



The Indiana Legion



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA * BRUCE KOLB, COMMANDER

WINTER 2006 - 2007 SPECIAL EDITION

NATIONAL INFORMATION:

ORDERS HONOR LINCOLN AT ANNUAL TOMB CEREMONY:

All are invited to participate in the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, commemorating the 142nd anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It'll be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery at 10 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

The Headquarters Hotel: State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street. Room rate is \$86.99 for double or single. A full breakfast buffet is included. Call 1-217-528-5100 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans." Reserve your room by March 7. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released and the rate will revert to \$103.99. Ground level parking near the hotel lobby and across 1st Street is free. Shuttle service will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

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 14th. Participants from Departments, Camps and Auxiliaries please indicate by our registration form your intention to present a wreath, ride the shuttle and/or attend the luncheon no later than March 17th.

The Luncheon will be held in The Inn at 835 at 12 noon. The Inn, located at 835 S. Second St., is about four blocks south of Adams St. Premier Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln impressionists Max and Donna Daniels will present "Lincoln's Farewell Address to the People of Springfield" and "The True Story of the Gettysburg Address." Luncheon cost is \$23 per person. Send the number of those attending, their names, and a check payable to "National Organization, SUVCW" covering the total cost by April 1st to:

Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee

P.O. Box 65

Valparaiso, Indiana 46384

Cancellation of lunch reservations must be made no later than April 1st.

The Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Memorial Service, hosted by the Dept. of Illinois, will take place at his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill., at 3 PM. The cemetery is located on Illinois Hwy 123 on the east side of town. Traveling to Petersburg from Springfield, use highways 29 and 123 or 97. Additional information will be available at the hotel and luncheon.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact PcInC Alan Loomis at: arlsuvchw@aol.com or 219-464-1332. A registration form is included on page 9 of *The Indiana Legion*.

2007 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 2007 National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri on August 9-12, 2007 for the:
 126th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
 121st Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary of SUVCW
 120th Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR

The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac is the official hotel for this Encampment. In addition to easy access by interstate highways, the Hotel site is convenient for those arriving by air.

We will be having a Tour of the Jefferson Barracks Historical Park and the U.S. Grant Historic Site (White Haven home of Grant) on Thursday, August 9th. Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) will have a breakfast on Saturday, August 11th. The Allied Orders Banquet will be held on Saturday, August 11.

Registration forms and more information will be available at the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) and in the next issue of *The Indiana Legion*.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

YAHOO EMAIL LIST LINK

You are cordially invited to join our Department of Indiana Yahoo E-mail List. This is an excellent way to stay informed on what is happening in our Department. To receive *The Indiana Legion* by email, you must be on the Yahoo E-mail List.

To sign up, send an e-mail to: IndianaSUVCW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have changed your e-mail address recently and have not received any e-mails from the Indiana SUVCW Yahoo Group within the last month, then you need to sign up to the list again using your new e-mail address.

THE INDIANA LEGION EDITOR

At the Winter Encampment, Jenny Thompson (wife of Ben Harrison Camp Secretary, Jerry Thompson) was appointed the new editor of *The Indiana Legion*. She is also the editor of the Indianapolis Civil War Round Table's newsletter, *The Hardtack*. Her love of history began in 4th grade in the GAR room in the Owen County Courthouse in Spencer, Indiana. Her grandfather, who served as Veteran Service Officer, gave her maps and information sheets to help her in her Indiana History course. She earned her Master's Degree in Military History – Civil War Studies with honors from American Military University in 2006. She hopes to write regimental histories to honor the many relatives (Jerry's and Jenny's) who served in the Civil War. Her goal as editor of this newsletter to record how the camps of the Indiana SUVCW are working to honor their Civil War ancestors and to encourage others to do the same. To contact her, please email her at jkt60@earthlink.net or send articles to Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, 6019 Allendale Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224. *The Indiana Legion* will be sent out in the middle of the months of April, July, September and December. Camps should send news items, photographs, ancestor accounts, and other items of interest to the editor by e-mail or regular mail before the editorial deadline of March 31, 2007. The anticipated publication date for the Spring issue is April 14, 2007. Those on the Indiana SUVCW Yahoo Group mailing list

will receive it by email; those without e-mail will receive it by U.S. Mail. If you join the Yahoo list or if you received *The Indiana Legion* by U.S. Mail and by email this month, please let the editor know so she can remove you from the U.S. mail list and the Department can save on mailing expenses.

INDIANA SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CHILDREN'S HOME ON OCTOBER 28, 2006

Submitted by Alan Teller

It was a sunny beautiful crisp October morning, the 28th, in Knightstown. The Allied Orders arrived at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, ISSCH, for their annual visit. There were four SUVCW members: Bruce Kolb, DC; Andy Kolb, probably our youngest member at 6; Mike Beck; and Alan Teller, PDC. The members from the DUVCW were: Esther Cook, PDP; Tia Cook; Melanie Cook; Sharon Fish; Marilyn Sharp; and Lee Ann Teller, DP. A Guest and possible future member of the SUVCW was Rodrick Fish of Westfield.

We began the tour in the Administration Building where Alice Ann Leisure introduced herself as our guide and passed out information on ISSCH. Lee Ann Teller, DP, had arranged a different tour. We climbed aboard a 16-passenger bus for our trip. The first stop was Trotters Court – a small street in Knightstown of 8 brick houses, including one under construction. The building trades classes of ISSCH have built all of the houses. They build one per year and then sell it. The last one sold for \$217,000.00. The buyer wrote out a check for the entire sum. The students do all of the work on each house except for the masonry. We then drove west through Carthage to the extreme eastern edge of Hancock County. Here nestled in the “boondocks” along Six Mile Creek is the ISSCH Campground. A lane leads about ½ mile back from the road. Here sits three cabins – a large central lodge, a sleeping cabin, and a small log cabin. All of these structures have a log cabin exterior and interior. There is also a large wooden deck on the lodge and a shelter near by with a fire pit in the middle. The creek makes a 90-degree turn right at the shelter. They are in the process of rebuilding a bridge to the other side of the creek. The children use this facility as a getaway. They bring their bedrolls and sleeping bags out here for a few days to escape everything. It is a very nice facility.

We were also driven around the campus with Mrs. Leisure talking about the various facilities. She stopped at Lincoln Hall for a closer look at this beautiful auditorium/church. The main campus covers 467 acres. She did not know the size of the campground, but they do own land on both sides of Six Mile Creek.

The ISSCH has an enrollment of 150 children from all over Indiana in twelve grades. The home draws from 57 counties. There are 28 seniors on course to graduate in 2007. “This is the largest senior class since the early 1970's.” We ate lunch in the cafeteria with students and alumni. After lunch, a collection of \$71.00 from those present was donated to ISSCH. Mrs. Leisure said she would put the money into the student's Recreation Fund.

The Allied Orders reassembled at Glencove Cemetery for a short ceremony at the site of Frank C. Houston, PCinC, 1931-1932 SUVCW, Civil War veteran, evangelist, song writer-publisher.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE IN GETTYSBURG ON NOVEMBER 18, 2006

Submitted by Alan Teller

Randy and I attended the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg on Nov. 18. Randy and I marched as a unit, 27th Indiana Infantry, in the parade. We were two of thousands in the parade. I do not know the actual number attending. The order of the parade was, the other Allied Orders, DUVCW, WRC, ASUVCW, LGAR, then the SVR, SUVCW, Union Re-enactors, and Confederate Re-enactors.

Our own Ed Krieser, a private in the 27th Indiana, is also the Chief Of Staff, and a Captain in the Third Military District of the SVR. He was one of the organizers of the parade. His title may be Provost Marshal, I am not sure. After helping to get all of the units lined up, he led the parade. Another SVR member of the 27th Indiana was present. Bruce Kolb, Department Commander SUVCW, of Harrison Camp was the commander of the 11th Indiana Re-enactors. He marched with the re-enactors. The Indiana SUVCW members present were Ron Gill, Porter Camp, Ernie Stone and Mike Beck, Harrison Camp. To my knowledge everyone from Indiana marched in the parade except Ron Gill. It was an exciting and thrilling event. Two DUVCW members from Indiana also marched in the parade in period dress, Lee Ann Teller and Barbara Stone.

We, the Indiana boys, had a meeting at the Indiana Monument, near Culp's Hill and Spangler's Spring, at 5:00 PM on Friday. We attended the SVR Breakfast at the Eisenhower Inn on Saturday. After the breakfast we received our parade instructions and a ribbon for our flag. The Annual Remembrance Day Observance was held at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial, Ziegler's Grove, Gettysburg National Military Park, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 18. Lee Ann and I did not attend any of the balls. We did attend the National Cemetery after dark. It was all lit with luminaries at each grave. What a sight! Kind of like the topping on the cake! The whole event, everything, was great. It was an exceptionally good time. The weather co operated, in fact Friday was shirt-sleeve weather. I recommend everyone make this pilgrimage for Remembrance Day. You will never forget it!

STONE SAVER CEMETERY RESTORATION

December report from Mark Davis

Brooks Cemetery, Fall Creek Twp., Hamilton Co.

Samuel M. Brooks, 11th IN Inf.

North Union Cemetery, Ervin Twp., Harrison Co.

Taylor Gordon, 34th IN Inf.

Nutter Cemetery, Washington Twp., Morgan Co.

Thomas MacGinnis, 27th IN Inf.

K.K. Mann, 18th KY Inf.

Big Darby Cemetery, Canaan Township, Madison Co, OH

Luther Harrington, 40th OH Inf.

Nathaniel B. Wright, 77th OH Inf.

ANNUAL ORDERS OF THE G.A.R. 2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Indiana will be hosting the Central Region Association, Allied Orders of the G.A.R. 2007 Annual Conference on October 6, 2007 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Crawfordsville is located just northwest of Indianapolis. Additional information will be furnished as it becomes available.

CAMP INFORMATION:

ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP, NO. 1

FALL 2006 REPORT

Submitted by Alan Teller

We have had four programs in the Fall of 2006. In September, Jack Shaw, Porter Camp Commander, presented a program on Samuel Upton, Counterfeiter; for October, Dr. Jeffrey Web showed a presentation on religion in the Civil War and Lincoln's approach to religion; in November, Ann Carter entertained us with a talk about the Underground Rail Road in Indiana, specifically in Howard County. December brought our normal "Show and Tell Program". All of these events were well received by the membership.

Several projects also took place or were finalized in the fall schedule. We rewrote and approved the Somers Camp Bylaws, helped to sponsor a tent at the Howard County Fair, and established a camp web site (www.somerscamp.org). Our secretary wrote and published a Membership Book, and several members worked at the restoration of a vandalized Lindley Cemetery near Greentown.

Our membership stands at 37 members. This number includes two (2) Juniors, two (2) Associates, and 4 Life Members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27, 2007, Somers Camp Memorial Day Services,

June 2, 2007, Kokomo, SUVCW Annual Encampment, 9:00 AM, Color Guard

Oct. 6, 2007, Crawfordsville, Central Region Association Conference, Presentation of Colors

Three 2007 events dates have not been set for:

Ridgeville, Randolph County – Civil War Monument & Cemetery re-dedication, Mark Davis

Amboy, Miami County – Dedication of two Civil War Soldiers Graves, Parker Shinn

Lindley Cemetery, Greentown, Howard County – Dedication of new stones and cemetery restoration

FINAL CAMP NOTE

Finally, remember to let our Commander, 1st Lt. Larry Ebert, know any comments or suggestions you might have. He welcomes all correspondence. His email is tdebert_1999@yahoo.com.

COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12

No report received from this camp.

CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TOUR

The Champion Hill camp is sponsoring a bus trip to Springfield, Illinois September 8-9, 2007. We will leave at 6:30 AM from the Ft. Wayne Kroger Village at Coventry and at

7:00 AM from the Huntington K-Mart Store on Saturday, September 8. We will visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and join a costumed guide for a 1-½ hour Ghost Walk before staying overnight at the Pear Tree Inn. On Sunday, we will visit Oak Ridge Cemetery and New Salem Historic Village and will return to Huntington by 9 PM and to Fort Wayne by 9:30 PM.

Prices per person for this trip are \$150 for a double room with a ghost walk, \$140 for a double room without the ghost walk, and \$110 for a triple room with a ghost walk. This price includes roundtrip motor coach transportation and driver's gratuities, a continental breakfast on the bus enroute, one dinner with meal gratuities included, one night accommodations, one continental breakfast at the hotel and all listed attractions.

For more information and registration forms, please contact Don or Beverly Morgan at 260-786-0254.

WILLIAM A. BENTON CAMP #28

Submitted by Camp Commander, Ray Moak

The camp held 10 meetings for the year 2006 every month except July and August.

About the middle of May several camp members repaired two broken headstones and straightened up 6 headstones on Soldiers' Hill in Earlham Cemetery. Saturday of Memorial Day weekend several members put about 250 flags on veterans' graves in Earlham Cemetery mainly on Soldiers' Hill. Sunday the Honor Guard, composed of 7 members, participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at Centerville Cemetery and at Goshen Cemetery at Middleboro, Ind.



Raymond Moak & Ernest Ravinet

At 9:00 a.m. Monday, the camp Honor Guard held our annual ceremony on Soldiers' Hill in Earlham Cemetery and at 10:00 a.m., with the combined veterans council participated in a ceremony at Soldiers' Field of Honor at Earlham Cemetery and at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building Freedom Fountain.

On June 19 several members attended a massing of colors at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, which was organized by Dennis Rigsby.

A Richmond Veterans' Day was held on main street on August 16. Four members set up a Civil War display and member Dennis Rigsby set up a Navy display. On Veterans' Day, November 11, the outdoor ceremony at the Veterans' Field of Honor at Earlham Cemetery was cancelled. Six Honor Guard members were present and went to an indoor ceremony at the VFW Post hall.

During the year we have been working on organizing the upstairs Museum room.

After almost two years, Ray Moak obtained a new Civil War headstone for his great grandfather, Eli Moak, who was a sergeant in "K" Company 36th Iowa Infantry. He is buried at Cleves, Ohio and we plan a dedication ceremony this spring. The headstone was installed at the end of December.

The camp has 12 members and we are actively trying to recruit a couple more.

Dennis Rigsby is working on finding the last Civil War veterans for Wayne, Union, Randolph and Franklin Counties. We are going to try to have a ceremony at each one of them this year.

At the January 9, 2007 meeting a camp election was held. The following officers were elected: Camp Commander, Ray Moak; Sr. Vice Commander and Treasurer, Ernest Ravinet; Jr. Vice Commander and Secretary, Dennis Rigsby; Council Member #1, Clifford Cox; Council Member #2, Ken Hutton; Council Member #3, Steve Walker; Chaplain, Jack Charles.

DAVID A. PORTER CAMP #116

FINAL ROLL CALL FOR JEROME HARTER

Jerome Harter passed away on January 2, 2007.

Submitted by Camp Commander, Jack Shaw

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 24th – Monthly Camp meeting. Will include Lunch, followed by Business meeting, Gelsosomos Pizza, Valparaiso, IN.

March 24th – Camp Meeting, Lunch and program by Pastor Kevin Palmer

April 14th – Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, Illinois

April 28th – Camp Meeting, La Porte County Historical Society Museum. Meet for lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Louies. Business meeting at 12 p.m.

May 2nd – ROTC Awards presentation, Notre Dame

May 26th – Camp Meeting

May 28th – Memorial Day ceremony, Valpo. / Last Soldier Grave-side dedication, Culver, Indiana, 1:30 p.m.

June 2nd – Department Encampment, Kokomo

June 23rd – Annual Field Trip, War Memorial Museum, Indianapolis. Members will meet for lunch 11:15 a.m. at the Elbow Room.

August 12th – National Encampment, St Louis, MO.

September 29th – Camp Meeting

October 27th – South Bend Meeting

November 24th – Election of Officers

BEN HARRISON CAMP #356

2006 ACTIVITIES

On February 11, the camp presented a framed copy of the Norman Rockwell/ MacKinlay Cantor print of the “Death of the GAR” to David Waterman Wiley, for his many years of serving as camp secretary.

On April 8, seven brothers of the camp cleaned and repaired five gravestones at the Salem Church Cemetery, located at the intersection of C.R. 375 E and 850 S in Hendricks County.



Tim Beckman, Roger Lester and Jerry Thompson

On May 29, we held our annual Memorial Day service at Crown Hill Cemetery. We honored Frank Shellhouse, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We are continuing to design a plaque to honor those who died at Camp Hughes in Gosport, Indiana. This will be our cemetery project for the spring of 2008. We have pledged our support to help the Soldiers and Sailors' Children's Home get back their missing four cannons and will be present at the special ceremony planned for September 9, 2007 to welcome the cannons back.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10 – Tim Beckman will share his presentation on Perryville

April 14 – Phil McClure will discuss Normandy Beach

May 12 – Cemetery restoration is scheduled for the Norristown Cemetery on S.R. 9, south of Shelbyville.

May 28 – Memorial Day service at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis

FINAL ROLL CALL FOR WILBUR E. PASH

(Indianapolis Star, January 19, 2007)

Wilbur E. Pash 88, Indianapolis, passed away at this home on January 17, 2007. Wilbur was born February 25, 1918 in Bellefontaine, Ohio to Herman and Emily (Parker) Pash. Wilbur proudly served in World War II in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in the South Pacific on an air-sea rescue craft, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant.... Wilbur was a member of Camp Benjamin Harrison, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War...In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to American Lung Association, 115 West Washington Street, Suite 1180 S., Indianapolis, IN 46204; the Pulmonary Fibrosis Association, 1332 N. Halsted St., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60622; or to a favorite charity.

Lincoln Tomb Observance, Springfield, Illinois
Saturday April 14, 2007 at 10:00A.M. C.D.S.T.
OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION

(please print clearly)

I (we) intend on presenting a wreath at the Observance Ceremony.

Organization name in full:

Name and title of wreath bearer:

e-mail address:

If no e-mail address give home address:

City, State and Zip Code:

Those obtaining wreaths that are stored in Springfield or from local florists are responsible for making arrangements to pick them up or delivering them to the tomb by 9:00 AM the day of the ceremony. c/o Curator, Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, IL 62702
To insure listing in the program, this notice must be received no later than April 1st at address shown below.

I would like to reserve _____ seats on the shuttle bus from the headquarters hotel to the Tomb Ceremony, the ceremony to the luncheon, and return to the headquarters hotel. Please circle YES or NO if you desire to ride the bus to the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson ceremony near Petersburg following the luncheon.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Luncheon at the Inn at 835, Springfield, Illinois
Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 12:00 Noon C.D.S.T.

Please accept _____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list the name, e-mail address, home address and phone number of the person responsible for picking up these tickets at the door.

Include remittance of \$23.00 per person for each luncheon reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW. Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

Lincoln Tomb Observance Committee
P.O. Box 65
Valparaiso, IN 46384

The Indiana Legion

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.

Abraham Lincoln, in a speech at a fair in the Patent Office for the relief of soldiers,
March 16, 1864

(Quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright)

“This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people but the most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, ‘All that a man hath will he give for his life;’ and while all contribute of their substance, the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country’s cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier.”

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