



The Indiana Legion



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA * BRUCE KOLB, COMMANDER

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NATIONAL INFORMATION:

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1: Series 2007-2008

The Headquarters of the Commander in Chief of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

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cinc@suvcw.org

The Administrative Headquarters of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be at the following address:

National Headquarters SUVCW
Attn. Lee Walters, DC, Executive Director
P.O. Box 1865
Harrisburg, PA 17105-1865

execdir@suvcw.org

All Bills of the National Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must be filed with the National Treasurer at the following address:

Max L. Newman
4995 E. Wilkinson Road
Owosso, MI 48867-9616
(989) 743-3525

treasurer@suvcw.org

All correspondence concerning the Order shall be directed to the National Secretary at the following address:

Donald D. Palmer Jr., PDC
147 Lucerne Place Dr.
Ballwin, MO 63011-3218
(636) 230-3656

secretary@suvcw.org

All applications for Civil War Memorials Grant funds should be sent to following address:

D. Brad Schall, PDC, Chair
2754 Woodacre Court
Lincoln , CA 95648
Phone: (916) 408-4482 Fax: (916) 408-4482
CofA6@suvcw.org

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5 (4 and 4A): Series 2007-2008

4. The Constitution is very specific in defining Membership in the Order. It specifically states that there will be three (3) classes of Members. They are Members, Life Members, and Honorary Members.
5. Therefore with a heavy heart and a great deal of thought as well as reluctance to issue this Order it is the general consensus that further recruitment of Junior Members must be held in abeyance until such time that the Constitution and the Regulations of this Order are no longer in conflict with each other concerning this issue.
6. Juniors (and Junior Associates) that have already been initiated into the Order, and are currently on the Roster of the same, shall remain with the same restrictions as are currently in force concerning them.
7. Applications for Juniors (and Junior Associates) that have applied to a Camp, Department or the National Order prior to 29 August 2007 may be initiated into the same. Any further recruitment of Juniors (and Junior Associates) shall cease until such time as the Constitution and Regulations of the Order are no longer in conflict concerning Juniors (and Junior Associates).
8. It is my earnest hope that this issue will be brought to a close during this Administration. I will do everything within my powers as Commander in Chief to bring this to a successful conclusion and re-establish Juniors and Junior Associates within the Order if at all possible, for this issue also affects this Office as well. I too have a Grandson that will be eligible to become a Junior next year.

So ordered this 28th day of August, 2007

By Order of: Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. Commander in Chief

ALLIED ORDERS OF THE GAR CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Submitted by Alan Teller

The Department of Indiana SUVCW are the sponsors for the Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Conference (CRA) on October 6 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The CRA represents 14 Midwestern states. The last day to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn at special rates (\$73.95 -\$79.95 + taxes) is Friday, September 14. For room reservations, call Holiday Inn at (765) 362-8700. The last day to register for attendance is September 21. Registration forms are available on our web site <http://suvchw.org/in/DEPTIN.html>. We will meet at St. John's Episcopal Church. We will use the south side entrance (south is the right side as you face the church). Registration form will also be at the back of the Legion.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:**YAHOO EMAIL LIST LINK**

We encourage those with email addresses to join, if you have not done so already. This is an excellent way to stay informed on what is happening in our Department. To sign up, send an e-mail to: IndianaSUVCW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

17TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR DAYS AND LIVING HISTORY: OCT. 12-14

From Indiana 2007 Festival Guide

At Hartford City, on SR 26 E. across from the 3M plant. Civil War reenactment, battles, skirmish, cavalry, artillery, sutlers, tea and fashion show, ball, demonstrations, presenters, and food. Fri. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, call 765-348-4319 or visit hartfordcitycwdays.com.

NEXT LEGION DEADLINE

The anticipated publication for the date of the Winter issue is December 15, 2007. **To contact the editor**, please email her at jkt60@earthlink.net or send articles to Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, 6019 Allendale Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224. The editorial deadline is **November 30**.

CAMP INFORMATION: ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP, NO. 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Three 2007 events for which dates have not been set:

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

COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12

No report was submitted from this camp.

CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17

Camp #17 Supports Battlefield Preservation

The zeal, which characterized Indiana's leadership in preserving the Union, remains intact in Huntington County. Champion Hill Camp 17 responded to the appeal, by the Civil War Preservation Trust, for contributions to secure an additional 145 acres of the Mississippi battle site from which the Camp takes its name.

Several historians consider the 1863 battle to be the most strategically significant of those fought in the western theater. It was the key to Grant's capture of Vicksburg, which split the confederacy and opened the mighty Mississippi to federal navigation.

The targeted tract includes the ground over which the Hoosiers of the 34 and 47 Indiana drove the retreating rebel forces. These brigades, led by Generals McGinnis and Slack, included many Huntington County volunteers.

The Camp voted to appropriate \$475 and invited individual members to augment the fund. The members responded enthusiastically, resulting in an aggregate contribution of \$1,700 – coincidentally representing \$100 for each of the 17 Huntington County men killed in the battle.

WILLIAM A. BENTON CAMP #28

No report was submitted from this camp.

DAVID A. PORTER CAMP #116

UPCOMING EVENTS

Submitted by Camp Commander, Jack Shaw

September 29th – Camp Meeting

October 27th – South Bend Meeting

November 24th – Election of Officers

BEN HARRISON CAMP #356

NEWTON COUNTY PROJECT

Submitted by Kyle Conrad

The graves registration worksheets for the entire county have been completed and will be entered into the graves registration database in the near future. To date, 246 veterans have been identified who are buried here and another 13 still need additional research. Flag holders are being placed in the cemeteries. Each gravestone is being photographed to record the condition of the stones and to have a complete record of the civil war burials. If you have not contacted Kyle about your possible Newton County Civil War ancestors, please do so to enable him to enter accurate information in the database. He also has a listing of those from Newton County, who are buried on battlefields and national cemeteries. To contact him, please email him at KidClerk@aol.com.

CIVIL WAR FLAG PRESENTED TO CHARLIE KEMPER

Submitted by Charles Hughes



Charlie Hughes (left) presented Charlie Kemper with an 1864 34-star Civil War flag of the United States of America at the American Legion in honor of the 65 officers and 1,498 enlisted men from Fayette County who served their country in that war. Hughes said Kemper has a collection of about 20 flags used for various Veterans Council displays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Submitted by Camp Commander, Mike Beck

October 13, 2007 – The American Legion Color Guard will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 2:00.

November 10, 2007 – Jenny Thompson will present a lesson on the GAR.

December 8, 2007 - Commander Beck will present a lesson on Gettysburg. If any of the members of the Ben Harrison Camp had relatives that were involved in the battle, please contact Commander Beck at fsgtcd11indiana@att.net and he will cover where your relative's regiment was during the battle.

January 12, 2008 - Installation of officers

February 8, 2008

March 8, 2008

April 12, 2008

All of the above meetings are held at 11:15 a.m. at the American Legion Post #500, located at 1926 Georgetown Rd. in Speedway. This location is north of the intersection of Crawfordsville Rd. (I 74), Georgetown Rd. and 16th Street – across from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

If you have not attended a meeting yet and plan to do so, please contact the Secretary Jerry Thompson at jkt60@earthlink.net, so we can prepare for your initiation into the camp.

OTHER INFORMATION:

INDIANA HISTORY TRAIN AND “FACES OF THE CIVIL WAR” EXHIBITION

The History Train, sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society, will travel to five stops in the northern half of the state in 2007 with this exhibit – Indianapolis Sept. 27-29; Kokomo Oct. 4-6; Wabash Oct. 11-13; Valparaiso Oct. 18-20; and Fort Wayne Oct. 25-27. The exhibit is located in three 65-foot rail cars and is free. It is transported by the Indiana Rail Road Company. Temporary depots are designated at each stop. More information can be found at www.indianahistory.org, or by calling 317-232-1882.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) is currently working on bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Program, the primary source of federal matching grants to nonprofit groups for battlefield preservation, which has been used to save 14,000 acres in 15 states. In the summer of 2007, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House and Senate to reauthorize this successful land conservation program. In the House, Congressmen Gary Miller (R-CA) and Bart Gordon (D-TN) introduced the CW Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007 (H.R. 2933) with the support of 22 original cosponsors, including Mark Souder (R-IN). In the Senate, Senators Jim Webb (D-VA) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) introduced a similar bill (S.1921) with 17 original cosponsors. Both bills reauthorize funding up to \$10 million a year for five years, through FY2013. Please contact your US Senators and Representatives to ask them to cosponsor these bills. For more information, visit www.battlefieldactivist.com.

G. A. R. Allied Orders Central Region Association
 Conference
 Crawfordsville, Indiana
 October 6, 2007

Lunch

Number Cost

_____ X \$12.50 = \$ _____

Dinner

Number Cost

Chicken _____ X \$28.00 = _____

Roast Beef _____ X \$28.00 = _____

Registration: \$5.00each X Number _____ = Total \$ _____

Total

Registration \$ _____

Lunch \$ _____

Dinner \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Department of Indiana SUVCW**

Return form and payment to: **Alan Teller**

3003 Lamplighter Lane

Kokomo, IN 46902

RETURN BY: September 21, 2007

Questions: alan.teller@insightbb.com

For room reservations call: **Holiday Inn, (765) 362-8700**

Ask for "**Central Region Association Conference**" rates \$73.95 - \$79.95 + taxes

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Current/Past Highest Office _____

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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.

(Edward Dickinson Baker, from a speech given at the Union Meeting in Union Square, New York City, April 20, 1861, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright)

“Civil War, for the best of reasons upon the one side and the worst upon the other, is always dangerous to liberty, always fearful, always bloody; but, fellow-citizens, there are yet worse things than fear, than doubt and dread, and danger and blood. Dishonor is worse. Perpetual anarchy is worse. States forever commingling and forever severing are worse. Traitors and secessionists are worse.”

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