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#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MICHAEL A. PAQUETTE

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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 #2**

Reporting on the passing of Real Daughter Florence (Pool) Wilson on Agusut 31, 2021 at 98 years of age. Her father was Charles Parker Pool who served as a private in the 6th West Virginia Infantry. Her brother is a member of Colonel John C. Bryner Camp #67, Department of Illinios.

#### SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

November 21, 2021, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

(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 Michael A. Paquette called the meeting to order at 8:00am on November 21, 2021 and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Advertisement banners to some of our database pages i.e. search page and results page. Both the Technology and the Graves Registration Committee's will work on developing this, but deferred action until the new web site is operational.

Creation and marketing a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru a database web store to people who learn of their relatives or are helping with our projects. After further discussion, it was voted not to proceed with this idea.

Creation of a fund raising program, asking brothers to donate funds and establish various recognition levels to acknowledge gifts. After discussion, it was voted no to proceed with this idea.

From Program and Policy Committee, approved for publication the SUVCW Letter for the web site, along with periodic review.

The IRS has not updated their own web site and it still lists the subordinate unites as 501c4 organizations. Action on this deferred until the spring 2022 CofA meeting.

6. The Order advocate to the DOD, US Army,

Arlington National Cemetery, and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath-laying on Memorial Day. This is being tracked at this time.

7. Considering the ever-growing role of social media in serving to enhance the visibility of SUVCW and attract new members, the Commander-in-Chief establish a national award, to be presented at the annual National Encampment, that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of SUVCW through social media. Assigned to the Social Media Committee for report back at the Spring 2022 CofA meeting.

8. The National Signal Officer was tasked to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest optional best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW-related websites and social media accounts, to report back at the Spring 2022 CofA meeting.

GAR Kit Carson Monument located in Santa Fe, NM status discussed.

Request from Vicksburg National Cemetery requesting our participation as a consulting party. Brother Henry Duquette was appointed to this position.

NPS Policy on placing of flags in the Gettysburg National Cemetery on Remembrance Day. The CinC reported discussions with the Park Superintendent. Anticipating possibly obtaining a permit for 2022 and place flags on all veterans graves.

Letters will be sent to sponsoring U.S. Senators who have sponsored legislation to promote Ulysses S. Grand to the rank of General of the Armies of the United States.

The Council of Administration went into Executive Session to discuss copyright infringement by DUVCW. All issues have been settled.

The Program and Policy Committee will consider potential additions to the job description of the National Secretary.

Contracts for Gettysburg Remembrance Day events starting 2023 currently being reviewed.

Executive Director; David W. Demmy, Sr. recommended records, reports, documents, correspondence photos, proceedings, auxiliary proceedings, fiche, credential cards of old encampments, national encampment VHS tapes, old department records, PCinC records, former JVC records, and potential surplus Banners at Hqs be added to our Retention Schedule or be a stand-alone schedule or policy. The Program and Policy Committee just released a retention policy, but to close to the meeting for meaningful review. Deferred to CofA Zoom meeting in late January.

17. Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC Daryl VerStreate, PDC, requested the website email address for him be updated. National Signals Officer will address this.

Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC Daryl

VerStreate, PDC requested the Space Corp and Space Cadets be added to Form 7 (ROTC Award). Assigned to Program and Policy committee for consideration.

19. Assistant National Quartermaster ROTC Daryl VerStreate, PDC reported the Department Patriotic instructors report (Form 41) Line 17 says did you actively support the JROTC/ROTC Cadet program...the last two boxes are blacked out for Hours and amount. He requested these two boxes opened so camps can report the hours invested. These forms turned in to be forwarded to the ROTC chairman each year to be tallied and written into the ROTC officer yearly report for National Records. The Program and Policy Committee will address the blackout boxes.

a. Some questions have been asked concerning the Virtual Meetings Regulations passed at the most recent National Encampment. These questions were referred to the Virtual Meeting Committee, which was re-appointed for this purpose. Moved that National does will not pay for any virtual meeting capabilities for Departments, Camps or the SVR. Amended that Departments, Camps and/or SVR be responsible for subscriptions for virtual meetings platforms. Passed.

b. Question as to what equipment and practices are required for the Departments and/or Camp-levels. As this depends upon the platform chosen by the Department or Camps or SVR unit, referred to the Virtual Meeting Committee.

c. Question was asked: Is it permitted at the Department level for Department By-Laws to specify whether and how "virtual", "in-person", or some combination of "mixed" meetings be used at the Camp level? The CofA considered this question and voted to answer the question NO.

Recommended that Form 30 Line 5 (Change of Status) be amended to include a box to check for Termination of Dual Status; currently, that has to be written in by hand. Camp Annual Report Form 27 has such a line (14) for noting loss by Termination of Dual Status. Assigned to Program and Policy Committee for study.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

PCinCMark Day brought up discussion on Scholarship

donation. This was deferred to the Spring 2022 CofA meeting.

Sr.Vice CinC Bruce Frail on reported on digital documents, i.e. all of the Past National Encampment Proceedings. The Banner will publish request for copies of certain Proceedings.

Motion by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail to limit the Graves Registration Data Base to actual burial sites, seconded. Passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Review of the new web site by National. Signal Officer Form 5 Resolution for Dept. of IL (Talked during the Zoom Meeting. Hand over to P&P for action.

Honoring Departments who host National Encampment Turn over to P&P to cover by Springfield.

Motion by Bruce Frail to raise the cost for National Encampment room night to max of \$150.

Motion by CofA Member Joseph Hall to increase the donation to departments hosting National Encampments to \$10,000, seconded. Motion Failed.

Motion by Nat. Treasurer to accept brother Ward offer of \$1000 for computer that he holds from a committee he chaired, seconded. Passed.

National Quartermaster James Lyon brought new National ties for purchase.

Discussed which National Officer will attend which 2022 Department Encampments.

Assistant within the National Headquarters, to be addressed during Spring CofA Meeting in Springfield.

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

CofA Member Kevin Martin gave his intent to seek the office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

PCinC Donald Shaw gave his intent to seek the office of National Quartermaster during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

CofA Member Harry Reineke, IV gave his intent to seek re-election next year during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

### 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 deductable. 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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#### **HE WAS ALSO**

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- Featured on C-Span2 live for an interview following the surrender ceremony at Appomattox for the 150th anniversary of the surrender in 2015 (with Thomas Jessee as General Lee)
- Featured, with Mike Rowe, on the Discovery Channel's three-part series "How Booze Built America"
- Appeared as General Grant on the National Geographic Television series "Diggers"
- Featured as General Grant in the Visitors Center films shown at Appomattox National Historic Park and the Dover Hotel in Fort Donelson National Battlefield as President Grant at the General Grant National Memorial (Grant's Tomb) in New York city
- Featured on four national magazine covers
- The only Living Historian to be featured on two national magazine covers at the same time and for the same event: the Appomattox 150th in 2015
- Selected as the official Grant for the U.S. Grant Boyhood Home in Georgetown, Ohio.
- Portrayed President Grant for the opening and dedication of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University on November 30th, 2017
- Portrayed General Grant at West Point (at the USMA request) in January of 2019, to kick off their 'semester of Grant' celebration prior to erecting a statue of him on the plain, April 25th, 2019
- Performed (with Thomas Jessee as General Lee) the two-man presentation "Appomattox: The Last 48 Hours" on the front porch of the McLean house, April 13th, 2019
- Featured by the American Battlefield Trust as General Grant describing his life in the 'Civil War in Four Minutes' 1IN4 series
- Portrayed General Grant for the Ulysses S. Grant (virtual) Symposium 2020
- Portrayed President Grant for the state of Ohio (The Ohio Historical Connection)
- Presents a weekly Zoom program "Friday's with Grant" on the Civil War Round Table Congress (cwrtcongress.org and Facebook: Civil War Round Table Congress) All programs are archived
- Has been selected to portray President Grant at the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library in March of 2022, to kick off the Grant Bicentennial year celebrations/observances

To Engage the General or the President: E-telegraph is: curtfields@generalgrantbyhimself.com Signal Corps ID # 901-496-6065 Headquarters: generalgrantbyhimself.com



For more information: suvcwmi.org/2022NatEncampment

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## FINAL MUSTER

The Pandemic has left a terrible scar on our world. If God loves us, why would He allow such misery to befall us? Why does He allow earthquakes, fires, climate change, old age and all of the other things that we experience?

Because, we were not made for here (this life), we were made for there (eternal life of joy and happiness) in the presence of our Creator.

May the souls of our departed Brothers and Sisters rest in His peace.

James Roy Fisher, III Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake) 11/10/21

Roger Johnson Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake) 11/6/2021

Jeremy Matthew Newton Col. William Kinsman Camp 23 (Iowa) 9/12/2021

**Theodore S. Johnson, PCC** Alexander French Camp 28 (Michigan) 11/3/2021

Jerry Lee Kasten Lt Col J Felix St James Camp 326 (Missouri) 12/15/2021

Robert Livingston Dodge Sgt William Pittenger Camp 21 (California/Pacific) 11/18/2021

John Ray Keith, PCC Gen Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 (Michigan) 10/31/2021

**David R Allee** Elias Moon Camp 2 (Georgia) 9/20/2021

**Carroll R Harbaugh** Antietam Camp #3 (Cheaspeake) 8/23/2021

Joseph R McShane John T Crawford Camp 43 (Pennsylvania) 10/1/2021 **Charles Odell, PCC** Life Member 741 Antietam Camp #3 (Chesapeake) 10/5/2021

James S. Nedela Wa-Bu-No Camp 250 (Michigan) 9/30/2021

Keith F. Rogers Gen J P S Gobin Camp 503 (Pennsylvania) 9/11/2021

**Jerald Ellsworth Potter** Philip Triem Camp 43 (Ohio) 9/12/2021

Howard W Streeter, PCC Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 (Michigan) 12/20/2020

Ronald L Brower, PDC Lincoln Camp 100 (New Jersey) 8/27/2021

William Alan Pollard, Department Commander Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (Texas) 8/17/2021

Andrew Michael Cullen Maj Sullivan Ballou Camp 3 (Rhode Island) 9/8/2021

Stanley Paul Sutton Old Abe Camp 16 (Kansas) 9/26/2021

Russell C Dannecker Zenas R Bliss Camp 12 (Rhode Island) 7/25/2021 Clyde M Evans Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 (Ohio) 8/11/2021

Keith H Hawkes, Jr Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 (Chesapeake) 7/23/2021

Robert Traxler Jaques Capt Richard Taylor Camp 53 (Alabama) 4/28/2021

Albert E Billings Westport Camp 64 (Missouri) 12/21/2020

James Erwin Craw Maj Gen John Gibbon Camp 4 (Wisconsin) 10/19/2021

Robert C Maerdian Gen George Wright Camp 22 (California/Pacific) 8/15/2021

John Willis Kohl Picacho Peak Camp 1 (Southwest) 8/1/2021

**Robert Norman Koerber** Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinios) 7/22/2021

John C Martin, Jr Gen John F Hartranft Camp 15 (Pennsylvania) 11/16/2021

Robert Edmund Sheridan Joshua L Chamberlain Camp 20 (Chesapeake) 10/8/2021

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

This past year my only son celebrated his 50th Birthday, a milestone. I remember the day he was born, I got on the wrong expressway going in the wrong direction. There was a bit of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

Then there was Scouting - he started as a Cub, and finished as an Eagle. He was a Varsity Football player, and I enjoyed every single game in which he played.

Toward the end of 2021, I had a Birthday, and he personally delivered a card to me that he had just made. It was on 8 1/2 by 11 white paper, folded in half. On the envelope was the word DAD - in triangle lettering like the one used by Def Leppard. The card itself had a 5 inch cross with the words Dad B-Day 2021. On the inside he printed,

#### "I have been blessed to have you as my Father, Friend, Advisor, Role Model & Mentor. Thank You for all you have done to make me the Man I have become. God be with you Today and Every Day. Love, Son"

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### **GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MONUMENT**

On September 12, 1956, the Grand Army of the Republic Monument featuring Albert Woolson was unveiled and dedicated during the 75th National Encampment of the SUVCW and the 70th National Encampment of the ASUVCW. The bronze statue of Woolson, sculpted when he was 107, sits in a prominent spot on Hancock Avenue shaded by the trees in Ziegler's Grove. Woolson is seated on a boulder with a staff in his right hand; his campaign hat bearing the GAR emblem rests by his left hand. His membership badge is prominent on his jacket over his heart. Woolson gazes pensively toward the spot of Picket's Charge where so many brave soldiers died on July 3, 1863.



The dedication was led by Colonel Frederic Bauer, GAR Commander-in-Chief. The statue of Woolson sits atop a 6' x 7' mahogany colored, polished granite base with incised engraving.

This monument was the dream of Celeste Gentieu, who served as



National President of the ASUVCW in 1931. At the Fifty fifth National ASUVCW Encampment in 1941 in Columbus, Ohio, Recommendation No. 8 was made and adopted "That the Permanent GAR Memorial Fund shall be reopened and Past National President Celeste Gentieu be appointed permanent chairman".

At the 1954 National Encampment sculptor Dr. Avard Fairbanks of the University of Utah was in attendance and presented as the sculptor chosen by the committee to sculpt the figure of the last standing civil war veteran, Albert Woolson. It was determined at this Encampment to place the monument in the Gettysburg National Military Park. The monument was dedicated September 12, 1956 with 5000 people in attendance.

Wanda Langdon, PNP Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War





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### **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021**

The 65th Annual Remembrance Day observances are now behind us. The day started with the SVR breakfast at the headquarters hotel. A parade briefing was then held by our Provosts, but was poorly attended. Next year may see the meeting moved to parade assembly point and close to the start of the parade.

Brothers then moved to Ziegler's Grove and the monument to the Grand Army of the Republic, featuring Albert Woolson, the last member of the G.A.R. A check was presented to the National Park Service by the Order from the proceeds of the previous ball. President Abraham Lincoln also delivered the Gettysburg Address and then several presented wreaths.

The annual parade stepped off at 1:00pm with about 4,000 reenactors participating. The parade route seemed lined by spectators the entire route, most places two and three deep. The parade route this year was restored to the traditional route. Authorities still went to great lengths to protect the parade route and participants. The total cost to host the parade was just under \$7,500, with our Provost, David Hann raising \$3,500 in donations to offset these costs.

The final activity is the annual Original Civil War Ball, held at the Wyndham Hotel. Music was provided by the Philadelphia Brigade Band and dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble

The Departments and Camps held various observances around the battlefield throughout the day in addition to the official activities. *Photos by Ed Norris and Jim Pahl.* 











### **ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY**

All are invited to participate in the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2022.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701.

The room rate is \$111.00 for single - quad. A10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included.

Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans".

Reserve your room by March 25, 2022. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

**Wreaths** may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16th.

**Luncheon** will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature TBD. Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvcw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

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Attention Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

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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

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

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

#### ALABAMA

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Mobile's annual Veterans Parade was held downtown in Mobile, Alabama. Five members of the Adm. David Farragut Camp participated in a color guard in the event. The Farragut is the newest camp in the Department of Alabama.



**CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC** 

On Veterans Day members of Camp 24 in San Francisco stood at the gates of the Golden Gate National Cemetery to welcome veterans and visitors. Members also stood at the graves of Civil War soldiers and sailors to tell their story. Visitors were appreciative of our presence and our tribute to soldiers and sailors buried there.



On November 20, 2021, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 held a beautiful ceremony at the home of Sgt. William Pittenger MOH in Fallbrook, CA.



#### CHESAPEAKE

The Colonel James D. Brady Camp #63 gathered at Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Petersburg, VA on 30 November 2021 to observe the 121st anniversary of the passing of the camp's namesake. Colonel Brady served during the war as an officer of the 63rd New York Infantry Regiment, eventually as the regiment's last commander. Camp members placed a wreath on Brady's gravesite and reflected on his service to the nation during and after the war, as he had was a member of Congress from 1885-1887.



November 6, 2021 Fredericksburg, Virginia. Brothers, Sisters, and family of the Allied Orders gathered at Ristorante Renato to honor and support our Commanderin-Chief, Michael A. Paquette. Guests enjoyed dinner, drinks and the camaraderie of friends and new acquaintances. After dinner, attendees shared their personal expressions of encouragement and inspiration for our commander. CinC Paquette ended the evening with his appreciations and remarks.



Guests included DUVCW Past National President Ellen Higgins and Auxiliary to SUVCW National President Allison Pollitt.

#### FLORIDA

Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 1 conducted headstone dedication services for two previously unmarked Civil War veterans graves. Pvt Julius Sims, 117 Illinois Infantry and Pvt James Bartholomew, 33rd Indiana Infantry. Assisting were brothers of the Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, sisters of the Louisa May Alcott Tent 11, DUVCW, an un-named Florida SVR unit and Florida's Buffalo Soldier's.



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

The Elias Moon Camp 2 and Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 jointly conducted a living history encampment at Allatoona Pass Battlefield Park, where they greeted the public and performed music and firing demonstrations. Allatoona is the site of a dramatic Union victory that



coined the phrase 'Hold the fort!' and a church hymn of the same.



#### **ILLINOIS**

Old Glory Camp 6165 Commander Jeff Kaup and Union Ridge Cemetery Director received the Certificate of Appreciation from "Young Marines of Chicago" unit for the Camp's support and award program. Each year Old Glory Camp 6165 provides an award given to the unit's best young cadet.



The George A. Custer Camp #1 recognized Executive Director Thomas Cartwright of Lotz House for his contribution to the Lotz family and the many stories of soldiers both north & south who sacrificed so much during the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.



#### INDIANA

The John Auten Camp 8 dedicated the final resting place of the Last Soldier of Fulton County at the IOOF Cemetery in Rochester, Indiana. The soldier was Private John H. Shelton served in Co. B 142Nd Indiana Vol. Inf. The Camp was joined by members of Orlando Somers Camp 1, John Auten Camp 8; Champion Hill Camp17, David D. Porter Camp 116, General Pritchard Camp 20 (Michigan), March to the Sea Camp 135 (Michigan),

Arsinoe Martin LGAR Circle 78, Elkhart and The Women's Relief Corp, National.



The John Auten Camp 8 and David D. Porter Camp 116 joined forces to mark the final resting place of Benjamin F. Kimbrel, the "Last Soldier" of La Porte County. He was a private in Co. H, 66th Indiana Vol. Inf. They were assisted by Champion Hill Camp 17, the Arsinoe Martin LGAR Circule #78 and sisters of the WRC. Eight members of Benjamin's family were present for the dedication.



#### IOWA

Once again, the General Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 coordinated an annual flag retirement and invites the community to participate. The event was held this year at Glendale Cemtery in Des Moines, Iowa. Over 2500 flags were honorably retired.



On Saturday, November 13, 2021, members of the Department of Iowa conducted a Ceremony of Dedication for the Hull Cemetery near Luther, Iowa. The Hull Cemetery was established in 1848, and over the years had fallen into disrepair.

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Recently, a new cemetery association has been created and has made many improvements to the cemetery. The Department was asked to perform the Ceremony of Dedication in honor of the twenty-two veterans buried there, ranging from the War of 1812 through Vietnam, including eight from the Civil War. Also present were members of the Madrid Iowa VFW and General Society of the War of 1812, Iowa Chapter.

#### KANSAS

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Oxford, Kansas, Private John N. Eckes Camp, #10, rededicated the Civil War monument in Oxford Cemetery. The monument was erected by Civil War veteran and first mayor of Oxford, Jacob M. Buffington, and was originally dedicated by the local G.A.R. Junior Vice Commander Bill Mueller.

#### KENTUCKY



Brothers from the Department of Kentucky sponsored the recent cleaning of Gordon Granger's Monument. General Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas and issued the order upon which the Juneteenth celebration is founded.



Brothers of the Elijah P Marrs Camp 5 joined with brothers of Fort Duffield Camp 1 to acquire and dedicate a grave marker for Bugler Pvt Mathew Dennis Sean. Many relatives were also in attendance.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Hosted by the Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54, the Department of Massachusetts gathered together with members of the 1st Military District, SVR, to dedicate of the Susie Baker King Taylor Memorial at Boston's Mount Hope Cemetery. . Susie Taylor was the first African American US Army nurse. During the Civil War, Susie served with the 1st South Carolina Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which later became the 33rd U.S. Colored Troops.



Susie was a founding member of the Boston Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corp and there is a Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War tent named after Susie. Representing the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps was Ms. Hermina Glass-Hill, who traveled from Georgia to be with us for this celebration. The keynote speaker was Boston's mayor, Kim Janey. Joining in the ceremony was the Commander of the William E Carter American Legion Post No. 16, of Boston.

#### MICHIGAN



The Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp enjoyed a Christmas meeting and dinner this December. The Camp was joined by brothers from three other camps, our Sisters from the Gov. Crapo Corps No. 23 WRC, and the members of the LT Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union, along with friends and family.

In October, brothers of the 14th Michigan, SVR, consisting of brothers from several Michigan Camps, rededicated the monument of the 29th Michigan Infantry in Bliss Park, Saginaw. The original plaque was removed

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due to potential vandalism and replaced with a new one.



This tablet marks the vicinity of organization 29th Michigan Infantry from Aug. 15 to Oct. 6th, 1864. The monument was originally erected by survivors and citizens on Oct. 28th, 1914.

#### **MISSOURI**



The Westport Camp #64 held a commemoration for the "Battle of Westport" at Loose Park in Kansas City, Missouri. The Battle of Westport –the Gettysburg of the West –was fought October 23, 1864 and represents one of the largest American Civil War battles west of the Mississippi River. It was also a turning point in the war and closing chapter for Confederate General Sterling Price's 1864 Missouri raid. 30,000 soldiers were part of the engagement with an estimated 1,000 soldiers killed or wounded. The battle was the last major operation Confederate forces launched in the Trans-Mississippi Theater leaving Missouri firmly under Union control for the remainder of the war. Brothers were joined by sisters of the Louisa Vooker Macklind Tent #24, DUVCW, the Bates County Historical Society.



The US Grant Camp 68 held General Sherman Remembrance Day at his tomb in Calvary Cemetery. Brothers were joined by members of three other Camps,

WRC National President Jessica Booth, members of the local DUVCW Tent.

#### NEBRASKA

Brothers of the Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and the Shiloh Camp #2 participated in the Last Civil War Soldier of Pawnee County dedication at the grave of John Lehman Co. F of the 118th Illinois Infantry.



Brothers from the Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp # 2 participated in a headstone dedication to William Burg who served with the Second Nebraska Volunteer Cavalry and who was the great-great grand uncle of a Victor Vifquain Camp member.



**NEW YORK** 



The name of Pvt. Albert Freeman, 11th US Colored Heavy Artillery, was recently added to the Civil War monument at Bartlett Pond Park in the Suffolk County hamlet of Middle Island due to research done by Carlie Preudhomme while a student at Longwood Junior High School. Private Freeman, who died of disease at Ft. Jackson, Louisiana, was a native of Middle Island but his name was missed when the monument, inscribed with the names of those from Middle Island who served, was created in 2010. The Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544, presented Carlie with a Certificate of Merit and a check



for \$100.00 during activities at the 13th Long Island Civil War Weekend at Sayville's Islip Grange.



Brothers of Sydney Camp #41 dedicated a new stone for Norman Cognell 40th N.Y. Vol Inf. They were joined by brothers of the David G. Caywood Camp #146, the Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 and sisters of the DUVCW. The two people in front of picture are great great grandsons.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

On December 11, 2021, Commander-in-Chief Michael Paquette presented a new Charter to Maj. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 in Cary, North Carolina. Two Sisters of the Auxiliary also attended, and the guest speaker was historian Earnest Dollar. The Camp is named in honor of the Union cavalry commander Maj. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick.



Brothers of the Department of North Carolina were able to attend the dedication of the new sculpture Boundless by Stephen Hayes, which honors the USCT, was unveiled at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC. The location was chosen because Col. Elias Wright's brigade of United States Colored Troops (USCT) attacked this position held by Confederate artillery and infantry in the Battle of Forks Road.



#### OHIO

The Cadot-Blessing Camp #126 Department of Ohio has embarked on a mission to entice younger members to our organization. The camp has purchased 10 uniforms and with the help of Mr. Huffman, a brother and teacher of Civil War 8th grade history teacher. Another Camp brother is a history professor at a local university who involves college students in this project. The Camp has outfitted students to help us in parades and other events. We have managed to supply rifles for them to display and our hopes is that they will research their ancestors and someday join our ranks. The pictures show them in the 2021 Veterans Day parade.



The Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73 of Chillicothe proudly rededicated Brigadier General Joshua Sill's restored monument. The monument, over 150 years old, had been seriously damaged by coal smoke and factory exhaust. The structural mounts were deteriorated and the monument was held in place by gravity. It had actually been knocked over during a storm and set back in place. The writing and detail of the monument was weathered as was the bronze plaque which needed remounted. The ceremony was attended by members of Sill's family.







Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp # 1 and Sisters of Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 of the Oklahoma Department of the DUVCW conducted a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers and



Sailors Monument at Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City. In addition, a rededication ceremony celebrating restoration of four granite pedestals with cannonball stacks at the corners of the monument was held. These ceremonies were covered by the local NBC affiliate station KFOR.



PC-in-C Brian Pierson, and 12 other Brothers of the Oklahoma Department conducted a dedication ceremony at the restored gravesite of Private William M. Lacy Sr. of Co. K of the 79th USCT. The dedication was part of a ceremony conducted by more than 30 members of the Muskogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band to celebrate the restoration of the Thomas Smith Cemetery in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No 504 attended the Remembrance Day weekend at Gettysburg as the official Color Guard for Department Commander John Gipson. The Color guard marched in the Parade carrying the Department of Pennsylvania Colors.



Brothers of the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 gathered at the Maryland Monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield on Remembrance Day to initiate a new brother into the Camp and to install its newly elected officers for 2022. New brother Andre Ferrell is the descendant of a soldier from an Illinois regiment of U.S. Colored Troops.



#### SOUTHWEST

On the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Remembrance Day observance was held in Phoenix. This date is always set aside in Arizona to remember the day and honor the lives that were lost during the sneak Japanese air attack on US Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Hickman Air Field.



Some 75 organizations participated in this annual wreath-laying event at the base of an anchor from the battleship including four of the five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Those representing the National Orders were: Michael Paquette, Commander-in-Chief, Norma Fiedler, National President, DUVCW and Allison Pollitt, National President, ASUVCW. Locally, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were on hand as were sisters from the Margaret Warner Wood Detached Tent No 1, DUVCW and the Picacho Peak Camp No 1 Auxiliary.



The General US Grant Camp No. 3, and Allied Orders at the final internment of unclaimed Veterans' remains at Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Camp Navajo, Bellmont, Arizona. Several Brothers of Grant Camp and the Allied Orders served as urn bearers for the ceremony.

#### VERMONT



The brothers of the Cmdr Ripley Camp #4 were joined

### **VOICES OF PATRIOTISM**

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

#### Brothers,

As we wrap up the first month of the year 2022, we will start planning activities and fundraisers to help our Camps and Departments. We will begin to start planning our Memorial Day ceremonies and parades to remember the men of the Union and the GAR. As this is going on we must keep in mind that we are continuing the mission of the men of the Grand Army of the Republic. In doing so we must also teach and educate those we are working with about who the GAR was and what they did.

We know that the comrades of the GAR would care for their fellow Civil War veterans and the families of those who did not come home or had since passed. As the United States entered and exited more conflicts, the GAR would also take those veterans coming home under their wings and make sure that not only were they taken care of, but that they were taking care of their own. It is important to educate the public on the things that the GAR did as it shows that this is part of our legacy as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

There are a few ways that we can go about educating the public and ourselves regarding what the GAR did. To start with ourselves, we will soon be having a module on our new and improved Memorial University that will be dedicated to the history of the GAR. This module will help to show our Brothers, young and old, of all the Grand Army did to better the lives of their fellow veteran. Understanding what they didwill help us to continue and honor their legacy.

Some of the ways we can go about keeping their memory alive in the public is by doing presentations at local historic societies, Boy ScoutTroops or VFW Hall.By reaching out to these organizations we will find people who are interested in what the GAR was and how they impacted their society. You might be asking, why is it so important for the rest of the world to know and understand their legacy? We must keep their legacy alive and well because we can learn a lot as a society by looking at what the GAR did. Taking time out of their lives to ensure that those who they were charged with caring for were never forgotten and that is a lesson that everyone can learn from.

I cannot wait to see all the work that Brothers, Camps and Departments will do this coming year from cemetery clean ups to presentations on the GAR. Good luck, be safe and remember to have fun with it all!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, National Patriotic Instructor Br. Ben Frail, PDC patrioticinstructor@suvcw.org

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by brothers of the 1st Military District SVR Massachusetts and New Hampshire participated in the 4th of July parade in Brandon, Vermont.



Brothers of the Ripely Camp #4 participated in a marker dedication to John P Bowman who had a tannery in New York which produced leather goods for the Union army. He built the Vermont mansion (his summer home) across from the mausoleum he built for his wife and daughter so he could be near them.

#### WISCONSIN



CinC Michael Paquette visited Milwaukee for a reception honoring Auxiliary National President Allison Pollitt, a Milwaukee-area native. The reception was held by C.K. Pier badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary 4.



Veterans Day was celebrated in the Rotunda of the Wisconsin State Capitol building in Madison with participation of the Col. Henry Harnden Camp #2. Also in attendance were members of local chapters of the Daughter of the American Revolution. Colors were posted and retired by members of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, aided by the Henry Harnden Camp. Remarks were delivered by Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

## PAST PROCEEDINGS NEEDED

The National Organization is in the process of digitizing every year's edition of the Annual Proceedings of the National Encampments. It is anticipated this will be completed in 2022 and all of them posted to our Order's website.

At the Council of Administration meeting in Gettysburg, PA on November 21, members were advised of the need the assistance of the Brothers to complete the ongoing project.

In one of the combined books we have at the National Headquarters, they were bound too tightly and are not able to be digitized without unbinding the volumes and even with that done most have binding stitching through the text of all the pages. If you have or know of the location of any of these years please contact Bruce D. Frail (poppahazmat@yahoo.com), and we can make arrangements to receive those years, digitize them and get them returned to you.

The years in need are the following: 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 & 1935.

Respectfully, In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty, Bruce D. Frail, PDC Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 401-464-2119 svcinc@suvcw.org

### **DAVIS CAMP, PA HOSTS MEMORIAL AND REDEDICATION SERVICES**

On September 11th and 12th Davis \* Camp, Pittsburgh, PA, hosted a memorial service for past CinC Richard D. Orr, and a rededication of the AP Davis mausoleum. Both services were well attended, including multiple Past Commanders-in-Chief.





Each service was opened with a bagpiper leading a uniformed honor guard of Brothers from Isaac Eaton Camp 504 and the 9th PA Reserves. Following remarks about Past CinC Orr and AP Davis and the mausoleum restoration.

Speakers included Richard Orr family members, Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette, Barbara Indan, Pennsylvania Auxiliary President, John Gipson, Pennsylvania Department Commander and William Fisher, Department Jr Vice Commander. Others placed markers, flags and wreaths at both gravesites. Permanent plaques marking Past CinC Richard Orr's service and the mausoleum restoration were unveiled. For both services various hymns were played by the bagpiper and a three-volley musket salute was carried out by the honor guards followed by Taps provided by Bugles Across America.



## **COLLECTING THE SONS**

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

### **DAVIS STAR FLAG STORY**

As early as 1883, consolidation talks were occurring between the Sons of Veterans Cadet Corps located in Philadelphia and the Camp System Sons headquartered in Pittsburgh. Philadelphia had Anna Ross Corps # 1 and Pittsburgh had Davis Camp # 1. With the merger, the National Encampment specified Davis Star Camp would forever carry a 6 ft by 6 ft gold silk flag with a star rather than a number indicating they were the charter Camp of the Order.

All other Camp flags were blue silk 6 ft x 6 ft with the camp name, location, name of the Order and Sons Coat of Arms on one side. On the reverse was the same wording, but with the state coat of arms. This rare example from our founding is preserved at Soldier and Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh. The flag is so fragile it could not be removed from its frame. Thanks to Camp Secretary Tim Ryan for the photo.





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