

# 2021 National Encampment Medals & Coin Set order form



*The 2021 Medal & Coin set commemorates the Bicentennial of Missouri's statehood. It is \$35.00. The Allied Orders Medal is the first time multiple Allied Orders are featured on the same medal. It is \$15.00. All are made of antique brass.*



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Description	Price	Qty.	Total
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Shipping for medals: 1- \$5.00, 2-6 \$8.00			
	<b>Sub Total</b>		
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**TOUR REGISTRATION**  
**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic**  
**August 5, 2021**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPOUSE OR OTHER GUEST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

All tours include transportation in a tour bus (not a school bus) and lunch. Check out <https://www.suvcwmo.org/2021-national-encampment.html> for tour details.

- # \_\_\_\_\_ Signing up for **Tour 1: Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks**  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Signing up for **Tour 2: Daniel & Morgan Boone Home & Montelle Winery**  
 (Tasting and purchasing of wine is at your own expense)  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Signing up for **Tour 3: National Museum of Transportation**

Lunches: Choose for each person signing up one from each column.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Column 1</b>                       | <b>Column 2</b>      |
| # _____ Ham on French Bread           | # _____ Pototo Salad |
| # _____ Turkey on French Bread        | # _____ Pasta Salad  |
| # _____ Roast Beach on French Bread   | # _____ Coleslaw     |
| # _____ Chicken Salad on French Bread |                      |

Meals include chips bag and a chocolate chip cookie. Soda and Water also provided during trip.

# TOURS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make out check to "Department of Missouri - SUVCW and mail to  
 Walt Busch  
 1240 Konert Valley Dr  
 Fenton, MO 63026

Questions? [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)

**ALL TOUR REQUESTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 12, 2021!**

**TOUR INFORMATION**

Tour 1: Missouri Civil War Museum began with several members of the US Grant Camp 68, SUVCW. It has since taken on its own form and is a premier stop in the state with some excellent displays. Based in Jefferson Barracks, we will stop for lunch and provide a lunchtime video. Afterwards you will continue your tour of the museum. <https://mcwm.org>

Tour 2: Stop at the award winning Montelle Winery, You can buy additional cheeses, crackers, etc for lunch and sample wines (\$10 for 5 one ounce pours). Then we visit Daniel Boone's final home, when he was a judge and military commander for the Spanish government. Besides the house tours, you can sit at the pavilion and eat lunch and also walk a circular path around a recreated village. [www.montelle.com](http://www.montelle.com)  
[www.sccmo.org/1701/The-Historic-Daniel-Boone-Home](http://www.sccmo.org/1701/The-Historic-Daniel-Boone-Home)

Tour 3: Planes, Trains & Automobiles! The National Museum of Transportation Here you will have a self-guided tour and eat lunch at the pavilion. A great stop for train buffs. <https://tnmot.org>

**2021 National Encampment Official Program Book**  
**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic**

Show your pride in being a Son, Daughter, or Family member of a Union Veteran by buying an ad in the National Encampment Official Program Book. Show pride in your ancestor, your camp, your department, SVR Unit, auxiliary, tent or circle. Advertise your camp's or department's official merchandise. Express congratulations to the Commander-in-Chief and National Presidents. Send greetings to the attendees at the 2021 National Encampment.

**Encampment Book will be 8 1/2" x 11" format. While final book may change, we are planning a bound edition and for that reason we have an earlier deadline.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Full Page \$40    Half Page \$25    Quarter Page \$15**

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Walt Busch [wbusch@suvcwmo.org](mailto:wbusch@suvcwmo.org)

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"Department of Missouri SUVCW"

2021 National Encampment Program Book  
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 Fenton, MO 63026

Your order must be in prior to July 1, 2021.

**Saturday Evening Banquet Registration**  
**Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic**  
**August 7, 2021**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 SPOUSE &/OR OTHER GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

**Appetizer**  
**Pre-tossed Caesar Salad with Romaine, Garlic Croutons, Shaved Parmesan, Rolls & Butter**

**Entrée Choices**  
**All Entrées come with Chef's selection of potato and seasonal vegetable**

- # \_\_\_\_\_ Sautéed Chicken Breasts with Picatta Sauce  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Brisket with Mushroom Bordelaise  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera with Alfredo Sauce

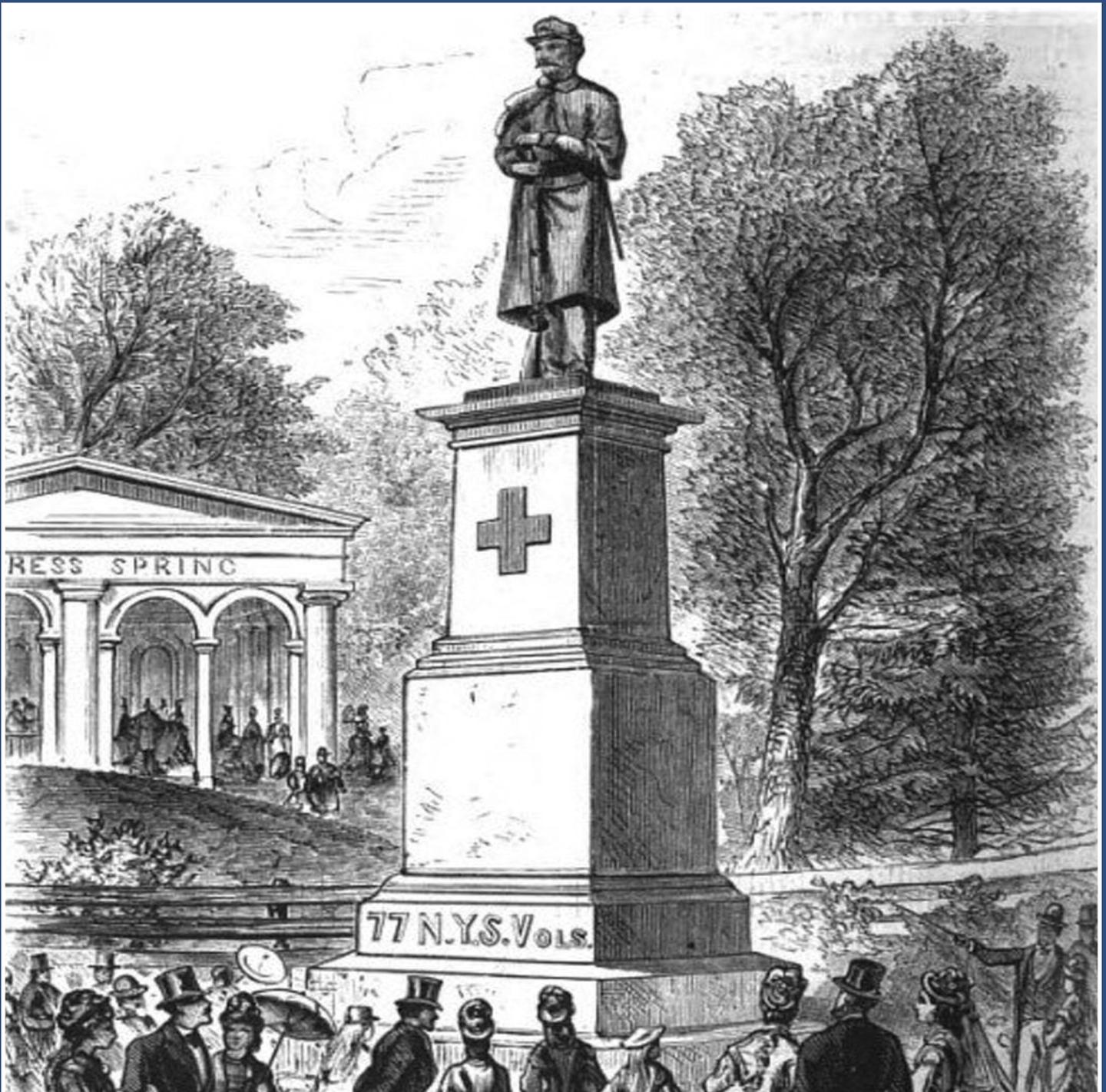
**Dessert & Refreshments**  
**Chef's Homemade Bread Pudding with Bourbon Glaze; Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Hot Tea, Ice Tea and Water.**

# DINNERS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 MEAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*77TH NEW YORK MONUMENT*

# ON THE ROAD WITH THE CINC



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*On The Cover: Monument to the 77th New York Volunteer Infantry located in Congress Park in Sarasota Springs, NY. This drawing appeared in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper on October 16, 1875. See Article on Page 6.*



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**GENERAL ORDER #9**

Reports the passing of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier on December 16, 2020.

**GENERAL ORDER #10**

Reports the passing of Lucille Streeter, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps on January 16, 2021.

**GENERAL ORDER #11**

Upon the resignation of Don Darby, PCinC as National Counselor, appoints Mark R. Day, PCinC as National Counselor.

**GENERAL ORDER #12**

The name "Sons of Union Veterans" and the acronym "S.U.V." shall be added to the official list of badges, emblems, seals, coat-of-arms and/or other symbols of our Order that must be authorized or licensed for use or reproduction.

**GENERAL ORDER #13**

All Camps and/or Departments owning real estate property which accommodates public access or events are required to have liability insurance for the property in accordance with their state's regulatory requirements.

**GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.**

Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.

**INTRODUCING A FULLY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE FUNDRAISING  
OPPORTUNITY FOR SUVCW DEPARTMENTS AND CAMPS**

We are unveiling a fundraising opportunity developed by the SUVCW National Treasurer Michael Beard. This fundraiser is for SUVCW Department and Camp use only, it has been stated that Department's and Camp's may collect donations to cover the costs of approved projects that fall into line with the SUVCW mission statement. Forms need to be developed for the submission and approval process. Once done, a Department or Camp may fill out the proper form to submit to the National Committee on Fundraising for their review and approval. Once approved said Department or Camp will be assigned a Project ID# and may solicit fully tax-deductible donations to that project. These donations would be made payable to the National SUVCW and the Project ID# would need to be listed in the "memo" section or "for the use of" section of the payment. An annual report would be required by the Department/Camp accounting for all use for that money, receipts would be required and all tax code regulations to whom can be paid from this account must be followed. Please contact the SUVCW National Treasurer at treasurer@suvcw.org for more details.



**2021 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
VENDOR TABLE ORDER FORM**

**Reservations must be received before July 25, 2021!**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) @ \$25.00 each.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU WILL BE DISPLAYING/SELLING \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
"Department of Missouri, SUVCW"**

**Mail to:  
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2021 National Encampment  
SVR Breakfast  
Registration Form  
Saturday 7 August 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SVR Unit or Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Number of seats required \_\_\_\_\_ X \$21.00 per person

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations and Payment MUST be received by 1 August 2021**

**PLATED Serving of eggs, potatoes, bread, coffee, tea**

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Make Check payable to TAG-SVR

Return this form and payment to

Colonel Donald E. Darby  
Adjutant General, SVR  
1382 Western Ave.  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

**2020 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP # \_\_\_\_\_

Current/Highest Past Office (Check One Only!)

- CinC                       PCinC                       Dept Cmdr
- Past Dept Cmdr                       Delegate                       Alternate
- National Elected Officer (if no honors listed above)

If under 18 years old, check must be by parent/guardian

**Complete with check or money order (no cash) for \$10.00 made out to National  
Organization, SUVCW and mail to:**

**Joseph Hall  
98 Mendon St  
Blackstone, MA 01504**

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials Card, which is required to complete  
your registration at the Encampment. You will not be able to register at the Encampment  
without a completed Credentials Card from your Department Secretary.

Pre-registration will be acknowledged by e-mail only and not individually. Questions?  
[jhall46646@aol.com](mailto:jhall46646@aol.com)

**Pre-Registration deadline is 17 July 2021**



## MONUMENT TO THE 77TH NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS TO RISE AGAIN

Col. George L. Willard Camp No. 154, Albany, NY SUVCW



*Photo of the damaged monument courtesy of the Daily Gazette, Schenectady, NY, Used with Permission.*

Early Thursday morning, July 16th, 2020 the soldier monument dedicated to the 77th New York Volunteer Infantry (NYVI) was found smashed into pieces by officers on foot patrol. In a year full of similar incidents throughout the country, Congress Park in Saratoga Springs, NY found itself in the news. The park was also the target of vandalism in the earlier part of the week. The recently restored decorative staircase, the Katrina Trask Gateway, was spray painted with red paint.

Various news outlets showed photographs of pieces of the statue scattered about the base. Immediately, the local camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Col. G. L. Willard Camp 154, started a GoFundMe Page to help with rehabilitation of the statue and the site. With the help of local television and

print media, word of the fundraising effort quickly went through the community. Donations, large and small, began to come in at a good pace to both the GoFundMe Page and directly to the Camp.

The monument has been a familiar sight in Saratoga Spring since it was dedicated to the 77th NYVI, The Saratoga Brigade, in 1875 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Originally it stood prominently in the center of Broadway outside the entrance of Congress Park. In the 1920s, with the advent of more frequent automobile use, and in order not to impede traffic, it was moved into the park.

The 77th NYVI was organized in Saratoga Springs and was mustered into service there in November 1861 for a period of three years. The regiment served from early actions in April and May 1862 at Yorktown and Williamsburg as part of the Peninsular Campaign. Their service continued throughout the entire war with actions seen at Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness Campaign, and right up to Appomattox in April 1865. They were mustered out June 27, 1865.

The local community along with many others in New York and elsewhere donated over \$8900 in recognition of that service. Currently, there are approximately \$5000 more in donations that are pending or received. We especially appreciate the support and donations made by many fellow Brothers and Sisters representing their camps from across the country. A special thank you to the Elias Moon Camp #2, Kennesaw Mtn Camp #3, and E. Wallace Camp #21 of the Department of GA/SC for their generous donation.

As owners of the monument, the City of Saratoga Springs Department of Public Works is leading this restoration project and luckily insurance will help to pay for a significant amount of what needs to be done. In addition to replacing the broken portions of the monument, there are additional actions needed to restore the monument and protect it from future damage. As discussed in meetings with Commissioner of Public Works, key items for the future will include security cameras and a monitoring system that sends video to a station that is monitored 24 hours/day. Additional work will be done to clean the granite base and memorial plaque, and effect repair to the concrete slab supporting the structure. It is hoped that landscaping involving a stone garden will be used to enhance the area immediately surrounding the statue. The funds we have raised have been put at the disposal of the City for needs associated with the statue and the monument site.

The Willard Camp is proud of the response from the public and appreciates all those who have helped us with this project. We are pleased to know that this meaningful and significant monument will be restored with landscaping that makes it even more beautiful. It is our sincere hope that the new security system and strategic landscaping will be a deterrent to possible future attempts to damage the statue.



*Photo of the monument in the traffic circle from the Library of Congress*

**James Lewis Orebaugh, PCC**  
Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 (Oklahoma)  
12/18/2020

**Jon Nicholas Austin**  
Col John Bryner Camp #67 (Illinois)  
11/24/2020

**Michael Dell Peebles**  
Henry C Veatch Camp #30 (California)  
11/23/2020

**Donald L Roussin, Sr.**  
Gen Thomas C Fletcher Camp #47 (Missouri)  
1/2/2021

**Gary Dean Tucker, Sr**  
Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 (Oklahoma)  
1/1/2021

**William G. Hutchinson**  
Garfield Camp #4 (New Jersey)  
10/22/2020

**Roger Lewis Knigge**  
John McClenard Camp #4 (Illinois)  
1/7/2021

**Bernard Sonnonblick**  
Gen Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 (Florida)  
5/22/2017

**Edwin A Ehlers, Jr.**  
Gen Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 (Florida)  
5/12/2017

**Steven G. Pinney**  
Gen Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 (Florida)  
8/29/2019

**John Richard DeVire**  
Col George L Willard Camp #154 (New York)  
12/23/2020

**Glenn Dwayne Kiecker**  
Col William Colvill Camp #56 (Wisconsin)  
1/5/2021

**Howard Edmund Byrne, Jr**  
Robert Finch Camp #14 (Michigan)  
12/27/2020

**James B. Norlem, Prof.**  
Col. William Colvill Camp #56 (Wisconsin)  
10/31/2020

**Charles H Gee**  
Moses A Baldwin Camp #544 (New York)  
4/18/2020

**Daniel M Bunnell, PDC**  
Phil Sheridan Camp #4 (California)  
8/20/2020

**Leland Thompson Henry, Jr**  
Davis \* Camp (Pennsylvania)  
10/14/2020

**Kerry John Calba**  
Old Abe Camp #8 (Wisconsin)  
5/13/2020

**Verle Lee Olson**  
Charter Member of Franklin Camp #5 (Kansas)  
11/12/2020

**John Mack McCoin**  
Sgt. Samuel J Churchill Camp #4 (Kansas)  
1/12/2021

**John Hardin Chance**  
Columbia Tigers Camp #432 (Missouri)  
2/12/2021

**Wayne Thomas Nighbert, Sr PCC**  
Life Member 759  
Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp #4 (Kansas)  
11/2/2020

**Stuart Haskell Chambers, Department Commander**  
Bay State Camp #61 (Massachusetts)  
2/3/2021

**Stephen R Hill**  
Gen Benjamin D Fearing Camp #2 (Ohio)  
2/1/2021

**Kenneth J Seger**  
Gov Henry Crapo Camp #145 (Michigan)  
12/12/2020

**Carl Daggett Smith, II PCC**  
Indian Nations Camp #3 (Oklahoma)  
1/9/2021

**Richard Davis Raver**  
Gen George Stoneman Jr. Camp #18 (California)  
1/29/2021

**Warren P Parks, PCC**  
Seven Shays Camp #7 (Pennsylvania)  
6/18/2020

**Ralph Garman Kent, Jr**  
Gettysburg Camp #112 (Pennsylvania)  
2/14/2021

**James Norman Laursen, Sr**  
Gen U S Grant Camp #3 (Southwest)  
11/11/2020

**William H Carshaw Jr**  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26 (New York)  
8/16/2018

**Robert John Comeford**  
National Member at Large  
4/22/2019

**David L McCormack**  
Gen U S Grant Camp #3 (Southwest)  
12/25/2020

**John Mohan Huff**  
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 (New York)  
5/7/2020

**Louis E Cuyler, PCC**  
Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 (Michigan)  
1/19/2021

**William Edward Neal**  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 (Chesapeake)  
3/9/2021

**Phillip J Soyring, Sr**  
Sydney Camp #41 (New York)  
3/3/2021

**Richard Bender Abell, PCC**  
Life Member 163  
Lincoln-Cushing Camp #3 (Chesapeake)  
11/21/2019

**Roy Eugene Cameron**  
Life Member 766  
William B Keith Camp #12 (California)  
11/2/2020

**Richard O Bower**  
Sgt John S Cosby Camp #427 (Michigan)  
3/6/2021

**John M Shoemaker**  
Gen Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 (Michigan)  
11/14/2020

# VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers,

Over the past year we as an order have been given trials and tribulations the likes we have never seen. It is easy, in difficult times, to look internally and to find something, or someone, to find issue with and to lash out. It is more important to remember the words President Lincoln said during his failed attempt to run for U.S. Senate in 1858 "A house divided against itself cannot stand". These words have never been more true during this time as we see friends, families and even Brothers of the Order fighting each other over a various number of topics.

As members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War we are all passionate about how to memorialize those brave men who fought to preserve the Union. We must remember that we all have valid ideas to bring to the table and that we need to be able to listen to all ideas. This also means we need to be able to listen to counter proposals or tweaks to our own ideas and realize that they are not coming from a place of hatred or contempt, but rather a place of betterment. As I was told growing up, the only stupid idea or question is the unspoken one.

This thought process goes hand in hand with issues we come across in our day-to-day life. Whether it be work, school or community issues, we need to be able to feel confident that we can speak our mind as well as be able to listen to those whose views and values are not the same as ours. No one person has an answer to all the world's problems, being able to listen to each other is vital to being able to move forward. On the flip side of this, we need to be able to be approachable when we our making our propositions and pushing our ideas. If a person does not feel as if they can present their counter ideas, the situation cannot proceed forward. In other words, we need to work together to move forward.

The idea of working together and being able to proceed forward and make this Country, our states, our towns, our neighborhoods, and our Order better is one of the biggest virtues of Patriotism. We must not sit complacent, we must always strive to be better, but we must work together to do so. As historians we must always remember there are always three versions of the truth, what I said happened, what You said happened and what actually happened, this is no different with trying to find solutions to issues at hand, whether that issue is how to raise a head stone, teach a class or plan a food drive. Work together, Brothers, and we will succeed in our mission and in doing so our Order and our Country will flourish.

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,  
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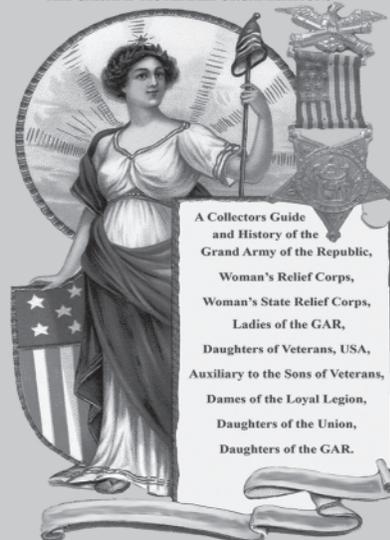
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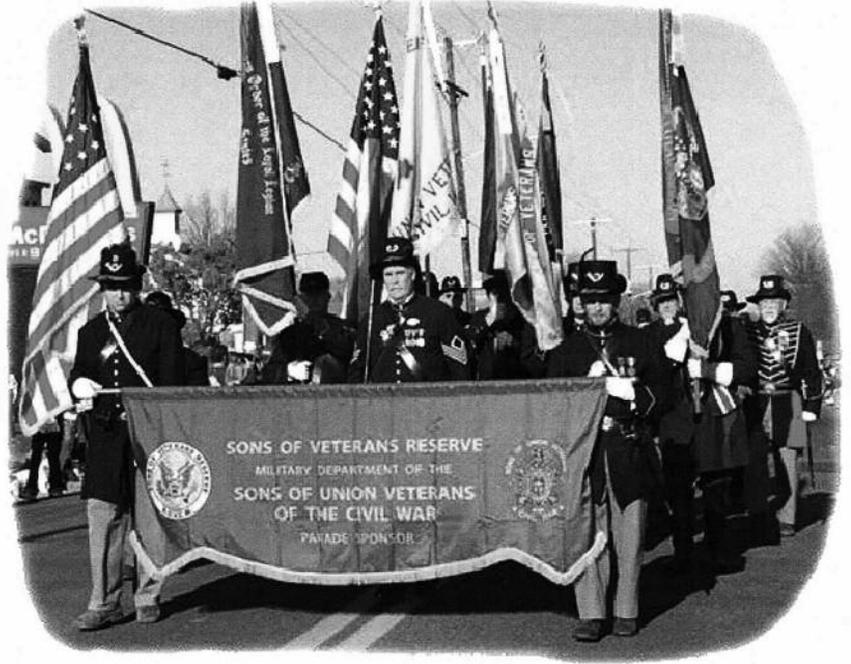
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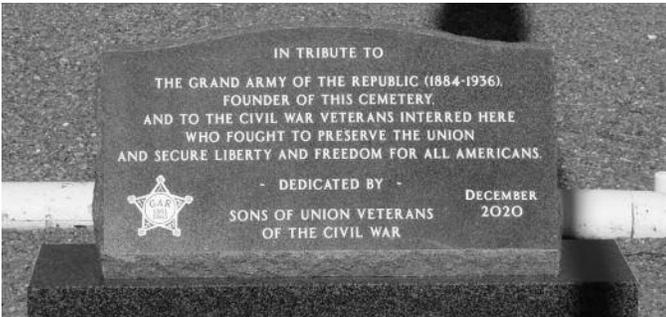


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## CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

On December 17, 2020, members of Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 of Reno, Nevada, erected a monument paying tribute the G.A.R. at the General O.M. Mitchel Post 69 Cemetery. Earlier, a concrete base with a hole for a time capsule had been poured. With help from the Hillside Cemetery Preservation Foundation, two very heavy granite blocks were placed over the time capsule on a damp, cloudy, 40-degree day. Two days later, the monument was dedicated with several dozen members of the public, mostly from the American Legion, present. The event included the unveiling, presentation the cemetery history, Camp 25 brothers announcing their Civil War ancestors at the monument, and a three-gun salute.

A member of the Johana Shine Tent 96, DUVCW, was also present.



## GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

When news broke last summer that the 145 year-old monument to the 77th New York Infantry in Saratoga Springs, New York had been pulled down and destroyed by vandals, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina did not hesitate to come to the aid of New York's Col. George L. Willard Camp #154 in their restoration efforts. The Elias Moon Camp #2 and various individuals within it made a contribution of \$300, along with contributions from the Kennesaw Mountain Camps # 3 and the Edward Wallace #21 for a total of \$500. The good news is that this spring the monument will be restored, and back better than ever, with a solid core to prevent it being fragmented again, and security cameras to stand guard.

## ILLINOIS



Our Chicago area camps celebrated a postponed Presidents Day honoring George Washington & Abraham Lincoln. The celebration was hosted by Geo. A. Custer Camp #1. Invocation, posting of colors and Pledge of Allegiance began the day. Guests included brothers of the General Philip H. Sheridan Camp #2 and Old Glory Camp #6165. Also in attendance were members of the Chicago Light Artillery with their 3" Ordnance piece. They rendered a three volley cannon salute at the conclusion of the program with retiring of colors and benediction.



General George A. Custer Camps #1, Old Glory Camp #6165, SVR Unit Battery "L", 1st Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery and the Chicago Light Artillery, Battery "A" with the colors at Rosehill Cemetery.



Old Glory Camp 6165 assisted in the placement of wreaths on Saturday, December 19th at Union Ridge Cemetery, Chicago. Local organizations included Wreaths Across America, veteran's groups, Knights of Columbus, and scout units.

## INDIANA

Brothers of the Olando A. Somers Camp #1 at their February 20, 2021 Camp Meeting in Kokomo, where they initiated a new brother.



## IOWA

On Saturday 19 DEC 2020, Brothers of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 participated in the Wreaths Across America program at Historic Woodland Cemetery in Des

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Moines, Iowa. The event was covered by both the local newspaper and the local television stations.



## KANSAS

Humboldt Camp No. 9, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War had their January meeting on Thursday January 21st to install the new officers of the Camp by the Department Commander.



Old Abe Camp #16 in Topeka Kansas has spent 7 workdays in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery Cleaning and resetting 21 headstones. After cleaning and resetting the stone of John Sanderson, Co. K 58th Ohio Inf., we discovered that he was one of the few survivors of the Sultana disaster.



## KENTUCKY

The Department of Kentucky purchased and donated eleven wreaths to place on the eleven verified Civil War graves. On Saturday morning, December 19, Brothers attended the Wreaths Across America event at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville



to lay the wreaths on the graves of the Civil War veterans laid to rest at the cemetery. Organizers had to limit the number of people attending due to the pandemic, but since the SUVCW is an organization which honors veterans, we were fortunately able to attend. Three more Civil War graves were discovered and additional wreaths were quickly donated to place on their graves.

The Kentucky Department's first Operation Hardtack had been deemed a great success by Kentucky Dept. Commander Chris Workman. Although Operation Hardtack came together rather quickly, the brothers of the Kentucky Dept. saw the value of this project and responded to the call for donations.



Operation Hardtack asked the members of the Kentucky Dept. to donate non-store specific gift cards to be used to help alleviate hunger in the Bluegrass State. The Dept. was able to raise \$395.00 in gift cards, which we donated to the Veterans Village in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Officials with the Kentucky Dept. hope that Operation Hardtack could become a model for other Departments to use as a project during the Christmas season.

## LONDON, ENGLAND CAMP

Our Commander-in-Chief recently had the pleasure of attending the virtual meeting of Ensign John Davis Camp #10, located in the United Kingdom, where he installed their officers. The Camp is very active, motivated and engaged and is a credit to the SUVCW.



The most recent two shipments of VA-provided headstones have been assessed a VAT of £150-200 (abt \$200-300). Although the cost is zero to the applicant, UK Customs has taxed them at the insured value. The Camp has contacted the US Embassy to address this.

Three new Civil War veteran graves have been recently

discovered, along with identifying eight Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in the U.K.

The Camp is in the planning stages to honor BG Charles Havelock, who served in the US Army during the Civil War and in the British Army.

The Camp is working with the UK government to have the statue of Abraham Lincoln in London designated as the official National Monument of British subjects who fought for the Union in the Civil War. The Camp has received support from Royal Parks, but the project is on hold due to Covid.

The Camp is in the very early stages of exploring the establishment of 2 or 3 additional Camps in the UK, as well as bringing in members from other Commonwealth nations into their Camp.

## NEBRASKA

On Saturday December 19, 2020, members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2 and James Welstead Camp #3 of the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas laid wreaths for the Civil War soldiers buried in the GAR circle at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln Nebraska. Over 200 wreaths were placed in remembrance. Pictured by the members is a monument to General John M. Thayer who commanded the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at the Battle of Shiloh in April 1862.



Members of the Nebraska Rangers SVR from Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp #2 from the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas posted guard duty in front of the Lincoln Statue depicting a pose by Lincoln after delivering the Gettysburg Address, located on the west side of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska. Monday March 4, 1861 was the day that Abraham Lincoln was first inaugurated as the 16th President. The Nebraska Rangers SVR post guard duty annually at the Lincoln statue on February 12th, which is Lincoln's birthday.



## NEW YORK

On Saturday January 2, 2021, officers were installed in the David G. Caywood Camp # 146 in Ovid.



On Saturday, February 13, 2021, officers were installed with the Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 in Rochester.



## NORTH CAROLINA

Brothers of Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 sponsored Wreaths Across America at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery outside of Fort Bragg, near Spring Lake NC. The ceremony was held on December 19, 2021.



They were joined by a sister of the Ohio Tent #91 of the DUVCW and sisters of the Auxiliary. This marks 10 years of participation in laying wreaths at the Wilmington National Cemetery during Wreaths Across America.

## OHIO

On Saturday, December 19, 2020 at noon, a dozen members of Henry Casey Camp 92 conducted a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Washington Court House cemetery, placing wreaths on over 60 graves honoring military veterans. There was snow on the ground and the temperature was about 45 degrees but

several community volunteers joined in helping the camp members. Following the placement of a wreath on a grave the veterans name was announced and the veteran was thanked for his service and a salute was given by the wreath bearer



## PENNSYLVANIA

Several gathered at the gravesite of General George G. Meade to celebrate his birthday at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pa. on Thursday, December 31, 2020 and to honor him and his veterans on his 205th Anniversary. General Meade lived from December 31, 1815 until November 6, 1872. The distinguished US Army engineer and commanding General of the Army of the Potomac is best known for his critical role in defeating the insurgent Confederate Army at the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War, thus thwarting General Lee's plan to win the war with a bold attack in the North, and thereby saving the Union.



## TENNESSEE

Sultana Camp #1 from the Memphis, Tennessee with a booth at the Mid-South Military History & Civil War Show at Landers Center in Southaven, Mississippi. Photo courtesy Brothers Mark Hubbs & Joe Burns.



## TEXAS

On Saturday, November 7, 2020, Members of Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth, Camp # 18, Company K, 1st US Infantry, SVR, the North Texas Reenactment Society, the

Heritage Brass Band and descendants of the interred veterans gathered to rededicate their final resting place.

After presentation of the Colors and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the symbols of the soldier were placed. An address was given and then a firing party rendered a salute of three volleys. The colors were retired and a closing benediction was given. Throughout the program music was provided by a drummer and fife from the Heritage Brass Band.



After the program was completed a group photo was taken. GAR flag holders/markers were then installed at each grave with an American flag.

## WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee plowed new technological ground for its annual fund-raising event, creating a website for a live presentation. The event drew about 100 viewers, tuning in from as far away as Germany, Texas and Arizona.



There were weekly meetings about the many technical details for the February 6 event.

The presentation was by Trevor Steinbach, well-known Civil War medical speaker and re-enactor from Illinois. Steinbach examined illnesses in the nation and the Lincoln family.

The viewer in Germany was Angela Mayer of Ruesselsheim, about 15 minutes south of Frankfurt. "As a big Lincoln fan, I am enjoying the perks of this current situation that allows me to attend far more events since they are held online. Many greetings from across the pond," she said.

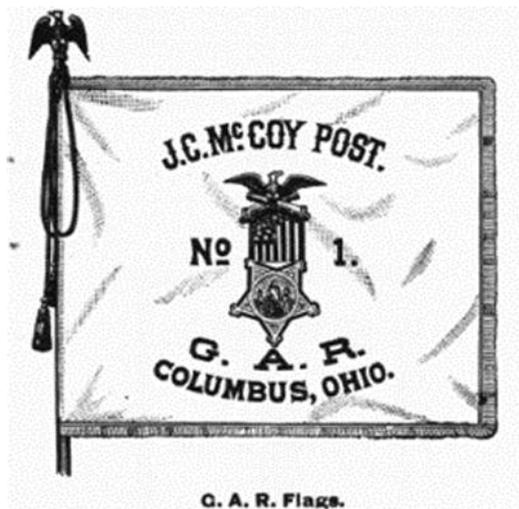
## CRAPO POST FLAG FIND

On February 23rd, the Gov. Crapo Camp was contacted by the State of Michigan's "Save the Flags" Co-Chair, Matt VanAker about a possible GAR post flag that could have belonged to the G.A.R. Gov. Crapo Post. Chartered in June of 1883, the Post itself was closed by order of the Department of Michigan in April 1937, after the death of Comrade Theodore Burden, and transferring Comrade Corydon E. Foote, to the Department-at-Large.

Two photos of the flag were included. VanAker explained that the flag had originally been purchased at a yard sale, and shortly after been purchased for \$200 by David Norris, who then contacted him. Norris is a Flint resident and historian with a Civil War ancestor, his great grandfather, Talmon C. Owen, serving in the 10th Michigan Infantry Regiment. Norris immediately understood the flag's significance and contacted VanAker. Unfortunately, there was little information to trace how the flag had ended up in the yard sale, other than it had been stored at a local Flint business for years and had been offered to someone in the yard sale family.

The flag was in such pristine condition that it was considered possibly to be a replica. The photos were forwarded to PC-in-C Keith Harrison who confirmed that it was a GAR Post flag layout. This was also confirmed through comparison with the 1887 M.C. Lilley & Co. GAR catalog, with matching dimensions and coloring. The remaining question was the type of fabric. Arrangements were made to view the flag at the Genesee Township Hall on March 10th. Besides the owner of the flag, Matt VanAker and two conservators from the "Save the Flags" program were present. Gov. Crapo Corps No. 23 WRC members, Carol Powers and Dawn Bastian, were also present and brought with them a book of "vintage materials" swatches. Based on the swatches, it was determined that the flag was silk and dated to a time period from the late 1880's to the mid-1890's.

Confirmed as genuine, the flag was immediately donated to the "Save the Flags" program, and was transferred back to Lansing, where VanAker indicated it will become part of a future display about the Grand Army of the Republic at the State of Michigan History Museum. The Gov. Crapo Camp #145 and the Gov. Crapo Corps will sponsor its conservation.





- OBITUARY -  
**LUCILLE “PEACHES” STREETER**

**JANUARY 16, 2021**

It is our sad duty to report the death of Woman’s Relief Corps Past National President Lucille “Peaches” Streeter on 16 January 2021.

PNP Streeter served as the WRC National President in 2018 during which she championed the conservation of an Indiana Civil War regimental battle flag in the GAR Memorial Museum in Springfield, Illinois. She raised sufficient funds to pay for its conservation and framing.

She was the long-time Coordinator for the Southern Memorials Project. Each and every year near Memorial Day she went to countless gravesites to lay a wreath or place flowers upon the graves of the Civil War soldiers she lovingly ALWAYS referred to as her “Boys in Blue”.. For many years she dedicated her effort to serving the WRC Department of Michigan. PNP Streeter leaves an admirable legacy of selfless service and patriotism that is a credit to the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Peaches carries a legacy of selfless service and unbroken promises to honor the memory of those who gave their all for the salvation of the Union. More information is forthcoming. Members and those in Allied Orders, please honor Peaches’ memory if you will in each of your own reverent methods.



## TRIVIA QUIZ

The Banner is trying something new – a Civil War trivia quiz. Good luck!

- 1 – What river was to Lee's back at the Battle of Antietam?
- 2 – What general, blaming tired mules and horses for inactivity, was rebuked by Lincoln – saying: "What have they done to tire out"?
- 3 – What four Border States did not secede from the Union?
- 4 – Union General B.F. Butler purchased 12 of what weapons for \$12,000
- 5 – Who told Abe Lincoln under fire, "Get down, you damn fool or you'll be killed?"
- 6 – What battle featured Taylor's Hill, Marye's Hill and Telegraph Hill?
- 7 - How old was General Winfield Scott at the outbreak of the Civil War?
- 8 – What was the last state to secede?
- 9 – Of the 27,574 muskets picked up after Gettysburg, how many were loaded (to the nearest thousand)
- 10 – In what war did both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis serve in the same regiment?



ANSWERS: 1 – The Potomac; 2 – George McClellan; 3 – Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware; 4 – Gatling Guns; 5 – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.; 6 – Frederickksburg; 7 – 75; 8 – North Carolina; 9 – 24,000; 10 – Black Hawk War.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Date: 1/31/2021

### Active Membership Count - Summary

Associate	436
Combat Zone Service	10
Junior	67
Life Member	426 [several new applications pending at this time]
Member	5,238
Real Son	2
Total:	6,179
Dual Associate	15
Dual Life Member	68
Dual Member	162
Honorary	3
Total:	248
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>6,427</b>

### Footnotes:

*Death notices processed during 2020 - 114*

*Death notices processed January 2021 - 17*

*Death notices processed January 2020 - 13*

## LIFE MEMBERS FOR 2020 - 2021

Life No.	Member	State	Life No.	Member	State
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919	Paquette SVC, Michael Armand	Chesapeake	943	Shaffer, Thomas Wayne	Wisconsin
920	Martin Sr PCinC, Donald L	Ohio	944	Fortin, Bruce Edward	Kentucky
921	Templeton, Eric Howard	Ohio	945	Kadlec, Robert J	California
922	Atterson, Mark Allen	Oklahoma	946	Hubbs, Mark Edward	Alabama
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939	Hyer, Ronald Lee	Southwest	964	Huffman Jr, John Marvin	Ohio
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One of the most important duties of every member of the Sons of Union Veterans is the proper observance of Memorial Day... the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic to honor those who have died in defense of the Union.

Since the Grand Army limited membership to actual Union veterans they realized this duty must pass onto to their sons or it would fade from memory.

Quoting our "official history" from the 1916 National Proceedings records our early roots in Memorial Day:

"It had become a practice with several posts of the GAR in Philadelphia to permit sons of comrades to join in the parade with the Posts on Memorial Day. This was in vogue in several Eastern cities, notably in Boston, Massachusetts and vicinity, where the youngsters trudged out before they were in their teens. It naturally follows that these boys ranging from 12 to 16 years old, should be organized into a tangible body.

Therefore, at a meeting of Anna M. Ross Post No.94, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, Philadelphia, PA August 27,1878, when a motion of Comrade James P. Holt, a committee was appointed to devise a means for forming a GAR Cadet Corps."

The committee consisting of Comrade Holt, Levi W Shengle, Carl Frederic, Charles Weiss and William Morgan submitted a plan on September 18th which was adopted and on October 15 presented a constitution and instructed to receive applications for membership in the Cadet Corps. "It was to be formed of the Sons of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the war of 1861-65".

Here is an example of a ribbon worn on Memorial Day 1878 at the very beginnings of the Sons of Union Veterans.

These would have been replaced by the " Sons of Veterans – GAR Cadet Corps " badge. By 1886, the "Cadet Corps" merged into Major A. P. Davis Pittsburgh based Sons of Veterans of the United States, which is today the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





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