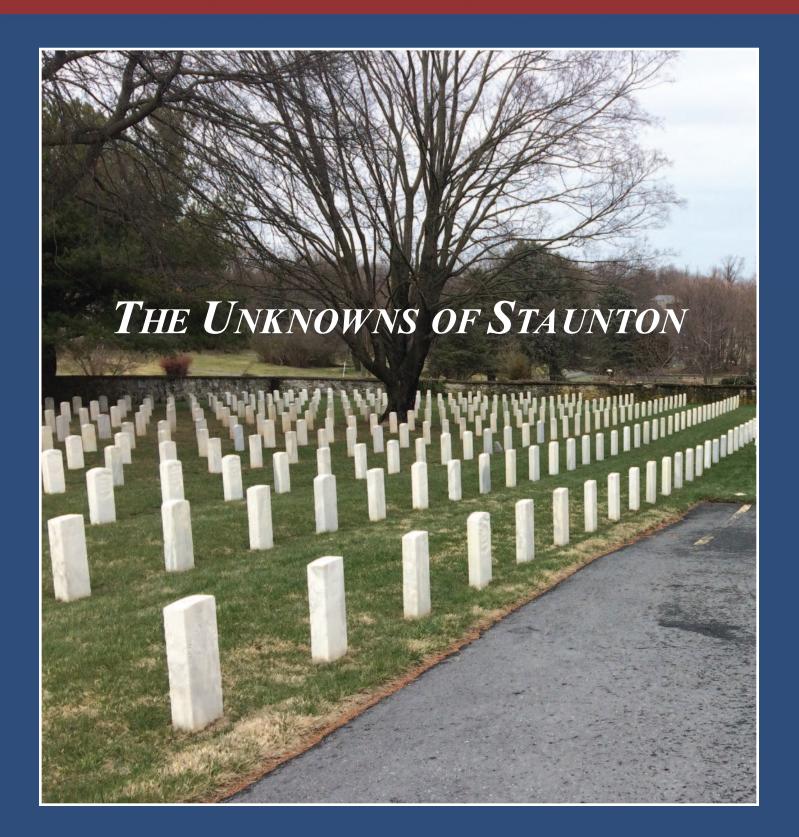


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On The Cover: Staunton National Cemetery. Staunton, Virginia - Established in 1867, 753 Union soldiers (521 Unknown) moved here from the Staunton and Waynesboro city cemeteries and the battlefields of Cross Keys, McDowell, Piedmont, Port Republic and others. 67 Union prisoners who died in confederate hospitals also lie here.



#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARK R. DAY

104 Mullbury Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502 cinc@suvcw.org (SERIES 2017-2018)

Synopsis of General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. The complete Order can be viewed on the Order's website.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #24:**

The Department Encampment is the administrative ruling body for the Department, while in session. While Chapter II Article VII, Section 1b of the C&R states that the Department Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Department Encampment, and appoint all standing and other committees, this does not supersede or negate the power of the Department Encampment to direct the formation and membership of such committees it see necessary, within the confines of the rules prescribed in the Departments By-laws or Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #25:**

Reports the resignation of James Crane (Ohio) from the National Encampment Site Committee and appoints Michael Paquette (Chesapeake) to that committee.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #26:**

Reports the brothers of the William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65, Department of Missouri voluntarily surrendered their Charter after more than 35 years faithful service, all brothers receiving transfer cards.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #27:**

Announcing the awarding of the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to Gene Turner, PDC, Department of Oklahoma.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #28:**

Orders the revocation of the Charters of both the Luray-Carlisle Reunion Camp #1881 and the Charles Sumner Camp #25, Department of the Chesapeake.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #29:**

Announcing the awarding of the Dr. Mary Walker Award to Sister Carolyn Dyer, Department of Illinois, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #30:**

Announcing the 2018 Scholarship recipants: Barrett Ean Young, Humboldt Camp #9, Department of Kansas and John A. Palmer, Ulysses Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri.

#### **GENERAL ORDER #31:**

Commemorates the 150th anniversary of General Order #11 and the first Memorial Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery.



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Many of the Original Companions of the MOLLUS also were members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Similarly, many the present day Hereditary Companions of the MOLLUS also are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). As did the MOLLUS with the GAR, the MOLLUS and the SUVCW jointly sponsor patriotic and commemorative programs to honor President Abraham Lincoln and our Union soldier ancestors throughout the country.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at: http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm or

Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at: pcinc@prodigy.net

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

March 27, 2018, Brentwood, Tennessee

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF Day shared that some members of the Council of Administration and brothers of the Order have been having a few medical issues and needs prayers. He also shared streamers for donationals to the Stephenson Monument. He then pointed out our National Chaplain needs nominees for the the National Chaplain Award.

#### OPEN ITEMS FROM POST 2017 Lansing, Michigan National Encampment CofA Meeting

#### National Encampment.

Motion by Brian Pierson for seed money to the Host Department be increased to minimum of \$3,500 starting 2018 encampment, passed. The LGAR has pulled out of 2018 National Encampment, still in talks with Auxiliary for future National Encampments.

#### National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire.

Still working with the Website and Social Media Census Committee.

#### National Treasurer: David McReynolds.

Still working on an "information systems and financial records disaster contingency plan". The National Treasurer will be using Quick Books and the cloud

#### Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Shaw

The P&P will be making necessary corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events.

#### From the National Treasurer as a Recommendation:

CinC & CofA members who receive an advance should submit all receipts to support an advance or refund the unused portion in a timely manner. Proposed language will be submitted to the C&R committee for study.

#### **Veterans Administration Booklet**

Still pending inclusion of the Order in this publication.

#### National Treasurer Additional Reporting

Once a few items are completed, the National Treasurer will re-apply to the IRS for a Group Exemption for the Departments and Camps.

#### FROM 2017 LANSING, MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

#### National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC

Engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of "discovery" in order to determine what our

needs for a new website are, so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site. This is deferred for the time being.

#### Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman

Based upon his recommendation, motion by Donald Martin, PCinC, seconded by Nat. QM Danny Wheeler to limit the ROTC award to one medal per branch per year, per school.

P&P Committee to look at Form 7 and make some revisions.

#### National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Still evaluating whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items

## National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Continuing to revamp the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members.

#### Engagement

Pending: Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit.

The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives. This will be submitted to the C&R committee for consideration.

The CinC to appoint a Temporary Committee to study the issue of establishing a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. Marketing & Promotion Committee continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy.

#### <u>NEW BUSINESS POST 2017 LANSING, MICHIGAN</u> <u>ENCAMPMENT</u>

**ROTC Award recognized by US Army -** CofA still working on this project

#### National Office Equipment.

Ed Norris moved that CofA approve spend up to \$1500 to purchase equipment which includes laptop and software, seconded by CofA Member Brian Peirson. Amended to spend up to maximum allowable within the budget to purchase equipment for the National Headquarters as recommended and approved by the CinC and National Treasurer. Motion carried.

#### Encampment Room Arrangement - Still under study.

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Total:	6,139	(66 less than end of 2017)
Dual Associate	11	
Dual Life Member	66	
Dual Member	146	
Honorary	4	
War Zone Service	<u>5</u>	
Other Total:	232	(same as end of 2017)
New Life Memberships	2016 = 28	
	2017 = 22	
	2018 to dat	te = 3

If I can be of service to you, please contact me!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty David W. Demmy, Sr., PCC, Executive Director

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Recently I went to a meeting of the very first Civil War Round Table - Chicago. The speaker was an author who had done a tremendous amount of research on U.S. Grant for his book. As his presentation unfolded, it appeared that he had approached The General from a "Lost Cause" point of view - so much so that by the end of his presentation I, and many other students of the Recent Unpleasantness had to ask - how could the Union have won with such terrible leadership? Here were 40 people in a room who have been studying the Civil War for decades, confronting a man who had a point of view completely foreign to their own. However, they did not tear him to pieces, but they could have. They did not ridicule him and point out his faulty conclusions, but they could have. Instead, they treated him with respect and sought merely to have him clarify some of his erroneous statements.

The lessons I learned from this experience were:

-Everyone deserves respect.

-Attacking someone with an opposing view accomplishes nothing good

-There are people in my life who can teach me valuable lessons, and one of them is to smile and keep my mouth shut.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Chaplain Jerry

## **VOICES OF PATRIOTISM**

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) just completed activities that brought attention to Memorial Day. Our members are doing a great job in being involved. However; there are many Americans not supporting this day of somber reflection and remembrance for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedoms.

What can we do? First, we continue doing the great work that all our members are doing. Second, we need to do more in classroom education and other venues with an emphasis on the importance of Memorial Day in what it represents to us as a Country. Memorial Day is bigger than barbequing and partaking in spirited beverages. This is not to demean families and friends getting together, but did they put flags out in the cemeteries? Did they decorate the veteran's graves? Did they show up to support their local Parades? At least do these things before enjoying their festivities.

Civic Duty should be every American duty to their Communities, to their Country, and to themselves. By educating the young Americans in schools and other SUVCW venues we can bring back this great sense of duty and responsibility. This is of course is not limited to Memorial Day but all our Patriotic Holidays.

Let us remember the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) exemplified this by action and deed. They passed this great responsibility and challenges onto us. We cannot fail our commitment in promoting Patriotism and having that great pride in our Country.

Let us in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Order go forth and promote Patriotism through all our events and venues. We do not have the option to fail in the mission given to us. Let us be triumphant in contributing to our Country by promoting Patriotism and Civic Duty. God Bless the United States of America.

> In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty, National Patriotic Instructor Jeffrey French

"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"

Many Civil War leaders like Grant, Sherman, McClellan and soldiers they commanded saw action in the Mexican War.

The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans is an organization of men and women who have an ancestor or interest in the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

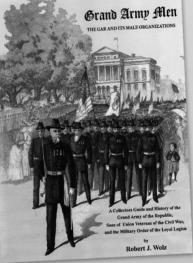
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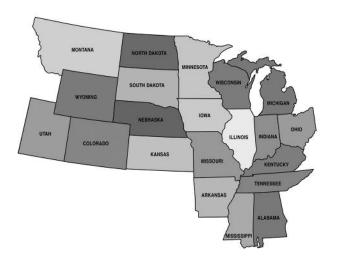
## **CENTRAL REGION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE OCT 5-6, 2018**

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Association commonly referred to as the "CRA" will hold its 2018 Conference in Valparaiso, IN, Saturday, Oct. 6. The CRA encompasses 14 states, Colorado & Wyoming, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. All members of the Allied Orders, ASUVCW, DUVCW, LGAR, SUVCW, WRC, from the 14 states are eligible and encouraged to attend. The SUVCW Department of Indiana is sponsoring this year's meeting. We hope to see you there!



We will enjoy a Civil War related tour in the morning, a business meeting in the afternoon and a fellowship banquet in the evening. A portion of the business meeting will be spent for the good of the orders. Round

table discussions will be centered on four subjects: Recruitment/Membership, Media, Attendance / Involvement, and Projects. We hope you will come prepared to participate.



The host hotel will be the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2101 Morthland Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383; call direct 219-465-6225 for the special rate of \$99.00 + taxes. To secure this rate mention Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, CRA or Allied Orders. The reservation deadline for this rate is Sept. 5, 2018. A registration form and agenda for the Conference can be found at http://craalliedorders.org/



The deadline for registration to the conference is Sept.17th. Any questions can be addressed to Bill Adams 219-326-6498, adamswr949@gmail.com, or Tom Schmitt 260-610-5297, fxb443@gmail.com. For those arriving on Friday evening, a casual "dutch treat" get-together has been arranged.



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**Veterans** - A survey has been completed to determine how many brothers of the Order are veterans.

**JVCinC** - Recommends the membership application forms indicate that the Part V relationships be circled or a check box be added. Also, a new application process is being studied for applications received by the JVCinC.

The above process will be forwarded to the C&R committee once completed.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2017 LANSING, MICHIGAN REPORTS:

## National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin, PCC:

Revision of form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) be updated to include the required office of Department GAR Records Officer. Plus a version of a modified fill-in Adobe Acrobat PDF form, which has been provided to the Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

#### 2017 GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA COFA MEETING NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin Tucker to recommend committee on customs and curtsies at a National Encampment.

Proposed by Brother David McReynolds and second Brother Kevin Tucker second to continue contract for three year with Executive Director David Demmy. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Martin, seconded by Brother Paquette to leave intact Charitable Foundation licensing till post 2018 encampment. Motion passed.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2018 BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE SPRING REPORTS:

Recommendation for language to be added to the Order's Ritual & Ceremonies. (Ed. Note: unclear which committee made recommendations for alterations, or what those items were.)

Motion by Council of Administration Member Brian Pierson accepting recommendation from Brother James Pahl that National Treasurer look if stipend for the National Chaplain may be found within the 2019 National Budget, seconded by National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler. Motion passed.

From the National Committee on Fraternal Relations, Kevin L. Martin, PDC a recommendation the National Encampment Site Committee Chair establish a line of communication with the DUVCW for the formation of joint Conventions/Encampments starting in 2021. Moved National Treasurer McReynolds will review budget for items currently within budget that relate to the Fraternal Relations Committee and report back to the CofA. Passed by 6 to 3 vote.

From the National Committee on Program and Policy, Donald W. Shaw, PDC, that the Council issue letters of thanks to the two individuals who donated time and talent to fixing the problems we had with the calculation features on the Form 27; David Wallace, PDC and Robbie Gifford, Technology Coordinator for Michigan's 7th Judicial Circuit Court. Motion made, seconded and passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brother David Hann of the Department of New Jersey requested \$150.00 to purchase a SUVCW banner for a National Recruiting Tent during the 155th Gettysburg Battle and Remembrance Day Event. National Treasurer David McReynolds recommended funds be expended from Special Project Fund. Council of Administration Member Brian Pierson moved that recommendation be accepted, Council of Administration Member Edward Norris seconded. Motion passed.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Don Martin, PCinC, passed out flyer on project to restore Joshua Sill Monument. Motion by CofA Member Brian Pierson to spend \$2850 from special project fund to cover, seconded by CofA Member Kevin Tucker. Motion Passed.

Brian Pierson noted that Gene Turner, PDC is in poor health, recommended that Meritorious Service award with Gold Star be considered.

Motion by CofA Member Don Martin that Commanderin-Chief's expense fund to be raised to \$15,000, to be inclusive for this current year, seconded by CofA Member Michael Paquette. National Treasurer David McReynolds asked this be amended to raise National Treasurer and National Secretary to \$5,000 each. Accepted by Brother Martin and Brother Paquette. Motion Passed with one (1) abstaining.

CinC Day will be spending Memorial Day laying a wreath for the 150th anniversary of General Logan's General Order #11 in Washington D.C.

## FINAL MUSTER

Walking among the graves of fallen Union Soldiers and Sailors on Memorial Day Weekend has always reminded me of the PAIN the Boys in Blue went through to keep our Nation together. The psychological and physical pain must have been tremendous. I know that at times I can honestly say "Nothing Hurts," but there are other times when the pain and discomfort are agonizing. At times like this, I offer my discomfort and pain to the Almighty, and ask Him to bless those who have sever pain, cancer, or suffer from the loss is a loved one. I ask you to do the same.

John Robert Karp Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 (New York) 3/2/2018

Brice F. Scalley, PCC Gen. Thomas J. Mckean Camp #3 (Flordia) 1/23/2017

Charles C. Yates, PDC Life Member #248 Sultana Camp #1 (Tennessee) 3/13/2018

Gene D. Turner, PDC Life Member 747 Indian Nations Camp #3 (Oklahoma)

Milton A. Pilcher Lincoln-Cushing Camp #3 (Chesapeake) 4/16/2017

**Thomas W. Graham, PDC** Life Member 86 McClellan Camp #91 (Ohio)

Stephen L. Reese Homer Searle Camp #114 (New York) 1/6/2018 **Orville Lee Borkhart** Col John Bryner Camp # 67 (Illinois) 3/23/2018

**Robert Edward Lee** Maj Francis Wilhelm Camp #17 (Missouri) 6/16/2017

Karl F. Schaeffer Gen Alvin C Voris Camp # 67 (Ohio) 8/26/2017

**David E. Rathbun** Gettysburg Camp #112 (Pennsylvania) 6/4/2017

James E. McRell Capt Theo Howell Camp #48 (Pennsylvania) 2/5/2018

Ralph Van Aken Budington L A Tifft Camp #15 (Massachusetts) 12/15/2017

Morgan R. Davis L A Tifft Camp #15 (Massachusetts) 4/16/2018 Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Chaplain Jerry

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Maj Gen Roger Lee Rothrock, USA (Ret) Life Member 409 Gen. George Stoneman Jr Camp #18 (California) 5/2/2018

**C D Skip Whitlam, PDC** Lucius L Mitchell Camp #4 (Florida) 4/23/2018

Robert Leon Moore Walter H French Camp #17 (New York) 12/8/2017

Martin J Hazen Old Abe Camp #16 (Kansas) 5/13/2018

Clyde G. Berry, PCC Garfield Camp #1 (Maine) 5/5/2018

Robert C. Whitaker Zenas R Bliss Camp #12 (Rhode Island) 4/11/2018

Wayne Theodore Bures Gov Isaac Stevens Camp #1 (Columbia) 1/20/2018

### **2018** SCHOLARSHIPS

After receiving recommendations from the National Committee on Scholarships, the Commander-in-Chief announced the 2018 Scholarship Recipients. They are:

Barrett Ean Young of Paola Kansas. Barrett is a member of Humboldt Camp #9, Department of Kansas. Barret will be attending Pittsburg State University in the fall.

John A. Palmer of Ballwin, Missouri. John is a member of the Ulysses Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri and serves as a member of the Camp Council. John will be attending the University of Alabama's Honors College, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



## NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BALL

### THE ORIGINAL AND OFFICIAL BALL OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Period dress encouraged, but not required Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk Cash Bar Time: 8PM, 17 November 2018 **Place:** Gettysburg Eisenhower Hotel 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA Price: \$20 per person in advance \$25 per person at the door Make check out to "SVR Remembrance Day Ball" Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets Mail to: Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr. **27** Griswold Street Delaware, OH 43015-1716 740-369-3722, cell 740-815-3284 e-mail: hshaw@columbus.rr com Ticket orders received after 10 November will be distributed at the Ball BALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK FOR MONUMENT PRESERVATION



#### CHESAPEAKE

ELLICOTT CITY, MD (April 28, 2018) – The Department gathered at the Turf Valley Resort in historic Ellicott City, MD on April 27 and 28 to attend the 131st annual Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake. The brothers were joined by the Auxiliary and special guests, CinC Mark Day, Auxiliary National President Ramona A. Greenwalt and also PNP Rachelle Campbell.

Early arrivals on Friday were treated to a special afternoon tour of the perfectly preserved first railroad station in our country that features exhibits highlighting the transportation system's crucial role in the Civil War. They then stopped by for a repast at the Trolley Stop, a tavern dating to 1833, followed by a communal meal at the nearby White Oak Tavern.



Encampment sessions included receipt of an extraordinary Citation from Governor Larry Hogan, presented by Maryland's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. George W. Owings, III. Secretary Owings bestowed a special keepsake pin and certificate to veterans in attendance.

For 113 years, the congregation of Lansdowne Christian Church in Baltimore's Halethorpe community has faithfully paid an annual tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) during a special Memorial Day weekend service. This year, Brothers of Baltimore-based James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 played a key role in helping the church conduct its service, including a reading of "When the Boys in Blue are Gone" and a powerful tribute to the GAR that was themed, "Uncommon Deeds by Common Men".



The Lansdowne Christian Church, also known as Hull Memorial, was donated in 1903 by Private Charles Wesley Hull (Co. L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery) and his wife Mary Bumley Hull to honor his Union Army comrades and features three beautiful stained-glass windows given by the GAR, Dushane Post # 3 (where Hull served as commander) and the Women's Relief Corps. It is the only church in the United States dedicated to the memory of the GAR.

#### **COLUMBIA**

Darren Chromey, 25, a member of Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Dept. of the Columbia, graduated from Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, on March 24, 2018, with a BA degree in Geography. Darren joined SUVCW at age 8 and is an Eagle Scout.



#### CONNECTICUT

On April 7th 2018 member of Colonel William B. Wooster – Colonel Charles L. Russell Camp No. 22 together with Town of Greenwich, Greenwich Historical Society, Greenwich Veterans Council, Boys and Girls Club and Scouts rededicated the G.A.R. Monument in Greenwich, Ct. The monument was originally placed in front of the Town School building on April 9th 1914 along with a tree planted at the time. After 104 years, the tree decided to join our Civil War veterans and a replacement had to be found. Hardscrabble Farms of North Salem N.Y. located a similar tree and donated it to the cause.



The rededication followed the same procedure as 104 years ago in as much as the Camp planted the tree, passed it onto the Town and Board of Education with the Town's commitment the tree will be a constant reminder of the heroism and sacrifices given to preserve the Union for future generations. During the Civil War, some 450 men of Greenwich answered the call and at least 69 paid the ultimate price.

#### **FLORIDA**

The Department of Florida held its 23rd Annual Encampment March 10th in St. Cloud, Florida. St. Cloud is one of three GAR Sponsored Communities within the State of Florida. SVCinC Don Shaw was able to attend.

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The group toured Historic St. Cloud including Mt. Peace Cemetery where 450 Union Veterans are buried and the GAR (Post #34) Hall built in 1914.

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On 2 May, 2018, brothers of Frederick R. Jackson Camp # 7, Pembroke Pines, FL, presented Special Commendations to three JROTC Cadets who were wounded during the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL in February. This Commendation FOR PATRIOTISM AND SACRIFICE was recommended by Camp 7 and authorized by the Department Commander.



Those awards were a part of the Joint Awards Ceremony at the Parkland High School, organized by the High School ROTC and were attended by representatives from several military organizations in South Florida. The ceremony was specifically for members of the Cadet Corps and others who were unable to participate in earlier activities because of wounds and trauma.

#### **GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA**



Steve Reilly (far right) a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3, Dept. Georgia & South Carolina was invited to march as part of the Civil War Color Guard of the 69th New York National Guard in New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The 69th New York has been the first unit of march since the 1850's, when they were requested to protect Irish Marchers. Reilly's Great Grandfather joined the 69th on 20 April 1861 along with his brothers.



On March 24th, Brothers from General James B. McPherson Camp #1 and Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, gathered at Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald, Georgia to clean military headstones. The Brothers cleaned several hundred Union headstones as well as headstones of Confederate, Spanish American, World War I and World War II veterans. Fitzgerald was developed in 1895 by Philander H. Fitzgerald, an Indianapolis newspaper editor and a former drummer boy in the Union Army who founded it as a community for Union and Confederate Civil War veterans.

#### ILLINOIS

Cadet Jonathan Randell received our SUVCW ROTC medal, ribbon and certificate from Department Commander John Bigwood at the Loyola University ceremonies on Thursday, April 26th.



#### INDIANA



On Sunday March 25, the John W. Foster Camp #2, Evansville, Indiana SUVCW reset six Civil War military headstones at Cliff Cemetery in Cannelton, Indiana. The



headstones had either fallen completely over or were leaning severely. Two of the markers were located in the Thomas DeLa Hunt Post # 152 GAR plot and the other four belong to New England soldiers that had taken sick and died on the steamer Tycoon after leaving Vicksburg, MS. in route to Cincinnati, OH.

#### IOWA



The 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Waterloo, Iowa. Following the Encampment, Michael Carr, PDC, and Auxiliary Member Deb Bailey

were united in marriage with Department Chaplain Dennis Sasse officiating. James Braden, PDC, and Denise Sasse served as best man and matron of honor respectively.

Pictured: (seated) Deb Bailey; standing left to right: Michael Carr, PDC; James Braden, PDC; Denise Sasse, Chaplain ASUVCW; Dennis Sasse, Dept. Chaplain.



On August 26, 2017, twelve family members along with members of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Bayard American Legion gathered in Highland Cemetery south of of Bayard, Iowa to pay tribute to John Palmer, the Last Union Civil War Veteran of Guthrie County, Iowa. Mr. Palmer served as a Private in Co. G, 51st Wisconsin Infantry. He passed away on December 1, 1942 at the age of 96.

#### KANSAS

At its Memorial Day service on May, 26, 2018. Franklin Camp #5, Olathe, Kansas, in cooperation with the Quilt of Valor Foundation, presented the Quilt of Valor to WWll Naval veteran John Matz. John served on the aircraft carrier Suannee, 1942 to 1945. A second Quilt of Valor was presented to Franklin Camp member Lane Smith for his Vietnam service 1969 to 1970.



#### MASSACHUSETTS

On Sunday, February 11th, the Department celebrated President Abraham Lincoln's 209th birthday at our 18th annual "Lincoln Birthday Brunch" in Wakefield. An amazing brunch was enjoyed by those in attendance.

This year's speaker was veteran educator and writer, Richard Kigel, author of, "BECOMING ABRAHAM LINCOLN, The Coming of Age of Our Greatest President". Mr. Kigel traveled up to Wakefield from New York, where he teaches writing to upper elementary, middle and high school students. Following his presentation everyone enjoyed some birthday cake in honor of President Lincoln.



On May 13th, in preparation for Memorial Day, members of Charles H. Bond Camp 104, placed flags on the graves of the approximately 200 Civil War Veterans buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, MA. The cemetery includes a G.A.R. plot from the local Post 12, and many of the Post's original custom cast iron flag holders are still in place.





#### MICHIGAN

Members of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Austin Blair Camp #7 and Austin Blair Auxiliary participated in honoring our Civil War veterans and the 150th Anniversary of General Order No. 11 at the G.A.R. plot in Lansing's Mt. Hope Cemetery.



Members of the 14th Michigan SVR at the Lincoln Death Day observances in Springfield, IL.



#### MISSOURI



US Grant Camp 68 held remembrances for the 56th US Colored Troops at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery on May 5. Professor Sarah Cato was instrumental in starting this event several years ago and getting the names of the soldiers listed on the monument. It is now an annual event hosted by Camp 68. The Cleveland High School Naval ROTC served as color guard for the event.



On April 4, the annual Army ROTC Awards Day Ceremony occurred on the campus of Lincoln University. The SUVCW Award was presented by Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Bill Ratliff of Lillie Camp No.6. to MS II Cadet Joshua Nelson of Olathe, Kansas. Joshua is a sophomore at Lincoln University, majoring in Marketing and with a minor in Military Science.

#### NEBRASKA

Over the weekend of April 28-29, the Departments of Iowa & Nebraska held a series of joint ceremonies for the last Civil War veterans to die in seven western Iowa counties. Participating was the Camp Guard of Kinsman Camp #23, Dept. of Iowa at the Saturday, joined by the Nebraska Rangers, S.V. R. on Sunday.



Also assisting were American Legion posts from Glidden, Denison and Defiance, as well as members of Kinsman Camp Auxiliary #23. This set of ceremonies completes the placing of Last Veteran Markers in the western third of Iowa.

On April 26, 2018, two members of Shiloh Camp, Department of Nebraska, presented an ROTC award at Lincoln Northeast High School. Pictured is Shiloh Camp Commander John



Surman presenting Cadet Trevor Curtis with his ROTC award.

#### NEW JERSEY

May 2nd saw an Eagle Scout Presentation to James Lynch of Barnegat Troop 26 by SUVCW Past Department Commander Daniel Lynch.



#### NEW YORK

Members of the Richard J Clark Camp No. 210 served as Color Guard in a ceremony honoring Captain Samuel Chester Reid at Green Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Captain Reid, who distinguished himself in the War of 1812



commanding the privateer the "General Armstrong," assisted General Jackson in the defense of New Orleans.



After the War of 1812, Captain Reid assisted in standardizing the design of the flag in 1818, replacing the 15 stripes of the Star-Spangled Banner with 13 stripes and adding a star for each new state entering the Union. The Flag Act of 1818 solidified the American Flag as we know it today.



The Col. George L. Willard Camp #154, Department of New York, adopted the Kellogg Family Plot and General Thomas gravesite in 2012. The following year the Camp completed a memorandum of agreement with the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery Troy NY, Inc. and Oakwood Cemetery to support the maintenance of the plot and gravesite. Since that time we have contributed directional signage and a site marker to the General Thomas site. Cooperation among our Brothers resulted in a concerted effort to help remove the beech tree that has rained down large limbs and small branches onto the Kellogg family plot that contains the General Thomas monument, destroying much of the original fencing.

Brothers of the Camp joined Bernie Vogel, Chief Administrator of Oakwood Cemetery and the tree removal crew early in the morning. One surprise that required attention was an active nest of hornets that needed to be cleared from the plot for the safety of the workers. With a crane emplaced, an arborist was hoisted to the tree and the first limb was removed. After two hours a truckload of wood was removed to a safe place, with the tree finally felled in the early afternoon.

Willard Camp provided for about one-third of the cost of the tree removal. Remaining is the repair and rebuilding of the original iron perimeter fence and gate. The damaged sections have all been carefully stored for use during rehabilitation of the fence and entry gate. Quotes are being obtained by Oakwood Cemetery for the work needed. The Camp is raising funds through the sales of the General Thomas challenge coin. Further information can be found on the Camp's web site.



On May 19th the Walter H. French Camp #17 marched in the Armed Forces Day Parade with our Sisters from the ASUVCW. We all marched in the pouring rain and presented arms to Fort Drum Commander and fellow officers at the grand stand to exemplify our patriotism and support for their service and sacrifice to defend our Country.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

On April 8 in the mountains at Boone, North Carolina, 40 people were in attendance when the brothers of Major General George Stoneman Camp No. 6, Department of North Carolina performed a Headstone Rededication Ceremony. They were joined by a sister of the DUVCW.

In 1865, Privates William T. Bradley, Henry P. Evans and John E. Maricle were serving in the 2nd North Carolina Infantry (U.S.) and participated in a support role in Stoneman's Raid of 1865. By the time these three men arrived in Boone, all were ill and died in April 1865 in the Union field hospital there. They were interred in what was then known as the "Councill Cemetery" in a part later known as the "black" section of the Boone Cemetery.



The military headstones on their graves had been damaged and stolen in the 1990's. Recently, the Town of Boone and their Historic Preservation Commission replaced the military headstones and asked our Camp to perform the Headstone Rededication Service.

#### **OKLAHOMA**



At the Department of Oklahoma's Annual Encampment at Fort Gibson, OK, Brother Norman Crowe, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma presented a handcrafted tomahawk gavel to the Department. Outgoing Department Commander Rex Griffon accepted

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the gift on behalf of the Department. Two of Brother Crowe's great-great grandfathers and five uncles, all members of the Cherokee Nation, served in the 3rd Indian Home Guard (US) during the Civil War and were stationed at one time or another at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

The May meeting of Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 was a real treat for the brothers. Brother John Chamberlin Reed III displayed the rifle his great-great grandfather carried at the Battle of Gettysburg as a member of the 102nd PA Vol. Inf. The rifle has been handed down through the



family. The rifle was a completely original Springfield Model 42, .69 cal rifled musket with a Maynard tape primer conversion dated 1857.



A Memorial Observance and Wreath laying was held for Pres. Lincoln at the Lincoln Monument in Nay Aug Park, Scranton, PA on 4/21/18 by the Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp #8 and Scranton's Auxiliary #10. They were joined by Boy Scouts from Dickson City PA.

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

The Department of Rhode Island is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic. Officially organized on March 24, 1868, the RIGAR's first elected Department Commander was General Ambrose E. Burnside. In honor of our ancestors, the RISUVCW has planned a yearlong slate of events. The Department has also struck a commemorative medal that was distributed to all attendees at the Department's Annual Awards Dinner on the eve of the RISUVCW 134th Annual Encampment.



The Department also developed a traveling library display that is rotating through libraries throughout Rhode Island with artifacts from and information about the RIGAR and its stories history.

The Department was also featured in the pregame ceremonies at the Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox) where members of the Department presented the colors, were interviewed on-air by the broadcast team and Department Commander Jamie McGuire delivered the ceremonial first pitch prior to the game.



The Brothers of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 have been hard at work at the Rodman Family Plot in South Kingstown. Their monthly meeting in April was a working meeting, where the brothers scouted the cemetery and determined what work would need to be done. They returned on the 21st, where they righted two stones that had been tipped over as well as dug out and leveled the base of a third, with the intentions of placing the stone back in the base on the 28th. The Rodman Family Plot is the final resting place of General Issac Rodman who was killed at the battle of Antietam in 1862.



On May 28, all the Camps of the Department came together in marching together in the Westerly Memorial Day Parade, regarded as the 2nd oldest continuously staged Memorial Parade in the country.

#### SOUTHWEST



All five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic were represented at the Department of the

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Southwest's Annual Encampment which took place on March 10, 2018, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Department Commander David Swanson presented Commendations for Meritorious Service to brothers Dale Enlow and David Jackson. He also was privileged to present the Department's Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award to Sister Barbara Metzger, LGAR.



General RHG Minty Camp #2, of the Department of The Southwest joined forces with members of the 1st New Mexico, Company B reenactment group to lead the Memorial Day Parade as Color Guard at Tucson Estates, Tucson, AZ.

#### TENNESSEE

The Department Encampment that was held on April 8, 2018 in Alcoa, TN. All in attendance had a great time. The Department recognized several individuals and Camps for their exceptional service during the past year.



On April 28, 2017, the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) had the distinct honor to dedicate the headstone of a distinguished Civil War veteran, Celso Pierucci at the Old Grey Cemetery in downtown Knoxville. This cemetery occupies 13 acres and was founded in 1850. Today, Old Gray clearly depicts Knoxville's history and provides an important example of cemetery planning and design during the rural cemetery or garden movement.

Participating in the ceremony was greatgrandson Larry Pierucci and his wife Benita, Theresa Conway and Cousin Don



Russell. Also participating was the color guard from the

William Blount High School Air Force Junior ROTC and Boy Scouts from Troop 800 in Maryville.

#### WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp # 1 of Milwaukee held a Memorial Day service with the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Camp Chaplain Dean Collins, a Roman Catholic deacon, helped celebrate the Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Jeffrey R. Haines, followed by a patriotic ceremony including President Lincoln (Nic Burr). Camp 1 has held the commemoration at Calvary Cemetery annually since 1927.



Members of Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5 and Major General John Gibbon Camp #4 participated in the annual ceremony held on Memorial Day at Cushing Park in Delafield Wisconsin. Also participating in the ceremony were the soldiers of Cushing's Battery, the sailors of the USS Minnesota, the Historical Timekeepers and the William Cushing Ladies Auxiliary.

This annual ceremony is a salute to the four Cushing brothers, Milton, Howard, Alonzo and William, who served in the Union Army and Navy during the Civil War. Roses and wreaths were placed on the monument for each of the brothers after which a short history of each brother was read followed by a cannon salute.



The brothers of Col. Hans Heg Camp #15, along with brothers from C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and the Major General John Gibbon Camp #4, dedicated a marker honoring the last Civil War soldier buried in Walworth County, Wisconsin. Isaiah Ryan was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Geneva in 1941, being 93 years of age, making him the last Civil War soldier buried in Walworth County. Ryan served as a dispatch rider in the 193rd New York Infantry in the last year of the Civil War.

Joining with Camp 15 were sisters of the Mary Chesebro Lee Tent #23, DUVCW; W.H. Bennett Women's Relief Corps #71 and the Ladies Auxiliary 4 of the Sons of Union Veterans.

## HISTORY OF THE SONS BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

### THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL SONS

Comrade James P. Holt of Philadelphia's Anna Ross Post 94, Dept. of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, made a motion on August 27, 1878 proposing the formation of a cadet corps consisting of their sons to aid in Memorial Day observance. The Post appointed a committee consisting of Comrades Levy Shengle, Carl Frederick, Charles Weiss, William Morgan and James Holt to further investigate the proposal.

On Sept 17 this committee came back with a plan for organization, sample constitution, charter and application form. A week later on Sept 29 Anna M Ross Cadet Corps # 1 was established. At first, the officers were Grand Army men with their sons forming the membership. Lewis Vandergrift was elected

the first youth officer of Anna M Ross Cadet Corps. Post 51 of Philadelphia formed the second Cadet Corps and the concept spread quickly throughout eastern Pennsylvania. A membership badge was produced. Perhaps because of their short life or funding problems, no lapel buttons or uniforms have been found.

In July 1880, the first state organization or Division formed with Conrad Linder elected Division Commander with the rank of Colonel. Additional Cadet Corps formed in New York, New Jersey and Delaware and a National Organization was effected in 1881. Likewise in 1884, the sons in New England headed by Comrade Edwin Earp of Lynn Post # 5 of the Massachusetts G.A.R., affiliated his 34 chapters of sons with these Philadelphia Cadet Corps.

With this national growth came a lot of financial instability. Chapters began abandoning the Cadet Corps organization between 1886 and 1889 and affiliated with Major AP Davis' Sons of Veterans, USA headquartered in Pittsburgh. Under the terms of merger Anna M. Ross Cadet Corps became Anna M. Ross Camp # 1 and Davis Camp # 1 of Pittsburgh replaced their number with a "star" identifying them as the Charter Camp of our Order.

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