian Club of Phoenix presented a wreath to Christopher Columbus in



HISTORY OF THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

THREE SPECIAL GRAND ARMY MEN: PAYNE, WEBB AND CAMPBELL

Patriotic fervor and the sense of duty to serve ran in our families during the War of Rebellion. Fathers, and in some cases even grandfathers, answered President Lincoln's call. Teen age sons felt this same sense of duty and enlisted as soon as possible. At the conclusion of the war, they joined the Grand Army of the Republic. As they were both veterans and Sons of Veterans many joined our Order as well as the GAR. Three of these men had the distinction of being members of the Grand Army and later served as Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons of (Union) Veterans.

Walter S. Payne of Fostoria, Ohio was commissioned First Lieutenant in Company D, 4th Wisconsin Volunteer Cavalry on April 23, 1861 and later Captain in the 2nd Louisiana (Union) Volunteer Infantry. He was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans in 1885 and again in 1886. Commander Payne saw rapid growth of our Order as well as the merger of rival Sons of Veterans organizations: The Post System headquartered in Albany, New York, The Earp faction from New England and the Cadet Corps from Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Leland Webb of Topeka, Kansas enlisted as a drummer boy in Company H 16th Wisconsin at the age of 15 in October 15, 1861. He re-enlisted in Co I 30th Wisconsin Infantry until May 8, 1865. He served as Aide-de-Camp to GAR Commander-in-Chief John Rea in recognition 1888 and was responsible for GAR recognition of the Sons of (Union) Veterans. Under his leadership the number of Camps and membership doubled in the mid-west. In civilian life he served as mayor and a member of the US House of Representatives. In the Sons, he served as Kansas Department Commander, 3rd Grand Division Commander, Judge Advocate General and as Commander in Chief in 1890.

Edward R. Campbell of Washington, DC enlisted in Co. H 83rd New York Volunteer Infantry on August 27, 1863. He received a medical discharge in 1864. In civilian life after the war he was employed by the Railway Mail Service. He was able to build closer ties between the GAR and the Sons of Union Veterans. He was elected Sons Commander-in-Chief in 1901. He helped transition the Sons of being a military training organization that often serves in the National Guard to the fraternal order we are today. He encampment voted to meet in the same city and location as the GAR. Previously since the Sons were a military training organization they met in a different location and date with their auxiliary.



Walter S. Payne



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