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**On the Cover:** Last Soldier George H. Pounder was a candidate for GAR Nat. Commander-in-Chief when this Summer 1935 color photo appeared in *The Milwaukee Journal*. Pounder was born near Milwaukee in 1844 and attended school until the 5th grade. He was a 19-year old blacksmith when he enlisted in Co. K, 2nd WI Cav. in 1863. The company saw service as Gen. Custer's headquarters guard.

Pounder was mustered out at the end of the war. In 1868, he moved to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and worked as a blacksmith, repairing and improving plows and harrows, receiving several patents for his designs. He then built a foundry, manufacturing implements of his own design.

In 1872, he lost his 25-year old wife in childbirth and their baby shortly afterwards. He was married twice more, outliving his second wife.

He served on the city council, as an early firefighter on the city's "bucket brigade," and was a patron of the Methodist Church. His hobby was poetry and his work was featured in local and state publications. His charcoal drawing of Niagara Falls also survives.

He was active in Fort Atkinson GAR Post 159, was elected WI GAR DSVC in 1927 and DC in 1928. He served as Asst. AG and Asst. QMG in 1933. As part of an initiative to prolong the life of the state's remaining posts, his wife served as John E. Holmes Post 26 secretary in 1932-35. Comrade Pounder was elected JVCinC in 1934.

When he died on December 10, 1936, at the age of 92, he was the last living Union veteran in Jefferson County.

Shown with Comrade Pounder is Mrs. Florence Erkes of Oshkosh, WI.

From Hoard Historical Museum, Fort Atkinson, WI

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 9**

**Candidates seeking election to SUVCW national office**

A section on the national website will be set aside for candidates seeking national office to place a letter of intention and a resume or bio.

These pages will not imply an endorsement by the Nat. Organization or the Nat. elected officers for the candidacy of any Brother seeking national office.

Pages should include date, Dept. and Camp name on the letter of intention page, your eligibility for membership and a photo on the resume or bio page. It is suggested that submission not exceed one page for each.

A review of each item will be required before items are placed on the website. Please send to PCinC James Pahl in an electronic format at jbpahl0824@yahoo.com

Ordered this 2nd day of January 2011.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 10**

In accordance with Nat. Constitution and Regulations, annotated, Chapter III, Article V, Section 1, Duties of Officers:

The Commander-in-Chief is in concurrence with Nat. Counselor PCinC Donald Darby's opinion number 3, whether or not a Camp Commander can hold the office of Camp Commander and Sec/Treas. at the same time. The ruling is: A Camp commander can not hold the positions of Camp Commander and Sec/Treas. at the same time.

Opinion: The Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW, annotated with the Decisions and Opinions of the Commanders-in-Chief and the Judge Advocate General/Nat. Counselor's and Policy Decisions of Nat. encampments is in fact mute on this question. It is the opinion of this Nat. Counselor that a Camp/Dept. Commander can NOT hold the office of Commander and Treasurer (Secretary-Treasurer) simultaneously. The C&R permits the position of Secretary and Treasurer to be held by one Brother (Secretary-Treasurer) it does not extend that ability to any other elected office/officer. Given that the Camp/Dept. Commander must approve all expenditures by the Treas. (Chapter 1, Article VI Section 1 and Chapter 2, Article 5, Section 4), it would create a conflict of interest for him to hold both (Commander, Treas.) or all three offices (Commander, Sec.-Treas.).

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
PCinC Donald E. Darby  
Nat. Counselor  
Ordered this 6th Day of January 2011.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 11**

It is with great sadness that I must report the last World War I doughboy, Corporal Frank Buckles, passed away Sunday, 27 February 2011, in his home in Charles Town, WV. Cpl. Buckles was 110 years old at the time of his death. He was the last known American veteran of that war.

Frank Buckles' cattle farm in West Virginia was not far from several Civil War battlefields.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its 6600 members honor the almost five million Americans who answered their country's call during World War I.

We express our condolences to Cpl. Buckles' daughter Susannah Buckles Flanagan and her husband.

The family asks that donations be made to the National World War One Legacy Project to honor Buckles and the 4,734,991 Americans who served during WWI.

Ordered this 28th day of February, 2011.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 12**

The Civil War Sesquicentennial Medal is an official authorized medal of the order, which may be worn from January 1, 2011, through May 30, 2015, following the requirements of badges in Group D of Chapter V, Article I Section 5 of the Regulations.

Ordered this 10th day of March 2011.

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 13**

Death of Real Daughter Anna Lee Smith Dobbs

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy that I report another one of our nation's treasured children of a Federal Civil War Soldier has passed.

Anna Lee Smith Dobbs, Soddy-Daisy, TN, who was the daughter of William Smith, 4th KY Cavalry who served his county with honor and dignity.

Anna Lee Smith Dobbs was a member of Tent 2, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, TN DUVCW. She passed away March 17, 2011, at the age of 94.

All charters, the National Web site, and membership badges will be draped in black from March 17, 2011 until April 17, 2011.

Ordered this 22nd Day of March, 2011.

By order of:  
D. Brad Schall  
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:  
DC Eugene G. Mortorff  
National Secretary

## CINC SCHALL'S TRAVELS



*CinC Schall places a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual birthday ceremony conducted there on February 12th.*



*CinC Schall pauses with PDC Eric Peterson (left) and DC Theodore Golab (right) during the GA/SC Dept. Encampment at Nash Farm Battlefield, Hampton, GA, on March 26th.*



*During the CA & Pac Dept. Encampment March 12th, CinC Schall places a wreath at the memorial/rededication ceremony at the Frederick Steele GAR Monument & Plot in San Luis Cemetery. With him left to right are: Aux. DP Melinie Prosk-Caines, Aux. NP Virginia Twist, and DC Glen Roosevelt.*



*At the IA Dept. Encampment on April 2nd in Council Bluffs.*



*CinC Schall attended the 16th annual TN Dept. Encampment, January 29th at the Federal Fort Negley Visitor's Center, Nashville. Shown are (Front): Patti and CinC Brad Schall (Back): Brs. Richard Blanton, Jr., Shawn Atchley, PDC Charles Engle, Br. Roger Tenney, DC Sam Gant, PDC Geoffrey Hintze, Brs. Douglas Fidler, George A. Huttick, David Du Brucq, and Richard Sherlock.*



*At the WI Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting on February 5th. Seated—Dept. Treas. PCC Alan Hembel, DC Tom Brown, CinC Schall, DSVC Kim Heltemes, Dept. Sec. PDC Brian Peters. Standing—Brs. Pat Lynch, Virgil Matz, PDC Dale Brassler, DJVC Alan Petit, PDC Kent Peterson, DPI Brian McManus, PDC Bruce Laine, PCC Andy Bollen, CC Dave Howard, Brs. Brian Craig, G.T. Regan, CC Vince Barker, CJVC Kirby Scott, PDC Ron Aronis and CJVC Jeff Lesar.*

*Not pictured: PCinC Steve Michaels*



*The first time the Sons gathered in Virginia, the Civil War Centennial was winding down and the GAR Centennial was looming on the horizon. Richmond had been selected for the 84th National Encampment. In those days, our convention ran four days, Sunday through Thursday. As we look forward to returning to Virginia for our 129th National Encampment this year, we thought it might be interesting to also look back at...*

## **RICHMOND – 100 YEARS LATER – THE 1965 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

Starting Sunday, August 15th, the SUVCW, our Auxiliary and LGAR arrived in Richmond by auto, bus, plane and railroad. Following morning church services, each organization conducted registration. The SUVCW's registration was 116—Auxiliary, 224 – LGAR, 109. On Sunday afternoon, Nat. Chaplains John C. Yocum and Eileen Coombs conducted a beautiful and impressive Memorial Service in the Marshall Room of the John Marshall Hotel.



*New York's Br. Joseph Rippey concluded his second term as Commander-in-Chief, presiding over the 1965 Nat. Encampment.*

On Sunday evening, Mayor Morrill M. Crown, in a dramatic moment at the Campfire, welcomed the Northerners. Other distinguished guests included SCV Commander Col. John A. May, Virginia Civil War Commission executive director Hon. James J. Geary, DOLLUS NP Mrs. Sara Binder Moore, and UDC NPG Mrs. Quentin Gregory. Prior to and during the Campfire, the U.S. Continental Army Band from Fort Monroe, VA, played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Marching Through Georgia" among other favorites. Rev. PDC Richard O. Partington presided at the Campfire where PDC Frank M. Heacock, Sr., gave the principal address. Nat. Chap. Yocum gave the invocation and benediction. Lt. Col. Howard Dissinger directed an impressive "Advance to the Colors".

Monday saw business sessions preceded by a Joint Opening of the Sons and Auxiliary under the direction of Chiefs of Staff Miss Viola L. Bremme and C. Leroy Stoudt. On Monday evening, the annual dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents was held, followed by Auxiliary exemplification of the ritual and Auxiliary Courtesy Hour. Later the same evening, the Convention Committee presented a Cabaret Dance and entertainment.

Tuesday was devoted to business sessions, followed in the evening by the annual Banquet and Reception honoring Nat. Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary. LGAR NP Alma Blixt and representatives of the other Allied Orders were guests. At the dinner, NP Emma Wheeler presented a check in the amount of \$500 to CinC Rippey as a gift to the SUVCW. Both Col. May and Mrs Gregory extended greetings from our Southern counterparts.

Wednesday was a free day, including a courtesy bus trip and a tour of the Virginia Civil War Centennial Center and the Berkley Plantation. Walking into the Virginia Room on Wednesday evening at the Military Ball was like entering a time machine. The five crystal chandeliers reflected from gold and white walls and down on authentically costumed SUVCW and their ladies. The men wore Union uniforms. Many wore officer's insignia. The ladies wore silks and satins. The majority of which were in bright reds, yellows and a dozen or more shades of blue. Many of the women were wrapped in long shawls. Some ladies in hoop skirts, curtsied graciously on the arms of their escorts. An occasional Confederate uniform gliding in tight circles to a waltz enhanced the aura of authenticity. Blue and Gray were grouped together as Virginians and Rhode Islanders chatted about details of "the late war." A group singing southern songs of the Civil War period represented the South, in addition to the uniformed Confederate uniformed good will emissaries.

Thursday saw concluding business sessions, election and installation of officers and closing council meetings.

The National Encampment returned to Virginia and Richmond for the last time in 1980.



*Ohio's Br. W. Earl Corbin was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 1965 Nat. Encampment.*

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## RICHMOND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED



*National Encampment Memorial Service*

- Opposed limitation of the State's jurisdiction over "right to work" laws and similar matters of largely local interest reserved to the States by the Constitution.

- Opposed the Federal Government's contributions to the cost of education and similar financial aid to the States, which inevitably extend Federal control over matters heretofore responsibilities of the States. *Bills that authorized new classrooms and increased teachers' salaries were defeated in Congress in 1961 and 1962 for fear of federal control, exclusion of church-affiliated and independent schools, and desegregation compliance. However, the \$1.3 billion Education Act of 1965 was passed, basing aid on numbers of children from low-income families in each public school district.*

- Opposed liberalization of the McCarran-Walter Act and welcomed the support of other patriotic organizations and individuals to work for its retention. *The McCarran-Walter Act of 1952 removed racial barriers to immigration and empowered the Dept. of Justice to deport immigrants or nationalized citizens engaging in subversive activities. Parts of the act remain in place, but much of it was overturned by the Immigration & Naturalization Act of 1965.*



*SCV CinC Col. John A. May (Left) was welcomed by CinC Rippey.*

The 1965 National Encampment in Richmond was deeply concerned with national events of that time. The Encampment adopted several resolutions, addressing legislation that seemed inconsistent with the intent of our U.S. Constitution. The SUVCW:

- Opposed any modification or weakening of the Connally Reservation, reserving the right of the U.S. to decide what matters are domestic and those in the jurisdiction of the World Court. *The Connally Reservation prevented the International Court of Justice from having jurisdiction over domestic matters as determined by the U.S.*

- Opposed any yielding of the U.S. sovereignty and control of the Panama Canal or Guantanamo Naval Base.



*The Campfire included several presentations and the music of the U.S. Continental Army Band from Fort Monroe.*

- Urged the effective enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine and appropriate protection of the U.S. Flag and property abroad.

- Urged Congress to define more precisely the jurisdiction and limitations of Federal Courts.

- Urged the Post Office Dept. to stop free distribution of Communist propaganda and the establishment of appropriate penalties for malicious injuries to public property and deliberate violations of the Flag Code at home.

- Urged that foreign aid be terminated as soon as practicable and accounts audited and settled.

- Urged our members to communicate personally these recommendations to their Senators and Representatives in Congress and ask their active assistance in making them effective a every possible opportunity.



## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

718. **Jody M. Switzer**  
Philip H Sheridan Camp 2  
Department of Illinois

719. **Kenneth A. Brickman**  
Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75  
Department of Iowa

720. **Dale Harlow Hodge**  
Member-at-Large  
National MAL Department

721. **William Bayard McLane**  
Frank Reed Camp 24  
Department of Illinois

722. **Robert Dean Hammack**  
Lt Col J Felix St. James Camp 326  
Department of Missouri

723. **Dale L. Carstens**  
Col John Bryner Camp 67  
Department of Illinois

724. **Jonathan Mark Jacobs**  
Memorial MAL 300  
Department of Pennsylvania

725. **Christopher Edward Chapman**  
James B. McPherson 1  
Department of Georgia & S. Carolina

726. **Conley Winston Ford**  
Satuit Camp 3188  
Department of Massachusetts

727. **Michael Patrick Downs**  
David D Porter Camp 116  
Department of Indiana

728. **John P. Munro**  
Picacho Peak Camp 1 (AZ)  
National Department-at-Large

729. **John J. Heine**  
Gen. George H. Thomas Camp 19  
Department of Pennsylvania

730. **Lyman E. Baker**  
Sydney Camp 41  
Department of New York

731. **Allen W. Lease**  
Lt. Ezra S Griffin Camp 8  
Department of Pennsylvania

732. **David Howes Swenson**  
S G Griffin Camp 10  
Department of New Hampshire

733. **Douglas Earl Deuel**  
Sydney Camp 41  
Department of New York

734. **Charles William Riegle**  
Gen. John F Hartranft Camp 15  
Department of Pennsylvania

735. **Robert G. Herron, Sr.**  
Lt. Ezra S Griffin Camp 8  
Department of Pennsylvania

## HONOR ROLL

In Honor of **DC Charles K. Mabie**  
Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp 24 Dept. of CA & PA  
by Br. Jeffrey Vaillant

In Honor of **Paul J. Wilmot**  
139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry  
by Br. Theodore J. Cillo, Jr.

In Honor of **James H. Worden**  
USS Morning Light  
by Br. Robert I Worden

In Honor of **Pvt. Crist Biery**  
109th Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
by Br. Samuel D. Wang

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

## NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominees may be submitted to CinC D. Brad Schall via email at [cinc@suvchw.org](mailto:cinc@suvchw.org)



# PATRIOTISM, STRENGTH & COURAGE

At the 1905 WI GAR Dept. Encampment, a resolution was offered, asking that the position of “patriotic instructor” be created at both the National and Department levels. The GAR had experienced success during recent history textbook, U.S. Flag and military drill campaigns, but this might be short-lived. Both the Dept. and National Encampments approved the action. The position’s duties were not new, but the focus of the effort was intensified by the change. The Sons’ Nat. Patriotic Instructor office was created in 1906, following the GAR’s example. Camps, Posts, and Departments slowly, if somewhat reluctantly, followed suit.

Today, the Patriotic Instructor is commonplace. He occupies a red bannered station in front of an assembly of Brothers. Nat. PI Don Martin asked our Patriotic Instructors to comment about the position and their activities.

**DPI Mark Day** (MD) observed, “Many good camps are well organized and administered, but to be a great Camp there must be a greater sense of purpose. Patriotic Instructors can be the source of that sense of purpose. They can keep a camp focused on its duty to perpetuate the memory of our forefathers”.

**Br. Steve Williams**, Champion Hill 17 (IN), identified some of the PI’s key duties:

“Create dialogue. Patriotism is drawn from the simple, yet complex, principles drawn from our founding documents – both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution”.

“Teach something much deeper than partisanship. Patriotism requires, even when uncomfortable, allowing others to express views (and methods) which we consider noxious”.

“Show that Patriotism must not be transitory; it needs sustained commitment through all conditions. We must not be what Thomas Paine calls “sunshine patriots”.

“Examine the concept that Patriotism can, and sometimes should, involve using democratic means to change the policies and programs of the state”.

“Provide patriotic enhancing exercises that make people think, and then act upon their reasoned conclusions”.

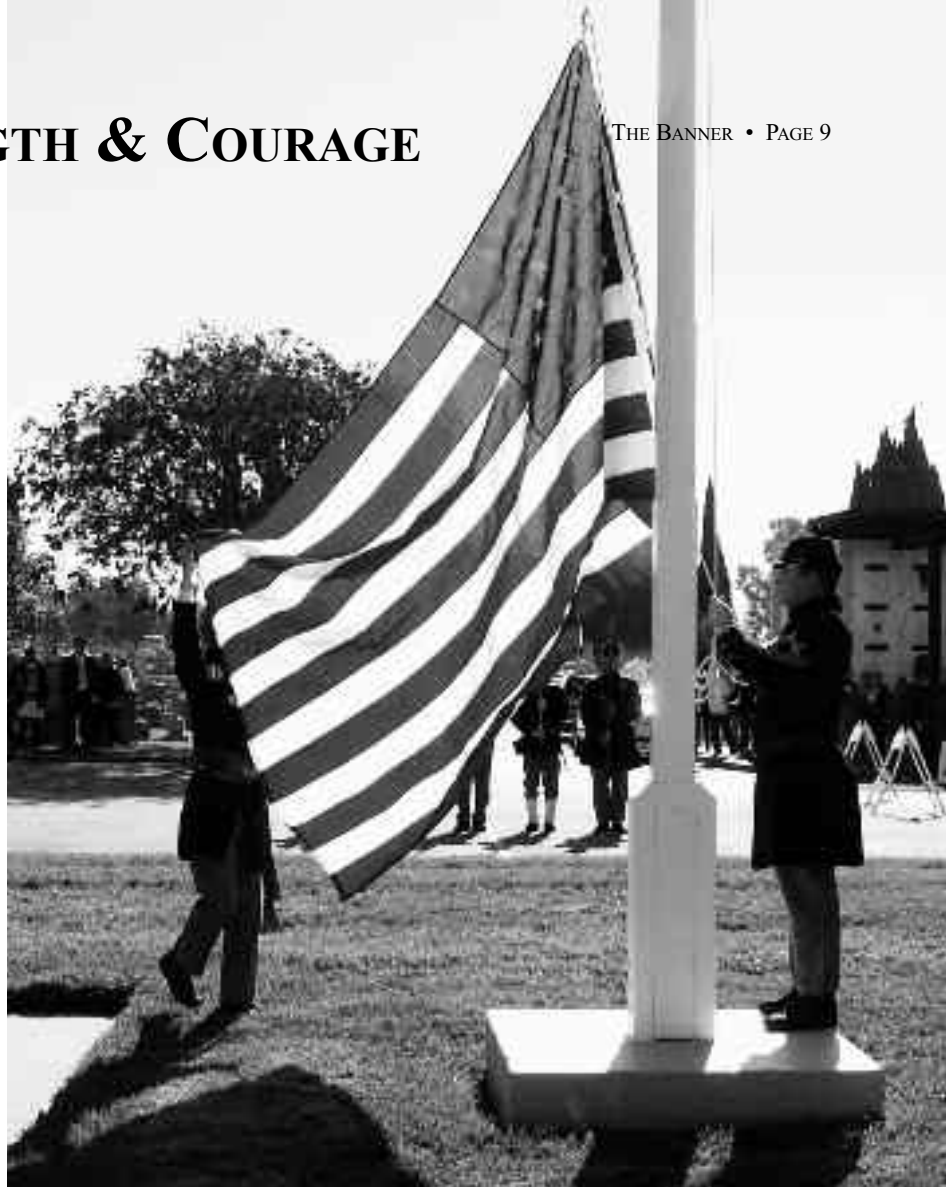
“Present brief situations or scenarios that stimulate questions and discussion. The objective is to enhance or reinforce a mindset that is conducive to patriotic action”.

Simply stated, Patriotic Education permeates most of our activities. Most agree, though, that there are two distinct programs.

**CPI Brian E. Watkins**, Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX), replied, “The job of Camp Patriotic Instructor is to bring my Camp information about our ancestors, history of battles of the War, local history, and State History. I educate others outside our Order about facts concerning the War. Mainly, the job is being an educator, both inside, and outside the SUVCW.”

**DPI Lyman Baker**, (NY) provides a monthly talk & stays connected to each Camp. He tries to inspire others to remember and perhaps tell others about historical accounts.

**CPI Charles W. Sprague**, E.E. Ellsworth Camp 18 (TX), says, “I see our job as keeping alive the feeling of patriotism, or love of country, by reminding our brothers at every meeting of the sacrifices our ancestors made in order to preserve the Union. I do this by presenting brief historical accounts of the people and events of the Civil War that illustrate those sacrifices and how those people and events impacted the country.”



*Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (CA & Pac) CC Steven Welch (right) and PDC Tad Campbell raise the colors during the opening ceremony for the 125th Anniversary celebration of San Jose’s Calvary Cemetery. Photo courtesy of Br. Richard Ferman.*



**DPI Mark Day** (MD) summarized, “A Patriotic Instructor has two jobs...to ensure that the sacrifices of those men who gave us our freedom are not forgotten, and to mentor the citizens of our country, young and old, in order that they may see their shared obligation with the patriots of our past. ‘Lest we forget’ should be the motto and oath sworn by every Patriotic Instructor.”

The Internal Program, aimed at our Brothers, includes presentations on Civil War topics during meetings, encampments and other events. This program also includes occasional trips to historical sites and museums.

**CPI George Andrew Huttick**, Fort Donelson Camp 62 (TN), suggests, “It is a useful position to keep key activities and opportunities in front of the Camp, and to encourage spirit within the Camp. This can be done by inspirational messages, etc. A monthly patriotic message is either given at the Camp meeting and/or emailed and posted on the Camp’s Face Book page. Additionally, other programs are encouraged (e.g. Memorial University).

**DPI Brian Pierson**, (GA&SC) theorized, “Ideally, every Brother should be a ‘patriotic instructor’ to his fellow citizens. But the PI must be more than just a cheerleader. Because American patriotism is based on the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, it demands more than just mere flag-waving. It requires a citizenry educated in these principles. So, the PI is a teacher or a coach who gives his Brothers the tools they need to be able to engage the public...”

**DPI John M Bowyer** (IN) summarized, “Patriotic Education is a very important part of our Order and my role is to support and encourage all of our Brothers to be Patriotic Instructors in their daily lives.”

The External Program demonstrates not just patriotic outreach, but the Sons’ role in the local community. Aimed at the general public, this program includes talks to schools and community groups, special programs like Presidents’ Day luncheons and U.S. Flag retirements, and displays at Civil War events and other venues.

*(Continued on page 11)*



## WHY A PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR?

By Hosea W. Rood

Once a chosen Patriotic Instructor at one of our Grand Army Posts wrote to me to say that he did not believe in any such officer, and would have nothing to do with it; that people **ought** to be patriotic without it. This comrade told the truth. People surely **ought** to love their country, to be true and loyal to their flag and all it signifies. So, also, ought people to be honest and upright; to observe the Golden Rule in all their relations with one another, and be reverent toward God. There is, nonetheless, a tendency with many of us not to be so good as we **ought** to be. Therefore, we need teachers—bible teachers and preachers—to lead us into the path of duty. And so we need also to be taught the importance of being true and loyal to our country. Especially do our children need such teaching in the duties, obligations and privileges of American citizenship. It was indeed wise in the Grand Army to create the office of patriotic instructor. Though many persons honored with appointments to the position have proved indifferent and negligent, thinking every man should be patriotic without special instruction, it is a fact that the active interest of hundreds, yes thousands, of Grand Army patriotic instructors in our country has had a greater influence for good than we can understand. Our urging such teaching at all times has led teachers to give patriotic instruction in nearly every school. I know that more and more attention is being given to this matter. This is indeed encouraging. If ever wholesome instruction in Americanism has been needed, it is now.



*Hosea Rood was born in 1845 in Persia, NY, not far from where his grandfather deserted the British Army during the War of 1812. After moving to Wisconsin, Hosea enlisted in Co. E, 12th WI Inf. at age 16. After three years, he re-enlisted and was promoted to corporal. He was wounded at Atlanta, survived, and was mustered out in July 1865. After the war, he graduated from Milton College, receiving his State Teacher certification. He served as principal of five different schools and was active in Milton’s A.D. Hamilton GAR Post 60. At the time of the above writing, he had been Dept. PI for over 15 years, starting in 1906. He made as many as 100 school appearances a year. With the exception of a one year retirement, he remained an influential PI until his death in 1933.*

**DPI Mark Day** (MD) said, “Patriotic Instructors can make contact with other fraternal organizations, schools, and churches. They can promote programs such as presenting flags, organizing speaker’s bureaus, or ensuring youth recognition programs such as Eagle Scout and JROTC are in place. “

**DPI PCC Richard Hardesty** (FL), replied, “I’m actively coordinating with Graves Registration to get the message out about all the Union veterans buried in Florida. I also coordinate a program to have high school children visit a cemetery, photograph a Union Veterans’ headstone and then research his family, unit, et al. The next step is to follow up with the Wreaths Across America program and honor these veterans by placing a wreath on their gravesite at Christmas time.”

**CPI Robert Meyer** Custer Camp 17 (NJ), volunteered, “I help raise money for wounded veterans like Brendan Marrocco who lost both arms and legs. I challenge other Camps to help us with this cause.”



*Comrade Hosea Rood observed, “A commander has influence within the Order, but a patriotic instructor reaches out in every direction, especially into the schools, where our boys and girls are receiving their first ideas of, and training for, good citizenship; and this field is all but limitless.”*

*Shown are two students at Las Vegas’ Helen Marie Smith Elementary School, who participate in the school’s daily Flag ceremonies after receiving instruction from Wm. R. Keith Camp 12.*



*MD DPI Mark Day, Eagle Scout Martin Moorefield, Dr. Clif Potter, Kevin Martin*

**DPI Brian Pierson** (GA&SC) uses help from others, “I have found it useful to supplement the excellent Nat. Patriotic Instructions with Dept. Patriotic Instructions that address current events in light of our history, American exceptionalism, and the founding principles of our Republic and that reinforce the understanding that our country was founded to uphold democracy and liberty, with the opportunity for prosperity to all.”

**Br. Steve Williams** concluded that we need to...“Forge our own concept of patriotism that we can champion during the sesquicentennial – making it our “brand”. There is much discussion among professional historians, authors and state authorities – none of whom is listening to the other- about how to “manage” the sesquicentennial activities. This involves different views (infused, in many instances, with substantial “political correctness”) concerning African slavery and its role in the conflict, the Lost Cause mythology, etc. I am hopeful that we can somehow rise above this confusion.

**CPI Brian E. Watkins**, Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX), says, “I have my Camp lead and participate in formal U.S. Flag and Texas Flag Retirement Ceremonies. Both were well received, and we educated the public on the proper ways to retire flags, and whom to give the flags to be retired.”

**DPI PDC Mike Rusk**, Indian Nations Camp 3 (OK), added, “I feel the best thing I do is coordinate the Memorial Day and Remembrance Day observances. The entire camp and members of the community attend these gatherings and the reverent atmosphere and patriotic speeches are, to me at least, what our Order is all about. Lest We Forget.”

**PDPI John Lazzeri** (CT) agreed. “The Patriotic Instructor’s main role is Memorial Day...not only the “Day” but any flag decoration or cemetery services. From this, he builds his lessons during the next 11 months...”



*Br. Tom Oestreicher, of Rockford’s John A. Logan Camp 26, presented his 400th Civil War program at Sycamore Middle School on November 19th. He’s lectured to schools, historical societies, church groups, and scouts in seven states for 37 years, including a 10-day lecture tour in Hawaii in 2007.*



## THE GAR 'S "ARMED BATTALION"

by Br. George G. Kane, Nat. History Committee



It was a cool overcast autumn morning when E.K. Wilcox GAR Post 16 assembled at their hall in downtown Springfield, MA. It was 9:30 AM, Sunday, September 25, 1887, and 66 post members were preparing to march to the train station a few blocks away. The Boston & Albany train would take them to the GAR Nat. Encampment in St. Louis, MO. The post was not just attending this encampment; most of these men were serving as the "Escort to the Commander-in-Chief" of the GAR. Collectively, they were the "Armed Battalion, which had marched in many parades and were known throughout the GAR for their precision and execution." Today, we'd call them a close-order drill team. That morning, after a breakfast served by the local WRC, the boys boarded two special cars on the 11:25 AM express train, taking them from Springfield to Cleveland to St. Louis. The train arrived in St. Louis, early Monday morning. Upon arriving, the post marched to Washington Park where the rest of its Dept. was preparing to camp for the duration of the encampment. The day also included receptions throughout the city.

The men awoke Tuesday morning to a torrent of rain. Encampment leaders postponed the parade until Wednesday, but the rain persisted. Unwilling to postpone or cancel again, despite the bad weather, the leaders set the parade for Wednesday morning. At exactly 11 AM, mounted police started down Franklin Ave. and turned onto 12th St. Grand Marshal Grier, his staff and St. Louis' Logan Post, all mounted, followed. The "Armed Battalion" marched behind their horses, performing various maneuvers. CinC Lucius Fairchild marched directly behind his "escort" wearing a raincoat. He and his mounted staff of 100 men preceded 20 carriages, three abreast, which contained War Governors and other honored guests, like Gen. Sherman, who received loud applause.

What followed resembled a scene from Disney's Fantasia. Marching mushrooms were, in fact, thousands of GAR members, their umbrellas lifted against the rain. Only the MA Dept. refused to use umbrellas. The departments marched in order of seniority, except for the host (MO), which brought up the rear.

As the procession wound its way down 12th St., it passed under an arch, memorializing Lincoln and Grant in life size glass mosaic pictures. When the boys passed under the arch, they doffed their hats in respect to their departed leaders. The triumphal arch, further ahead, depicted battle scenes and the GAR membership badge. The reviewing stand was located soon after the second arch. When reaching the reviewing stand, the parade paused as CinC Fairchild, the War Governors, Gen. Sherman, Ex-VP Hannibal Hamlin, and others took their seats. Grand Marshal Grier and his staff sat in their saddles across the street, facing them. For the next hour and a half, thousands of GAR members marched past while the rain continued to fall. The MO contingent was so large, it took 25 minutes to pass. Generals Fairchild and Sherman bowed, continually acknowledging the rousing cheers that went up from each post as they filed by. A squad carrying tattered battle-flags received enthusiastic applause all along the parade route.

As the soldiers reached the end, they broke ranks and hurried back to the reviewing stand to catch a glimpse of their former leaders. At one point, they blocked the street, stalling the rest of the column. The IL Dept.'s mounted staff forced a path through the crowd. As the parade ended, so many surrounded the reviewing stand that "Uncle Billy" Sherman had to be rescued from well-wishers and autograph seekers.

The "Armed Battalion" left St. Louis Thursday night, arriving at the Springfield Railroad Station on Sunday morning. The post's remaining members met them there and escorted them back to the post building where the WRC provided hot coffee and sandwiches.

**Editor's Note:** The story of the Battalion's trip was gleaned from newspaper articles in the **Springfield Daily News** from September 24 to October 2, 1887.

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## TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT

By CC David LaBrot, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2

On February 12th, Sons and reenactors from all over Texas, participated in the dramatic reenactment of the Federal Army's surrender in Texas. This event, recognized the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and was the first in a series of "Signature Events" recognized by the SUVCW. The setting was the Alamo in San Antonio, the location of the original surrender.

During this historic event on February 16, 1861, predating the bombardment of Fort Sumter, about 1,000 Texas militiamen and other secessionist militia companies suddenly surrounded the 200 garrisoned Federal troops, commanded by U.S. Army Brevet MG David E. Twiggs. The secessionists demanded an immediate surrender of federal arms, munitions, stores, and public property.

The narrated 2011 event included: the escorted arrival of Gen. Twiggs by horse and buggy; an assembly of Federal troops and numerous Texan militia units; the reading of the surrender ultimatum; the offer of loyalty cross-over given by Texan Col. Ben McCulloch; the lively depiction of the lone cross-over, a Virginia-born federal officer, who was forcefully stripped of his sword by outraged Federals; the tension and near armed conflict between the Texas Militia and the Federal troops; the reading of Order No. 5 (the surrender); and fine depictions of Sam Houston, Robert E. Lee, Gen. Twiggs, and Col. McCulloch.



*Ft. Worth's Gen. John J. Byrne Camp 1, Houston's Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2, and Dallas' Col. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 18, as well as both Texas SVR units, Sara Emma Seelye Aux. 1, and the MOLLUS Dept. of TX Commander participated in this historic event. Some are shown here.*

*Front Row -Left to right: Brs. Tom Penney (Edward Lea Camp 2), Br. Bryan Powers and PDC George Hansen (both Elmer Ellsworth Camp 18) & Dave Daniels (Edward Lea Camp 2).*

*Back row, DC Harold Sickler (Camp 18), Br. Michael Lane (Camp 2), CC Hal Hughes and PDC Blair Rudy (Camp 1), Br. Brook Thomas (Camp 18),.DSVC David LaBrot (Camp 2 CC), Br. Gary White (Camp 2), and CC Don Gates (Camp 18).*

*Not shown: Brs. Robert Wickman and John Schneider (Camp 2), DJVC Brian Glass (Camp 1), Brs. Don Sielert, Austin Powers and Paul Ridenour (Camp 18). - photo by Paul Ridenour*

At the completion of the formal surrender proceedings, the U.S. troops marched out of the plaza with their arms and flags waving, leaving the Alamo grounds to the ecstatic and cheering Texans. The entire reenactment was performed twice to a large and very appreciative audience. The Dept. recruited several new members and received favorable television coverage in San Antonio.



*#Twiggs (49) The Union troops march are allowed to march out of the Alamo with their weapons and colors flying.  
Photo by Paul Ridenour.*





## WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

### GEN. GEORGE STONEMAN, JR. CAMP 18 RECEIVES CHARTER

CinC Brad Schall and DC Charles W. Mabie presented Gen. Geo. Stoneman, Jr. Camp 18 with its charter during the CA & Pac Dept. Encampment on March 12th. CC Richard Burns and Camp Sec/Treas. PCC Rudy Velasco III accepted the charter. Assisting with the presentation were Camp 18 Br. Ken Walker and Camp 2 CC Loran Bures. Camp 18 was created from Camp 2 - Division 7 to serve the southern California Inland Empire counties of Riverside and San Bernardino. The Camp headquarters is in Riverside and starts with a membership of 29 Brothers, several of whom transferred from Camps 2, 17, and 21 to belong to a Camp closer to their homes. Brs. Burns and Velasco undertook an aggressive and highly successful recruiting campaign to fill the ranks. CC Burns serves as the Adjutant for the Marine Corps Semper Fi No. 1 Honor Guard burial detail at Riverside Nat. Cemetery. The Camp's Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the GAR plot in Riverside's Historic Evergreen Cemetery. The history of Riverside's GAR dates from the organization of Post 118 on May 1, 1886.

Camp 18 is the first of six new southern California Camps to be created out of Camp 2 Divisions as planned by CC Loran Bures in January 2010. The first organizing meeting for Camp 18 took place last May 1st. The Camp number "18" was suggested by the late Camp 17 Br. Richard Ignatius, in honor of the old Sons of Veterans Camp which once existed in nearby Corona (then called South Riverside), CA.

General J. P. S. Gobin Camp 503, Sunbury, PA (Date of Rank 3/6/2011) is awaiting its charter presentation.

### NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

- Maj Gen Gordon Granger Camp 9, Mobile, AL (awaiting Charter Request)
- Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 4750 (awaiting Charter Request)

### INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

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

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Acceptance is the answer to all of my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me. I can find no happiness, no joy, no serenity until I accept that person, place thing or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake. Until I can accept my shortcomings, my character defects and addictions - I cannot overcome them. Unless I accept life completely on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes.

(Adapted from page 417, The Big Book, AA, IV Ed.)

*Chaplain Jerry*



*left to right; CinC Schall, DC Charles Mabie, CC Richard Burns, Camp Sec/Treas. Rudy Velasco III, Br. Ken Walker, and Camp 2 CC Loran Bures.  
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## UNION DEFENDER'S DAY

*The Sons of Veterans, USA, held the first nationwide observance of Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 1889. Based upon the celebration's success, the 1890 Nat. Encampment (1) supported the observance, (2) recommended it be called "Union Defender's Day," and (3) prescribed that the CinC issue orders providing for its observance by our Order.*

### MISSOURI

On November 6th, three members of Springfield's Phelps Camp 66 traveled to the Lincoln Home Nat. Hist. Site in Springfield, IL, to help mark the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's election. Dressed in authentic Republican Party "Wide Awake" garb, Brs. Kip Lindberg, Greg Wait and Jeff Patrick paraded with Lincoln (Fritz Klein) and a large group of visitors from the Old State Capital to the Lincoln Home. The "Wide Awakes" sang the election song, "Lincoln and Liberty," and answered questions about this pivotal event in American history. Brs. Lindberg, Wait and Patrick returned to Springfield on February 11th (the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's departure for Washington) to help escort the President-elect to the Great Western railroad station."



*L to R: Br. Greg Wait, Mrs. Lincoln, Br. Kip Lindberg, Mr. Lincoln and Br. Jeff Patrick.*

### LINCOLN VISITS THE OHIO STATE HOUSE

One of Pres. Lincoln's stops on his way to Washington, DC, in early 1861, was the new Ohio State House in Columbus, where he met with Gov. Wm. Dennison and spoke in the House Chamber to a Joint Session of the Ohio Legislature. While in Ohio, he received a telegram informing him that his election had been officially certified.

The Ohio Statehouse Sesquicentennial Celebration partnered with the NPS 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Inaugural Journey. Just as on February 13, 1861, Pres. Lincoln (Fritz Klein) was introduced in the House Chamber by Gov. Dennison (PDC Bob Davis) at the same podium with the same speaker's chair in the background. Elements of Lincoln's original speech were delivered. CJVC Steve Ball provided Civil War Era music.

Brs. Davis and Ball are both members of Columbus' William Dennison Camp 1.



*Bob Davis, PDC (Gov. William Dennison) and Fritz Klein (Pres. Lincoln)*



### TENNESSEE

Last year, Fort Donelson Camp 62 moved to Nashville's historic Federal Fort Negley and established an educational program as part of each bi-monthly meeting. Over the past year, community interest has steadily grown in these programs.

In spite of terrible weather, the largest crowd to date attended the first program of 2011 featuring a presentation by Abraham Lincoln (a.k.a. Br. John Mansfield). Br. Mansfield (left), a member of Camp 62, is an award-winning Lincoln presenter.

### WISCONSIN

Mrs. Jessica Michna, as Mary Todd Lincoln, spoke to 120 people, representing over 40 different patriotic and hereditary organizations at Milwaukee's 41st annual Patriotic Luncheon, held February 5th. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 have hosted the observance since 1890. Brothers from Henry Harnden Camp 2, MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, Old Abe Camp 8, and sisters from Ammi Hawks Aux. 5 also attended.

A raffle and silent auction were held, with proceeds benefiting veterans' relief, patriotic education and historic preservation.





## WILLIAM T. SHERMAN REMEMBERED

The 191st anniversary of Gen. William T. Sherman's birthday was celebrated in North St. Louis on Sunday, February 27th. William T. Sherman—Billy Yank Camp 65 held its 32nd observation of the date at Sherman's final resting place in the city's Calvary Cemetery. After assembling at the cemetery's main gate and receiving an artillery signal from Co. M, 1st MO LA (SVR), the color guards and military units processed to the general's grave. The Colors were posted and Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the invocation by Camp 65 Chaplain Joe Difani, Sr. CC Joseph L. Difani, Jr., was master of ceremonies. Capt. Emmett P. Taylor, III, spoke on Gen. Sherman's horses. DC Rod Price was acknowledged.



*Br. Jackson plays Taps.*

All the Allied Orders were represented. Wreaths were presented and greetings extended after which "America the Beautiful" was sung, the chaplain gave the benediction and rifle and artillery salutes were rendered. Taps was played by MOLLUS and U.S. Grant Camp 68's Br. Daniel Jackson.

SVR unit present included Co. C, 34th Reg. IL Vol. Inf., Co. A, 2nd MO Vol. Inf., Co. C, 5th MO Cav., Co. E, 47th MO Inf., and Ship's Company U.S.S. Crandolet. Re-enactors from Co. G, 17th MO Inf., 9th Reg. MO CSA Sharpshooters and the Ladies Union Aid Society attended also. A Fellowship Dinner at a nearby restaurant gave everyone a chance to socialize after the ceremony.



*Hecker Camp 443's (IL) Br. Greg Zielinski, left, commands the infantry during the ceremony's final salute.*



*Camp 65's CC Joseph L. Difani, Jr. bows his head while Chaplain Joe Difani, Sr. gives the invocation.*



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## COLORADO/WYOMING



PDC Charles Sharrock (left) recently presented a Civil War medal to the John Tomay Library in Georgetown. Br. Sharrock researched the library's namesake and found he was a Civil War veteran, serving in the 19th PA Vol. Cav. Library Director John Ewers (right) accepted the medal and placed it in the library's local history collection.

## NORTH CAROLINA

A crowd of 75 assembled in a grove of young pines on the Roy Moss farm west of Rockingham last October 2nd. They honored five Union soldiers who died in a skirmish on March 7, 1865. The soldiers' graves had been marked by fieldstones, their identities unknown.



*Left to right: Br. Charles Augur, Gibbon-Burke Camp 2, DC of RI & NGRO Bruce Frail, Br. Thomas Shugars, Col. Joseph Campbell Camp 14 (PA), and NC SVC Dennis C. St. Andrew*

The Richmond Cty. Hist. Soc. organized a ceremony, honoring their service and unveiling new grave markers. RI DC and Nat. GRO Bruce Frail completed research in Washington. The SCV's and Hist. Soc. Exec. Board's Ed Snyder identified the soldiers and marked their graves. They were Cpl. Reed Alcorn, 21, and Pvt. Matthew Ross, 20, 8th IN Cav., and Pvts. David Woods, 27, Calvin Simpson, 24, and Henry L. Sennett, 24, 9th PA Cav.

Br. Tom Shugars of Col. Jacob Campbell Camp 14 (PA) attended along with son Jim and grandson Ian. They're descendants of Pvt. Henry Sennett. Also participating in the ceremony were NGRO Frail, Br. Charles Augur, Gibbon-Burke Camp 2 and NC SVC Dennis St. Andrew. Confederate re-enactors provided a color guard, ceremonial rifle and cannon salutes.

## NEBRASKA

The annual Gettysburg Address Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln on November 20th.

The Gettysburg Address was recited by Jr. Member Daniel Rudebusch, 12 years old, from memory. The keynote address was given by Lt. Col. Karen Pullun, Ret. who is the commander of the Junior ROTC program at Northeast High School, in Lincoln, NE.



The location of the ceremony was held in the rotunda of the State Capitol Building which has two plaques placed there by the WRC in 1932, one of the Gettysburg Address and other of General Logan's General Order No. 11.

## NEW JERSEY

### New Jersey Camp Rededicates Monument

Last Veterans Day, Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 rededicated a 140-year old Civil War monument at South Hunterdon Regional High School in Mount Airy. The 25-ft. high monument was erected in 1870, in Lambertville's Mount Hope Cemetery. It was assembled in three pieces; on its pinnacle stood a bronze eagle with a 5-ft. wingspan.

The eagle remained there until 1898, when the iron bolts that held it rusted and failed, sending it some 25 feet to the ground. The eagle was replaced with a life-sized statue of a Civil War soldier and the entire monument was moved to Mary Sheridan Park in the center of town, where it stands today. In 1900, the local GAR decided the eagle should be saved for posterity and Lambertville's high school became its caretaker. The eagle was reattached to its 6-foot base with the inscription "G.A.R. Post 20 1900" carved into it. It stood in front of the



*Phil Gilson and Les Salsbury (gaiters) front the statue with CC Mike Kovacs behind Mr. Salsbury. Others pictured are members and friends of Camp 104.*

school until moved in the 1950s to a new high school in West Amwell.

The original meaning of the monument faded. When Camp 104's Br. Les Salsbury was attending a school function for one of his children, he noticed the monument and its inscription. Students and teachers knew nothing about the monument, so Camp 104 began a re-education program. Present at the rededication service along with members of Camp 104, were local veterans and high school students. The original GAR Memorial Dedication Ceremony was used, accompanied by fife and drum, plus Taps, played by a school band member.

In an ironic twist of fate, the descendent of the model for the Civil War soldier statue that replaced the eagle, (Miss Maryann Ransom) was also present.

## OHIO

### Ohio Camp Completes Rebuild of "Sherman" Cannon by PCC Dan Starkey

February 4th was a special day for the members of Lancaster's William McKinley Camp 21 and Anne Mariah Sterling-Butterfield Aux. 77. A 15-month fundraising and community partnership project had culminated with the reassembly of the "Sherman" cannon. The 1861 Parrott Field Rifle tube had been cleaned, refurbished, and placed on a new cast aluminum carriage.



*Left to Right - Josh Marks (Lancaster Parks Dept), Ken Sprague (Cannon Sponsor and Hamburg Fireworks Pres.), Brs. Bob Martin, Dan Starkey, Don Grant, and Greg Deible.*

Early 20th century newspapers say that the cannon was sent to Ben Butterfield GAR Post 77 after the group sent a request to then General of the Army Wm. T. Sherman. The post wanted to use a proper cannon in parades and observances.

Lost to history for much of the 20th century, the gun tube was resurrected from a ditch behind Lancaster's Sherman House Museum in the mid-1960s and restored at that time by local residents and the Fairfield Heritage Assoc. The gun was last fired for a Veterans Day ceremony in 1969. Carriage repairs were completed in 1985. Since then, the assembly sat on Lancaster's Veterans Square, slowly deteriorating from the effects of weather and neglect.

Camp 21 will feature the cannon in parades and observances just as in days gone by. The gun will be the main attraction at Veteran's Square, starting Memorial Day 2011. It will appear in the 4th of July parade and a blank charge will be fired to kick off the fireworks

display. Learn more at [www.savethecannon.com](http://www.savethecannon.com).

Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp 2 has completed the restoration of a GAR monument in Marietta's Oak Grove Cemetery. The monument commemorates Buell GAR Post 178 and the dead buried elsewhere in unknown graves. While the exact age of the memorial is unknown, it has been a prominent fixture in the "Soldiers' Plot" for many years. Ongoing maintenance and repair work by Camp 2 have kept the monument in good condition, but



*standing L-R Brs. Andrew "Andy" Frances, Marvin Miracle, Dan Hinton, Rick Griffiths, Jim Miracle, Howard Wolfe, Doug Unsold*

metal portions of the arch had deteriorated so that the entire metal framework had to be replaced and the concrete base resealed. The original arch bearing the words "IN MEMORIAM - UNKNOWN DEAD" was exactly reproduced using "at cost" donations and material from area citizens and businesses. The letters were water-cut, drilled, and all metal parts were powder-coated (including the original eagle atop the arch) before being hand-drilled, riveted and reassembled. All work and re-assembly was accomplished by Camp 2. The newly refurbished Buell Post G.A.R. memorial stands within the more conspicuous of two Civil War burial sections in Oak Grove and is highly visible from Eighth Street fronting the cemetery. Camp 2 is planning a rededication of the monument and interpretive tour of historic Oak Grove Cemetery near Memorial Day 2011.

## TEXAS

On March 12th, several members of McKinney's Col. E. E. Ellsworth Camp 18 and Co. K, 1st US Inf., SVR, rallied near Payne Springs to pay special honors at the grave of Pvt. Milton B. Carroll. Pvt. Carroll served with Co. K, 97th IL Inf., seeing hard service during the Vicksburg campaign and earning singular praise from MG W. T. Sherman. The local paper "The Mabank Monitor" covered the ceremony.



*Brs. Brook Thomas, Charles Sprague, Donald Sielert, PDC Blair Rudy, Br. Drake Peddie, and DC Harold Sickler*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Officers of Salem's Gilman E. Sleeper Camp 60 & Aux. 60 were recently installed. Shown is Sr. Mary Flynn being sworn in as the new president of Gilman E Sleeper Aux 60 by PNP Cynthia Brown. Sr. Mary is also Dept of NH VP. Br. Doug Jenkins was sworn in as Camp Commander by DC Gary Ward.



## MISSOURI

On December 4th, Ste. Genevieve had its annual Christmas Walk Parade. Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 marched in this parade for the second year. The Camp was also going to unveil the Civil War Plaque on this date, so other Camps were invited to participate in the parade and to the unveiling of the plaque.

In addition to Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 and its Auxiliary, Gen. James McCormick Camp 273, its Auxiliary, and St. Louis' U.S. Grant Camp 68 and Maj. Francis Wilhelmi Camp 17 were there.

The plaque did not arrive in time for the display, so the brothers and sisters assembled at the site before a mock up of the plaque and a large photo of the J. Felix St. James GAR Post 326, taken in the late 1880s. They spoke to local citizens about the plaque and the Grand Army presence in Ste. Genevieve. DC Rod Price and his wife honored us by attending the parade.



Photo courtesy of Bob Mueller.

## NEW JERSEY

Br. Peter P. Bahuk, Jr. (right) escorted Judi Cox as Mary Todd Lincoln (center) during her presentation, which took place February 21st at the Middlesex Public Library. Br. Peter is a member of George A. Custer Camp 17.

Lori Bahuk (left) portrayed Mrs. Lincoln's friend at tea. She is a member of Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 of Philadelphia.



## WISCONSIN

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, and Cordelia Harvey Detached Tent 1 (DUVCW) participated in the 1st annual Civil War Expo inside the Kenosha Civil War Museum on March 26th. Over 25 groups manned booths and spoke to visitors about this historic period and their organizations. Camp 5 manned a cannon, used as a static display on the second floor. The public often heard music from period musicians playing violins and a vocalist singing songs of the Civil War.

Meanwhile, some organizations gave presentations in two of the museum's meeting rooms throughout the day. These included talks on the SUVCW, Auxiliary, DUVCW and the use of artillery during the war.



*Aux. 4's Sr. Susan Fallon, speaks to visitors at the SUVCW/Aux. booth during the Expo.*



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## PROVOST MARSHAL RETIRES

Maj. Charles E Kuhn, Jr , SVR, recently retired as Provost Marshal of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. He had taken the lead in marshaling troops and running the parade for the past ten years. His service and leadership to the SVR in this and other tasks has been exemplary. Maj. Kuhn is active in the Gettysburg community and is a member of Gettysburg Camp 112. Maj. Kuhn will continue to assist when needed in the set up of the parade in his Gettysburg community.

SVR Commanding General MG Robert E. Grim has appointed Capt. Eric Schmincke as the new Provost Marshal. Capt. Schmincke was previously the deputy provost marshal and is well versed in marshaling the troops and organizing the parade. The SVR has organized and sponsored the Remembrance Day Parade for the past 54 years. Maj. Kuhn was CinC from 2007-2008.

## MOLLUS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF INVITES SVR TO MARCH IN MEXICO IN 2012



At the annual Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday commemoration in Washington DC, MOLLUS CinC (and SUVCW PCinC and SVR Past Commanding Officer) Keith G. Harrison met the Secretary of Education (Luis Maldonado Venegas) and his delegation from the Mexican State of Puebla. They were guests to the MOLLUS banquet and Sec. Maldonado was slated to lay the wreath of the Diplomatic Corps at the MOLLUS Lincoln Memorial program the following day. During the banquet, the Mexican government awarded CinC Harrison a medal with neck ribbon, acknowledging his and the MOLLUS role in preserving Lincoln's memory and his activities with the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Also at the banquet, Sec. Maldonado (on behalf of Mexican State of Puebla Gov. Rafael Moreno Valle) presented CinC Harrison with a letter, formally inviting MOLLUS to attend and coordinate a Civil War uniformed contingent to march alongside the Mexican Army in the May 2012 celebration and parade, commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Battle of Cinco de Mayo in Puebla, (southeast of Mexico City). The battle of Cinco de Mayo was a Mexican-French Battle in which the French lost terribly and ultimately lost their foothold in Mexico. The battle also effectively stopped the French from providing support and supplies to the Confederate States of America. MOLLUS CinC Harrison has since extended this invitation to the SVR. He also has initiated discussions with the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. about the arrangements that would be needed for this to occur.

## MISSOURI UNIT HOSTS DINNER

The 2010 Regimental Christmas Dinner, hosted by Gen Alexander S. Asboth Camp 5 and Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cav., SVR, was held at the Creole House in Ste. Genevieve, MO. Both MO DC Rod Price and his wife and SVCinC Don Palmer attended as special guests. Lt. Col. Jack Grothe, 4th MD SVR Commander, and his wife also attended. SVCinC Palmer, assisted by DC Price, swore in the 2011 slate of new Camp officers during a brief Camp meeting after dinner.

## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### PROMOTIONS

Pursuant to SVR Regulations, Art. II, Sec. 2 and Sec. 5, the following are promoted to the grades indicated, effective 12 Dec. 2010 and in force until 15 Nov. 2013:

- BG Henry Shaw, Jr., Dep. Co.
- Lt. Col. James B. Pahl, JAG
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#### First Military District

2Lt. Richard P. Lufkin (re-commissioned) and re-appointed Dist. PIO.

#### Second Military District

Capt. Mark Day, re-appointed Dist. AG.

Capt. Michael Paquette, re-appointed Dist. CoS.

1Lt. Justin Dorsey, Gettysburg Blues, appointed Dist. IG.

1Lt. Robert Pollock, Co. A, Potomac Guard, appointed Dist. PIO.

1Lt. A. Kendall Chew III, Co. C, Dupont Guard, appointed Dist.

Chaplain.

#### Third Military District

Capt. Donald Grant Sr. (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS.

Capt. J. Alan Teller, re-appointed Dist. AG.

Capt. Timothy Downey (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. IG.

2Lt. William Morris, Co. A, 14th MI Inf., appointed Dist. PIO.

#### Fourth Military District

Maj. Robert D. Champlin (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. Adj.

Maj. Stephen A. Michaels (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS.

Maj. Emmett P. Taylor III (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. IG.

1Lt. Randel O. Baehr (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. PIO.

1Lt. Jerome W. Kowalski (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist.

Chaplain.

1Lt. Michael W. Carr, CO, Co. B, 10th IA Vol. Inf. until 13 Mar 14

2Lt. Glen D. Kelley, JA, Co. B, 10h IA Vol. Inf. until 20 Mar 14

#### Sixth Military District

Capt. Jerry R. Sayre, (recommissioned), CO, Co. G, 5th CA Vol. Inf. until 13 Mar 14

Capt. William E. Tisch, (re-commissioned), appointed AG/Dist. CoS.

Capt. Joseph C. Marti, Co. C, 8th CA Vol. Inf., appointed Dist. PIO.

2Lt. Carl M. Taylor, (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. Chaplain.

#### Seventh Military District

1Lt. Phil Hinman (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. AG.

Capt. Eric B. Peterson (re-commissioned), re-appointed Dist. CoS.

2Lt. Theodore H. Golab, Dist. IG.

Marine Orderly Sgt. Glen Roosevelt, due to increased duties within his Dept., has stepped down as 6th MD AG. The Commanding General, SVR, wishes to thank Sgt. Roosevelt for his service to the SVR at the District Level. Sgt. Roosevelt will continue as Commanding Officer, U.S. Marine Detachment Mare Island, CA.

Effective this date, officers attached to an SVR unit will be assigned in the following Current Duty Assignments based on unit strength:

- a. Unit Commander (elected position)
- b. Unit Adjutant (Elected or appointed position according to by-laws of unit)
- c. Unit Chaplain (appointed position)
- d. Unit Public Information Officer (appointed position)
- e. Unit Judge Advocate (appointed position)

If the unit strength does not permit for an officer position, e.g. under 15 men, then the aforementioned positions may be appointed to non-commissioned personnel to have continuity within the SVR.

# FINAL MUSTER

#### William Hubbard

US Grant Camp 68 (MO)  
May 14, 2010

#### Richard A. Winger

Somers Camp 1 (IN)  
May 17, 2010

#### David Lee Preshur, Sr

Scyler F. Smith Camp 193 (NY)  
July 4, 2010

#### Hugh M. Wharton

1Sgt Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7 (FL)  
October 10, 2010

#### Robert E. Price

Wm. P. Benton Camp 28 (IN)  
November 13, 2010

#### Harry G. Waltenbaugh, Sr

John T. Crawford Camp 43 (PA)  
December 10, 2010

#### Erick Schlesier

Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544 (NY)  
December 20, 2010

#### John 'Jack' W.W. Loose

Gen. George H Thomas Camp 19 (PA)  
January 14, 2011

#### Carl Becker, D.O.

Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI)  
January 21, 2011

#### Ivan "Ike" Lee Rockwell

Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)  
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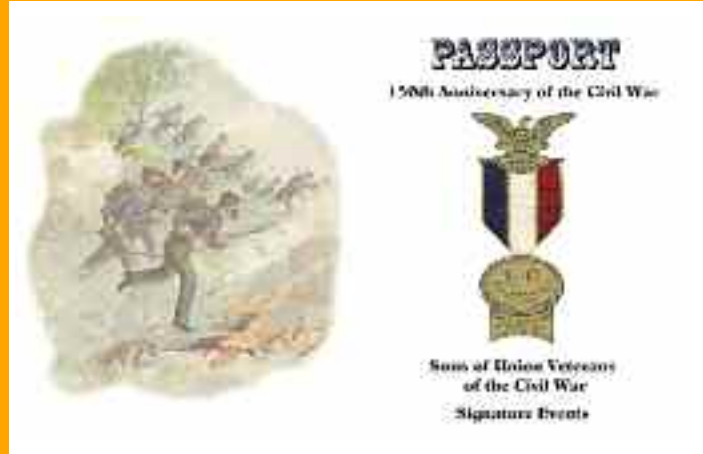
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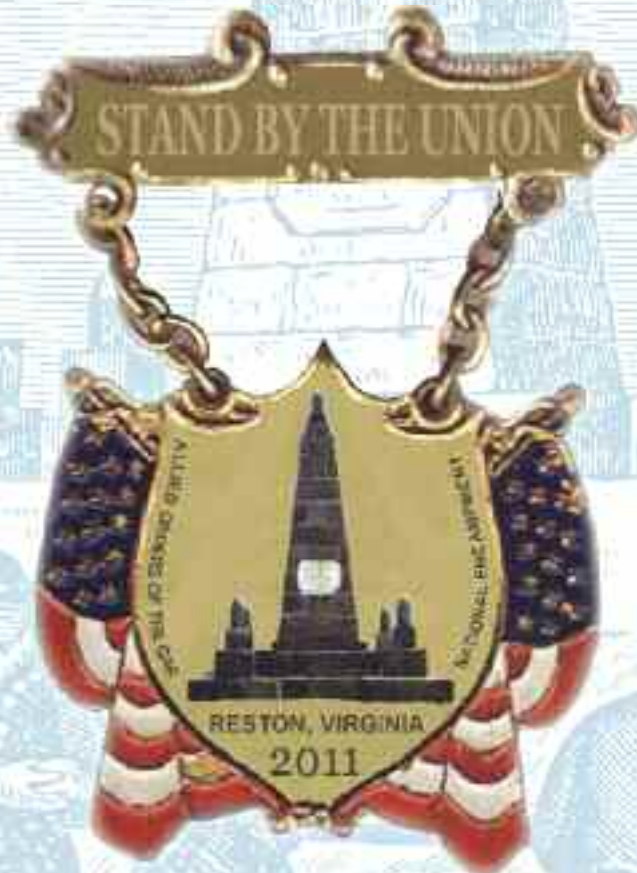
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# 2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL

The coming National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the G. A. R. will coincide with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Bull Run and the 100th Anniversary of the 1911 Peace Jubilee held in Manassas, Virginia. The Department of Maryland, SUVCW has ordered the striking of a numbered, limited edition, and commemorative medal to mark this historic occasion. The medal features the Henry Hill monument erected by Union soldiers in 1865 to commemorate the First Battle of Bull Run.

The 2011 National Encampment Commemorative Medal may be purchased for \$25 each. They will be available for purchase at the 2011 National Encampment of the Allied Orders in Reston, Virginia, or by mail order (with an additional \$3 for postage and handling per medal). Because there will be a limited number of medals struck, those wishing to pre-order the medals and have them reserved for them to pick up at the Encampment, may do so by sending \$25 for each medal requested. Proceeds from the sale of the medal will be used to defray the cost of hosting the 2011 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the GAR. Send check or money order payable to "MD Dept, SUVCW" to:



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### Allied Orders in Key Posts

The Maryland Dept. Host Committee Chair is PDC Mike Paquette. Assisting him is PDC Steve Hammond (Asst. Chairman), Nat. PI Camille Wallace (LGAR), PDC Michael Beard, PDC Kendal Chew, PDC Lee Stone, DP Helen Geppi (ASUVCW), DSVC Robert Moore II, DJVC Jeffrey French, DPI Mark Day, AP Barbara Day (ASUVCW), AP Mildred Ames (ASUVCW), PCC Robert Pollock, PCC Farron Taylor, and PCC Michael Virtz.

### Pre-registrations Being Taken Now

Pre-register before August 2<sup>nd</sup> at \$10/brother, using the form provided. After August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the fee jumps to \$20/brother. The fee includes: (1) Friday Campfire program of Civil War magic, (2) Memorial service and wreath presentations at Manassas, the GAR Monument and Arlington Cemetery, and (3) Saturday hospitality room(s).

### Special Optional Activities

(4) Thursday—Tour the Manassas Battlefield with Ed Bearss of PBS “Civil War” series as your guide.

A special day-long tour of Washington, DC is also available.

(5) Saturday, Aug 13 – 7-8 am. Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast—hosted by the Commanding General, the breakfast is open to all brothers. SVR members are encouraged to attend in uniform with their wives and families.

(6) Saturday, Aug. 13—6 pm. Allied Orders Banquet—Formal evening meal and entertainment. Two entrée choices.

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Manassas Battlefield—15 miles

Monocacy Battlefield—44 miles

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### 2011 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

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