



The Indiana Legion



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA * JACK SHAW, COMMANDER

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NATIONAL INFORMATION:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN DEATH DAY OBSERVANCE – APRIL 18

The 53rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS), will be observed on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 AM CDT and will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon. A ceremony commemorating the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, sponsored by the Department of Illinois, SUVCW, will be held near Petersburg, Illinois at 3:00 PM.

The headquarters hotel for the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony will be the State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street in Springfield. The room rate is \$96.99 for a single or double standard guest room and \$109.99 for a deluxe suite for those attending the ceremony. A complete breakfast buffet is included with these special room rates. Call (217) 528-5100 to make your reservation and mention **Sons of Union Veterans** when making the reservation. Reservations should be made by March 19, 2009 after which the blocked rooms will be released and the room rate increases to the hotels current rack rate.

The luncheon following the Lincoln Ceremony will be held at the “Inn at 835” at 12:00 noon CDT. The Inn is located at 835 South Second Street, about four blocks south of Adams Street. The State House Inn is located at the intersection of Adams Street and First Street. Second Street is about one half block east of the State House Inn. The cost of the Luncheon will be \$25.00 per person. The luncheon speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Max Daniels, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln presenters.

A ceremony commemorating the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at the site of Dr. Benjamin Stephenson’s grave in Rose Hill Cemetery located near Petersburg, Illinois. The ceremony will be held at 3:00 PM CDT. The cemetery is located on Illinois highway 123 on the east side of town. Take Illinois highway 29 north from Springfield to highway 123 and turn west. The cemetery will be on the left side of highway 123 as you approach Petersburg. Maps and directions will be available at the State House Inn and the luncheon. Sons of Veterans Reserve units, MOLLUS Companions, and the public are invited to attend this second ceremony.

The SUVCW and MOLLUS Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committees had hoped to include an Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Ball in conjunction with the ceremony in 2009. The purpose of including a ball would be to raise money to benefit the upkeep of the Lincoln Tomb. However, due to the economic situation, it became apparent that participation would be limited by the ability of participants to support additional costs related to a ball this year. Although the ball will not be held in 2009, the committees are committed to holding an Abraham Lincoln Memorial Ball in the future.

Additional information may be obtained by logging on the SUVCW web site at www.suvcw.org, contacting Alan Loomis at arlsuvcw@aol.com, 219-464-1332.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM, Saturday, June 6, at IU Kokomo. This will be the 123rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Indiana SUVCW and the 61st Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Directions for Indiana University Kokomo: From any direction take US 31 to Lincoln. 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 be near the cafeteria.



123rd Annual Encampment Department of Indiana
& 61th Memorial Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Registration Form

Indiana University Kokomo, Saturday June 6, 2009

Deadline No Later Than 15 May !

Pre-Registration	\$5.00	
Lunch	\$13.00	
Total		

Wives & guest are welcome at the luncheon.

Make checks payable to **DUVCW**

Send checks to Lee Ann Teller, 3003 Lamplighter Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902-8125

Name: _____ Camp # _____

Guest: _____

LINCOLN DAY BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY, LINCOLN BOYHOOD NATIONAL MEMORIAL:

Submitted by Alan Teller and Department Commander Jack Shaw

We gathered in southern Indiana for the annual Lincoln Day Celebration at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, LBNM. In 2009, the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, they decided to hold the event on his actual birthday even though it fell on a Thursday. No one knew what that would do to the size of the crowd. It was overwhelming. There were not enough seats. They packed the halls and the courtyard. I heard estimations of over 300. Parking began as soon as you turned off IN 162 into the park, 45 minutes before the ceremony began. Twelve SVR members attended in uniform, Mike Beck, Brad Rainier, Bruce Kolb, Andy Kolb, Larry Myer, Garry Walls, Gib Young, Eric Fricke, Mike Downs, Dennis Hutchinson, Don Morgan, and Alan Teller. Two SUVCW members attended in civilian dress, Tim Beckman, Harrison Camp

Commander, and Jack Shaw, Department Commander. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, were represented by Barbara Stone, Department President, and Lee Ann Teller, PDP.

The ceremony started promptly at 2:00 p.m., with a musical prelude by the Red Bank Reunion Band. The SVR presented and retired the colors with all members participating. Superintendent Mike Capps led in the pledge of allegiance and the audience sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Mark Messmore, of Jasper, led everyone in prayer and Mike Capps welcomed everyone to the Lincoln Boyhood Home. Keynote speaker, Dr. James Madison, gave a stirring account of Lincoln in Indiana. He professed after 14 years of living in Indiana, Abe Lincoln was, indeed, a Hoosier. After the address by Dr. Madison, the audience sang America the Beautiful and was dismissed to the courtyard to commence the procession to the wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Nancy Lincoln. A more beautiful day, we couldn't have wished for, as the SVR lead the procession through 63 degree, sunny weather up the hill to the resting place of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of our nation's greatest President. The SUVCW presented a wreath from Harrison Camp, Somers Camp, Porter Camp, and the Department of Indiana. The DUVCW presented wreaths for the Department of Indiana and Marinda B. Dye Tent #17.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed cookies, cake and coffee. There were several tables of goods for sale besides the normal LBNM items. A special postage, First Day Covers, was offered with the new Lincoln stamps issues and postmarked that day, February 12, 2009. It was and is a great event for the SUVCW and the SVR to participate in. We get a lot of exposure with the local news media and in talking to interested individuals.



Department Commander Jack Shaw



SVR Standing Guard

INDIANA SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CHILDRENS HOME

Submitted by Department Commander Jack Shaw

During the Midwinter Encampment, the main topic of discussion was the tentative closing of the ISSCH, in Knightstown. Brother Ed Krieser has authored a resolution, similar to the American Legion Resolution. It was ratified and signed by our Department Commander at the Midwinter Encampment to suspend the closing of the Home. A committee was formed to oversee any progress being made in the battle and offer any ideas or aid in any way to those fighting the fight. The ISSCH Committee is, as follows: Ed Krieser (American Legion contact), Bruce Kolb (familiar with Deed of Conveyance), Matt Elkin, (Legal) and John Bowyer (local area resident and member of Harrison Camp).

On February 13th, Department Commander Jack Shaw, his wife Billie Jean, and Brother John Bowyer of the Ben Harrison Camp, met with two officers of the ISSCH

Alumni: Corresponding Secretary Pat Towne, of Danville, IN and President Diana Bossingham of Indianapolis. The ladies graciously gave us a complete tour of the facility and visited with us into the afternoon. We also had a chance to visit with Principal Patrick Kevin Porter and left Knightstown with a cornucopia of knowledge about the home and the viable part it plays in educating and providing a good home and environment for today's children with special needs. As most of you know, the Children's home in Knightstown is scheduled to close at the end of the school year and currently, there is a tremendous outcry to keep the school open so it can continue to provide an option for troubled children that have a tough time in public schools, come from dysfunctional families, have been abandoned or orphaned, or are the children of military parents that may have been deployed to serve and protect our homeland.

The ISSCH is currently funded by the Indiana Board of Health, administered by Dr. Judith Monroe, who would like to cut this facility from their budget, without actually considering the success of the Children's home and the future of the boys and girls who live and study at ISSCH. She believes that the ISSCH is a broken model that cannot function in this century. After visiting the ISSCH, talking to the students of Morton Memorial, the Principal, and its Alumni, I believe this facility should be the model of education for the 21st century!



the oldest building on campus



chapel window



plaque above entrance

CAMP BY-LAWS

Submitted by Alan Teller

I would recommend everyone go to www.suvew.org and read General Order #7 dated 21 February 2009. The date is important, because it is a revised General Order #7. Basically, it says we cannot accept Junior or Junior Associate Members into the order until our Camp and Department Bylaws are changed and approved. I do not have a copy of Benton Camp Bylaws, and thus will be addressing all other Camps. However, Benton Camp is not exempted from General Order #7. The Camp Bylaws are unclear. They follow the outline of the Department Bylaws. They specifically accept Juniors and Associates, but do not mention Junior Associates and then say something similar to all other classes and criteria for membership shall follow the guidelines specified in the Constitution and Regulations.

Let's start by addressing what the Department will be voting on at the 2009 Annual Encampment to address General Order #7. Our current Bylaws state:

Article III

Membership

Sec. 1. Associates will be permitted in the Indiana Department and the Camps within the same.

Sec. 2. Juniors will be permitted in the Indiana Department and the Camps within the same.

Sec. 3. All members of the Indiana Department shall belong to a Camp of their choice or be assigned to the nearest Camp, if the brother does not choose a Camp.

Sec. 4. All other membership classes and criteria for membership shall follow the guidelines specified in the Constitution and Regulations.

The proposed change will be:

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Sec. 1. All membership classes and criteria for membership shall follow the guidelines specified in the National Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

Sec. 2. All members of the Indiana Department shall belong to a Camp of their choice or be assigned to the nearest Camp, if the brother does not choose a Camp. At-Large Members are not allowed in the Department of Indiana.

You may choose to use Section 1 as a guideline. (Only the Department has the option to exclude At-Large Members.) You may also wish to wait until after the Indiana Department Encampment, June 6, 2009 to take action at the Camp level. However, no Junior or Associate Junior can be voted into the Camp until after the Department and Camp Bylaws have been changed, voted on, and approved by appropriate channels, Department Commander for Camps and Commander-in-Chief for the Department.

CAMP INFORMATION:

ORLANDO A. SOMERS CAMP, NO. 1

Information submitted was included under Department Information.

COL. WILLIAM H. LINK CAMP #12

No report submitted by this camp.

CHAMPION HILL CAMP #17

TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Brothers of the Department of Indiana SUVCW are invited to join members of Champion Hill, Camp 17 for a Tribute to Abraham Lincoln on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Deco Ballroom of the La Fontaine Center in downtown Huntington, 208 State St. (one block west of the courthouse). Monte Davis will provide a sit down dinner of tossed salad, baked ham or chicken parmesan, baked potato, roll, assorted pies, iced tea, coffee or water. Past Camp Commander will provide a commentary on the year 1864 by Archie

Lintz. The Huntington North High School Show Choir will provide a musical tribute. (This choir, under the direction of John Wenning has been a national award-winning choir for twenty years. The cost for the evening is \$17 per person.

Seating is Limited, the seating capacity of 100 will be filled in order of payment/reservation. Make out your check to Champion Hill, Camp 17, SUVCW. Send it to either Gib Young, 1352 Etna Ave., Huntington, IN 46750 or Paul Kiningham, 379 Aaron Corner, Roanoke, IN 46783. Please indicate at the time of your reservation whether you wish to have a baked ham dinner or chicken parmesan dinner. If you have any questions, feel free to call 260-356-1000 (day) or email gib.young.byq8@statefarm.com.

WILLIAM P. BENTON CAMP #28

FINAL MUSTER

Camp Commander Raphael Moak died on Sunday morning, December 21, 2008. He was a member of the SUVCW, Old Trails Rifle and Pistol Club, lifetime member of NRA and chairman of the NRA Banquet for 12 years, and a volunteer at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. He will be greatly missed.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

Submitted by Dennis Rigsby



In early 2007, the Wayne Co. Veterans Council received permission to build a new “Veterans Park” in the Whitewater River Gorge in Richmond, IN.

The Veterans Council advised that there would be separate memorials in this new park for all past major conflicts and asked the William P. Benton camp if they would like to plan and construct the “Civil War” memorial. The members of the Benton Camp enthusiastically adopted this project as there was no “Civil War” memorial anywhere in Wayne Co. at that time.

The memorial is a $\frac{3}{4}$ scale 3-inch parrot rifle set in a reinforced concrete base. The cannon barrel was cast at the “Hern Iron Works” in Coeur-D-Alane, Idaho and weighs approx. 600 lbs. The camp members can vouch for every pound as they helped hand carry the barrel to the base and set it in place. The hand carry was necessary due to the decorative brick around the memorial would not tolerate vehicle weight.

The new Civil War monument was dedicated on Veterans Day 2008 (11-11-08). After the camp participated in Wayne County's first Veterans Day parade and ceremony at the Richmond, IN Freedom Fountain. The public was invited to adjourn to the new Veterans Park to witness the dedication of the Civil War monument.

DAVID D. PORTER CAMP #116

No report submitted from this camp.

BEN HARRISON CAMP #356

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

New Ben Harrison camp officers were elected on November 8, 2008 and installed on December 13, 2008, by Bruce Kolb (PDC and PCC). The 2009 elected camp officers are as follows: Tim Beckman (Commander), Garry Walls (Senior Vice Commander), Mike Tomey (Junior Vice Commander), Jerry Thompson (Secretary), Graham Morey (Treasurer), Mike Beck PCC (Council), Bruce Kolb (Council), and David Wiley (Council).



Left to right: Jerry Thompson, Mike Tomey, Mike Beck, Tim Beckman, Graham Morey, and Garry Walls.

ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

Six camp members attended the Mid-Winter Encampment at the Huntington, IN Courthouse G.A.R. room on January 24, 2009. Seven camp members attended the Lincoln Day ceremony and wreath laying at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, IN, on February 12, 2009.



Ben Harrison Camp Commander Tim Beckman presenting wreath at Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, February 12, 2009 (picture courtesy of Daryl Lovell)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9, 2009 – Ben Harrison Camp Annual Cemetery Cleanup, 9:00 AM
Hilldale Cemetery, Martinsville, Morgan County

May 16-17, 2009 – Information Booth at Conner Prairie Civil War Days, Fishers

May 25, 2009 – Ben Harrison Camp Memorial Day Ceremony, 11:00 A.M. Crown Hill
Ceremony, Indianapolis. Meet at the Old Entrance, 34th Street and Boulevard Place

June 6, 2009 – 123rd Annual Encampment, SUVCW Dept. of Indiana
Indiana University, Kokomo Campus

June 27, 2009 – Pvt. Corydon W. Cook's Gravestone Rededication, 10:00 AM
IOOF/Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, Cass County

FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your editor. I have been honored to provide a record of how you are honoring your Civil War ancestors. I am leaving this position to spend more time researching our family Civil War ancestors for future books. My current focus is on the 8th Indiana Infantry (both 3 month and 3 year regiments). If you find any information about this regiment or see a grave for one of the men, please don't hesitate to contact me at jkt60@att.net. I hope to also include biographies and photos of the men and their graves with their regimental history in my book.

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.

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

“The actual soldier of 1861-65, North and South, with all his ways, his incredible dauntlessness, habits, practices, tastes, language, his fierce friendship, his appetite, rankness, his superb strength and animality, lawless gait, and a hundred unnamed lights and shades of camp, I say, will never be written.”

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