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Four brothers are seeking election to two open positions on the Council of Administration. They have all posted materials on our Order's website. I encourage the delegates to the St. Louis National Encampment to study this with care. Each Department is also expected to participate in Courtesy Night for our Commander-in-Chief.



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(This notice provides a brief synopsis of the General Orders. Please consult the published General Orders for complete substantive information.)

GENERAL ORDER #14

So as to not violate provisions of the United States Tax Code as they apply to 501c3 organizations, any lobbying activity must be approved in advance by the Commander in Chief. Reports of activities must then be filed at the conclusion of the lobbying activity.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

April 7, 2021 - Springfield, Illinois

(Note from the National Secretary) This is a synopsis of the minutes as edited by the Banner Editor. The full minutes will be posted on the Order's website and is the official version)

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Budget amended to add \$500.00 for the Fraternal Relations Committee for expenses. Program and Policy Committee will work on amended job description.

\$2,250 was provided to the CinC appointed committee to study the establishment of a National Headquarters from the Marketing and Promotions budget to cover needs found.

Continuing to study advertisement banners to be used in our database pages. This may also include a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru a database web store.

The National Treasurer is examining the possibility of a presentation to be made at the next National Encampment, seeking 1,000 brothers willing to commit to give \$15.00 per month for three years – which would generate \$540,000. Any such presentation would need to be approved by the CofA.

Program and Policies Committee looking at a process to follow for each time a Camp's bylaws are modified. Also a process for Department bylaws.

Program and Policy looking at changing the National Encampment Credentials Committee from a Special

GENERAL ORDER #15

The Camp Treasurer has the responsibility to distributing Membership Cards upon the payment of annual dues.

GENERAL ORDER #16

Sadly reports the passing of ASUVCW Past National President Michelle Langley

GENERAL ORDER #17

Observance of Memorial Day

GENERAL ORDER #18

Defines "Paper Camps" as that with no substantive existence. This may include items such as not holding regular meetings, not holding proper annual elections and does not participate in Department Encampments.

Committee to a standing committee.

Program and Policy Committee looking at a procedure for internet applicants to be immediately inducted into the Order (which would get them on the mailing list for the Banner) and then transferring the new brother to an appropriate Camp. They will be working with C&R committee for a few minor changes in National Regulations.

The Commander-in-Chief is looking to establish a Special Committee (or a sub-committee) on Social Media Management, which would function under the Signals Corp.

C&R committee has been asked to examine strong disciplinary action against Department officers who neglect or refuse to file form 35 and 49 on time.

P&P committee has been asked to establish a backup person for the National Executive Director.

P&P tasked with updating the Eagle Scout Commendation Application to include unit identification and then publish it as a fillable PDF document.

CinC will be appointing a committee to explore the SUVCW awards policy.

Assistant National Counselor asked to determine if there is a conflict between Articles 8 and 18 of the Discipline section of National Regulations (There is not)

JVCinC has requested P&P modify Form 3 as to contact information.

Internet application fee was set at \$40.00.

The CinC is appointing a committee to look at liability insurance issues for Camps and Departments.

The issue of how to receive directed donations was tabled.

\$4,000 was approved from the Special Projects line item



of the budget for the B.F. Stephenson plaza.

Information concerning ROTC and Eagle Scout to be removed from form 30.

On Form 12, following this statement: “HAND-WRITTEN, INCOMPLETE, EARLY OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Add: Do not send applications via certified or signature

confirmation mail”.

National Encampment Credential Committee chair Joe Hall reported he has 43 pre-registered for the National Encampment, when normally he has some 60 to 70.

REGIMENT OF THE MONTH: THE 25TH NEW JERSEY INFANTRY

by James L Dimond, PCC, Isaac Stevens Camp #1, Department of the Columbia

In the late afternoon of 12 December 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg, the final phase of Burnside’s attack against Marye’s Heights was launched to attempt to turn the tide of battle. This attack was the culmination of the failed Union assault at Fredericksburg.

The 25th New Jersey was formed as a nine month, draft-induced regiment to fulfill New Jersey’s obligation to the cause of the Union. It was composed of men from all over the state who volunteered to avoid worse duty. After basic training, the 25th New Jersey was sent first to the area around Washington City, then was made part of the 9th Corps under General Wilcox. In the late fall of 1862, Burnside formulated the final plan to cross the Rappahannock River at Falmouth, Virginia. They used pontoon bridges to reach Fredericksburg. Suffice it to say that when the 25th New Jersey crossed the bridges, they became part of the final reserve to enter battle.

The regiment, as part of the brigade, passed through the town of Fredericksburg. The damage wrought on the town by the fighting and ransacking of the Union forces was extreme. As they emerged onto the battlefield, they were held in their reserve directly before Marye’s Heights. Division after division were thrown into the fray by Burnside. The casualties were extreme also.

Burnside believed if he could throw one final thrust on the Confederate line, he could break it. The men of the 25th were in the last group to go forward that afternoon. As one of the veterans later described it, they received their “baptism of fire.” As they went forward they had to pass over the untended bodies of the Union wounded and dead. When they reached the base of Marye’s Heights, in front of the stone wall on the Union left, the Confederates rained down a murderous fire on the 25th and the other regiments of the brigade. Most of the unit were casualties. The survivors recalled they knew it was a futile attempt. As darkness fell, they retreated back over to Falmouth, leaving their dead and wounded on the field too.

The broken unit spent the rest of their war in reserve duty in Virginia. They participated in one more engagement, at Suffolk. The survivors went home at the expiration of their tour, or were transferred to another unit. They formed a reunion association, and met for many years to recall their moment of fame. One of those men, Corporal Jesse S Godfrey, Company F, received injuries at the battle from which he never recovered. His obituary was published in the National Tribune of Washington DC on October 22, 1885. He died at Cape May, leaving a wife and six children. From one of these children was descended Jill Tracy Jacobs, the second wife of future President Joseph R Biden.



BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

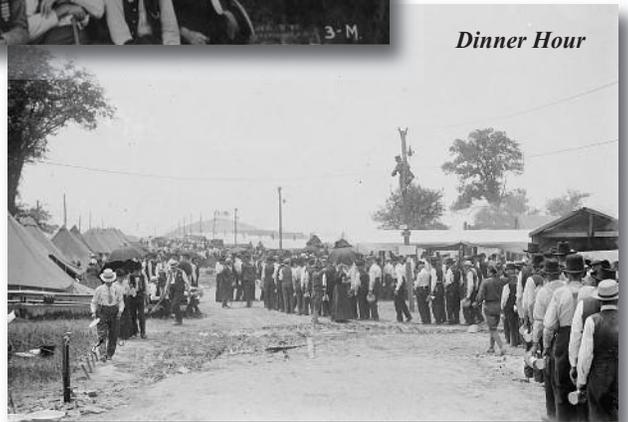
The 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the first reunion of the Blue and Gray on the battlefield where they fought was held June 29 through July 5, 1913. Over 53,400 Civil War veterans, with an average age of 70 years, attended. The “Great Camp” provided tents and support facilities for the Civil War veterans. It included the Great Tent (200 x 450 ft) with its thirteen thousand chairs; the veterans’ tents; quarters for 1,466 War Department soldiers & 2,179 mess personnel; 385 camp Boy Scouts; and other camp personnel for a total of 57,198 “persons quartered and subsisted in the Great Camp”.



*The Iron Brigade
at the Gettysburg
1913 Reunion*



The Great Camp



Dinner Hour



*Participants at fourth planning conference for the 1913 Gettysburg
Reunion - May 16, 1913*



Reunion of veterans of battle of Gettysburg in 1913



A NEW MEANING TO “IN FRATERNITY, LOYALTY AND CHARITY”

Brothers – the SUVCW and its 300+ subordinates are once again charities to which individuals and corporations can make tax deductible contributions. This is our second time at this level – have no idea how we lost it, but we must not lose it again. We have spent several thousands to get here and we pay some sobering fees to be a registered charity in the 34 states that require charities to register (we have not registered in the District of Columbia because their fee is too sobering).

For federal tax purposes (and most states that conform) donors can deduct donations to us (National, Department, Camp, Military District, and SVR Units) including bequests, legacies, devices, transfers, or gifts. For more info, check out IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions.

Several brothers have asked me about the deductibility of dues and out-of-pocket expenses to conduct the business of the SUVCW. My canned response: I am not a tax advisor. Check with your own tax preparer or read Pub 526 and make your own conclusions. The truth is out there.

Do not abuse this tax status! There are rules! Take a look at IRS Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities. Stay clear of lobbying activities – charities generally are not allowed to lobby the government. Exceptions are tricky. If there is some lobbying you want to do, clear it with the Council of Administration first.

Each department, camp, military district, and SVR unit MUST file an annual 990 return with the IRS. Failure to file can result in the loss of their 501(c)(3) status. I have to file National's 990 along with a report listing all subordinates, their EIN number, and their current contact information. I get that information from the annual Form 11s departments and military districts send to me.

We are limited to raising funds for our own projects. Your department, camp, military district, or SVR unit cannot solicit donations for a project that is not a SUVCW project. This will endanger our tax status. Look to our charter for what our charitable activities are.

The IRS has not listed us as a 501(c)(3) on their website. They show National, and its subordinates, as 501(c)(4)s. I have conferred with the IRS and they agree this is an error (going back to 2017). Correcting the error takes some time. But I am hoping that will occur this spring.

Speaking of raising money, National is planning a capital campaign. We will start this in the near future – we will be specifically looking to increase our endowment funds that run this organization. We are working on how to recognize donors including publishing their names in the Banner. Of course – donations to the SUVCW are tax deductible! Three prior Commanders in Chief have already started monthly recurring donations using our donation portal at suvchw.org.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

On Memorial Day, I had the honor of participating in a ceremony that honored Gold Star Families. The ceremony was held not far from the site of some of the first battles of the American Revolution in Lexington and Concord.

During the ceremony, 16 fallen service members were awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty which is awarded to service members from Massachusetts who died in combat or because of their wounds. As each medal was presented to a family member, a short biography of the service members' service to our country was read. Most were World War II soldiers, sailors, and Marines, but there was also a World War One soldier, and one each from Korea and Vietnam.

As I sat and listened to each story, I was reminded of our duty as Sons to keep the memory of those who have gone before us “green in our minds.” We are called to make sure no veteran's grave, of any war, goes undecorated, and I believe that includes telling their stories, so we will truly never forget what they have done for all of us.

There is no greater honor as your National Chaplain than to send cards to the families of those members who have died. Each brother is remembered for the service to our Order and, in many cases, to our country. Remembering those who have gone before us is a simple way that each of us keeps their memories alive.

Let us resolve to keep their memories alive every day and not just on Memorial Day.

Blessing and Peace,
Chaplain Peter

VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers,

With the summer months now here, many of us are ensuring that we remember those brave souls that gave the last full measure of devotion. Whether it be placing a new monument, cleaning up a headstone, taking part in Flag Day or Fourth of July ceremonies or working with a local scouting program. However, how do we keep ourselves mission ready? How do we stay in a state in which we can preform our duties as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? How do we ensure that we are able and capable to take care of those who can no longer take care of themselves?

One of the ways we must keep ourselves ready is mentally. Many of us faced hidden demons for the first time, or for the first time in a while, because of mandated quarantines and the inability for us to have social interaction as Brothers. As men, we sometimes face an unseen conflict and feel as if we cannot open up and talk about it. An invisible battle if you will, and that is the internal struggle we all face. Whether it be about actions we made twenty years ago, actions we made yesterday or a hereditary fight with depression. It is too easy for us to cover up the invisible wounds we face and carry on. Whether they are wounds that we received from combat actions, medical roles we have served in or incidents we have witnessed as bystanders. These nightmares stay with us longer than we care to admit.

The first way we can address these items is to admit that they are there. We all carry invisible scars in some way shape or form. Whether it is from seeing the remanence of a terrorist of attack that we came to assist on, or to be the first in on scene of a motor vehicle accident, or to be in an abusive household growing up. Many of us carry hidden horrors that we care not to share with anyone else, and to bury deep down, but the question is, how can we harness these horrors to better ourselves and the community. The first thing we can do is recognize that we are not alone, that we are not the only people to have seen horrors like this and that the ability to confide in those who have seen similar horrors is there. Seeking help from a friend or professional on these matters does not make us weak, on the contrary, it makes you stronger for being able to identify that something is off and taking the steps to rectify it.

By taking care of our own, we are making sure that they are in a good headspace to take on the mission of the order and preserving the Boys in Blue. Selfcare is the most important thing for any Brother to undergo, it is also the hardest for any Brother to admit they need to undertake. Many of us have seen our fellow Brothers calling out for help in a non-verbal way, and they are praying that any one of us asks them if something is wrong. My challenge to all of you is ask that Brother "Hey man, are you okay?" as sometimes it is on us, to recognize the signs, and to reach out and remind each other that we are not alone in this fight. I have seen the negative effects of PTSD, whether it was in loved ones, Brothers of the Order or Friends outside the order, of untreated PTSD. I have also first-hand witnessed and fought those demons with my own depression and know that this past year has been a struggle for a lot of us mentally, but it is not something to be ashamed of and to seek out help.

I am hoping that at this point it is obvious why these actions are needed at all levels of patriotic instruction, we cannot be good patriots and do all the great work we do for our order, for our communities and our country, if we do not take care of ourselves. If we are in a mental space where we are not motivated to do anything, do not want to get out of bed, are having dark thoughts about harming ourselves, we cannot be effective patriots. Do not be too ashamed to reach out and get help, or to talk to someone about what is going on. I would much rather any Brother of the order call me in the middle of the night to talk then to find out a Brother has lost the fight with their demons. If any of you are in a dark place and want to talk with someone who gets what you are going through, please do not hesitate to call me or email me and we will get through this together.

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FINAL JOURNAL

Below you shall find some information on GAR national encampments that came from the Final Journal of the Grand Army of the Republic. Compiled by Jerry Orton, NY Dept. Historian

48th National Encampment, Detroit, MI, September 3-4, 1914. There were between 15,000 and 20,000 in the parade with the Sons of Veterans acting as escorts. The Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans donated 11 flags and \$39.70 for flags for schools in the South.

49th National Encampment, Washington, D.C., September 30-October 1, 1915. General Nelson A. Miles was grand marshal of the parade which was witnessed by President Woodrow Wilson. There 20,000 in the parade. Efforts were made during the year to have the act of June 27, 1890 repealed prohibiting widows married after that date to receive pensions.

50th National Encampment, Kansas City, MO, August 31-September 2, 1916. This was the 50th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic and many gifts of gold were presented during the week. A set of flags and banner were presented by the Daughters of Veterans. Membership was 149,074 an 5,342 posts.

51st. National Encampment, Boston, MA, August 20-25, 1917. Resolution passed about decorating of graves of Union solders buried in the South, there being nearly 300,000 of them.

The parade took about 2 hours and with about 10,000 partaking.

52nd. National Encampment, Portland, OR, August 18-24, 1918. During this year of WW I, veterans and members of the allied organizations purchased a million dollars of war bonds. The Smoot bill was passed by Congress increasing pensions. There were 5,000 in parade with 1,500 in cars.

53rd National Encampment, Columbus, OH, September 7-13, 1919. The annual parade 10,000 men marched with 4,000 in cars. Nearly 1,000 WW I boys took part in the parade.

54th National Encampment, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 19-25, 1920. Commander-in-Chief, James Bell of Brooklyn, NY died November 1, 1919. The Fuller Bill was passed by Congress increasing nurses pensions from \$13-\$30 per month. The amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery was dedicated May 15, 1920 with the Grand Army of the Republic in charge of the program. There were 15,000 in the parade. The committee on incorporation submitted its report. The Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic were refused recognition.

55th National Encampment, Indianapolis, IN, Sept. Sept. 25-29, 1921. Records accumulated for the past 25 years were placed in the Library of Congress. The GAR refused to recognize any more women's organizations.

56th National Encampment, Des Moines, IA, September 24-29, 1922. On April 27, 1922, the Memorial to U.S. Grant was dedicated in Washington, D.C. and on May 30, the Lincoln Memorial was in dedicated in Washington, D.C.

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.



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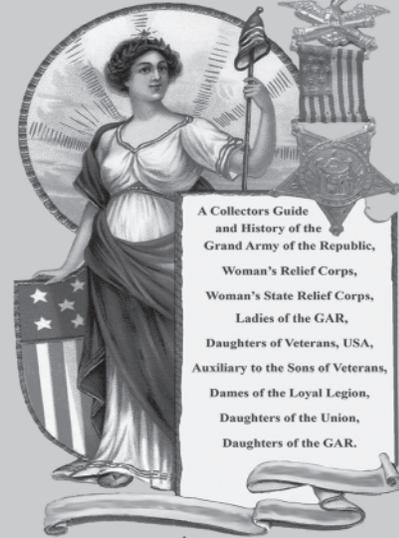
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Proceeds donated to Gettysburg National Military Park Monument Preservation

Someday, like all of the Brothers listed here, we will be "Called Home." When we are judged, we will not be asked how nice of a home we had, nor how much money we had accumulated - but rather what we had done to others. How we treated them. How we made them feel. What we had contributed to the welfare and happiness of others. The goats will be separated from the sheep. May these Brothers all Rest In Peace. If you agree with me - just say Amen.

Chaplain Emeritus Jerry

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Russell Evertt Badger

Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 1 (Florida)
3/24/2021

David Rodgers Johnson

Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 (Ohio)
3/26/2021

Barry L Wilson, PCC

Brindle Camp-Carlisle 50 (Pennsylvania)
3/26/2021

Robert T. Johnson

Col Hans C Heg Camp 15 (Wisconsin)
1/27/2021

Lawrence Gene Fehenbaker, Sr., MD

Col Robert W Barnard Camp 2 (Florida)
3/27/2021

William Edward Radabaugh, Jr, PCC

Henry Casey Camp 52 (Ohio)
2/24/2021

Charles Elser Ford, Jr

Gen George Wright Camp 22
(California-Pacific)
3/23/2021

William Ray Ward, PDC

Capt Lot Smith Camp 1
(Colorado/Wyoming)
3/23/2021

Daniel W Hans, PDC

Gen Eugene A Carr Camp 5 (Florida)
Life Member 570
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Waldo D Jones

Bradbury Camp – Media West Chester 149
(Pennsylvania)
12/23/2020

William F Hoffman, Jr

George Armstrong Custer Camp 1 (Illinois)
7/28/2020

Johnny M Manley, PDC

Sgt Jacob Overturf Camp 4 (Oklahoma)
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Guy Franklin Welch

Philip H Sheridan Camp 2 (Florida)
2/15/2021

Robert A Cleaver, PCC

Sgt Jaco Overturf Camp 4 (Oklahoma)
1/11/2021

John R Makos, Jr, PDC

Col Louis R Francine Camp 7 (New Jersey)
4/15/2021

Gene D Dostill

Col Louis R Francine Camp 7 (New Jersey)
4/21/2021

Dana R Traub

Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (Michigan)
3/28/2021

David Allyn Turner

Picacho Peak Camp 1 (Southwest)
5/9/2021

Donald Allen Wayne Blaney, Jr

Old Abe Camp 8 (Wisconsin)
10/28/2020

William B McAfee, PCC

Past National Chaplain
Carpenter-Welch Camp 180 (Michigan)
5/11/2021

Dennis Clark Derr, Sr

Gov Henry Crapo Camp 145 (Michigan)
5/14/2021

Charles A Augur, PCC

Gibbon-burke Camp 2 (North Carolina)
2/5/2021

**Bernard Roy Cooper, Camp
Commander**

Sgt Jacob Overturf Camp 4 (Oklahoma)
5/13/2021

Raymond Frederick Hazel

Lincoln-Cushing Washington DC Camp 2
(Chesapeake)
8/2/2019

Charles B Diem

Lincoln-Cushing Washington DC Camp 2
(Chesapeake)
11/22/2019

Louis Albert Etman

Gettysburg Camp 112 (Pennsylvania)
11/23/2020

Robert William Bogle, Jr

Baker-Fisher Camp 101 (Pennsylvania)
7/27/2020

Brian Irwin Worcester

Gen Wm Passmore Carlin Camp 25
(California-Pacific)
9/1/2020

Oura Lee Swart

MG John T Croxton Camp 17 (Alabama)
1/17/2021

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CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

May 31st saw the brothers of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21 at the Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery where one Union soldier is buried. The past 14 years saw the Camp at the Fallbrook Pioneer Odd Fellows Cemetery where there are 14 Union Soldiers buried. Not forgotten, a bouquet of flowers was placed on each gravesite.



CHESAPEAKE

Camps of the Department of the Chesapeake enthusiastically observed Memorial Day through a number of ceremonies.



May 30, 2021 saw the Department and the Department Auxiliary at the Staunton (Virginia) National Cemetery, where they conducted a traditional Memorial Day service.



Also participating were American Legion Post 17 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 17.

Services were also conducted at Winchester (VA) National Cemetery; Reisterstown (MD) Community Cemetery; Fair View Cemetery Roanoke, VA.; Union and Old Methodist Cemeteries in Milford, DE.; Wilmington & Brandywine Cemetery in Wilmington, DE; Fredericksburg (VA) National Cemetery; Arlington

National Cemetery (being the 153rd annual decoration day observance); Cold Harbor National Cemetery; Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, MD; and the Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA.



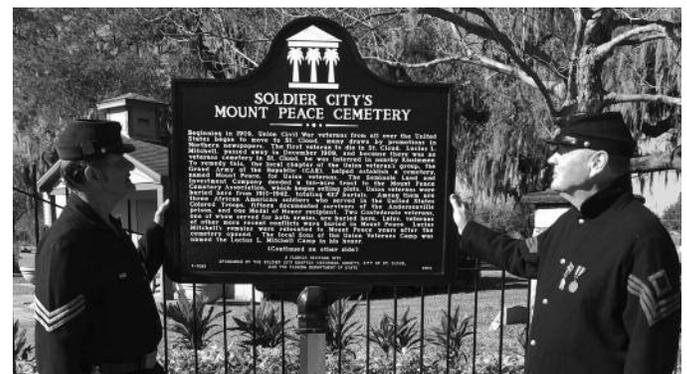
COLORADO / WYOMING

The Legion of the West Camp 7 placed a wreath and copy of the 1906 photo of the local Grand Army of the Republic John A. Logan Post 35 at the Veterans Section of the Orchard Mesa Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colorado. Most of the members of the G.A.R. John A. Logan Post are at rest in this cemetery.



FLORIDA

Brother of the Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 participated in the dedication of a Florida State Historical Marker at Mount Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud. The community takes great pride in the cemetery where 430 Union Army veterans are buried.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



The Elias Moon Camp #2 brother Branton Beaumont Fletcher graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point.



The Department of Georgia and South Carolina produced six Eagle Scout Certificates, patches and congratulatory letters for six Eagle Scouts of Troop 356 in Roswell, Georgia. The Court of Honor was not planned until the last minute.

ILLINOIS



The George A. Custer Camp #1 held its annual Memorial Day program at Rosehill Cemetery, "Rock of Chickamauga" Monument honoring all American veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow citizens.

Battery L, 1st Vol. Lt Art, SVR provided the cannon salute at the Union Ridge Cemetery.



INDIANA

Members of the Orlando A Somers Camp # 1 gathered on Sunday, May 30th at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton, Indiana to honor Pvt. James Marsee Hoover, Co. G, 139th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Pvt. Hoover was the last soldier buried in Tipton County, Indiana. They were joined by brothers of John Auten Camp # 7 and Champion Hill Camp # 17, plus Boy Scouts from Troop 595 in Tipton.



IOWA

Brothers of Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 installed 2 gravestones of Civil War veterans buried in Prairiehill Cemetery in Jones County, Iowa on May 22. Photo by Mike Rowley.



On April 2, 2021 members of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 joined forces with a local chapter of the Iowa Children of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution and Iowa War of 1812 organizations for a dedication in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines to honor

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Frederick Wagner, a Civil War veteran whose grave has been unmarked for over 110 years.



KENTUCKY



The Department of Kentucky held a gravestone dedication in Flatwoods Cemetery in Waco, Ky., to honor Civil War veteran George T. Grinstead. He later became the Kentucky Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.



Sons of Veteran Reserves held a stone dedication ceremony at the grave of Henry C Miller assistant Surgeon for the 53rd Kentucky Infantry at Cave Hill cemetery in Louisville. They were supported by brothers of Fort Duffield Camp 1, Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp 3 and Sgt. Elijah P Marrs Camp 5.



SGT Elijah P Marrs Camp 5 sponsored a marker dedication for Pvt Benjamin Newland at Georgetown Cemetery in Georgetown KY. Benjamin signed up for service on 12 Dec 1863 and mustered out on 18 April 1865.

MICHIGAN

The brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day 2021 with services at Oakland County's Civil War monument in Birmingham. At the conclusion of the service the Camp moved to historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac and the grave site of namesake General Richardson.



Brother David L. Conklin of the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 has retired as First Sergeant from the U. S. Army and the Michigan National Guard with 50 years of service. He saw service in Vietnam and the deserts of the Middle East.

MISSOURI

Westport Camp #64 had a Medal of Honor ceremony for Sergeant Freeman Davis on March 21, 2021 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, MO. Sergeant Freeman Davis, Company B, 80th Ohio Volunteer Infantry was awarded the Medal Of Honor for his bravery at the Battle of Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863.



NEBRASKA

The Department of Nebraska held their twelfth Last Soldier Ceremony Saturday May 22 in Dixon's St. Anne's Cemetery. The dedication was hosted by Harrison Camp 53-2 of Wisner. The ceremony honored Pvt. Jeremiah Sullivan, Dixon Counties Last Union Soldier of the Civil War. They were joined by members of the VFW and a local Cub Scout pack.



The Department has surveyed some 700 cemeteries and located over 19,400 Civil War veteran graves in Nebraska. They have been able to identify the last soldier from each of Nebraska's ninety three counties.

NEW JERSEY



The General Philip Kearny Camp 20, presented two Eagle Scout Certificates to Scouts in Troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights.



NEW YORK

Members of the Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 met on St. Patrick Day at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Rochester, in the Union Soldiers and Sailors section with the Celtic Cross Memorial Monument.



Brothers of the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 gathered for their Annual Abraham Lincoln Death Day Remembrance, Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the Union Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Washington Square Park, Rochester.

NORTH CAROLINA

A Memorial Day service was conducted at Salisbury National Cemetery by members of Gibbons-Burke Camp No. 2 and Stoneman Camp No. 6, joined by a member of MOLLUS. Wreaths and flowers from these organizations and the Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium Association and United Daughters of the Confederacy were placed at Military Headstones for Unknown Soldiers where over 5,500 Union soldiers are buried in 18 trench graves.



OHIO

Brothers of the Vienna Camp #26 again assisted Laura Rolff and other teachers of the Minford School eighth grade in conducting educational moments for the Civil War Days. For two days, students experience marching, drills and attend class sessions. Students were also told of the Camp's history of participating in the annual Ironton Memorial Day Parade.



The Wilmington VFW Post 6710 presented a \$200.00 check to Henry Casey Camp 92 to help pay for a last soldier plaque for the last surviving Clark County Union Civil War veteran buried at Ferncliff Cemetery in

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Springfield. The camp hopes to raise enough money to pay for the plaque and get it installed this summer.



OKLAHOMA

On May 8, 2021, Brothers from the three Camps of the Oklahoma Department convened at the Pierson farm near Shawnee, Oklahoma, for the 20th Annual Department Encampment. DUVCW State President Donna Talley and her husband were special guests of the encampment. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by all in the shade of a grove of Oklahoma Oak Trees.



Brothers of Indian Nations Camp #2 and Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 of the Oklahoma Department and sisters of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary #2 conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.



Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 and 10th Kansas Infantry reenactors assisted the Ladies of the DUVCW Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Oklahoma Veterans Cemetery in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission graciously provided indoor space for the ceremony on a rainy day. Local NBC, CBS, Fox News, and Telemundo affiliates covered the ceremony.



PENNSYLVANIA

Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 and Davis * Camp sponsored the annual Appomattox Dinner on April 10th, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Forty Five Brothers of visiting Camps and Daughters of Union Veterans with other Allied Orders represented attended the dinner. A program on Appomattox and the end of the War was presented.



Davis * Camp hosted the annual A.P. Davis Memorial Service on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The service was performed at the Davis mausoleum. The service was followed by a tour of notable graves and memorials located within the cemetery. This included the Monument to the victims of the Allegheny Arsenal 1862 explosion and two G.A.R. plots which have been absorbed by the National Cemetery Administration.



RHODE ISLAND



Elisha Dyer Camp 7 conducted a very meaningful graveside Memorial Day service in Moshassuck

Cemetery, Central Falls, at the final resting place of Lambert O. Caswell, Co. C, 7th Mass. Infantry. Lambert is the 3X great-grandfather of Brother Ken Pike, PCC, and this was the first time that Brother Ken Pike had ever visited the grave of his maternal gggf.

SOUTHWEST

Camp US Grant #3 celebrated Memorial Day at Citizens Cemetery in Prescott. A great achievement of the Camp was the placing of multiple headstones which were shown during the ceremony. They were joined by sisters of the other four Allied Orders, along with two UDC chapters and one SCV Camp.



Brothers of General RHG Minty Camp #2, spent Saturday morning placing Flags on the graves of the GAR plot in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona. The GAR plot has solders from New Hapshire to California. Then on Memorial Day Camp joined members of Company B, 1st New Mexico reenactors in marching in the Memorial Day Parade at Tucson Estates.



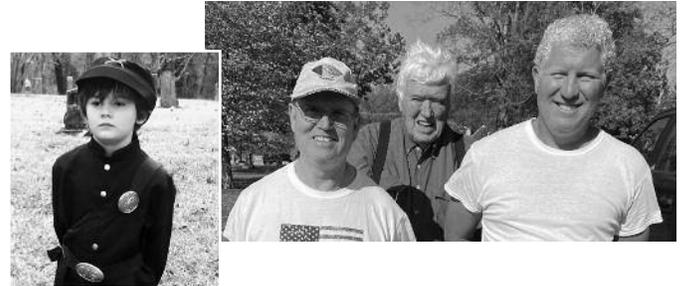
Brothers of the Picacho Peak Camp #1 sett flags at Pioneer and Military Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix on Memorial Day.



TENNESSEE

The Maj. William Anderson McTeer Camp #39 with a few helpers installed a military markers for three different soldiers. Captain William H Kirk, Company D 3rd North Carolina MTD Infantry at Magnolia Cemetery in Maryville, Tennessee. Captain Kirk's old marker was worn and faded. David Swaney, Co C, 3rd Tennessee

MTD Infantry at Four Mile Baptist Cemetery in Blount County, a previously unmarked grave. Also Mathew Roberts, Co E, 10th Tennessee Cav at Oak Grove Cemetery, Meigs County.



TEXAS

The Brigadier General Joseph Bailey Camp 5 educates one of several groups of area students in the history, lineage and use of U.S. national and regimental flags on the education day of the annual Pleasant Hill Battle Reenactment near that town in northwest Louisiana. The reenactment was held on the actual field of the April 1864 battle, a Confederate victory that with the previous day's Battle of Mansfield, turned the tide of Union attempts to capture Shreveport and control the Red River and access to Texas.



WISCONSIN

C.K. Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee helped family honor Pvt. John Afton on the 150th anniversary of his death at the Milwaukee Soldiers Home. Nine relatives from Afton's native Michigan traveled to attend, held at the Wood National Cemetery.



The Department of Wisconsin expects to finish this year a campaign to dedicate a Last Soldier Marker at the grave of the last Civil War veteran buried in each of the state's 72 counties. The campaign, begun in 2017, now has reached the 80 percent mark, with Last Soldier Markers dedicated on graves in 58 of the state's 72 counties.



- OBITUARY -
MICHELLE LANGLEY, PNP ASUVCW

JULY 14, 1957 - APRIL 10, 2021



It is our sad duty to report the death of Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Past National President Michelle Langley on April 10, 2021 in Interlaken, New York at the age of 63.

Michelle was a member of the D.G. Caywood Auxiliary #72, Department of New York. Michelle Langley joined the ASUVCW in 1987, basing her membership on Private Samuel McCoombs, Co. K, 723rd NY Infantry. She served three different terms as New York Department President before being elected National President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW in 2004.

Michelle served the Order for over 33 years in a wide variety of positions, testimony to her dedication and commitment to Civil War history, education, and preservation. At the time of her passing, she was the Department of New York's Treasurer.

(Thanks to Auxiliary National President Wanda Langdon for the information contained here)



RICHARD D. ORR
PAST CINC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Davis* Camp, Pennsylvania Department, will conduct a memorial service for Past Commander in Chief, Richard D. Orr, on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 2 PM EST, at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Cemetery located in the northern suburbs of Pittsburgh.

<https://ccapgh.org/cemeteries/christ-our-redeemer-cemetery/>

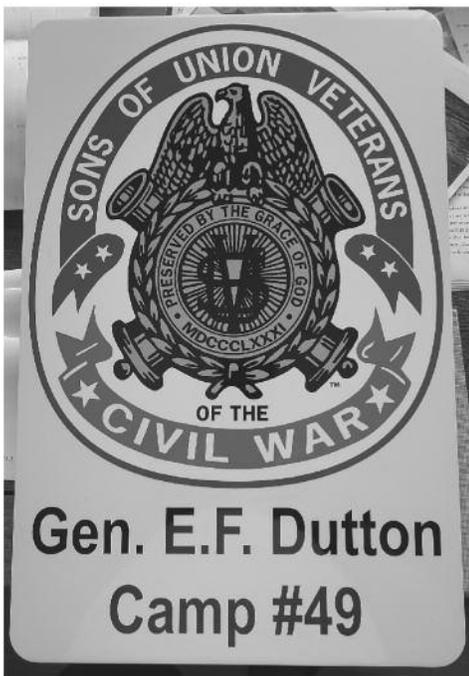


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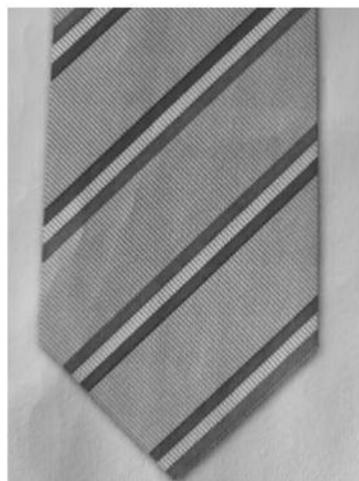
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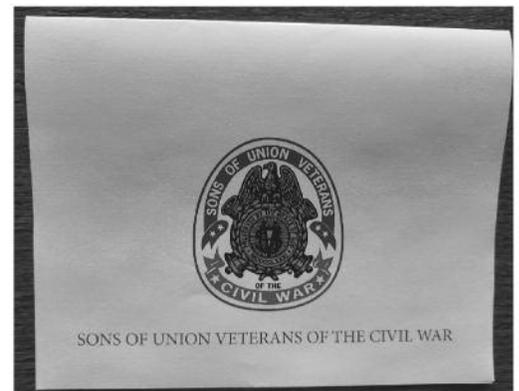
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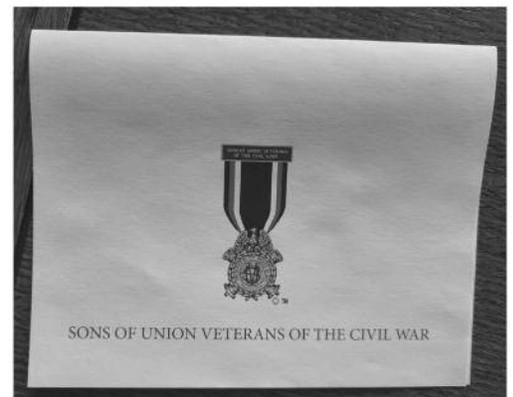
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SEPTEMBER, 1948:

Commander-in-Chief Robert M. Rownd was too ill to attempt the journey from Ripley, N.Y. In his absence, Senior Vice Commander in Chief Theodore A. Penland and National Secretary Miss Cora E. Gillis, presided.

In discussion as to 1949 being the last Encampment, all agreed it should be the final meeting; another year the burden of travel would be too great. Indianapolis was chosen for this last meeting - the seventh time chosen since November 20, 186 when the first National Encampment convened in that city.

While much of the activity of former years was lacking, the programs of the week found comrades in attendance and every comrade braved the rain to ride in the Parade led by the United States Marine Band, to the Civic Auditorium, to have a part in the Camp Fire.

Through the week every comrade had words of praise for the comforts provided by Michigan and for the outstanding leadership of Senator Perry W. Greene, who presided at all public activities.

Theodore A. Penland - age 99 - elected Commander in Chief

John H. Grate - age 103 - Senior Vice Commander in Chief

Wm H. Osborne - age 104 - Junior Vice Commander in Chief

Robert M Rownd - age 103 - Chaplain in Chief

John C. Adams - age 101 - Quartermaster General

Charles L. Chapel - age 102 - Patriotic Instructor

Albert Woolson - age 102 - Chief of Staff

The National Secretary Miss Cora E. Gillis was elected permanently in 1946. No other person has the knowledge of the inner life of the Grand Army National Organization, that is hers through years of close association. The care and placing of the records of the organization, in the Achieves of our Country is safe in her hands. After Feb 1st, National Headquarters will be located at 1326 18th St. N.W. Washington 6 D.C. for many years the legal address in accordance with the incorporation of the Organization.

A sense of depression is mine with the closing of this Journal and the thought that soon we must write FINIS, to the record of the Grand Army of the Republic. To soon will the Great Commander open wide the portals of Heaven and bid the last soldier of the Civil War, come Home - and one of the greatest chapters in the history of America will be closed, forever, unless every true American reaffirm his belief in the principles for which the war was fought; proud to put on the mantle of service and fearless to proclaim - I am an American.

Loyally yours,
Leah Simpson Marshall
Secretary

THE LINCOLN DEATH DAY OBSERVANCES

By Gordon R. Bury

Past Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The history of the Lincoln Death Day Observances held each year in Oak Ridge Cemetery at the Lincoln Tomb found its origin with the annual Abraham Lincoln birthday Ceremonies held at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC. In the mid 1950s, the Civil War Centennial was approaching. On October 13, 1953 CDR William C. Duval, USNR was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (Loyal Legion). At the same time, U.S. Grant III was the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), and would be elected Commander-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion on October 11, 1957.

Commander Duval thought that there should be a ceremony/observance at the Lincoln Tomb to commemorate the April 15, 1865 death date of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. He further thought that it should be patterned after the annual Lincoln Birthday Ceremonies held in Washington DC each year on February 12th. The honor of planning and executing the 1923 dedication ceremonies of the Lincoln Memorial had been bestowed on the Loyal Legion by President Warren G. Harding.

Commander Duval reviewed his idea with his close friend U.S. Grant III who supported him to that end. In moving forward for such a ceremony, Commander Duval contacted a Loyal Legion Companion from Indianapolis, Indiana, Eli Lilley as well as George L. Cashman of Springfield, Illinois who was the Caretaker of the Lincoln Tomb and lived in the stone house next to the tomb. George was also a member of the SUVCW and later would become Commander-in-Chief of that organization.

Bill Duval then drove to Indianapolis, picked up Eli Lilly and they continued to Springfield to meet with George Cashman where they formulated the outline for the proposed ceremony. It would center on two main presenters, the Commanders-in-Chief of the Loyal Legion and the SUVCW, with the National Presidents of the Allied Order of the GAR and the Dames of the Loyal Legion laying wreaths along with a large number of Veterans, Patriotic, Hereditary, and other such Societies. The ceremony set to be held at 11:00 AM on the 15th of April each year commencing in 1956.

U.S. Grant III was named as Chairman of the American Civil War Centennial Presidential Commission by General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. CDR William C. Duval was named as Co-Chairman. In those first years of the Death Day Ceremonies, President Dwight David Eisenhower attended the Death Day Observance and a wreath was laid by the President in honor of President Lincoln.

For years there were large numbers of the 114th Regiment Ill. Vol. Inf. who were members of the Chicago Sons (SUVCW) Camp and the SVR (Sons of Veterans Reserve). The unit acted as the honor guards for the Death Day Ceremonies. They were appointed by the Governor of Illinois to be his personal escort and honor guards for the Civil War Centennial as well. In later years the 114th was absorbed into the Illinois National Guard by transfer from the SVR and only remained a few years to serve at the Tomb Ceremonies on the Death Day.

Thomas L.W. Johnson who was a Loyal Legion Companion and Past Department Commander of the Department of Wisconsin, SUVCW served as Chairman of the Death Day for many decades. He was assisted by his wife Ellinore Konrad Johnson. Ellinore was Past National President, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Her Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW was U.S. Grant III. Ellinore each year sent out hundreds of invitations and notices of the forth-coming Death Day Ceremonies and activities to all the organizations and persons involved in the Ceremonies. An informal dinner was always held the evening before the ceremonies in the State House Inn across from the State Capitol for the Death Day participants who were staying at the hotel.

From the inception of the Ceremonies until the death of Eli Lilley at the end of the 1970s, each year a program of heavy 11 by 18 inch gloss stock served as the program of the event with two thirds of the cover page being a full color photograph of the Tomb. The second page was the program order of the day. The next three pages of the program contained in small print each of the Wreath Layers title, name, and organization represented, along with the organization represented. The last page listed the Luncheon Activities and Program. Lastly was listed the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee. All those loyal members for many years, like Lincoln, "have passed unto the ages".

During the Ceremonies each year it was an honor invested to the Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW to present at the conclusion of his respective remarks Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield address. A firing salute was given prior to Taps. Following the conclusion of the Ceremonies the Commanders-in-Chief and National Presidents of the Allied Orders, would be escorted to place their live formal tributes within the Crypt below which lay the remains of Abraham Lincoln.

The participants would all retire to the State House Inn for a formal luncheon with a reknowned speaker presenting their latest program on the War of the Rebellion. The Ballroom would be over filled with hundreds of participants and their family.

It was on one such Death Day Observance that while waiting to give my address, seated next to the Lincoln Bust (when it was between the steps and the Crypt door) that I learned the recent details of the passing of the co-founders of the Death Day Ceremonies, that is CDR William C. Duval and George L. Cashman, both whom I knew very well for years! It was more than haunting to me when I found out that not only had they both passed the same day, but during the same hour within a minute of each other! As I wiped my teary eyes, Thomas Johnson concluded his introduction of me and it was time for me to give the tribute to Lincoln and read the Lincoln Farewell to Springfield!

We must continue to look to the origins of the Death Day Ceremony, strive to carry on the intentions of its founders, and adhere to the responsibilities which they wisely established for us.

Copy Written April 23 2021 by Gordon R. Bury



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