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Department Annual Encampment June 4 *Commander Gib Young Urges Everyone to Attend!*



Gib

Commander Gib Young promises another vital and important encampment of the Indiana Department at IU Kokomo on Saturday 4 June.

This is one of the two times each year that we meet friends from other camps, that we talk over the aims and purposes of our Order, and that we set our sights for future activities.

Calling our gatherings "encampments" springs, of course, from our Grand Army of the Republic heritage. It is a name which must have evoked in those veterans of yore memories of the bivouac and the campfire, of comrades to be remembered, and of patriotic tasks still to be done.

For us alike, our state-wide gatherings are not just opportunities for fellowship, but a time to seek out new ways to celebrate the sacrifices our forebears made to make our country whole, which is indeed the central reason why Gib urges as many brothers as possible to make the trek to Kokomo. We need an encampment that is a well-attended, a "critical mass" generative of new ideas and new goals.

Several items are on the agenda already: officers

to be elected, delegates to the National Encampment to be appointed, and a new and different relationship with the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home to be considered. There is also the question of erecting markers memorializing Indiana troops on southern battlefields that are not so marked, and, of great importance, of giving careful attention to preparations for the Lincoln Bicentennial.

There is a small registration fee for the encampment that covers the meeting room and other incidental expenses. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, have arranged the menu, which is being provided by the IU Kokomo food service. For Commander Young's take on menus, turn to page 4. For the meeting schedule, turn to page 2.

Of special interest at the encampment is the planned visit of the national Senior Vice Commander James Pahl, who will doubtless have a few words to say about the future of the SUVCW, and particularly about the 124th National Encampment, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire, on 4 through 7 of August.

For further information about the national encampment see <http://www.suvcw.org/encampment>.

— The editor

Register Now!

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Is this your last issue of *The Indiana Legion*? See page 5

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

Sons of Veterans Reserve on the March

The SVR held meetings in January, March, and April at the home of Alan Teller in Kokomo. In addition the group presented colors at the Midwinter Encampment and at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. [see p. 3] A list of events for SVR participation follows. Brothers who need more information about any of the activities can e-mail the writer at atller@iquest.net.

The National flag for the 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry is now done. The McNally family has generously donated material and labor for this project. Daughter Melissa cut and sewed the flag together. She also did the final step of sewing on the fringe. Randy transported and communicated with the painter, Amy Henry. Regimental donations paid Amy. The McNally family deserves a big "Thank You!" from all SVR members for their efforts on completing this project. This flag may be seen at the 119th Annual Department of Indiana SUVCW Encampment on 4 June.

We will now start on a regimental flag. Donations are needed. We are tapped out. I would encourage all SUVCW members to consider a donation for this worthy project.

At each meeting we practice drilling and folding the flag. As you will note our next meeting will be May 14th.

Upcoming events, most of them requiring uniforms, are as follows:

***May 14:** In Portland, in Jay County, grave stone dedication, Pvt. Williams, 34th Indiana. Last soldier of Civil War, killed at Palmetto Ranch, Texas, May 1865. This event starts at 2:00 p.m. We plan on being there at 12:30 p.m. This will give us time to practice and will be our meeting for May.

May 27-28: Memphis, Missouri. Wake and funeral from 12:00 noon on the 27th until 12:00 noon Saturday of the last Civil War Soldier, John P. Byrne

***May 29:** Memorial Day Ceremonies by Somers Camp No. 1 at Marion (2:00 p.m.) and Gas City (3:00 p.m.)

May 30: A genuine Memorial Day Ceremony celebrating the life of Newton

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
& the 57th Memorial Encampment
of the
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
Department of Indiana
Indiana University at Kokomo
Saturday, 4 June 2005**

**8:30 — 9:00
Registration-coffee & muffins**

**9:00
Opening of Encampment
Roll call of officers**

**Presentation of the colors:
Sons of Veterans Reserve
Recognition of guests
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
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



SUVCW Websites

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

National:

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

Department:

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

Champion Hill Camp No. 17:

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

Ben Harrison Camp No. 356:

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

FLASH!

**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1540
ESTABLISHING THE ABRAHAM
LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION WAS PASSED BY
BOTH HOUSES OF THE INDIANA
LEGISLATURE.**

**THE LEGISLATION WAS SENT TO THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON 31 MARCH
AND WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR
ON 7 APRIL.**

— BRUCE KOLB, DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE
COMMANDER & PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

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Camps 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 2005. The anticipated publication date for the Fall issue is 1 September 2005.



Randy McNally and daughter Melissa hold the National Colors that have been adopted by the Indiana SVR. Melissa has just completed the finishing touches on the flag.

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McGuire, a Past National Commander of the Sons of Veterans, 11:00 a.m., at the Crown Hill Cemetery. Meet at the main gate

***June 4:** Kokomo, SUVCW Annual Encampment at Indiana University, Kokomo.

June 11-12: Newburgh, Finas Euen Lance grave stone dedication—Dennis Hutchinson is pursuing this matter.

***June 18:** Huntington Parade and Monument Dedication. This should prove to be an interesting afternoon.

***July 16, 23, or 30:** Indianapolis, on the east side at the VanSickle Cemetery. Rededication of five Civil War Veterans' grave stones. Starting time probably late morning. The date is undecided: we have asked for the 23rd.

Sept. 17: New Albany, Medal of Honor grave stone dedication, Charles Season, 11th Indiana Infantry.

Nov.12: Notre Dame University, Father Corby Ceremony. This is the day of the Notre Dame vs. Navy game.

Asterisked events are near most SVR

IN MEMORIAM
Richard Dale Martindale
2004

Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1



His Ancestor was Thomas
Martindale, Co. A, 1st. Ohio
Volunteer Cavalry

members. It is incumbent upon all us to attend as many as possible. These events should offer the greatest opportunity to attend.

— Alan Teller

Ben Harrison Camp Plans Event at Crown Hill

On the real Memorial Day, 30 May, at 11:00 a.m. the Ben Harrison camp will gather at the main gate of Crown Hill Cemetery at 700 West 38th Street in Indianapolis for a very special ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

Planned by Past Camp Commander Steve Bauer, what promises to be a moving event will celebrate the life of Indiana native Newton McGuire, who, in 1911, became a Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, then known as the Sons of Veterans. Civil War reenactors have been invited to the ceremony and it is hoped that the camp's new flag will arrive on time.

After the ceremony Brothers may wish to visit the Civil War Memorial Service at the Confederate Mound at 12:45 p.m. and attend Crown Hill's 137th Memorial Day Service at 1:30 p.m.

Department Members Attend Lincoln Ceremony

The 140th Anniversary Commemorating the Death of Abraham Lincoln was held in Springfield, Illinois, on 15 April 2005. The services were conducted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), assisted by The Military Order of the Loyal Legion (MOLLUS), and the Lincoln Deathday Association, Inc., with participation by other patriotic societies and veterans' organizations.

Our own Alan R. Loomis was the chairman of the event and the master of ceremonies. Stephen A. Michaels, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW, and Douglas R. Niemeyer, Commander-in-Chief, MOLLUS, gave the addresses. In attendance from the Department of Indiana were Craig Powers, his step-daughter Haley Wilcox, and David Grove of Champion Hill Camp No.17; Ed Krieger, PC-in-C, Alan Loomis, PC-in-Cody Shaw and mother Billie, Porter Camp No. 116; Bruce Kolb, PCC, Phil McClure, CC, and Michael Beck from Harrison Camp No. 356.

The members of Harrison Camp

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Standing at the steps of the Lincoln Tomb on 15 April are in the back row Past-Commander-in Chief Ed Krieger, Department Commander Gib Young, and Brother David Grove. In the front row are Past Commander-in-chief Alan Loomis, Past Department Commander Alan Teller and Brother Michael Downs.



The 11th Indiana Zouaves at the Lincoln Memorial on 15 April

Last Civil War Soldier to be Buried

He was cremated in 1920, and his remains, sealed in an urn, were forgotten, resting on an obscure shelf in a storage mausoleum, until, at last, they were discovered, these many years later, through the diligent research of a niece.

Now Corporal John P. Byrne of the 21st Missouri Infantry will be buried with due ceremony on the 28th of this month.

There will be a wake and vigil in his honor that will run over two days and will involve many of the good folk of Memphis, Missouri, in several related community events high lighting the need to preserve historic sights, cemeteries, monuments, and battlefields related to Corporal Byrne's war. A memorial fund established in Byrne's name has been established to facilitate this purpose.

Arrangements for this event have been sparked, in cooperation with Corporal Byrne's family, by The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Further information may be obtained by accessing <http://www.duvcw.org/lastveteran/>

Gib Young's cheerful look at the Encampment menu

Southern Fried Chicken — Rebel Fowl Only Used
 Beef Stroganoff with Noodles — Russian Allies Honored
 Baked Potato and Sour Cream — From our Irish Soldiers
 Green Beans Almondine — Giraboldy Guards Recipe
 Tossed Green Salads — For Inflationary Greenbacks
 Ambrosia Salad — (I have nothing for this. I don't know who Ambrosia was)
 Assorted Peas — Just like Ma Makes Back Home
 Regular & Decaf Coffee — Suitable for Trading with Reb Pickets
 Iced Tea — Tea is King, Not Cotton, to John Bull
 Water — Stay Away From the Demon Rum

REGISTER NOW

For the 2005 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.



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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

& the 57th Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic

Department of Indiana • Indiana University Kokomo • Saturday 4 June 2005

Registration deadline no later than 23 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 (SUVCW)

Send your check to Lee Ann Teller, 3003 Lamplighter Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902-8125 to arrive on or before 23 May!

If you haven't paid your dues for 2005,
this may be your last issue of *The Indiana Legion & the Banner!*

You will no longer be a SUVCW member in good standing

Dues were owing on January 1, and the grace period that extends to April has passed. If you were one of those who for some reason didn't "re-up," you may still renew your membership by sending the full year's dues to your camp secretary or treasurer. We really urge you to continue to be a member in good standing and participate in the work of our Order.

Dues are a total of the camp obligation (this may vary), \$6.00 to the department, and \$18.00 to the national. Contact your camp secretary to check on your status the exact amount. By the way, the regulations say your late renewal must also be approved by the camp membership, but this is generally just a formality.

If you didn't pay your dues, the Department Junior Vice Commander, who is concerned about membership, would very much like to know why. Take a few moments to drop him a line by snail- or e-mail.

David W. Wiley
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3800 W. Woodmere Way
Bloomington, IN 47403-4123

Champion Hill's Busy Schedule

The Champion Hill Camp, No. 17 will conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at the grave side of Lt. Col. William Swaim of Ossian. Swaim was mortally wounded at the Battle of Champion Hill and died while en route home.

The ceremony will follow the American Legion flag raising event at noon. The Ossian Cemetery is on State Road 1 in Ossian, on the southeast side of the road.

The Slack Monument Dedication 18 June

The monument ceremony for the Colonel Slack Monument is going to take place at last on June 18th at about 12:45, or about 30 minutes after Huntington's Heritage Day Parade has ended.

The monument, which honors the five colonels, along with all Civil War veterans from Huntington County, will be located in the General James Slack Park between Guilford and Bryon streets.

New members to be initiated

After the dedication, there will be an initiation of new members into Camp No. 17, and there will be music by the famed Company Singers, Civil War reenactors, including it is hoped, artillery salutes. The Erie Band has also been invited, and it is anticipated that Brothers Don Heitman and Les Howey will say a few words in uniform.

It should be mentioned that camp members are also on the trail of a flatbed truck for the Heritage Day Parade to carry "all the stragglers who can't complete the march — or start the march either."

— Rick Henley & Dennis Hershman

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were there as members of the 11th Indiana Zouave Regiment. I do not know the names of this regiment that are not SUVCW members. Presenting wreaths for the SUVCW were Alan Teller, for Somers Camp No. 1, Gib Young, Department Commander, for the Department of Indiana; Michael Downs, for Porter Camp No. 116, and Phil McClure for the 11th Indiana Zouaves.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, Department of Indiana were also represented. Those presenting wreaths were Lee Ann Teller, President, Dye Tent No. 17, and Barbara Waltz Stone, President, Department of Indiana. Also present were Vickie Layman, PDP, Joan Davis, PDP, and Beverly Waltz Massey, who presented a wreath for the Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge.

—Alan Teller



Visiting the Lincoln Tomb ceremony on 15 April were leaders of the Daughters of Union Veterans, 1861-1865: from left to right are Department President Barbara Stone, Vicki Layman and Joan Davis, past department presidents, and Lee Ann Teller, Tent President, Beverly Massey, Past Tent President.



Dispatches . . .



A very raw recruit
Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, v. 1, p. 262

- 14 May Grave stone dedication of the last soldier killed in battle in the War of the Rebellion, Jay County, 2:00 p.m. Place to be announced.
- 21 May Knightstown Soldiers & Sailors Home graduation.
- 27, 28 May Memphis, Missouri, burial of the last Civil War soldier.
- 29 May **Memorial Day Ceremonies by the Somers Camp** at Marion States of Serenity Cemetery, 2:00 p.m., and Gas City, Riverside Cemetery, 3:00 p.m.
- 30 May **Memorial Day Ceremony by Ben Harrison Camp** 11:00 a.m., Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.
Memorial Day Ceremony by the Champion Hill Camp at Ossian Cemetery, 11:00 a.m.
Civil War Memorial Service, 12:45 p.m. at the Confederate Mound, Crown Hill Cemetery, Section 32 Free.
Crown Hill's 137th Memorial Day Ceremony, 1:30 p.m. **Tour:** "Veterans" begins in front of stage following ceremony. Free
- 4 June Department of Indiana Annual encampment. See p. 1, *et. seq.*
- 18 June Dedication of the Civil War monument in General James Slack Park, Huntington, by the Champion Hill Camp about 12:45 p.m. See story p. 5.

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Gentlemen & the one or two Daughters on the electronic list:

The first and most important comment of the day is to urge you all to register now for the Annual Encampment. Just print out page 4, fill in the blanks, and mail it to Lee Ann Teller so that it will arrive on or before the 23rd.

Once again I am mindful of, and very appreciative for, the contributions several brothers have made to the preparation of this issue. My very great thanks to everyone; though, alas, there was much less information forthcoming from the camps than usual, so this edition has been cut to six pages.

As the print edition went to press, the one camp newsletter arrived full of news that I regret will have to wait for the fall issue; but time, as they say, is of the essence, and the registration material just had to get out.

Most of the pictures I have received (and thanks a million for all of them) were taken at the ordinary quality of 72 dpi; try for better than 150 dpi. Pictures taken with the 72 dpi resolution do not manipulate well and may pixilate in both the electronic and printed editions. When using a digital camera please use the highest quality setting. If you send ordinary photographs by post I can scan them without trouble.

May I renew my appeal for adds; just one or two at just a very modest cost will reach over two-hundred people and really help meet the department's printing expense.

As ever, I welcome any thoughts concerning the production and distribution of The Indiana Legion.

Yrs. in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty