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## General Orders No. 3

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1 Every member needs to support his Camp's Memorial Day program. Our organization is built upon honoring our Civil War ancestors. Please dedicate a few hours on this day to pay honor to those brave men who fought for the Union.

2 Let us not forget General John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order that sets May 30<sup>th</sup> aside to honor Civil War Veterans' graves.

3 The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at Indiana University, Kokomo (IUK), on 5 June 2004.

This will be the 56<sup>th</sup> Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4 This one-day Encampment of the Allied Orders will include the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who will meet in an adjoining room.

5 Directions to IUK and a registration form for the Encampment can be found on page 3.

6 Please make your reservations early. The deadline is 22 2004, the day we must inform the University of our head

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## Battle Flags Expert to Speak at June Meeting

Donna Schmink, a person with extraordinary knowledge and understanding of those silent, yet eloquent, reminders of the sacrifices of Indiana soldiers of the Civil War — the battle flags of the Indiana Regiments — will speak to the Annual Encampment this June.



At the Midwinter Encampment in January, SUCVW Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong, accompanied by his wife Judy, receives a framed memento of his visit from Gib Young, Senior Vice-Commander, and Commander Alan Teller of the Department of Indiana.

A sixth generation Hoosier, Ms. Schmink has served two terms on the Indiana Battle Flags Commission. For the last seven years she has been Collections Manager for the Indiana War Memorials, including the Colonel Eli Lilly War Museum, and the Artifact Responsible Officer for the 38th Division National Guard Museum.

An educator for twenty-one years, she taught seventh

and eighth graders at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis.

During her teaching career she created an Honors Civil War Class that included 4th through 8th graders. These same students spoke to the Indiana governor and to state legislators on behalf of the Indiana battle flags. They worked with legislators and fellow citizens to bring about legislation to preserve Indiana's battle flags.

Three of Ms. Schmink's ancestors fought for the Union;

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*Remembering the sacrifices made by the soldiers and sailors of the Civil War who fought to preserve the Union,  
we are dedicated to continuing the patriotic work begun by our parent organization,  
The Grand Army of the Republic*

## General Orders continued ...

count for the luncheon. All lunches, including guests, must be paid by 22 May.

**7**I want to encourage all members to plan on attending this Encampment. It is a chance to meet new friends and re-acquaint yourselves with old friends.

**8**Please say a prayer for those soldiers serving their county abroad. Many are in harm's way. We need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

### An Important Note about Drops & Dues

**A**ll membership dues are owed on the first of January each year; but every year our camps face the problem of having to drop brothers who have not put their check in the mail.

The "new system" started in 2003, of paying a per capita tax annually, instead of quarterly, compounds the problem: on 31 March, Indiana camps owe \$24.00 per member to the national organization and the department.

Rather than pay this amount, camps must drop each delinquent brother from their rosters. When a brother does pay, the camp has to re-instate him by a vote, and pay the full \$24.00 per capita tax to the National and Department—no matter what time of the year the re-instatement occurs!

All of this requires lots of extra paperwork for the *Camp* Secretary and Treasurer and the *Department* Secretary-Treasurer. They must file Form 27 for the yearly report with the names of dropped brothers, and a Form 30 for each re-instated member, to say nothing of the time and the expense they spend mailing extra reminders.

Certainly most camps do remind members when dues are due; but, for whatever reason, some brothers are slow to pay, and some always end up paying late, after the March 31 deadline, and must be re-instated.

Please try to pay your dues by the new year, or as soon thereafter as you can. Your camp secretaries and treasurers, your department secretary-treasurer, and your Department Commander will thank you.

—Alan Teller  
Department Commander

## Program

### 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment SONS OF UNION VETERANS

#### OF THE CIVIL WAR

& the 56th Memorial Encampment  
of the

### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department of Indiana  
Indiana University at Kokomo  
Saturday, 5 June 2004

8:30 — 9:00

Registration — coffee & muffins

9:00

Opening of Encampment

Roll call of officers

Presentation of the colors — SVR

Recognition of guest

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

10:00

Joint opening with the Daughters  
of Union Veterans of the Civil War

10:15

Resume meeting

Department officers reports

Camp officers reports

Noon

Luncheon and speaker

Donna Schmink on the  
"Indiana Battle Flags"

1:30

Resume meeting

Finish reports

Old business

New business

Election of officers

Selection of National

Encampment Delegates

Closing ceremonies

4:00

Adjourn the Encampment

4:30

Meeting of the Allied Orders



## Encampment speaker continued.

they were her maternal Great Grandfather Christian Brandymeyer and his brother Anthony, two brothers who fought in Colonel Benjamin Harrison's regiment, the 70th Indiana Volunteers. Christian was seriously wounded at Golgatha Church in Georgia.



Flag of the 71st Regiment, Indiana Volunteers in the flag room of the Indiana War Memorial.

## News from the Indiana

### Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

**M**embers Lee Ann Teller, Beverly Massey and Barbara Stone attended the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City on Sunday, 8 February, and placed a wreath at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

This is a yearly event, and we urge more Daughters and Sons to attend next year.

#### Annual Convention Scheduled

Our annual Department Convention

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**C**amps should send news items, photographs, ancestor accounts, and so on, to the editor by e-mail or regular mail on or about the editorial deadline on 15 August 2004. The anticipated publication date for the Fall issue is 1 September 2004.

## From the Commander-in-Chief's General Orders No. 18 . . .

General Orders from the Commander-in-Chief are readily available at [www.suvco.org](http://www.suvco.org) and in the national publication *The Banner*. We recommend that all brothers read them. Mindful, however, that not all brothers regularly access the Internet, *The Indiana Legion* will, from time to time, feature items from the General Orders that are especially important and timely.  
—the Editor

### Men in combat zones exempt from national dues

In recognition of a long-standing tradition, the National Council of Administration has voted unanimously that Brothers serving in Iraq or Afganistan as of 31 March 2004 shall be exempt from national dues for this year. Camps may request a waiver in writing by listing the name and unit of each Brother to be exempted. The brother must be in an active combat zone to qualify. The Council urges camps and departments to pass a similar measure.

### Recognizing World War II Veterans

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong wishes to identify and honor all current members and associates who served in the armed forces during World War II. He requests that all departments and camps inform him of the name, rank, branch of service, service dates, and unit(s) of such members.

He will issue Certificates of Recog-

niton to these members on 29 May 2004 on the occasion of the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Brothers are urged to be in attendance.

In 2001 the National Encampment voted \$5000 toward construction of the Memorial.

### Acknowledging Special Effort

Armstrong reminds us that "Monitoring and promoting the proper care and upkeep of Civil War veterans' graves as well as the monuments and memorials that honor them, is a primary purpose of our organization." He has issued Meritorious Service Awards to "Brothers who have been instrumental in the restoration or conservation of existing GAR Monuments and other Civil War related Memorials."

He would also like to award a Certificate of Merit to those brothers who



Photo by Ron Gill

The National SUCVW Council of Administration were guests of the Champion Hill Camp in the Huntington Court House GAR room on April 17th. Here we see Commander-in-Chief Ken Armstrong (right) presenting awards to three gentlemen who had much to do with the restoration of the room. To his right are Professor James Adams, chairman of the Manchester College Department of Art, who was in charge of the actual restoration, and County Commissioner George Schul, who also accepted on behalf of his fellow commissioners. Last in line is Gib Young, Department Senior Vice Commander, whose energies, along with those of the other members of the Champion Hill Camp, helped bring the project to fruition.

have performed excellently in the Graves Registration program and the Civil War Memorials assessment project. Commanders of Camps as well as the Camps-at-Large are encouraged to channel nominations through our National Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials Officers.



## Your way to the 2004 Annual Department Encampment

From any direction, take US 31 to Lincoln St. in Kokomo. Lincoln is North of IN 26 and South of US 35 & IN 22. Turn West on Lincoln to Washington. Turn North on Washington: just past Cossells Landscaping on right; turn right. You are on IUK property (2300 S. Washington). Stay right at first stop sign. At second stop sign turn left. Park in lot on right. Enter the Kelly Student Center. If you keep turning right within the building, you will find us. We will look for you near the cafeteria.



### 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
& the 56th Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Department of Indiana • Indiana University Kokomo • Saturday 5 June 2004



Registration deadline no later than 22 May

Pre-Registration \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ : Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Wives & guests are welcome at the luncheon.

Make checks payable to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW)

**Send your check to Lee Ann Teller, 3003 Lamplighter Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902-8125 to arrive on or before 22 May!**

will be held on Saturday, 5 June at the IU Kokomo Campus, Kokomo, in conjunction with the Annual Encampment of the SUVCW. All Daughters are urged to attend.

### Special Event in August

The Indiana Department of the DUVCW will host the Annual National Convention in the Fort Wayne Marriott Hotel in Fort Wayne, 5 - 9 August. All members of the SUVCW will be welcome to attend the Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, 5 August at 7:00 PM. Bring your family and friends to this special event.

National President Donna Vaughn will receive welcome greetings from heads of organizations. The Company Singers, Champion Hill Camp, SUVCW, will provide the evenings entertainment. Friday evening, 6 August, will be our "Memory Banquet," honoring the Grand Army of the Republic, with SUVCW Phil McClure, aka Lew Wallace, as guest speaker.

### Membership eligibility

Membership in the DUVCW shall be limited to daughters, granddaughters and all great granddaughters of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy or Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865; eligibility shall be through lineal descent only and minimum age for membership shall be eight years of age.



Cody Shaw presents the SUVCW wreath at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln

For DUVCW membership application and information, please contact National Membership Chair at (260) 357-4216, or vday@direcway.com.



Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong speaks at the Forty-eighth Annual Lincoln Death Day ceremony which was held on 15 April at the Abraham Lincoln State Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois.

## An Ancestor Found

Senior Vice-Commander Gib Young, a Past Commander of the Champion Hill Camp No. 17, sends the following account.

—the Editor

On Saturday, 27 March, I was looking at sites on the Internet regarding Indiana in the Trans-Mississippi theater. I came across a site about the 47th Indiana Infantry run by Kevin Lindsey, a brother in the SUVCW in Michigan. It is a very nice site with great links.

Since the 47th Indiana was filled with men from this area of the state, and since Brig. Gen. James Slack of Huntington was its first colonel, it was of immediate interest. I contacted Brother Lindsey via e-mail on the 29th with an invitation to correspond regarding the 47th and the Battle of Champion Hill, and I was pleased to receive a positive response.

During the conversation it came out that Brother Lindsey had been unable to find the grave of his ancestor, Pvt. Wm. Lindsey. Brother Lindsey felt that William was buried either in the National Cemetery at Marion or in a cemetery in Wells County. Over the years he had checked through the cemeteries but had no luck in finding him.

On Wednesday, April 1st, I con-

tacted the Indiana Room of the Huntington Public Library, and within hours they had found several Lindseys in the census of 1860. But, as there was no record of service or burial, they weren't sure if they had the right William



Private Lindsey's Stone

Lindsey, a twenty-four-year-old married man in Union Township just outside of Markle. On Friday, April 2, a quick call to the office of records for the National Cemetery in Marion revealed that there was a William Lindsey buried there.

Pvt. Lindsey died in Oct. 1899, a date confirmed by Brother Lindsey, but since there are no next of kin listed, the records did not indicate his home coun-



The renowned Company Singers in a stirring song on 8 February at the Annual Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

ty. Also the records did not show a regimental designation, or the exact location of the grave, though it was listed as being in section 1 of the cemetery.

On Saturday, April 3rd, I took my digital camera and went down to Marion. The cemetery is a lovely one, and it was easy to find Section 1. I just started walking around the circular pattern, taking two rows of headstones at a time. I started taking photos of what I thought were interesting names and units. After making an inspection of two-thirds of the stones, I suddenly came across "Wm Lindsey, Co. H, 47th Ind. Inf." — I had found Brother Lindsey's long lost ancestor!

An interesting note to this is that I

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took a photo of the headstone inscription and then of the stone itself from three different directions so that Kevin Lindsey could find the grave by the landmarks. Right after I took the last shot my digital camera's batteries died. Was this mere coincidence? Maybe Ambrose Bierce would know. I only know that I took dozens of photos before finding Pvt. Lindsey's grave and I had just enough left to take the necessary photos after finding it.

The real point is that helping brothers, and other people interested in finding out about ancestors, as well as other Civil War related information, should be, in my opinion, an honorable duty for every camp and member of the SUVCW.

These are the moments in which we are truly serve the veterans of 1861-1865.

— Gib Young

## Ben Harrison's Busy Year

The Ben Harrison Camp, No. 356, purview includes not only Indianapolis, but all points south, so some members are faced with a really long



Bruce Kolb, Harrison Camp Commander, and Phil McCluive, Harrison Senior Vice Commander, carry the colors at the Lincoln Death Day Ceremony in Springfield on April 15th. They were among the several brothers who attended from Indiana.

trek to get to meetings. Nevertheless the Saturday morning gatherings, followed by a lunch and an interesting program, have been well worth the time and effort for distant travellers.

In February, camp member Mike Beck talked about his experiences in publishing Civil War articles in the *Civil War Times*. The March meeting fea-

tured Camp Commander's Bruce Kolb's exploration of the Civil War experiences of President Benjamin Harrison, when he was Colonel of the 70th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. In April, Museum Specialist Donna Schmink conducted a memorable tour of the battle flags at the Indianapolis War Memorial.

### Welcome to New Members

New members inducted were, Robert Howell, Sr. of Bedford; Michael Beck of Fountaintown; Jerry Thompson of Indianapolis, and Garriel Walls of Franklin.

### Dodging Race Day Traffic

To avoid the Race Day shenanigans that regrettably coincide with the real Memorial Day, Brother Steve Bauer will lead the camp at a ceremony at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. on Saturday 29 May at 11:00 AM. All SUVCW brothers are urged to attend.

## Report from Champion Hill

Last minute word from the Champion Hill Camp, No. 17 in Huntington, is the disappointing news that the promised dedication in May of the Four Colonels Monument, long a cherished project for the camp, has been postponed.

The monument will be dedicated to the memory of all the men from Huntington County who served during the Civil War, and specifically to those four who were colonels: James Slack, Colonel, 47th Indiana Infantry; Cyrus Briant, Colonel, 88th Indiana Infantry; Samuel Zent, Colonel, 13th Indiana Infantry, and George Pride, Colonel and Staff Engineer for General Grant.

Just when the dedication will now take place is not known at this time.

### Entertaining Confederates & Other Matters

In February, the camp heard a talk by Scott Showen of the Sons of Confederate Veterans James Bishop Camp No. 1943 in Kendallville.

The camp has initiated two new members: Dennis Harshman of Bluffton and Ralph Brooke of Columbia City.

Eric Frike and Eric Foster participated in a Civil War demonstration in Wabash on February 8th, while on the same day the peripatetic Company Singers performed at the Lincoln Boyhood Home event.

## Goings on in Valparaiso

The David D. Porter Camp, No. 116 has had some interesting and informative programs this year, notably Milton Foster's portrayal of Admiral Farragut at the battle of Mobile Bay in February to Mark Davis's talk on the restoration and preservation of headstones and monuments in April.

### New Members

Two new members came aboard in January: Jerry G. Smith of Elkhart and Marc D. Bowers of South Bend.

### Plans & Visitations

Ron Gill, Past Department Commander (PDC), attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony on 17 April and presented the SUVCW recognition award to those who were receiving the Eagle Scout Badge. Later this month, he and Camp Commander and PDC, Al Loomis, will meet with officials to discuss plans in the offing for a Father Corby ceremony at Notre Dame University.

In addition, Commander Loomis is exploring ways and means for presenting an award to an outstanding ROTC graduate. The SUVCW has already codified this procedure. Other interested camps should check [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org) and consult the index for details. A Memorial Day ceremony is planned, but details are not available as of this writing.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars & the "Lasting Link" to the GAR

In the April issue of the *VFW Magazine*, Barry Yearkle, member of VFW Post 3846 in Churusbusco, writes about the VFW and the SUVCW's parent organization, The Grand Army of the Republic.

Entitled "GAR's Lasting Link in the Unbroken Patriotic Chain," the article describes the long forgotten symbiotic relationship between the two organizations. "Ironically," Yearkle says, "it was the refusal of the GAR to admit veterans of the Spanish American War that gave birth to the VFW."

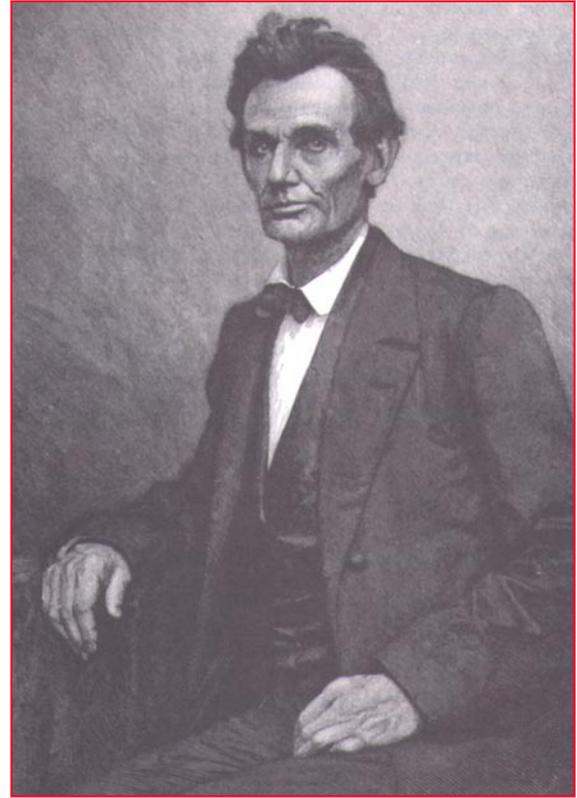
At the end of World War I, the VFW admitted members of the GAR to honorary status.

For those who miss the magazine, it is expected that the article will be eventually archived at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

## Words to remember ...

We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

— Abraham Lincoln,  
The First Inaugural Address,  
4 March 1861



Detail from an etching of an ambrotype made in Springfield, Illinois, 20 May 1860, just after Abraham Lincoln's first nomination for president. From *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*, Vol. I.

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A note for all of you in cyberspace:

My very great thanks for the many photographs I have received. Unfortunately, I couldn't use them all because of the cost of the printed issue, and because of the need to keep the upload/download time manageable for the online version. They were much appreciated, and I don't want to discourage contributions for the next issue.

The next editorial deadline is 15 August, and it will be a great time to let people know about camp plans for the fall and winter. We will need photographs, camp reports written specially for The Indiana Legion, ancestor histories, and the like.

In the meantime, have a very pleasant summer.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

David Wiley



The 79th New York uniform before the first Bull Run. Apparently plain blue pants were worn into the battle.