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KUDOS IN ORDER

The March 26th episode of NBC-TV's "Who do you think you are?" featured GA & SC DSVC and McPherson Camp 1 **CC Brad Quinlin**. He's identified hundreds of unidentified graves in Marietta National Cemetery, including the one for Matthew Broderick's ancestor on that show.

Br. Scott E. Johnson, Harpers Ferry Camp 6 (MD), was recently presented the West Virginia State Bar's James Madison Cutts Jr. Citizen Soldier Award. The award is named for a Civil War MOH recipient and lawyer, and recognizes the Bar member who is or has been a reservist or national guardsman and who best exemplifies the tradition and history of the citizen soldier. Br. Johnson was a captain in the Army Reserve Military Police and was deployed in Kosovo with the 101st Airborne. He is the Asst. Attorney General for the State of West Virginia.

At the June 2nd Rochester, NH City Council meeting, Charles W. Canney Camp 5's **PDC Dan Meehan** was presented with the Volunteer of the Month Award by Mayor T.J. Jean for his work on coordinating the reburial of Pvt. Elihu H. Legro on May 8th. The organization of the burial was given to Meehan by the City and State and was a year-long effort.

NATIONAL TREASURE



The GAR Museum in Springfield, IL, contains this photo and a few interesting artifacts from a little-known group of Union veterans, formed 100 years ago. Read about them on page 10.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 10

1. I offer my congratulations to the Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 of the Department of New York on their 110th anniversary on the 25th of December, 2009.

2. Effective March 2010, Br. Raymond W LeMay, III, is appointed a Chair of the Canadian Union Veterans Recognition Monument Committee.

3. As Mothers Day approaches, I ask that we re-new a practice followed by the GAR in the early 1900s. In General Orders written by Samuel R. VanSant, Commander-in-Chief of the GAR in 1910, he said, "Who knows better than the members of our order the suffering and sacrifices made by the mothers of '61 to '65, and who of us can forget their devotion to the country and the cause for which we fought." Please join me in honoring our mothers. Let us all adopt the task of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day, following the GAR who adopted this to support the enactment of Mothers Day and to honor their mothers.

My thanks to Brother Mark Hale, Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3, Dept of GA and SC for bringing this practice to light 100 years later.

Ordered this 28th Day of April 2010.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

A question arose on the Constitution and Regulations, Chapter II, Article II, Sec. 1, Par. 1, regarding who can vote at department encampments. The paragraph includes "Appropriate credentials for all Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Dept. Commanders and Dept. elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the Department Secretary." This was reviewed by the Nat. Counselor and he has issued an opinion, which I am adopting as a decision. Listed below is part of the Opinion.

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National Counselor Robert E. Grim
April 13, 2010

Since the Regulations do not specifically list either the department elected or appointed officers among those constituting a department encampment while the Regulations do specifically identify the elected national officers among those constituting a national encampment it is my opinion that the provision in the Regulations stating "Appropriate credentials for all ... and

department elective and appointive officers shall be issued by the office of the department secretary" is merely a directive in the Regulations regarding the issuance of credentials by the department secretary intended to make sure someone in the department is responsible for the issuance of department credentials. It does not extend department encampment membership to the elected and appointed department officers.

This Decision becomes effective on this date.

Ordered this 3rd day of May, 2010

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12

Memorial Day is a day set aside for remembering not only our ancestors, but of their deeds that helped protect our nation. In 1776, Thomas Paine said, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of men and women." Paine was referring to early America and the patriots standing to make it one new nation.

As the Civil War tested that principle, and defined the Nation, President Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg in fall of 1863 saying "that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

These both talk of the importance of Patriotism and of remembering those that sacrificed all for our Country and for allowing us to enjoy our freedoms. On this Memorial Day take a minute to remember the men and women that have fallen while in service to our Country from 1776 to today. Thank them for their service to America.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, take the time to remember our ancestors, visit a small cemetery where the Patriots of yesterday and today share rest and remember that we stand united honoring our Veterans that have passed on.

A song, honoring the men of the GAR, was written many years ago. "The Flag They Loved so Well" says a great deal about our honored dead on this important day:
"Again the grass is growing green
Where sleep the noble brave
Again we come with fragrant flowers
To deck each hero's grave
In war they were their country's shield
And bore midst shot and shell
On many a crimsoned battlefield
The flag they loved so well"

Ordered this 27th day of May 2010

By order of:
Leo F Kennedy
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
PDC Donald Palmer
Nat. Secretary

CINC KENNEDY'S TRAVELS



With the brothers of the Vermont Dept. at their Encampment in Rutland on May 15th.



With the Connecticut brothers at their Dept. Encampment in Vernon's Burpee GAR Post 71 room on May 1st.



Presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, DC on Memorial Day.



Pausing at the Massachusetts Dept. Encampment with DC Kevin Tucker, Aux. DP MaryCatherine Knight and ASUVCW NP Nancy Hilton.



Speaking at the 54th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL on April 17th.



Presenting a new charter to the officers of U.S. Grant Camp 67 during the MI Dept. Encampment in Lansing on April 24th.



NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S OPINIONS

BY PCINC ROBERT E. GRIM
SERIES 2009 - 2010

OPINION 1 – DC Qualification (October 17, 2009)

Can a sitting Camp Commander be elected Dept. Commander? Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 2 of the Regulations merely requires service as a Camp Commander for a Brother to qualify for election as Dept. Commander. There is no stipulation as to the length of the service so a sitting Camp Commander is eligible for election to the office of Dept. Commander.

Opinion No. 2 – PCC Badge Entitlement (October 17, 2009)

Is a Brother who earned the title Past Camp Commander because of ten years service as Camp Treasurer entitled to the wear the Past Camp Commander Badge? No, the provision in the Regulations authorizing the title of Past Camp Commander for ten years of continuous service as Camp Treasurer deals with membership and voting privileges for a Dept. Encampment. (Chap. II, Art. 2, Sec. 1)

Opinion No. 3 – Dual Membership (December 18, 2009)

Can a dual member holding membership in two or more camps be elected to offices in more than one camp at the same time? The Regulations are silent on this issue, but Chap. I, Art. II, Sec. 5 and 6 authorizes dual membership and states the member is “subject to the full per capita assessment in both camps.” It is my opinion that he is entitled to the full privileges of membership in both camps which includes holding office. This would include the office of Camp Commander.

Opinion No. 4 – Discipline (January 3, 2010)

In what jurisdiction are charges to be filed for disciplinary purposes for a Brother who maintains multiple memberships? Chap. V, Art. VI, Sec. 6 governs charges by a Brother against a Brother in another Department. Sec. 7 of this provision governs a Brother who “maintains multiple memberships”. It states: “...the charges shall be filed within the jurisdiction where the offense occurred.” This section further states: “If the offense occurred at a location outside the jurisdiction of those localities where the accused has membership, the Brother filing the charges may file them with any competent jurisdiction having the right to hear the charges.”

This section requires a determination of the location of the offense in order to determine the jurisdiction having authority to handle the disciplinary charges. The location of the offense must be determined on a case by case situation.

Opinion No. 5 – Hearing Appeal (January 4, 2010)

The question for consideration is can an appeal from a camp hearing council be appealed directly to the Commander-in-Chief. Chap. V, Art. VI, Sec. 18 authorizes such an appeal if the hearing council was appointed by the Dept. Commander, but if the hearing council was appointed by the Camp Commander then the appeal goes to the Dept. Commander.

Opinion No. 6 – Charters and Camp Property (January 5, 2010)

Does the Charter of a disbanded camp belong to the Nat. Organization? Chap. I Art. I, Sec. 5 reads: “In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Dept. Commander or his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Dept.” In my opinion, the Camp Charter, flags, banners, Bible etc. are considered Camp property and thus should be turned over to the Dept. rather than the Nat. organization.

Opinion No. 7 – Suspensions (January 14, 2010)

When does a sentence of suspension imposed by a Hearing Council become effective? The Regulations do not specifically address this question. However, Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 4, states: “No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SUVCW shall become effective until the whole proceedings shall have been forwarded to the CinC, with the recommendation of the Dept. Commander attached, for his confirmation or disapproval.”

This suggests that sentences of less than a dishonorable discharge may take effect as soon as they are imposed. However, a sentence of suspension from the Order if imposed prior to the completion of an appeal could result in an unfair consequence to a member who has his sentence reversed on appeal.

It is my opinion that when a timely appeal is filed, a Hearing Council's suspension sentence does not become effective until the Appeals Panel has rendered its decision.

Opinion No. 8 – Camps Outside U.S. (February 13, 2010)

Can an SUVCW Camp be formed outside the U.S.? My opinion is no. Art. V, Sec. 1 of the Constitution states: “The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows...Second-of State organizations known as Departments...Fifth Eligibles from States where no Dept. exist may become Members-at-large attached to Nat. Headquarters.

The use of the term “States” clearly limits the formation of camps to the U.S. “An Opinion was issued by Jim Pahl when he was Nat. Counselor and confirmed by the 115th Nat. Encampment that is in agreement with my Opinion.

Opinion No. 9 – Fund Expenditure (February 15, 2010)

The issue for consideration is whether the law incorporating the SUVCW, Title 36 Chap. 2003

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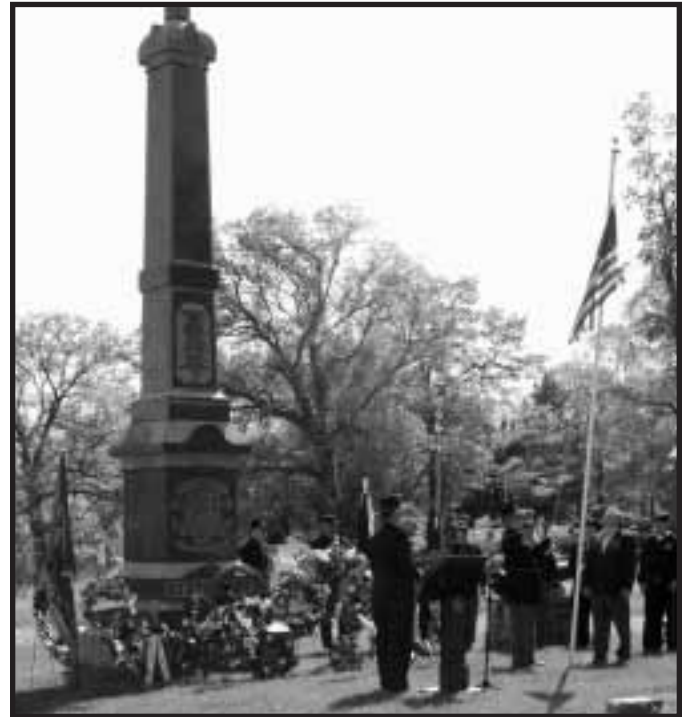
GAR FOUNDER HONORED

Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, founder and organizer of the Grand Army of the Republic...almost mythical...we know so little about him, his motivations and his life.



A marker, erected by the Illinois Historical Society in January 1956, shortly before the death of the last union veteran is the only official acknowledgement in the Midwest.

The SUVCW and other Allied Orders revere the name of Dr. Stephenson and hold an annual ceremony at his final resting place at Petersburg's Rosehill Cemetery, honoring him.



This year's observance, hosted by the Department of Illinois, was held April 17th. It included remarks by the Petersburg mayor John Stiltz and the Menard County Historical Society's Randy Robbins, in addition to the traditional presentation of wreaths. The Rockford Zouaves, the USS Carondelet and VFW Post 6871 posted colors, performed a salute and Taps. Mulligan's Battery provided an artillery salute.



Photo's by Sr. Cher Petrovic and PCinC Steve Michaels





**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
17 APRIL 2010 – SPRINGFIELD, IL**

The meeting was opened by CinC Kennedy at 7:50 pm. JVCinC Brad Schall offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by CinC Kennedy. The roll of officers was called, with the following recorded as present:

CinC Leo F. Kennedy, JVCinC Brad Schall, Nat. Sec. PDC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., Nat. Treas. PCinC Richard D. Orr, Nat. QM PCinC Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Kenneth Freshley, Tad Campbell, Perley Mellor and William Vieira, National Counselor PCinC Robert Grim, Banner Editor PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, and Exec. Dir. David Demmy. Additional PCinCs present included: PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC James B. Pahl, and PCinC Keith Harrison. Guests included Asst. Nat. Treas. Max Newman and PDC Alan Russ (Acting Prog. & Policy Comm. Chairman)

PCinC David V. Medert and SVCinC James Hanby were recorded as absent.

OLD BUSINESS

On-line Boardroom Voting. CinC Kennedy provided a status report and referred Council members to Nat. Sec. Palmer's report for the compilation of voting results to date for the 2009-2010 administrative year.

National Officer Reports and Recommendations. CinC Kennedy requested a review. Motion by Council Member Petrovic, second by Nat. QM Wheeler, to review and act on recommendations individually rather than as a group. *Motion passed.*

Nat. QM Recommendation. PCinC Wheeler wished to purchase a rider on his home insurance to cover SUV CW merchandise. The estimated cost for fire protection was \$403 per year; however, the additional cost for theft protection was still needed. Motion by Council Member Petrovic, second by Nat. Treas. Orr, to get more information on insurance options and associated costs and then take action via the electronic boardroom. *Motion passed.*

IRS Communications. CinC Kennedy updated the Council on the latest interactions. He noted that the W-2C forms have been filed, but the 15 February deadline was missed. As a result, the Nat. organization could be fined for this delinquency.

Promoting the Order. CinC Kennedy noted that, even though the recent motion to sponsor the "Chump Car" was rejected, this body should still be thinking about programs/activities to promote the Order.

CinC Kennedy asked the Council to review recommendations made by the Program & Policy Committee. The following actions were taken:

Electronic Submission of Patriotic Instructor Report. Motion by JVCinC Schall, second by Nat. QM

Wheeler, to approve the committee recommendation to grant the Camp PI the option to provide their report on the prescribed paper copy form or electronically via the Nat. website. *Motion passed.*

Nat. Battle Flag Officer Job Description. The Council had a variety of opinions relative to the need for such an officer and/or assigning these responsibilities to an existing office. Motion by Nat. Treas. Orr, second by JVCinC Schall, to assign this item to the Constitution & Regulations Committee for their review and recommendations. *Motion passed.*

Camp Status Report (Form 30) Modification. Motion by Nat. Treas. Orr, second by JVCinC Schall, to accept the committee recommendation pending additional modifications to include Juniors and Junior Associates. *Motion passed.*

2010 Graves Registration Handbook. Motion by JVCinC Schall, second by Council Member Mellor, to accept the committee recommendation and approve the handbook. BANNER Editor Michaels noted that a photo in the document showed a Confederate headstone with a GAR marker. A friendly amendment to the motion to crop the photo and show only the GAR marker was offered and accepted. *Motion passed.* Motion by Nat. Treas. Orr, second by Council Member Mellor to convert the document to PDF format such that it can't be changed and subsequently place on the Nat. website. *Motion passed.*

Ordering Government Headstones for American Civil War Veterans Policy. Nat. Treas. Orr noted that some states, including PA, would object to the policy as recommended by the committee due to local government policies that already exist. Motion by Nat. Treas. Orr, second by JVCinC Schall, to accept the committee recommendations pending the inclusion of a statement to the effect that these procedures are to be followed unless a local government policy already exists. *Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Installation after January 3. CinC Kennedy brought up two MO Camp delinquent installations without prior approval from the Council of Admin. Once aware of this violation, MO DC Brian Smarker sent an explanation to the CinC along with a request to accept the delinquent installation. Council Member Petrovic noted that delinquency has become habitual with the Camps in question. Motion by Nat. Treas. Orr, second by NQ Wheeler, to deny the request. *Motion passed.* This action requires that last Camp officers legitimately installed are still the officers of record.

Dept. of CA&Pac Request. CinC Kennedy introduced a request to establish three corporations as subsidiaries to the Dept. The three proposed corporations include (1) The California SUV CW Nat. Encampment, Inc., (2) Past Commanders Assoc. of Southern California, SUV CW,

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and (3) The Union Soldier Civil War Monument of Ontario, Inc. Nat. Treas. Orr commented that these corporations can be established, but cannot be set up as subsidiaries to the SUVCW. The CinC noted that corporations (1) and (3) could be titled as proposed; however, for organization (2), "SUVCW" must be removed from the title.

Treasury Report. Nat. Treas. Orr noted that the PayPal account had been recently turned off. After several phone calls, the account was re-opened. Br. Orr also noted that the Nat. organization has spent \$32,700 more than it has received to date. He indicated that per capita from the Departments doesn't show up as earned income until July 1. Additionally, Br. Orr mentioned that the SVCinC's Fund contains over \$30,000. He noted that in his recommendations for the Nat. Encampment, he will request that the language in the Constitution & Regulations requiring \$5 from each application fee go to the SVCinC's Fund be changed.

Pending Orders. Br. Orr commented that the organization is still waiting for Junior Associate badges from Simon Bros. The Nat. Organization has been ordering membership badges from Simon Bros. for a significant period of time. He also mentioned that shipping charges for paper products are getting high and the Treasury is getting hit hard. He recommended that this issue be brought to the floor of the Nat. Encampment.

Pittsburgh Soldiers and Sailors Hall 100th Anniversary. Br. Orr noted the celebration will be held on 09 October 2010. A question was raised about taking out an advertisement in the Nat. Encampment program book relative to this event. The CinC noted that a decision must be made by July.

Revisions to Forms 50 and 53. Nat. Sec. Palmer inquired about those proposed by Past Nat. Sec. Michael Bennett in 2007. No information could be provided on final approval of these forms. Br. Palmer noted that the proposed forms are far more informative than the current forms located on the Nat. website and would help eliminate confusion experienced by Camp organizers. As a result, the CinC tasked Br. Palmer with providing the proposed drafts of these forms to acting Prog. & Policy Chrmn. Russ for review and action.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee. Council Member Petrovic reported that, for the first time, both newspaper and TV interviews were conducted at the Tomb. He also noted that, for next year, that the committee will not cover bus costs to the Stephenson grave ceremony in Petersburg, IL.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Kennedy asked JVCinC Schall to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted in F, C & L,
PDC. Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
National Secretary

FROM THE NAT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

"Patriotism involves all sorts of ties and attachments. We love our country because it's the place where family and friends live. We love it because it's where we have so many things in common with others: the language we speak, the history we share, the holidays we celebrate, the government we elect, even the sports teams we cheer and TV programs we watch. The land itself stirs deep feelings – as the song 'America' goes. 'I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and temple hills.'

"In America, patriotism involves even more. From its beginnings the United States was founded on a set of ideals: Freedom of thought and speech, Equality before the law, the right to worship God as we please, and the dignity of each individual. Such ideals, more than anything else, make us one nation indivisible. They're the glue that holds our society together. American patriotism is largely about some shining principles and the spirit it takes to make them work."

WILLIAM J. BENNETT,
THE AMERICAN PATRIOT'S ALMANAC, P. VII.

Check out the Memorial University **Officer Training Course** for members of the SUVCW. Currently 104 Brothers have enrolled and 48 graduated. Contact me at PatrioticInstructor@suvchw.org and visit <http://www.suvchw.org/memuniv/memorialuniv.htm>.

—PDC Don Martin



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>

or

Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS SVCinC) at:
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This year marks the organizational centennial of a little known group of Union veterans in Great Britain. A few of their photos and memorabilia appear on display at the GAR Museum in Springfield, IL. Mr. Michael Hammerson of London, England, a student of the American Civil War for over 40 years, has researched Civil War vets buried in England and...

THE LONDON BRANCH OF AMERICAN CIVIL WAR VETERANS

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- A Forgotten Band of Comrades

Most veterans of the war returned to their homes or sought new lives in the expanding West. Some, however, dispersed across the globe and were buried in their adopted, or native, countries. For example, Adolfo Farsari from Vicenza, Italy, late of the 24th NY Cav., became a noted photographer in Japan.

Many Englishmen fought in the war, on both sides. The 1899 Federal Pension list includes over 350 veterans or widows receiving pensions there and I estimate at least 1,000 Civil War veterans are buried in England.

When Hampshire's 29-year old John Davis, drug himself from the Potomac on November 11, 1864, he was at a loss to know why God had allowed a drunken debaucher like him to be one of only two survivors of the USS Tulip when her boilers exploded, while other, far better men died. He puzzled over this for the next decade, in the Australian goldfields and after his return to England. Concluding at an 1874 mission meeting, that God must have work for him, he devoted the rest of his life to working for the London City Mission. The mission was founded in 1835 in the teeming slums and filthy docklands of southeast London and still exists today.

During this work, he must have come across other Civil War veterans who had fallen on hard times. With his personal knowledge of their wartime privations and sacrifices, he knew that they deserved the pensions, which other Civil War veterans, including himself, were receiving, and set about bringing them together, both for comradeship and the more practical purpose of helping them to claim pensions. In 1910, he set up the London Branch of American Civil War veterans, based in Bermondsey, near Tower Bridge, with himself as member No. 1.

According to the Fitchburg, Mass., Daily Sentinel for

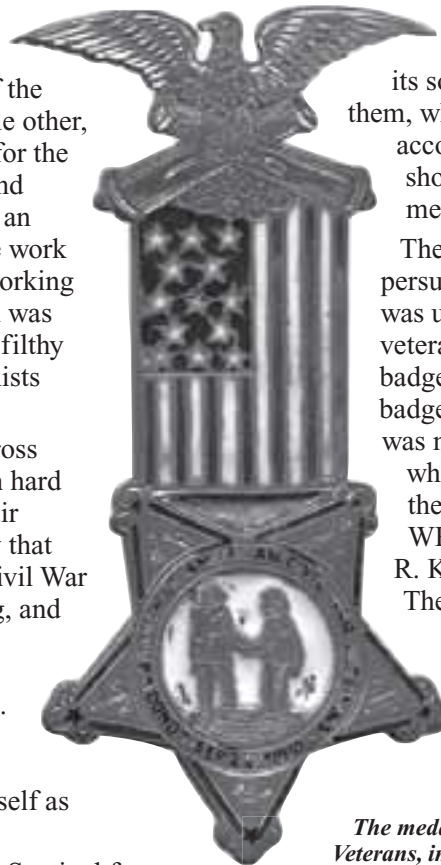


John Davis, USN, first secretary of the London Veterans, c.1910; the central of the three ribbons he wears appears to be an original GAR medal (courtesy Rosemary Webster)

Dec. 21, 1910, the new organization would meet quarterly at its Bermondsey headquarters. John Davis was its first secretary, William Bell, Asst. Secretary, and John Girard and John Westwood, Committee Members. All were US Navy veterans. The treasurer was Col. R.K. Bevington, of the local militia and a leading local family. His father was Samuel Bevington. Someone of that name served in the 44th OVI, but it is not known if it is the same man. The famed actor-manager Sir Charles Wyndham, who had been an Asst. Surgeon under the name Charles Culverwell, was asked to be President, but work prevented him. The post was filled by Seth Herrick, formerly a major in the 2nd MD Inf., who noted, at the first meeting attended by 28 veterans, that "The United States honors its soldiers to the end and does all it can for them, while in England the old soldiers suffer on account of the excessive consideration that is shown the officers." The group soon had 118 members.

The GAR's Dept. of Pennsylvania tried to persuade the London veterans to affiliate, but was unsuccessful. However, while the London veterans were never a part of the GAR, their badge was a one-piece copy of the official GAR badge; these are now extremely rare. A close tie was maintained with the Women's Relief Corps, which sent the vets a \$50 donation towards their expenses every Christmas (Info from WRC NP Marcia Butgereit; see also George R. Kane, "The WRC and the London Branch", *The Veteran*, Jan.-March 2009, p.31).

On July 27, 1913, the New York Times noted that during the great Gettysburg reunion, there was a smaller gathering of 93 veterans in Bermondsey, London. The oldest was 104-year-old George



The medal of the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans, imitating the official GAR medal (courtesy Everitt Bowles)

Monroe of the USS *Augusta*. On September 8, 1913, the veterans lunched at Frascati's restaurant, celebrating the Battle of Gettysburg anniversary. Afterwards they went to the West End Cinema to see William Ince's silent film of that name; no surviving copies have been located.



The London veterans outside Somerset House, London, c. 1920. In front of the British flag at right is their Secretary, Arthur Smith, 80th NY Inf. (courtesy Everitt Bowles)

Membership was exclusively for Union veterans, who met “in their little room, decorated with Old Glory and many GAR badges, sent to them by the late Gen. John C. Black”. Their activities were regularly reported in the US and British press, as were their deaths. The American Embassy was frequently represented at the funerals and the meetings. A well-known American resident in London gave the oration at meetings: in 1913 it was lawyer R. Newton Crane.

John Davis died on January 5, 1917. Sadly, while he was buried with due ceremony in the presence of six comrades, he lies in an unmarked pauper's grave in Nunhead Cemetery, south London. I have located the spot as closely as possible. Arthur William Frazier Smith, formerly of the 80th NY Inf. and a colleague at the London City Mission, took his place as Secretary.

In August 1917, England welcomed the “Doughboys” on their way to join the Allied armies in France. Among those cheering as they marched through London were the London Veterans with their banner, whose curious photograph was featured in the national press. The photograph presents a mystery: one of the 14 men, wearing a ribbon or medal like



the rest, was a Sikh; efforts to identify him have failed. Other photographs show at least one African American veteran, probably Pvt. William Silkerd, 4th USCT.

After WWI, they joined the American Legion's annual memorial ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, and at the American Cemetery, Brookwood. They laid a wreath annually at the statue of Abraham Lincoln, erected opposite the Houses of Parliament in 1920. At the 1922 ceremony, world-famous entertainer Sir Harry Lauder, whose own son had died in the World War, accompanied them. They also joined Independence Day celebrations, going on outings to London places of interest. In 1918, the oration was given in Westminster Abbey by George Haven Putnam, followed by an outing for 50 veterans to Kew Gardens, given by Americans in London.

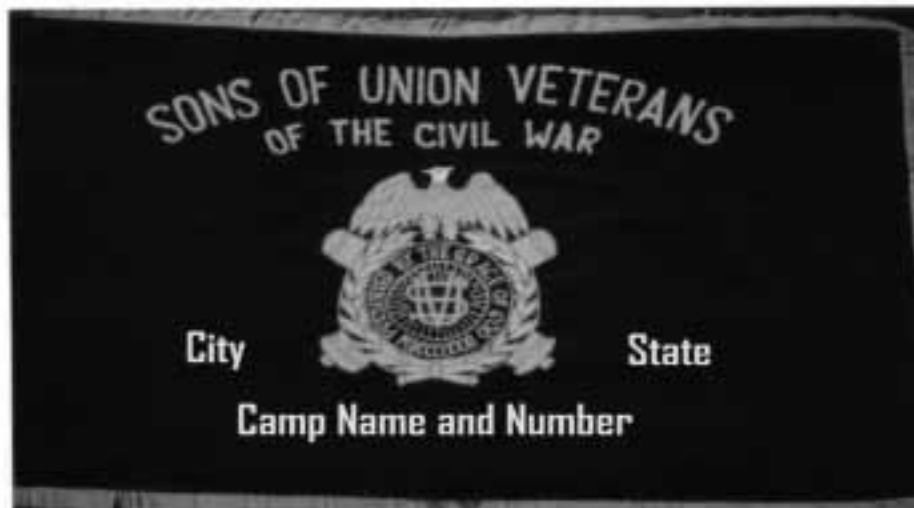
Though membership dwindled during the 1920s, new members still joined. For example, 85-year-old William Hines, late of the 3rd IL Cav., only returned to England in 1928 to spend his last years in his hometown of Bushey, near London. Hines, the second last London veteran, died in 1933 and is buried in the same churchyard as John Roebuck, England's most passionately pro-Confederate member of Parliament.



During its lifetime, the group had about 150 members. By 1928, when the only surviving roster was published, 11 were living. In May 1931, the New York press reported on “the fast-dwindling little group of American Civil War veterans in England”, noting that eight had attended the Lincoln ceremony in 1929, but only two in 1930. One was now bedridden. With the death of its last member, Charles E. Wright, formerly of the USS *Vandalia*, in September 1933, four months after William Hines, the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans was no more.

Research on this long-forgotten group of veterans is ongoing. An extensive inquiry has failed to show whether their records survive; therefore, any information about them is earnestly sought.

- From the National Quartermaster -



Camp or Department Flags are now available !

The following price structure is:

3'x5' will be without fringe will be \$390.00

3'x5' with fringe will be \$440.00

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4'x6' without fringe will be \$465.00

4'x6' with fringe will be \$515.00

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PVT. ELIHU LEGRO IS AGAIN LAID TO REST

By PDC Dan Meehan

The SUCVW, ASUCVW, reenactors and an 1870 horse drawn hearse braved heavy rain on March 8th for the reburial of Pvt. Elihu H. Legro next to his wife and family at the Rochester (NH) Cemetery.

A procession from the Rochester Common included the 6th NHV Colors, Fife and Drum Corps, and troops, the horse drawn hearse carrying Pvt. Elihu, NH NG Military Force Honor Guard, South Tamworth Methodist Church clergy, Medical Corps, family, mourners, 1st NH Cavalry, NH Governor's Horse Guards, members of the Sandwich's Red Mountain Lodge of Masons and the New England Sons and Auxiliary, followed by a large crowd of spectators.

At the cemetery, the Honor Guard placed the coffin at the grave. Among those delivering remarks was PDC Dan Meehan, who spoke of Elihu and his family. The Red Mountain Lodge performed a service and South Tamworth Methodist Church Pastor Murray Nickerson, Jr. delivered the last rites. This is the same church where Elihu preached back in 1860.

The Honor Guard then unfolded the flag, while a salute was fired: one volley from an American Legion Post, one from a VFW post and the last from the 6th NHV. Taps were sounded, the flag was then folded and presented to the 6th NHV. The coffin was lowered as the fife and drum corps played a dirge. "Present arms" was ordered, and two flags and a wreath were placed at the head of the grave.



Until Sept. 2009, the cemetery was located at Exit 15 of the Spaulding Turnpike and Farmington Road in Rochester. The burials were removed for the expansion of the turnpike and new ramps. The forensics report showed the cemetery contained the remains of David and Joanna Legro, Elihu, Mary, their son Elihu Jr., two of Elihu's siblings and four Leighton Family children.

Their new resting place mimicks the old cemetery and a granite pillar will be installed giving a short story of the move.

Elihu Hayes Legro, was born July 21, 1827, one of nine children born to David and Joanna (Hayes) Legro. He married Mary Corson in 1849 and they had two children who died in infancy. After becoming a Methodist Minister, he was sent to his first church in Rye in 1855. Assignments in Sandown, Danville and South Tamworth followed.

In 1861, 33-year-old Elihu enlisted in Co. D, 6th NH Reg. He was detailed as a nurse (cook) and later promoted to 2Lt. in the 15th NH. He died on January 1, 1863, of disease at the Patent Office Hospital and brought back to Rochester. His obituary reads:

"...He went through all the hardships and battles of the campaign from Roanoke Island to the time of his death. His remains were brought back to Rochester and were buried with Masonic Honors. He was promoted to Lieutenant about the time of his death. 'A man much esteemed for Christian character.'" (Rochester Currier & Foster's Weekly Jan. 1863)

His wife applied for his 2Lt.'s pension, but received a private's pension of \$8/mo. She died in 1871 at age 41.

Elihu's grandfather and two of his grandfather's brothers fought in the Revolutionary War and four of his cousins fought during the Civil War.

Daughter Ellie (Mary) married George H. Webster, the Fire Department's fourth chief engineer (1899-1905) and their son Elihu Webster was a Rochester Firefighter in the 1930s and manager of the Rochester Opera house.

Elihu's sister Elmira married Farmington's Joseph J. Leighton. They had 8 children, four of whom died very young and were buried in the cemetery. The family later moved to Boston.



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FLORIDA

Left: Gen. William S. Harney Camp 8 Sec/Treas. Gene Thompson II presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Award to Troop 48's Jonathan Foster on April 18th. Foster's Eagle project was erecting signage at the GAR Plot in Orlando's Greenwood Cemetery.

Right: Torey McClesky, Troop 202, received the Eagle Scout Award during his Court of Honor in Orlando on May 22nd.



OREGON

Boy Scout Kyle Lundberg saw a photo display of Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 1's grave preservation efforts, which inspired him to focus his service project on over 40 Civil War veterans buried in Canby's Zion Memorial Cemetery. He learned the proper cleaning techniques, raised money for supplies, and recruited volunteers. In July 2009, Lundberg directed 24 volunteers who cleaned the headstones of Civil War and other American veterans.

After passing a Court of Honor, Lundberg was awarded the Eagle badge on February 8th, the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This is the third Eagle Scout project and award inspired by Camp 1. Right: Eagle Scout Kyle Lundberg is presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate by Edward Baker Camp 1 Counselor Steve Betschart.



WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 JVC Brian McManus presented a U.S. Flag and the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate to Troop 96's Kyle Ranney during an April 10th Court of Honor in West Allis.

When possible, every effort is made by Camp and Department to present the certificate to the Scout at his Court of Honor, usually wearing the uniform of our Order or a replica Civil War uniform. For more information on the SUVCW Eagle Scout Recognition Program, visit <http://suvchw.org/eagle/>



The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War continually promotes the maintenance of unqualified American citizenship with respect for and honor to the flag. We honor deserving JROTC and ROTC cadets because it will be these young people who will eventually serve in our Nation's military, under the flag that our forefathers fought to preserve. We believe it right to award those who have stepped forward to accept the challenge of leadership in defending our Nation's flag, principles and freedoms. By honoring those who serve today, we show our respect for those who have served in all other wars in the past.



COLORADO/WYOMING

Centennial Camp 100 CC James Barker presented the Sons ROTC Medal to Cadet Geoffrey Crowley, April 21st, at the Westminster High School's AFJROTC Detachment annual awards banquet, held at the Westminster Elks Club.

Cadet Geoffrey Crowley (left) receives the ROTC Medal and Certificate from CC James Barker (right)

ILLINOIS

Left to Right: Auburn High School Army JROTC Cadets Alexandria Rossi and Vito Abene received certificates and medals from Logan Camp 26 CC Greg Carter.



OHIO




Left Photo: On May 25th, the General William Lytle Camp 10's PDC Jim Houston presented the SUCVW JROTC Award to Naval Cadet Jarrell Scott at Scarlet Oaks Career Campus in Cincinnati. Cadet Scott, a senior in digital TV, came to Scarlet Oaks from Winton Woods High School.



Right Photo: Robert E. Grim commanding general of the SVR and PCinC of the SUCVW presents on behalf of Henry Casey Camp 92 the

SUCVW Junior ROTC medal and certificate to Brandon Rice, an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet at Laurel Oaks Vocational School located in Wilmington, Ohio.

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



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COLORADO/WYOMING

On May 10th, the Mesa County Colorado Commissioners issued a proclamation, honoring over 800 former Union Soldiers who attended the 31st GAR Dept. Encampment in Grand Junction. The photo of the gathering was taken on May 13, 1910, at the site of the Mesa County Courthouse and City Hall. The only buildings there at the time were the elementary and high schools.



Displaying photo and proclamation are DC Garry Brewer, Legion of the West Camp 7 Br. Danny Agajanian, Dept. Sec. PDC Gary Parrott, Camp 7 Br. Cecil Tapey, and Dept. Counselor PCC Bill Buvinger at the site of the 1910 GAR Dept. Encampment.

IOWA

Last October, Mrs. McAnnich of Afton read in the **Des Moines Register** of Grenville M. Dodge Camp 75's successful efforts to get a headstone issued for a 109th NYVI nurse. So she asked them to help her mark her great-grandfather's grave.

John Arnold Reiber was born in Pennsylvania in 1823, and moved his family to IA in the early 1850's. In August 1863, John, by then a widower and nearly 40 years old, enlisted in Co. I, 8th IA Vol. Cav. He died on January 31st, 1898, and was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.

Brs. Gaard and Rowley ordered Pvt. Reiber's stone. Br. Rowley transported the stone to the cemetery, where it was set in place.

On May 6th, Co. A, 49th Reg. IA Vol. Inf. were joined by other SVR members and a local re-enacting group, in paying fitting tribute.



Brs. Ron Rittel, Danny Krock, David Thompson, Mike Rowley and Dan Rittel (not shown) represented the Dept. at the internment ceremony for the recently "found" WWI veteran Capt. James Owen Perrine. They were joined by Co. A, 49th IA, SVR, Color Guard.

Following his death in 1974, Capt. Perrine's remains were stored in a Cedar Falls funeral home until the burial at the Iowa Veteran Cemetery in Van Meter.

MARYLAND**ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION**

By Br. Jeffrey French

From May 14-16, the Dept. participated in the Andrews AFB Joint Service Open House Air Show. Brothers set up tents with displays and demonstrations to help educate the public. Past shows brought over 150,000 people on Base.

CC Eddie Roberts and CC Duane Whitlock demonstrated and had visitors complete basic drill movements, so they understood the way a firing line was set up. The 10-step procedure for firing the muskets was also shown.



The children put on uniform jackets and their pictures were taken as they learned about hard tack rations.

Living historians included PDC Keith Young, CC Robert Pollock & Br. Robert Armidon (Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2), PDC Michael Paquette & Br. Jay Rarick (Irish Brigade Camp 4), CC Eddie Roberts (Meade Camp 5), DJVC Jeffrey French, CC Duane Whitlock, Brs. Bill Rose, Sr., Nathaniel Scroggins, & John Mumper (Harris Camp 38), and Br. Hugh Warren (Antietam Camp 3).

NEBRASKA

The Dept. of Nebraska's officers, brothers, and guests toured Historic Fort Omaha and the General Crook House Museum on April 10th as part of the Department's 10th Annual Encampment. The photo includes DC Phillip Rudebusch (third from the photo's right).

NEW YORK

On April 17th, Cobleskill's Cpl. James Tanner Camp 134, in cooperation with Schoharie Valley Lodge 491 F&AM, held a fundraiser for the Schoharie County Civil War Monument Project. The program, held at the 1872 Gallupville House, was Lincoln and Liberty – Springfield, which started with Lincoln leaving Springfield, IL, in 1860 and the years leading up to his return in 1865.



Row 1 L-R - Richard Vang (Otsego Mason), Olivia Hamm, Savannah Bell and Jaylah Bell (Granddaughters of founder Richard Sherman) Ashley Goguen and Emily Rathka (nieces of Richard Sherman) Chris Lindemann (son of co-founder Peter Lindemann)

Row 2 L-R - Camp JVC Roger Shafer, Schoharie Mason Rolland Miner, (Judith Sherman (wife of Richard Sherman), Sara Lynn Flint-Sherman (daughter of Richard Sherman), and Jennifer Bell (daughter of Richard Sherman)

Row 3 L-R - Richard Sherman (PCC Tanner Camp, Schoharie Mason and co-founder of UBB), SVC & Mason Gerald Wright, PDC Peter Lindemann (Cobleskill Mason and co-founder of UBB), Joey Fisher (lighting tech volunteer), CC Jeremi Sherman (Schoharie Mason and co-founder of UBB)

Attendees were swept back to the Civil War and actually become a part of the unique interactive theater experience provided by Uncle Billy's Balladeers. The Balladeers have been presenting this successful program at historic sites and community venues. Many come from Tanner Camp 134 and several are Freemasons.

Schoharie Valley Masonic Lodge donated \$5000 to the monument project being spearheaded by Camp 134. The fundraiser goal is \$50,000.

TENNESSEE

Sgt. James Henry McCulley, Co. K, 13th TN US Cav., was recently honored in a ceremony in Cookeville. Fort Donelson Camp 62 and the 10th Regt, TN US Vol. Inf., SVR, conducted the ceremony. CC Sam Gant and JVC and 10th TN SVR Cpl. James W. "Bill" Heard, great, great grandson of Sgt. McCulley, officiated. A Flag and GAR marker were placed by McCulley's 4th great grandson, Jessie Heard.



(Photo by Susan Seator DuBrucq)

Sgt. McCulley was born in 1839, served as a conscripted Confederate soldier, but joined the Union army in 1863. He participated with the 13th TN US Cav. in the Battles of Bulls Gap and Blue Springs. The unit also mortally wounded John Hunt Morgan and participated in the capture of Jefferson Davis. McCulley survived the war, had 12 children, and served as the first post-war sheriff of Putnam Cty.

WISCONSIN

Badge Presented in Combat Zone

In April, Old Abe Camp 8's Lt. Col. Vince Barker, USAR, presented the SUVCW membership badge to Lt. Col. Jason Walrath, USAR, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Both are serving with the 82nd Airborne Div. HQ. They've been friends for some time and after discussing the Civil War and family genealogy, they did some research. They learned that Jason has several Union ancestors, including, coincidentally, gg-grandfather James L. Chadwick, who enlisted at Oshkosh, WI (near Camp 8's current home), and served in Co. D, 8th WI Inf., the "Old Abe" regiment. Jason also has two ggg-uncles who served in the 24th Michigan Infantry (Iron Brigade), and three ggg-uncles who served in NY regiments. He has 4 Confederate ancestors from Arkansas.

Jason lives in Salado, TX, and is a corporate pilot in civilian life. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is married with two children. His 10-year old son, Jake, is now an SUVCW Junior.

Jason and Vince both returned home in June.



MOH CEREMONIES CONDUCTED

MISSOURI

On March 25th, Medal of Honor Day, two ceremonies were held in the Department, marking the day and honoring veterans.



Camp 65 participants—front row: Br. Keith Brown, Joe Difani, Sr., Brs. Robert Champlin, Charlie Funck, Joe Difani, Jr., and Wayne Davis. Back row: Maj. Emmett Taylor, III, SVR, Br. Bill Groth, Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, SVR, and 2Lt. Marty Aubushon.

The final resting place of Civil War MOH recipient William Giles Hills was marked at Hillcrest Crematory. Wm. T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 participated. Hills exhibited extraordinary heroism on September 26, 1864, while serving with Co. E, 9th NY Cav., in action at North Fork, VA. Pvt. Hills voluntarily carried a severely wounded comrade out of a heavy fire of the enemy.



MSgt. Robert Hammack (retired, Army) presents a wreath at Pearsall's grave after Camps 215 and 326 fire a salute at Pearsall's grave.

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326, Gen. McCormick Camp 215 and U.S. Grant 68 conducted a ceremony at Doe Run, recognizing Cpl. Platt Pearsall. Pearsall served as a Corporal with Co. C, 30th OVI at Vicksburg. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his distinguished gallantry as part of a volunteer storming party (Forlorn Hope) on May 22, 1863.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte's MG John Gibbon – 1Sgt. Daniel W. Burke Camp 2 and the 88th NYVI Reg. conducted a memorial

service in memory of Medal of Honor recipient Lorenzo Deming, USN, on May 8th at Salisbury Nat. Cemetery. Landsman Deming participated in the October 27, 1864, attack that sank the CSS Albemarle in the Roanoke River near Plymouth, NC. He was captured during the fight and imprisoned at Salisbury Confederate Prison, where he died from pneumonia in February 1865. He was buried with thousands of his Union comrades in an unmarked burial trench and was unaware that he was awarded the Medal of Honor on December 31, 1864.



Gibbon-Burke Camp 2, the 88th NYVI Reg., and Mr. Rodney Cress gather prior to the ceremony.

Mr. Rodney Cress, a Salisbury resident and Vietnam veteran, discovered Deming's story while conducting research at the cemetery. He found out that the U.S. government had placed a marker honoring Deming near his family's home in New Britain, CT, but wanted to make sure that his service was honored at Salisbury.

OHIO

Co. C, 20th O.V.I. place a floral wreath at the grave of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Henry Casey who is buried in Bloomingburg. Casey is one of only four Fayette County residents to receive the nation's highest military award for valor. All four earned their Medals during the Civil War. Co. C, 20th OVI conducts a wreath laying ceremony every Memorial Day at the gravesite of all four.



Left to right: Pvt. James L. Grim, Cpl. Shawn A. Cox, 1Sgt. William E. Radabaugh, and Company Commander 1Lt. Robert E. Morris.

CANADIAN MOH RECIPIENT HONORED IN EAST LA

On Armed Forces Day (May 15th), Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 dedicated a new headstone for Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Benjamin Youngs at the IOOF Cemetery in East Los Angeles. Youngs, a native of Ontario, Canada, enlisted in Co. I, 1st MI Sharpshooters. He received his medal at age 19 by capturing the colors of the 35th NC Inf. at Petersburg, VA, during the battle of the Crater.

The CA Medal of Honor Proj. Director asked the Sons' and Auxiliary to "make it memorable for his family."

Br. Jerry Sayre assembled the SVR musket detail. Br. Phil Caines provided flags placed by Srs. Susan Sweet and Tricia Bures on the cemetery's veterans' graves. Sr. Melinie Caines made the wreath presented by DP Rachelle Campbell. Br. Loran Bures served as the key contact with the Proj. Director.

Direct descendent Steven Youngs of Palm Springs, Canadian military representatives, Canadian Council members and the mayor of his town in Canada attended. The Army Honor Guard held the colors at attention for the entire hour-plus ceremony; "Oh, Canada!" was sung by the Canadian members of the family; the resident crows took exception to the three rounds of musket volleys; and family members cried as Brothers and Sisters laid the four wreaths.



Photo at right: Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 marched together in the Positively Patriotic Parade, which kicked off the 9th 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 by Mrs. Ron Miswald

U.S. GRANT'S BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATED

Members of the Allied Orders attended Grant's 188th birthday observance on April 25th at the Gen. Grant National Memorial in Manhattan, NY. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 hosted the ceremony, which included presentations by the WRC, DUVCW, and our Auxiliary. The keynote speaker was Br. Frank Scaturro, who brought national attention to the deteriorated condition of the monument in 1997.



PNP FLORENCE SPRING REMEMBERED

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of PNP Florence Spring of New Jersey. PNP Florence was a member of the Auxiliary for 46 years, held practically every Auxiliary office and served her Dept. in many offices, including DP for five terms. At the National level, she served as Council member, VP, and Chief of Staff. PNP Florence was elected as our NP in Portland, ME, and served at the 108th Annual Encampment in August 1994, in Lansing, MI. Sr. Florence will be greatly missed by all her Auxiliary Sisters. Brothers, daughters and granddaughters, who are members of the Sons and the Auxiliary, survive her.



RECORD ATTEND

Over 100 artillery re-enactors and hobbyists attended a “School of the Piece,” hosted by 4th MD Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA) at the Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman’s Club on May 15th. Students, representing historical periods from the War of 1812 to the Civil War, participated in classroom and field drills. The artillery school’s curriculum was designed to promote the safe use of cannon in the re-enacting hobby. Students received a 2-year qualification upon successful completion of the school.

Units and individuals from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin participated. SVR Units attending included the 4th MD Headquarters Company, Cushing’s Battery (Battery A, 4th U.S. Lt. Artillery), the 3rd Iowa Lt. Artillery, and Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf.



Maj. Ethan Barnett, chairman of the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA), examines a cannon barrel while Cushing’s Battery’s Pvt. John Thiessen (left) and the 4th MD HQ Company’s Pvt. Dave Howard (right in foreground) look on.



Boscobel is the site of the last surviving GAR Hall in Wisconsin. The Sons and WRC, which formed a non-profit association, are responsible for the maintenance and upgrading of the hall. During the school, a contribution was presented. Over the last eight years, the 4th MD has donated over \$1,000 to the cause.

The School has been held in Boscobel on even years since 2002. Next year’s school will be held at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis.

Left: Dist. Commander Lt. Col. Jack Grothe presents GAR Hall contribution check to the WRC’s Lorie Hooker while Cushing’s Battery looks on.

ARTILLERY SCHOOL

IOWA & NEBRASKA UNITS CONDUCT DEDICATION

by 2Lt. Mike Carr, Cdr., 10th IA Vol. Inf., SVR, & Adj., 49th IA Vol. Inf., SVR

Over two dozen SVR members from Iowa and Nebraska units and about a dozen ladies in period dress traveled to Sioux City's Graceland Cemetery to dedicate a new military headstone for Cpl. Daniel Houser, Co. H, 7th IA Cav. The grave had been unmarked for 85 years. Co. A, 49th IA Inf., SVR posting of the colors, escorted by a rifle squad from the Nebraska Rangers, SVR.

Following the invocation by Dept. of IA, and 49th IA Chaplain Dennis Sasse, 2Lt Mike Carr acted as Master of Ceremonies. NE PDC Norm Weber presented tokens of our esteem to the family; IA DC James Braden, Jr. read "The Unknown Dead;" and Pres. Lincoln spoke on the War and then recited the Gettysburg Address to an enthralled crowd. 1Sgt. David Lamb, 49th IA, spoke on the service of the 7th IA Cav. on the western frontier. A mayoral proclamation named May 29, 2010 as a day to honor Cpl. Daniel Houser.

The "Symbols of the Soldier" were laid by the Nebraska Rangers. "The Laying of the Flowers" was read while red, white, and blue flowers were laid at the grave. Great-granddaughter Evelyn Beckman, representing the family, then laid a wreath.

The closing benediction was given, followed by two volleys from the Nebraska Rangers and a third from the artillery attached to the 10th IA. Taps was played by the 10th IA bugler and a great-great-grandson of Cpl. Houser.

The ceremony was attended by almost 200 family members, dignitaries, media and guests.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The following are promoted to the grades indicated:

Naval Lt. Timothy Graham (until 4 Apr 2013)

Naval Ensign Kenneth Freshley (until 4 April 2013).

WELCOME NEW UNITS

The Commanding General, SVR, welcomes:

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Our thanks to Br. Christopher D. Holcombe, Sr., for the Memorial Day photo on page 2 of the Spring edition.



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Sec. 200307(c) of the U.S. Code, prohibits the Council of Admin. from expending funds for attorney fees to employ legal counsel to render professional advice to the Order regarding issues with the U.S. IRS pertaining to funds allotted to national officers of the SUVCW for expenses.

The expenditure of funds for legal advice relating to tax issues pertaining to the Order may in some incidental way benefit individual officers of the Order, but the principal beneficiary of such an expenditure is the Order. Such legal advice will provide direction to the Order relating to its dealings with the IRS. The necessity for such expenditure is a matter for the Council of Administration to determine, but it is my opinion that such expenditure does not violate this provision of the law.

Opinion No. 10 – Dept. Voting Members (April 13, 2010)

The question for consideration is whether all elected and appointed Dept. officers should be considered voting members of a Dept. Encampment. Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 1 par. 1 of the Regulations list those who constitute the Dept. Encampment and neither the elected or appointed officers are mentioned except for the Dept. Commander.

At the Nat. level elected Nat. officers are included among those constituting the Nat. Encampment but not appointed officers. Chap. III, Art. II, Sec. 1 of the Regulations list the Nat. Encampment membership and it states specifically: “its own elective officers”.

The credentials card used for both Nat. and Dept. Encampments list only the following: C-in-C; PC-in-C; DC; PDC; Delegate; Alternate; CC; and PCC. It has a place to check whether it is being issued for a Dept. or Nat. Encampment and a place for the Camp or Dept. Secretary to sign.

It is my opinion that neither the Dept. elected or appointed officers except for the Dept. Commander should be considered voting members of a Dept. Encampment.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

President Lincoln was furious. Gen. George Gordon Meade could have ended the war if he had but pursued R. E. Lee and the A.N.V. as they left the field at Gettysburg. He could have crushed them because they were stretched out for miles as they crawled back to the safety of Virginia. Mr. Lincoln set his pen to paper and castigated the newly appointed Commander of the Army of the Potomac. Verbally he created an additional orifice on the General’s backside. Then he folded the letter, placed it in an envelope and put it in his desk. It sat there. It was never sent. Even though the war went on for another two years - sending it would have accomplished nothing.

How often have we been angered by family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances or even passers by on life’s highways? How often have we lashed out and said things to retaliate, get even or cause pain. Even though we have been wronged, we would all probably do better to put our anger on paper, or on our computer then put it in a drawer or in the “Drafts” section and not send it.

A week or a month later when we look at it - we may have different feelings. We might recognize the harm that may have been done if we had sent it.

It seems to me that this simple step is what must be done if we are to make any effort to understand the meaning of the word Fraternity.

Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

Wayne David
Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33 (PA)
February 27, 2009

Herbert Webb
MG Wm. T Sherman Camp 93 (OH)
May 21 2009

Ralph M. Elliott
Capt Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)
July 3, 2009

William Reynolds
Davis* Camp (PA)
July 2009

Kenneth W. Vaughan
Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2 (TX)
September 6, 2009

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September 18, 2009

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Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
November 4, 2009

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November 11, 2009

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John Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)
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January 19, 2010

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February 1, 2010

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MG James H Wilson Camp 1 (TN)
February 3, 2010

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Appomattox Camp 2 (MD)
February 15, 2010

Mark McIntosh
Champion Hill Camp 17 (IN)
February 20, 2010

Thomas Charles Smith
H.A. Grant Camp 24 (CT)
March 31, 2010

William Kooser
Phil Sheridan Camp 2 (IL)
March 26, 2010

Chadd M. Vail
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April 7, 2010

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April 9, 2009

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April 13, 2010

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May 20, 2010

William E. Lakey
Robert Finch Camp 14, (MI)
May 25, 2010

PDC Richard F. Lee
Gilluly-Kingsley Camp 120 (MI)
May 28, 2010

C. W. “Chuck” Wagner
Legion of the West Camp 7 (CO/WY)
May 30, 2010

John May
Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8 (PA)
Date Unknown

Thomas C. Smith
H. A. Grant Camp 24 (VT)
Date Unknown

MEMORIAL DAY 2010



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C

A) General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI) performed services at the Oakland County Civil War monument in Birmingham and the Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac.

B) Members of the GA&SC Dept. render honors during Marietta Nat. Cemetery Memorial Day service.

C) Over 500 observed C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's (WI) honor guard fire a salute at Milwaukee's Calvary Cemetery.

D) Colonel John B. Weber Camp No. 44 pose at the entrance to BG Albert J. Myer's mausoleum during Forest Lawn Cemetery's Muster in the Meadow in Buffalo. Photo by Mark Smith, courtesy Mig Hageman.

E) Geo A. Custer Camp 17 (NJ) Brs. Dan Lynch and Geo. Hill present wreath and invocation at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange.



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RESTORING THE DAY TO MAY 30TH

I was invited by the Dept. of Maryland and Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 to be one of their Memorial Day speakers at Arlington Nat. Cemetery and was honored to be a part of this ceremony. Those attending and visitors passing by were very supportive.

During my visit to Washington, I met with Senators Reid and Ensign (NV), Sen. Inouye (HI), Sen. Brown (MA) and Sen. McCain (AZ), who I feel were supportive in the effort to restore Memorial Day back to May 30th. .

They suggested contacting the members of the Committee on Judiciary, where the bill now sits. The Committee includes: Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Herb Kohl (D-WI), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Russ Feingold (D-WI), Arlen Specter (D-PA), Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ted Kaufman (D-DE), Al Franken (D-MN), Jeff Sessions (Ranking member R-AL), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), John Kyl (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), John Cornyn (R-TX), Tom Coburn (R-OK).

I urge and encourage you, your friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors to call and write a letter concerning bill S-70. If given the opportunity to go back to DC, I will encourage the committee to vote in favor and send this bill to the floor of the Senate. Senator Reid (NV) assured me that he'd do whatever possible in this matter.

This was a very productive year for the online petition, restorememorialday.com. We are now well over 15,000 signatures, plus another 3000-4000 hand written signatures here in my desk.

PDC Alan Peterson, Chairman
Restore Memorial Day Committee

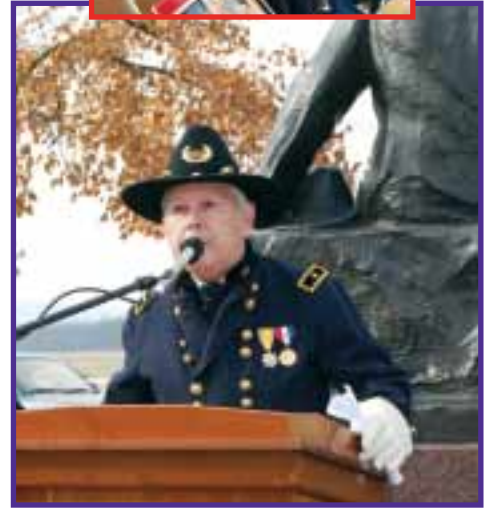


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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

2010 National Encampment Schedule

Overland Park, Kansas – August 12 – 14, 2010

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010 | | |
| 1 – 8 PM | On-site Registration | Foyer |
| 1 – 5 PM | World War I Museum Tour | Meet in Lobby |
| 8:30 PM | Council of Administration Meeting | Quail IV |
| FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010 | | |
| 8 AM – 7 PM | On-site Registration | Foyer |
| 8 – 8:40 AM | Memorial Service | Salon E, F |
| 9 AM | Joint Opening | Salon E, F |
| 9:30 – 11:30 AM | Business Session | Salon E, F |
| 11:30 AM – 1 PM | Lunch | |
| 1 – 5 PM | Business Session | Salon E, F |
| 6 PM | PCinC and PNP Dinner | TBA |
| 7 – 8:30 PM | Campfire | Pavilion |
| 8:30 -10 PM | Courtesy Hour | Pavilion |
| SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010 | | |
| 7 – 8 AM | SVR Breakfast | Pavilion |
| 8 AM – Noon | On-site Registration | Foyer |
| 8:30 – 11:30 | Business Session | Salon E, F |
| 11:30 AM – 1 PM | Lunch | |
| 1 – 5 PM | Business Session | Salon E, F |
| 5 – 6 PM | Department Officers Seminar | Quail Creek IV |
| 6:30 – 10 PM | Allied Orders Banquet | Ballroom |
| SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010 | | |
| 7 AM | Non-denominational Church Service | Quail Creek IV |
| 8 AM | Council of Administration Meeting | Quail Creek IV |
| Friday & Saturday | | Vendor/Display Room opened |
| Quail Creek I, II, III | | |



Grand Army of the Republic Post, El Dorado, KS.

| 2010 Remembrance Day Schedule | | | Saturday, 20 November | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Cost</u> | |
| 8 am | SVR Breakfast | Eisenhower Inn Emmitsburg Rd. (US 15) South of Gettysburg | \$13 by Nov. 1 st to: 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 | 54 th Anniversary GAR Ceremony | Woolson Monument | None | |
| 1 pm | Parade Step-off | Lefever Street | None | |
| 6 pm | 80 th Ann. Dedication Day Dinner (all are invited) | Eisenhower Inn | \$27 by November 12 th to Dedication Day Dinner 1126 Hanover Road York, PA 17408 | |
| 9 pm | National Civil War Ball | Eisenhower Inn | \$20 by Nov. 13 th to Col. Bud Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719 | |
| Post Remembrance Day | | | Sunday, 21 November | |
| <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Cost</u> | |
| 7-11 am | Camp 112 Pancake Breakfast | GAR Post 9 Hall | \$6 at door 53 E. Middle Street Gettysburg | |
| 7:15 am | Non-Denominational Worship Service | Eisenhower Inn | None | |
| 8 am | Nat. Council of Administration Meeting (open to Nat. Officers, PDCs and DCs) | Eisenhower Inn | None | |

**2010 Remembrance Day
Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) Breakfast
8:00 AM, Saturday, November 20, 2010
Eisenhower Inn**

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