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1 The Department Commander wishes to have every brother fall in on the gun line for the Midwinter Encampment in Huntington, Indiana, on January 21, 2006. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and run to about 3:00 p.m. The business of the department will be handled, a short Civil War paper will be presented, prizes will be given out, and the camaraderie of brothers with a common bond will be enjoyed. The Department would like to see the largest gathering yet for the Midwinter, so the Department Commander urges all brothers who have not enjoyed the atmosphere of the GAR Hall in Huntington's county courthouse to attend.

2 The Department Commander has asked all Camp Commanders to appoint a correspondent from their particular camps to the Indiana Legion. Any and all stories about the activities and achievements by each camp should be sent in to the editor of the Legion. The brothers of the SUVCW do more than they realize, and it is only for the good of all that there is recognition for the efforts of the brothers of the camps.

3 The Department of Indiana has developed a relationship with the good people of the Lincoln Boyhood Home Memorial, and I call upon all brothers in the department to make an effort to be at the birth date ceremonies held at the park each February. The Memorial is in a beautiful and historical part of our state, and visiting it is another way to keep the faith with our ancestors. For most it is a long drive to the park, but it is a day well worth the trip.

— Gib Young, Commander

Slots at Gettysburg?

COMMUNITY GROUPS OUTRAGED

Very soon the newly constituted Pennsylvania Gaming Board will make a fateful decision for Gettysburg and its battlefield—and for everyone who holds the very land in and around the town as sacrosanct, as a place to be honored and respected, as a place to be visited with feelings of reverence and awe.

Estimates have it that nearly two-million people make the trip to Gettysburg each year to tramp the field, with the hope of seeing it much as it was on the three fateful days of July 1863, a hope that increasingly fades as the forces of development and urban sprawl move inexorably closer.

All those visitors are too tempting an economic target for developers of all sorts, especially for one David LaVan and a group of investors who plan to attract crowds with gambling on their mind to a 42-acre plot off the old York Pike where Routes 30 and 15 coalesce — just a mile and a half from the park boundary, and not five miles from downtown.

LaVan, whom the press has referred to as “one of Gettysburg's most prominent citizens,” proposes a casino, hotel, and spa complex with 3000 slot machines

— just the thing to give the town “a little night life,” as he was quoted as saying. He promises no glitz or neon, and no employees in Civil War uniforms, but many residents have doubts.

Gettysburg gambling became a possibility when the legislature and governor decided to solve the state's economic problems

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Past Department Commander Alan Teller carries the Colors as Sergeant of 27th Indiana Volunteers, Sons of Veterans Reserve; see Father Corby, page 3. Photo by Sharon Dettmer, SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE.

You Are Invited to the Midwinter Encampment January 21!

*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*

Lincoln in Lafayette

Dispatch Arrived at Legion Offices Over the Transom

Claims to be a recent discovery of old Lafayette newspaper describing Lincoln's stop

By Silas T. Sprogle,
special northwest Indiana correspondent

AUTHENTICITY QUESTIONED BY EXPERTS

BUT THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO IT — EDITOR

On Feb. 11, 1861, Abraham Lincoln was on his way to Washington for his inauguration when his train stopped at the railroad junction in downtown Lafayette. There were about 5000 people in Lafayette in 1861, and 2000 people of the surrounding area and city came to see the new President. He spoke near the intersection of Washington and Jefferson St. in the south part of the downtown, not far from the Wabash River and old canal. The train pulled into Lafayette on the old Wabash and Western tracks at 2:30 p.m. and was scheduled only for the ten minutes it took to switch his train to the Big Four Railroad that would take him to Indianapolis.

As the train came into sight from the west, the Lafayette Artillery company commanded by Lt. Chris Miller (the county auditor) started firing away with a brass field piece named "old Tippecanoe." The gun crew, assisted by a 75-year old veteran known as Captain Wood, fired a national salute of 13 guns, followed by a federal salute of 34. Reports have it that the uproar was so loud it was heard 24 miles away by farmers north of Delphi.

Mr. Lincoln was introduced to the crowd by Gen. George G. Steele and, most likely spoke from or near the train car he traveled on. His subject was the changes that had occurred in the Middle West during his lifetime. At the end, though, his thoughts turned to the crisis at hand and he appealed for national unity.

"I find myself far from home surrounded by the thousands I now see before me, who are strangers to me. Still we are bound together, I trust, in Christianity civilization, and patriotism, and are attached to our country and our whole country. While some of us may differ in political opinions, still we are

all united in one feeling for the Union.

"We all believe in the maintenance of the Union, of every star and every stripe of the glorious flag, and permit me to express the sentiment that upon the union of the States, there shall be among us no differences. . ."

Some citizens were reported to have said that they were agreeably disappointed in Lincoln's appearance. They had expected an older and more ill-looking man, and he seemed more impressive and younger than they thought he would. The democrat paper did not give any compliments to the President except to say his train left to "enthusiastic cheers" of the assembled.

Five Lafayette citizens joined the train for the ride and stay in Indianapolis. Though they were prominent men of the city, their purpose for going with Mr. Lincoln was not mentioned. The train pulled out promptly at 2:40 p.m., and Mr. Lincoln spent the evening in Indianapolis at the Blair House [The site of the later Claypool Hotel].

This reporter notes that, in spite of his boastful longevity, Brother David Wiley was not, as he claims, a young boy hawking papers to the crowd.

— STS.

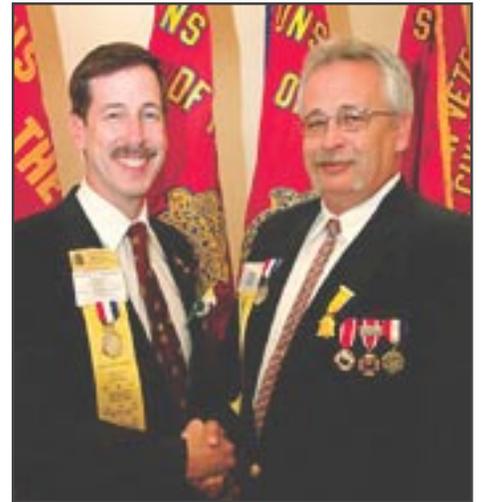
Lincoln Memorabilia

To be at Midwinter Encampment

Bruce R. Kolb, PCC, and Sr. Vice-Commander of the Department of Indiana, will display several items from his extensive Abraham Lincoln collection at the next Department Encampment to be held January 21, 2006, in Huntington, Indiana.

The various items will pertain to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. One item of historical significance is the first printing of the Address, the fifth and final draft of the Gettysburg Address known as "The Bliss Copy." This was the only signed, titled, and dated version in existence and the last and only copy to be offered for either public or private sale.

Notify your camp secretary when you change your e-mail address; failing that you may not receive either the printed or e-mail version!



PCinC Steve Michaels shakes the hand of newly elected CinC Donald E. Darby at the conclusion of the 124th National SUCVW Encampment, held in Nashua, New Hampshire, August 4-7.

SUCVW on the Web

Tim Beckman, the Department of Indiana's Signal Officer and webmaster, reminds us of the SUCVW web sites available in our state; to wit,

National:

<http://www.sucv.org/>

Department:

<http://www.sucv.org/in/DEPTIN.html>

Champion Hill Camp No. 17:

<http://www.huntingtoncounty.org/sucv>

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~inbhsuv/>

David D. Porter Camp No. 116:

www.tribalpages.com/tribes/ddporter116

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Slots in Gettysburg

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by introducing as many as 61,000 slot machines into the state. When that is done, Pennsylvania will be second only to Nevada in the number of one-armed bandits in operation.

The proposed new development in Gettysburg comes at a time when the area has been engaged in gradually casting off some of its more obvious commercial trappings. The old and unsightly observation tower imploded after three decades of controversy on July 3, 2000, and the badly located visitor's center and museum are being replaced.

Needless to say, opposition was immediate when the gambling scheme was announced last April. A "No Casino Gettysburg" group has been formed, and there have been objections from such organizations as The Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, the Civil War Preservation Trust, The National Trust for Historical Preservation, The National Council of Churches, among numerous others.

Though there is an ominous quiet on the issue among some community leaders in the Gettysburg area, at least the Governor has opposed gaming, as he calls it, near historical sites.

Father Corby Honored at Notre Dame

A CHAPLAIN OF THE IRISH BRIGADE

On the afternoon of 2 July 1863, as the battle of Gettysburg roared on, a chaplain climbed up on a boulder to grant general absolution to some three-hundred kneeling soldiers of the Irish Brigade, men who would in an hour march out onto the storied Wheat Field — many to their death.

In 1910, to commemorate that unique event, a statue to Father William Corby was erected on that very same rock.

On the campus of Notre Dame an identical statue may be found in front of Corby Hall, for in the years following

the war Corby became president of the university and established Post 569 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Saturday, 12 November, saw members of the SUVCW, the 27th Indiana of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the 35th Indiana Volunteers and re-enactors from Ohio and Michigan, march to



Taps sounded at the Father Corby Ceremony on the Notre Dame Campus. Photo by Sharon Dettmer, SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE.

Corby Hall on the Notre Dame Campus to once again remember Father Corby's Civil War service.

As reporter and photographer for the *South Bend Tribune*, Sharon Dettmer noted in a four-column story on the 16th., over 100 people were in attendance and heard opening remarks by Jack Shaw, Commander of the David D. Porter Camp No. 116. The Rev. William Seetch, religious superior of the University, presented the opening prayer.

Mike Downs, Camp Senior Vice Commander, also spoke, as did Rev. James King, CSC, who presented an account of Corby's life. The Company Singers of the Champion Hill Camp led the group in singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Wreaths were laid at Corby's statue in front of Corby Hall by officers of the SUVCW and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The 7th Indiana Light Artillery fired a salute.

The memorial ceremony was sponsored by the members of the Porter Camp. Al Loomis, Past Commander-in-Chief, should be especially recognized for his extraordinary energies in organizing this very special event.

Blackford County Memorial Nearing Completion

CONTRIBUTIONS URGED

The Blackford County Civil War Club, under the leadership of Orville Uggen, is nearing the completion of its goal of having a new stone and statue dedicated to the Union Soldiers of Blackford County sitting on its court house lawn. The Club has unveiled the stone base of the monument on which is listed the names of every soldier from Blackford County. The cost for the stone and engravings was near \$30,000 dollars. The bronze statue of a soldier that will stand atop the stone base will cost another \$6,000

dollars.

The good men of the Civil War Club have been at this work for many years and will see its completion in October next year. They are within just a few hundred dollars of their goal and their mighty efforts on behalf of the "boys in blue" should be recognized and supported. Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Kolb (Harrison Camp) has been involved in previous ceremonies and recognitions and has had the honor of leading the Union forces during the October reenactment held in Blackford County.

To support this worthy effort, Commander Young asks each camp in Indiana to purchase a brick, inscribed with the Camp's name, to be placed around the monument. Champion Hill, Camp 17 has already done this, and if the other five camps will act on this it should guarantee that the total fund is reached by the Blackford County Civil War Club.

The cost of a 16" brick with three lines is \$50.00. There is a larger brick available for \$250.00. For information, contact Orville Uggen, Blackford County Civil War Club, Inc., 3219S SR3, Hartford City, IN. 47348 or at 34ind@insightbb.com.

Champion Hill Camp Sends Company Singers to Memphis

'The Last Farewell'

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Company Singers of Champion Hill, Camp No. 17 in Huntington, have been fortunate over the past three and one-half years to perform in many different venues. We have been included in memorial services, re-enactments, school history classes, parades, civic group performances, Christmas parties, and more.

Just before Memorial Day weekend in May of this year the Singers climbed into a couple vehicles and headed west. We were going to a funeral—a funeral long overdue. The funeral of Corporal John Peyton Byrne of the 21st. Missouri infantry in Memphis.

The full story of Corporal Byrne can be referenced at the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War web site at: www.duvcw.org.

When we were asked by Pat Mullenix a number of months ago, at a performance in Fort Wayne, to travel to Missouri in May to be a part of the proceedings to lay John to rest, we were a bit skeptical. But we were still enthused at the idea of how, after all these years, a true Civil War veteran needed burial, and that we could help be a small part of the tribute.

As the ensuing months seemed to fly by, the e-mails and phone calls increased between Pat and myself, so I knew this event was going to happen. The logistics of getting as many Company Singers in one place as we can is getting harder and harder with each man's varied schedule. As it turned out, we had six men—and one young man—eager to be involved.

Rich McConnell, Don Morgan, Jim Kline, Eric Fricke, Gary Bugge, myself, and my son, Drew, headed out early Thursday morning, May 26. After almost nine hours, we pulled into the Sunrise Motel at Memphis. As we got out of our vehicles, the hotel proprietor, who was outside at the time, happened to see us and exclaimed, "you must be the Company Singers!"

It definitely shocked me that she would guess correctly. Maybe Rich had his guitar out and that gave us away. But it was still nice that she knew who we were. Then I remembered that Pat had told me we would get some publicity in the local newspaper, the *Memphis*



The Company Singers perform at the Memphis Theatre on the night of 27 May 2005

Democrat, even before we arrived. That was great too: Pat really had a handle on the event.

After checking in at the motel, we headed downtown to see what the layout would be like and where we were going to perform. The city block that contained the Courthouse would be blocked off with food vendors, a sutler, registration, and more. The funeral home located across the street from the Courthouse had Corporal Byrne's remains in a hand-made coffin. Every 30 minutes, we could see the changing of the Civil War guard. Not having my camera with me, I figured I'd get some pictures on Friday.

We also found that afternoon and evening an eatery known as Kelly's Kitchen, one of a couple restaurants in the immediate area—the other being a Pizza Hut closer to the motel. We opt-

ed for supper at Kelly's. I thought the food was good, the ambiance good, and the prices very reasonable. I found out the next morning for breakfast that they have the biggest glasses of chocolate milk. I give Kelly's at least 3 out of 4 stars. Nobody's perfect.

Friday we were scheduled to perform at 2:30 p.m. on the Courthouse steps.

We were downtown, in uniform, well in advance of that to see everything we could, and also pay our respects to Corporal Byrne at the funeral home. We all mingled with the many re-enactors, local folks, and even school children who were there to talk with us. A few of us sang a couple songs for the children, but

it seems they were really interested in seeing my sword and any other weapons they saw re-enactors carrying.

As 2:30 drew near, the clouds rolled in and it began to rain. The outside activities had to be postponed for a few minutes until the rain ceased. We decided we could enter the theater and get the sound check done for our performance that night before

the "Evening with the Lincolns" at 7:00 p.m. By the time that was completed, it had stopped raining, and we sang our songs for the people who had stayed around.

We finished up and started counting the minutes before our 25-minute performance in the theater that evening. Even though we hadn't been totally happy with the outcome of the outdoor show, we knew we could do better for the evening stage performances. As it turned out, that evening was like magic. We took the stage. We didn't talk very much between the songs, and we finished within about a minute of the time allotted. We sang our songs like we knew we could. It was probably one of the cleanest performances we had ever done. The words worked. The harmony worked. The novelty of the food medley worked. And the capacity audience

showed their enjoyment with a round of applause that brought smiles to our faces. If only we had had more time. But the Lincolns were coming on.

We returned before the next Lincoln performance and did the same show, except for one song, for an entirely different audience. It worked just as the first one had. We felt very good about the day. We saw plenty of smiles after the performances. I guess that's how I judge performances now. Smile amount and duration. Both were tops that night.

On Saturday we put on the uniforms again, this time with our white gloves, to march in the procession to bring John home. We fell in behind one of the re-enactor groups toward the back of the procession. I had "snuck" my digital camera into my haversack and was able to snap some pictures as we marched. I was just hoping that the pictures would not be too blurry since I was moving when I took them.

We marched approximately 1/2 mile east down State Road 136 to the cemetery and then up a small hill to where the horse-drawn 1863 hearse came to a stop. Six military pallbearers gently removed the 35-star flag-draped coffin and carried it slowly toward the grave that had been dug the day before. Eric Fricke and Rich McConnell, the lone musicians during this time, played "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" very slowly. David McKay played his bagpipes during the filling of the grave.

There were many people who had small parts to play in the funeral proceedings. Representatives from the five branches of the United States Armed Services were present. Other people, both military and civilian, brought soil to sprinkle into the grave from different areas where the Byrne family had lived. Even water from the Des Moines River was poured into the grave. (John Byrne had fished that river in his youth.)

The Daughters of Union Veterans spoke after uniformed personnel filled in the grave a shovelful at a time. Many wreaths were placed to honor Corporal Byrne from different organizations. And three buglers played Taps to honor both Corporal Byrne, his father, and his brother. Cannons shook the ground and set off car alarms.

It was a pleasure to be able to take part in an event of this nature. Pat Mullenix should be commended for her ability to bring it all together and make it work.

I took many pictures during our days in Missouri. I'm sure that those pictures will help me remember the "Burial of the Last Union Soldier" for many years to come. It was a very gratifying few days in May. Thanks, Pat.

—Rick Henly
Company Singers
Champion Hill Camp

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Five Civil War Veterans Honored

CEMETERY REFURBISHED

On a hot Saturday morning, July 23rd, family and guests gathered at the small Vansickle Pioneer Cemetery on the east side of Indianapolis to rededicate the newly installed military grave-stones of five civil war veterans: Private Benjamin F. Stoops, who served in the 86th Indiana, Co. A; Private Charles Van-



sickle of the 77th Indiana and the 4th Indiana Cavalry, Co. A; Private James Vansickle of the 70th Indiana, Co. K; Private William Vansickle, 35th Indiana, Co. A; and Private William M. White, 11th Indiana, Co. K.

All five veterans died while in the service to their country.

Members of the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 conducted the ceremony with assistance from the Department of Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, and the 11th Indiana Zouaves, Co. D.

Ben Harrison Camp members in attendance included Commander Phil McClure; Bruce Kolb, Past Camp Commander; Mike Beck Camp Junior Vice Commander; Camp Secretary and Department Junior Vice Commander David Wiley, and Camp Graves Registration Officer Tim Beckman.

Alan Teller, Past Department Commander, and Randy McNally were also in attendance representing the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Special thanks to Kenneth Schmittou who graciously accepted the offer to play taps as part of the ceremony.

Grave Marker Rededication in Newburgh

On June 12, 2005, approximately forty family members, friends, and guests gathered at the Sharon Cemetery in Newburgh, to dedicate a new grave-stone for Private Finas Euen Lance. Private Lance was a member of Company F, 12th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. As luck would have it, the headstone rededication service was conducted between rain bands from the remnants of tropical storm Arlene. Tim Beckman of the Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 conducted the ceremony with assistance from the Department of Indiana Sons of Veterans Reserve, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Co. D.

The rededication ceremony capped a three-day Lance family reunion, which was attended by family members as far away as Texas, California, Oregon, and Washington.

Immediately following the grave-stone rededication ritual, Brenda Lance Malone, with umbrella in hand, offered a very moving reading of the life of Private Lance. Special thanks to Brother Michael Lance of the Edward Lea Camp No. 2 in Houston, Texas, who helped coordinate the family reunion and the grave marker rededication ceremony of

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Newburgh Rededication

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his ancestor, and to Bill Hale whose presentation after the ceremony of the accoutrements of a typical Civil War soldier was very well received.



Department Senior Vice Commander Tim Beckman reads the prayer at the ceremony for Private Lance.

Special thanks also to those members who participated in the ceremony representing the SVR and to SUVCW Department Commander Gib Young, Alan Teller, Past Department Commander, and Larry Myer of the Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1.

At the Ben Harrison Camp

The Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 has had a good season. We have gained eight new members at this time, with two others who have applied for membership.

The Camp voted to have made one-hundred black *In Memoriam* ribbons made, with the GAR badge emblem and wording "Lest We Forget." The emblem and the text are printed in gold. Camp members and other brothers may purchase ribbons for one dollar each.

On April 14th, some of the brothers made a trek to Springfield, Illinois, for President Lincoln's death day ceremony. Our Camp also purchased a three by five foot camp flag, which we are very proud of. Along with the flag we purchased the standard to carry it.

Memorial Day at Crown Hill

On May 30th, the real Memorial Day, several brothers, along with members of the S.V.R. met at the entrance of the historic Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis to honor one of the Son's past national commanders, Newton J. McGuire, who was a member of the Ben

Harrison Camp.

In 1892 the Indiana Division of the Sons of Union Veterans elected McGuire Commander at its sixth annual encampment in Fort Wayne and reelected him at the seventh meeting in 1893 at Terre Haute. He also served as the SUV's national secretary, attorney, and as a member of the Council-in-Chief (Present Council of Administration). Considered an authority on the history and affairs of the order, he became Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment held in 1911, in Rochester, New York.

Past Camp Commander Steven Bauer researched and prepared the ceremonial program.

At our last meeting our Camp decided for an activity to undertake Civil War soldier stone restoration. This will probably be at the Salem Church cemetery near Belleville as soon as the weather breaks in the spring.

—Phil McClure



Last summer Ben Harrison Camp Past Commander Stephen Bauer did the necessary research so that Sergeant First Class VanVectan and his son, pictured here deployed in Iraq, could put together SUVCW membership applications. The VanVectan's ancestor was Joseph DePlanty, 16th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Special Kudos FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

TO ALAN MOORE, Past Commander-in-Chief, who received a special award at the Annual Encampment last June for his many achievements in the service of our Order. During his service he reawakened the Harrison Camp from its long sleep, founded the Somers Camp and energized the Department during his service as its commander.

TO THE FOUR GRANDCHILDREN of Alan Moore and their friends who presented a charming musical interlude at the Department Annual Encampment.



At the Annual Encampment in June PCinC Alan Moore, left, receives a special award from Department Commander Gib Young.

TO THE FIVE INDIANA DELEGATES who attended the National Encampment in August: Cody Shaw, Junior Vice-Commander of the Porter Camp and his father Camp Commander Jack O. Shaw; past Department Commanders, Alan Teller and Ron Gill, and Ed Krieser, Past Commander in Chief.

TO PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER RON GILL for his long service to the Department and to the David D. Porter Camp, No. 116, which he helped found. He also has had a distinguished service to the Porter Camp as Secretary-Treasurer and as editor of its distinguished newsletter, *The D. D. Porter Camp Monitor*. He says he is stepping down from these jobs—an assertion not quite believed in the office of *The Indiana Legion*.



PDC Ron Gill

TO ALL THE CAMPS for their Memorial Day activity on the real day on May 30 this year and for their contributions in cleaning and restoring gravestones and memorials — contributions too numerous to be listed here in detail.

TO ALL SUVCW BROTHERS who sent information and photographs for this and future issues about camp activity,

and to all a

*Merry Christmas @
a Happy New Year!*

Grave Marker Dedication

JAY COUNTY RETIREMENT CENTER

It was a cold, rainy, windy, raw day in May in Jay County. Four SVR members, 1st Lt. Larry Ebert, 1st Sgt. Alan Teller, 2nd Sgt. Randy McNally, and Pvt. Eric Fricke, braved the elements to participate in the ceremony for Pvt. John Jefferson Williams of Co. B, 34th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He is officially listed as the last soldier killed in the Civil War on May 13, 1865, at Palmito Ranch, Texas. As the U. S. A. Government prepared to move his body in 1890, the family had it moved to their farm in Jay County, where it rests today. No stone had ever been placed on his grave as Mike McBride of the Museum of the Soldier, discovered. It was his motivation and groundwork that allowed this ceremony to take place.

Boy Scout Troop 206 worked hard to prepare the cemetery, moving, painting and cleaning and resetting grave markers.

About 50 hearty souls withstood the weather to view the service. Sergeant Major Orville Uggen and Co. B, 34th Indiana re-enactors (the same regiment and company in which Williams served) were there in force.

First Lt. Larry Ebert took command of all the re-enactors and Sons of Veterans Reserve members, and the rites were practiced. Ebert then marched us in, turned the color guard over to 1st Sgt. Alan Teller, assembled the firing squad, and arranged the cemetery guard. He commanded the 21-gun salute. The color guard was marched into place with the 34th's National and Regimental Colors. Also participating in the color guard was 2nd Sgt. Randy McNally and Travis and Erin Stephens.

Pvt. Eric Fricke fided in the assembly and played music for the memorial wreath presentations. Two other members of the SUVCW were also present, Archie Lintz and Steve Williams of the Champion Hill camp.

Judy VanCamp, Rita Morgan, Barbara Stone, Lee Ann Teller and Department President, Beverly Massey, were present to represent the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Department Commander Gib Young takes charge at the Slack Park, Huntington

A Monument at Last!

In a ceremony last July 18th, after several years in preparation, the Champion Hill Camp No. 17 dedicated a monument located at the General James Slack Park in Huntington in honor of Brevet Major General Slack, and Colonels Sam Zent, Robert Morrison, C. E. Briant and George Pride, Staff Engineer for U.S. Grant at Vicksburg as well as the 208 soldiers who died and the 1800 soldiers who served from the county, during the Rebellion.

After participating in the Huntington Heritage Day Parade, members of the Champion Hill Camp and the SUVCW, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War met at the park with some 220 spectators. A volley from the howitzers of the 18th and 21st Indiana batteries signalled the beginning of the event at 12:30.

Speakers included Department Commander Gib Young, and uniformed as colonels, Champion Hill Camp brothers Les Howey and Don Heitman of Indianapolis. Chaplain Don Morgan presented the benediction, and the Company

Singers provided music.

Among the distinguished guests were the Huntington mayor, Terry Abbett, and the Park Superintendent, Dick Murray, and Lee Ann Teller and Vickie Day of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Junior Vice Commanders IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

RECRUITMENT • RETENTION • REINSTATEMENT

It is a major responsibility of National, Department, and Camp Junior Vice Commanders to take the lead in recruiting new members, in retaining those that we have, and in urging brothers who have been dropped because of non-payment of dues to once again become active in our Order.

As this issue of *The Indiana Legion* makes abundantly clear, we have an active and growing Department, made up of energetic and thoughtful men. We identify, refurbish and decorate the graves of our Civil War ancestors, we take steps to educate ourselves, the public, and our youth about their struggle and sacrifice—without which there would now be no union, one and inseparable.

The time for renewing memberships draws near. It is not too soon to take a close look at our task. Department Commander Gib Young and the National Junior Vice Commander Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., have made suggestions, summed up here:

RECRUITMENT: JVCs SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD in setting up a camp program for identifying and guiding new members into our fold.

RETENTION: JVCs SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD in identifying those brothers who are drifting away from the camp's activity, make contact with them and remind them of how much their membership is of value.

REINSTATEMENT: JVCs SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD in listening to the concerns of no longer active members. It may take just a simple phone call to see that a brother is reinstated, for we know that some brothers are uncertain about how to return to active membership.

So, gentlemen, now is the time!



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Yes, You Are Invited!

To the Midwinter Encampment

**Saturday, January 21,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
in the historic GAR Room
Huntington County Court House**

- ★ MEET SUVCW BROTHERS from the six camps across the state for good fellowship and for planning the activities of our Department.
- ★ EAT A SPLENDID REPAST FOR LUNCH. The Champion Hill Camp No. 17 will be our host.
- ★ HEAR BROTHER MARSHALL BRINKMAN, Champion Hill Camp, speaking on the movement of the 12th Corps from the Army of the Potomac to the Army of the Cumberland.
- ★ SEE BEN HARRISON PAST CAMP COMMANDER Bruce Kolb's fascinating collection of Lincoln material.
- ★ REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED, but let your camp commander know you are coming, so that the Champion Hill gang can plan the lunch. If you forget, come along anyway.
- ★ IF THERE IS SEVERE WEATHER, the Encampment will be postponed until the following Saturday, the 28th. If you are in doubt about the weather, contact Commander Gib Young at (260) 356-7643



WASHING DAY, COLUMN ON THE MARCH, 5 May 1865. Detail of a period drawing by Edwin Forbes, Library of Congress.

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A note for SUVCW brothers & other readers on the Web who may drop in

This Winter 2005-2006 issue will be available at <http://suvchw.org/in/legionnewsletters.htm> as soon as our webmaster and Signals Officer, Tim Beckman, puts it on line. You will find *Legions* on the Department site going back to 2002.

The picture on the right is one of several that couldn't be used in the printed version of *The Indiana Legion* because of space limitations; this one is detail from an excellent shot taken by Rick Henly of a somber moment in the Byrne funeral in Memphis. There were many other interesting photos, but there was a lot of interesting text as well — so text argued with image, and this time text won.

In this season of the year I am once again mindful of the great effort and care that so many members of our several camps have taken during the year to do the work of our Order and to advance its principles.

With my appreciation, and wishes for a

Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty

David Wiley



Pipes & muffled drum at the funeral of Cpl. John Peyton Byrne in Memphis last May. See story page 4.