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KUDOS IN ORDER



Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8's PDC Craig W. Keller received one of four "Distinguished Historian Awards" from Butler County Historical Society on Nov. 17th. He was recognized for his outstanding Sons leadership in both Butler County and the State of Ohio, and for his commemorative events, educational activities, and service to the Butler Co. Soldiers, Sailors & Pioneers Monument.

Shown: PDC Craig Keller (left) and CC Erv Dalton (right).

Missouri's U.S. Grant Camp 68 has another Real Son on its rolls. Hilbert (Herb) J. Gramelspacher's father, Joseph, served in Co. E, 143rd Indiana Inf. and late in life, married a younger woman. They had three children before the old soldier died. Herb, age 91, served two hitches in the US Coast Guard during WWII. He and his wife live in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Herb also joined the SVR.

Shown: DC Chris Warren pins on Herb's membership badge.





**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

1. Additional appointments are being made to the National staff. The following appointments are effective immediately.

2. PCinC James B. Pahl, PCC Max L. Newman and Bruce Gosling are appointed as Asst. Nat. Treasurers. Brs. Pahl and Newman are continuing their roles from the previous administration. Br. Gosling has helped the Nat. organization resolve accounting and tax issues in the past and was willing to serve as Asst. Nat. Treasurer during this administration.

3. PCinC Edward J. Krieser is appointed as Nat. Secretary for Proceedings and PDC Kenneth Freshley will assume the role of Asst. Nat. Sec. for Proceedings. Given Br. Freshley's recent election to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, along with maintaining his role as Nat. Webmaster, the reversal in roles from the previous administration was necessary.

4. PCinC James B. Pahl, who is currently serving as Nat. Counselor, will also assume the responsibilities of the Asst. Nat. Counselor – Blue Book. Br. Pahl served as Asst. Nat. Counselor – Blue Book during previous administrations and has requested to continue with these responsibilities in addition to his duties as Nat. Counselor.

Ordered this 3rd day of September 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

1. Sunday, September 11, 2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It also marks the 10th anniversary of the War on Terror, which symbolically began when a group of passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 fought back and prevented the fourth hijacked airplane from hitting its intended target.

2. Over the past 10 years, including the attacks on September 11, 2001, the War on Terror has claimed the lives of nearly 6,000 American military personnel and over 3,000 American civilians.

3. To follow suit with CinC George Powell's General Order 4 issued on September 11, 2001, I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Department charters and the Nat. website be draped in black for a period of 30 days beginning on September 11, 2011 in remembrance of those killed on that date 10 years ago

and those who gave their lives fighting the forces of terror and evil in the 10 years since.

4. I also urge all Brothers to fly the flag of the United States (1) in support of American military personnel, including nearly 30 Brothers of our Order, currently serving in war zones around the world and (2) to reflect on a time when we as Americans put aside our differences and all came together in a show of unity and resolve.

Ordered this 9th day of September 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past Nat. President Eileen Coombs. Sr. Coombs passed away on 20 September 2011 at the age of 86. She was a member of the ASUVCW for 70 years and served in various capacities in the Dept. of Maine, including Dept. President. She served as ASUVCW Nat. President in 1971.

2. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website remain draped in black until October 23, 2011 in remembrance of Sr. Coombs.

Ordered this 23rd day of September 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

1. Additional appointments are being made to the National staff. The following appointments are effective immediately.

2. PCinC James B. Pahl is re-appointed as Asst. Nat. Secretary – Department-at-Large Sec/Treas. Br. Pahl held this position during the previous administrative year and effectively improved communication between the Nat. organization and Camps-at-Large.

3. PCC David K. LaBrot from the Dept. of Texas is appointed as chairman of the Spec. Committee on Vision & Planning. This committee will be given ownership of our current vision and will be tasked with pulling together the long term plan designed to accomplish this vision. This committee will also be tasked with tracking key metrics associated with that plan and periodically report progress to the Council of Administration.

4. PDC Michael S. Bennett from the Dept. of New York is appointed as chairman of the Special Committee on Juniors. This committee will be tasked with looking at the potential role of Juniors from a strategic standpoint and developing a broader program for Juniors and Junior Associates, largely to increase their visibility and participation in the Order and promote a long term association.

5. SVCinC Perley E. Mellor is appointed chairman of the Special Committee on Marketing & Promotion. This committee will be tasked with developing advertising and marketing strategies, as well as materials to promote our Order to the general public. The SVCinC has historically

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CINC PALMER'S TRAVELS



CinC Palmer pins the Past Commander's badge on Bob Petrovic at the Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Conference held October 2nd in Rockville, IN.



CinC Don Palmer and wife Kimberly enjoy the festivities at a Reception and Dinner, hosted in his honor by Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326 on October 29th at the Ste. Genevieve Hotel.



CinC Palmer marches in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg in November 19th.



On January 10th, CinC Palmer installed the elected and appointed officers of Missouri's Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp 326.

CINC PALMER'S 2012 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

27-28 January	Dept. of Tennessee Encampment	McGhee Tyson ANGB, TN
12 February	Lincoln Birthday	Washington, DC
9-10 March	Dept. of California Encampment	Camp San Luis Obispo, CA
30-31 March	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Lansing, MI
6-7 April	Dept. of Rhode Island Encampment	Cumberland, RI
15 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
20-21 April	Dept. of Iowa Encampment	Fort Dodge, IA
28 April	Dept. of Georgia/South Carolina Encampment	Roswell, GA
29 April	U.S. Grant Ceremony	Manhattan, NY
12 May	Dept. of Illinois Encampment	Sycamore, IL
18-20 May	Dept. of New York Encampment	West Point, NY
30 May	Memorial Day (traditional)	Arlington, VA
2 June	Dept. of Missouri Encampment	Farmington, MO
9 June	Dept. of Ohio Encampment	Columbus, OH
16 June	Dept. of Wisconsin Encampment	West Bend, WI
21-22 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	Greensburg, PA

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

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

HONORING RHODE ISLAND'S WARTIME GOVERNOR

by SVC James P. McGuire



PCC Henry Duquette, CC Paul Cairrao, Br. Kenny Pike, SVCinC Perley Mellor, Brs. Michael Stewart, David Procaccini, James McGuire. Photo by Joe Nyberg

Elisha Dyer Camp 7's living history weekend at Cranston's Gov. Sprague Mansion, on Sept. 3-4, was endorsed by the State's Sesquicentennial Commemoration Commission. The event kicked off the city's Civil War Sesquicentennial. The mayor issued a proclamation, acknowledging Gov. Wm. Sprague's role in RI's wartime effort, and the sacrifices of its citizens and soldiers. He thanked the Sons for perpetuating the memory of the GAR.

Gov. Sprague's Rhode Island troops were among the first in Washington D.C. He rode with his troops at 1st Bull Run, where his horse was shot out from underneath him.

SVCinC Perley Mellor and his wife, Nat. Aux. Council Member Diane, joined visitors who saw participation from Co.

B, 2nd RI Inf.; Battery C, 1st RILA; the 6th NY Ind. Lt. Art.; the 14th RIHA (colored), and other units. A surprise skirmish with pickets from the 3rd Ark. Inf. appeared just outside the Union camp. Authors spoke and a Saturday evening concert by the Providence Brigade Band also drew civilian spectators, servicemen and women, and Sons from RI, MA., CT and NH.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Civil War on the Home Front – September 1861

Rosecrans Camp 2 CC Loran Bures and Aux. 2 developed and coordinated an event co-sponsored by Wilmington's Drum Barracks Civil War Museum on September 24-25. Activities and programs focused on California's home front during the early part of the War. The Aux., directed by DP Melinie Pros-Caines, provided hat-making material and instruction. Army, Navy and Marine recruiters, portrayed by uniformed SVR members from Camps 2, 17, 18, and 21, advised young recruits on joining up. In the Museum Library, CC Bures researched visitors' surnames on his computer to determine their Civil War history. Period music was provided by several groups, while a blacksmith hammered out some impressive hardware. Authentic Civil War uniforms were also on display.

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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
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or
Email Keith G. Harrison (SUCVW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at:
pcinc@prodigy.net

3rd U.S. Artillery Garrisons Fortress Alcatraz

Co. B, 8th California Vol. Inf., SVR, Friends of Civil War Alcatraz (FOCWA), and the National Park Service held a Living History Day on October 1, on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay. The event marked the 151st anniversary of the 3rd U.S. Artillery's arrival at Fortress Alcatraz. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 co-sponsored the event, and Bns. Kenneth Felton, Jeffrey Vaillant, and PCinC Brad Schall participated. SVR members acted as provosts. Nearly 60 participants attended from Sheridan Camp 4, Grant Camp 9, Wright Camp 22, Ellsworth Camp 23, and Pleasonton Camp 24, FOCWA, the American Civil War Assoc., and the Nat. Civil War Assoc. The 5th California Band entertained the visitors. The NPS asked Camp 24 to continue the living history events in 2012. Gen. Wright Camp 22 recruited a new member from the re-enactors who participated.



Dept. Brothers and Sisters form around PCinC Brad Schall at Fort Mervine. Event organizer DSVC Tim Reese is at far left. Aux. DP Melinie Pros-Caines is to the left of PCinC Schall, and Aux. Nat. Sec. Tricia Bures is to his right.

Organization of Company K, 5th California Infantry

Abraham Lincoln Camp 10 hosted the 5th Annual Fort Mervine "Civil War Encampment" on October 8-9, in Monterey. The event commemorated the forming of Co. K, 5th California Vol. Inf. in Santa Cruz and Monterey in Oct.—Nov. 1861, and was held at the Fort Mervine - Lower Presidio Museum in conjunction with the Annual Monterey History Fest. Participants included Rosecrans Camp 2, Sheridan Camp 4, Lincoln Camp 10, Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17, Pittenger Camp 21, Wright Camp 22, Ellsworth Camp 23, and Pleasonton Camp 24; and sisters from Rosecrans Aux. 2, Ivy Stiers Aux. 23, and Mary Walker Aux. 52.

Twice-daily musket and side-arm firing demonstrations were provided by the SVR's 6th Mil. Dist., Co. C, 8th CA. Inf., and Co. G, 5th CA. Inf. The California Historical Artillery Society (CHAS) fired a Civil War cannon, and demonstrated a horse drawn Civil War ambulance. The Camps and Auxiliaries provided nine various themed tent displays under DSVC Tim P. Reese's direction.

SEN. EDWARD D. BAKER HONORED IN VIRGINIA

Descendants of Union and Confederate veterans met at Ball's Bluff Battlefield to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle that claimed the life of Oregon Sen. Edward D. Baker on October 21, 1861. A small crowd watched as Oregon's Edw. D. Baker Camp-at-Large and the Virginia SCV's Clinton Hatcher Camp placed wreaths on the Baker and Hatcher monuments. Guest speakers spoke on the history of both monuments. The Baker Camp's Br. Randy Fletcher presented an engrossed copy of Oregon Senate Bill 809, commemorating Baker's 200th birthday, to the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable's Bill Wilkin and the Ball's Bluff Regional Park's George Tabb. The Dept. of the Chesapeake attended and the Potomac Guard, SVR, provided a musket salute, after which Taps was sounded by Br. Michael Paquette.





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been tasked with promoting the Order, a task made difficult due to higher priority assignments during the year. It is widely acknowledged that this organization must do more to promote and market itself. As such, this committee will focus on addressing this need, and in doing so, provide the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief with the necessary support.

Ordered this 25th day of September 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6

1. At the 130th Nat. Encampment in Reston, VA, a survey was distributed to get member feedback on Nat., Dept. and Camp programs and operations, and provide a formal means to present new ideas. A total of 103 surveys were returned and I thank those Brothers who took the time to complete them.

2. I would also like to provide those Brothers who did not attend the Nat. Encampment an opportunity to provide feedback. As such, I am tasking Nat. Chief of Staff Don Shaw with distributing the same survey to the Departments and Camps-at-Large through Dept. and CAL leadership. I am requesting that Dept. Commanders flow the survey down to their Camp Commanders for subsequent distribution to their membership. I am also tasking Nat. Membership-at-Large Coord. Alan Russ to do the same for NMAL.

3. During the months of October and November, I am asking that Camp Commanders offer the survey to their Camp members. They may be completed during Camp meetings or on their own time. Completion of the survey is voluntary and not a requirement. I also ask those Brothers who completed surveys at the Nat. Encampment to refrain from submitting another survey as your feedback has already been captured. All surveys must be returned by 30 November.

4. All surveys from Departments and Camps-at-Large should be returned to Br. Shaw at the following address:

PCC Donald W. Shaw

3914 Larchmont St.

Flint, MI 48532

or they may be scanned and returned electronically to Br. Shaw's e-mail address at p31713@aol.com.

All surveys from Nat. Membership-at-Large should be returned to Br. Russ at the following address:

PDC Alan Russ

P.O. Box 673

St. Francis, KS 67756

or they may be scanned and returned electronically to Br. Russ' e-mail address at suvcwks@eaglecom.net.

5. Survey results that reflect all responses received will be available to the membership in early 2012. An interim

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2012 ENCAMPMENT TO MARK CENTENNIAL OF LAST GAR CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

The 1912 GAR National Encampment in Los Angeles, September 9-14, was California's third and last Nat. GAR gathering. Two others were held in San Francisco in 1886 and 1903. The Los Angeles Times reported that 10,000 veterans and visitors had arrived by Saturday, the 7th, with thousands more expected the next day. The Encampment was headquartered by Dept. in 15 hotels; programs and meetings were held in at least as many venues. In addition to the four Allied Orders, four other veterans groups met. Thirty-eight states were represented. After California, Ohio had the greatest showing with 870 registered delegates and visitors.

On the 7th, six special trains arrived at three stations with hundreds of veterans and friends from all of the eastern states. Delegations from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois were first. The old soldiers were greeted to martial music and crowds of well wishers with, flowers and gift baskets. CinC Harvey M. Trimble and a delegation of 200 from Illinois arrived to the largest reception of all. The entourage moved to the Alexandria Hotel in 20 bunting covered cars, preceded by a 50-piece marching band. The route was lined by tens of thousands of Angelinos and visiting spectators. The Mayor greeted the Commander and his wife at the hotel.



A typical GAR Special Train arrival at a California Encampment

A 5-mile long Grand Parade of the veterans and the Allied Orders along with bands and other organizations started off on Wednesday morning. The formation stretched two miles in marching length. It included 7,126 participants, and was viewed by an estimated 200,000 spectators. A semi-official meeting took place in the evening at the Shrine Auditorium, where Trimble took control of the Encampment. The GAR Campfire ended the evening in the 10,000 seat facility.

Sunday, September 8th, was devoted to worship with 11 church services. Monday was set aside for several receptions, credential committee meetings, and reunions for some of the smaller veterans groups. The day also included an excursion to Pasadena's Library Park for a luncheon and patriotic program. More Council of Administration meetings and credentials meetings were the routine for most of Tuesday. Almost 15,000 not involved in meetings took the Pacific Electric Cars to the Soldiers Home at Sawtelle for a luncheon and entertainment by the Home Band.



A well guarded rest stop at the Sawtelle Soldiers Home, c. 1912.

The next two days were devoted to business. The GAR met at the Temple Auditorium and considered incorporation. This



The Dept. of California & Nevada Veteran Drum Corps of Los Angeles. Photo used with permission of the LA Times.

was rejected, as it had been the previous year. There was one raucous outburst when Colorado's Gen. George W. Cook declared that Denver should be a candidate for the 1913 Encampment. Cook verbally attacked and cursed the Colorado Dept. Commander for disagreeing that Denver had never submitted its name to host the Encampment. Gen. Cook was physically removed. During the WRC convention, the ladies declared that the Sons of Veterans would be their permanent escorts at Nat. Encampments. The GAR session concluded with a resolution that read in part, "When the ... Encampment selected Los Angeles as the place of meeting ... its decision was received with misgivings and doubt." "In the face of the magnificent reception that has been accorded us, those misgivings have been removed; those doubts have been dispelled, and today we rejoice that we have come to the Pacific Coast...".



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2011 - GETTYSBURG, PA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Donald Palmer at 8:03 AM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a thought and prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Palmer thanked everyone for the support he was given during the Remembrance Day weekend. The Nat. Sec. called the roll and recorded the following as present: CinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., SVCinC Perley E. Mellor, JVCinC Ken L. Freshley, Nat. Sec. Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treas. PCinC Richard D. Orr, Nat. QM. PCinC Danny Wheeler, Council Members Tad D. Campbell, Steve Hammond, Don Martin, Robert M. Petrovic and William C. Vieira, Washington DC Rep. PCinC Andrew M. Johnson, Nat. Counselor PCinC James B. Pahl, Banner Editor PCinC Stephen A. Michaels, Exec. Director David W. Demmy Sr.. Additional PCinCs included Elmer Atkinson and Charles Kuhn.

Guests included: Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski, Chief-of-Staff Don Shaw, NGRO Bruce D. Frail, Battle Flag Preservation Comm. Ed Norris and Chesapeake DJVC Mark Day,

Brother in Distress. PCinC Pahl reported that PCinC Loomis has lung cancer. He's in need of our prayers and Br. Pahl will keep us posted.

Camp Medal. Br. Day spoke about a medal only to be used within his Camp. Past policy: a Camp does not need a Merchandise License in such a case. In most cases, the vendor "owns" the dies made to manufacture. Is there a copyright conflict in this? The company holds them in "trust," but the Camp still owns them. PCinC Pahl asked if a written policy is needed. Should "copyright" by symbol, year and holder, be included on the product? Including copyright info on the medal (the CR symbol or "copyright") was discussed. Some agreed that it's ok to produce the medal for Camp use only without a license; in the future, copyright info must be included on all products produced with SUVCW owned names, symbols etc. Referred to the Programs & Policy Committee.

Encampment Proceedings. Br. Freshley gave an update. We do not have, 1993 and 1990. Br. Freshley recommended a General Info letter/page (Results of Elections and Installation of Officers) and submit it in place of the missing Proceedings. Some years are in the small booklet format and will take time scan. The 2011 Proceedings should be completed and printed by the end of 2011.

Online applications. There have been 61: the youngest was age 15, the oldest age 86. The average age was 56.

Website. There have been over 17 million hits from August 2010 through August 2011.

Quartermaster Store order form. There was a discussion on how unwieldy it has become to list additional, items. It is becoming harder to get them onto the website. Br. Wheeler complained about how large the order form has become (4 pages).

Nat. Website Hosting. Br. Orr received a \$60 check for some SUVCW and Allied Order group websites. Payment has not been received for hosting some pages for more than two years. Many more are being hosted than are paying for the service. Br. Freshley will come up with a solution,

including invoices to the groups we are hosting. We are not charging MOLLUS for their space.

Nat. QM. PCinC Wheeler recommended sending a letter to the Battlefield Fries owner, on Steinwehr Ave. in Gettysburg, thanking him for allowing our QM to set up a merchandise table at no charge and sharing his city license. Gettysburg Fries invited us to do the same next year. The Secretary will contact the proprietor and send a letter of thanks. (Glen Knight put us onto him).

Civil War Memorials. The report package was provided. PDC Bruce Bugereit has resigned and PDC Walt Busch has agreed to take the position, looking into restructuring the program to rely more on the Departments, rather than the Nat. organization, to manage the program. (Similar to what he did for the Patriotic Program over the last few years.) CinC Palmer referred the report's recommendations to the Programs & Policies Comm. for review and action.

Canadian Monument Committee as a Standing Committee. The committee requested status change. There is already a defined ending date prescribed for this committee in the order that created it. It is one year after the monument is completed. Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Hammond, moved to table. Motion passed.

Communicating with Departments. Br. Shaw reported that many Dept. websites are outdated, have little content, and/or the content is incorrect. CinC Palmer will secure a list of such websites and will contact each Dept. Commander concerning this problem.

Form Revisions. SVCinC Mellor will start putting the Order's mailing address onto new forms in order to hasten the closing of the Post Office Box. Recommended changes to Forms 9, 27(a), 30, 35, 49, 51, 61, and Scholarship Application and actions taken:

FORMS 27(a) and Form 35: Reinstatement fee should NOT be on Form 27(a) & Form 35; it is already on Form 30. The lines for New Brothers are confusing and duplicates info received on Form 30. This needs only to reflect those new Brothers being submitted with the report, not those submitted during the year.

FORM 61: Change Address from PDC Butgereit to PDC Busch, SUVCW Auxiliary should be included in the Affiliation Section, place Affiliates in the proper order of precedence.

SCHOLARSHIP FORM: (CinC Palmer ruled changes to the Scholarship Form out-of-order on November 27th; the current wording on the Form was enacted by a Nat. Encampment and the Council cannot overturn an action of a Nat. encampment.)

FORM 9: Suggestion to clarify relationship to read: Ancestor's relationship to applicant. Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Wheeler, moved to instruct the committee to make the recommended changes as amended by the Council.
PASSED

There was a break at: 10am Reconvened at: 10:07am

Ladies Appreciation Medal. Request by 2011 Nat. Encampment (handout provided) for presentation to Allied Orders members, meeting certain criteria. GA/SC DSVC Pierson provided the proposal. The possibility of award to non-Allied Orders members was discussed. Adopting a neck-ribbon vs. a badge format and other methods to reduce the size/weight were considered. The Programs &



Policies Comm. recommended approval. Br. Mellor, seconded by Br. Wheeler, moved to approve the proposal with amendments: Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Wheeler, amendment for a neck ribbon instead of a badge; Br. Vieira, seconded by Br. Wheeler, amendment to adopt the top design without red/white/blue dot; Br. Martin, with multiple seconds, amendment to use a gold or red ribbon to denote Dept. Award or Nat. Award of the medal, and that the CinC can make up to five awards during his term and Dept. Commanders can make up to three awards during their term; Br. Wheeler, seconded by Br. Vieira, amendment to strike oak leaf cluster and that awardee may only receive one award each from Nat. and Dept.; Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Mellor, made a substitute motion to approve the design without dots, adding copyright info, and suspended from a neck ribbon of the Dept. or Nat. color and refer to the Programs & Policy Comm. to complete the certificate and criteria for presentation at the next Council meeting. Substitute motion accepted by Brs. Mellor and Wheeler. Substitute motion passed with one dissent (Br. Hammond).

Treasurer's Report. Br. Orr reviewed report. Motion by Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Wheeler, to make our donation to the Cathedral of Pines before the end of December in place of the 100 we normally give on Memorial Day. Motion Passed.

SUVCW Wooden Coins. Cost is 11 cents ea. to make; we have 3,400 of them. Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Wheeler, moved to initially provide 10 coins per Camp, plus 10 for the Dept., paid for out of the SVCinC's Fund, to give out and promote the Order. A friendly amendment by Br. Vieira, seconded by Br. Campbell, that the JVCinC provide criteria and intention of the program, was accepted by Br. Orr. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Life Membership. Work continues on the reimbursement program and continuation of the Life Member Program. The Committee will have a proposal for the Springfield CofA meeting.

Nat. Membership Survey Results. Two sets were sent out, one at the Nat. Encampment in Reston and the other for Camps to respond to individually. A preliminary report was sent out by email. About 300 responses possible so far. Results were consistent between the Nat. Encampment and local Camp groups, except for charitable and GAR Records. Those programs not understood or known. CinC Palmer will summarize results and send the useful information to the appropriate committees and officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Allied Orders Leadership Meetings: CinC Palmer stressed the importance of meeting with the Allied Orders, especially when we share the same locality. Can we emulate a relationship similar to the one our Confederate cousins have with other hereditary organizations? Building better relationships will be beneficial in the future. The recent survey indicates our organization's desire to work closer with the Allied Orders. His meeting with them in Reston, VA, focused on:

General communication and communications issues (i.e. Sesquicentennial Events Program – some didn't know what it was.)

Youth /Junior Programs. Some don't have them. Kids

involved at a young age tend to come back when older and through college. Near term, committee will look at our youth program to seek ways to work with the Allied Orders.

2016 Nat. Encampment, trying to have ALL Allied Orders together. At this point, the organizations, including the WRC, are positive towards this. Great feedback was received from the ladies. MOLLUS will be discussing the possibility of joining us also.

VISION 20/20 Vision Program: We're ready for the next phase (Membership surveys were first.) Hopefully, we will have a program draft in place for the Springfield CofA meeting and the full program ready for the Los Angeles Nat. Encampment.

Dept. Encampments. CinC Palmer reviewed the schedule for Nat. Officers attending. Additions and changes were made.

GOING AROUND ROOM:

Br. Hammond: presented a mint 1980 Remembrance Day program, given to Br. Demmy to take back to Harrisburg

Br. Kowalski: Is it possible to posthumously reinstate a member whose Camp was physically destroyed before it could submit its annual report? This request is made so he can be buried as a member (Camp did not renew on time due to the disaster.) The Camp renewed late, but the member died before renewal was complete. Br. Vieira, seconded by Br. Wheeler, moved to allow this man to be considered a member, eligible to receive burial rites. Motion withdrawn; the camp was suspended and the Dept Commander has the power to issue a transfer card, predating the Brother's death. The card keeps him a member of the Order for one year if he does not transfer to another Camp. Thus, he was a member at the time of his death and is eligible for SUVCW burial rites.

Br. Petrovic: The Tony Fry sculpture is a six-foot tall bronze cast of a Union Soldier in New York. The commission was \$25,000, but Mr. Fry can provide them on order for \$8,500. A quality statue at a very low price. Contact Br. Petrovic for details.

Br. Campbell: "Welcome to California" presentation.

Br. Orr: Train service is already booked for California.

Br. Shaw: Running for Council of Administration in California.

Br. Michaels: Thank you for prayers & well wishes

Br. Hammond: Attempting to get headstones on unmarked graves of two 1864 Washington Arsenal Explosion victims. At that time, the Secretary of War ordered the War Dept. to pay all expenses for the burial of these women, but their graves were never marked. He attempted over two years ago to get headstones for the graves, but did not receive a response from the VA. He plans to take this to the next level (possibly going to a Congressman) and may need a letter of support from the Order.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Palmer asked Nat. Chap. Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted in F, C & L,

PDC Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Secretary



OHIO LEADS IN HONORING LAST SOLDIERS

On October 2nd, Cincinnati's **Wm. H. Lytle Camp 10** honored Brown County's last Union vet, Pvt. Wm. Pittenger, at Decatur Cemetery. Over 100 attended, including 25 descendants. Color guards from Russellville's American Legion Post, Georgetown's 70th Ohio Re-enactors, and Mt. Orab's VFW Post also participated. Pittenger's regiment was recounted and wreaths presented. Great grandchildren unveiled the memorial plaque.

Pvt. Pittenger was born in Decatur and died there at age 99 in 1945. He joined Co. A, 70th OVI in 1863 and fought in the Chattanooga area battles, the Atlanta Campaign, and the final North Carolina battles. After the war, he joined Georgetown's C. B. White GAR Post 232.



Brs. Larry Collins, Richard Davis, Peter Sturdevant, CC Kerry Langdon, PDC James Houston, Br. Richard Foy, PDC Charles Reeves, Br. Roger Poppel, DJVC Jonathan Davis, and PCC Dennis Brown.

On October, 15th, **Gen. A. C. Voris Camp 67** honored Pvt. Alvin Smith, Summit County's Last Soldier, at Akron's Mount Peace Cemetery. In 1864, Smith escaped slavery, crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky, walked 30 miles to Hillsboro, and enlisted in the 27th USCT, one of Ohio's two black regiments. After the war, he settled in Akron, where he died in 1948 at age 104.

Fourteen descendants, Garfield Camp 142, an American Legion color guard, and bugler attended. Camp 67 PCC Paul Huff emceed while DC Don Martin spoke and PCC Robert Hunter laid the Camp wreath. CC Jack Bowers led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented Pvt. Smith's bio. Camp 67's Br. Tim Defrange led the singing.



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A, 77th OVI. He served in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. He later married Elizabeth Fender and died on 26 May 1940.

The Monroe County River Museum, Hannibal VFW, and various historical/genealogical groups joined Brothers from three counties. Clarington's mayor, DJVC Jonathan Davis, and an historian expressed gratitude for Landis' service. CC Dan Hinton led the ceremonies while Camp 2 and others fired a 21-gun salute, followed by Taps. The River Museum sponsored a reception. Camp 2 brothers included SVC Marvin Miracle, Chap. & Sec/Treas. Andy Francis, Charlie Miller, Ken Reynolds, Bruce Fox, and Paul Warren.

About 40 people attended Noble County's Last Soldier marker dedication on October 22nd. National and the Ohio Dept. provided most of the funding for the plaque honoring Jacob McBride in Caldwell's Olive Cemetery.

At age 21, Pvt. McBride enlisted in Co. G, 186th OVI in February 1865. He saw service in Central and Eastern Tennessee. He died on October 4, 1941 after farming with wife Adaline Moore McBride and raising seven children.

Many of McBride's descendents joined Brothers from three counties. The Caldwell mayor, DJVC Davis, and descendent Kristi Brown expressed gratitude for McBride's service, as well as that of all the county's veterans. CC Hinton led the ceremonies and Camp 2's three volley salute was followed by Taps. Joy Flood of the Noble County Hist. Soc. and members of groups from four counties were present. Chap. Andy Francis read prayers; Camp 2 brothers included SVC Marvin Miracle, Chap. & Sec/Treas. Andy Francis, PCC Scott Britton, Councilman Howard Wolfe, Paul Warren, Jacob Hinton, Bruce Fox, Keith Cowdery, and Charlie Miller.

Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp 2 CC Dan Hinton contributed to the last two stories.



John S. Townsend Camp 108 gathered at Athens' West Union St. Cemetery on Veterans Day to dedicate a plaque, honoring, Pvt. Wm. L. Hooper as the last Union Civil War Veteran of Athens County.

Guests included a County Commissioner and speakers were DC Donald Martin, Br. Carl Denbow, and CC James Lochary's daughter Susan. A rifle salute was provided by Co. G, 63rd OVI, SVR, and Taps by Br. Carl Gaffin.

Pvt. Hooper was born 1847 in Ross County. He enlisted in 1864 in Co. E, 174th OVI and was wounded in the head by a shell fragment at Kingston, NC. He was discharged for disability June 14, 1865. In 1869, he married his first wife Anna. In 1890, they moved to Zaleski and he became an undertaker and later, a minister and mayor. Anna died on September 3, 1921. That December, he married Mrs. Susan Brown. They moved to Columbus where he joined Josiah M. Wells GAR Post 451 and Susan joined the WRC. Later, he became the Dept. Chaplain. After 20 years they moved to Athens. Rev. Hooper passed away August 27, 1944 at age 97. Susan passed away 2 months later.

INDIANA

Recently, Ben Harrison Camp 356 performed a gravestone rededication ceremony, honoring the last soldier of Newton County, Pvt. John Calvin Sarver, Co. E, 99th IN Vol. Inf., who was buried in Prairie Vine Cemetery. Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis provided a military honor guard. Newton County Historical Society sponsored the event, including the addition of a Last Soldier plaque to Sarver's headstone. More than 30 people attended the event.



left to right: Br. Kyle Conrad, PCC Mike Beck, CC Garry Walls, and PCC Tim Beckman.

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS

UNION MONUMENT APPROVED FOR BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD

The North Carolina State Historical Commission has approved by unanimous vote the erection of the first monument to Union soldiers at the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. The Dept. of North Carolina presented the plan to the Commission in Raleigh on November 15th.

The battle was fought March 19-21, 1865, when 60,000 soldiers in Sherman's army encountered 20,000 Confederate soldiers under Gen. Johnston, entrenched near Bentonville. Three days of fighting left about 1,600 Union casualties and 3,100 Confederate casualties. Gen. Johnston ultimately surrendered to Gen. Sherman at the Bennett Place, Durham, NC.

The 5-foot tall North Carolina granite monument will list the Union Corps involved in the battle and the states represented by Union forces on the field. The Dept. has raised half of the required \$9,200 for the monument and is seeking donations to ensure the monument is erected during the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Contact Dept. Treas. Wendell Small at 3233 Melba Dr., Fayetteville NC 28301 or wsmalljr@nc.rr.com.



FUNDING RESTORATION IN THE DEPT. OF NEW YORK

On September 24th, Carthage's Water H. French Camp 77 held a fundraising dinner at the Eagle Club. The dinner raised \$2,385 and benefited the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors memorial in downtown Watertown. An additional \$1300 was pledged. Many members of the Allied Orders, as well local community organizations, gave to the fundraiser.

The city received a \$150,000 state grant to restore the monument. The remaining \$50,000 could be taken care of by community fundraising efforts.

The Soldiers and Sailors monument, erected in 1891, is approximately 50 feet tall and consists of an allegorical figure of Victory atop a column with decorative capital, plinth, and base. The

monument is the highlight of Watertown's Public Square, which has undergone major refurbishment recently.



Br. Michael Lumbis; CC Richard Bierman, Brs. Robert Roshia II, Jeffery French, John Goloski (Cmdr, 148th NYSV, SVR) and Scott French.



Students and teachers from Rufus King High School unveil the new marker, as moderator PDC Kent Peterson looks on.

PARTNERSHIPS IN WISCONSIN

On October 9th, Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 dedicated an historical plaque, marking the home of Gen. Rufus King, commander of the Iron Brigade. King had also been a newspaper editor, a representative to Wisconsin's Constitutional congress, and Minister to the Papal States.

The Milwaukee County Historical Society, staff and honor students from Rufus King High School and local celebrity who was a Rufus King alumni played a part in the program.

The plaque represented a five year fund raising effort, which included grants from the National SUVCW and the Charitable Foundation.

HISTORY RESTORED IN OREGON

For decades an empty monument base stood among Civil War veteran graves in Eugene's Laurel Grove Cemetery. The pedestal was erected by the LGAR in 1921, but local historical societies and museums yielded no clues. Finally, an elderly gentleman, who grew up in the area, came to the SUVCW table at the Frontier Heritage Fair. He recalled that the monument was an eagle and that vandals had shot it to pieces. Victory eagles were popular on Civil War memorials and matched the description. An Eagle Scout raised funds for the restoration. The September dedication included guest speakers from the modern military, a Scottish piper, and an SVR honor guard from Cpl. Louis Renninger Camp 1 and Gen. Edward D. Baker Camp 6.



Cpl. Louis Renninger Camp 2's Br. James Henderson with the refitted monument.



SCOTLAND'S TRIBUTE

On Calton Hill in Edinburgh, stands a memorial, erected in 1893. The crouching, freed slave extends his arms in gratitude to an imposing Abraham Lincoln. The freed man is resting on furlled flags, symbols of victory. The statues are bronze and that of Lincoln is about 16 ft high. The base is marble. A medallion on the monument has U.S. and British flags surrounded by thistles and cotton plants.

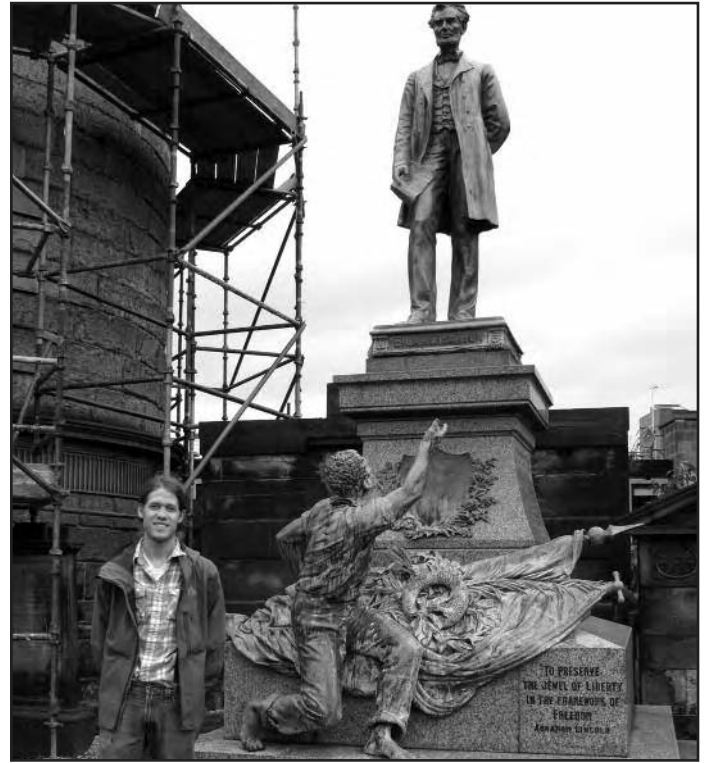
This was the first monument to a U.S. president in the United Kingdom and the only one outside the U.S. that commemorates soldiers, particularly those of Scottish descent, who lost their lives in the American Civil War. The inscription on the monument's lower right is a quote from Pres. Lincoln: "To preserve the jewel of liberty in the framework of freedom."

The Lord Provost, Town Council of Edinburgh, gave the plot of ground to U.S. Consul Wallace Bruce as a burial place for Scottish soldiers of the American Civil War. In fact, only two men were buried in the plot and one in an adjacent grave.

American sculptor George E. Bissell (1839-1920) created the bronze statue. He was responsible for statues in New York City, including that of Abraham de Peyzaer, an early Dutch settler, which can be seen in Lower Manhattan.

The memorial was rededicated in 1993 on its centenary by Lord Longford. The name of Alexander Smith, Co. G, 66th Regt NY Vol. Inf., was added at that time.

Information from "With a "Clasp of Loving Hands", Edinburgh is the Home to the Only Civil War Memorial Outside the US" by Michael Aidin in "Crossfire", the magazine of the ACWRT (UK) no. 70- December 2002.)



Br. David Rowley of Iowa's Grenville Dodge Camp 75 visited Edinburgh's Civil War memorial while studying at the University of Glasgow. Photo by Tori Klein

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Hosted by New York City's Oliver Tilden Camp 26
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THE GAR BREAKS THE RACIAL BARRIER

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

The Grand Army of the Republic was America's first large inter-racial society. In fact, it stood alone in stark contrast to the norms of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 1896, the US Supreme Court case Plessey vs. Ferguson established "separate, but equal." Pres. Wilson, a southerner by birth, wrote separate, but equal into federal law. So how did the GAR become inter-racial ?



In some cases, Posts, Auxiliaries and Sons of Veterans Camps were segregated [1], as was most of American society at that time. At least three black Camps in Delaware and South Carolina still existed in 1965.

GAR members were largely white, many native born and from lower middle to middle class families. Their service experience with immigrants was limited to the English, Irish, German, and French on the eastern front or Hispanics in the west. In a few GAR Posts, the ritual was conducted in German, indicating a number of German speaking vets. However, the 180,000 African Americans who served in the U.S. Army and 18,000 in the U.S. Navy were also eligible for membership. Black vets sometimes chose to form all black GAR posts in cities where a large number of black veterans were present. The Depts. of Texas, Alabama and Mississippi attempted to form separate white and black departments within their states.

However, the GAR provided far greater acceptance of minorities than did most of society at the time. Barbara Gannon in her 2011 book, "The Won Cause: Black and White Comradship in the Grand Army of the Republic", cites many examples of white veterans pride in the Grand Army's racial composition. The 1883 Missouri Dept. Co. is quoted: "in the Grand Army of the Republic there are no generals or privates, no distinction of race, but all are comrades." [2] The Arkansas Dept. Co. made an even stronger declaration: "I love the GAR, when I meet a man wearing the GAR button I do not stop to see if he is dressed in broadcloth or if he has a pair of overalls, neither do I care whether he is black or white. I only see back of the button the man who had the courage to enlist as a soldier and risk his life in defense of our glorious country." [3]

Ultimately, the majority was white and could have voted to exclude African American vets. They chose instead to recognize the overwhelming shared war experience and Dr. Stephenson's wish to make the GAR all inclusive in spite of racial differences.

On August 7, 1891, the GAR Nat. Encampment resolved: This organization, The Grand Army of the Republic, from its birth in Decatur, Ill., in 1866, to this, its silver encampment, has never turned from its post doors any deserving comrade, however humble, on account of his nationality, creed or color. The only qualification for membership is an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of 1861 to 1865, as the evidence that he "aided in maintaining the honor, integrity, and supremacy of the Nat. Government during the late rebellion, providing, always, that the African has done nothing in civil life to cast a stain on his honorable record in liberty's cause. During that fierce struggle for the life of the nation, we stood shoulder to shoulder as comrades tried. It is too late to divide on the color line. A man who is good enough to stand between the flag and those who would destroy it, when the fate of the nation was trembling in the balance, is good enough to be a comrade in any department of the Grand Army of the Republic." [4] The resolution carried and the race issue was officially settled. [5] Clearly, the Grand Army was inter-racial because the veterans wanted it to be.

i[1] McConnell, Stuart , Glorious Contentment The Grand Army of the Republic 1865 – 1890 Chapel Hill, NC : University of North Carolina Press c. 1992 p 71

ii[2] Missouri Second Department Encampment Proceedings, Grand Army of the Republic 1883 p. 21

iii[3] Arkansas 23rd Department Encampment Proceedings, Grand Army of the Republic 1905 p3-4

iv[4] New York Times, New York, NY : August 7, 1891

v[5] Gannon, Barbara, The Won Cause: Black and White Comradship in the Grand Army of the Republic Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press c 2011 p. 29

Photo: Smith Post 83—Norwich, NY—May 30, 1897. Photo from the Library of Congress.

It is interesting that in many posts the Color Bearer was black. To the vets it was making the point the war was about liberation.



THEIR LEGACY

African Americans were first recruited for the Union Forces in 1863. By the end of the Civil War, the men of the 175 regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops constituted approximately one-tenth of the Union Army. Today, the history of the USCT's wartime contribution is being kept alive by several of our Brothers.

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)'s **Br. Albert El** spoke to the Association for the Study of African American Life & History at its 96th annual convention in October, in Richmond, VA. The convention's theme was "African Americans & the Civil War." Br. El and another member of the 3rd USCT presented "The USCT and Ben Butler, Friends or Foes?" to hundreds of attendees.

Br. El serves as the Eagle Scout Coordinator for both his Camp and Dept., handling over 200 certificates a year and attending several Courts personally. He's a board member of both Philadelphia's GAR Museum and the Gen. Meade Society. He is a Vietnam vet, serving in the 82nd Airborne, and a retired teamster. His wife is a member of the Auxiliary.

Gen. James B. McPherson Camp 2 (GA/SC)'s **Br. Marvin-Alonzo Greer** began re-enacting in middle school. He's appeared as a member of both the 54th Mass., the 28th USCT (Civil War), and the 9th Cavalry (Indian Wars). He learned of the Sons through re-enacting in 2007 and joined as an Associate. Soon he found ancestors who'd served in the 55th Mass., 28th USCT, 8th USCT and the 11th USCHA.

In 2008, he served on the newly chartered GA/SC Dept.'s Council. Last summer, he was the Dept.'s point of contact for the 125th Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta event at the Atlanta Cyclorama. Since then, he's worked with Br. Brad Quinlan to identify the African American unknowns buried in the Marietta Nat. Cemetery.

He's pursuing a History major from Morehouse College and works part time at the Atlanta History Center as a museum educator.

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (CA&Pac)'s **Crittendon "Crit" Bell** prizes his Sons membership as an "affiliation with a great bunch of guys." He's especially proud of the Camp's Abraham Lincoln award. After researching his ancestor, Pvt. Henry Clay Thomas, 23rd USCT, he answered a Sons magazine ad and was soon contacted by Camp 4. He joined in 1995 and served as Eagle Scout Coordinator for six years. He persuaded the Santa Clara County council to provide its list of 200 Eagle Scouts each year and arranged for Scouts to help place flags on graves prior to each Memorial Day.

Br. Bell served in the U.S. Army during Korea and in Special Forces during Vietnam, spending 11 years overseas. He retired from the Army in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel and went to work for Pacific Bell, retiring in 1988.

Br. Nate Dorn is a proud member of San Diego's William Pittenger Camp 21 and Co. G, 5th CA Inf., SVR. He joined in 2006 after seeing the Sons' Memorial Service during a Dept. Encampment in San Luis Obispo, his hometown. He introduced himself and soon received an application. He joined as an Associate while continuing to seek documentation on his ancestor, Pvt. Oscar Ray Dorn, 54th Mass. Inf. He served on the Dept. Encampment's color guard in 2007 and 2008.

Personal setbacks in 2009 dampened his activity, but not his interest. He plans to rejoin his active brothers this Spring. Br. Dorn is also a U.S. Army veteran. He works as a licensed home healthcare provider.



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Br. Charles "Ben" Hawley's great-great-grandfather fought with the 29th CT Vol. Inf. Reg. (Colored). In 2007, while researching his ancestor, he joined Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (CH). He's served as Patriotic Instructor and in 2011, was elected Jr. Vice Commander. He's participated in the Washington, D.C. Memorial Day Parade, the Arlington Cemetery Memorial Day Programs, the St. Elizabeth Graves Program, and Gettysburg's Remembrance Day Parade. In 2011, he participated in an Andersonville Prison program, made a presentation at Central Connecticut State University and was asked to write for an historical publication. He's done living history presentations at Towson College and a Baltimore elementary school.

Since 1991, Br. Hawley has re-enacted with Co B, 54th Mass. Vol. Inf. Reg., Washington, DC. He is a board member of the U. S. Colored Troops Institute, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, and the Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland.

AN IMAGE OF HONOR

By Br. Jim Swan

An imposing statue stands in Nashville's Nat. Cemetery, honoring over 20,000 U.S. Colored Troops who served in Tennessee. Some 1,500 are buried there and over 400 are unknown. The nine-foot cast bronze figure was dedicated on February 18, 2006.

Fund raising had taken three years. For 18 months, Fort Donelson Camp 62's **Br. William C. Radcliffe** went to the sculptor's studio to model for the statue. He also helped obtain funding. For Br. Radcliffe, "It was an honor. It was for the memory of all the African American soldiers in the Civil War and what they did."

Br. Radcliffe is a Vietnam veteran, retired Nashville firefighter, and has been a member of the 13th USCT re-enactors for 25 years. He was chosen as the model because of his dedication. For many years, he went to Nashville's Fort Negley on the anniversary of the battle of Nashville (December 15-16) to sit and meditate. Soon others joined him and now an entire group gathers every anniversary to reflect on those soldiers' sacrifices.

Br. Bill Radcliffe joined the Sons "on account of Sgt. Maj. Edward Ratcliff." On September 29, 1864, ancestor Edward Ratcliff led his 38th USCT at the Battle of Chaffin's Farm in Virginia after the commanding officer was killed. He was the first enlisted man to enter the enemy's works. Six months later, he became one of 16 African Americans presented the Medal of Honor during the Civil War. He died in 1915 at age 80 and was buried in York County, Va. Over time, the name's spelling changed to Radcliffe.

Br. Radcliffe was selected as one from the 54th Mass. Vol. Inf. Reg. to read the names of five African American Medal of Honor recipients at the African American Civil War Monument dedication in Washington D.C. Sgt. Maj. Ratcliff's name was on that list.



COLORADO & WYOMING

On November 11th, PDC Garry Brewer and Bill Buvinger gave a talk about the GAR to Mesa County Lodge 173 in Grand Junction, CO. Brs. Garry & Bill described how the organization was started, what its purpose was and the records that were created.



PDC Garry Brewer (Marshall), Worshipful Master Dan Belcastro, DSVC Bill Buvinger (Tiler), Lodge Treasurer Linn Armstrong, and PM/Lodge Secretary Michael Thayer,

FLORIDA

William S. Harney Camp 8 CC David Hoover led his Camp in a rededication ceremony at DeLand's Oakdale Cemetery on Nov. 12th. He presided at the grave of Rear Admiral Wm. Stewart. During the ceremony, the grave was decked with a rifle, haversack, wreaths of evergreen and roses, and a U.S. flag. The roll call of the 28 Union veterans interred at Oakdale was called and Taps was sounded. Chaplain Cavins gave the benediction.



Br. John Sink, CC David M. Hoover, Sec/Treas. Gene L. Thompson II

IOWA

The Dept.'s Sesquicentennial Committee has overseen nine sanctioned events, including a State Capitol event, attended by the governor, Lt. governor and PCinC Schall, as well as delegations from seven of Iowa's nine Camps, and the re-dedication of the newly refurbished and expanded Muscatine County monument, also attended by the governor and PCinC Schall.

Sales of Committee-designed T-shirts have funded 2,000 pamphlets on Iowa's role in the Civil War and event support like P.A. systems, wreaths and brochures.

The Iowa legislature accepted the Committee's Civil War Sesquicentennial license plate, which requires at least 250 orders. The Committee's lobbying the legislature for funds to repair Vicksburg's main Iowa monument before July 2013. *Contributed by PCC Michael W. Carr, Chairman*

KENTUCKY

Jessamine County's Camp Nelson Nat. Cemetery (est. 1867), was named for MG Wm. "Bull" Nelson. On September 27th, an interpretative marker was unveiled in his honor near the cemetery office. The Dept., Nelson-Garfield Camp 3, Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 and the Battle of Richmond (KY) Assoc. purchased and erected the marker. The ceremony included remarks from the sponsoring organizations, cemetery officials and a rifle volley by Camp 5. The Camp Nelson Honor Guard provided a cannon salute.



Nelson's units were heavily engaged at the Battle of Shiloh. His newly organized, inexperienced Federal Army of Kentucky was destroyed by Confederate troops at the Battle of Richmond (KY). He was then placed in charge of Louisville's defenses. After arguing with Union Gen. Jefferson C. Davis on September 29th, 1862, Davis shot and killed him in a hotel lobby. Davis was charged, but eventually released and his record cleared.

Camp Nelson, a Union supply and training camp, was torn down after the war, but the cemetery remained and still serves veterans.

Contributed by Br. Phil Seyfrit, Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5

MISSOURI

On October 22, Phelps Camp 66 and the Springfield-Greene Cty Park Board recognized the 150th anniversary of Zagonyi's Charge. A ceremony was held near the battle site in Springfield's Zagonyi Park. On October 25, 1861, Maj. Chas Zagonyi's Union cavalymen attacked pro-Southern Missouri State Guard forces. Zagonyi, a Hungarian immigrant, bravely led his men and the State Guard withdrew. The skirmish was an important part of the early struggle for control of Missouri.



PDC John Rutherford speaks to those at the Zargonyi Charge ceremony.

About 50 attended the program, including Mary Whitney Phelps Tent 22 (DUVCW). PDC John Rutherford, Brs. Jeff Patrick, Kip Lindberg and Sr. Sally McAlear presented 1861 Springfield, and histories of the Missouri State Guard and Zagonyi's command. A cannon firing concluded the program, courtesy Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield.

NEW JERSEY

Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 (NJ)'s **Br. Jack Lindsley** celebrated his 100th birthday on November 28th. Lambertville's third Camp is honored to have Jack as a member since its inception. Jack traces his Sons membership back to Lambertville's second Camp, Lt. C. Wesley Arnett Camp 10, where his father was a charter member.

Br. Lindsley served 75 years as a local Fire Company volunteer and as a Sewerage Authority board member. Jack served in the US Army and participated in the landing on Omaha Beach and campaigns afterwards.

NEW YORK

On November 19th, Col. John B. Weber Camp 44 rededicated Sgt. Wm. I. Moeller's headstone in Buffalo's Concordia Cemetery. Moeller enlisted in the NY 1st Lt. Artillery. During the Second Battle of Bull Run, cannon shot shattered his left arm. He received a Disability Discharge on June 5, 1863.



Ceremony participants included the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, Lodema-Strickland DUVCW Tent 56, the 155th NY Vol. Reenactment Reg., Co. A, U.S. Regular Eng. Battalion, Pres. Lincoln (Mr. David Kreutz) and Mary Todd Lincoln (Patricia Petrie). Tent 56's Nicolle Beyer sang, Bagpiper and Br. Tim Leary performed and CC Bill Tojek sounded Taps. About 25 Moeller descendants attended the service. Local media covered the event. *Contributed by GRO Wm. Alan Christen II.*

OHIO

A ceremony, commemorating the 148th anniversary of the Battle of Buffington Island, was held recently at Portland. Conducted by Dept. Buffington Island Reps Jim Oiler of Gallipolis' Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 and Dan Hinton of Marietta's Fearing Camp 2, the event was co-sponsored by the Ohio Hist. Soc. Speakers joined DC Don Martin from the OHS, the State legislature, the

Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Fdn., the SCV and the Morgan's Men Fdn. Prayers were led by Camp 126 Chap. Henry Meyers and Camp 2 Chap. Andy Francis.



A 20-man military honor guard composed of members of Camp 2, Camp 126, and Co. B, 91st OVI led a procession to the Buffington Island Memorial for a three volley salute. Both Camps played "Echo Taps."

RHODE ISLAND

Col. Zenas R. Bliss Camp 12 recently placed a headstone for Pvt. Henry C Davis, Co. K, 1st RI Inf. Davis was 17 yrs. old when he died of disease in Washington, D.C. and was the first Rhode Islander who died in the service of his country during the Civil War. The Woonsocket cemetery was overgrown and almost forgotten until the Camp started cleaning it and receiving press on it ten years ago.



Brs. Russ Dean, Steve Hackett, Mike Lannigan, and PDC Bill Vieira. (Photo by PCinC Leo Kennedy)

TENNESSEE



Br. Dan Hughes (Gen. Geo. Thomas) Br. Curt Fields (Gen. U.S. Grant), DSVC Dave DuBrucq (1Lt, 10th TN USVI, SVR) and Br. John Mansfield (Pres. Lincoln).

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fort Donelson Camp 62 was well represented at Nashville's Fort Negley living history and skirmish, held September 24th. DSVC Dave DuBrucq served as demonstration coordinator for the event. The 10th TN, SVR, participated in the skirmish re-enactment. Fort Negley was the Civil War's largest inland stone fort and the center of Nashville's Federal defenses. The Fort's Visitor Center serves as the Camp's meeting place.

VERMONT

Rutlands' Ripley Camp 4 recently participated in the Vergennes French Heritage Day. Many visitors spoke French, enjoyed traditional French foods and music and wore vintage clothing. It's estimated that about 39% of those born in Vermont had French Canadian ancestry. Several Camp 4 members have Civil War ancestors with French Canadian roots. Many of those who visited Camp 4's Franco-American Civil War exhibit were surprised to find their countrymen had fought and died in the conflict.

Contributed by Ripley Camp 4 Sec. Frank Bump

WISCONSIN



The unkempt Red Springs Cemetery near Gresham was recently returned to the Mohican Tribe. Families were

contacted and soldiers' graves were identified for the first time in over 100 years. Research uncovered the names of six Union veterans and new headstones were ordered. The Tribe contacted Br. Kim Heltemes, so Old Abe Camp 8 could join them for a proper dedication.

At the October 8th ceremony, the Mohican vets joined the Camp with the Nat. colors and their own staffs, adorned with eagle feathers. Each also wore an eagle feather, a sign of their bravery given them by the tribe. Camp 8 used a modified 1917 GAR funeral service. Tribal members then unveiled the grave marker, spread ashes of a properly disposed of American flag, as well as buried a grommet from the flag on the grave. Afterwards, the Camp was guest of honor at a meal and a Pow Wow.

CENTRAL REGION MEETS

The 2011 Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association (CRA) conference was hosted by the DUVCW Dept. of IN, and held in Rockville, IN on Oct 1st. Co. Robert M. Petrovic (MO) presided and four of the five Nat. Allied Orders heads attended: CinC Donald Palmer (SUCVW), NP Barbara Waltz Stone (DUVCW), NP Cindy L. Norton (WRC), and NP Judy Rock (LGAR). After the morning tour, the meeting was held at the Parke County Fair Grounds. During lunch, members discussed recruitment during the last year. SUCVW JVCinC Ken L. Freshley, spoke on "Getting Started With a Website." Elected were Co. Donald W. Shaw (MI), SVC Cindy L. Norton (OH), JVC Martin R. Aubuchon (MO), and Sec/Treas. Jack O. Shaw (IN).

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GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA

The Joint Committee for the Ohio Monument at the Allatoona Pass State Hist. Site met recently to discuss the monument's design, price, and future fund raising. The Committee includes Brs. Gary Wehner, Don Bickham (Gen. Jas B. McPherson Camp 1), Ray Wozniak, and DUVCW Srs. Marguerite Dyal, Maribeth Brannen, Sharon Sowders, and Sarah Meyer. The dedication is planned for October 4th-5th, 2014, the 150th anniversary of the battle.

So far, over \$2,000 has been raised to honor Ohio men who fought at the Battle of Allatoona Pass. To contribute to this project, contact Sr. Meyer at sarahwmeyer@comcast.net or 770-667-5548

NEW YORK

On November 12th, at Maspeth Queens' Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Oliver Tilden Camp 26 and Co. I, 83rd NY Vol., SVR, honored four Union veterans with new headstones: 1 Lt. John J. Irwin, Co. I, 90th NY Vol. Inf.; Sgt. Chas Parsons, Co. H, 87th NY Vol. Inf.; Pvt. Geo. H. Gates, Co. K, 13th MA Vol. Inf.; Cpl. Thereon L. Neff, Co. H, 25th CT. Vol. Inf. CC Geo. J. Weinmann officiated while PCC John Portanova spoke. A NY State DVA grant funded the event and David Gigler provided the headstone foundations and office space. Aux. Sr. Janice Weinmann provided a relic display. DUVCW DP Lynne Dolan and PDP Janice Guy also provided support.



PENNSYLVANIA

Kittanning's John T Crawford Camp 43 has been raising funds for a monument honoring the Indiana County Civil War soldiers.



On November 5th, the Camp helped Sarah A Crawford Auxiliary 43 set up a Victorian ladies tea (delicious food) and fashion show. The Sons served as escorts for the fashion show and a musician performed on the violin. The event raised about \$2,000. For monument info, go to

http://crawfordcamp43pa.tripod.com/Rest_on_Arms_Trifold_brochure.pdf

Front Row: Srs. Chris Catalfamo, Amy Gresh (tea coord.), Peg Krecota, CC Robert Bowser
2nd row: AP Linda McKissick, Srs. Samantha Eckler, Ashley Ciprich, Karen Nupp, Olivia Nupp, Trinette Frerotte, Sue Carson
3rd row: Br. Sam McKissick, Srs. Charlene Krecota, Treas/Sec Mindy Eckler, Melinda Knapp, Nancy McLean

TEXAS

On October 6th, Dottie Lynn Tent 1, DUVCW, and Gen. James J. Byrne Camp 1 dedicated a monument along the Memorial Walk Way at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. Speaking at the ceremony were Tent Pres. Susan Pena, CC Gene Willis, DSVC Hal Hughes and Camp Chap. Paul Kendall.



NEBRASKA



The Dept. dedicaed a headstone for Wm. Sims, a veteran who died in 1916 and was buried without a marker in the rural Bureau Cemetery near Clarks. Many, including the VFW and Boy Scouts, participated in the ceremony.

Sims enlisted in the 28th NY Inf. and fought at Antietam, and Petersburg. He also served in the 33rd NY LA.

A Medal of Honor flag holder was placed at David Johnston's grave in the same cemetery. He received the medal for valor at Vicksburg. Many of his relatives attended. The flag holder contains a chip directing the scanner to the website that lists recipients. *Contributed by PDC Merle Rudebusch*



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Whenever I go to Pennsylvania, I make it a point to have a plate of scrapple. I have found this delicacy only in the Keystone State, although it may be served elsewhere. I will not tell you what goes into scrapple - you will never venture to try it if I do. Suffice it to say - I like it, especially with ketchup and scrambled eggs. I mention this because the Banner editor, in notifying me about this issue, sent his email with the following subject line - RE: Chaplain's Corner or A Little Scrapple for the Heart. The significance of that statement also lies in Pennsylvania. On one Remembrance Day evening several years ago, my family and the editor's family went out to eat. The topic of scrapple came up - and the editor's daughter said she had never heard her father laugh so long and hard as he did about my liking for scrapple. This, in turn, made me think of the fact that what we all really want out of life - is a little joy. Satan, the one whom we pray to be delivered from in the Our Father, does not want us to have joy. He does not care about our health, our family, our jobs - he just wants us to be miserable like he is. That is why he uses our addictions to alcohol, drugs, TV, laziness and the computer to keep us from being joyful. To keep us from rejoicing in the Lord. Take time to smile, to tell a joke, to make other people feel good. God will reward your spreading His joy by giving it to you.

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Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

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February 17, 2011

James Miller Deuel
Col. David Ireland Camp 137 (NY)
March 26, 2011

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Power-Dunleavy Camp 3 (IA)
May 23, 2011

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June 11, 2011

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June 13, 2011

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June 27, 2011

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June 28, 2011

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August 28, 2011

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John T. Crawford Camp 43 (PA)
August 29, 2011

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Power-Dunleavy Camp 3 (IA)
September 10, 2011

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James A. Garfield Camp 142 (OH)
September 16, 2011

PCC Walter McGonegal
Gen. Thos. McKean Camp 3 (FL)
September 18, 2011

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October 2, 2011

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October 3, 2011

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October 21, 2011

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October 25, 2011

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PERSONNEL ACTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

- 1Lt. Jerome Kowalski, Nat. Chaplain.
- Capt. Mark R. Day, 2nd MD Co.
- 1Lt. Justin Dorsey 2nd MD Adjutant
- Capt. Mike A. Paquette, 2nd MD CoS

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to:

- Lt. Col. James B. Pahl, Nat. JAG (to 15 Nov 13)

- Capt. Jerome Kowalski, Nat. Chaplain
- Maj. Leo F. Kennedy, Nat. PIO (to 15 Nov 13)

AWARDS

Presented at the 2011 Remembrance Day Breakfast, Eisenhower Inn, Gettysburg, PA, 19 Nov.

- Commanding Officer's Unit Citation – Gettysburg Blues Infantry Regiment
- 10th Tennessee U.S. Infantry Regiment

Distinguished Service Medal w/Gold Star –

- Col. Elmer "Bud" Atkinson, Nat. SVR
- Col. Andrew M. Johnson, Nat. SVR
- Cpl. Courtney S. Stahr, Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf.

Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Star –

- Capt. George J. Weinmann, Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. Inf.
- 1Lt. Robert Dorsey, Gettysburg Blues
- 1Sgt. David M. DuBrucq, 10th TN U.S. Inf. Reg.
- Sgt. Michael J. Rowley, Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf.

Certificate of Commendation –

- Pvt. Michael Farrell, Amzi D. Harmon Co.

Citations may be viewed on the SVR website.

TO INACTIVE RESERVE

- Transferred upon their request:
- Lt. Col. Larry E. Freed
- Lt. Col. Dave Allyn
- Maj. Eugene Mortorff

- 1Lt. A. Kendall Chew III, 2nd MD Chap.
- 1Lt. Lee Stone, 2nd MD IG
- 1Lt. Robert Pollock, 2nd MD PIO
- Capt. William E. Tisch, 6th MD Co.



Sgt. Michael J. Rowley, Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf. receives the Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Star.

ARTILLERY SAFETY SCHOOL

The 4th Military District will host its 2012 Artillery Safety School at the Sportsman's Club in Boscobel, Wisconsin on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20. The National Civil War Artillery Association will instruct and qualify participants. Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and under all flags are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$20/person. Further information and forms are available on line at <http://svr4md.suvcw-wi.org/news.html>. Registration is due before 30 April.



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survey, reflecting those collected at the Nat. Encampment, will be presented at the Council of Administration's November meeting in Gettysburg.

Ordered this 4th day of October 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7

1. Today, November 11, marks Veterans Day....a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
2. In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over. November 11, 1919 was set aside as Armistice Day in the United States, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during World War I in order to ensure a lasting peace. On Armistice Day, soldiers who survived the war marched in a parade through their home towns. Politicians and veteran officers gave speeches and held ceremonies of thanks for the peace they had won.
3. Congress passed legislation to make Armistice Day a federal holiday in 1938, 20 years after the war ended. But Americans realized that the First World War would not be the last. World War II began the following year and nations great and small again participated in a bloody struggle. After the Second World War, Armistice Day continued to be observed on November 11.
4. In 1953 townspeople in Emporia, Kansas called the holiday Veterans' Day in gratitude to the veterans in their town. Soon after, Congress passed a bill introduced by Kansas congressman Ed Rees renaming the federal holiday to Veterans' Day. President Eisenhower signed it into law on May 26, 1954. In 1971, President Nixon declared it a federal holiday to be observed on the fourth Monday in October in conjunction with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. In 1978, it was moved back to the original date of November 11.
5. I urge all Brothers in our Order to proudly display the flag of the United States and take time on this day to reflect on the sacrifices made by America's veterans.
6. To our Brothers who also wore a uniform of the United States Armed Forces, you have my heartfelt thanks for your service and dedication in defending our great Nation.

Ordered this 11th day of November 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Mary Scofield. Sr. Scofield passed away on 11 November 2011 at the age of 96. She was a member of the Conklin-Sellew Aux. 20, Dept. of Connecticut. She also served as ASUVCW Nat. President in 2001.

2. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website be draped in black until 14 December 2011 in remembrance of Sr. Scofield.

Ordered this 14th day of November 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9

1. At the 14 August 2011 Council of Administration meeting, a motion to change the required submittal dates for signature event proposals was passed. This motion was passed to promote advance planning of Signature events, eliminate the "short notice" rush to secure the necessary approvals and obtain medals and passport books in a timely manner.
 2. It is now required that Signature event proposals be submitted to the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee no later than 90 days before the proposed event. The Council of Administration subcommittee, chaired by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, must receive the down-selected proposals from the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee no later than 45 days before the proposed event.
 3. The Signature event forms have been revised and are now available on the website. Given this, the new submittal dates are now in effect and no proposals will be accepted that do not adhere to these dates.
 4. Camps, Departments and/or SVR units that have already started the proposal approval process will be allowed to complete the process. However, from this point forward, the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is instructed to decline any new proposal that was not received with at least 90 days advance notice.
- Ordered this 16th day of November 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10

1. A request has been received from Maine DC Larry Williams to revoke the charter of T.W. Hyde Camp 46, located in Bath, ME.
2. The Camp has been inactive for some time and has continuously failed to file reports with the Dept. The remaining active Camp member has transferred to another Camp within the Dept. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.
3. Pursuant to Chap. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Dept. of Maine any and all properties of said Camp, including but not limited to the Camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 26th day of November 2011

By order of:	Attested:
Donald D. Palmer, Jr.	PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
Commander-in-Chief	National Secretary

COLLECTING THE SONS

SONS OF VETERANS VISITING CARDS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian



Today, they're often mistakenly called business cards. The Victorians had a quaint custom of presenting visiting/calling cards, bearing only their name and possibly their organizational affiliation to announce their arrival or as a reminder of a meeting. Since both the GAR and the Sons of Veterans did not endorse one's business over another, business cards did not normally feature GAR or SV emblems. Calling cards can be found with almost every conceivable lodge affiliation or even a simple floral design. Cards featuring each of the Allied Orders and MOLLUS can be collected.

Sons CinC Marvin Hall owned a military supply company in Michigan. His catalog from the 1890s advertised: "Our visiting cards are fine Bristol Board, Emblematic and Beautiful. Printed Cards only are supplied." One style featured a beautiful color combination of the National Colors, Stack of Arms, Cannon, etc. with plain edge or gilt edge. A second style offered the Sons of Veterans badge in bronze and red, white and blue. Again with plain or gilt edges and a third style with the SV Coat of Arms. Offered embossed or flat and again with plain or gilt edges. The cost was between \$1 and \$2.50 a hundred. Less expensive was a printed design without signature and the member could then sign.

GAR cards often featured an embossed or printed badge showing the highest office held. All Nat., Dept. and Post level offices were available. The earliest Sons example (shown here) features our 1887 lapel button design. These were available in black and white or full color.

Collecting these cards can be challenging with so many design variations, officers titles, and perhaps famous people. Expect to pay a premium price if you locate early Commander-in-Chief's cards or a Major A.P. Davis card. Cards featuring the Sons of Veterans Philadelphia or Albany branches before they merged with the Pittsburgh Sons of Veterans are rare too. Today, cards are offered by antique dealers from a few dollars to \$50 each.

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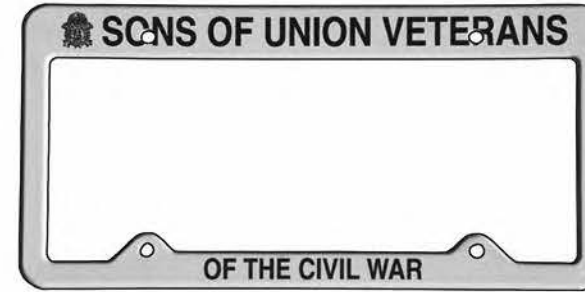
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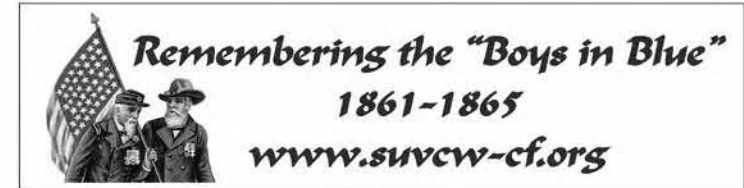


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15 JANUARY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER
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15 FEBRUARY	22	DEPT SECRETARY	INSTALLING OFFICER REPORT
15 MARCH	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING FEBRUARY
31 MARCH	10	NAT. TREASURER	LIFE MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT
15 APRIL	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MARCH
30 APRIL	27	DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ANNUAL REPORT
30 APRIL		DEPT SECRETARY	CAMP ROSTER
30 APRIL		DEPT SECRETARY	ANNUAL PER CAPITA DUES
15 MAY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING APRIL
15 MAY	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 31 DECEMBER
15 JUNE	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MAY
15 JULY	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JUNE
15 AUGUST	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JULY
15 SEPTEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING AUGUST
15 OCTOBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER
15 NOVEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING OCTOBER
15 NOVEMBER	990N	IRS	ANNUAL TAX RETURN IF FISCAL YEAR ENDS 30 JUNE
15 DECEMBER	30	DEPT SECRETARY	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

DEPARTMENT REPORT DATES			
DATE) No later than)	FORM	TO	NOTES
15 JANUARY	30	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING NOVEMBER
15 FEBRUARY	30	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING DECEMBER
15 MARCH	EIN	NAT. TREASURER	COMPILED EIN NUMBERS AND CONTACTS FOR EACH CAMP AND THE DEPARTMENT
15 MARCH	30	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING JANUARY
31 MARCH	10	NAT. TREASURER	LIFE MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT DMAL
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15 JULY	30	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS DURING MAY
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California & Pacific Plans 2012 National Encampment

The Allied Orders of the Department of California & Pacific, invite you to the 2012 National Encampment at Los Angeles, California on August 9th - 11th. The Airport Marriott will serve as Headquarters for this important business and social gathering.

The Marriott boasts 985 guestrooms, complimentary shuttle service from LAX 24 hours/day. The hotel is close to shops, restaurants and the beach. The hotel's pool is open 10 am to 9 pm.

Reserve your room now by calling (800) 228-9290. Be sure to specify that you are with the "SUVCW" or "Allied Orders" to receive the group rate of \$99 for single/double plus tax. This special rate is good for August 3rd - 16th and expires on July 11th.

Allied Orders in Key Posts

The Dept. Host Committee Chair is DC Glen Roosevelt. Working with him are CC Loran Bures (co-chair), PCC Frank Avila, CC Philip Caines (Dept. Sec/Treas.), PDC Tad Campbell, PCC Thomas Chumley, DJVC Thomas Graham, PCC Thomas Helmantoler (Chap.), PDC Charles Mabie, DSVC Timothy Reese, PCinC Brad Schall, PCC Owen Stiles, Nat. Aux. Sec. Patricia Bures, DP Melnic Caines, PDP Rachele Campbell (Nat. Enc. POC), PP Beverly Graham, and AP Susan Sweet. LGAR rep: Pres. Judy Rock.

Pre-registrations Being Taken Now

Pre-register before August 2nd at \$10/brother, using the form provided. After August 2nd, the fee jumps to \$20/Brother. The fee includes: (1) Friday Campfire program, (2) Memorial service, and (3) Saturday hospitality room(s).

Special Optional Activities

(4) Thursday, August 9: 12-5 pm. Tours: "Civil War & GAR California", or "Entertainment Capitol of the World".

(5) Saturday, Aug 11 - 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. 11 - 6:30 pm. Allied Orders Banquet—Formal evening meal and entertainment. ~~Two~~ Four entrée choices.

Interesting Places to Visit

- Drum Barracks Civil War Museum - Wilmington
- Western Terminus of the G.A.R. Highway and Lincoln Statue - Long Beach
- Los Angeles National Cemetery - Los Angeles
- Bob Hope Patriotic Hall - Los Angeles, California
- Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery & G.A.R. Plot - Los Angeles
- El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument - Los Angeles
- Autry Museum of the American West - Los Angeles
- Lincoln Memorial Shrine - Redlands
- Fort Tejon State Historic Park - Lebec



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This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials card, which is required to complete your registration at the Encampment. You will not be able to register at the Encampment without a completed Credentials card from your Department Secretary.

Pre-registration will be acknowledged by e-mail only and not individually.

Pre-Registration deadline is 3 Aug 2012