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CORRECTION - Page 14 of the Fall 2018 Banner incorrectly identified Michael G. Friedel, PDC as a member of the Illinois Department. He was and is a member of the Department of Iowa. Much apologies to brother Michael.

On The Cover: Wreaths at the Grand Army of the Republic monument and the Albert Woolson Statue.



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(SERIES 2018-2019)

Synopsis of General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw. The complete Order can be viewed on the Order's website.

GENERAL ORDER #3:

Reports the passing of Past National President Marion Eggert Comb of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on August 31, 2081 at 98 years of age. Ordered draping of charters and badges for thirty day.

GENERAL ORDER #4:

Lifts suspension of Department of the Columbia as of September 12, 2018.

GENERAL ORDER #5:

Reports the passing of Past National President Barbara Anne Mayberry of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on September 30, 2018. She served as National President in 2006-2007, opposite PCinC Jim Pahl. Ordered draping of charters and badges for thirty days.

GENERAL ORDER #6:

Reports the passing of the 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush on November 30, 2108. Reported December 5, 2018 as a National day of Mourning and ordered draping of charters and badges for thirty days.

GENERAL ORDER #7:

1. At the 137st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts, in August, 2018, at which a quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of such delegates voted in favor to amend Article V, Section 2 b of the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows:

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of the any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the

Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

NOTE: The paragraph as presented contains the current language of the Constitution. The stricken wording on line two of the paragraph is the wording elimination approved by the National Encampment with the insertion of the word "any" in its place, (herein inserted in italics). In voting to approve or reject the change, please read the paragraph with the indicated deletions and the insertion indicated. FURTHER NOTE: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.

2. As contained in Article IX of the Constitution, this amendment cannot be effected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least by 50 % of the Departments. Departments of the SUVCW are hereby directed to conduct a vote to ratify at their 2019 Department Encampments. The National Secretary is directed to provide instructions to Department Commanders on how to conduct and report the results of this vote.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the Fall Edition of *THE BANNER* I asked for thoughts and ideas about Depression. As a result of that piece I learned the President Lincoln suffered from this same affliction, but back then it was called Melancholy. He had suffered from it all through his life. In fact, after he had been nominated to be the presidential candidate for the Republican Party in 1860 - the day after the convention closed the Lt. Governor of Illinois, William J. Bross, walked the empty, litter strewn floor of the hall and saw Mr. Lincoln sitting there by himself. Lincoln noticed him and said "I'm not very well."

Is it any wonder that if such great men as the 16th President of the United States can suffer from depression - that I should have it too? Some of the remedies that were suggested as a help were Valerian root pills or capsules (a remedy that has been around for centuries). Another solution is turning everything over to the Almighty - He can bring us through even though we do not see a way. I have been told that 85% of the things that worry and depress us never come to pass. Reading a book, or going for a walk or run helps some to get through rough places. It seems that there are many ways to deal with this malady, but each of us must find our own path.

STOP THE PRESS.

After composing this CORNER, I ran it past an expert on the life of Abe Lincoln. He told me that the 2005 article in *The Atlantic* was fake news - that the only part of the story that was correct - was that after Abe was nominated in Chicago, he sat alone in Springfield. Life is a continual learning experience.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

ALL DEPARTMENTS NEED TO TAKE ACTION AS TO THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AT THEIR NEXT DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Article V, Section 2 b (See C&R page 20)

Note: This proposal clarifies the Commander-in-Chief's authority to take action to suspend or delay the implementation of an action taken by any National Encampment rather than just the last National Encampment, and includes State Laws as well as United States Laws. . The process for taking such action by the Commander-in-Chief remains the same.

The National Committee on Constitution and Regulations recommends approval of this proposal.

Article V, Section 2b. If the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that an action of any National Encampment is in violation of or in conflict with our Congressional Charter, and/or the Constitution, and/or National Regulations, and/or United States Law, and/or any State's Law, he may propose such General Order(s) to delay implementation of such action or suspend such action if previously implemented, until such time as the violation or conflict can be corrected. A two-thirds majority vote of the Council of Administration is required to support the proposed General Order authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to proceed, the Commander-in-Chief abstaining from participating in such vote and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief may only vote to break a tie. Such presentation and vote may be taken by electronic means of communication. The Commander-in-Chief must propose a resolution to the conflict by the next National Encampment.

National Constitution - ARTICLE IX. Amendments

All proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, upon prior approval by some Department, not later than forty days preceding the meeting of the National Encampment, and such proposed amendment shall be published in General Orders preceding such meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the National Encampment, and shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than 50% of the Departments, and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution.

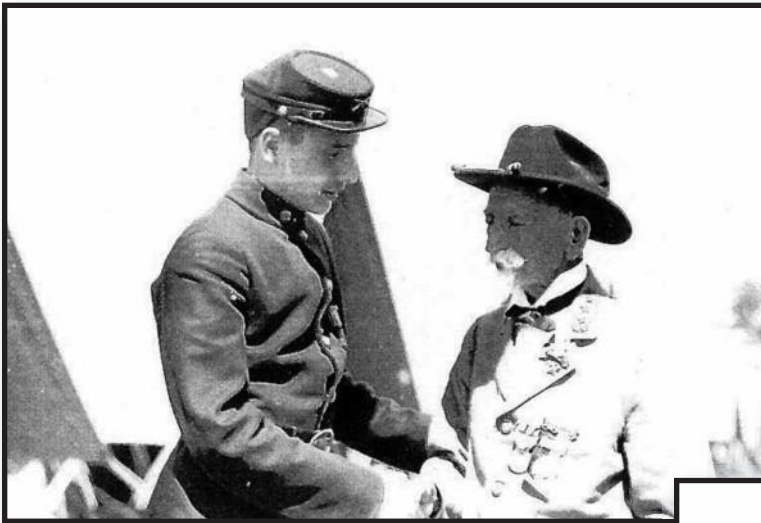
VISITING CONFEDERATE VETERANS AT THE 1938 GETTYSBURG REUNION

by Richard C. Partington, PCinC

In visiting several confederate Veterans, I met a man who identified himself as a newspaper man from Danville, Indiana. He asked to take my picture along with an old Confederate Veteran, Mr. Paul Savguinetta. Mr. Savguinetta was born on September 6, 1846 in Bathia, Corsica, France, in the same town and on the same island as Napoleon. In 1860, he came to Richmond, VA on a visit to his uncle and cousin. While there, the war broke out and he enlisted. He was mustered into the 19th Virginia Infantry in the spring of 1861. He took part in the Seven Days fighting around Richmond in 1862 and was under Lee at his surrender at Appomattox Court House in 1865 “after being three days with nothing to eat”. After the surrender, he returned to Richmond with nothing but the dirty, ragged uniform he had worn for four years. He then became a store clerk in a grocery store. A friend from Montgomery, Alabama learned from returning soldiers that Mr. Savguinetta was in Richmond and sent his brother to get him. (His uncle and cousin were gone). He bought a new suit of clothing and went to Montgomery to live. They had no sidewalks, everything was mud.

Mr. Savguinetta only wound was when he was in the front ranks of infantry. They were resisting a cavalry attack at Drewy’s Bluff. A saber cut off his right thumb when he held up his gun to protect his head.

(PCinC Partington was 16 years old in 1938. Now 96 years of age, he has been a member of the SUVCW for 80 years. He presided over the 107th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan in 1988 – the first National Encampment attended by this Editor).





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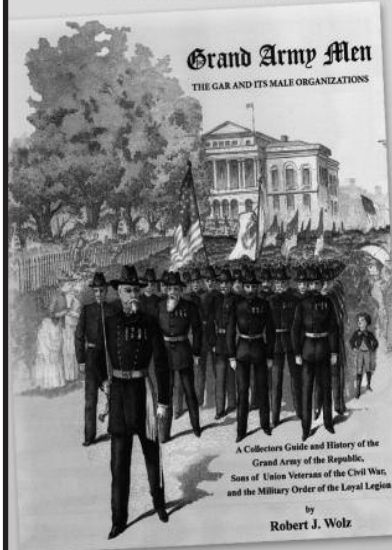


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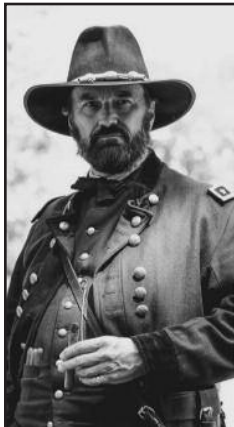
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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018 & PARADE PROTECTION

By James B. Pahl, PCinC



The 62nd Annual Remembrance Day parade is now in the memory books. A very interesting time was had by all.

First was the travel to Gettysburg in a major snow storm - (thanks Lloyd for letting the salesman talk you into 4-wheel drive). A car which had just passed me lost control and came across my lane on their way to the ditch. How I missed that car, I will never know.

Parade day saw acceptable weather, large crowds, but a shortened parade route due to threats. Law Enforcement was out in force, but the route hardening was not as intensive as last year. Gettysburg National Military Park law enforcement was augmented by many officers from other National Parks near and not so near. They were joined by the Gettysburg Police, Adams County Sheriff's Office and Pennsylvania State Police, who braved the cold to ensure a safe parade. Many thanks to those officers.



We are looking for brothers willing to assist our Proceedings Editor in putting together past National Encampment Proceedings. If interested, please contact PCinC Jim Pahl at: jbpahl0824@yahoo.com

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 63th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 154th 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 13, 2019.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$102.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 22, 2019.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 13th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk by Mary Todd Lincoln on "My Side of the Story". Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

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CREDENTIALS, YOUR DEPARTMENT, AND YOU

The Credentials Committee, over the past few years, has run into a few issues that make their job difficult. The committee tries to ensure every National Encampment is as accurate as possible, where voting is concerned.

The first issue I am going to address is the Credentials Card (Form 2a). This form can be downloaded from the National Website (www.suvcw.org) under the Governance and Forms section. The ONLY individuals that should be downloading this form for National Encampments is your Department Secretary or the National Secretary. The form REQUIRES their signature. They are the only individuals that SHOULD be issuing it to you as an Individual Brother. They will check off the appropriate box on that form designating your CREDENTIALS. This past Encampment I had way too many Brothers printing their own cards and checking off the wrong box. There were also too many brothers sending in cards with Delegate checked off when the Department Form 49 did not have them listed as such. In the future, I will not accept the cards and you will not be seated. Along with this, the Form 2a is a certain size and is printed 4 (four) to a page (card stock preferred). If I get any Credential Cards that are not the Form 2a, and are not at or close to the correct size, they will also not be accepted.

Now let's discuss the Department Form 49 and its relationship to the Credentials Committee. The Form 49 is completed at the end of your Department's Annual Encampment and is signed by the Installing Officer, Department Secretary, Department Commander, and the National Executive Director who signs it when he receives it. This form is what I go by when pre-registering Brothers for the National Encampment. It is the reason why you should wait until you receive your credentials card from your Department Secretary. This includes PDC's and PC-in-C's.

For EACH Department Secretary and Department Commander, you WILL list elected delegates on your Form 49 that you are entitled to. When you list your delegates, do not list your PDC's/PC-in-C's in your delegate section. They are automatic delegates and you are selling yourselves short by doing so. As for Alternates, the only phrase that will be accepted from this point moving forward is, "All other Brothers of this Department in Good Standing at the time of this encampment are hereby elected as Alternates to the National Encampment."

Do not send the Executive Director any Form 49's that do not list any delegates and only have statements like "All Brothers are Delegates to the National Encampment" or "All other Brothers are Alternates to the National Encampment." I will not accept it and your delegation will not be seated.

Lastly, when you register for the National Encampment, MAIL the form with a check or money order made out to the National Organization SUVCW. There is also a deadline. Please abide by it.

The Credentials Committee has gone out of its way to help every Brother be seated at the National Encampment and we will continue to do so. But things need to be reined in. This is necessary to a smooth, professional, and accurate account of all delegates at the National Encampments.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Joseph S. Hall, Jr.
Chairman
National Credentials Committee

FINAL MUSTER

I have been to many funerals lately, and have been watching the people who are there. Some, who were close to the deceased, are moved to tears and feel pain. Others are there to console the family - these are friends. Finally, there are those who would rather not be there and are moved for some unknown reason to attend, but who am I to judge. No matter why someone goes to a funeral, there is a great potential for blessing and grace. To bury the dead - is an important part of our Tradition, and for members of the Allied Orders - it is a special imperative. If you have an opportunity to go to a funeral for a Brother or Sister of our Order - I encourage you to do so. It is the right thing to do.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

Robert Dale Parrish
Gov Issac Stevens Camp 1 (Columbia)
February 16, 2018

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August 3, 2018

Webster H. Grimm
Garfield Camp 4 (New Jersey)
October 29, 2016

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October 8, 2018

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October 2, 2018

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April 15, 2018

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Lincoln Camp 100 (New Jersey)
October 11, 2018

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September 29, 2018

Charles Edward Hughes
Benjamin Harrison Camp 356 (Indiana)
October 13, 2018

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December 6, 2017

Michael J Mazzocchi
Lincoln Camp 100 (New Jersey)
November 18, 2018

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Gen Thomas C Fletcher Camp 47 (Missouri)
November 17, 2018

Harry Hull Negley, III
Davis * Camp (Pennsylvania)
August 14, 2018

Steven Arthur Swartwood
Col David Ireland Camp 137 (New Jersey)
October 28, 2018

Harley Earl Crain, PCC
Life Member
Gov Isaac Stevens Camp 1 (Columbia)
August 31, 2018



CENTRAL REGION

79th Conference of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders meets in Indiana.

The Central Region Association of the Allied Orders (CRA) met for their annual Conference October 6th in Indiana.

44 CRA Allied Orders members were registered, along with (8) guests. This represented one of the largest numbers of attendees in many years! In attendance was Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw, (3) Past Commander-in-Chief's and the National Chaplain of the LGAR.

Activities included a guided tour of Maplewood Cemetery where a number of Civil War Veterans headstone had been cleaned and replaced by David D. Porter Camp, 116, tour of the Memorial Opera House (built in 1892 and home of Chaplain Brown GAR Post 106 and now the David Porter Camp). Next was the Porter County Museum.

The program featured four discussion tables with facilitators; Recruitment/Membership; Media; Attendance/Involvement and Projects. All participants attended four different round table discussions with different groups to be sure to generate as many ideas as possible.

2019 were elected and include: Commander Cindy Norton – WRC Ohio; SVC Sumner Hunnewell – SUVCW MO; JVC Tom Brown – SUVCW WI; Sec/Treas. Walt Busch – SUVCW MO.

The event concluded with a program on mourning clothing and customs of the 1860s.

CHESAPEAKE

“On the 6th of September two Union soldiers killed at the Battle of 2nd Bull Run were laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors. The two soldiers were found in a “limb pit” on the battlefield in 2014 during an excavation for a utility line. In addition to the two soldiers, the limb pit contained amputated limbs of 11 other soldiers. The soldiers have not yet been identified and were buried as unknowns. Both soldiers were buried in period style coffins that were made from a 60 year old tree on the battlefield that fell in a windstorm.

One soldier had a bullet sill in his broken right thigh bone and was struck two other times.



Garfield Camp Gathers in Gettysburg for Remembrance Day



Fourteen Brothers from the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 of Baltimore traveled to Gettysburg on November 17 to take in the annual Remembrance Day commemoration and activities. Highlighting the day Camp 1 conducted a meeting and annual election of officers on Culp's Hill. New officers were installed and a new brother initiated into the Order. The Brothers then retired to a local eatery for the Camp's annual Kenneth E. Hershberger Memorial Luncheon before returning en masse to view the Remembrance Day parade.

CONNECTICUT



The Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp No. 63, was represented at the 53rd Annual Massing of the Colors. Camp members, in Civil War uniform presented the 34-Star Flag at the ceremony, which was held at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in East Hartford on November 3rd. Each year, hereditary and patriotic societies in Connecticut are invited to bring their organization's flag to the Massing of the Colors to honor their ancestors. Photo by Judey Buckbee.

GEORGIA



On September 28th the members of Elias Moon Camp #2 awarded a certificate of appreciation to the manager and staff of the auto Bell Car Wash in Lawrenceville, Georgia for correctly displaying Old Glory. This is an outreach program to reward good flag etiquette and forward the name of the SUVCW. The camp is endeavoring to make such presentations a monthly event.



On July 18th Elias Moon Camp #2 joined with members of the 54th Massachusetts reenactors and fired a salute on Morris Island, South Carolina. Every July 18th the 54th conducts a memorial ceremony on the island at the mouth of Charleston harbor where the 54th made their sacrificial assault on Fort Wagner. Pictured in the center is an exact replica of the flag the 54th carried into Fort Wagner, flanked by reenactors portraying Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman. Photo by Joseph McGill.

ILLINOIS

Old Glory Camp 6165 honored all veterans and rededicated the General B.F. Butler Post #754, Grand Army of the Republic Cannon Memorial. This site had been a project of P.H. Sheridan Camp #2, Dept. of Illinois back in 2000. They had replaced a number of headstones. We have continued the project as the new Chicago-based Camp 6165 and adopted this site as our permanent project. More research and headstones will be ordered and landscaping for next spring. The Camp was joined by Taft High School NJROTC and Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, SVR.



Sheridan Camp #2, Custer Camp #1 and Old Glory Camp #6165 joined together to staff an information table at the Midwest Civil War Show in Wheaton, Illinois.



On September 15th, John A. Logan Camp rededicated the Civil War Memorial at Rockton Township Cemetery in Rockton, IL. Those in attendance included the Mary Logan Auxiliary #20, American Legion Walter Graham Post 332, Rockton Township Cemetery Administrator, and Rockton Herald Newspaper.

The Civil War Memorial that was originally dedicated in 1897 by the G.A.R. was restored by the John A. Logan Camp on June 23rd. The National Registry of Known Civil War Artillery identifies the cannon as a 4.2" Army Parrot Rifle made in 1864.



INDIANA

On October 27, Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 and Eliza E. George Auxiliary Camp No. 356 staffed a table at the Annual Indiana State Library Genealogy and History Fair.

Information was provided to several about obtaining headstones from the Veterans Administration and military records from the National Archives.



John Auten Camp #8 South Bend, Indiana received their Charter in a special ceremony on September 22, 2018. New Camp Commander Bill Adams, PDC received the new charter from Department of Indiana Commander Tim Beckman.

The ceremony was held in front of the "old 1855 Courthouse" in South Bend. This was the same

courthouse that the new camp namesake, John Auten, took his oath and was mustered into the 9th Indiana. It is also the same courthouse that less than 6 months later John Auten's funeral took place on August 2, 1861. He was killed just 15 days before his 90 day enlistment was up. He also was the first St. Joseph County soldier to die in the Civil War, some believe he may have been the first Indiana soldier to die.



Brothers were joined by ladies of the LGAR Arsinoe Martin Circle # 78, Eliza E. George #356 of the ASUVCW, as well as Carol Nichols, Regent of the Schuyler Colfax Chapter NSDAR. Also attending brothers of The March to the Sea Camp # 135 from Centerville Michigan.

KANSAS

The Kansas "Old Abe Camp #16 in Topeka meets every 4th Saturday to raise, straighten and clean headstones in local cemeteries. We use a tractor jack that can be operated by one person.



MASSACHUSETTS

Willie Grout Camp 25 participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony by the GAR lot at Hope Cemetery in Worcester, including the placement of wreaths at the graves of Medal of Honor Recipients Thomas Plunkett and Charles Pinkham.



On Saturday, December 1st, Brothers from the Department of Massachusetts hosted our annual Christmas party for residents and patients of the Chelsea Soldiers Home in Chelsea, Massachusetts. The event included a dinner of Chinese food, beautiful handmade comforters, gifts packs, great conversations and the chance to serve. Assisting were brothers of Maj. T.B. Griffith Camp 22, Gen. F. W. Lander Camp 5 and C. H. Bond Camp 104.



MICHIGAN

On October 14, 2018, the Brothers of Nash-Hodges Camp 43 conducted a rededication ceremony at the gravesite of Corporal Martin A. Loop, Company A, 17th Michigan Infantry, honoring him as the last Union Civil War veteran to be buried in Lenawee County, Michigan.

Martin A. Loop also served as Vice Commander of Woodbury G.A.R. Post 45 in Adrian. A commemorative star has been affixed to his gravestone, identifying him as the last soldier.



On Friday, September 14 members of Austin Blair Camp #7 and Auxiliary presented a check for \$100 and a new State of Michigan flag to Potter Park Zoo on the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the American Bald Eagle exhibit. The camp was also there at the original dedication 10 years ago.



The Department of Michigan represented by several Camps and members of the Allied Orders attended the Remembrance Day Activities in Gettysburg. National and State Flags were placed at the gravesites and the names of each soldier read aloud to honor and commemorate his service. Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR served as Color Guard at the Woolson Monument Services and then marched in the Remembrance Day parade.



As is customary with the Department of Michigan, one Michigan Monument is selected each year for a brief memorial service. This year the Department gathered at the monument for the Michigan Cavalry Brigade located in the East Cavalry Field.

NEBRASKA

On Saturday November 17, brothers of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2, Welstead Camp #3 were joined by sisters of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW and the Betsy Ross Tent #1 and Sarah Gillespie Tent #7 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and participated in the 155th anniversary observance of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The ceremony was held at the State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska.



NEW JERSEY

For the past 10 years, the brothers of Major General George Armstrong Custer Camp #17 assisted by the Auxiliary, have been returning to a necessary staple of our Order – Charity. The Camp has collected warm clothing, slippers and blankets for the Menlo Park Veterans Home in Edison N.J. They



have also collected money for projects at The Prince of Peace Church in Cliffwood Beach and St. Mark's Community Center. Then at the Allaire State Park Civil War weekend, the Camp collected funds for the "Paws for Vets" program. The Camp has also collected for the American Legion "Stockings for Soldiers" project.



Brothers of Major General George Armstrong Custer Camp 17, Gen Winfield Scott Camp 73 and Gen Phillip Kearney Camp 20, held a Community service project at the Rahway Cemetery, in Rahway N.J. on Saturday Nov 3rd. The Camp cut back encroaching grass, and cleaned the foot stones for better visibility. The cemetery was established in 1724 and is the resting place of 299 Civil War soldiers, including 29 members of United States Colored Troops and one confederate soldier. In addition, the cemetery is the resting place of some 70 Revolutionary War soldiers and Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.



Eagle Scout Vincent J. Marasciulo of Troop 181 in Wood-Ridge, NJ being presented with the Order's Eagle Scout Certificate.

NEW YORK

The Brothers of Weber Camp 44 dedicated a grave marker honoring Private Patrick Fitzgerald by dedicating his veteran's grave marker on November 10th. The Camp was joined by the Weber Guard, SVR along with reenactment units.

Patrick Fitzgerald enlisted as a Private on February 18, 1865 into Company C of the 76th Infantry Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, also known as the "Keystone Zouaves." He was mustered out on July 18, 1865 at Raleigh, North Carolina, D.C. with the unit.

He died on November 7, 1891 and was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna, New York following

funeral services at the St. Joseph Cathedral. However, this grave location was not his final burial place. A new veteran's marker was obtained in 1962 by the American Legion, as the original stone was incorrect. The original stone ended up in the possession of the Town of Cheektowaga. Weber Camp was asked to help and it was learned the remains had been relocated to his family's plot along with the veteran's grave marker. So after fifty plus years, this marker has finally been dedicated. Photo courtesy of Bill Christen.



NORTH CAROLINA

Real Daughter Irene Triplett lives in Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Irene is the daughter of Union Private Moses Triplett who served with the 3rd North Carolina Mounted Infantry, nicknamed "Kirk's Raiders". In 1938, Moses Triplett attended the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg with more than 1,800 veterans from both sides. He passed away on July 18, 1938, age 92, days after returning from the Gettysburg reunion. Irene Triplett is the last living recipient of VA benefits connected to the Civil War. Irene is being visited for the Christmas holiday by Dennis St. Andrew, PDC.



PENNSYLVANIA



On Saturday, November 17, brothers of Gettysburg Camp #112, Dept of Pennsylvania were joined by brothers of James Garfield Camp #1, Dept of the

Chesapeake and manned a recruiting and information booth on Baltimore Street in Gettysburg on the lawn of the Rupp House. Many brochures were given out, and numerous people inquired as to membership qualifications.

SOUTHWEST

All five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were in attendance at the 77th Remembrance Day Ceremony held near the guns of the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in downtown Phoenix on December 7, 2018. Special guests included National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Sarah Myer. Wreaths from all five Allied Orders were presented by their representatives. Brothers in attendance were from the General U.S. Grant Camp #3 and the Picacho Peak Camp No. 1. Sisters in attendance were Woman's Relief Corps National Inspector General and President of the Picacho Peak Auxiliary No. 1, Verna Maleski; and sisters of the Margaret Warner Wood Tent No. 1 DUVCW.



All the Camps and Allied Orders in the Department of The Southwest joined with brothers of General RHG Minty Camp #2 headstone ceremony for Corporal Howard E. Banes of the 3rd Colorado Cavalry on September 29th in Tucson, AZ.

Howard E. Banes enlisted August 18 at Nevada, Colorado Territory. He was mustered in Company L, 3rd Colorado Cavalry at Camp Evans, Denver City, Colorado Territory. Corporal Banes was mustered-out at Denver December 31, 1864 and passed away February 4, 1931. Until now, his grave has been unmarked. After the ceremony, a burial flag will be sent to a descendant of Corporal Banes.

Attending were sisters of Wood Tent #1, DUVCW; Woman's Relief Corps #4, Camp Picacho Peak ASUVCW #1, and members at large of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

TEXAS

Shreveport businessman Mark Porter, president and chief operating officer of family-owned Porter's Fine Dry Cleaners, was recently presented with a patriotic honor by the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Porter received the first Flag Patriotism from the newly chartered Camp. Porter's firm is known for presenting flags to deserving entities, for displaying and preserving the flag, repairing and cleaning flags and collecting them for proper and respectful disposal as prescribed under the U.S. Flag Code.



Sept. 12, 2018 saw a new Camp Charter presented to Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5 in Shreveport, La. Shreveport was the headquarters of the Confederate Department of the Trans-Mississippi in the War of the Rebellion and was the last Confederate city of importance to surrender. It also is home to the Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who was a special guest at the meeting and who addressed members.

The Camp is named in memory and honor of Joseph Bailey, who as a colonel during the Red River Campaign of the spring of 1864 saved the Union fleet that was trapped by falling waters on the Red River at Alexandria. Photograph by John Andrew Prime.



WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 made a presentation of four topics to the historical society in the Milwaukee suburb of Oak Creek – music, an explanation of Hardee hats, demonstrating the loading and firing of a rifle, and a memorial service for the community's five battlefield

MIA's in the Civil War. In another suburb a few weeks later, Camps 1 and 15 helped the St. Francis Historical Society dedicate two tombstones. And when Camp 1's charter needed reframing, the original 1901 charter for Sons of Union Veterans was found, covered up in the same frame. The display charter likely was from the 1920s when SUV became SUVCW. Each charter now has its own frame.



Camp #15 in Wind Lake, Wis., is contacting all of Wisconsin's county historical societies in the Camp's drive to install a Last Soldier Marker on the graves of the last Union veteran buried in each county in the state. So far, Camp #15 has installed or distributed Last Soldier Markers in twenty-five of Wisconsin's 72 counties and hopes to finish with the remaining counties by the end of next year.

Camp #15 has two styles of Last Soldier markers available for sale – a flat mounting style for \$45.00 and a flag-holder style with a brass rod for \$55.00. Both prices include the cost of shipping. To order, contact: SUVLASTVET, 27327 Lemays Ct., Wind Lake, WI 53185. PH: 414-852-9015. E-mail at suvlastvet@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE:

April 27, 2019 in Lansing, Michigan, there will be a Testimonial Dinner for Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw. Details forthcoming on the web page:

<https://suvcwmi.org/ShawTestimonial.php>

SVR GUIDON



3RD MILITARY DISTRICT

The Third Military District, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio, is proud to report some of the various activities they attended during the Fall of 2018.

September 18, Co. C 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Brought two new members into the ranks of the SVR.

September 22, Co. D 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Two uniformed members attended the John Auten Camp #8 Chartering Ceremony in South Bend, IN. They were joined by two uniformed members of Co. A 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry to present the colors and fire a gun salute at the grave of John Auten.

September 30, Co. D 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry , Four members aided John Anderson Camp #223 in completing a rededication ceremony at the Moravian Cemetery in Hope, IN.

October 13, Co. A 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Seven members participated in a living history event at the celebration of the 90th anniversary of March to the Sea Camp #135, Department of Michigan. During the event they conducted an enlistment of recruits, training and discharge. Some 20 kids participated in this recruiting process. The SVR also worked with a sister of the ASUVCW, who instructed others in the making of period dolls.

October 27, Co. C 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Two soldiers attended the G. A. R. Monument dedication in Maysville, KY.

November 11, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery I, Three men marched in the Veterans Day Parade in Lancaster, OH.

November 11, Co. A 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Six uniformed members commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice by providing the rifle detail in the Flushing, MI Veterans Day Services.

November 17, Co. A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry with some 20 uniformed members took part in Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg. Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry also participated with 7 uniformed members.

VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

What is patriotism?

Any article on “patriotism” raises the question of just what the word means. While we may all agree on a simple definition, each of us applies the term according to our own beliefs. In 1861, supporters of both the Union and secession felt their actions were patriotic, showing loyalty to either their state or to the country as a whole. No doubt people on both sides of the current political divide in our country also consider themselves patriotic. Exploring the concept of patriotism here can be useful and timely.

Basically “**patriotism**” refers to loyalty to a county and is derived from Greek patrios, meaning “of one’s father”. Its earliest written appearance was in the mid-1600s. Later “**nationalism**” was often used as a synonym, but that term now implies a disregard for the interests of other countries. “**Globalism**” places the common good of all countries above that of any single nation, while the opposite extreme of “**tribalism**” puts different segments of a country’s population in conflict with each other.

How do you define patriotism? Is it just defense of the territory itself “from all enemies, foreign and domestic?” Or does it extend to protecting intangible institutions and processes like the Constitution, democracy, and the rule of law? Email me your comments, please.

The elections in November showed division in our country along lines such as region, race, economic inequality, an urban/rural split, and even education. Yet this concept of free and fair elections with equal voting rights for all demonstrates the strength of the American system of government. We can each display our patriotism—however we define it— by exercising this most basic right of voting, hopefully with the overall good of the country uppermost in our minds.

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COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

LINCOLN REMEMBERED

Mid February is a time to focus on our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

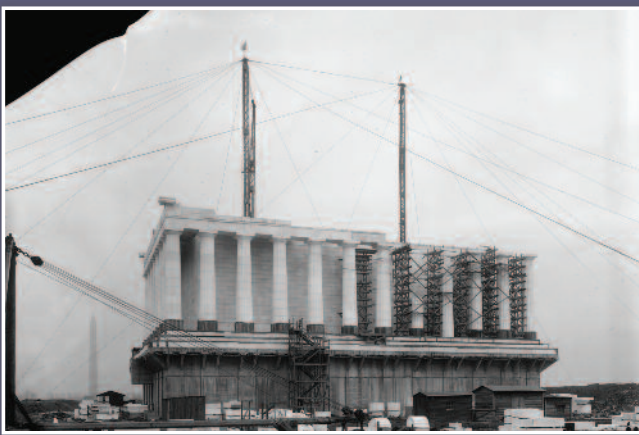
Some Camps hold Lincoln Day Dinners, a few still use the older title of Union Defenders Day, but the National Organization at the invitation of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will participate in the 96th Annual Lincoln Memorial Observance in Washington, DC.

Several attempts were made to honor our fallen President, but it was in 1910 that Congress finally funded the efforts and appointed the Lincoln Memorial Commission. A site was selected, construction began (upper left) and eventually former President William Howard Taft was named as the Chairman. World War I slightly delayed progress, but finally on May 30, 1922 the dedication was held. The services were under the leadership of the Loyal Legion with the Grand Army of the Republic participating. Present and seen in this rare photo (upper right) are Chairman and former President William Howard Taft, President and Sons member Warren Harding and President Lincoln's 79 year old son, Robert Todd Lincoln.

Each year members of the Allied Orders have participated in wreath layings in honor of Lincoln. In 1925 the Sons and Auxiliary of the Maryland Department were captured in this rare photo (lower left) found in the Library of Congress. Every US President until Richard Nixon in 1972 placed the wreath for the Nation.

General US Grant III (lower right) also participated at the 1948 services. He served in 1955-56 as Commander-in-chief of the Sons.

So remember on February 12 (or near that date) we the Sons are continuing a long tradition as we honor Abraham Lincoln.



FRATERNITY, LOYALTY
AND CHARITY



THE MEN WHO IN THE CONFLICT LED
AND FOR THE UNION FOUGHT AND BLED
THO' PASSING ON ARE NEVER DEAD.