

# THE BANNER

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## STANDING TALL



## OAK RIDGE CEMETERY

On the afternoon of April 14, 1957, a small group, representing the SUVCW and MOLLUS, arrived at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield, IL. Its sole purpose was to inaugurate the Lincoln Tomb Memorial Ceremony on the following day, the anniversary of Lincoln's Death. That year, three wreaths were presented. Afterwards, eleven attended the luncheon at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln.

Gen. U.S. Grant III, Maj. William M. Coffin (AUS-R), SUVCW CinC, and Cmdr. William C. Duval (USN-Ret.), MOLLUS PCinC, conceived of the ceremony and originated the Lincoln Deathday rites. The active cooperation and magnificent assistance by Lincoln Tomb curator Br. George Cashman (later SUVCW PCinC) made the ceremony possible.

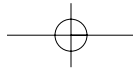
In 1961, CinC Chadwick delivered "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield," starting a tradition, which continues today.

*From the 1971 Civil War Tribute Banquet program; St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, IL*

## 2009 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY



*Photo's by Sr. Cher Petrovic*



*Photo at left: We often think of Lincoln re-uniting North and South. This Lincoln is associated with joining East and West. What is it really? Find out on Page 11.*

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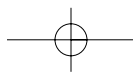
### DID YOU KNOW?

*Before the Civil War, Louisville's significant African American population and location on the Ohio River resulted in it becoming a stop on the Underground Railroad. During the war, Louisville was a major stronghold of Union forces, which kept Kentucky firmly in the Union. It was the center of planning, supplies, recruiting and transportation for numerous campaigns, especially in the Western Theater. River transportation was supplemented by the construction of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, which was chartered in 1850. At war's end, the city had not been attacked once, although skirmishes and battles, including the battles of Perryville and Corydon, took place nearby. After 1865, returning Confederate veterans largely took political control of the city, leading to the jibe that Louisville joined the Confederacy after the war was over. Today, the Civil War Museum in nearby Bardstown occupies 8,500 square feet in a totally renovated building and is the fourth largest in the nation. A women's section was recently added.*

### PUBLISHING SCHEDULE

Winter  
Deadline-December 15  
Spring  
Deadline-March 15  
Summer  
Deadline-May 31  
Autumn  
Deadline-August 31

*On the Cover: Brothers Curt Johnson, Randy Fletcher and Wayne Frye of Oregon's Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 stand beside the new Civil War monument their Camp dedicated on Memorial Day. Photo by Merry Crimi.*





**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2008-2009**

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 10**

1. In compliance with the Council of Administration vote of 18 April 2009, in Springfield, IL, Givens Camp 51, Department of Ohio, is no longer authorized to manufacture, sell or distribute Camp or Department Flags of the Order.

2. Any Camp or Department wishing to manufacture, sell, or distribute Camp or Department Flags of the Order, should make their request known to the National Secretary.

Ordered this 27th Day of April, 2009.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 11**

1. We have been informed by the IRS, which is currently conducting an audit of the National Order, that we have been incorrectly reporting National Officer expense accounts to the IRS. We have been operating under a "non-accountable system," where those receiving allotments were not required to provide any accounting. This is based on the presumption that the officer receiving expenses would actually be spending more than the allotment.

2. As it turns out, per the IRS, this type of scheme is a taxable event to those receiving an allotment, requiring a W-2 be issued to the officer and the allotment reported as income.

3. Under an "accountable system," the allotment is not considered taxable income to the brother and therefore will not require a W-2 be issued. However, each brother receiving an allotment must account for the funds he received and to return any unused funds.

4. Based upon this discovery and upon the recommendation of a committee charged to investigate this issue, the Council of Administration has approved a policy for National Officers using the "accountable system."

5. Therefore, in view of the above, I strongly encourage all Departments and Camps providing an allotment or expense accounts, to adopt a policy, or amend by-laws, similar to the one the Council of Administration approved. By doing this, unnecessary confusion, paperwork, investigation by IRS, etc., can be prevented.

Ordered this 11th Day of May, 2009.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 12**

1. As Camps and Departments make plans to honor our Civil War ancestors this Memorial Day weekend, let us also reflect on the freedom we continue to enjoy by those military veterans that have gone after them. Our freedom is not free. It has been earned by thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their blood and lives for this great country.

2. On battlefields, at Yorktown, The Alamo, Gettysburg, and San Juan Hill, those who came before us gave their all to ensure our freedom.

3. In our time, the same sacrifice was made by those of "the Greatest Generation" at places like Normandy and Iwo Jima, and by those who followed at Pork Chop Hill, Vietnam, and those currently fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

4. As much as we wish it weren't true, threats to our freedom will never go away. Our freedom and way of life will always be challenged. Each generation of Americans, since its birth, has had to face the battle of defending this country's freedom. Our freedom was earned through a terrible price; a price that Americans have always been willing to pay. We all can be proud that each generation answered the call to defend our freedom.

5. *"Thanksgiving is a day we pause to give thanks for the things we have; Memorial Day is the day we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have."*

Ordered this 17th Day of May, 2009.

By order of:

David V. Medert  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:

PDC Donald Palmer  
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.

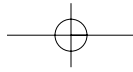
For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:

<http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>

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# ON THE MOVE WITH CINC MEDERT



*Presenting the National Order's wreath at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, IL, on April 18th.*



*Addressing brothers at the Michigan Dept. Encampment on April 25th in Lansing.*



*Pausing with PDC Mike Beard (left) and PCinC Andy Johnson at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.*

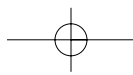


*Presenting the ROTC award to Cadet Juliana Marinucci at Paint Valley High School in Bainbridge, OH, on May 14th.*



*Presenting the National Order's wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.*

## THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED





# COMMEMORATING

## UNVEILING THE 2009 INDIANA LINCOLN PENNY

On May 14th, the 27th IN Inf. SVR presented the Colors for the introduction of the 2009 Indiana Lincoln Penny by the U. S. Mint and the combined Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) and the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial

Commission (IALBC). Br. Eric Fricke fided the Colors to the posting. The U. S. Mint calls this penny "The Formative Years." Six SVR members from across the state were part of the presentation at Spencer County's Lincoln State Park. Young Abraham Lincoln (Britt Regan) spoke about his youth in Southern Indiana and helped the Director of the Mint with the official unveiling.

The 2009 Indiana Penny is one of four that will be released this year. The Kentucky Penny was released on February 12. The Illinois and Washington DC Pennies are yet to be released. For a preview, go to <http://2009lincolnpennies.com/>. The 27th Indiana Infantry SVR was invited to participate in this event by the staff at the Lincoln Boyhood National Park.



(left to right): Pvt. Dennis Hutchinson, Cpl. Garry Walls, 1Lt. Alan Teller, Sailor Gib Young, Pvt. Eric Fricke, and 1Sgt. Larry Myer.

## MEETING MR. LINCOLN

Legion of the West Camp 7 (CO/WY) helped make a presentation to the Redlands Middle School in Grand Junction, Colorado on May 6th. One hundred and seventy 8th graders were broken into two groups and each received a 1-hour presentation on the Civil War, equipment, medical, uniforms, and how the Civil War affected Colorado. A visit from President Lincoln completed each class period.



With the students and Mr. Lincoln are PCC Garry Brewer, PCC Bill Buvinger, and Br. Terry Hammer, Jr. The brothers are also members of the Lincoln Bi-Centennial Committee.

## OREGON CEREMONY

Bugler Steve Betschart trumpeted "To the Colors" as the honor guard from Co. B, 71st PA Vol. Inf., SVR, presented the National and Oregon colors at Portland City Hall on February 12th. Keynote speakers at the event included Mayor Sam Adams, the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission's Chet Orloff, and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. The Martin Luther King Elementary School choir sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

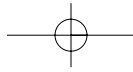
and the ceremony concluded with the signing of a giant birthday card which will travel the country before being displayed at the Lincoln Memorial.



SVR members with Mary Todd Lincoln (Marge Harding) at Bicentennial celebration at Portland City Hall. Left to right Doug Sebranek, Rolla Harding, Steve Betschart, Randy Fletcher.

### IMPORTANT ABRAHAM LINCOLN DATES

September 22, 1862	Emancipation Proclamation announced	November 7, 1854	Elected to Illinois State Legislature
October 1854	Speech against slavery at Peoria, Ill.	November 8, 1864	Re-elected President
November 2, 1858	Defeated by Douglas for U.S. Senate	November 19, 1863	Delivered Gettysburg Address
November 3, 1846	Elected to U.S. House of Representatives (Whig Party)	December 20, 1864	Degree of LL.D. conferred by College of New Jersey (Princeton)
November 4, 1842	Married Mary Todd in Springfield, Ill.	December 21, 1850	Lincoln's son, Willie, was born
November 6, 1860	Elected 16th President of the United States at age 52		



# THE LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL

## ILLINOIS TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE US COLORED TROOPS

Rockford's John A. Logan Camp 26, along with the Dept. of Illinois and Battery G, 2nd IL Lt. Artillery, commemorated the Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial and Black History Month with a four hour public event, held at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. The program began with a non-denominational service by Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski. Participants included Dept. of Illinois PDC Stuart Stefany and DC Steven Westlake, Frederick Douglass (Mr. Steve Cole), members of Milwaukee's Co. F, 29th Inf. Reg. USCT, and Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln (Br. Max and Donna Daniels). Period music was provided by the 33rd IL Vol. Reg. Band.



*Frederick Douglass (Mr. Steve Cole) and Abraham Lincoln (Br. Max Daniels).*

## THOMAS LINCOLN, FATHER OF THE PRESIDENT

By PCinC George L. Cashman

What manner of man was Thomas Lincoln, father of the President?

A number of early Abraham Lincoln biographers, using Herndon's materials, tradition and folklore, were prone to brand Thomas Lincoln a shiftless character, even a vagabond. We must suppose that in so doing they were motivated by a desire to illustrate that Abraham Lincoln rose to greatness in spite of having been born and reared in abject poverty.

While the Lincoln family was poor, by our standards, there was never any denial of the basic necessities, and the condition of life was not less than that of most other pioneer families in the area.

There is much factual evidence, which proves the fallacy of claiming that the family was poverty-stricken. Abraham Lincoln, when questioned by a friend and associate, stated that his childhood had been a happy one, that there was nothing of want and no illusion of want in any part of it.

When Thomas Lincoln was but nine years old, his father was killed by the Indians on the little Kentucky farm. His father's death deprived Thomas from obtaining even the most rudimentary education, and he grew up almost illiterate. It is perhaps because of this that he encouraged the young Abraham to study, even to the extent of doing his son's work on occasion that he might have the time to read and study.

At the time of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Thomas Lincoln was a substantial citizen, owner of 530 acres of land. Six years later, he purchased another farm of 256 acres. Records show him to have been hard a working, honest, generous, hospitable neighbor. He was never delinquent in paying his taxes and many minor offices came to him.

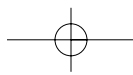
Thomas Lincoln was an excellent carpenter and his cabin home was probably as good, if not much better, than any of his Kentucky neighbors. The quality of his workmanship as a cabinet maker is proven by a number of pieces of his work which are still preserved, and it is safe to assume that his cabin home was well-furnished. The moral condition of the home can be judged by the fact that Thomas and Nancy were members of the Little Mount Baptist Church.

It is doubtful if the father of any great American has been more grossly misrepresented than has Thomas Lincoln.

*The above was first published in the July 1970 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.suvcw.org/pcinc/cashman.htm>*

### TRAGEDY REMEMBERED

The Appomattox Luncheon was held Saturday, April 25th at the Genetti Lycoming Hotel in Williamsport, PA. The five Allied Orders were represented at the luncheon. Lee Stone gave a talk "Ford Theater: Site of An American Tragedy In One Act." Those in attendance shared remembering and fellowship together.





**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
18 APRIL 2009  
SPRINGFIELD, IL**

The meeting was opened by CinC David V. Medert at 7:40 pm. The opening prayer was offered by PCinC James Pahl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by CinC David Medert. The roll of Council of Admin. was called, with the following recorded as present: CinC David V. Medert, SVCinC Leo F. Kennedy, Nat. Sec. Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. Max L. Newman, Nat. QM Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Eric Schmincke, Henry Shaw, D. Brad Schall and Robert Petrovic. Also in attendance were: Nat. Counselor PCinC Robert Grim, PCinC Keith G. Harrison, PCinC Al Loomis, PCinC Edward Krieser, PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC Donald E. Darby, PCinC James B. Pahl, Exec. Dir. David Demmy.

JVCinC James Hanby, PCinC Charles Kuhn and Council Member Perley Mellor were excused by the Commander-in-Chief.

Guests included: RI DC Bill Vieira and Eric Schmincke, Jr. (son of Council Member Eric Schmincke).

**Old Business**

CinC David Medert requested an update on development of electronic change of address forms. SVCinC Leo Kennedy stated that this was in work and more information will be coming.

**New Business**

**Council of Admin. Elections.** At least five candidates will run for two, maybe three seats. To prevent a protracted election process, some guidance in conducting the elections was sought. PCinC Pahl offered that if a single election is held for all open seats, that written ballots be cast. Nat. Sec. Palmer noted that there may be one seat open for less than a 3-year term, so a single election may not be appropriate. After some discussion, there was a consensus that separate elections will be held for the open seats.

**BANNER Editor's term.** The term will expire at the Nat. Encampment and a process must be defined for seeking a BANNER Editor for the next three years. Several Council members said that the BANNER is the best that it has been in recent memory. The CinC asked PCinC Michaels if he was interested in serving another term. He responded positively. Nat. QM Wheeler moved and SVCinC Kennedy seconded, to re-appoint PCinC Michaels as BANNER Editor. *Motion passed.*

**Program & Policy Committee recommendations.** SVCinC Kennedy presented revisions to the BANNER

Policy. PCinC Darby and Br. Shaw identified several items needing correction. Br. Petrovic voiced his opinion that the BANNER should not offer a page for Auxiliary news due to the limited space currently available for Camps and Departments. Br. Petrovic moved to add a provision to that prohibits the BANNER Editor from offering a full page to Allied Order organizations other than the SUVCW. No second was offered, so the motion failed. Motion by SVCinC Kennedy moved and Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to accept the Prog. & Policy Comm. recommendations as amended. *Motion passed.*

The CinC called for a break at 8:50 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:00 pm.

**War Medal.** The Prog. & Policy Comm. offered two options for criteria: The listing provided in the Program & Policy Comm. report and the criteria used by the American Legion. PCinC Pahl noted that the Nat. Encampment specified that a combat theater ribbon is required, which is consistent with VFW rules.

**Purchase of Printer for the Nat. QM.** Followup discussion brought about last November. PCinC Pahl recommended that the CinC task the Nat. QM with obtaining a list of options, along with quotes, and provide to the Council of Admin. for review and action. CinC Medert concurred and tasked PCinC Wheeler with obtaining the info requested.

**National Members-at-Large (NMAL).** There are some who reside in states that fall within Dept. jurisdictions and want to remain as NMAL. PCinC Pahl noted that the Constitution stipulates that members in states overseen by Departments cannot be NMAL.

**Rituals.** The CinC questioned whether or not they should be incorporated into the Constitution & Regulations. PCinC Harrison noted that the question that needs to be answered is why the Rituals are not on the Nat. website. A discussion followed focusing on the Rituals and whether or not they are considered "secret". The consensus amongst the Council members was that the Rituals should not be considered secret. The CinC so ruled, and requested that the Rituals be placed on the website.

**Recognition.** CinC Medert requested assistance in identifying members whose contributions are worthy of an award.

**Graves Registration database.** The CinC noted that the is back up and running again with limited capacity. The Comm. & Tech. Comm. has a recommendation to upgrade the database at a cost of about \$80/yr. Br. Shaw moved and Nat. QM Wheeler seconded to accept the recommendations of the Comm. & Tech. Committee. *Motion passed.*

**Executive Session** All guests were requested to temporarily vacate the meeting.

**License revocation.** By action of the Council, Given



Camp 51's (OH) license was revoked. Given Camp may no longer produce Camp and Department flags for the SUVCW.

**Form 990.** Nat. Treas. Newman reported that the IRS is examining the 2003-05 returns. He noted that expense accounts were shown as wages by mistake. Audits are now being conducted for the 2005-06 administrative year. Due to health issues, he will resign his position at the upcoming Nat. Encampment in Louisville. Responsibilities have grown significantly, to include managing accounts, handling tax returns and IRS audits. Br. Newman offered to assist the new Nat. Treas. in addressing the IRS issues. PCinC Pahl suggested looking at a paid position to handle the taxes/audits, reducing the Nat. Treas. workload. This would be a scenario similar to that establishing the Exec. Dir. position to reduce the workload of the Nat. Sec.

**Transcription Compensation.** PCinC Darby noted that the transcriber for Nat. Encampment proceedings currently receives \$3/page. She currently receives \$4/page for County work. Br. Shaw moved and Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to increase the proceedings transcriber compensation to \$4 per page. **Motion passed.**

**Miniature PCC and PDC badges.** Nat. QM Wheeler brought up the fact that they did not meet the Regulations and had been pulled off the Nat. website. CinC Medert tasked the Constitution & Regulations Comm. to draft language to allow the miniature badges.

**Memorial Grant Requests.** Br. Schall noted that the Committee has received eight requests during the current administrative year. Discussion ensued about additional funding requested to support the Peoria GAR Hall. Br. Schall moved and Nat. QM Wheeler seconded, to take \$500 out of the GAR Spec. Projects Fund to support the Peoria GAR Hall. **Motion passed.**

PCinC Michaels presented a certificate of completion to PCinCWheeler for attending the Leadership Conference hosted by the Dept. of Wisconsin.

PCinC Harrison reported that all Dept. webmasters can now upload files to the Nat. website. Also, protection software was distributed to those Nat. officers who received laptop computers from the Nat. Order.

**Program & Policy Committee Review.** SVCinC Kennedy summarized additional items, including: (1) policy on items for sale by Camps and Departments, (2) Camp meeting changes – recommend 2/year, and (3) Memorial University program prospectus – based on Prog. & Policy Comm. approval, the CinC tasked the Nat. Webmaster to place the Memorial University program on the website.

**Communications.** Nat. Sec. Palmer reported that he received a letter from the Dept. of Iowa accepting the license held by Twombly Camp 2 to produce embroidered hats. The Council approved the transfer.

He also distributed a package of information submitted by the Dept. of Maine supporting their nomination of Merrill Worcester/Worcester Wreath Co. for the Founder's Award. The Council had questions and tasked the Nat. Sec. with obtaining clarification. Finally, Nat. Sec. Palmer announced his intention to run for the office of JVCinC when his term expires at the 2010 Nat. Encampment.

**Visitor Business.** RI DC Vieira reported on resolutions adopted by the New England Regional Association. He also reported on activities at the recent RI Dept. Encampment.

**Announcements.** CinC Medert addressed the upcoming Nat. Encampment's conduct. There will be no reading of recommendations if they are included in the officer's reports. They will go directly to the Encampment Comm. on Officers Reports for review and action. Visitations by the Allied Orders at the Nat. Encampment will take place at 1 pm on Saturday. Finally, the CinC stressed the need to help members who are suffering from the current economic conditions with dues payments if it becomes a matter of losing these members.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Medert asked PCinC Pahl to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 11:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr.

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.**

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## RENAMING THE ALLIED ORDERS

BY BR. GEORGE G. KANE - NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON HISTORY



In 1925, three of the GAR's Allied Orders; the Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, changed their names...sounds pretty cut and dried. Actually, the change took over a decade and the new names were not the favorites.

In 1912, the GAR Nat. Encampment's Resolution Committee responded to identical proposals from the California and Illinois Departments: *"The committee recommended that two resolutions as to change of the name of Sons of Veterans to Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic be indefinitely postponed, and the recommendation was concurred in."*

The Indian Wars, Spanish American War, Philippine Insurrection, and Boxer Rebellion each had spawned veteran organizations with male and female auxiliaries. The title "Sons of Veterans" seemed ambiguous. America's participation in the Great War only intensified the Sons' willingness to change their name.

At the 1921 GAR Nat. Encampment, PCinC Charles Burton said that the GAR *"has nothing to do with the domestic affairs of any of these organizations. They select their own name, and we therefore move it be indefinitely postponed."*

Unfortunately, back in 1907, the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic broke away from the Daughters of Veterans. Since then, the DGAR had unsuccessfully lobbied the GAR for recognition. In 1920, the Women and Girl Workers of the Civil War also lobbied for recognition. The GAR responded: *"Resolved: That no society of women which is not at this time associated or affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be hereafter associated, affiliated or recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic."*

It was assumed that the Daughters of Veterans would follow the Sons' lead in a name change. If "Sons of the GAR" was chosen, the Daughters of Veterans would be unable to follow their lead, as another organization owned that name.

CinC Ketcham added that **no** organization should be allowed, "to tack to their name the Grand Army of the Republic." PCinC Clarendon Adams emphasized, "that some 8 or 10 years ago...we copyrighted the name of the Grand Army of the Republic and it should not be used by any other society."

The 1922 GAR Nat. Encampment recommended three different names: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the War of 1861-1865, and Sons of Defenders of the Union. But some SV Departments still favored "Sons of the GAR."

The 1923 Encampment brought two more name recommendations: Sons of Lincoln Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans. It also proposed merging the Daughters of Veterans with the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. The Sons recommended a joint committee "consider...a change in the name of the order of the Sons of Veterans that would more clearly indicate and designate of whom the order consists."

In early 1924, the joint GAR/SV committee persistently selected "Sons of the GAR" and submitted this to the GAR Nat. Encampment. But prior to the Encampment, General Order No. 6 was issued, stating "The name hereafter to be borne by the Sons of Veterans is not yet settled and may be determined at the Boston encampment."

1924 was an unusual convention. The Commander-in-Chief suggested that all the women's orders merge into one organization. The Daughters of Veterans' and Daughters of the GAR's joint committee on merging failed. A Wisconsin resolution recognizing the DGAR was tabled. The Encampment was preoccupied and the Sons name wasn't changed, but they were allowed to attend GAR Post meetings without voting privileges.

At the 1925 Nat. Encampment, PCinC William J. Patterson asked, "Why not have some distinctive name for the sons of the Civil War veterans to distinguish them from all others, from the members of other wars?" The naming committee declared that the Sons of Veterans had settled on a name change. PCinC Willett read from the Sons resolution:

*"Whereas, that (GAR) committee has communicated to the committee representing our order, that they have unanimously decided to recommend to the GAR Nat. Encampment that the Order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, adopt the name 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War'." The Sons constitution, regulations, ritual, badges, forms, etc. and legally changing the corporate name were also addressed. The Encampment unanimously approved the resolution with a rising vote. An almost identical Daughters of Veterans' report was introduced with the same results. No report on the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary was given, but it's likely they followed the same course of action as the Sons.*

From 1921 to 1925, the GAR's opinion went from indifference and "not our business" to pressuring the three Orders to accept a name other than their first choice. After a final joint committee meeting at the 1925 Encampment, the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" moniker was accepted. The "Daughters of the GAR" problem might've also affected the outcome. Unfortunately, committee notes were never made public, so we will never know for sure why the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" name won out over the "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic" name.



## REAL DAUGHTER LOCATED

Franklin Camp 5, Dept. of Kansas, has located Real Daughter Mrs. Mary Hayes Carroll, daughter of Pvt. Samuel Gibson Hayes, Co I, 49th Vol. MO Inf., age 97, living in Lees Summit, Mo. (Missouri/Kansas Border County). The Camp conducted a ceremony honoring Mrs. Carroll and her father on March 22nd at the Duncan Community Center, Lees Summit, Mo. The day was proclaimed "Mary Hayes Carroll Day" by the mayor. She received certificates and plaques from the SUVCW Nat. Real Sons and Real Daughters Committee Chair, Dept. of Missouri, Dept. of Kansas, Lees Summit Mayor's Office, Carroll County Historical Society, DUVCW (gave her a membership to their organization), Franklin Camp 5, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR).



*Mrs. Mary Hayes Carroll, surrounded by her nieces and nephews, being presented an 1865-vintage US Flag on behalf of a grateful nation, by CC Lane D. Smith.*



*Standing behind Mrs. Mary Hayes Carroll is (left to right) DJVC James Knopke, Camp 5 SVC Cade Smith, and CC Lane Smith.*

## ILLINOIS DEPT. HOSTS GAR FOUNDER'S CEREMONY

Threatening skies did not hamper the annual GAR Founder's ceremony, held April 18th at Petersburg, Illinois' Rose Hill Cemetery. The burial ground is the final resting place of GAR Founder Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson. The wreath laying ceremony included a procession by members of the SVR's 4th Military District, remarks by officers of the Illinois Dept., the singing of hymns and firing of a cannon salute. Photos by PCinC Jim Pahl.



*IL DC Steve Westlake addresses those assembled for the annual GAR Founder's Ceremony on April 18th.*



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

This bronze Lincoln bust was the scale model for the monument at the summit of Lincoln Highway I-80, east of Laramie, WY. It was sculpted in 1958 by Robert I. Russin, who died in December 2007. The bust was on display at the old Gettysburg, PA, Cyclorama building for many years until recently moved to the new museum. Read more at <http://www.discoveramerica.com/uk/wyoming/lincoln-monument.html>

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Price List of Supplies – 2009

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## TWO SUNNY DAYS IN ARIZONA

In 2006, excavation began for the new Pima County Joint Courthouse Complex in Tucson. Under a parking lot, long forgotten, lay the remains of 61 soldiers, two children, and one civilian government employee. Once the 1884 cemetery was discovered, the building project was put on hold while a professional archaeological team excavated, sifted, and sorted the remains which included 22 Californian Civil War veterans and 39 Indian Wars period soldiers. This project was completed in late 2008.

In 1884, these brave "Boys in Blue" were first moved from the original cemetery near Ft. Lowell to a site in downtown Tucson.

Their "Final Resting Place" is in a newly constructed "Cemetery within a Cemetery," at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SAVMC) in Sierra Vista. The relocation project was designated an official Arizona Centennial Legacy Project by the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) on September 25, 2007.

Seven members of the Dept. of California & Pacific were there to honor the soldiers of the 1st and 2nd CA Cav, and the 1st and 5th CA Inf., along with the Arizona Governor, Sierra Vista Mayor, and several other dignitaries.

The soldiers were transported on Army trucks from Tuscan to Sierra Vista on May 15th, accompanied by more than 220 motorcycle rider from various veterans groups and VFW Post 9972.

The SUVCW held a memorial that night, where the 61 small caskets, covered with 34 star flags, lay in repose at the cemetery. Br. Stephen Seimsen of Lincoln Cushing Camp 2 (MD) and a recent resident of Sierra Vista, led the services. SVR 6th Mil. Dist. Co. David Allyn brought greetings, and CA & Pac. Dept. Chaplain Tom Helmantoler gave both the invocation and the benediction.



*Br. Gary and Wm. B. Keith Camp 12 CC Don Hotchkiss, CA & PAC PDC Jerry Sayre and Br. Ron Hyde.*

"Cemetery within the Cemetery." The temperature rose to 107 degrees, and even the short march of a few hundred yards seemed longer.

Due to the newest VA regulations, requiring 100% positive identification (not possible in this case), all 61 remains were listed as unknown. Historical records now available can identify 53 with near certainty, but without DNA from a descendant, confirmation was not certain. An historical plaque with all names will be placed later this year.



*Dept. of CA & PAC representing the Sons and Auxiliary were: (Front row) Brs. Steven Siemsen (Lincoln Camp 10), Tom Helmantoler and PDC Jerry Sayre (Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21) (Middle Row) Brs. Gary Hotchkiss (Wm. B. Keith Camp 12), Dave Allyn (Camp 21), Phil Caines (Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2) (Rear row) Sr. Susan Sweet (Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Aux. 2), Br. Will Tisch (Camp 21), Srs. Trish Bures and Melinie Caines (Aux. 2)*

The reading of the 61 names was performed by PDC Jerry Sayre, PCC Will Tisch, PCC Phil Caines, Brs. Stephen Siemsen, and Gary Hotchkiss, and Auxiliary Sisters Melanie Caines, Susan Sweet, and Trish Bures. A musket salute was performed by PCC Caines and PDC Sayre.

At 10 am on May 16th, the reburial procession began. After words of dedication and inspiration by the Governor, the Mayor, the Army, and a few others, 114 members of the U.S. military, SUVCW members, Buffalo Soldiers of the Arizona Territory, and local re-enactors, proceeded with the 61 caskets to the



*Folding Flags and Kneeling to pick up Caskets.*



## RECOGNIZING THE BEST CAMPS

### THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD

*The Order's coveted Abraham Lincoln Award annually recognizes the most outstanding Camp. Three recent recipients, San Jose's Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Kalamazoo's Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20, and Oregon's Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 (CAL), were asked to provide some insights about their successes. Each Camp's specific response was surprisingly similar in several significant areas.*

#### Leadership

Camp 20's PDC Gary Gibson says, "One reason I think that our camp is successful is that we have excellent leadership. Br. John Keith has been re-elected for another term, (I think the fourth or fifth), and we are going strong."

Camp 6's Br. Randy Fletcher also spoke of the Camp's flexible leadership. They have had strong Camp Commanders from Camp Organizer Harold Slavik to Mark Stevens to current CC Tony Pasillas."

Camp 4's PDC Tad Campbell recalled, "In 2006, PCC Bob Kadlec and Aux. 52 Pres. Sister Rachelle Campbell were the Co-Chairpersons, responsible for planning and organizing the Oak Hill event for all Santa Clara County veteran organizations. This was probably the most successful and largest attended Memorial Day ceremony seen since USWV Wheaton Camp 6 and Sheridan-Dix GAR Post 7 conducted it in 1915."

#### Relevant Activity

Br. Gibson recalled, "Our camp has placed over 100 new VA headstones in our 25 year existence. We have 12 more that we can order this year, just on our GAR cemetery lot, where there are 120 Civil War Veterans buried."

Br. Kadlec said, "Camp 4 responds to invitations from local schools, historical groups and genealogical organizations for speakers and demonstrations. Brothers have traveled as far as 500-miles to assist other Camps with their living history events. Camp 4, along with Aux. 52, generally participates in four different events over the three-day Memorial Day Weekend." This past year, Camp 4, Aux. 52, and Tent 89 initiated a formal Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Br. Fletcher says, "Memorial Day weekend we will place our 100th new headstone in the last four years. Looking back, an organization our size with no real money should never have taken on the challenge of raising \$25,000 and create from scratch the first full size Civil War monument in the Pacific Northwest in over 100 years." The Camp received donated concrete and a large cash contribution from an insurance group. In 2007, the Camp received the first state grant to replace a stolen Civil War monument.

#### Commitment to the Missions

Br. Kadlec says, "Even though more than a quarter of the membership resides more than 50 miles from San José, participation at events and meetings continues to average over 45%. This is remarkable today when average participation of most veteran organizations is 10-15%. This active participation can be attributed to the close association with Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52."

Br. Gibson said, "We have a good core group of dedicated Brothers who want to see the Camp and its activities succeed. We always have a program or project coming up, be it a headstone dedication, the annual spring clean-up at the GAR cemetery lot, painting one of the several Civil War cannon in the area, monument restoration project, etc. We are always looking for the next project, even when we are working on another. We are purpose-driven, and it reflects in our activities."

Br. Fletcher spoke of Camp 6's decision a few years ago to DO, instead of TALK. He added, "Our members choose their level of involvement. We have members who never miss a work party, ceremony, parade, or meeting. We have members who are inactive and just provide moral and financial support, and we have many members that fall somewhere in between...At least four of our members have been published and we have a good mix of mind and muscle at our events."

### OUR ORDER'S BEST

The Abraham Lincoln Award was instituted by CinC Allen Moore in 1994. Illinois's Gen. George A. Custer Camp 1 was the first recipient. The following were subsequently honored:

Governor Crapo Camp 145 (MI)	1995	James B. McPherson Camp 66 (OH)	2002
Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)	1996	William Pittenger Camp 21 (CA & Pac)	2003
U.S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)	1997	Charles W. Caney Camp 5 (NH)	2004
McLaughlin Camp 61 (OH)	1998	Col. Henry Banning Camp 207 (OH)	2005
George W. Anderson Camp 58 (MI)	1999	Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (CA & Pac)	2006
Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (MI)	2000	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 (MI)	2007
James H. Wilson Camp 1 (TN)	2001	Col. E.D. Baker Camp 6 (CAL-OR)	2008



*San Jose's Phil Sheridan Camp 4*

Auxiliary are actively involved in numerous parades, memorial services, living history presentations, and United Veterans Council-sponsored veteran ceremonies. Camp 4 is an active supporter of the SUVCW Eagle Scout recognition program which averages about 250 certificates being presented in Santa Clara County each year. This past year, the Camp also initiated a JROTC Awards program."



*Camp 20 and Robert Smith family members pause during a headstone dedication ceremony last September.*

Br. Kadlec said, "Supporting local Veteran groups through membership on the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County was key." Joining with Camp 4 in numerous patriotic events are Lincoln Camp 10 and Ellsworth Camp 23, Pleasanton Camp 24 and Sisters from Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52, Ivy Stiers Aux. 23, and Kate B. Sherwood Tent 89 (DUVCW)

#### **A Winning Attitude**

Br. Gibson said, "I think it is the fact that we remain active, and we know there is work to be done. We, as a Camp, are dedicated to getting that work done."

Br. Fletcher replied, "When we take on a project we give it our all. We have become experts at setting and renovating headstones. At SVR events, our uniforms, drill, and bugle calls are professional, practiced, and authentic."

Br. Kadlec recalled, "Camp 4 was honored to receive the SUVCW Abraham Lincoln Award for the many events in which the Camp participates, as well as the assistance it consistently lends throughout the Dept. (Camp 4) provides an understanding of the real history of the Civil War. It's received numerous awards for its marching formation, color guard and musician performances in parades."

#### **Importance to Communities**

Br. Gibson said, "We work to include the local communities in the programs that we conduct, especially headstone dedications. We search out family members of the veteran, and invite them to attend. I don't think any of them have ever turned us down."

"We go all over the place," Br. Fletcher said. "We take on projects and have events all up and down the Willamette Valley. After our renovation of the GAR plot in the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery in 2007, we started to get a lot of recognition. We were asked to do some work at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Corvallis and that led to a Historic Preservation Award from Benton County." This spring, Camp 6 received the Oregon Heritage Excellence Award from Oregon's 1st Lady during the Northwest History Extravaganza.

Br. Kadlec replied, "In addition to numerous Graves Registration and Civil War Memorials research projects, the Camp and its

#### **Outside Relationships**

Br. Gibson reported, "We have built good, working relationships with several of the local VFW and American Legion Posts in the area. We also include our congressional and state representatives in not only our programs, where several times they have attended, but include them in our newsletter emails. It lets them know that we are active, and keeps the SUVCW in their thoughts."

Br. Fletcher replied, "We've tapped into like-minded organizations. We got on board very early with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and have participated in a half dozen events, thanks to the Oregon Lincoln group. Also, we communicate regularly with the Civil War Roundtable at Portland State University and have mutually supported each other's events. Although we have only 35 Camp members, the newsletter goes out to more than 140 people every month."



*Camp 6 brothers gather during a work party at the base of the Civil War statue they worked to restore in Portland's GAR Cemetery.*

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## FLORIDA



Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp 1's CC Richard Hardesty presents the Sons ROTC Certificate to Cadet Joshua Filsin of Fishhawk's Newsome High School. CC Hardesty is representative of several Dept. Brethren presenting Certificates in their respective areas.

## GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA

Elias Moon Camp 2 replaced 17 GAR markers that were badly corroded and removed from the grave sites after last year's tornado tore up Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery. Elias Moon and 15 of his comrades rest there, surrounded by the graves of thousands of Confederate soldiers. Elias Moon and his comrades succumbed to wounds received at Shiloh on their way to a POW camp in Georgia. The markers are now in a concrete base to discourage theft.



*Shown left to right: Chaplain David Allee, Dept. GRO Ernie Blevins, DC Eric Peterson, DJVC Ted Golab, CC Edward C. Hackney, and Camp Counselor Don Bickham*

Also buried in the cemetery is Cpl. Joseph Harding, who served during the Atlanta campaign. After the war, he moved to Atlanta, became a prominent citizen, and commander of Atlanta's Mitchel GAR Post. The Elias Moon Camp members also tended to his grave, making sure that his GAR marker was refurbished and reset.

## ILLINOIS

Recently, Rockford's John A. Logan Camp 26, undertook the restoration of a Memorial Cannon in the

Rockton Cemetery. After power washing the stone base and hand sanding the barrel it was given a coat of primer. The next day the flat black was applied.



*(from left): CC Terry Dyer, Br. Leonard Cassaro, SVC/Treas. Bill Johnson, GRO/CH Steve Aarli, Chap. David Eisele, Br. John Wade and PI Ray Empereur. Photo by JVC/Sec. Jon McGinty.*

The cannon, a 30 pound Parrott Rifle, was originally obtained from the Rock Island Arsenal and placed in the cemetery in 1897 by the GAR's Rockton Veterans Association.

## IOWA

Co. A 49th Iowa Vol. Inf. Reg., the Iowa Rifles, served as the Department's Honor Guard before this holiday crowd of 7,480, as they posted the colors and paid homage to this nation's fallen heroes and to the special memory of Br. Austin "Bill" Russell. They took the field in Des Moines' Principal Park and conducted the "missing man" formation. A hushed silence fell over the crowd, as the announcer told of both Iowa's history in the Civil War and of the "mourning ribbons" worn by the brothers upon their medals. The Honor Guard then presented arms during the singing of the National Anthem.



The Color Guard's final salute was returned by several veterans in the crowd and brought thunderous applause as the unit retired briskly from the field.



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## MARYLAND

Lt. Col. Larry Solvey USARet., recently donated the Cicero Davis GAR Post 514 charter to the Dublin, Ohio Historical Society. The charter dates from 1885 and was purchased at an estate sale in northeast Ohio. Br. Solvey is an Associate of Harper's Ferry Camp 6 (MAL), residing in Fairfax, VA. He wished that the charter be saved and properly displayed for future generations.



*Dublin Historical Society President Herb Jones (left) accepts the charter from Br. Larry Solvey (right).*

## MASSACHUSETTS

Brs. Robert DuCharme and Reynaldo Rodriquez of Willie Grout Camp 25, Worchester, and Daniel Sumption, Wm. Jenkins Camp 129, recently dedicated a plaque, marking the location of Camp Scott, a training ground for the 15th MA Inf. They also called attention to George H. Ward GAR Post 10. Ward Descendants David and Robert Ward from the PA Dept. helped unveil the plaque.

Prior to the dedication, Br. Rodriquez toured the city's Civil War sites with four high school students, who then wrote essays on Camp Scott, the 15th MA Inf., George H. Ward and John "Willie" Grout.

## NEBRASKA

Br. Steve Baumeister presented the Sons' ROTC Award at seven Omaha schools and at University of Nebraska-Omaha this year. Shown is the presentation to AFJROTC Cadet Randy Rice, Partsmouth High School.



On May 9th, brothers from Vifquain Camp 1, Shiloh Camp 2, Harrison Camp 53-2, the Allied Orders, and the



Norfolk VFW and American Legion Posts, dedicated a new military headstone at Hoskins for Pvt. August Buss, 6th Wis. Inf. Five members of Wisconsin's Old Abe Camp 8 traveled to the ceremony to honor the great, great, great uncle of Br. Jim Schumann of Oshkosh, Wis.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

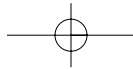
On May 21st, PDC Ellsworth Brown presented the Sons ROTC award to Cadet Damon Osmer at Salem High School's annual awards night.



## NEW YORK

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 hosted the annual commemoration of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's birthday on Sunday, April 26th, at the National Monument in Manhattan. Larry Clowers and his wife Connie portrayed General and Mrs. Grant. George Buss appeared as Pres. Abraham Lincoln. Actor Patrick Falci who portrayed Confederate General A. P. Hill in the movie Gettysburg, also attended. The ceremony included the initiation of new Camp members with SVCinC Leo Kennedy.





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Sons membership has become a tradition for the Knapp family. PCC Gordon Knapp (right) is joined by his son, James, and grandson, Ryan, in Bridgewater's Homer Searle Camp 114. James is holding a picture of their Union ancestor, Rufus Lord, 25th NYVCav.



## OHIO

PCinC Robert Grim recently presented the Sons ROTC award to AFJROTC Cadet McConaughy, a sophomore at Wilmington High School.



## Eagle Scouts Recognized – Yesterday and Today

On April 21st, Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 CC Don Martin presented a SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate to Jim Houston of Cincinnati. This is nothing unusual as



*Br. Jim and his parents on December 27, 1951, when he received the Eagle rank.*



many camps do the same, the difference is that Br. Houston made Eagle Scout on December 27, 1951 and had never received this recognition. He's a member of both Camp 73 and Gen. Wm. H. Lytle Camp 10 in Cincinnati. He serves also serves as the Nat. Encampment Site Committee Chair and on the Dept. of Ohio Fraternal Relations Committee.

On May 3rd, Kyle Patrick Mays of Boy Scout Troop 974 was presented an Eagle Scout Certificate at his Court of Honor, held at Center Point Christian Church, just outside Cincinnati. For his Eagle Project, Kyle built a deck adjacent to an old school house that has become a community center.

Kyle is a senior at Lakota East High School and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati in the Fall, majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Presenting the certificate was CC Denny Brown, Lytle Camp 10.






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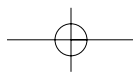
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## CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CEREMONY

The Departments of MA and NH celebrated Memorial Day, May 30th, by attending services at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH. Each organization presented their verbal tributes to the day and this beautiful place. The organist's rendition of "Let there be Peace on Earth" echoed across the mountains and valleys.

Cathedral of the Pines, once owned by the Sloan family, is now a National Memorial. When one son was lost in WWII, the family decided to build a shrine in the area that he had been promised. Many others asked to remember their fallen heroes there also. A big rock alter was built. Soon a chapel followed, where weddings are sometimes held. Inside the chapel, imbedded in the walls, are pins and other artifacts left by visitors. Outside, a bell tower with a metal "tree of life" in its center, is dedicated to the women of all wars. A monument and several rocks in the area bear plaques also dedicated to the branches of service.

The SUVCW color guard consisted of Camp 104's Rick Eccelson and Tyler Eccelson, Lynn, MA; and NH PDC Dan Murray, led by Camp 25's Peter Rotando, Worcester, MA. They led the procession of SUVCW and ASUVCW, followed by Nat. Liaison Richard Woodbury; and Diane Mellor, Aux. Nat. CofA. They were followed by MA DC Kevin Tucker, PDC Perley Mellor, Nat. CofA, NH PDP Linda Murray.



## HONORING VETERANS IN CENTRAL MAINE

On May 23rd, Maine's Daniel Chaplin Camp 3 and Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent 23 ceremoniously decorated the graves of Sarah Palmer, one of Dorothea Dix's nurses, and Pvt. Newell Burrill, Co. B, 20th ME Vol. Inf. The Daughters



traditionally honor their namesake, while the Sons decorate the grave of a different Civil War soldier or sailor. Pvt. Burrill died at the Battle of the Wilderness and was buried on the battlefield and so, flowers were placed at the cenotaph in the Burrill family plot. Those memorialized were in the Dover Cemetery in Dover-Foxcroft.

A week later, the two Orders participated jointly in the re-dedication of the newly-refurbished Civil War monument in the town of Sherman.

Pictured are (front, left to right): Pres. Nancy Battick, Hist. Estella Bennett, treas. Mary Annis, PI Sylvia Dean, Chaplain Kathleen Sinclair and Sr. Barbara Joyce. (back): PCC John Battick (chaplain), CC John Cannon, Treas. Wayne Bennett, PDC Eric Boothroyd (secretary), and Keith Richards, bugler of Co. B, 20th ME Inf.



*Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 marched together in the Positively Patriotic Parade, which kicked off the 8th Annual Reclaiming Our Heritage event at Milwaukee's Soldiers Home. The Camp and Auxiliary later staffed an information and food vending booth, benefiting the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Photo courtesy of Veterans Media Services.*

*Gilman E. Sleeper Camp 60 & Auxiliary 60 pause, following the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies in Salem, NH.*





## NATIONAL COUNSELOR OPINIONS

### SERIES 2008 - 09

#### **Opinion No. 1 – List of Past Members** (August 23, 2008)

A Department has authority to determine whether to carry on its list of past members the name of a Past Dept. Commander who has been removed from their Department as the result of disciplinary action. The Dept. By-Laws govern whether the Dept. Commander or the Dept. Encampment exercises this authority.

#### **Opinion No. 2 - Camp Meeting Requirements** (November 7, (2008)

What is required to conduct an official camp meeting? According to the C&R regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by the respective By-Laws. A member attending a meeting needs two things: (1) His membership card and (2) His membership badge worn upon the left breast.

If the meeting is conducted according to the Ritual the following is necessary:

- |            |                |                |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Charter | 4. Altar       | 7. Ballot Box  |
| 2. Flag    | 5. Altar Cloth | 8. White Balls |
| 3. Bible   | 6. Gavel       | 9. Black Ball  |

Unless the Camp By-Laws require the use of the ritualistic ceremonies in the conduct of meetings it is optional and the Camp commander makes that decision subject to an appeal to the Camp.

#### **Opinion No. 3 - Charters** (November 7, 2008)

The issue involves replacing an active Charter that has been lost or damaged. My opinion is a request for a replacement Charter should be made to the Commander-in-Chief who should then issue a General Order for a replacement Charter. If the names of the members listed on the lost or damaged Charter are known they may be listed on the replacement Charter. If the original charter names are not known then no names should be listed. It should be noted on the new charter that it is a replacement charter.

#### **Opinion No. 4 – Authority to Reorganize** (January 14, 2009)

Does a Dept. Commander have authority to re-organize a Camp under suspension? It is my Opinion that the Dept. Commander has the authority to appoint a Brother or Brothers to re-organize a camp under suspension when the Camp has no officers willing or able to perform the duties necessary to lift the suspension.

#### **Opinion No. 5 – Authority to Use the Name** (January 21, 2009)

Does the Nat. Policy on the use of SUVCW badges, emblems, seals and symbols adopted on December 27, 2008, allow a Camp or Department to use the words “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War” on a commemorative badge or medal without the approval of the National Council of Administration?

A Camp or Department must get approval from the Nat. Organization to use the words “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”, but that approval can be obtained from either the Council of Administration or from the Commander-in-Chief after he has consulted with the Council of Admin.

#### **Opinion No. 6 – Badge Wear** (March 25, 2009)

The question presented is whether a member of our Order can wear his membership badge at a public rally to stop the sale of the Indiana Soldier’s and Sailor’s Children’s Home by the Indiana Dept. of Health which has jurisdiction over it.

Since one of the purposes of our Order according to the SUVCW Constitution is “To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865” it appears participating in a public rally to save a Children’s Home created by Union Veterans of the Civil War would qualify as “performing other duties of the Order”. Thus, Article III, Section 1 of the SUVCW Regulations would make it mandatory for members participating in the rally to wear the membership badge of the Order.



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# SVR GUIDON

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*Co. C, 5th MO Cavalry, SVR, processes during the Jefferson Barracks' Memorial Day program.*

## HONORING MOH RECIPIENTS

### IN MISSOURI

Co. C, 34th Reg. IL Vol. Inf. led one of two Medal of Honor Day observances in Missouri on March 25th. Cpl. James K. Merrifield, Co. C, 88th IL Inf., was one of two recipients honored at St. Louis' Valhalla Cemetery. A number of military and patriotic organizations, including the Missouri Nat. Guard, Marine Corps League and the Sons of the American Revolution, participated.

Shown are: MO DC Emmett Taylor, 1Sgt. Charles Funck III (Co. C, 34th Reg. IL Vol. Inf. Co.), 4th MD Co. Maj. Jack G. Grothe (4th MD Co.), Maj. Keith Brown, Sr., Pvt. Joseph L. Difani, Jr., and Br. Joseph Difani Sr., Chaplain.



### IN OHIO

Co. C, 20th O.V.I. continued their tradition of laying wreaths at the graves of four Fayette County Civil War Medal of Honor recipients, buried in three different cemeteries. Shown are Cpl. Ronnie Cox, Pvt. Ray Fannin and 1Lt. Robert E. Morris at the grave of Sgt. Maj. Francis M. McMillen, Co. C, 110th PVI.



## SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are promoted to the grades and positions indicated:

### 2nd Military District

Capt. James R. Hanby Sr., District Commanding Officer  
 Capt. Bruce N. Glaser, District Chief of Staff  
 1Lt. Eugene Mortorff, District Adjutant  
 1Lt. Robert Pollock, District Public Information Officer

### 3rd Military District

1Lt. J. Allan Teller, Commanding Officer, Co. D, 27th IN Inf.  
 2Lt. Bruce R. Kolb, Adjutant, Co. D, 27th IN Inf.

### Special Appointment

Capt/ Timothy Downey, 3rd MD IG, will serve as Provost Marshal for the 2009 National Encampment of the GAR Allied Orders, 13-16 August 2009.  
 Col. David R. Medert has been placed on the rolls of the SVR Inactive Reserve at his request.

### 4th Military District

Capt. Emmett P. Taylor, Commanding Officer, Co. C, 5th MO Vol. Cav. (reapptd.)  
 1Lt. Charles E. Funck III, Commanding Officer, Co. C, 34th IL Vol. Inf.  
 2Lt. David C. Warren, Commanding Officer, Co. E, 47th MO Inf.

### 6th Military District

1Lt. Randy B. Fletcher, Adjutant, Co. B, 71st PA Vol. Inf.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Do you remember the first time you were hugged? Probably you do not. You were an infant, and your parents hugged you. If they had not, most likely you would not be here. Forty-three years ago, when I was dating my wife, she went to an orphanage as a volunteer once a week to hold (and hug) the newborn babies. If they did not receive the warmth of a touch, they would not develop and sometimes died. I tried to think of embraces in scripture. When Mary greeted her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, they hugged. When God created Eve, He was giving Adam a great big hug. She was someone to love, a companion and mother of his children. The most painful hug was the last one that Mary gave to her Son when He was taken down from the cross and put in her arms. The final hug before burial...it is the one we all dread, but we all must go through.

When was the last time you gave or received a hug? It is not only a sign of friendship, but it is an outward display of God's love. Real men do hug. Not everyone, not all the time, but when we are saying hello and good-bye. When we are full of joy or sorrow, we should not hesitate to embrace those who make a difference in our lives. Think of all the times the

Almighty has given you a hug: When your were married, when a child was born, when you saw a rainbow, when you succeeded at something that you thought was impossible. With God, nothing is impossible and He is hugging you more often than you realize.

*CHAPLAIN JERRY KOWALSKI*

## FINAL MUSTER

### Marvin M. Shaw

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

### Elmer H. Meyers

Theo. Pfeiffer Camp 60 (PA)  
December 29, 2008

### James F. Furbush

Lockwood Camp 139 (MI)  
January 6, 2009

### Scott F. Hosier, Jr.

Ben Harrison Camp 356 (IN)  
March 21, 2009

### Robert W. Wiesian

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (WI)  
April 15, 2009

### CC Bill McCurry

Legion of the West Camp 7 (CO & WY)  
April 19, 2009

### PCC Albert A. Morey

Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)  
May 12, 2009

### John M. McFeters

Austin Blair Camp 7 (MI)  
May 13, 2009

### Robert Brooks

Sgt. Sam J. Churchill Camp 4 (KS)

### Benedict R. Maryniak

Col. J.B. Weber Camp 44 (NY)  
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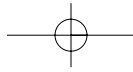
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# MEMORIAL DAY



*Pvt. Lucius L. Mitchel Camp 4 CC Phillip Hinman lays a wreath at Mt. Peace Cemetery in St. Cloud, FL.*



*Pennsylvania's Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149 Color Guard parades at Mt. Salem Church's observance.*



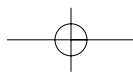
*Three GA & SC Dept. Camps were represented at Marietta Nat. Cemetery. Shown are CC Bill Miller, DC Eric Peterson, PCC Dr. Lee Harford and Br. Perry Bennet.*

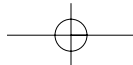


*C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 hosted a field Mass and conducted a ceremony for over 450 at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery.*



*Nebraska's Sons and Auxiliary helped rededicate a commemorative plaque at Madison's Crown Hill Cemetery.*





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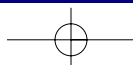


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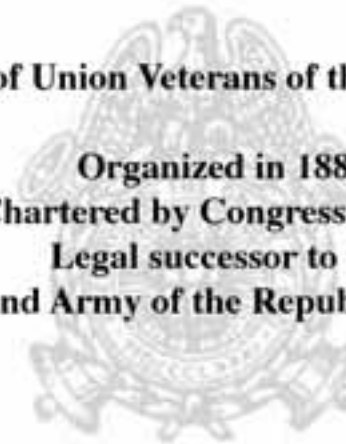
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Officer in Charge</b>
<b>Thursday, August 13, 2009</b>		
1 - 5 PM	On-site Registration	PDC Walter E. Busch
12 PM - 5 PM	Lincoln Birthplace & Museum Tour	PDC Timothy Downey
7 - 9 PM	On-site Registration	PDC Walter E. Busch
8:30 PM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC David V. Medert
<b>Friday, August 14, 2009</b>		
8 AM - 7 PM	On-site Registration	PDC Walter E. Busch
8 AM	Memorial Service	Natl. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
8:30 AM	Joint Opening	Natl. CofS, SUVCW & ASUVCW
9:30 - 11:30 AM	Business Session	CinC David V. Medert
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch	
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC David V. Medert
5:30 PM	PCinC & PNP Dinner	PNP Barbara Mayberry
7 - 8:30 PM	Campfire	Dept. of Kentucky
8:30 - 10 PM	Courtesy Hour	Natl. CofS PDC D. Brad Schall
<b>Saturday, August 15, 2009</b>		
7 AM - 8 AM	SVR Breakfast	BG Robert E. Grim, SVR
8 AM - 12 PM	On-site Registration	PDC Walter E. Busch
9:30 - 11:30 AM	Business Session	CinC David V. Medert
11:30 AM - 1 PM	Lunch	
1 - 5 PM	Business Session	CinC David V. Medert
6:30 - 10 PM	Allied Orders Banquet	Natl. CofS PDC D. Brad Schall
<b>Sunday, August 16, 2009</b>		
7 AM	Non-denominational Church Service	Natl. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
8 AM	Council of Administration Meeting	CinC Elect
10 AM	Cave Hill Memorial Service & Tour	Dept. of Kentucky

**2009 Remembrance Day Schedule**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
8 am	SVR Breakfast	Eisenhower Inn Emmitsburg Rd. (US 15) South of Gettysburg	\$12 by Nov. 14 <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	53 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary GAR Ceremony	Woolson Monument	None
1 pm	Parade Step-off	Lefever Street	None
6 pm	79 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Dedication Day Dinner (all are invited)	Eisenhower Inn	\$25 by November 14 <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. 14 <sup>th</sup> to Col. Bud Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719

**Saturday, 21 November**

**Post Remembrance Day**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
7-11am	Camp 112 Pancake Breakfast	GAR Post 9 Hall 53 E. Middle Street Gettysburg	\$6 at door
8 am	Nat. Council of Administration Meeting (open to Nat. Officers, PDCs and DCs)	Eisenhower Inn	None

**Sunday, 22 November**

**2009 Remembrance Day  
Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Breakfast  
8:00 AM, Saturday, November 21, 2009  
Eisenhower Inn**

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