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MEMORIAL DAY: OUR BOYS IN BLUE REMEMBERED





Photo by: Patricia Lynch

“The great and glorious objects for which these men poured out their blood and forfeited their lives should be kept alive in each heart. This is the grand idea we have in view...Believing that they were right, and that their cause was a holy one, we have gathered around these sacred mounds today for the purpose of solemnly pledging ourselves that this noble purpose shall, be carried out by us while we live; and that we will teach it to our children, so that when we too are numbered with the dead, those who remain may catch up the refrain of liberty and inspire every bosom with zeal to emulate the deeds of those who sleep before us.”

MG John A. Logan, GAR CinC
DuQuoin, Illinois - May 30, 1869



Photo at left: Some brothers blow their own horn. Others beat their own drum, continuing our Order's long musical tradition. Read more and find out who this bugler is on Page 10.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of Frances Woolson Campbell, daughter of Comrade Albert Woolson. Mrs. Campbell passed away on 3 October 2008, at the age of 99 in Duluth, Minnesota. Her father served as a Drummer Boy in Co. C, 1st Minnesota Vol. Heavy Artillery and was the last Union Veteran of the Civil War rising to the rank of Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief of the GAR. He was also the recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal and an honorary Commander-In-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Those wishing to send cards to Mrs. Campbell's family may send them to her niece at the following address:

Fran Horn
4305 E. Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55804

Ordered this 27th Day of December, 2008.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

1. This month, we are celebrating the bicentennial of the birth of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. As we are all aware, President Lincoln led the country through its greatest internal crisis, preserving the Union and ending slavery. The spirit that guided him to preserve the Union was noted in his second Inaugural Address, now inscribed on one wall of the Lincoln Memorial: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds..."

2. President Lincoln defined the creation of a more perfect Union in terms of liberty and economic equality that rallied the citizenry behind him. Because he understood that victory depended upon purposeful and visionary presidential leadership as well as the exercise of politically acceptable means, he left as his legacy, a United States that was both whole and free.

3. In celebration of his birth, I am asking our Camp Patriotic Instructors to include an educational program on President Lincoln during a Camp meeting prior to the National Encampment in August 2009. If it is not possible to have a program, convene a "roundtable" discussion during a meeting and discuss the many contributions this great man made to the United States.

Ordered this 1st Day of February, 2009.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

1. This General Order replaces General Order 7 issued 17 February 2009.

2. As a reminder, with the change to the Constitution and to the Regulations at the 127th National Encampment permitting Junior Associates into the Order, it is imperative that all Departments and Camps amend their respective By-Laws if they wish to allow them into the Order. All Camp By-Laws must be submitted to the Department for approval just as all Department By-Laws must be submitted to the Commander-In-Chief for approval in order to allow Junior Associates into their respective Departments or Camps.

3. Departments and Camps may not admit Junior Associates until their By-Laws, reflecting their acceptance, have been approved by the proper authority.

Ordered this 21st Day of February, 2009.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

Effective this date, PDC Stuart Stefany has assumed the position of Chairman of the Fort Donelson Exploration Committee. Membership on the committee remains the same.

Brother Stefany may be contacted at: stefanyart@cs.com.

So ordered this 30th day of March 2009.

By order of:	Attested:
David V. Medert	PDC Donald Palmer
Commander-in-Chief	National Secretary



*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
Union Civil War Officer Ancestor*

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was established on April 20, 1865. Currently, 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 MOLLUS Web Site at:

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or

Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS SVCinC) at:

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ON THE MOVE WITH CINC MEDERT



The Dept. of Tennessee's Encampment, hosted by the Fort Donelson Camp 62, was held at Ferguson Hall on the campus of the Tennessee Children's Home in Spring Hill, TN. Ferguson Hall served as the 1863 Spring Hill headquarters of Confederate MG Earl Van Dorn. Pausing under Van Dorn's Portrait: PDC Geoffrey Hintze (Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53), PDC Clyde Getman, (Sultana Camp 1), CinC Medert, Roger Tenney (Fort Donelson Camp 62) and DC Charlie Engle (Col. Robert Byrd Camp 8).



CinC Medert congratulates new Department of California & Pacific PDC Jerry Sayre on completing a successful term, during the Department's recent Encampment in San Luis Obispo.



CinC Medert visits with Ohio's Enderlin Camp 73 CC Don Martin (center) and DC Craig Keller (right) during a recent Camp meeting.



L to R: PDP Helen Geppi (Aux. & WRC), Aux. NP Jan Harding, CinC Medert, WRC NP Marcia Butgereit and PDP Carol LaRue (Aux. & WRC)

CINC MEDERT'S 2009 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

24 January	Dept. of Indiana Mid-Winter Meeting	Huntington, IN
31 January	Dept. of Tennessee Encampment	Spring Hill, TN
12 February	Lincoln Birthday - Lincoln Birthday	Washington, DC
6-8 March	Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment	San Luis Obispo, CA
18 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
25 April	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Lansing, MI
25 May	Memorial Day (observed)	Washington, DC
30 May	Memorial Day (traditional)	Arlington, VA
6 June	Dept. of Missouri Encampment	St. Louis, MO
13 June	Dept. of Florida Encampment	St. Cloud, FL
25-28 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	New Oxford, PA

Various Nat. Officers will represent CinC Medert at the Encampments and events not listed.



COMMEMORATING

REQUEST GRANTED

Last December 30th, **Indiana** PDC Bruce Kolb emailed Governor Mitch Daniels' office, respectfully requesting an executive order that would set February 12, 2009 as "Abraham Lincoln Day" in Indiana. The Governor graciously granted his request. Br. Kolb walked to the governor's office the next morning and picked up the proclamation.

LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

The **CO& WY Dept.**, including Legion of the West Camp 7, Mount Garfield DAR Chapter, and the Lincoln Bi-Centennial Committee held a outdoor events on President Lincoln's 200th birthday, in front of the Mesa County, Colorado Courthouse. The Mesa County Commissioners issued a proclamation, honoring Abraham Lincoln and his Boys in Blue.

It was also the close of the county's 125th Anniversary celebration (note the Indian War dress uniforms). It was a wonderful day with the blue skies and white clouds, in between snowstorms



Front: Band Marvin Trumbo, Danny Agajanian, Bill Bailey, Mack Hoover (Lincoln Bi-Centennial Comm.).

Middle: DSVC Garry Brewer (Bi-Centennial Comm.), Lori Parrott (DAR & DUVCW), Mike Menard (Museum of the West, Bi-Centennial Comm.), Br. Jared Brewer, CC Bill McCurry, Br. Rhy Paris (Bi-Centennial Comm.), DC Gary Parrott, Br. Terry Hammer Jr., Anita Caldwell, Br. K. Don Thompson.

Back: Elise Blink, Bi-Centennial Comm., Brs. Mark Brewer, Spenser Brewer, Cecil Tapey, PCC Bill Buvinger, Robert Bledsoe (Bi-Centennial Comm.), Br. Matt McCurry (red hat/piper), and Chuck Pabst (Bi-Centennial Comm.)



Florida's Pvt. Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4, St. Cloud, celebrated the 200th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday and invited all Department members and their families to attend. To our delight, the President (aka Br. Skip Whitlam, Dept. Signals Officer) took time from his busy schedule to attend and added to the festivities. Photo by Dept. Sec/Treas. Mike Farrell.

IMPORTANT ABRAHAM LINCOLN DATES

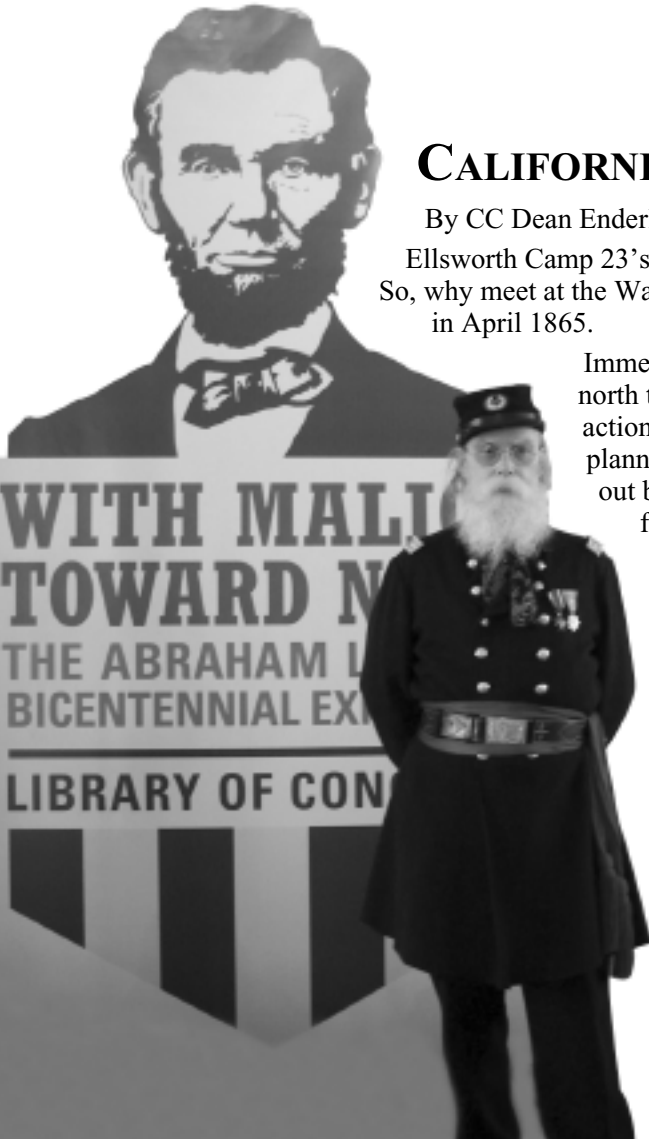
June 16, 1858	Delivered "house divided" speech at Springfield
July 22, 1861	Vested with war powers by Congress
July 23, 1861	Published strategic plan, "Memoranda of Military Policy Suggested by the Bull Run Defeat"
August 1, 1843	Robert Todd Lincoln, eldest child, born
August 4, 1834	Elected to Illinois State Legislature
August 21, 1858	First debate with Stephen Douglas, Ottawa, IL (six more debates followed)

THE LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL

UNION DEFENDER'S DAY

New Hampshire's joint Sons & Auxiliary Encampment and Remembrance Day Committee expanded its duties this year. A Union Defender's Day program was held February 7th at the Common Man Restaurant. Attendees were treated to a talk on Grant and his relationship with President Lincoln by Sister Eleanor Becotte. The program will be expanded in 2010.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 hosted their 39th annual luncheon, honoring President Lincoln on February 7th. Over 100 people from southeast Wisconsin's hereditary and patriotic societies listened to guest speaker Steven K. Rogstad, secretary of the governor's Lincoln Bicentennial Commission describe the 16th president's visits to the Badger State. *Photo by PDC Kent Peterson.*



CALIFORNIA CELEBRATION

By CC Dean Enderlin

Ellsworth Camp 23's Lincoln Dinner was held at the famous Washoe House in Petaluma. So, why meet at the Washoe House? It was the site of the so-called "Battle of Washoe House" in April 1865.

Immediately following the Lincoln assassination, the Union militia marched north toward Santa Rosa, intent on retribution. The cause of the military action is somewhat clouded in history, but it is generally believed that their planned attack on Santa Rosa was in response to inflammatory editorials put out by the town's decidedly anti-Union newspaper. The "boys" marched as far as the Washoe House, where they paused to quench their thirst and brace themselves for battle. Once they'd cooled down a bit with a few beers, the boys forgot what they were marching for and headed back home!



Aux. 23 Pres. Ann Schleeter, PCC Dave Schleeter, Cindy Eddy, and CC Dean Enderlin.

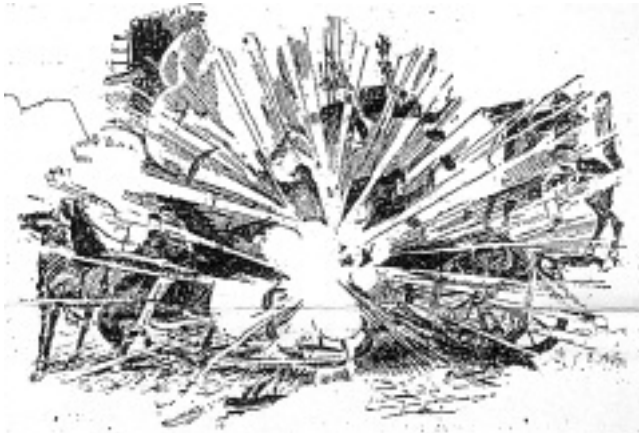
PCinC Keith Harrison attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition at the Library of Congress during the recent Birthday celebration in Washington, DC.

Photo by NP Marcia Butgereit





TRAGEDY MARS 1895 GAR ENCAMPMENT



By PDC Keith Karcher

The 29th GAR National Encampment, held September 9-13, 1895 in Louisville, Kentucky, was the first held below the Mason-Dixon line. The Grand Army, now numbering 357,639 members, never previously ventured south of the Ohio River. The Encampment's theme was reconciliation between the old warriors; the convention was attended by dignitaries and Civil War leaders from both sides, who came to be honored and to speak. Approximately 175,000 veterans attended; 30,000 of these marched in the parade...in 94-degree heat.

Sadly, the Encampment was marred by an explosion that killed four of the Battery A, 1st KY State Guard (Louisville Legion) boys and a black drayman, as they were on their way to fire a morning salute (strangely enough on 9/11).



The parade went on as scheduled that evening, even though the line of march proceeded past where the explosion occurred. Two of the Louisville Legion boys lay in state at the Armory with full military honor guard and the other two lay at their family homes. Funeral services were conducted at Christ Church Cathedral for all four boys. Afterwards, they were interred in Cave Hill Cemetery's Louisville Legion lot.

Due to the city of Louisville's fine treatment of the GAR during its Encampment, the Sons of Veterans voted to hold their next National Encampment in Louisville, on September 8-10, 1896. When the SV met that year, the gravesites were dedicated. 10,000 people attended the memorial service. The barrels of the two cannons from the explosion were placed in the ground with them.

Although money was collected for a fitting monument, only a single-family memorial stone was ever erected. A report of what caused the explosion never materialized. It was just accepted that the spark from a cigar lit up a limber, exploded and killed the five men. Four of the victims lay in unmarked graves.

Over a hundred years later, KY DC John Witt completed the preliminary research, finding the unmarked graves of the Louisville Legion boys in Cave Hill Cemetery. Working with the Kentucky Military Historical Society's John Trowbridge, military stones were obtained and set. On April 8th 2000, Fort Duffield Camp 1 and the 138th Field Artillery Brigade (the contemporary Kentucky State Guard artillery) dedicated stones for Cpl. Arthur L. Robinson, Pvt. Charles Biechner, Pvt. Archibald McBride, and Pvt. Charles C. Woods. The boys' family and a crowd of about a hundred people attended the ceremony. The Battery A boys were remembered with full military honors. Later that year, it was revealed that William Adams, the civilian, was buried in Eastern Cemetery. He remains in an unmarked grave.

One could argue that a single event at a GAR Encampment, best forgotten, changed the outlook and future of the city. This year, Louisville anxiously awaits the return of the Allied Orders of the GAR.

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I REMEMBER THE GAR

FROM THE REMINISCENCES OF PCIN C RICHARD O. PARTINGTON

On Memorial Day, I would get up early, put on my uniform, take my rifle, and journey to a cemetery in South Philadelphia, where the Reserves would gather along with the Sons and Auxiliary and members of the Grand Army. We would visit two or three local cemeteries, ending up at the Cemetery of Old Swedes' Church.



Eighty-eight year old Henry T. Greenwood, commander of GAR Post 71 (at right) and PCC Louis Hermann, Camp 200, place a wreath on the spot where President Abraham Lincoln stood at Independence Hall.

We would parade from Old Swedes' Church up Delaware Ave., along old dock Street to Independence Hall, where the Grand Army would place a wreath on the spot where President-elect Abraham Lincoln stood to raise a new flag with 34 stars, the last being for the newly admitted State of Kansas. The Reserves were always the escort for the Grand Army.

After the ceremony, we would go by car to Post 2, GAR Hal at 667 N. 12th Street for a lunch prepared by the ladies. After lunch, the old veterans would sit around conversing until it was time for the Memorial Service. How many veterans there were when I first began going to the hall I do not know. My impression is that there were quite a few. In 1937, there were 75 veterans left in Philadelphia and in 1938, when I attended the 75th Reunion at Gettysburg, there were only 45 left in the city, so you can see they were dying rapidly.

I can see these old men yet, leaning upon their canes, bent with age, wearing their starched white vests and their dark blue coats with their gold colored buttons and their Grand Army badges pinned to their coats. On their heads, they wore the McClellan hat. In Pennsylvania, the Grand Army always wore the McClellan hat.

When it was time for the Memorial Service to begin, people would gather in the meeting room. The old veterans would walk in, in a body, to take their seats on benches in front of the room facing each other on either side of the rostrum or Commander's station.

There was always a band present to play the National Anthem and other patriotic and Civil War music. Prominent men taking part in the service would sit on either side of the rostrum. Along with other dignitaries would be the mayor of Philadelphia. Among the pictures at Grisom Street is one taken of the Mayor of Philadelphia, J. Hampton Moore, in front of Post 2 Hall.

It was an impressive service. The Rev. J. Cresson McHenry, a member of the Sons, would have the prayers. The Rev. Elmer Finger would always be one of the speakers. He was an excellent and powerful speaker and frequently was called upon to speak at various occasions, including Lincoln banquets.

At the front of the Hall, there would be a vacant chair, placed in front of the rostrum, for each deceased comrade of the past year. They were draped in black. The name and military record of the deceased veterans would be read and with a roll of the drum, a comrade would slowly walk up and place a bouquet of flowers on a vacant chair.

After the service at the Post Hall, we would march to Post 2's plot in Monument Cemetery at Broad & Berks Streets for a brief service. In earlier days, some veterans would march with the Sons and the Auxiliary, but later, all would ride in cars. I have a short movie of a part of this service, which unfortunately is not very good.

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. In 2004, PCinC Partington, with the help of his daughter, had his memories of the GAR published by Heritage Books.

This is the fourth and final installment in this series.





OUR MUSICAL TRADITION

“Music has done its share, and more than its share, in winning this war.” —Gen. Phil Sheridan

Music played an important role during the Civil War. Singing and playing instruments boosted morale while soldiers marched to the front and while slaves were guided along the Underground Railroad. There was probably not a unit in service that did not boast at least one violinist, a banjoist or other musical performer. Union bands performed concerts, for parades, reviews, funerals and for troops marching into battle.

After the war, the GAR, and later the Sons, continued the musical tradition, playing for parades, ceremonies and patriotic presentations.



FIFE & DRUM CORPS PHENOMENON

Several Camps, especially in the Midwest, formed fife and drum corps at the request of the aging, local GAR Posts. After a false start in 1915, **Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's Corps** (shown) was organized in 1926. Two years later, it was designated the Wisconsin GAR's official drum corps. It was a popular performer at veterans' reunions, the Soldiers Home, local parades and ceremonies, as well as National and Department Encampments. Starting with eight men, the corps nearly doubled its size over the next decade. When the state's GAR faded away in 1951, so did these fifers and drummers.



The **Mt. Vernon, Ohio, SVR Drum & Bugle Corps**, founded in 1953, played at the funerals of the last two soldiers of the Civil War. It was the featured attraction at many patriotic functions during the Civil War Centennial and performed at the dedication of the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge, PA, on Memorial Day 1968. The corps was led by Col. Warfield W. Dorsey, a Navy CPO, who also served as Ohio DC in 1950 and received his SVR commission in 1958.

OUR MUSICIANS TODAY

The Sons' musical tradition continues in the personage of several talented performers. These buglers, drummers and others provide both a visual and auditory link of our heritage to the Union Blue of Mr. Lincoln's Army and later, the Grand Army.

Sources:

US Army Band website: *A History of Army Bands, Civil War*

A History of Military Music in America: NY Exposition Press (1944)

Meeting Minutes: C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Dept. of Wisconsin, SUVCW

Mount Vernon Boys in Blue *pub.* By D. Garverick Studio, Mt. Vernon, OH

WHO IS HE REALLY? (FROM PAGE 3)

Br. Mark Heath, Austin Blair Camp 7 (MI) sounds "Taps" at a local Civil War monument dedication. He's performed similar duty at Arlington Nat. Cemetery and at the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. He also serves as his Camp's Chaplain and newsletter editor.

PLAYS ON AND ON.

Today, the fife and drum corps are gone, but our Brothers play on. The beat of the drums, the sound of the bugles, trumpets and other solo instruments recall our country's musical heritage and the rhythms our Union ancestors knew so well. Here are some of the Brothers who have lent their musical talents to our efforts:

(Photo A) **Br. Arthur P. Kirmss**, Patriotic Instructor of New York's Oliver Tilden Camp 26, plays the guitar and the piccolo recorder. He performs a variety of Civil War music for the annual U.S. Grant birthday observance, as well as at area school presentations.

(Photo B) Drummer **Br. Tom Emerick** of Michigan's George W. Anderson Camp 58 at Lansing's Sesquicentennial.

(Photo C) **Br. William H. Miller** played the trombone in high school and recently, took up the bugle, performing at the ceremonies and dedications of Elias Moon Camp 1 and Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 (Dept. of GA & SC). He serves as Camp 3 CC and as Dept. Historian. In the SVR, he wears the 76th PA Zouave uniform, as Sgt. Wm. Miller, his great-great grandfather. His father was a PA MAL, and his son is also a member of Camp 3.

(Photo D) Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Brothers **Richard Ferman** (left) and **Joe Marti** (right) prepare for the annual Independence Day Parade in Redwood City, California.

(Left) **SVR Nat. Musician Ivan Frantz, Jr.** is a fixture at each year's Remembrance Day ceremony. He says, "...every time I play TAPS, I try to make Gen. Butterfield proud." He's played with the Gettysburg Bicentennial Band and has performed with the Lyric Band of Hanover, PA, for over 25 years. Br. Ivan's performed solo trumpet on recordings of both bands.

The Company Singers was formed in August of 2001 from brothers of Indiana's Champion Hill Camp 17. Their songbook contains over 40 pieces...military songs, novelty pieces and parlor songs to hymns of the period. Brothers Gary Bugge, Eric Fricke, Rick Henly, Paul Kiningham, Jim Kline, Rich McConnell, Don Morgan and PDC Gib Young (The Company Singers) have performed at county fairs, memorial services, a cemetery walk, Civil War roundtables, school presentations, monument dedications and even a yet-to-be released movie.



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JOHNSON BIRTHDAY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATED

By Br. Doug Fidler, Dept of Tennessee

Before Lincoln, there was Andrew Johnson of TN—the only congressman from the Confederate States to remain loyal to the Union and the man later tasked to direct the readmission of the defeated southern states into the Union.

Born in Raleigh, NC, on 29 December 1808, Johnson rose from humble beginnings to become a respected local civic leader, state legislator, U.S. representative, senator, and Military Governor of TN, before his 1864 election as U.S. Vice President.

Two hundred years later, over 100 participated in a birthday salute at the Andrew Johnson Nat. Historic Site in Greeneville, TN. They were joined by JVCinC James Hanby, TN PDC Charles Engle, Br. Douglas Fidler, PhD, and Fort Donnelson Camp 62's Br. Bill Heard.

In the Greeneville Towne Square parking lot, the Nat. Park Service pitched a large marquee. Union re-enactors served birthday cake, coffee, and lemonade to live music. At dusk, partygoers were transported to the foot of Monument Hill in the Andrew Johnson Nat. Cemetery, where 1500 luminary bags marked the way to the ceremony. At the summit, the tall, illuminated obelisk stood silent sentinel over the president and his beloved wife Eliza. The celebrants broke into a spontaneous chorus of "Happy Birthday."

After the NPS Superintendent's welcome and the NG Chaplain's invocation, JVCinC Hanby offered his thanks and congratulations for the outstanding tribute. Then the SUVCW was invited to lay a memorial wreath within the secure area surrounding the Johnson Family Tomb. The dignity of the occasion was punctuated by the "Presidential Salute", a volley of 21 shots fired by the Greene Cty. Honor Guard, then solemnized by the playing of echo "Taps" and the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner." A spectacular fireworks display lit the night sky before the silent darkness lowered the shroud of time over the remains of the 17th U.S. president.



President Andrew Johnson Bicentennial Wreath-Laying participants (L to R) PDC Charles H. Engle, Jr., JVCinC James R. Hanby, Sr., Dr. Douglas K. Fidler, PhD, and Bill Heard.

LINCOLN'S SUCCESSOR MUCH MALIGNED

By PCinC George Cashman



General U.S. Grant once said, "I would like to see truthful history written." Such history would do full credit to the most maligned Chief Executive of the United States, Andrew Johnson, our 17th President. It is doubtful if any other President has been so grossly misrepresented, more persistently and unfairly attacked by the press of the country, and even by members of his own political party.

Andrew Johnson had the misfortune of having been thrust into the Presidency at a time when hatred for the South, at the end of the Civil War, was at its peak. That hatred was intensified by the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The radicals in Congress, the hate-mongers, were determined that the Southern states should be punished.

Johnson was faced with an enormous task, with a hostile Congress, to bring reconstruction on a basis both fair and reasonable, to the conquered states. Lincoln's plan for the South was a policy of moderation designed to bring reconciliation quickly through a magnanimous spirit of forgiveness. That was the policy adopted by Johnson, but the radicals in Congress would have none of Lincoln's "Malice Toward None" philosophy.

Johnson might easily have avoided all difficulty with Congress by simply joining the radicals, but he was a patriot and would not be a party to the sham patriotism of the radicals. The conflict between Johnson and the Congress intensified as time went on until it reached its climax with the impeachment proceedings brought against him in 1868. The trial by the Senate, presided over by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, acquitted Johnson by a margin of one vote. That trial is probably the most disgraceful episode of the entire history of Congress.

Lincoln and Johnson were members of the 13th Congress in 1848, and Lincoln had ample opportunity to evaluate Johnson's ability as a legislator. That Lincoln must have been impressed is borne out by the fact that Lincoln appointed Johnson military governor of Tennessee and in 1864, accepted him as running mate in the national election, which returned Lincoln to the White House.

Most people would say that the President of the United States who had the least schooling was Abraham Lincoln. But Lincoln did have about one year of formal education. Andrew Johnson had none. He never went to school, even for a day. He was truly a self-educated man, and under other conditions might well have been one of our great Presidents.

The above was first published in the January 1968 issue of the Banner. PCinC Cashman was an eminent Lincoln scholar and collector, who served as curator of the Lincoln Tomb for over 25 years. Read more about him at <http://www.suvchw.org/pcinc/cashman.htm>



WELCOME NEW CAMPS

Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 – Marietta, GA, Department of Georgia/South Carolina (Organized by Br. Ernest Blevins) Date of rank: 17 Nov 07

Frederick W. Lander Camp 5 – Lynn, MA, Department of Massachusetts (Organized by DC Kevin Tucker) Date of rank: 04 Feb 08

Gen. William Harney Camp 8 – Casselberry, FL, Department of Florida, (Organized by Br. William Cavins) Date of rank: 12 Feb 08

NC Union Volunteers Camp 5 – Morehead City, NC, Camp-at-Large, (Organized by Br. Bryan Salter) Date of rank: 12 Apr 08

Jacob Parrott Camp 33 – Kenton, OH, Dept. of Ohio, (Organized by Br. Robert Davis) Date of Rank: 2 Sep 2008

GAR Post 2 Camp 299 – Philadelphia, PA, Dept. of Pennsylvania, (Organized by Br. John Hart, Jr.) Date of Rank: 04 Nov 2008

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

The following Camps have submitted Charter applications (Form 55):

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 – Ste. Genevieve, MO, Department of Missouri (Organizer – Br. Gary Scheel)



(L to R): PDC Robert Petrovic (Nat. CofA), Don Schweiss (Guest), JVC Thomas Greminger, CC Paul Cameron, Sec/Treas. Gary L. Scheel, SVC Thomas Farlow, Dr. Donald Palmer (Nat. Sec.) and Council Member Bob Schmidt. Not shown: Council Member Wilfred Bauman and Clarence Hill. Photo by SVC Martin Aubuchon (U.S. Grant Camp 68 SVC).

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

Once authorized by your Dept. Commander, contact your Dept. Secretary for their necessary forms and instructions. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

The following Camps have been given permission to form (approved Form 51 on file):

Col. James Crowther Camp 89 – Tyrone, PA, Department of Pennsylvania (Organizer – Br. Robert Hileman, Jr.)

John B. Anderson Camp 223 – Columbus, IN, Department of Indiana (Organizer – Br. Bret Caldwell)

There is also interest in forming Camps in Alaska, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

Satuit Camp 3188 in Scituate, Massachusetts, was organized by Br. Conley Ford and started with 27 applications for membership. The initiation and installation ceremony on October 23rd was held in the newly renovated (ca. 1826) GAR Hall, which is owned by the Scituate Historical Society. One of the prized positions in the GAR Hall is a print of the Battle of Gettysburg signed by Gen. George Meade. As of this writing, Camp 3188 has 38 Brothers and continues to grow.



From left: Camp Historian David Corbin, JVC Stephen Litchfield, Council Member Francis Litchfield, Patriotic Instructor James Ford, CC Conley Ford, SVC Alerton Bonney and Sec/Treas. Elsworth Spear are the officers for the new Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Satuit Camp 3188. MA DC Perley Mellor, far right, helped perform the Installation ceremony. Photo courtesy of CC Conley Ford.



“Before Manassas, there was Mexico”

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

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Descendants of Mexican War Veterans

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Activities of Reno's Carlin Camp 25

By PCC David A. Davis, Camp Historian and CW Mem. Off, Dept. Historian

Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 took part in Nevada Day, Veterans Day, and the Wreaths Across America Project in 2008.

PCC David A. Davis, CC Frank Wood, Sec/Treas. Brian Worcester, Chap. Don Guidici, and Br. Tyrone Davis represented Camp 25 in the Nevada Day parade in Carson City on November 1. The brothers rode in the back of Br. Guidici's pick-up truck. The U. S. and Camp flags were flown from the back of the truck and Camp signs were visible on the sides. They were well received by the crowd. It rained lightly during the parade.

Later, they assembled at the Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot in Carson City's Lone Mountain Cemetery and held a short wreath laying service. Interestingly, theirs was apparently the only public Veterans Day service in Carson City. About 30 people attended including a reporter. The Nevada Appeal covered the event.



On December 12th, Brs. Davis and Worcester laid a wreath at Custer Post 5 Cemetery plot and Civil War monument in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City as part of the SAR Wreaths Across America ceremony to honor veterans.

COLORADO/WYOMING

Brothers participated in the Mesa County Family History Fair in Grand Junction LDS Church recently, as part of the ongoing events, celebrating Pres. Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday. Most of the large local collections are held at the Museum of Western Colorado.



Photo (L to R): DC Gary Parrott, SVC Garry Brewer, PDC Bill Buvinger SAR State Pres., and Legion of the West Camp 7's Terry Hammer Jr,

FLORIDA

At Gen. William S. Harney Camp 8's December meeting, Br. Ronnie G. McCracken (right) administers the Membership Oath to Brs. James A. Cembrook (left) and David A. Hoover, both of whom recently transferred into the Camp. JVC John A. Sink and CC Bob Chandler assist. Brs. Cembrook and Hoover were then elected as Camp Council members. Photo by Br. Gene Thompson II.



MARYLAND

Eagle Scout Recognized

Troop 106 Boy Scout Jonathan Slaughter received his Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony held at BSA Camp Mahonegon in Upshur County, WV. Last spring, Jonathan led the reclamation of a cemetery that held the remains of the county's longest surviving Union Civil War veteran, Pvt. Marshall Warner (1844-1941), Co. K 10th WV Inf. The old family cemetery had grown over after years of neglect. Jonathan cleared the undergrowth, reset head stones, replaced a fence and installed a flag pole, creating a beautiful wooded setting for an old graveyard. Jonathan has since completed interviews, merit badges and a booklet about his project.



Eagle Scout Jonathan Slaughter receives the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate from Camp 49 Sec/Treas. Michael Phillips.

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Jonathan Slaughter's project was featured in earlier editions of the Banner. On Saturday 28 February 2009 Jonathan had his Court of Honor and was officially awarded the title of Eagle Scout. During the ceremony, Buckhannon Camp 49 Sec/Treas. Mike Phillips presented Jonathan with an Eagle Scout Certificate and spoke about the SUVCW's efforts to keep alive the ideals of the Union soldiers.

Jonathan was the fifth Eagle Scout that Camp 49 has recognized since its chartering. Jonathan plans to continue his education and pursue a career in agriculture.

Yokum's New Headstone

7th.WV Inf. Camp 7 Br. Josh Ours and CC Randy Ours (far right), along with members of the local Landes Ruritan Club, and family members cleaned up a Petersburg, WV, cemetery and placed a new headstone on the grave of Pvt. John Yokum of Capt. John Bond's Company of WV State Troops (Union Home Guard). Pvt. Yokum was killed June 19, 1864 in a skirmish with McNeill's Rangers. Ruritan Club & family members are from left: Dave Stump, Lonnie Borrer, Jr. Hedrick and Mike Reel.



MICHIGAN

Recently, Centreville's March to the Sea Camp 135, assisted by Kalamazoo's Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, rededicated the restored GAR monument located in the Centreville's Prairie River Cemetery.

The monument was erected ca. 1896 in honor of local men who served in the War of the Rebellion and for those who served in Mexico in Co. E, 15th Inf. under Capt. I. D. Toll. After the turn of the 20th century, about 15 inches of the rifle barrel was broken off. Unfortunately, the monument was not repaired and the broken piece was lost.

In 2007, March to the Sea Camp 135 undertook the restoration of the monument to its original glory. Grants



from the SUVCW National Memorials Grant program, Camp 20, and donations from the community funded the project. Two local sculptors were able to create and install a nearly perfect match for the broken piece out of granite.

The re-dedication was carried out in nearly perfect weather with a crowd of over 50 attendees, including many Allied Orders members from across the state. The featured speaker was State Senator Cameron Brown, a brother of Camp 135, who ably summed up the importance of our stewardship of our nation's history of freedom and liberty.

MISSOURI

PDC Walt Busch of U.S. Grant Camp 68, Brs. Rod Price and Doug Roussin of Gen. McCormick Camp 215 and their wives have formed an ad-hoc group of camping enthusiasts, which meets twice a year to go to some Civil War related site in the Midwest. In early March, they and their metal detectors were invited by the National Park Service and other agencies to participate in an archaeological survey on recently acquired battlefield. After hours, the "Missouri SUV-RV'ers" gather around the fire or in an RV. Interested parties from outside Missouri are welcome.



Br. Doug Roussin is seen with his metal detector

NEW YORK

Members of Col. David Ireland Camp 137 and the 16th NY LA, SVR, saw parade duty during Binghamton's St. Patrick's Day Parade.



TEXAS

On January 10th, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2's Honor Guard braved gloomy weather and gathered at Galveston Island's historic Episcopal Cemetery for the Camp's annual Battle of Galveston Commemoration ceremony. On January 1, 1863, during the brief but violent naval battle that occurred on Galveston Bay, the Camp's namesake, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, and other Union seamen were killed aboard the Union gunboat USS Harriet Lane.

The Camp was joined by: Co. A, 13th U.S. Inf. Reg.; Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1; Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent 4 and many other guests and spectators.



LaBrot photo: L-R - Bobby Gant (hidden behind Camp flag), Camp newsletter editor Michael Lance, Sec/Treas. Gary White, SVC David LaBrot, JVC Samuel Hampton, and Camp Historian Dale Leach.

By the time the Colors were posted, a light rain began to fall. Despite the weather, various speeches were successfully given by CC James Hackett, DC Stephen Schulze and AP Vali Reyes. Additionally, the Commander of the SCV's John Bell Hood Camp 50, and the President of the UDC's Galveston Chapter extended greetings. A four-man uniformed Confederate Color

Guard offered dignified respect for the occasion.

Wreaths were gently placed at the Confederate monument, the Union monument, and at Lt. Commander Edward Lea's grave.

The coordination of the musket salute was flawless! Taps softly played in the blowing wind. Dept. Sec. Scott Shuster then offered the formal SUVCW blessing and benediction.

NERA Meets

The New England Regional Association held its Spring meeting at the beautiful GAR Hall in Rockville, CT. NERA Co. William Vieira (RI) presided at the meeting. Sr. Joyce Norman and the Aux. provided a very good hot lunch. The NERA's annual meeting will be held at the Weirs, Laconia, NH, on Sat., July 18th. NERA will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary next year.



MA DC and Nat. CoA Member Perley Mellor reports to the NERA on events at National. PDC Bill Ryerson photo

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694. Todd D. Holton

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Department of Michigan

695. Hugh D. Montgomery

Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8
Department of Pennsylvania

696. Robert A. Sulger, Jr.

Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8
Department of Pennsylvania

697. Adam W. Gaines

National Membership-at-Large
Membership-at-Large Department

698. Alfred C. Carty, III

Joel Searfoss Camp 273
Department of Pennsylvania

699. Richard W. Penland

Co. Edward D. Baker Camp 6
Membership-at-Large Department

700. George C. Williams (Real son)

U.S. Grant Camp 68
Department of Missouri

701. Charles M. Hopkins

Curtenius Guard Camp 17
Department of Michigan

702. Michael S. Long

Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 7
Department of Pennsylvania

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by Br. William R. Adams

In Honor of **Capt. Philp J. Wang**
Co. D, 107th Ohio Vol. Inf.
by Br. Samuel D. Wang

In Honor of **Alvin Ackle Caulkins**
Co. A, 7th Minnesota Infantry
by Br. Jack A. Searle

A tribute is placed when a contribution (\$10 min.) is made to the SUVCW Permanent Fund.

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

The Commander-in-Chief is seeking recipients for the following awards to be given at this year's Nat. Encampment:

U.S. Grant Cup (est. 1939)—presented to the Department with the greatest percentage growth in membership during the last year.

Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award (est. 1969)—presented to the Department with the greatest numerical growth in membership during the last year.

Marshall Hope Award (est. 1992)—presented to the Camp and Department with the most outstanding newsletters.

Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Camp during the year.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding brother during the last year.

B.F. Stephenson Award (est. 1996)—presented to the brother, who is the top recruiter during the last year.

Founders Award (est. 1998)—presented to non-Allies Orders group or individual, who performs outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Concurrence of the Council of Administration required.

Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award (est. 2003)—presented to the most successful new Camp.

Meritorious Service Award - with Gold Star - presented to a brother or brothers, who served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

Nominees may be submitted to CinC David V. Medert via email at cinc@suvchw.org

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS HONOR LINCOLN'S 200TH



NP Janice Harding in the Capitol Rotunda.

NPs Janice Harding and Marcia Butgereit (WRC) shared an incredible experience in Washington, DC...the Bicentennial Celebration for our 16th president. The day started at the Lincoln Memorial with a wreath laying ceremony at 8 am. Students from Thomson Elementary School gave a clear and impeccable recitation of the Gettysburg address. Afterwards, the ladies were transported to the Capitol building and escorted to the Rotunda for a ceremony by special invitation. President Obama attended and spoke before leaving for the festivities in Springfield, Illinois. Truly, one of the highlights came when the U.S. Army Chorus sang a most moving rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," bringing tears to their eyes.

The final event that afternoon was the Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the new Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition at the Library of Congress. The magnificent display shares the story of Lincoln's rise to prominence from humble beginnings as a tribute to encourage all of America.

AUXILIARY TO PRESENT GOOD WORKS

Philadelphia's Anna M. Ross Auxiliary 1 worked with a local church, purchasing and mailing boxes of comfort and treat items to our troops overseas. The Auxiliary's cash donation was supplemented by personal contributions timed for an Easter delivery. The Christmas mailing totaled 67 boxes.

Auxiliary 1 and Camp 1 introduced Anna M. Ross's life to the public at the Annual Reenactment held at Neshaminy State Park, the weekend of April 18 & 19. The Auxiliary Sisters explained who Anna Ross was and told about the works that she and other ladies performed for the soldiers at the Cooper Shop Refreshment Saloon. They recreated it by serving beverages and cookies to the men. The Sisters also held their annual cake sale at this event.

Meanwhile, the Auxiliary 1's oldest member, Alberta McWilliams, celebrated her 99th birthday. Alberta joined the Auxiliary in 1943. One of their younger members, Kate Iannitto, who is attending Temple/Tyler University, is a member of the National Honor Society and has been asked to join Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC DEPARTMENT MEETS

The Auxiliary's Dept. of California and Pacific held its annual Encampment March 6-7 at San Luis Obispo, in conjunction with the Sons' Encampment. Much of the business session was used to instruct new Sisters in the fundamentals of the Ritual, forms used, and various officer duties. Sr. Rachelle M. Campbell, who was re-elected Dept. Pres., also reported on several boxes of recently recovered historical material. The weekend proved very productive and the Sisters enjoyed participating in several joint activities with the Sons.



CinC Medert spends time with the Auxiliary during their Encampment.

FIRST JUNIOR WELCOMED IN VIRGINIA

Lynchburg's Taylor-Wilson Auxiliary 10 recently initiated its first Junior, Miss Vessie Dinstal. Vessie is the daughter of Sr. Amy and Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 JVC

Ray Dinstal. Vessie had been patiently waiting since last May for her 8th birthday, so she could officially be a part of our Order.



WISCONSIN SISTER LEARNS BASICS

Sr. Lynn Share of C.K. Pier Badger Aux. 4 was among those brothers and sisters at the 9th annual Member Orientation at Milwaukee's Soldiers Home.

Participants learned about Core values, history and organization of the Sons and Auxiliary, badges and their correct wear, use of ritual, and customs and courtesies.





PDC JAMES T LYONS REMEMBERED



PDC Jim Lyons was larger than life, often serving as a lightning rod, energizing others and bringing focus to issues. He was exceptional at identifying core issues, central questions, and offering complex, multi-faceted responses on one issue and the most simple, yet elegant answer on the next issue. Jim and I traveled together or caravanned to nine Nat. Encampments and numerous Nat. Council of Administration meetings. We often commuted together throughout Michigan as new Camps were organized, chartered and officers trained. We were frequently the last to leave our own Camp meetings as we attempted to solve the world's problems out on the sidewalk, under the streetlights, in front of the Sunfield GAR Hall.

Jim served in many capacities, including Curtenius Guard Camp 17 Commander, MI DC in 1988 and 1989; Nat. Secretary, 1989-1994 and Exec. Dir. in 2000. He was also Dept Camp Organizer and GAR Records Comm. Chairman. He successfully transcribed over 13,000 Civil War veterans' records and numerous GAR Post minutes into electronic format – all with one finger. Jim tirelessly sought out unmarked Civil War veterans' graves and Medal of Honor recipients, ensuring each was accorded pomp and ceremony during their new marker's dedication. He worked tirelessly for five years, completing the Sunfield GAR Hall's restoration. He could be found down in the crawl space replacing flooring, outside tearing off and replacing siding, and atop the highest scaffold replacing the restored frontispiece. Today, it remains Michigan's last GAR Hall, which has been in active use since its construction.

On a more informal note, Jim also carried the title, "Michigan Mafia Godfather." He earned that moniker by successfully steering nominations and endorsements, ensuring Michigan's favorite sons were elected to national offices. That feat alone ensured the National SUVCW would embark on a new path, rebuilding membership and resources that continues to this day.

Jim will be dearly missed by his family, friends and colleagues. We will miss his many faces: husband, father, grandfather, Korean War veteran, leader, mentor, guidepost, lightning rod, friend, neighbor, and hard worker. We commend him to the ages and his well deserved eternal rest.

Adopted from the funeral eulogy by PDC J. Douglas Park, Michigan Dept.

FINAL MUSTER

Craig L. Lovett

Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)
February 12, 2008

William J. Ford

Garfield Camp 4 (NJ)
May 11, 2008

Max E. Grim

Casey Camp 92 (OH)
June 3, 2008

Paul C. Bohrer

Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)
August 9, 2008

Fredrick F. Daubert

Garfield Camp 4 (NJ)
August 15, 2008

Oliver F. Giddings

L.G. Armstrong Camp 49 (WI)
September 6, 2008

Ormond Eckley

Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24 (CA&Pac)
October 31, 2008

William J. Willeford

Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)
November 25, 2008

Marvin McPherson Shaw

Abraham Lincoln Camp 10 (CA&Pac)
November 29, 2008

Alan Sweeney

Ezra Griffin Camp 8 (PA)
December 3, 2008

Edward C. Yess II

Garfield Camp 4 (NJ)
December 4, 2008

William A Davis

Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
December 28, 2008

Norman B. Tannehill, Jr

Washington Camp 120 (PA)
January 5, 2009

William Shukis

Gen. Eugene A. Carr Camp 5 (FL)
January 13, 2009

William Callahan

Anderson Camp 33 (IA)
January 16, 2009

Ray E. Shedd

Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI)
January 20, 2009

Thomas H Calvin

Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
January 27, 2009

PDC Harold Smith (LM)

Wm. B. Keith Camp 1 (CA&Pac)
February 7, 2009

PDC Frank J. Tucker

Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)
March 1, 2009

PDC James T. Lyons

Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (MI)
March 11, 2009

PDC Ralph E. Shadel, Jr.

McLaughlin Camp 12 (OH)
March 17, 2009



4TH MD MOURNS LOSS

Men from Cushing's Battery, 4th MD HQ Company, and Company A, 28th Wis. Inf. were among the dozens of living historians who mourned the passing of Col. Ernst Frankenberg on January 1st in West Bend, Wis.

Col. Frankenberg had been an SVR member since 1962, when he was active in various Civil War Centennial events and was placed in command of the new 4th Military District. He succeeded in organizing the 2nd Wis. Inf. Assoc. (now a national organization) and several SVR units under his command. After his promotion to colonel in 1973, he served on the National Military Affairs Committee, working to ensure greater authenticity of SVR troops. In May 1977, Col. Frankenberg organized the 4th MD Headquarters Company for SVR members not assigned to existing units. He also served as Chief of Cavalry on the SVR Re-enactment Staff, served at National SVR Encampments and provided artillery instruction at special schools. In 1988, he organized Alonzo Cushing Camp 4, made up of local SVR members of various units.

In 1989, he served as SVR Deputy Commander under BG Chester Shriver. When the SVR was restructured in 1997, he continued to serve as a private in Battery B, 4th US LA. In 1998, he received the SVR Meritorious Service Medal after driving a horse-drawn limber and cannon across the state during Wisconsin's Sesqui-centennial. The following year he participated in the District's first Artillery Safety School. The colonel inspired a generation of men interested in re-enacting and the SVR.



Members of Cushing's Battery, SVR pay their respects during Col. Frankenberg's internment.

DEDICATED 2ND MD OFFICER DIES

Delaney Delacy Guard Adjutant 1Lt. Alan Sweeney died December 3rd after battling cancer. He was an outstanding officer, dedicated to preserving our Civil War heritage. He played a vital role in raising \$250,000 to preserve Scranton's Soldiers and Sailors Monument for future generations. He also was a leader in preserving the Maine Monument in Nay Aug Park, the President McKinley Monument in central City, the Sheridan, John Mitchell and Washington monuments on Scranton's Courthouse Square. He worked tirelessly, promoting the SVR's goals and objectives, and was greatly admired and respected by the men of his unit. He was a recipient of both the SVR's Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Medals.

BROTHER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

On 19 January, the SVR Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Pvt. Gary Sallade, SVR Headquarters Company.

On 22 November 2008, during the Remembrance Day Parade, a Brother of the Sons of Veterans Reserve suffered a heart attack and collapsed. Br. Gary Sallade, a member of the SUVCW/SVR Color Guard, immediately came to the aid of the stricken Brother. Br. Sallade began performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) during the critical stage of the heart attack. He continued CPR and to assess the Brother until and after the local Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) arrived. His actions permitted the EMTs to continue to assess the stricken Brother, freeing them from the physically tiring CPR. Because of Br. Sallade's action, the Brother was able to maintain a pulse and began breathing on his own as he was transported to the local hospital.

Br. Sallade's strong commitment to the principles for which our Order was founded clearly distinguishes him as a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and most noteworthy recipient of this distinguished award.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following were promoted to the grades indicated:

Sixth Military District

1Lt. Joseph C. Marti, Commanding Officer, Co. C, 8th CA Vol. Inf.

2Lt. Thomas T. Graham, Adjutant, Co. C., 8th CA Vol. Inf.

NEW UNITS WELCOMED

2nd Military District

b. The 16th NY Ind. Battery, Dickinson's Battery, commanded by Pvt. Thomas L. Crounse, was entered onto the rolls of the SVR with 20 members.

7th Military District

The 10th TN Inf. (US), commanded by 1st Sgt. David M. DuBrucq, was entered onto the rolls of the SVR with nine members.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It has happened in this Country before. Hard Times. Men out of work. Banks failing. Stock markets falling. Government struggling. Savings accounts dried up. I am told that when these trials came to our fathers and grandfathers, they did the following: They continued to trust in God, and they took care of one another. They made sure that no one was dropped from a Post or a Camp because the brother had to decide whether to buy groceries or pay dues. We come from a great tradition of taking care of each other because we are brothers.

In February, I conducted a Sunday Morning Church Service in Rockford, IL, at the Memorial Hall, as part of the John A. Logan Camp's Lincoln Birthday Celebration and Black History Month. During that service, I asked if anyone had lost their job. One brother raised his hand. I personally know that when dues are next collected, if necessary, the Camp he belongs to will pay them from their treasury, or a special free will collection. It is a small thing, but it is important. We are our brother's keeper. All that the Lord asks of you - is that you take care of others the way you want to be taken care of yourself, and that you love God with all your heart

CHAPLAIN JERRY KOWALSKI

PARTNERS IN PEACE, ALLIED IN WAR

By Br. Robert E. Heath, NMAL

Canada and the U.S. have been cross border soldiering to help each other for over 145 years. During the American Civil War, some 50,000 Canadians served and sacrificed with Union forces, which included infantry, artillery, cavalry navy and the marines. There were no absolute numbers recorded, but estimates run from 35,000 to over 60,000, so 50,000 is a fair number. It's estimated some 5,000 Canadian Union soldiers and sailors were killed in action, died of mortal wounds, were missing in action or died of various illnesses, including sunstroke. Thousands more received battlefield wounds and when discharged, returned to civilian life, missing limbs or with other physical and mental injuries and disorders, as is the case in all wars. Some Canadians also served with Confederate forces because they were working in the South when the war broke out and as such, felt obliged to enlist. Their numbers were small when compared to Canadians who served with the Union.

Hundreds of Canadians were commissioned officers, while many more were non-commissioned officers. At least four Canadians attained the rank of general. They are:

- + John McNeil, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1813
- + Henry Washington Benham, born in Quebec City (Lower Canada) in 1814
- + Jacob Dolson Cox, born in Montreal (Canada East) in 1828
- + John Franklin Farnsworth, born in Compton City (Lower Canada) in 1820.

The Medal of Honor was awarded to 29 Canadians. By any measure, these men truly represented the qualities of courage, honor and heroism. In many of the regiments in the northern states, Canadians accounted for 10-20% of the rosters; the state of New York had the highest number, something like 10,000 before war's end. These young men enlisted for many reasons. Some were working in the U.S., some went for adventure, some went for the bounties paid, some went as substitutes, some went through the unsavory method of "crimping," which included having them drugged or luring them into brothels. They woke up in drill camps somewhere south of the border. Many were aware of Negro slaves fleeing into Canada via the "Underground Railroad." This did not sit well with them and they wanted the injustice of slavery stopped.

Brother Heath, ACM, is a past Royal Canadian Legion officer. His great-grandfather, Pvt. August T. Rucks, served in the 4th Minnesota Infantry Volunteers. Br. Heath is working to erect a monument in Canada to thank the 50,000 Canadians who served and sacrificed with Union forces. His dream is to have a distinguished monument supplied by the United States, placed in a respectful location in Canada.



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PA Brig. Field Service



Annual Encampment Bars



PA Attendance Award



PA Brig. Meritorious Service

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

As mentioned previously, the Sons of Veterans Reserve was a military training component, uniformed according to the 1903 US Army regulations with distinct SVR buttons, belt buckles and eagle insignia.

The Pennsylvania Brigade was the original and largest SVR organization. In 1914, it had 197 officers and 2,960 enlisted men,[i] organized into four infantry regiments, five cavalry troops, two artillery batteries and a field hospital unit. Various badges are marked "Penna. Brigade SVR."

Each year, SVR units encamped in the field. Encampment badges, attendance badges with service bars and field service medals have been collected. [ii] Most date from 1903 to World War I.

Following WWI, the SVR's semi-official status continued with state National Guard organizations. Senator (later, President) Warren Harding was a member of the Sons of Veterans, USA, and helped pass federal legislation, equipping the SVR with surplus military equipment, but during the 1930s, changes in federal law left the SVR as a ceremonial organization. By 1960, there were less than 200 SVR members, serving as Camp Guards and firing squads for funerals and Memorial Day.

Illustrated are membership, annual encampment bars, attendance badges and meritorious service awards issued by the SVR

SVR Collar Insignia 1940-1970s [i]

+ Round 1" polished brass disc with SVR letters for Enlisted Men

+ Cut out letters "SVR" in polished brass with gold plating about 1 ¼" long for Commissioned Officers.

+ Rank Insignia:

(a) 2nd Lt. – 1 silver disc

(b) 1st Lt. – 2 silver discs

(c) Capt. – 3 silver discs

(d) Maj. – 1 gold diamond

(e) Lt. Col. – 2 gold diamonds

(f) Col. – 3 gold diamonds

Pennsylvania Brigade

+ Field Service Badge: chocolate bronze keystone, featuring SVR Eagle surrounded by words "Pennsylvania Brigade." Pin bar attached by chain links reads "Field Service"

+ Annual Service Bars: bronze bars, featuring year and location. A small keystone with SVR is in the center of the bar.

+ Attendance Pins:

+ A Service Badge (1917) bronze pendant with bronze bars for each year's service, silver bars for each three years service and gold bars for each six years service. Silver bars replaced bronze bars and gold bars replaced silver bars.



*SVR Enlisted
Collar Insignia*

[i] *SUVCW The Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations 1960* Gettysburg, Pa : NMD, SVR also *SUVCW The Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations 1979* New Waterford, Oh.: Robert Wolz, TAG, NMD, SVR

[ii] Penn. Dept., *SUVCW Regulations Governing the Uniform of the Military Dept. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – Sons of Veterans Reserve – Penn. Dept.* Dated Feb. 25, 1922. Col. SS Horn, Chairman p.4

[iii] *Sons of Veterans, USA The Sons of Veterans Reserve Regulations 1917* Gettysburg, Pa: Henry Stewart, AAG



2009 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE ALLIED ORDERS OF THE
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AUGUST 13-16, 2009, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Information can be found on the mail cover of this edition!



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The coming National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. will coincide with the commemoration of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The Department of Kentucky, S.U.V.C.W. has ordered the striking of a numbered, limited edition, commemorative medal to mark this historic occasion.

The Lincoln Birth Bicentennial Commemorative Medal may be purchased for \$25 each. They will be available for purchase at the 2009 National Encampment of the Allied Orders in Louisville, Kentucky, or by mail order (with an additional \$5 for postage and handling). Because there will be a limited number of medals struck, those wishing to pre-order the medals, and have the medals reserved for them to pick up at the Encampment, may do so by sending \$25 for each medal requested. Proceeds from the sale of the medals will be used to defray the cost of hosting the 2009 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. Send your check or money order payable to the "Department of Kentucky, S.U.V.C.W." to:

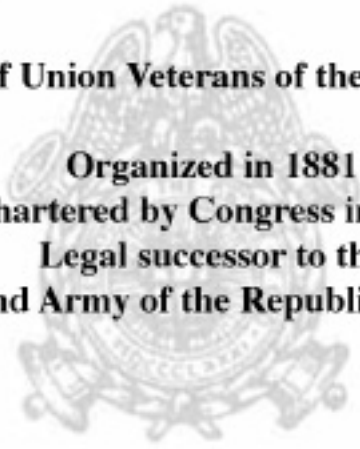
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