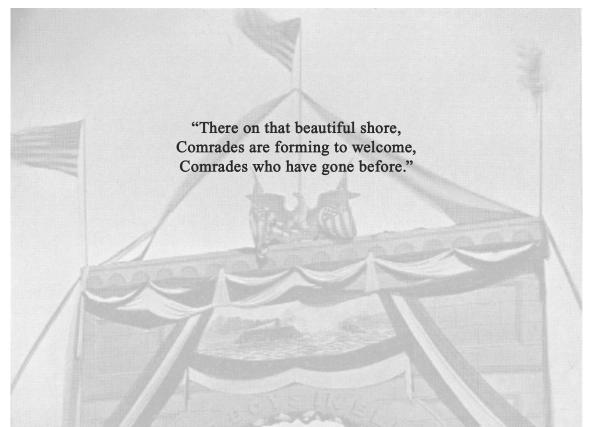
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# National Encampment in Boston



"It is to be hoped that the great patriotic and enthusiastic display, so perfectly arranged and carried out, will prove a potent educator to the young and rising generation; and that those of maturer years who hitherto have, perhaps, looked coldly upon the Grand Army of the Republic, will now appreciate, as never before, the priceless services and sacrifices these veterans of the Civil War gave to the nation when it was in peril; and that their hearts will over glow with increased love of country and pride in its banner of beauty and glory."

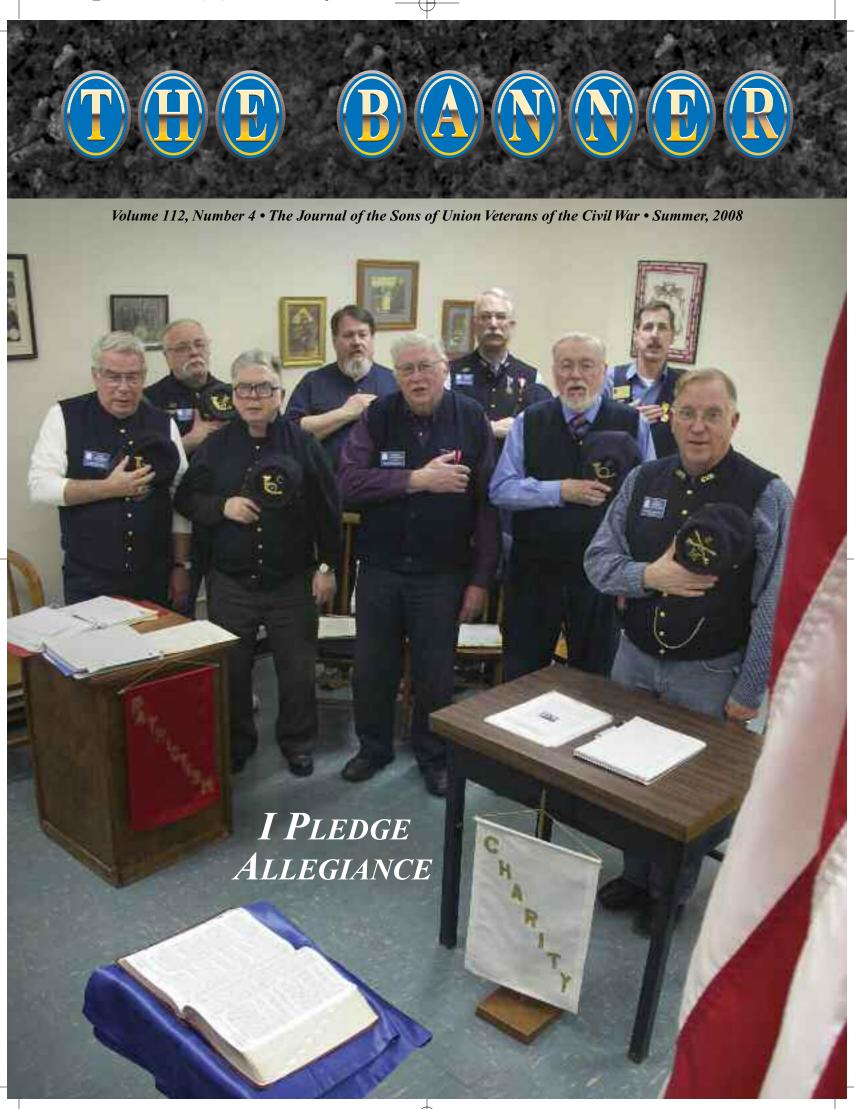
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### MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES



Observance at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne (Cape Cod), at the graves of six CW Soldiers brought back from Virginia in 2006.



Members of Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12 set a new headstone for Cpt. Charles J. Stewart, Co. G, IN Inf. with the help of the local American Legion post. Shown at Hill Top Cemetery, Pagosa Springs, CO, (standing left to right) are Brs. Bob Foisel, PDC Jim Davenport and DC Jerry Crawford. In front are Br. Tim Crites and PCC Dan Senjem.



Br. Lou Olker stands guard while Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 23 performs a grave marker dedication for Pvt. Charles G. Cook, Co. F, 1st NE Cav. at Santa Rosa (CA) Rural Cemetery. Pvt. Cook rests with 6 of his comrades and did not have a grave marker previously.



MG John Gibbon – 1Sgt. Daniel W. Burke Camp 2, Charlotte, held its annual Memorial Day ceremony at Salisbury Nat. Cemetery. A group of wreaths were placed along the edge of the burial site in honor of the fallen Union soldiers resting there. Pictured left to right – Br. Glenn Hipkins, CC Jerry Ankeny, PCC Craig Hipkins, Brs. Dan Fulton, and Michael Thompson. Not pictured – Br. Erv Seeger.



A joint ceremony was conducted May 30th between Gen. Wm. S. Harney Camp 8 and Mary Todd Lincoln Detached Tent 10 in the GAR Section at Orlando's Greenwood Cemetery. Pictured is CC and Dept JVC Robert Chandler.



A rededication ceremony was held at a small family cemetery, containing the remains of Pvt. Marshall L. Warner (1844-1941), Upshur County, WV's longest surviving Union Civil War veteran. 17-year old BSA Life Scout Jonathan Slaughter chose this graveyard's cleanup as his Eagle Scout project after his cousin, Buckhannon Camp 49's Michael Phillips, found the sight via some research in old WPA records.





#### BROTHERS TO PETITION NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO ALLOW CANINE

**MEMBERSHIP.** Lineage requirements to follow those of the AKC. What is it really? Turn to page 20.

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On the Cover: Some of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 is shown reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during their monthly meeting. Photo by PDC Kent Peterson



### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2007-2008

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CHARLES E. KUHN JR. 464 Lake Meade Dr. East Berlin, PA 17316 Charlie\_kuhn@comcast.net

#### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 14**

Brothers,

There has been some discussion concerning action of a National Encampment and some questions concerning the time of its implementation. Because of this I must make a ruling concerning the action of any National Encampment.

2. Action from a National Encampment can only affect from the date the action was taken forward. Any action taken by a National Encampment can not change or affect past procedures already in place and in use prior to the passing of said action. The action will only affect the procedures from that time forward.

So ordered this 29th day of March, 2008.

#### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1

- 1. It is my sad duty to report to you the passing of the Nat. President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 1865, Beverly Massey. Sr. Beverly passed away at 9 PM on Friday, 28 March 2008. Sr. Beverly had two ancestors that served during the Civil War. Both Simon P. Waltz and Noah Bisel volunteered and served in Co. D, 140th IN Inf.
- 2. Sr. Beverly has two sons, Bruce and Victor, who are both Members of the SUVCW.
- 3. Your condolences to the family can be sent to the following address:

**Beverly Massey Family** 

2545 Washington St.

Columbus, IN 47201-3670

- 4. Calling will be from 4 to 8 PM on Tuesday, 1 April 2008 and the funeral will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, 2 April 2008 at the Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home located at 1029 Washington Street in Columbus, IN.
- 5. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the local Hospice or you may consider making an Honor Role donation to the SUVCW in her name. If you would like to send flowers, Claudia's Flowers was recommended by the funeral home. Their number is (812) 342-0001.

6. All Departments and Camps are hereby ordered to drape their Charters for a period of 30 days from the date of this Special Order in memory of Sr. Beverly Massey. The Nat. Web site will also be draped for the same period of time.

So ordered this 29th day of March, 2008.

#### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 15**

There have been several questions concerning an alternates right to vote when being appointed to replace an elected delegate.

Alternate votes are permitted to replace elected delegate votes only. Alternates cannot replace the vote of a Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, any seated Camp, Department or National Officer that has a right to vote by virtue of the office he holds and whose vote does not count towards the allotted delegate counts for Camps or Departments.

If a Brother holding an office or past honor does not attend and appoints or otherwise designates another Brother to vote on his behalf or in his place this amounts to absentee or proxy voting. Chapter V, Article I Section 4 states "

Section 4. Voting.

- (a) Proxy voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further proxy voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.
- (b) Absentee voting is hereby prohibited at all Camp, Department and National meetings. Further absentee voting is prohibited at meetings of the Council of Administration, Department Council or Camp Council.

Rulings by previous Commanders-in-Chief have held that proxy voting and nor can a Camp Commander or Past Camp Commander vote by proxy.

Delegates to Division [Department] Encampment cannot be represented by proxy. CinC Griffin, Op. XLVI, Blue Book, 41.

A Delegate or Past Captain [Commander] cannot vote by proxy in the Division Encampment, nor can one delegate cast the entire vote of his camp if the other delegates and past captains are not present. CinC Bundy, Dec. XXXI, 14th, 36.

3. Therefore, any Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Past Camp Commander, or seated Camp Commander, Department Commander, elected Department Officer or elected National Officer with automatic credentials by virtue of the office or past honors he holds must be present to vote and cannot be replaced by an alternate.

So ordered this 3rd day of April, 2008



### COMMUTING WITH CINC KUHN

# ATTENDING THE ANNUAL CEREMONY AT GRANT'S TOMB CEREMONY WITH MEMBERS OF THE THE NEW YORK DEPARTMENT.



### WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE VERMONT DEPT. AT THEIR ENCAMPMENT.



Left to Right: Brs. Dan Whitcher and Harold Dewey Jones (Council), Merlin Tuffy Doyle (Secretary), DC Richard Reed, CinC Kuhn, Bruce SVC Amsden and JVC Francis Owens. Photo by PDC Dennis Devereux

#### AT OAK RIDGE CEMETERY, SPRINGFIELD, IL.



# WITH MARYLAND DEPT. NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AT THEIR 121ST ENCAMPMENT AT HULL CHURCH IN BALTIMORE



Left to Right: Sec/Treas. Kendall Chew, JVC Gene Mortorff, DC Neil Hanlon, CinC Charles Kuhn, Chap. Chuck Odell and PDC Steve Hammond (Dept. Council).

#### AT THE CA & PAC DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED AND INSTALLED OFFICERS



Front, L-R: David Davis, PCC Charles Mabie, Philip Caines, DC Jerry Sayre, Thomas Chumley, PCC Daniel Earl, CinC Charles Kuhn, Donald Hotchkiss and PCC Glen Roosevelt.

Middle, L-R: Paul Lavrischeff (immediately above and to the right of DC Sayre), PDC Brad Schall, Kirby Morgan and Thomas Smith.

Back, L-R: PCC David Schleeter, Dean Poole, PDC Tad Campbell, PDC Alan Peterson, Thomas Helmantoler and PDC Bob Lowe.



## I REMEMBER THE GAR

#### FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF PCINC RICHARD PARTINGTON

#### About the Author

PCinC Partington's great grandfather, Cpl. William H.H. Ogden, Sr. served in Co. B, 4th PA Reserves. Br. Partington joined Philadelphia's Camp 200 and attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg in 1938. His first GAR Nat. Encampment was in



Pittsburgh in 1939. A retired Episcopal rector, Rev. Partington still lives in the Philadelphia area. His reminiscences were first presented in 1995 by request of PCinC Bud Atkinson.

My earliest recollection of the Grand Army goes back to my grammar school days when veterans of the Civil War, though few in number and bent with age, would visit the schools prior to Memorial Day. They would be accompanied by younger veterans of the Spanish American War and World War I. Here were men who had answered Lincoln's call for volunteers, who had fought under McClellan at Antietam and with Meade and Hancock at Gettysburg, who marched with Sherman to the sea, and had been with Grant at Appomattox...names which I had read in my history book. Was it any wonder that as a young boy, I looked to these aged heroes with fascination and awe?

There was a Grand Army man, who lived in our neighborhood, who walked to the local shopping avenue. Occasionally, after lunch, on my way back to school, I would join him, and ask questions about the Civil War. I told him of my great grandfather, who fought in that war and was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run.

In the morning of Memorial Day, we would travel in the family car to the home of my maiden great aunt...my grandfather's sister. My grandfather would join us and we would go to the cemetery, where they would plant geraniums on the graves of their parents. There was always a flag in a GAR veteran's marker, placed there by some veterans' organization. After returning to my aunt's house for lunch, my grandfather would leave for some mysterious place called the "Post Hall."

My biggest thrill came when I was considered old enough to accompany him on this mysterious journey. How exciting it was when I first visited Post 2, GAR Hall at 667 N. 12th Street. What a magnificent building it was. The floor in the entryway was of white and black tile. To the right was the doorway to the library with its many books on the Civil War. On the left was the wide stairway leading to the second floor. Among various Civil War mementos in the hallway was a cannonball embedded in a tree trunk.

From the hallway, one entered a large room with glass cases along the wall, filled with relics. There was a large fireplace in the center of one wall over which hung a large replica of a GAR badge and crossed muskets. There were captain chairs with the names of Grand Army men, members of the Post, engraved in brass plates. It was in this hall that tables were set up for those occasions when food would be served. The kitchen was behind this room.

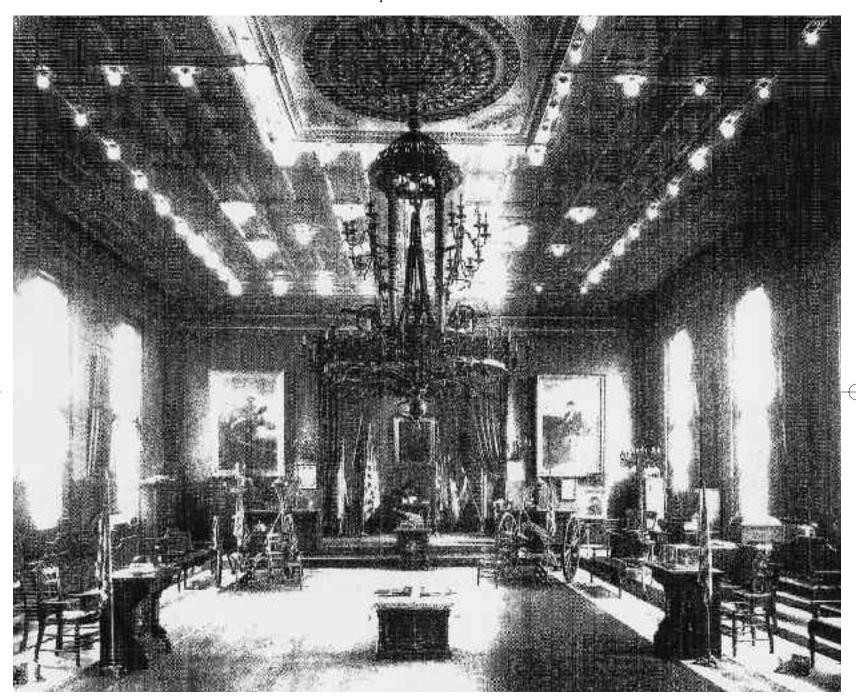
I was fascinated by a ship of bones on the mantel, a model made by prisoners in Libby Prison. The model eventually disappeared like many other relics.

On one side of the hallway on the second floor of the building was a large office, and on the other side, a storage room. Beyond the hallway was a large auditorium in which the Grand Army and the Sons and Auxiliary met. The center of the room was carpeted in red. Benches on either side were elevated in tiers. There were the four stations of the Order with the Altar in the center. In front of the Commander's station was a miniature cannon in a glass case. Hanging on the walls were portraits of Civil War generals and to the right was the mounted head of "Old Baldy," General Meade's horse which he rode during the war. There were stacked muskets and drums at the front of the room. There were two large brass cannons at the front, one on either side of the rostrum or Commander's station. Regimental flags of the Union along with captured flags of the Confederacy were in cases. The windows had stained glass emblems of the various army corps along with other emblems. Hanging from the ceiling in the center of the room was a magnificent chandelier made up of cannons, stacked muskets, and crossed swords, all in miniature. In a recess in the wall, behind the rostrum, or Commander's station, hung a large portrait of Abraham Lincoln. On either side, at the front, hung two large oil paintings, one of a Civil War soldier and the other of a Union sailor.



"Beyond the hallway was a large auditorium in which the Grand Army and the Sons and Auxiliary met."

Philadelphia GAR Post 2's Hall.



#### WHAT HAPPENED TO POST 2'S HALL?

PCinC Partington writes, "As the neighborhood changed and the Grand Army was no longer around, many lost interest. The building began to deteriorate and was broken into several times. Some of the relics were stolen and others vandalized. Something had to be done about the problem and I played a large part in dealing with the situation. The building was sold to a Negro Masonic organization and eventually, the money used to purchase the property on Griscom Street."\*

\*In 1958, Post 2's remaining artifacts and records were moved to the GAR Museum & Library, 4278 Griscom Street. For more information go to http://garmuslib.org/



#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES 12 APRIL 2008 - SPRINGFIELD, IL

The meeting was opened by CinC Charles Kuhn at 7:06 pm. An opening prayer was offered, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call indicated those present: CinC Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVCinC David V. Medert, Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. QM Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members James Hanby, D. Brad Schall, Robert Petrovic, Immediate PCinC James Pahl, and Banner Editor PCinC Stephen A. Michaels. Additional PCinCs present were Keith G. Harrison and Edward J. Krieser.

JVCinC Leo F. Kennedy and Council Members Daniel W. Murray and Eric J. Schmincke were excused by the CinC.

#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

CinC Kuhn reviewed the officers reports submitted to the Nat. Chief of Staff and highlighted a number of items for discussion.

Report of the SVCinC -

Item 2(g) on-line application procedures and request Council's approval of the then JVCinC's recommendation to the 2007 Nat. Encampment. The CinC ruled that the Council cannot act and that the current JVCinC submit a recommendation to the upcoming Nat. Encampment.

Item 3(a) use of SUVCW name/logos by internet discussion groups and recommendation that this be assigned to the Communications & Technology Comm. for action. The CinC so ordered.

Item 3(e) a policy draft that Camps be required to meet twice each year and the recommendation that this be assigned to the Constitution & Regulations Comm. for action. The CinC so ordered.

Item 4(a) changes to Job Descriptions and the recommendation that changing Job Descriptions be deleted from the Job Description of the Program & Policy Comm. because Job Descriptions are part of the C&R. The CinC assigned this request to the C&R Comm.

Report of the JVCinC-

Status of applications received over a year ago. Most Departments don't report back to National where Departments place new members. PCinC Harrison stated that the process appears to be working, as only two Departments are not on board with timely placement of new applicants.

Report of the Nat. Treas. -

**Cost of 2004-2007 Audits.** Total cost will be \$12,000, but only \$7,500 was listed in the budget. SVCinC Medert moved and Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to

increase the budget to \$15,000, reflecting additional cost to complete audits. PCinC Pahl's friendly amendment that if revenue was not sufficient to cover cost, the differences may be drawn from the reserve, was accepted. *Motion passed*.

Report of the Executive Director –

Request that the Nat. HQ computer be replaced with a Dell Inspiron Desktop running Windows XP Professional plus Access Database. SVCinC Medert moved and Br. Petrovic seconded to have the Exec. Dir. immediately purchase Dell desktop while XP is still available. *Motion passed.* The CinC stressed the need to back up all data to a server and to have back-up at two locations. The Nat. Sec. was tasked with contacting Nat. Webmaster Freshley to determine the best course of action.

Report of the Washington, D.C. Representative –

The Alliance Defense Fund's and American Legion's efforts to protect veteran's monuments from legal attacks from organizations such as the ACLU were brought to the attention of the Council.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Database software.** The CinC desired that the issue be brought to a conclusion, as it had been discussed during at least two administrations. PCinC Harrison discussed this issue with Nat. Webmaster Freshley to see where this item stands.

Protection of SUVCW patents and trademarks. Follow up to Nov. 2007 Council meeting, determining what the SUVCW must do above and beyond what is stated in the Federal charter. Nat. Sec. Don Palmer discuss this issue with an attorney he has worked with in the past, relative to patent application filings.

Allowing Departments to form Camps (recommendation raised at 126th Nat. Encampment). PCinC Jim Pahl noted that under PCinC Orr's administration, a General Order was issued, allowing Departments to grant initial approval to form Camps (General Order 4, Series 1997-98). The CinC then tasked the Program & Policy Comm. to revise Form 51 to eliminate the need for CinC approval. He also requested the C&R Committee recommend a revision to Chap. I, Art. I, Sec. 2 of the Regulations, stating that the charter application fee shall be no less than \$25. SVCinC Medert stated his desire to re-organize the C&R to minimize the need to search multiple Articles, Sections, etc. that pertain to the same topic.

Delinquent National Encampment proceedings (from Nov. 2007 Council meeting). Br. Hanby reported that the 109th and 121st Nat. Encampment proceedings are complete and will be sent to the Assist. Nat. Sec. for Proceedings. The 118th Nat. Encampment proceedings will be completed prior to the upcoming Nat. Encampment in Peabody, MA.



Left to Right: PCinC Steve Michaels, CinC Charlie Kuhn, PDC Don Palmer, PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Keith Harrison, SVCinC Dave Medert, PCinC Danny Wheeler, PDC Jams Hanby, PCinC Jim Pahl, PDC Bob Petrovic, PDC Brad Schall and PCC Max Newman

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Documenting procedures for forming a

**Department.** Nat. Sec. Palmer recommended that since Departments don't form very often, revisions to Forms 51, 53, 54, and 55 be considered, as opposed to developing a new set of forms specifically for Departments. The CinC tasked the Program & Policy Comm. to review the existing forms and recommend revisions to include Dept. formation. The CinC will draft a process for forming Departments.

**SVR Audits.** SVCinC Medert explained that the Military Affairs Comm. serves in relation to the SVR much in the same way as a Dept. Council does in relation to Departments. Military Affairs Comm. reports are presented to the Nat. Encampment.

Interactive on-line forms. PCinC Harrison clarified the difference between versions of Adobe software. Adobe Acobat Reader would not save data inputted into the "writable" PDF forms while on line. There is software (Adobe Acrobat and PDF Creater) that would save the data while online. Adobe is expensive and PDF Creator is not. He suggested that information on these software packages be distributed to Camps and Departments. Either software package could be purchased; however, if the form was downloaded prior to inputting data, as indicated in the online instructions, there should not be a problem. The CinC will include this info in his next newsletter.

War Medal Application/differences in eligibility dates between those in the regulations and those recognized by the American Legion. PCinC Pahl moved and Br. Hanby seconded to reinstate the eligibility dates recognized by the American Legion and include the dates proposed by Br. Shillington. *Motion passed*. The CinC ordered the Program & Policy Comm. to revise the War Medal application to reflect these changes.

Memorial Grant funds. Br. Schall moved and Br. Hanby seconded (1) that the Memorial Grant committee chairman provide his original signature and electronic signatures of the other committee members to the Nat. Treas. (as opposed to original signatures of all committee members) in order to release the funds and

(2) that only two of the three committee member signatures be required. *Motion passed*.

**ROTC program.** Nat. QM Wheeler presented a letter of thanks and a recent award recipient photo. Given the program's increase in activity, PCinC Wheeler requested permission to appoint an assistant. Permission was granted by the CinC.

Membership application proof of service and ancestry. PCinC Pahl stated that the issue had already been addressed by a Nat. Encampment.

**Founders Award.** Two nominations were received during this administrative year. A vote was taken and Ken Burns was announced as the 2008 recipient.

**100th anniversary medal.** Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149 (PA) wishes to develop a medal. PCinC Pahl moved and Br. Hanby seconded, to grant permission. *Motion passed.* 

Medal of Honor for Sgt. Harry Reese, 48th PA Inf. The Nat. Welsh-American Fdtn. requested assistance to justify award for his actions at the Battle of the Crater (Petersburg Campaign). Br. Hanby volunteered to follow up.

Identify and mark graves of Mexican War veterans. The Jackson County (MS) Genealogical Society (JCGS) requested assistance. PCinC Michaels was tasked with forwarding request to the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans (DMWV).

**Producers of 2 minute infomercials.** A firm offered to produce one for the SUVCW. Cost is approximately \$22,000. Motion made by PCinC Pahl, seconded by Nat. QM Wheeler, to decline the opportunity. *Motion passed.* 

**NY Camp's three bounced checks.** The Nat. Treas. requested permission to respond to the Camp with a request for certified funds or cashiers checks. The CinC will send a letter to the DC, expressing concern and requesting that he take action.

Two requests to produce challenge coins. 1. A coin to be produced by French Camp 17 (NY). Br. Hanby moved and SVCinC Medert seconded, to grant permission. *Motion passed.* 2. An Irish Brigade challenge coin to be produced by the Dept. of MD. Br. Hanby moved and Br. Petrovic seconded, to grant permission. *Motion passed.* The CinC noted that those receiving approval to produce items will need to re-apply at the Nat. Encampment.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Kuhn adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted in F, C and L, PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Sec.

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#### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 16**

- 1. I have the great pleasure this day to establish the Department of North Carolina. On the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 2008 they are hereby established and they shall have rank from that day forward.
- 2. The Officers were lawfully elected and installed and shall enter upon an such business as may legally and lawfully come before it.

So ordered this 19th day of April, 2008.

#### SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2

- 1. It is my sad duty to report the illness of one of this organizations most active Members. PDC Bob Lowe of the Dept. of California & Pacific, Nat. Graves Registration Officer. He is currently in the hospital and we hope that he will recover. Cards and letters of well wishes may be sent to his home as published on the national web site. He has requested that no one call him but if you would care to drop him a line I think that he would greatly appreciate knowing the Brothers of the Order are thinking of him. Br. Bob will have a long road ahead of him to recover from his illness and thus he will not be able to function as the Graves Registration Committee Chairman until he has recovered.
- 2. Subsequently, I hereby relieved Br. Lowe of his responsibilities as Graves Registration Committee Chairman until such time as he feels that he is able to resume his responsibilities. The Committee in the interim will be co-chaired by PDC Jim Davenport and PDC Mahlon Erickson. Their contact information is available on the Nat. web site.
- 3. On another note, Sister Pat Mullinex, PNP of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 1865, has suffered a major heart attack while attending the Nebraska Dept. Encampment last Sunday. Cards and well wishes for her recovery can be mailed to: Immanuel Medical Center, 6901 North 72nd Street. Omaha, NE 68122. Gifts and flowers are not permitted in this facility, so please do not send any.
- 4. In light of the illnesses of these two invaluable Members of the Allied Orders, all Brothers of the Order are requested to include Br. Bob and Sr. Pat in their daily prayers and every Camp is hereby Ordered to include a prayer for their recovery at some point during their next meeting.

So ordered this 30th day of April, 2008.

#### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 17**

On 5 May, 1868 General John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published General Order 11, "establishing the 30th day of May for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise

decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion, and who's bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet church yard in the land." Today commemorates the 100th anniversary of the signing of this magnificent piece of work.

This day was known as Decoration Day. Its name was changed to Memorial Day and the observance was to honor all who gave their lives in defense of this Nation during time of war.

We as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have a sacred trust to uphold and observe this sacred day. We are the descendants of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Revenue Cutter Servicemen who preserved this Nation from certain destruction during this critical time in American history. Their blood courses through our veins. We are the legal and binding heirs to their legacy. We are sworn to uphold this day sacred to their sacrifice and deeds.

All Camps are strongly encouraged to participate in some form of appropriate observance of this day that we now call Memorial Day.

So ordered this 5th day of May, 2008.

#### **GENERAL ORDER NO. 18**

- 1. I have the great pleasure this day to establish the Department of Georgia and South Carolina. On the 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 2008. They are hereby established and they shall have rank from that day forward.
- 2. The Officers were lawfully elected and installed and shall enter upon any such business as may legally and lawfully come before it.

So ordered this 10th day of May, 2008.

Attest:

Charles E. Kuhn, Jr. Commander in Chief

PDC Donald Palmer National Secretary

"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"

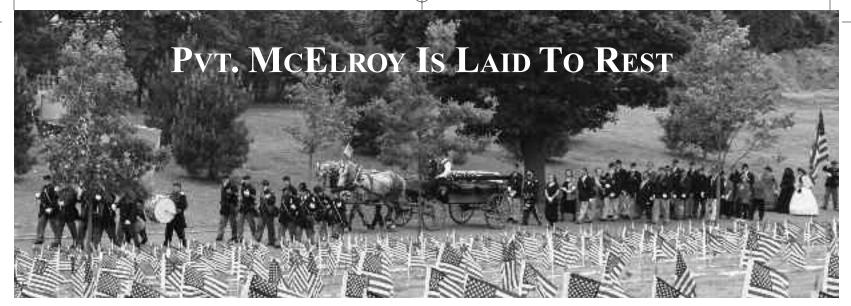


Many Civil War leaders like Grant, Sherman, McClellan and soldiers they commanded saw action in the Mexican War.

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.

Visit <u>www.dmwv.org</u> or send request SASE to: D.M.W.V. Membership Dept., Box 830482. Richardson, TX, 75083

Descendants of Mexican War Veterans



#### by CinC Charles E. Kuhn

The cardboard file box, marked Rt. 37, grave site #27, wrapped in paper shopping bags, contained the last mortal remains of Pvt. Michael McElroy. The box was resting in a receiving tomb at the "Old North Burial Grounds" in Providence, RI. The air was heavy and smelled of dampness. The roar of a generator could be heard outside the tomb while the work lights illuminated this sad setting. On the top of the box rested a folded American flag, a soldiers red blanket and a Civil War Service Medal. At the far end of the box rested a hand crafted coffin with the insignia of the State of Rhode Island carved on the lid.

This was the setting on Saturday, May 31st. Pvt. McElroy was about to receive that which he never received when he was buried in the paupers grave, where he had rested for over 100 years...a dignified and proper military burial.

Pvt. McElroy enlisted in the 2nd Rohde Island Vol. Inf. in 1864 and saw action at Petersburg, Hatchers Run and Sailors Creek. At Sailors Creek, his unit was cut off on the far side of the creek when they were attacked by an overwhelming force of Confederate Marines. The fight was quite brutal. After the war, Pvt. McElroy ended up at the Alms House, where he died in 1888 at the age of 41. The Alms house was used to house the poor and the insane. Pvt. McElroy may have been among the latter.

Over the years, the Alms house was closed down. The State of Rhode Island decided to create a connector highway over the old burial ground, blanketing thousands of graves of men, women and children with a shimmering coat of black top. In 2006, due to runoff from the connector, rain or further construction, the graves of more than 68 souls were unearthed...one of them, Pvt. McElroy. There are probably 42 other U.S. veterans still under this highway. The Rhode Island Dept. is researching how many remain.

At the appointed hour, the Rhode Island Dept., members of the Allied Orders and National Officers attired in white gloves, entered the receiving tomb. In private, and in silence, they removed the lid from the coffin and placed it on the concrete floor. The coffin was lined with a simple red wool lining. The Civil War Service Medal was removed from the soldier's red blanket, which was unfolded and placed in the coffin, lining it. This was how Rhode Island soldiers were buried during that terrible 4 years of our Nation's history.

The cardboard box was opened and each paper bag that contained a piece of Pvt. McElroy was passed with tender loving care, from the hands of the Dept. Co. hand to hand by all in attendance and assembled in the coffin in its appropriate place.

Next, a blue forage cap was placed on Pvt. McElroy's head. The open end of the blanket was folded over his remains and the Commander-in-Chief pinned his Civil War Service Medal on the blanket with the words "On behalf of the American People". The lid was replaced and the American Flag was opened and placed on it.

The Allied Orders then began to pass by the flag draped casket and the uniformed guests were allowed to pay their respects.

After all had passed, the coffin was lifted to a waiting horse drawn wagon. The line of March was formed under a grey threatening sky and the funeral procession stepped off for the 10 minute march to the GAR Plot in the cemetery.

The procession was led by a Color Guard, drummers with muffled drums, beating a slow and somber funeral pace, then uniformed infantry in period attire. Next came the horse drawn, Flag draped casket. Next were the Rhode Island Dept., Nat. Officers and Rhode Island National Guard officers. The funeral procession was completed by more uniformed infantry.

Following the short walk to the grave site, the National Guard firing squad took position for the 15 gun salute. The Flag draped coffin was removed from the wagon by uniformed soldiers.

A GAR Funeral Service was followed with musical interludes by a period band, speeches and wreath presentations by the Commander-in-Chief, Nat. Pres. of the Auxiliary, the Dept. Co. and the Dept. Aux. Pres. The flag was removed by the National Guard, folded and presented to the Dept. Aux. Pres. and the firing squad fired the three volley salute. This was followed by "Taps" and then Pvt. McElroy was lowered into the grave. All uniformed guests passed by and dropped white roses on the top of the casket.

The cemetery maintenance people placed the lid on the concrete burial vault and then backfilled the grave. The Government issued stone that he never received in his first burial was placed and finally, Pvt. McElroy was at rest among his comrades, those who bore the brunt of battle, The Grand Army of the Republic.

Currently, the remains of as many as 10,000 members of the Armed Forces sit on shelves, awaiting a proper military burial. Some of these have been there for nearly 100 years. This is deplorable behavior from a Nation who lives on the blessing purchased upon their backs. It is organizations like ours that do the right thing in caring for these brave souls. Let us all make our children and grandchildren aware of the sacrifices of these patriots and strive to keep up the work that we are in.

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### New Life Members

681. Ivan A. Williams Orlando Somers Camp 1 Department of Indiana

682. Col. Joseph B. Sullivan, Ret. Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1 Washington Camp-At-Large

683. Roger Lester Ben Harrison Camp 356 Department of Indiana

684. James M. Burton H.A. Grant Camp 24 Department of Connecticut 685. Edward N. King, Jr. Lincoln Camp 100 Department of New Jersey

686. Ernest E. Blevins Elias Moon 2/Kennesaw Mtn. Camp 3 Department of New York

687. Harold J. Slavik, Jr. Edward Baker Camp 6 Oregon Camp-at-Large

688. PDC Jerry R. Sayre Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 Department of CA & Pac

689. Gary W. Young L. G. Armstrong Camp 49 Department of Wisconsin 690. Thomas T. Graham Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Department of CA & Pac

691. David A. Brant WA-BU-NO Camp 250 Department of Michigan

692. Russell E. Kratzer, III Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 Department of Pennsylvania

693. Eric H. Dickey Garfield Camp 1 Department of Ohio

# INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES Edited By Richard Orr, PCinC

**Inquiry:** Who issues General Orders and what is the difference between a General Order, Department Order and Camp Order?

**Response.** The Commander-in-Chief is the only person who can issue SUVCW General Orders. Contrary to popular belief and sometimes actions, Department Commanders and Camp Commanders do not have the authority to issue General Orders. General Orders apply to everyone within the Order. Obviously, the sphere of control of a Department Commander or Camp Commander is not the entire Order.

Department Orders are issued by the Department Commander and apply to all Brothers who are members of that particular Department. Only the Department Commander can issue Department Orders.

Camp Orders are issued by a Camp Commander and only apply to the Brothers of the Camp that he commands. Only a Camp Commander can issue Camp Orders.

The Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander and Camp Commander may each issue Special Orders. Most often, these are used to provide information on the death of a PCinC, PDC or PCC respectively. They can be used for other purposes such as the death of a PNP of one of our Sister Orders.

Within the SVR, the Commanding Officer may issue SVR General Orders. District Commanders issue District Orders and Unit Commanders issue Unit Orders.

Other officers may issue orders as well. Most frequently the National, Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors do this. These are referred to as National Patriotic Instructor Orders etc.

Should the CinC, DC or CC become incapacitated and his duties fall temporarily to the SVCinC. SVDC or SVC respectively so does the authority to issue the respective Orders.



### Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Attention

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

Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was established on April 20, 1865. Carrently, the MOLLUS has 21 State Commanderies nationwide. Hereditary Membership is available to direct male descendants (18 years and older) of a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Navy or Marines who served during the Civil War, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

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

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



### RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING YOUTH

#### **INDIANA**

Br. Adam Bailey, of Edinburgh's BSA Trp. 209, recently received the rank of Eagle Scout. Adam is the g-g-g grandson of Joby Kearnes, Co. G, 3rd KY Inf.

Adam's Eagle Scout Project was to restore Edinburgh's East Side Elementary's outdoor lab area. All brush and unwanted trees were cleared from the lab, a total of 20 dump-truck loads. Two new garden plots were made for growing vegetables and plants. He refurbished a rock garden in which geology could be explored. He planted and labeled indigenous plants, and provided information on how they were used by early pioneers and Native Americans. There was a new bench and several new birdhouses and bird feeders – all of which were made from recycled materials. The original pond in the lab was cleared, a pond liner installed. The old bridge was removed and replaced with a new 62', three-section



Br. Adam D. Bailey and Camp 356 CC Michael W. Beck

bridge which spanned the pond. Landscaping included placing six tons of stone around the pond's edge. The entire project took 1,037 hours over 17 months, the help of 26 adults and 37 youth, and \$11, 614, paid for by donations and grants solicited by Adam.

Pathfinder District, Crossroads of America Council recognized the work as the Eagle Scout Project of the Year. It competed against the other top Eagle projects in the Council's 13 districts, receiving the Merle Miller Award. Adam also received a \$1,000 scholarship. Crossroads of America Council serves 25 counties in central Indiana.

#### **MICHIGAN**

**Gen. Richardson Camp 2,** of Oakland & Macomb County, recently recognized a deserving local cadet, presenting the ROTC Award for outstanding achievement. The recognition came at an April 18th Military Ball. The award recipient was C1Lt. Brooke Pino, a senior at Anchor Bay High School and a member of the school's Air Force JROTC Unit MI-931.

Camp 2 surveyed local high school level ROTC programs and made its award to cadets of four local programs during this year.



C/1Lt. Pino (left), a senior at Anchor Bay H.S., and ROTC Chairman Br. Gary Grout.

#### NEBRASKA

During April and May, CC Steve Baumeister contacted 12 Omaha area schools and attended their awards programs to make presentations. Here he presents the Sons' ROTC award to Cadet Damien Allen at Plattsmouth High School's AFJROTC Awards Night.

SUVCW Camps selectively present the award to deserving cadets that "show a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership." For more information on the SUVCW ROTC / JROTC Recognition Program, visit http://suvcw.org/ROTC.htm

#### National Order of the Blue and Gray

A LINEAGE SOCIETY WITH MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE TO MEN AND WOMEN WHO DESCEND FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE CIVIL WAR.

> Information from NOBG, Box 2137, Vienna, VA 22183-2137 or e-mail: frog3338@cox.net





#### GEN. CHARLES DEVENS COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

In celebration of the first Allied Orders National Encampment to be held in Massachusetts in over three decades, a commemorative medal has been struck and is available for purchase.

The medal features BG Charles Devens, the fifth GAR Commander-in-Chief and Massachusetts' first. He also served as MOLLUS CinC, Soc. of the Army of the Potomac President, and Bunker Hill Mem. Assoc. President. Wounded in battle three times, he was brevetted Maj. Gen. at the request of Gen. U. S. Grant, in recognition of his valor in the face of the enemy. He served as U.S. Attorney General under Rutherford B. Hayes and as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

These limited edition, numbered commemorative medals feature a portrait of Gen. Devens and his most noted accomplishments. Proceeds will defray the cost of hosting the 2008 Nat. Encampment.

The Gen. Devens Commemorative Medal will be available for purchase at the Nat. Encampment.

Because of the limited number struck, those wishing to pre-order the medals, may do so by sending \$20 for each medal requested, in a check or money order payable to "Dept. of Massachusetts, SUVCW, to: Devens Commemorative Medal, c/o DC Perley Mellor, 16 Norma Drive, Nashua, NH 03062

Street
City/ State/ Zip
PhoneEmail
Organization
Please reserveDevens Commemorative Medals @ \$20 ea. Total Enclosed: \$

NOTE: Medal will be available for pick up at the National Encampment only.



#### **Brass Buckles**

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 Adjustable Parade Pole

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### Two New Departments Formed!

#### NORTH CAROLINA CHARTERED

by Br. Doug McMillin

On April 19th, the Department of North Carolina's first encampment was held at Bennett's Place State Park. The park surrounds the Bennett family home, where Gen. Johnston's Confederate Army surrendered to Gen. Sherman. An exact replica of the house sits on the site of the original, which burned in the early 20th century.

Prior to the arrival of the delegates, CinC Charles Kuhn, along with Chief of Staff Gene Mortorff, National Color Bearer Doug McMillin and Junior Joshua McMillin, toured the site. It was very informative and we were pleased to learn that the tour guide was also a brother of the Order.

When all delegates were registered, the meeting began in the park's museum theater. CinC Kuhn greeted the delegates and praised the work done to bring the Department into existence. Once the officers were elected and installed, CinC Kuhn presented the charter.

The Department's first Encampment then officially opened, bylaws were voted on, Nat. Encampment delegates were selected and proposed changes to the C&R were debated and voted on. The meeting ended with the delegates sharing the histories of their ancestors. About 4pm, all adjourned to the park's Unity Monument for a group photo.

Thanks to Bennett's Place State Park and the staff for allowing this historic SUVCW event to take place at the site of such significance. It was a true honor and privilege to witness. All the best is wished to the brothers of the Dept. of North Carolina as they move forward.

#### Department Officers:

DC = PCC Douglas P. Elwell

SVC = PCC Richard D. Thomas

JVC = PCC Yale W. Moores

Sec/Treas. = PCC Thomas N. Rightmyer

#### Department Camps:

MG John H. Ruger Camp 1 – Fayetteville MJ John Gibbon/1Sgt. Daniel W. Burke Camp 2 – Matthews Daniel Ellis Camp 3 – Asheville MG John A. Logan Camp 4 - Raleigh



North Carolina Dept. officers and delegates with the CinC in front of the Unity monument at Benner's Place.

#### **DEPT. OF GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA FORMED**

by DSVC Ernest E. Blevins

The camps of Georgia and South Carolina met in session on May 10th to form a Department at the Laurel Grove Retirement Center in Snellville, GA, with CinC Charles Kuhn and Chief of Staff Gene Mortoff present.

Elias Moon 2 hosted the first Encampment, inadvertently on the day Davis was captured in Georgia (Confederate Memorial Day in SC). The Department's geographic make-up is based on the GAR's Dept. of Georgia, which included South Carolina. Charles Devens 10 of Columbia, SC, is the only Camp retaining its historic name and number designation.

The Dept. was formed with a vote and CinC Kuhn presented the Charter to the Department and a certificate of appreciation to CC Eric Peterson for his efforts since starting Camp 1 five years ago. The first Encampment opened and officers were elected with each Camp being represented on the staff.

Two resolutions were passed: to send a joint resolution to Kentucky on a memorial for the Boundary Oak at Lincoln's Birth Site and the actual resolution itself to pass along to Kentucky to vote upon. All at-large members not choosing a camp affiliation will be placed in camps based on a predetermined recruiting map. Delegates to the Nat. Encampment were selected. The next encampment will be hosted by Kennesaw Mtn. Camp 3.

The newly formed Dept. of NC sent historic SC GAR materials to the Encampment via Kuhn and Mortoff. The gifts were appreciated and gave the historian his first tasks. The Dept. of NC is thanked for the thought and the presentation.

That evening, CinC Kuhn and CC Blevins attended a AFJROTC banquet at Rhinehardt College in Waleska, GA. Kuhn presented the medal to Evan Glowzinski, a sophomore cadet at Sequoyah High School. On Sunday, DC Peterson and others led a tour of Kennesaw Mtn. Battlefield. The department URL is http://www.suvcwdga-sc.org.

#### Department Officers:

DC = PCC Eric Peterson

SVC = Ernest Blevins

JVC = Kenneth Robison II

Sec/Treas. = Edward C. Hackney

Council = Marvin A. Greer, Ray Wozniak, Don Bickham

Chaplain = David Allee

Patriotic Instructor = Scott Fasnacht

GRO = Ernest Blevins

Historian = William Miller

Eagle Scout Coor. = Ted Golab

Delegates = Ted Golab, Marvin Greer, Ernest Blevins

#### Department Camps:

Gen. McPherson Camp 1 – Fort McPherson

Pvt. Elias Moon Camp 2 – Snellville

Kennesaw Mtn. Camp 3 – Marrietta

Charles Devens Camp 10 – Columbia SC

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#### **COLORADO & WYOMING**

Members of Legion of the West Camp 7 pause after the internment of the remains of two unknowns at Orchard Mesa Cemetery, Grand Junction. The two were inadvertently uncovered during routine activities. It was believed that these were the remains of two Civil War veterans. One was found in Lake County and the other was located near Crested Butte.



#### **INDIANA**

Forty people watched as a Civil War cannon and memorial, which has stood watch in Newburgh's Rose Hill Cemetery for 104 years, was rededicated recently. The Rose Hill Cemetery Board, along with the American Legion Kapperman Post 44 and the Dept. of Indiana participated in the ceremony. Conducting the ritual of rededication were: SVC Tim Beckman and Chap. Mike Tomey, and the CC Mike Beck, JVC Garry Walls, Br. Dennis Hutchinson, (all of Ben Harrison Camp 356), and PDC Alan Teller and Larry Myer (both of Orlando A. Somers Camp 1). Camp 356 Br. Rob Hall, who resides in Evansville, also attended. The Red Bank ReUnion Band from Evansville played Civil War era music and performed an excellent rendition of Taps to conclude the ceremony.



Left to Right: PDC Alan Teller, Brs. Mike Tomey, Larry Myer, Dennis Hutchinson, Mike Beck, Garry Walls, Tim Beckman

The Rose Hill Cemetery Board should be commended for their tireless work. The old Smooth Bore Flank Howitzer was cleaned, painted and placed onto a new half circle stone wall with engraved black granite tablets affixed, detailing its history and the history of the Newburgh GAR Post 262, which was responsible for originally placing the cannon in 1904. There is a pass-through between the walls where stepping-stones will be placed to help finance the project. A beautiful new 20-foot flagpole bearing a Civil War era 34-star flag was also erected at the site.

#### GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA Henry McNeal Turner Honored

by CC Ernest Everett Blevins

Elias Moon Camp 2 recently held a memorial and GAR Marker dedication in South-View Cemetery, Atlanta, for the first black US Army Chaplain. Members of the newly chartered Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3, Marietta, also participated. Rev. Tar-U-Way R.A. Bright of Marietta's Turner A.M.E. Church and Dr. Stan Pritchett of Morris Brown College spoke.

Born in 1834, Henry McNeal Turner was a freeman at Newberry Courthouse, SC. In 1853, he received a preachers' license and traveled throughout the South, preaching revivals. He eventually settled in Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C., where he befriended

several powerful congressional Republicans on the eve of the Civil War.

At the war's start, he raised and served as the chaplain for Co. B, 1st USCT. After the war, Pres. Johnson



appointed Turner to a new regiment in Atlanta. Finding a chaplain already serving, he resigned, but remained in Georgia, organizing the Freedman into the A.M.E. Church.

Turner served in Macon's Freedman's Bureau, the Georgia House of Representatives, and at the state constitutional convention. Returning to the ministry, he eventually became Bishop and helped found Atlanta's Morris Brown College, serving as one of its early chancellors. Turner died in 1915 while visiting Windsor, Ontario, on church business. In October 2000, the post office at 451 College Street in Macon was named for him by Congressional act.

A three part video of the service is available on www.youtube.com by searching "Henry McNeal Turner" or "ernie1968".

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#### MARYLAND Americans Unite

by CC Jeffrey French

George Brown, father of eleven, farmed in Charles County and joined Co. I, 19th USCT. He was wounded near Petersburg on July 30, 1864, during the infamous "crater incident." After mustering out, he returned to Charles County near Blossom Point, where he leased land to farm. He died in 1916 at age 83.



In 1955, an elderly African American lady told a young priest of her father's love and dedication to ensure his wife, Sara, had a headstone, leaving him without one. She told how he served heroically in the Civil War, sustaining several wounds. Since that time, Fr. Edward O'Connell's passion and mission in life was to mark this honorable man's grave. He tried for years to no avail. Recently, the SCV's Jim Dunbar helped Fr. O'Connell get a VA headstone and a local funeral service placed it on his grave.

Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 5's CC Jeffrey French helped Fr. O'Connell and Fr. Kosty plan a dedication on March 29th and contacted Jim Dunbar for assistance. Lincoln-Cushing Camp Brs. Ben Hawley and Klaus Schmidt, Co. B, 54th MA and 2nd RI re-enactors became an instrumental part of organizing the ceremony.

Several organizations then joined in honoring Cpl. Brown: SUVCW Dept. of MD, Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 5, Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Co. B, 54th MA Vol. Inf. Reg., Baltimore Chap. 9th & 10th Horse Cav. Assoc., "The Buffalo Soldiers", MD Div. SCV, Pvt. Wallace Bowling Camp 1400, MD Line CSA Camp 1741, the African-American Heritage Soc., African-American Ladies of the Civil War, Female Re-enactors of Distinction, and five of Brown's descendents. U.S. Senatorial and Charles County proclamations were presented to the family.

All five family members wondered how both Union and Confederate descendents could work together to honor their ancestor. But the SUVCW and SCV had forged a relationship that will continue as both organizations work together on the 350th Charles County anniversary.

On April 28th, the 7th WV Infantry Camp 7 members with re-enactors from the 1st WV Calvary were in Petersburg, WV for the Spring Mountain Festival. They rode the train with tourists and talked about local Civil War history. About 350 people rode the trains that day.



#### **MISSOURI**

Members of Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp 17, the DUVCW, St. John's UCC congregation. local dignitaries and descendants recently gathered to honor the Last Soldier of Franklin County. Pvt. Charles Frederick Facius, a German immigrant and bugler with the 2nd and 15th Missouri Infantry Regiments, was provided a new commemorative marker. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and in the siege of Corinth before being captured at Dalton, Ga. He returned to Missouri after the war, raised a family and passed away in 1939 at the age of 97.



Pictured above front row, left to right are Jim Peffermann, 1st MO; Mike Just, Turner Brigade; Tim Horton, 1st MO; Br. Constantine Venardos, CC Douglas Niermeyer, Br. Gene Roberson, DC Walter Busch, Brs. Glennon and Thomas Alsop, and Scott Gurnow, 1st MO.

2nd Row, left to right are PDC Charles Funck, Brs. Ron and Patrick Burke, and Don Calvin, 1st MO. Photo by Bryon Raterman, Fricke Studio

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#### **NEBRASKA**

The Dept. of Nebraska Encampment was held in Fremont on April 26th. This encampment marked the 65th anniversary of the last GAR encampment, also held in Fremont in 1943.



Seated L to R: Glenn Kietzmann (Dept. Chaplain), PDC Merle Rudebusch (Sec/Treas., GRO), Joe Mettenbrink (Musician), Lawrence Obrist (Council), PDC Paul Hadley (Council) - Standing L to R: Brs. Mark Nichols (Color Bearer), DC Norm Weber, Mark Witkovsky (Guard), PDC James Hanby (CofA), Steve Bauermeister (ROTC/Eagle Scout), Bill Dean (Patriotic Inst), JVC Michael Ponte, Nate Raabe (Guide), SVC Phillip Rudebusch, Mark Glaubius (Historian).

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

The Bradbury Camp 149 recently honored its namesake, Sgt. Jones Bradbury. Jones enlisted in the 26th PA on May 1861 as a Pvt. and served till he was wounded in the foot at Locust Grove in Nov. 1863. He reenlisted in Feb. 1864 and was transferred to the 99th PA when the 26th PA mustered out in June 1864. He was captured at Mechanicsville in June 1864 while leading his men on a skirmish line and sent to Andersonville Prison, spending 6 mo. there before being paroled due to illness.



He convalesced in Phila. until March 1865 when he was recalled to the Regiment. On April 6, while the 99th was chasing the retreating Confederates away from Saylor's

Creek, he was mortally wounded. He clung to life for only two hours, but was able to send a bloodstained letter to a friend. He is buried in the Cavalry Episcopal Church Cemetery in Rockdale, Aston Township. Union veterans in Delaware County named their GAR Post after him

#### WISCONSIN



Members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4, and MG John Gibbon Camp 4 participated in the March 29th dedication ceremonies for the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Some appeared in the opening procession and others as guides for about 4,000 visitors. After construction and fire delays, the museum's opening is set for August.

#### CENTRAL REGION ASSOC. TO MEET

The Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association (CRA) will hold its 2008 Conference in St Louis on Saturday, Oct. 5. The SUVCW Dept. of Missouri is sponsoring this year's CRA Conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn – St Louis South, 4234 Butler Hill Road, St Louis, MO 63129; Phone 314-894-0700, Toll Free 800-785-2328. The room rate for single or double occupancy is \$84. The reservation deadline for this rate is Sept. 3rd. The Dept. of Missouri has put together an outstanding program, which includes a fellowship dinner on Friday evening with movies. On Saturday, a tour of the Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse Grounds starts the day. After lunch, a program on "Archiving your Auxiliary/Camp/Circle/Corps/Tent's Records" will be followed by the business meeting, and evening banquet. Online Conference info and forms can be found at:

http://www.suvcwmo.org/forms/2008%20Central%20Regions%20Association.pdf.

Conference registration deadline is Sept.15th. Questions? Contact Bob Petrovic 636-274-567, petrovic@aol.com or Walt Busch 314-630-8407, wbusch@suvcwmo.org.

# AUXILIARY NEWS

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#### SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

Sr. Cynthia Snow (left) watches as her daughter, Lorah (center), receives the Berger Scholarship from MA DP Nancy Sullivan (right) at the Massachusetts Dept. Encampment in Woburn. The Snows, along with sister and daughter Jessica Snow-Craig, are members of Sumner H Needham Aux. 128 of Lawrence.

Lorah, who joined the ASUVCW ten years ago as a Junior, will attend Framingham State College in the Fall, studying Political Science. The scholarship was made possible through the generosity of Drs. Harvey and Thelma Berger of the MA Dept.



#### AWARDS PRESENTED AT CAMPFIRE

The Dept. of NH's Encampment Campfire, at the NH Historical Society in Concord, P.I. Christine Hughes presented the Allenstown Fire Dept. with a flag for their meeting room, as a token of appreciation for the use of the room by the Encampment Committee for their planning sessions.

**Sr. Hattie Edmunds** was surprised to be presented with a certificate for over 50 years of membership and a 50 yr. pin. It was discovered that she had actually been in the Auxiliary for over 70 years! She stated that she, her sister, her mother and her aunt had all been NH Dept. Presidents.



DP Linda Murray, Sr. Beverly Marston and NP Judy Trepanier.

**Sr. Lydia Chute** has been a member for 61 years, having joined June 4, 1946. PNP **Jacquelyn Johnston**, PDP **Bonita Morse** and Sr. **Beverly Marston** has been in the Auxiliary over 50 years.

#### **CALIFORNIA CONVENTION**

At the annual Dept. Encampment, held in San Luis Obispo. Auxiliary sisters pitched in, selling raffle tickets, working the check-in table, setting and moving furniture, setting-up lunch, counting money and conducting the raffles. Officially, they presented a wreath at the memorial service.



Left to Right: Srs. Brenda Poole, Rosemary Lowe, Ann Schletter, Kim Sayre, Julie Atzen, Melodie Caines, Mre. Farrar and Eileen Tisch

#### **SHARING THE SPIRIT**

C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary 4 assisted with their Camp's annual Memorial Day observance at Milwaukee's Historic Calvary Cemetery. The Auxiliary served as greeters and scripture readers during the outdoor Mass conducted by the Archbishop. During the patriotic program that followed, sisters processed with others to the graves of Civil War vets, where they distributed commemorative ribbons to children and flags to over 650 attendees, so they could decorate the veterans' graves in the cemetery.



Shown is Sr. Kathy Anderson distributing flags to attendees.

Photo by PDC Kent Peterson.

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## FINAL MUSTER

Craig Brown
U.S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)
August 12, 2007

Robert Elliott Lee Lucius Mitchell Camp 4 (FL) October 15, 2007

George W. Carr Wm. McKinley Camp 21 (OH) November 24, 2007 George P. Carmer James Garfield Camp 142 (OH) December 29, 2007

Paul Maddox Old Abe Camp 8 (WI) February 26, 2008 PDC Clyde F. Davis (Life Member) Old Glory Camp & Custer Camp 1 (IL) February 2008

PCC Carl Fulk Chas. H. Huntley Camp 114 (IA) April 8, 2008

Robert Estey H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT) June 3, 2007

#### **DUVCW NATIONAL PRESIDENT PASSES**

NP Beverly K. Massey, died March 28th at Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility. She was 69. Sr. Beverly retired from Cummins Engine Company in 2002, where she had worked for 42 years. She was also a member of 1st Christian Church, 50-year member of Hartsville Order of Eastern Star Chapter 550, Indiana Dancers Assoc. and had served as President for five years, Descendants of George Washington's Army at Valley Forge and the DAR. She was a former Brown Cty. 4-H Fair Leader and Board Member.



Beverly was born in Bartholomew County on June 3, 1938, the daughter of Elbert D. and Naomi Ann Whitesides Waltz. Survivors include her sons, Bruce (Julie) Trotter and Victor (Dayna) Trotter, both of Columbus; a sister, Barbara (Ernest) Stone of Columbus; grandchildren Aubrey (Shane) Hardin and Jacob (Carrie) Trotter, both of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Braydon, Ryana and Bryce, all of Columbus; and a niece, Jan (Mike) Rynerson and a nephew, Darryl (Colleen) Stone, both of Columbus.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents. Burial was at Garland Brook Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of South Central Indiana.

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

#### I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

Early last year, I was diagnosed with cancer. I spent 30 minutes every morning dressing the cancerous wounds that covered my legs. My family and friends prayed for me. Several times, hands were laid upon me, and the power of the Almighty was invoked - that I might be healed. I went for cancer treatments three times a week, and I prayed too. A short time ago I went back to see my specialist. He had to ask me where the cancer had been - he could not tell. What a wonderful thing it is to say, "Thanks be to God, I am in remission."

I have seen miracles, tumors that had been thought to be cancerous turning out to be benign. Weather forecasts for severe weather - but the bad weather never comes and an important event can take place. I have seen sons have a falling out with their fathers - and by the power of prayer - reconciliation takes place. I have seen husbands and wives healed because of that same power. I believe that there is no such thing as a co-incidence, but rather miracles for which the Almighty does not get credit.

I would encourage anyone who may read or hear of this piece to take advantage of the promises that the Lord has made to us. That if we ask for anything - anything in His name - it will be given to us. We have only to ask.



#### CHAPLAIN JERRY KOWALSKI

#### WHAT IS IT REALLY? (FROM PAGE 3)

During a Monument Dedication in Kittery, Maine, members of the 12th NHV, SVR, posed with a 5 month old pup from Canine Companions for Independence, a national non-profit organization enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities by providing highly-trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.



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# 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT HOSTS "SCHOOL OF THE PIECE"

The 4th Military District held its annual Artillery Safety School on 17-18 May, at the Sportsman's Club in Boscobel, Wisconsin. NCWAA qualifiers provided instruction.



Maj. Jack Grothe, 4th MD Co. makes presentation to Prairie du Chien Militia.

Ninety-four artillerists and living historians with guns from the War of 1812 and the Civil War period attended. The safety qualification, which each student received, is valid for two years. Next year, the 4th MD will host its school in the St. Louis area.



37 first-timers receive classroom instruction.



Left: Raising the U.S. Flag during the Opening Ceremonies



Units going through drills with their pieces.

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#### REMEMBERING NH VETS

The 12th NH Inf., SVR posted Colors during a monument rededication in Kittery, Maine, on May 3rd. Kittery resident Albion Goodrich, a Civil War enthusiast and whose great-great grandfather served in the US Navy from 1863 – 1865, noticed names were hard to read on the local Civil War Monument. The monument was dedicated in 1864. He also noticed some names were missing, so he set out to have a bronze plaque made to honor the men from Kittery.



Al then organized to have a rededication ceremony to honor those men that were now placed upon the plaque, Al wanted to have a Civil War Color guard and contacted 1Sgt. Dan Meehan of the 12th NH SVR.

As a result, Al joined Charles W. Canney Camp in February. Soon after, Al discovered he had terminal cancer and he passed on April 15th, never seeing his finished work. As he stood at the monument, he ran his fingers across the plaque and said "See you all soon."

#### SHERMAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Pictured: Members of Co. C, 34th Illinois Infantry and 5th Missouri Cavalry serve on the color guard.

Nineteen members of three SVR units participated in the 29th annual Gen. Wm. T. Sherman Birthday Celebration on February 24th. Co. A, 2nd MO Inf., Co. C, 5th MO Cav. and Co. C, 34th IL Inf. braved the weather to pay respects to the General's memory.

#### SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are commissioned and appointed as indicated:

#### 2nd Military District

Cpt. Bruce N. Glaser, Dist. Adj, Gen.

Cpt. William S. Poulton, Jr., Dist. IG

Cpt. Sean W. Shillington, Dist. Chief of Staff.

2Lt. Michael A. Paquette, Company A, Potomac Guard

#### 3rd Military District

Maj. Martin W. Lowery, Jr.—Commander

Cpt. Edward Kreiser—Dist. Adjutant

Cpt. Donald Grant Sr.—Chief of Staff

Cpt. Timothy Downey-Dist. IG

1Lt. Lt. John R. Burch, Co. C, 8th KY Vol. Inf.

1Lt. Timothy H. Downey, Bridgewater Scouts

2Lt. Allen Teller—Dist. Chaplain

2Lt. Wayne Scott, Bridgewater Scouts

#### 4th Military District

2Lt. Michael W. Carr, Adj, Co. B, 10th IA Vol. Inf

#### 6th Military District

Cpt. Jerry R. Sayre, Co. G, 5th CA Vol. Inf.

Cpt. D. Brad Schall, Com., Co. B, 8th CA Inf.

Cpt. Donald Hotchkiss Co. B, 1st NV Vol. Inf.

2Lt. Warren D. Wilt, Adj., Co. B, 8th CA Inf.

2Lt. Daniel M. Bunnell, Batt. A, 3rd US Art.

#### SPECIAL ORDER 2008-01

- 1. Effective 7 August 2008, Major Peter N. Rotando, SVR, Commander of the First Military District, SVR, is appointed Provost Marshal for the 127th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This appointment expires at 2400 hours 10 August 2008.
- 2. The duties of Provost Marshal for the 127th National Encampment is to ensure order is maintained when the National Encampment is in session. The Provost Marshal will report directly to the Commanding Officer, Sons of Veterans Reserve, or his designee.

Donald E. Darby Robert E. Grim

Lt. Colonel, SVR Brigadier General, SVR

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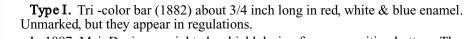
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# COLLECTING THE SONS

#### LAPEL PINS (PART I)

by Nat. Historian PDC Robert J. Wolz

Our Brothers will be surprised to discover the variety of official and unofficial lapel pins the Sons have used. Regulations call these a "recognition button for civilian wear." Brothers were these on their business suits, so they could be identified as members. First we will examine "official" pins issued by the Sons' National Headquarters for use by our members.



In 1887, Maj. Davis copyrighted a shield design for a recognition button. There were two different means to attach them: a solid post that went through the lapel's button hole and as a pin. They were issued in bronze, silver and full color enamel finishes. Some were made as tie stick pins and as watch chain fobs. All were made by Bailey, Banks & Biddle of Philadelphia.

Type IIa Recognition bronze button(1887) shield shaped w/ crossed swords & wreath. Bailey, Banks & Biddle was official jeweler.

**Type IIb** Recognition bronze pin(1887) same design w/ pin attachment

**Type IIIa** Recognition full color enamel button (1887)

Type IIIb Recognition button (1887) w/ pin attachment

Type IVa Recognition button in oxidized silver (1887) same design in oxidized silver

**Type IVb** Recognition pin in oxidized silver (1887) same design w/ pin attachment

**Type V** Recognition button (1887 design) attached to a stick pin for men's ties

Maj. Davis was the sole supplier of our badges until the early 1890s. In 1893, the Sons' QM Dept. was established to supply our badges and pins. Robinson of North Attleboro, MA, became our official jeweler. All badges and insignia were to be ordered by Camps through their Departments (Divisions) who ordered from Nat. HQ.

Type VIa Regulation enameled button (1891) 1/2 inch round "SV" in red & white enamel in center rays emanating outward in gold metallic, blue transparent enamel around outer edge and words "Sons of Veterans." Smooth back, hallmarked Robinson.

Type VIb Regulation enameled pin (1893) 5/8 inch in diameter. Same design as VIa. Cooking pot over a campfire on reverse. Joseph Davison of Philadelphia was probable manufacturer as they had copyrighted the cook pot design for the GAR in 1886.

Type VIc Regulation enameled button, 1/2 inch in diameter. "SV" in blue and white enamel in center rays emanating outward in gold metallic. Red transparent enamel with "Rhode Island Div S of V Get One Club around outer edge." Screw post back 1910? Were there other Departments' recruiting buttons as well? Robinson was probable manufacturer. Variation on official HO buttons.

Type VIIa Miniature of membership badge pendant, "SV" in center of eagle. Solid post on reverse (1915) Robbins Co. hallmark.

Type VIIb Miniature of badge pendant "SV" in center of eagle. Solid post (1915). No

reverse 1920s. Manufactured by Davison, Phila. Type IX Miniature of badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. Screw post on reverse

**Type VIII** Miniature of badge pendant "SV" in center of eagle. Screw post on

1926. Manufactured by Davison, Phila.

Type X Miniature of badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. Screw post on reverse 1950s. Manufactured by Aug. C. Frank, Phila.

Type XI Miniature of badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. Clutch pin on reverse 1960s. Manufactured by Aug. C. Frank, Phila.

Type XII Miniature of badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. Polished bronze manufactured by Bachmann of Phila., 1974-87.

Type XIII Tie tack of miniature badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. - Polished bronze with chain and tie tack back. Manufactured by Klincher Co., Providence, RI in 1960-70s.

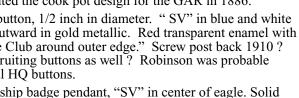
**Type XIV** Miniature of badge pendant "SUV" in center of eagle. Clutch pin on reverse, hallmarked "s" in shield. Manufactured by Simon Bros.



Type VIa



Type VIb





Type VIIb



Type IIb reverse

Type IIa

Type IIa reverse

Type IIIa



Type XII



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#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 127th NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Peabody, Massachusetts - August 7-10, 2008

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

TIME	EVENT	OFFICER IN CHARGE	<b>LOCATION</b>			
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th, 2008						
2 - 5 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer			
12 - 3 PM	Tour of Freedom Trail & State House	Dept. of Massachusetts	Lobby Entrance			
3 - 5 PM	Memorial Ceremony at Mt. Auburn	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Cambridge, MA			
7 - 9 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer			
8 - 10 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Patriot Suite			
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2008						
7 - 8 AM	Masonic Breakfast	CoA James Hanby	Constitution			
8 AM- 7 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer			
8 AM- 7 PM	Exhibits	Dept. of Mass.	Salon C			
8 - 9 AM	Memorial Service & Joint Opening	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Centennial Ballroom			
9:30 - 11 :30 AM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom			
11 :30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch Break					
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom			
6:30 - 9 PM	PCinCs & PNPs Dinner	PNP Cynthia Fox	Constitution			
7 - 8:30 PM	Campfire Program	Dept. of Mass.	Centennial Ballroom			
8:30 - 10 PM	Courtesy Hour	CofS Eugene Mortoff	Centennial Ballroom			
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2008						
7 - 8:30 AM	SVR Breakfast	BG Robert E. Grim	Centennial Ballroom			
8 AM- 12 PM	Registration	PCinC George Powell	Centennial Foyer			
8 AM- 7 PM	Exhibits	Dept. of Massachusetts	Salon C			
9:30 - 11 :30 AM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom			
11 :30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch Break					
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC Charles E. Kuhn	Centennial Ballroom			
6:30 - 10 PM	Allied Orders Encampment Banquet	CofS Eugene Mortoff	Grand Ballroom			
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7: 15 - 8 AM	Nondenominational Church Service	Nat. Chap. Kowalski	Independence			
8 - 10 AM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC Elect	Constitution			

2008	Remembrance Day Schedule	Saturday, 2	22 November
Time 8 am	Event SVR Breakfast	Location Eisenhower Inn Emmitsburg Rd. (US 15) South of Gettysburg	Cost \$10 by Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> to Lt Col. Donald E. Darby 1382 Western Ave. Chillicothe, OH 45601
9:30 am	Unit Commanders Parade Briefing Distribution of event streamers	Eisenhower Inn	None
11 am	52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary GAR Ceremony	Woolson Monument	None
1 pm	Parade Step-off	Lefever Street	None
6 pm	78 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Dedication Day Dinner (all are invited)	Eisenhower Inn	\$27 by November 15 <sup>th</sup> to Dedication Day Dinner 1126 Hanover Road York, PA 17408
9 pm	National Civil War Ball Music by 28 <sup>th</sup> Penn. Reg. Brass Band (cash bar and snacks)	Eisenhower Inn	\$20 by Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> to Col. Bud Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719
Post 1	Remembrance Day	Sunday, 23	November
<u>Time</u> 7-11am	Event Camp 112 Pancake Breakfast	Location GAR Post 9 Hall 53 E. Middle Street Gettysburg	Cost \$6 at door
8 am	Nat. Council of Administration Meeting	Eisenhower Inn	None

#### 2008 Remembrance Day Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Breakfast 8:00 AM, Saturday, November 22. 2008 Eisenhower Inn

(open to Nat. Officers, PDCs and DCs)

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#### ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Reservations must be made by 1 November 2008
Tickets at the door will be \$15.00 per person

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Make checks or money orders payable to: TAG-SVR

Return this form and payment to: 2008 Remembrance Day SVR Breakfast c/o Lt. Col. Donald E. Darby, AG, SVR 1382 Western Ave. Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

#### NATIONAL CIVIL WAR BALL

Music by the 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band, with dances led by dancemaster. Period dress encouraged, but not required. Door prizes, plus prizes for ladies Cake Walk. Cash bar.

Time: 9PM, 22 November 2008
Place: Eisenhower Inn, Rt. 15 South of

Gettysburg

Price: Advance tickets: \$20 per person.

At door: \$25.00 per person.

Tickets: Make check out to "National C.W. Ball" Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets Mail to: Col. Elmer F. (Bud) Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719

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