



# The Indiana Legion



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

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## NATIONAL INFORMATION:



Indiana Delegates SUVCW at National Encampment in August at St. Louis, Missouri

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2007

Article submitted by Alan Teller, photos submitted by Mike Beck



Front Row l to r: Garry Walls, Lee Ann Teller, Sharon Williams, Barbara Stone, Brad Rainier  
Back row l to r: Mike Beck, Bruce Kolb, Alan Teller, Steve Williams, Ernie Stone, Michael Rynerson

It was a cold weekend in Gettysburg, November 16-18, 2007. Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, was the SVR Breakfast, Remembrance Day Parade, GAR Monument Ceremonies, 1<sup>st</sup> Special National Encampment, Balls, and Banquets. This does not include the festivities at the cemetery at night with the luminaries and flags on all the graves. Nor does it include the Hoosiers that could make it meeting for a picture at the Indiana Monument at

4:30 PM on Friday. The Indiana Monument is located at Spangler's Spring just south of Culp's Hill. We were lucky to have the sun for the parade.

All of the activities listed above were attended by various Hoosiers. The following SUVCW members were there for some or most of the above activities, Ed Krieser, PCinC, Bruce Kolb, DC, Alan Teller, PDC, Mike Beck, Garry Walls, Brad Rainier, Bret Caldwell, Phil McClure, Steve Williams, Ernie Stone, and Michael Rynerson. Four of the six camps were represented, Champion Hill, Harrison, Porter, and Somers.

The first eight members are also SVR members. The DUVCW was represented by Barbara Stone, DP, and Lee Ann Teller, PDP. Sharon Williams was also present. Steve and Sharon Williams were there to attend a Lincoln Symposium going on the same weekend. Everyone except Steve and Sharon Williams and Michael Rynerson participated in the parade. Ed Krieser, PCinC, was a Parade Marshall. His duties included lining up the participants, answering questions, and leading the parade.

The SUVCW conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Special National Encampment at the Eisenhower Inn after the parade. Nine of the above members were delegates at the Encampment. The total delegate count was 84. The only business conducted was the two resolutions to change the constitution regarding Junior and Associate Junior Membership. Both Resolutions were resoundingly passed. It will now take a majority of Department Encampments to pass the same resolution, before they become official.

## **DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:**

### **MACEDONIA CEMETERY GETS A FACE-LIFT**

From the Star Press article by Emma Bowen Meyer

The Macedonia Cemetery in the Cowan area has been newly restored. Gene Shockley, one of the volunteers who helped restore it, was surprised to find seven of his relatives buried in this cemetery. The cemetery was rededicated on Saturday, September 15, with patriotic music provided by the Cowan band. Barbara Stone, president of the Indiana Department of Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War laid wreaths on the graves of the Civil War soldiers. The Delaware County Veterans Honor Guard presented the colors. Speakers included Mark Kreps (a member of the Cemetery Preservation Committee), Rea Reeder, Nicki Johnson, Jim Lee (the president of the Delaware County Historical Society) and Gene Shockley. Next summer the township plans to restore Fairview Cemetery. Volunteers will be needed for this project.



Janet Kreps, Barbara Stone, Mark Kreps

### **2007 CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

The Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association held their annual Conference in Crawfordsville, IN, on October 6, 2007. The Department of Indiana SUVCW was the sponsor of the Conference. There were 40 attendees representing 11

states. All five of Allied Orders National Commanders/Presidents sent a representative or were present themselves. The Women's Relief Corps, WRC, was represented by National President, Marcia Butgereit of Michigan. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, LGAR, was represented by National President, Phyllis Houston of Oregon. Indiana had the most attendees with 17 (3 DUVCW and 14 SUVCW members).

We toured the Lane Place and the Lew Wallace Study in the morning. After a catered lunch we had an educational presentation "Recruiting the Troops" by Allen Moore and Gib Young; followed by breakout sessions on recruitment activities for individual Camps, Tents, Corps, Auxiliaries, and Circles could attempt over the next year. This was followed by a business session. Commander Mary Fritz, IA, presided over the business session. In the evening we held a banquet. Our entertainment was supplied by Indiana's own Company Singers from Huntington.

Because of a long business meeting, the Installation of Officers was done during the banquet. The new elected officers for 2008 are Alan Teller, IN, Commander; Walter Busch, MO, Sr. Vice Commander; Gracanne Smith, MI, Jr. Vice Commander. Our secretary serves for three years, and is Lee Ann Teller finishing her second year. Appointed officers are Barbara Stone, IN, Chaplain; Marcia Butgereit, MI, Guide; Mary Fritz, IA, Historian; Mike Beck, IN, Color Guard; Alan Russ, KS, Patriotic Instructor.

The 2008 meeting will be in St. Louis, MO on October 4, at the Holiday Inn South-Butler Hill.

### **WINTER ENCAMPMENT**

The Department of Indiana Winter Encampment will be held on January 26, 2008 in the GAR room at the courthouse in Huntington, Indiana, at 9:00 A.M.

From the South: Take I-69 to the Warren exit at IN-5; follow IN-5 north to US 224, turn left on South Jefferson Street all the way to the courthouse.

From Fort Wayne: Take I-69 to the Markle exit, US-224; take US-224 west to IN-5, continue west on IN-5, South Jefferson Street, all the way to the courthouse.

From the West: Take US-24 to Huntington. At the junction of IN-9 and IN-37, continue straight on Park Drive into town. At the intersection with North Jefferson Street, turn right, and go three blocks to the courthouse.

From the North: Take IN-5 south; it becomes North Jefferson Street. Follow all the way to the courthouse; or, as a last resort, take IN-9 south, till it T's at BUS-24. Turn right for two city blocks, veer to right at the Y. This is First Street; go south to Market Street, turn west, right, onto Market Street. Take Market to North Jefferson Street. Turn left for one block to courthouse.

Park anywhere around the courthouse, but enter the West Jefferson Street doors. The GAR room is on the second floor. There is an elevator if needed.

### **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](mailto:IndianaSUVCW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### **NEXT LEGION DEADLINE**

The anticipated publication for the date of the Spring issue is March 15, 2008. If you are submitting a report for your camp at the Winter Encampment, please give an extra copy of your report to the editor to be included in the Spring edition of the *Indiana Legion*. **To contact the editor**, please email her at [jkt60@earthlink.net](mailto:jkt60@earthlink.net) or send articles to Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, 6019 Allendale Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224. **The editorial deadline is February 29. Publication dates for 2008 will be March, June, September and December.**

### **DUES REMINDER**

**Dues for 2008 is due on January 1.** Please contact your camp treasurer and pay your dues promptly.

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

### **LINDLEY CEMETERY RESTORATION CEREMONY**

September 22, 2007, Howard County, Liberty Township, near Greentown, IN  
Submitted by Alan Teller

This cemetery was vandalized Labor Day weekend 2006. More than 40 stones were felled and many were broken. This probably qualifies as a Pioneer Cemetery. The township trustee, Linda Grove, provides the care and upkeep.

This Restoration Ceremony was presented by Orlando A. Somers Camp #1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and Lowell E. Symons American Legion Post #317, Greentown. Jon Ayers of Somers Camp was the master of ceremonies. There were about 70 attendees; ten were members of Somers Camp. The colors were presented by Co. D, 27<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry, Sons Veteran Reserve (SVR) and American Legion Post #317. The invocation and benediction was given by Pastor Michael Waitt, Greentown Family Christian Center. Teresa Ebert sang the National Anthem and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Linda Grove, Liberty Township Trustee, acknowledged all who helped with the restoration of the vandalized cemetery. The help spanned six weekends of labor, materials, and monetary donations. She included dozens of people and organizations including Somers Camp. The Camp ordered, dug the holes, and set 5 Civil War Veterans headstones; Jehu Gallion, Pvt., Co. E 13<sup>th</sup> IN Inf.; Jordan C. Miller, Pvt. Co. C 12<sup>th</sup> IN Inf.; John A. Lindley, Pvt. Co. A 137<sup>th</sup> IN Inf.; William R. Lindley, Pvt. Co. E 11<sup>th</sup> IN Cav.; and Hugh H. Willits, 1<sup>st</sup> LT Co. F 89<sup>th</sup> IN Inf. The Greentown GAR Post was named the Hugh H. Willis Post #424. The Camp also dug the hole for a new flagpole.

The Descendents of Jehu Gallion – Colleen Ladd, Kathryn Day, and Bob Ladd – and the descendent of John and William Lindley, Bonnie Lindley Butler, placed flowers and flags at the flag pole. Matt Elkin, CC, Somers Camp and Lee Ann Teller, President, Marinda B. Dye Tent #17, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 also presented roses and flags to honor the Civil War dead in the cemetery. Mike Lucke, American Legion Post #317 and Barbara Kingseed, Auxillary of American Legion Post #317, placed flowers and flags to honor all veterans in the cemetery. Among other veterans, a War of 1812 Veteran, Jacob Davis, is buried there.



A salute was fired by the SVR and American Legion. Taps was played by the American Legion. The colors were retired by the SVR and American Legion.

**COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12**

No report was submitted from this camp.

**CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17**

No report was submitted from this camp.

**WILLIAM A. BENTON CAMP #28**

No report was submitted from this camp.

**DAVID A. PORTER CAMP #116**

No report was submitted from this camp.

**BEN HARRISON CAMP #356**

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RESTORATION**

Submitted by Garry Walls



Sanders grave



Snodgrass grave



Crone grave

This past summer, Garry Walls, Junior Vice Commander, Ben Harrison Camp #356, worked in the Liberty Township Cemetery with permission of Ron Myers, Township Trustee, restoring and repairing federal Civil War gravestones.

Brother Walls along with volunteer, Randy Woods, spent more than forty hours re-setting and cleaning the markers of the following four Civil War veterans:

- ?? T. B. Sanders, Company K, 148<sup>th</sup> IND. INF.
- ?? W.T. Snodgrass, Company A, 117<sup>th</sup> IND. INF.
- ?? Chas. Avler, Company A, 148<sup>th</sup> IND. INF.
- ?? Lewis H. Crone, Company G, 43<sup>rd</sup> MO. INF.

The gravesite of veteran, Harden Jackson, Company D, 70<sup>th</sup> IND. VOL. is also at Liberty Township and is marked by a private stone.



Avler grave



Jackson grave

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

### **CEMETERY SYMBOLS (Part 1 of 3)**

From Advanced Cemetery Restoration Workshop, Indiana Historical Society

Submitted by Garry Walls, Ben Harrison Camp

Acorn – with oak leaves; strength

Anchor – a Christian symbol for hope and steadfastness; identified with St. Nicholas, patron saint of seamen

Angels – of heaven, trumpeting to announce the arrival of the soul they accompany to heaven

Architectural motifs – portals / arches / gates; symbols of the house of the dead; death as a passageway to the unknown; temple or shrine, portal through which the soul passes into immortality

Arrows – fatal arrows sent by God

Bats – of the underworld

Bells – toll for the dead

Bird – the soul; often signifying a child's death

Broken columns – life broken short; death; similar to tree trunk / stumps

Candles – snuffed out by death

Cherubim – guardians of a sacred place, servants of God; divine wisdom or justice

Clock – passage of time; possibly time of death; also as grave goods, usually broken, severing earthly connection yet useful in afterlife

Clothing – empty, someone gone; discarding of earthly goods

Cocks – fall from grace and resurrection

Coffin – reminder of our ultimate end; also tools associated with burial: skulls, pickaxe, spade

Corn – ear of corn, abundant harvest; body of Christ

Crown – glory and righteousness; often depicted with cross

Cobra – Egyptian influence; death

Death's head – early New England motif; soul effigy over mouth

Dogs – guardians of deceased; protection of master; often represents pet

(To be continued in the March 2008 Indiana Legion)

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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.*

(Joshua L. Chamberlain, from a speech at Gettysburg dedicating a monument to the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine regiment, October 3, 1889, quoted in *The Oxford Dictionary of Civil War Quotations*, edited by John D. Wright)

“In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! The shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls.”

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