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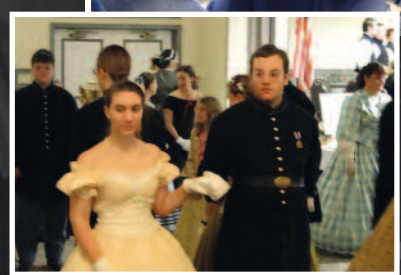
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KUDOS IN ORDER

On December 9th, PDC Neil Hanlon was presented the Meritorious Service Award at the Battle of Fredericksburg's sesquicentennial celebration. The day before, the Union pontoon boats crossing the Rappahannock River and cavalry/infantry encounters were recreated. A interpretative walk from the river to the Sunken Road/Wall and an NPS memorial service were conducted.



Shown kneeling: Brs. Logan Metesh, Andrew Johnson, JVC Jay Rarick, and PCC Bob Roser.

Shown standing: CC Bob Heath, Sec/Treas. Tom Dempsey, PDCs Mike Paquette, Mike Beard, Gene Mortorff, and Neil Hanlon, Br. James Standard, PDC Lee Stone, MOLLUS CinC Jeffrey Burden, Br. Eric Sprengle, DSVC Mark Day, Brs. John St Peter (N.J.), and John Griffiths. Uniformed brothers (except Standard, St. Peter and Griffiths are members of the SVR's 2nd Mil. Dist.

On October 20th, CinC Mellor presented PCC Whitney Maxfield, Scott Camp 302, with the Whitehouse Award at the New England Regional Assoc. meeting in Vermont. Br. Whitney has pushed for nearly a decade to have a monument erected in Barre, Vermont, honoring those who served from the city. Br. Whitney led a successful fund raising effort that will allow Camp 302 to dedicate the monument on Memorial Day 2013.





**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 18, 2012
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Mellor at 8:07AM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Mellor thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments. The Nat. Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and guests present: CinC Perley Mellor, SVCinC Kenneth Freshley, JVCinC Tad Campbell, Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Steve Hammond, Donald Martin, Don Shaw, and Immediate PCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr. PCinCs included: Stephen Michaels (Banner Editor), Andrew Johnson, Robert Grim, Jim Pahl, Charlie Kuhn, and Leo Kennedy. Guests included: Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Exec. Director David Demmy, Nat. Chief of Staff Ed Norris, Nat. GRO Bruce Frail, PCC Max Newman (Nat. Asst. Treas.), PCC Henry Shaw (SVR), Nat. PI John Bates, Mark Day (Dept. of the Chesapeake), IL DSVC Marc Finnegan, and GA&SC DSVC Brian Pierson. Absent: Council Member Bill Vieira.

OFFICER REPORTS & OLD BUSINESS

(Unless noted below, an officer had nothing to add to their previously submitted report.)

Nat. Treasurer—Br. Orr distributed copies of current budget and Consolidated Balance Sheet (as of 10/31/2012).

- 501c3 Update: A lawyer has been retained (\$7,500), is completing the required IRS paperwork and will make the submission to the IRS. To date, we have done what was asked, however, our lawyer is concerned about our small amount of charitable donations. (Banner is considered a member benefit, not a charitable donation.) Our Nat. Treasurer will update on a regular basis.

- Financial Statement thru October 31. Bills are paid.

- IRS Form 990N submission. Each Dept. and Camp is required to submit this form yearly (submission date depends on fiscal year). The SUVCW was one of the organizations randomly selected by the IRS for review. There are units that are not meeting the law on submission, but there are also IRS problems. We are moving on, using our 501c3's lawyer's advice.

- Life Membership: The newest version, passed at the 2012 Nat. Encampment, requires life membership funds be invested. As of last July, there is \$1,000 to be invested. The Treasurer wishes at least a 4% return on the investments. He discussed two methods:

1. Purchase stock that has a historical record of returning at least 4%. Two companies that have met that are Verizon (excess of 6 %) and Excellon Corporation (and some others).

2. Purchase corporate bonds. GE Capital (8.24 percent) and others with similar returns.

The Treasurer recommended buying corporate stock (Ameritrade, Schwab, etc.) and that we borrow approximately \$6,000 from the General Fund to add to the Life Membership fees received so far in order to purchase 100 units of stock. This will be paid back with addition Life Membership fees, expected to be received over the next year.

MOTION by Br. Mortorff, seconded by Br. Wheeler to authorize the Nat. Treasurer to purchase 100 units of corporate stock using the combined proceeds from our life membership program and the necessary amount borrowed from our general funds. Motion passed unanimously with the Nat. Treasurer abstaining.

- Financial Planner: At the 2012 Springfield, IL CofA meeting, the Nat. Treasurer was asked to explore engaging a Certified Financial Planner. He explored three firms; they all wanted an all or nothing relationship. There are two ways they can profit from their work: take money off of each individual trade completed on our behalf or take a percentage off of the total profits on any/all of our accounts. He is concerned with the three he looked at and is continuing the search for a CFP.

Assist. Secretary for Proceedings—SVCinC Freshley reported last year's Nat. Encampment is being completed. The CinC, and all present thanked Ken for his work, especially during his lengthy hospitalization.

Nat. Secretary—PDC Mortorff said that since his report, there's been a violation of our trademark by an individual manufacturing Stone Personalized Laser Tribute Gifts on EBay (Item 80851770). An email was quickly sent, requesting they cease and desist from further sales. A certified letter follow up with a similar request, and an inquiry on profits earned from sales of these was also sent. We are awaiting their formal reply, however, in a return email they did agree to stop selling this item. (Pending)

- Email correspondence to Dept. Commanders/Secretaries concerning the upcoming Dept. voting on the proposed change to Preamble to the Nat. Constitution was sent earlier with a copy of the vote record attached. This attachment will now be regular mailed.

Nat. CinC—Br. Mellor reported that Dept. Commanders are requested to provide info on their Dept. Encampments. The CinC reviewed the information he had and requested volunteers cover Encampments/events that he was unable to attend. Expenses can only be reimbursed for Dept. Encampment attendance. The CinC's list will be posted on the Nat. webpage and updated as necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member X has missed regular meetings and a great number of Electronic Boardroom votes over the last year. He has also been inactive (not voting) as a member of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee.

MOTION by Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Campbell and amended by Brs. Kennedy and Orr, that in this instance, we make an exception to the policy for the make-up of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Comm., to remove Br. X from said Comm. and replace him with Br. Hammond. Program & Policies Comm. will review the current policy and give us an option for the future. Official notification of this decision will be provided to Br. X by the Nat. Sec. Motion passed unanimously.

Nat. Encampment Site Selection Comm.—CinC Mellor read portions of a letter from Chairman Br. Jim Houston. He is resigning, effective at the 2013 Nat. Encampment. However, he's willing to act as a comm. aid. The CinC

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ON THE MOVE WITH CINC MELLOR



CinC Mellor accepts a gift from Picacho Peak Camp-at-Large 1 CC David Swanson while visiting in Arizona last August.



Br. Jamie McGuire and CinC Mellor at the Gen. Burnside monument re-dedication in Providence, RI, on November 3rd.



On Nov. 11th, CinC Mellor attended the talk at the New England Civil War Museum in Rockville, Conn., entitled "Gettysburg's Most Famous Address—the David Wills House." Shown are Museum Exec. Dir. Matt Reardon, speaker Dr. Walter Powell of Gettysburg, CinC Mellor and Wills' great great grandson Mike Mckee of Redding, Conn.

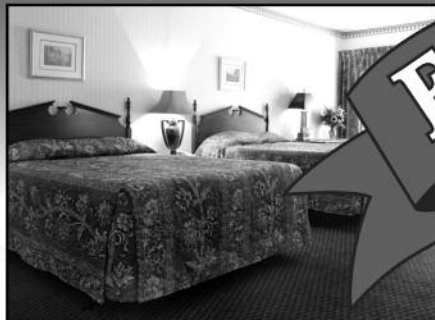


Pausing after the Worcester Veterans Day parade and the Ninth Inf. Div. War Memorial rededication ceremony are: Dave Gallagher, Brs. Mal Grant, Bruce Stone, Ed Norris, Rey Rodriguez, Kevin Keegan, Chip Chambers, Perley Mellor, and George Maple.

CINC MELLOR'S 2013 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

12 January	Dept. of Kansas Encampment	Emporium, KS
26 January	Dept. of Indiana Mid-Winter Meeting	American Legion Post 500, Speedway, IN
2 February	Lincoln Birthday Ceremony	Washington, DC
8-9 March	Dept. of California Encampment	Camp San Luis Obispo, CA
16 March	New England Regional Association Meeting	TBA, MA
23 March	Dept. of Tennessee Encampment	Chattanooga, TN
29-30 March	Dept. of Massachusetts Encampment	Courtyard by Marriott, Marlborough, MA
6 April	Dept. of Rhode Island Encampment	Benefit Street Arsenal, Providence, RI
13 April	Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder's Ceremonies	Springfield & Petersburg, IL
19-20 April	Dept. of New Hampshire Encampment	Concord, NH
27 April	Dept. of Maine Encampment	TBA, ME
28 April	U.S. Grant Ceremony	Manhattan, NY
3-4 May	Dept. of Michigan Encampment	Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing, MI
11 May	Dept. of Illinois Encampment	Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago, IL
18 May	Dept. of Vermont Encampment	Rutland, VT
30 May	Memorial Day (traditional)	Arlington, VA
1 June	Dept. of Kentucky Encampment	Ramage CW Museum, Fort Wright, KY
8 June	Dept. of Ohio Encampment	Franklin Cty. Vets Memorial, Columbus, OH
15 June	Dept. of Florida Encampment	Senior Center, St. Cloud, FL
27-28 June	Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment	Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA
Various Nat. Officers will represent CinC Mellor at the Encampments and events not listed.		

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REMEMBRANCE DAY IN THE WEST

CALIFORNIA

Despite inclement weather, the Phil Sheridan Camp 4's and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52's official Remembrance Day observance took place at the GAR plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San José on Saturday, November 17th.



Shown: Br. Rick LaRosa, PCC Dan Earl, Brs. Richard Staley, Paul Lavrischeff, PAP Bev Graham, Brs. Lorne Marnet, John Stolp, Sr. Gail Marnet, Bt. John Jensen, PCC Frank Avila, Br. Joe Ferman, PCC Tom Graham, and Sr. Diane Wetzel. Photo by PCC Bob Kadlec.

NEBRASKA

On November 17, the Nebraska Rangers SVR with Victor Vifquain Camp 1, Shiloh Camp 2, and Wellstadt Camp 3, along with the DUVCW, attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the state capitol. Lt. Col. Michael Vick, Creighton ROTC and Camp 1 brother, was the keynote speaker. Presentations were made by DC Michael Ponte, Camp 1 CC Marc Witkovski, Camp 2 CC Bill Dean, SVC Mark Nichols, Chaplain Keith Rockefeller and DUVCW DP and PNP Judy Frohm. Camp 3 Sec/Treas Paul Hadley handled public relations. The color guard was provided by Creighton University's ROTC, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Cub Scout Pack 48 and Camp 1 JVC Ron Rockenbach delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



The ceremony was held in the morning on the day of the Minnesota and Nebraska football game. Minnesota visitors touring the Capitol were impressed with the ceremony. Afterwards, the Brothers set up displays at the State Hist. Society. *The Lincoln Journal* and local TV stations covered the event.

OREGON

Nearly 149 years after consecrating the graves of fallen soldiers at Gettysburg, Pres. Lincoln performed the same duty at Oregon City's Mountain View Cemetery, where nearly 100 Civil War veterans are buried. Oregon's 7th annual Remembrance Day ceremony, sponsored by the Edward Baker Camp 1 (CAL), commemorated the Gettysburg Address on November 17th.

Pres. Lincoln (Stephen Holgate) recited the famous speech on a cloudy afternoon. The typical Oregon weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants or the small crowd that gathered to watch the event.

Mountain View was chosen as the venue to conclude the Camp's latest restoration project. Over the past year, the cemetery's Civil War graves were cleaned and restored by Camp brothers.

Keynote remarks were given by Camp 1 brother, attorney, historian and local author Scott McArthur. Camp Chaplain Rev. D.H. Shearer gave the invocation and benediction. Military honors were provided by Co. B, 71st Penn. Vol. Inf., SVR. Following a musket salute, Taps was played by 1Lt. Steven Betschart.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ORIGINS

During the years after World War I, the SUVCW observed a ceremonial and social occasion known as "Veterans Night." Veterans Night commemorated the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, and was observed in memory of Lincoln and the soldiers, sailors and marines of 1861-1865. GAR comrades were often guests of honor at Veterans Night activities.

In 1954, when Armistice Day (November 11th) was changed to Veterans Day, the Veterans Night observance naturally became confused and blended with Veterans Day.

When Comrade Albert Woolson passed in 1956, the GAR ceased to exist. The ASUVCW purchased a monument, which was dedicated by the Allied Orders to the memory of the Grand Army near the copse of trees on the Gettysburg Battlefield. A parade and ceremony, now known as "Remembrance Day," was begun. It has continued to be observed on the Saturday closest to November 19th ever since. A dinner held by the Pennsylvania Dept.'s Past Commanders and Presidents, begun in 1930, and the Nat. Civil War Ball are both held that evening. The Ball not only entertains, but also raises awareness and funds for Gettysburg Battlefield preservation.

6TH ANNUAL FT MERVINE'S "CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT"

The Dept. of Calif. & Pacific had five Camps and all three of their Auxiliaries represented at the event held October 12-14. DSVC Timothy P. Reese directed and coordinated the event for the City of Monterey's Presidio Museums-sponsored "History Fest 2012". Other organizations performing were the California Hist. Artillery Society with its horse-drawn Civil War ambulance and cannon. The SVR's 6th Military District provided the musket detail. Three Volleys were fired for the public twice daily. The Sons & Auxiliary provided six display/exhibit stations. The National Civil War Association provided a civilian town with four exhibits and the Civilian & Soldiers Society provided a hospital tent and Union physician. Plenty of A frame and wall tents were up.. The public estimated count for Sat was about 800 and Sunday about 500. The event made the headlines of the Monterey County Herald.



Shown standing: Sr. Emilia Campbell, Garrett B. Hasslinger, Daniel R. Earl, Dept. Sec/Treas. Phil & DP Melinie Caines, PCC Frank Avila, DSV Timothy P. Reese, PDP Rachele Campbell, Br. Paul Laverischeff, Dept. PI Cynthia Eddy, Dept. PI Dean Enderlin and Br. Kenneth Felton.. Kneeling/sitting: JVCinC Tad D. Campbell, Kevin R. Coyne and Aux. Dept. Council #1 Susan Sweet.

KENTUCKY

Maj. James H. Bridgewater Camp 7, along with the Bridgewater Scouts (SVR), hosted the Battle of Middle Creek Sesquicentennial Event on September 7 – 9. The battle reenactment was held on the actual battlefield outside of Prestonsburg. The battle was fought on January 10th, 1862. The 150th anniversary event was held in September to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Maintaining control of Kentucky, the Union's ninth most populous state, was very important to Pres. Lincoln, who had been born there and appreciated its strategic value. Federal units commanded by Col. James A. Garfield, included Kentucky's own 14th and 22nd Inf., as well as elements of the 1st Cav. Also engaged were the 40th and 42nd OVI. After the battle, Confederate forces withdrew in defeat to Virginia.

On Friday, PDC Timothy Downey and Br. James Lawlis escorted Frederick Douglass (Michael Crutcher) to the Prestonsburg High School, where he spoke to students throughout the day. Br. Bruce Austin coordinated re-enactor teaching stations and made presentations on bugle use. That evening, Br. Austin bugled during a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. Other Brothers joined the formation of assembled re-enactors.



Shown presenting the Federal Colors during the Memorial are PDC Timothy Downey, PCC Wayne Scott, Brs. Chris Workman, Charles McDaniel and Tim Carman.



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On Saturday, Brs. Tim Carman and Mark Price manned the Camp and SVR recruiting tent. Numerous prospects visited and dozens of Sesquicentennial badges were sold. Prior to the battle, Br. Austin conducted a flag/veteran recognition ceremony in the main tent. During the battle, Br. Lawlis, of the 33rd Ind. Inf., was Federal commander. He was joined in the 33rd by Brs. Downey, Austin, McDaniel and Workman. Brs. Scott and Price crewed a piece in the battery of the 14th Ky. Art.

On Sunday, Brs. Tony Todd and Joseph Stanley manned the recruiting tent. Others resumed their roles in their units for the battle. *Submitted by Timothy H. Downey, PDC*

OHIO SIGNATURE EVENT HONORS “TOO LONG SILENT” DAYTON VETERANS

By Br. Fred Lynch, Sherman Camp 93, Dayton

More than 300 visitors listened intently Oct. 7 during *Hear the Silent Speak II*. Dayton’s Sherman Camp 93 gave voice to several of the city’s notable Civil War veterans. The event, co-sponsored by the Lincoln Society of Dayton, was part of Discover Woodland Days at Dayton’s historic Woodland Cemetery.



The event opened with a wreath laying ceremony in Woodland’s GAR Section, conducted by CC Del Steiner, assisted by Pres. and Mrs. Lincoln re-enactors. From Noon until 5:30 pm., Brothers provided “living history” presentations. Throughout the day, Br. Al Howey performed the “top 10 hits of the Civil War” on a 19th century cornet.

Br. Fred Lynch welcomed visitors and represented 1Lt. Howard Forrer, 63rd OVI., killed in the Battle of Decatur, Ga. Br. Howey shared the story of Col. Hiram Strong, commander of Dayton’s 93rd OVI, killed at the Battle of Chickamauga. Br. Brent Davidson spoke about Chaplain Wm. Earnshaw who established the Stones River Nat.

Cemetery, was chaplain of Dayton’s Nat. Soldiers Home, and was Nat. GAR CinC. Br. Mark Conrad represented Cpl. Alex Fair of the 1st OVI and the Army of the Cumberland’s 2nd Pioneer Brigade. Fair’s brother, Pvt. Geo. Washington Fair, 93rd OVI, was the sculptor’s model for the “The Sentinel” statue atop Montgomery County’s Civil War monument and at Dayton’s VA Hospital.

Aux.Sr. Barbara Lynch conducted a guided tour to 14 Civil War veteran graves, including those of MG Robert C. Schenck who commanded the Union rear guard at First Bull Run and his brother, Rear Admiral James F. Schenk, who commanded ships in the Federal Blockade Fleet. Also visited were burial sites of Cincinnati Commercial war correspondent Maj. Charles Bickham, and Pvt. Henry Kissenger who after the war raised funds and spearheaded community efforts to build Dayton’s Civil War monument. Camp members placed GAR flag holders upon all the graves on the tour.

PENNSYLVANIA

Davis * Camp co-hosted a memorial program on September 16th with the Lawrenceville Historical Society. The program, at Arsenal Park (located in Pittsburgh’s Lawrenceville neighborhood), remembered the loss of 78 lives, many of them young girls, when the arsenal suffered a series of explosions. The program included a gunpowder demonstration, a concert performed by members of the Pittsburgh Historical Music Society, lectures examining the explosions, cannon firing demonstrations, and a trolley shuttle to the Allegheny Cemetery memorial, where 54 unidentified bodies are buried in a common grave. The arsenal’s loss of life was the largest single day loss of civilian life during the war, but was overshadowed by the battle at Antietam, occurring on the same day. The explosions at the arsenal were said to be heard over two miles away.

Shown seated: John L. Carnprobst (Collector of All Allegheny Arsenal Artifacts) and PCinC Richard D. Orr. Standing: PCC John Gipson and CC Tim Ryan. Not pictured: Br.’s Woody McVicker and Lee Henry, Jr. Photo by CJVC Jay Rarick, Irish Brigade Camp 4 (CH)





1880 GRAND REUNION REINVIGORATES GRAND ARMY

by PCinC Stephen A. Michaels

Following the GAR's formation in Wisconsin in 1866 and an initial period of enthusiasm, there was a general decline in membership and interest. By January 1879, there were only three posts represented and the Wisconsin Dept. was considering surrendering its charter and becoming part of the Illinois Dept.

Plans for a Grand Reunion grew from Col. Colwert K. Pier's efforts to complete a roster of living Wisconsin soldiers and their place of residence. Pier composed a circular on January 11, 1879, which was published in practically all the papers in the state and in hundreds of papers outside of the state. It concluded with this appeal: "Comrades! Attend to this at once, or we shall not know whether you are dead, proud or gone to Texas!"

Replies poured into Pier's office for a year and a half. Many letters contained war incidents, bits of biography and valuable war history. The numerous responses suggested the idea of a personal reunion and the Wisconsin Reunion Association was organized in Berlin, Wis. It was composed partially of Grand Army men and a large majority of ex-soldiers, who did not belong to any post. Col. Colwert K. Pier of Fond du Lac was made president and Griff J. Thomas of Berlin, secretary of the association. One energetic Milwaukee post commander, Henry Fischer, encouraged the project by heading up the Executive Committee, made up of mostly Milwaukee veterans. An office was opened so that correspondence and other clerical work could be completed. It was decided that a reunion of all Wisconsin soldiers would be held in Milwaukee during the week of June 8, 1880.

Col. Pier used the material he received in a series of articles, which were reprinted in the Milwaukee Sunday Telegraph until the time of the Reunion. These articles laid the foundation for the agitation, which brought not only the greatest soldier reunion ever held, but was also the beginning of the Grand Army of the Republic's new growth. A convention fund of \$17,000 was raised by popular subscription, but demands continued to raise the ante, finally to \$40,000.

Evergreen arches were erected across principal streets. Stores and buildings were decorated in bright colors and green festoons. Flags waved from every flagstaff and across every street. Such a festive appearance hadn't been seen in the city since the end of the Civil War 15 years earlier. Milwaukee's 45 hotels, hundreds of rooming houses and private homes couldn't provide enough accommodations, so Congress, by joint resolution, loaned tents and camp equipment to house 25,000. A city of 10,000 tents was erected on several hundred acres, which embraced the old Camp Reno grounds on the lakefront. A 140-foot flag staff stood in the center. Ten frame dining halls, two concession buildings and a 100 yard long home barn were built. Water and gas were conducted from the city works.



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During the 1880 reunion, the Army of the Cumberland met at Milwaukee's Soldiers Home.

Two days before the reunion, Milwaukee was lashed with a 60-mile-per-hour gale and soaked with heavy rains. The wind ripped the tents from their stakes on the lakefront and whipped them onto the beach. Miles of bunting were torn down and the campgrounds were a sea of black mud.

Miraculously; the skies cleared on opening day and by the time of the parade on Thursday, the weather was hot and muggy. The parade included five divisions. One division was composed of the companies of Wisconsin's uniformed militia, which acted as escort for the four veteran divisions. The line was three miles long, and it was estimated that 150,000 spectators cheered as the heroes marched by.

Along with Wisconsin's best-uniformed militia companies were veterans of the Mexican War (1846-1848) and, riding in carriages, two or three survivors of the War of 1812.

Gen. Edward Hincks, military governor of Milwaukee's Soldiers Home, served as commander-in-chief of the veterans' reunion. The crowds gave their loudest cheers to the carriages carrying the disabled Civil War veterans from the Soldiers Home and the War of 1812 veterans.

Long before the parade was over, the heat took its toll. Some of the marchers fainted and smelling salts were used to revive them. The Best brewery distributed beer to the veterans as they marched past.

Generals U.S. Grant and Phil Sheridan arrived by special train and were guests of honor at the campfire and parade. Wisconsin's famed war eagle, "Old Abe," was there for what was his last parade. He died the following year,

The week included many interesting events, including a mid-summer night festival with music by 400 singers from Milwaukee's various musical societies; an evening reception for Gen. Grant in Camp, at which time both he and Gen. Sheridan made speeches; competitive drill by volunteer companies; special regimental reunions throughout the city; and a solemn and touching memorial service for the dead, which closed out a most memorable gathering.

The editor of the Evening Wisconsin acclaimed the reunion as an "unbounded success" and urged that it should be repeated from year to year as a "beneficent influence on the younger generation:"

The doubling of Milwaukee's population and trebling of her industries within the next dozen years is often attributed to the impetus given by the 1880 Grand Reunion. The reunion is often credited with helping revive the languishing Grand Army. In the next decade, most of Wisconsin's GAR Posts were organized and the state's GAR membership peaked at nearly 14,000 members. Nationally; the GAR grew to 409,000 men.

SOURCES: History of Milwaukee by Frank A. Flower. Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1881. Milwaukee Journal, September 14, 1941, and August 4, 1956.

Arrangements were made for feeding 50,000 people with three meals per day. Three of the city's largest bakeries devoted their entire output to the campers. While the sale of whiskey was prohibited in or near the campgrounds, beer flowed freely. Temperance movement ladies set up booths and preached earnestly against the evils of liquor.

A quarter of a million people, including 100,000 ex-soldiers, gathered in Milwaukee. There were representatives from every Wisconsin regiment and battery. In many cases, there were sufficient numbers of each to muster under their old organizations, in command of their old officers. Many carried their old battle flags. The city was astonished at what was happening to their quiet town. Dozens of horse drawn streetcars were added to take veterans to the campgrounds.



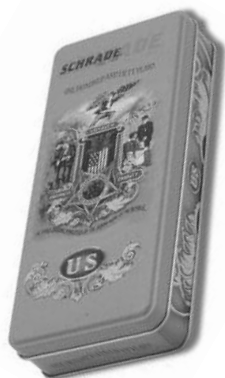
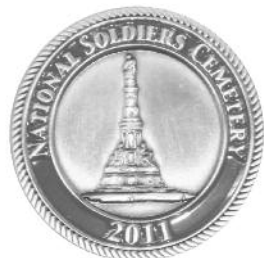
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\$12.50 each Qty _____ Total \$ _____

#601 - Women's Relief Corp. coin
\$12.50 each Qty _____ Total \$ _____

#650 - Aux. to Son of Union Veterans
\$12.59 each Qty _____ Total \$ _____



Thermoplastic grave markers
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Buy in group of 6 and pay \$12.00 each
\$12.00 each Qty _____ Total \$ _____



Schrader Knives GAR - ONLY 50 left - Order before gone.
\$17.00 each Qty _____ Total \$ _____



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SUVCW NATIONAL QUARTERMASTER
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ITHACA, NY 14850

E-MAIL: QM@SUVCW.ORG TELEPHONE: (607) 272-7314

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reviewed possible replacements. Br. Petrovic volunteered to act temporarily as Assist. Chairman, stipulating that he be reimbursed for travel, hotel and expenses. It's very difficult to replace this committee's members because of the unique skills required working in the hospitality & travel industries. The CinC will issue a General Order, making the temporary appointment and the next elected CinC will make the permanent appointment.

Nat. Quartermaster—Br. Wheeler would like a QM Assist. position created and recommends his grandson Andrew Wheeler (16 years old) be appointed. The store and product line has grown. The QM may need help (i.e. ill-health, business surges, etc.). The position would have no voting privileges. The job description specifics would include: Putting together orders, running errands, stock work, paperwork, etc. The QM's term ends at the 2013 Nat. Encampment and he will run for an additional term. The Nat. Sec. was concerned about signatory power. One must be over 18 to be able to sign official documents for the order. The CinC agreed. Br. Wheeler's grandson will be appointed Assist. QM (without signatory authority) for the remainder of the year. Programs and Policies committee will create this position's job description. The next CinC may continue the appointment in future years.

- The Nat. QM is having problems stocking Membership badges. He is not getting the number ordered and experiences shortages. The company has been unresponsive. Other items (belts & buckles) also have supply problems. We own the dies, but not the tooling (which would cost us approx \$2,000). Changing suppliers is possible. Br. Petrovic suggested another supplier and will provide contact information to the QM. Additional suppliers were suggested. (Pending)

Break: 10:00 AM Reconvened: 10:10 AM

Graves Registration Comm.—Br. Frail regretted not attending the 2012 Nat. Encampment. However, he is concerned that recommendations in his annual report were not fully considered or understood by the Encampment. Specifically:

- Experienced Pool: Br. Frail had recommended minimal requirements for being able to enter data into the database. He asked why the recommendation was rejected. Br. Orr recollected that Nat. was reluctant to limit the Dept. Commander when appointing the Dept. GRO. Additional restrictions when making the GRO appointment was not desirable. Many Depts. have a small pool from which to select from. The Depts. of FL, NJ, NC, and NH do not have one appointed. Some are not correct or up-to-date. Of those appointed GROs - only 6 applied for "user" status.

- New Committee: Acquisition procedure for VA Headstones (or other) now requires the Next of Kin (or representative) to sign the headstone order. There have been a lot of rejections from the VA. Br. Frail would like another committee formed which would work with the Nat. GRO to help with this. If a "proper search" is made for a Next of Kin, the VA can, in the appeals process, approve the stone. A temporary committee can be formed by the CinC, that would be reconsidered at the next Nat. Encampment for Special or

Standing status. The CinC will form (by General Order) the temporary Committee "Government Headstone Application Committee." Br. Frail will provide suggested membership to the CinC.

- Phase two of the GRAVES REG DABASE is now completed.

- The Nat. Archives invited the Sons to its genealogy fair - perhaps an advertisement in the Banner would encourage members to participate in this. We have had membership increases from people involved in this Nat. Archive event.

Dept. of Pennsylvania—Dept. Sec. Charlie Kuhn reported a Dept. Resolution to the 2013 Nat. Encampment to accept the submitted internet fees as per capita "paid in full" for the year (Total of Camp, Dept. and Nat. on Internet Application Dues (PA Midyear Meeting item). The Dept. believes that fees for internet applications are confusing. Camps and Dept. should not request more from the member than the internet fee paid when they submit their internet application. They would have to accept the amount paid as their first year's dues. The next year's per capita will then be computed by the regular method.

Marketing and Promotion Comm.—At the 2012 Nat. Encampment, Br. Day was tasked with devising a plan to submit to Nat. for action. His plan (in the meeting packet) is in two parts: Branding & Marketing. He is focused on Marketing, including:

+ Making free brochures available to our membership, either through Quartermaster Store, or online, for reproduction and local printing. - not selling them

+ Dept. and Camp level

+ Much increased use of social networking (Facebook, Twitter and others)

+ Public Service Announcement (PSA) spots. We already have two Radio spots on the Nat. website for use, but radio (at least stations that the younger generation listens to) would not hear them. We have no video based PSAs. This is where we should target. Video shorts can be incorporated in social networking sites also.

20/20 Vision Committee—PCinC Palmer gave a short progress report and gave us highlights, including tracking the program metrics (year to year), adjusting as needed and revisiting the plan on a yearly basis.

Nat. Webmaster—SVCinC Freshley has submitted his letter of resignation from the position of Nat. Webmaster. He recommended Br. James McGuire (Dept. of RI), who is younger, highly energized, and is savvy in using social networking sites, to replace him. Br. Freshley has enjoyed serving, but he cannot continue with the new responsibilities that he may soon be taking on.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chief of Staff - 3.8.1 P. 16 - Missing job descriptions for some Nat. Officers and Committees. ACTION: Referred to Programs and Policies Comm.

MOTION by Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Campbell that the CinC require all committee chairs, identified by Br. Norris with the exception of the GAR Records and SUV Development committees which have been recently submitted and approved, to provide him with a copy of

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OUR NATION'S PAST...OUR ORDER'S FUTURE OUR JUNIORS

"Teaching respect for the flag, the courage of our military and how important it is to let them know we appreciate them – these are concepts that even young children can grasp."

CC Loran Bures, Rosecrans Camp 2(Cal & Pac).

Our modern Junior Order was established in 1994, after a 40-year hiatus. Then Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, maintained that ours is "a perpetual organization and must be constantly infused with younger members if it is going to remain viable." As in earlier times, fathers and grandfathers began bringing boys into their Camps to learn about Civil War history, to appreciate the Union soldier's sacrifices, and to participate in patriotic and public service activities.



On March 17, 2012, four days after he turned 6 years old, Cole Bures took his oath. He's the 4th generation taking the oath in Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2.

DEPARTMENTS W/MOST JUNIORS & JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

New York	14
Pennsylvania	13
Michigan	10
California & Pacific	9
Wisconsin	7
Kansas	6
New Jersey	6

Lowering the minimum age to six in 2001 resulted in more than tripling Junior membership during the next two years.

Interestingly, adding Junior Associates in 2008 had no appreciable affect on youth member growth. Today, after suffering a decline, our Juniors represent slightly more than 1% of our total membership.

CC Bures maintains that his Camp and Aux. make an effort to include Juniors in regular meetings, not just in the preparations for ceremonies. At least two meetings a year are specifically focused on them. "If you only use them as grunt labor, you will drive them away, and then we, as an organization, will have no future."

Department of Michigan

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Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Attention
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:
Help us honor the service and sacrifices of your
Union Civil War Officer Ancestor

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) was founded on April 15, 1865. Currently, the MOLLUS has 19 State Commanderies nationwide. *Hereditary Membership* is available to direct male descendants (18 years and older) of a commissioned officer in the United States Army, Navy or Marines who served during the Civil War, or male descendants of a brother or sister of any such officer.

Many of the Original Companions of the MOLLUS also were members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Similarly, many the present day Hereditary Companions of the MOLLUS also are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). As did the MOLLUS with the GAR, the MOLLUS and the SUVCW jointly sponsor patriotic and commemorative programs to honor President Abraham Lincoln and our Union soldier ancestors throughout the country.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
<http://suvcw.org/mollus.htm>

or
Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at:
pcinc@prodigy.net

"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"

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

The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans is an organization of men and women who have an ancestor or interest in the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

Visit www.dmwv.org or send request SASE to:
D.M.W.V. National Office, P.O. Box 461941, Garland, TX, 75046-1941

Descendants of Mexican War Veterans
Several Mexican War service records are available on-line.



**DEPARTMENTS W/NO JUNIORS
OR JUNIOR ASSOCIATES**

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Vermont
- Oregon & Washington CALs

His Camp's and Auxiliary's Junior activities have included learning to draw Abraham Lincoln, how to make a simple wreath, what the Flag's colors and symbols mean, and preparing some of the foods children would have eaten during the Civil War. Flag placement provides a feeling of accomplishment for both the youth and the adult members.

Indeed, it is through active participation and camaraderie with their fathers and other men that Juniors and Junior Associates learn team work, mission accomplishment and volunteerism. All wear a Sons badge, fastened to a special ribbon, available from the National Quartermaster.

MICHIGAN

Rylan Vazquez, the twelve-year-old grandson of PNP Marcia and PDC Bruce Butgereit, is a Junior in Grand Rapids' Gen. John A. Logan Camp 1. He serves as Camp Guide and Guard.

He is shown at the Three Oaks Flag Day Parade with PCinC Keith G. Harrison (left) and WRC PNP Marcia Butgereit (right). During parades, Rylan keeps cadence with the drum. He assists in headstone dedication ceremonies by placing the Symbols of the Army and has also been PDC Butgereit's assistant during School of the Soldier presentations to area students.



WISCONSIN

Junior Max Frederick (left) of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 drums during a recent joint MOLLUS / SUVCW procession to the grave of Capt. Florian Reis where a ceremony was held honoring the captain.

Junior Skylar Brown and Jr. Assoc. Mikko Lagunero (right) are DC Thomas Brown's grandsons and participate regularly in parades with Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1.

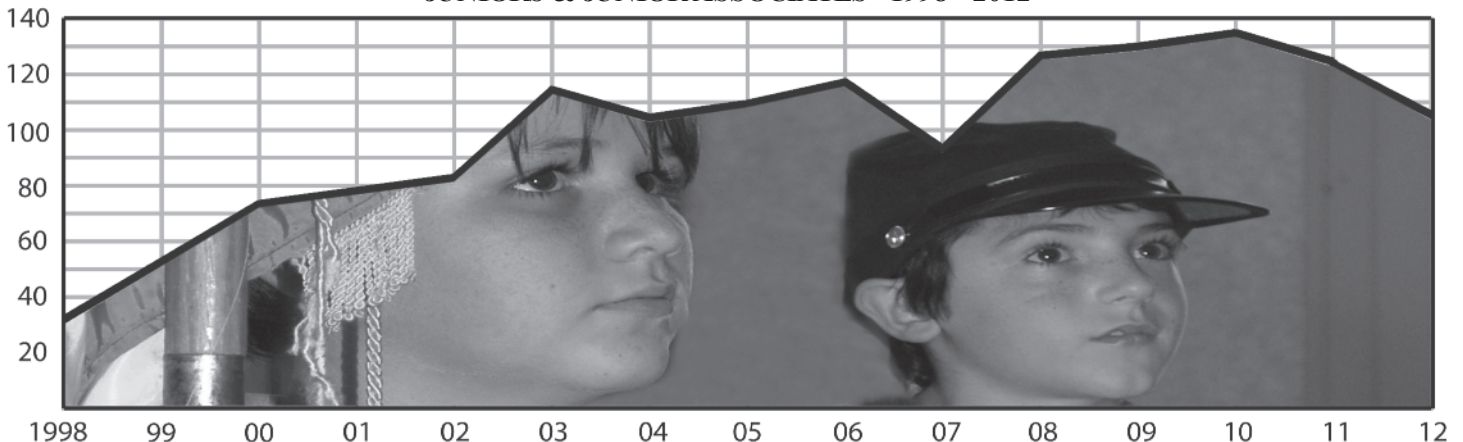


NEVADA

Juniors from Las Vegas' Wm. B. Keith Camp 12 (right), Russell Dixon, Jr. and Cameron Dixon escorted an Eagle Scout to the podium for the recent presentation of an SUVCW certificate and letter of congratulations.



JUNIORS & JUNIOR ASSOCIATES 1998 - 2012



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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES CONTRIBUTORS

At the last Nat. Encampment, the S.U.V.C.W. Charitable Foundation recognized several members for their support of the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund during the past year. Medals and certificates were awarded for contributions to the Fund. A Lincoln Fellow can move to the next level by contributing the appropriate additional amounts. Those honored this year were:

Bronze Fellows (\$250): Shawn Cox, Washington Court House, OH; Matthew Heffron, St. Paul, MN; and David Sosnowski, Stewartstown, PA.

Silver Fellows (\$500): Ken Freshley, Willoughby, OH; Thomas J. Gaard, Clive, IA; Brian Pierson, Sumter, SC; and Robert J. Wolz, Key West, FL.

Bronze Sentinel (\$1250): Mark Day, Lynchburg, VA.

Gold Sentinel (\$2000): Dennis F. Marr, Troy, NY; Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Delaware, OH; and John M. Vaughn III, Boca Raton, FL

Charles Engle, Athens, TN was specially recognized for contributions beyond the Sentinel Gold level.



*This year's supporters of the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund present at the National Encampment: Br. Shawn Cox, PCC David Sosnowski, PDC Robert Wolz, Brian Pierson, PDC Charles Engle, and PCC Henry Shaw.
Photo by Sr. Cher Petrovic*

The SUVCW Charitable Foundation was created in 2003. Its purposes include: providing information and enlightenment of the Armed Conflict of 1861-1865, supporting projects and charities attributable to Civil War history, monument preservation/restoration, monument construction and erection, scholarships and benevolence to members of our Order. The Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization and contributions are tax deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes.

In 2007 the Foundation established the Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support the Foundation's mission.

From each gift made to the Lincoln Fellow program, 80% is invested within the permanent Endowment Fund. The remaining 20% is placed in the Foundation's General Fund for current grants. For more information, go to www.suvcw-cf.org.

In 2011, a Foundation grant funded preservation work at the Gen. Lew Wallace Study building in Crawfordsville, IN.

Last year, the Foundation provided funds to restore the Gen. U. S. Grant Birthplace in Pt. Pleasant, OH, including power washing, wood siding and trim repair, window reglazing, bare wood priming, and repainting.

The Foundation is assisting in a \$65,000 project to restore the Lytle monument at Chickamauga. Dedication of the restored monument is set for September 20, 2013 – 150th anniversary of the death of Gen. Lytle on that spot.

BROTHERS SOUGHT FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FUNDRAISING

Chairman, PDC Glenn B. Knight, says that volunteer professionals are sought to assist brothers with naming the SUVCW in their wills, establishing charitable trusts and other donor investments. This cadre will also assist with framing a fund development program.

The committee's plan will establish an annual giving framework, as well as provide advice and assistance with major gift giving vehicles. The various laws and professional standards in estate planning make it imperative that our Order provide the highest quality guidance. Gift giving vehicles may be used to increase income to heirs or to provide an income in retirement while supporting the SUVCW's charitable goals and mission.

Legal, accounting and fundraising professionals should contact Br. Knight at Glenn@4merMarine.com or by mail to 141 S. Spruce St., Lititz, PA 17543. They can also contact the committee through the Nat. Treasurer, PCinC Richard D. Orr.



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their committee job description.

Nat. Signals Officer - 3.11.1 P. 18 - Social Media Strategy. ACTION: None - Suggest working with Communications Tech. Comm.

Washington, DC Representative - 3.13.1 P. 19 – Duties. ACTION: None

Nat. Comm. on GAR Records; Dean A. Enderlin - 4.9.1 P. 16 - Job Description for Nat. GAR Records Officer. ACTION: Referred to SVCinC Freshley

Nat. Military Affairs Comm.; Henry Shaw, Jr. - 4.13.1 P. 35 - Two recommendations dealing with budget and Banner ad for Remembrance Day activities. ACTION: Remembrance Day is now an SVR program and should be budgeted and advertised by that organization. Tabled.

MOTION by Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Shaw to table the recommendation and take no action. Passed unanimously

EBay Surveillance Comm.; James Dixon - 4.19.1 P. 37 - Page 37 - Needs direction on relative importance of items to look for. ACTION: Referred to CinC

Restore Memorial Day Comm.; PDC Alan Peterson - 5.6.1 P. 39 - Encourage members to do activities to restore Memorial Day. ACTION: None needed.

Comm. on Juniors; PDC Michael Bennett - 5.7.1 P. 43 - Committee Membership ACTION: Para 1 - At CinCs discretion. Para 2 - Referred to CinC

Nat. Comm. on Fundraising; Glenn Knight - 5.8.1 P. 44 - Request for mission statement approval. ACTION: Referred to Programs & Policy Comm. for action at next Nat. Encampment.

MOTION by Br. Orr, seconded by Br. Freshley that we approve the committee's job description. CinC Mellor ruled the motion out of order, approves the job description on a temporary basis and refers the recommendation to the Programs and Policies Comm. for action at the 2013 Nat. Encampment.

Dept. of the Chesapeake; DC Jeffrey French - 6.2.1 P. 52 - Blanket Insurance and Status reports on 501.c.3 application. ACTION: Para 1 - No Action - Economically not feasible. Para 2 - CinC, Treas. and Sec. will place information online (or out there) and keep the status up-to-date.

Dept. of Colorado/Wyoming; DC Eric Richhart - 6.3.1 P. 53 - Packets of CofA Reports be provided to the Depts. ACTION: Approved. The Chief of Staff will send electronically using the Nat. Secretary's email list.

Dept. of Florida; DC James Ward - 6.5.1 P. 58 ACTION: None

Dept. of Indiana; DC Michael Beck - 6.8.1 P. 65 - VA Rules on Headstones. ACTION: None

Dept. of Iowa; DC Michael Carr - 6.9.1 P. 66 - National Staff Issues. ACTION: None

Dept. of Kentucky; DC Bernard O'Bryan - 6.11.1 P.67 - Multiple Recommendations. ACTION: Para 1 - Not Possible - No Action Taken Para 2 - Statement of Fact - No Action Taken Para 3 – Dept. Issue - Referred to Nat. Exec. Director for action. Para 4 - Underlying assumption has not been resolved - No Action Taken

Dept. of Missouri; DC Martin Aubuchon - 6.15.1 P.74 - Multiple Recommendations. ACTION: Para 1,2,3, 5 - No Action Para 4 - Referred to Marketing & Promotion Comm.

Dept. of Ohio; DC Fredrick Lynch - 6.21.1 P. 82 - Multiple Recommendations. ACTION:

Para 1 - No Action - Already done (Additional post-meeting explanatory comments from Br. Pahl: Updates - we had already discussed in a previous time during the meeting to do an update letter from the CinC, so there was no need to take action as to the Ohio Dept. item, as we had already do that. Such a letter and then updates from time to time are coming.)

Para 2, 3 - Put a link on website to the IRS Page, or a link to download PDF.

Para 4 - No Action - We cannot provide legal advice to Depts. and Camps. (Additional post-meeting explanatory comments from Br. Pahl: Applying for 501c3 status directly. The CofA determined the Dept. was asking for legal advice and the CofA is not capable of doing this. The Dept. of Ohio, as a subordinate of and part of the Nat. Organization, cannot seek a change of tax status apart from the Nat. Organization.)

Dept. of Pennsylvania; DC Richard Essenwein - 6.23.1 P.83 - Membership Goals ACTION: No Action - This is a Dept. goal.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Br. Orr recommended not publishing the financial reports – there's no requirement to do this. He also reported the Nat. Executive Director is changing the Nat. HQ phone service from Verizon to Comcast, saving up to \$50/month.

- The Council has received complaints concerning members using SUVCW meetings for political speech. This is NOT allowable. Depts. and Camps can expect the CofA to speak to this in the near future.

- A museum has requested a URL link to our website and their Facebook page. They believe our website resources of value for research work by their patrons. Br. Freshley will look further into this and investigate/report on its value.

PCinC Kuhn reported that his Dept. Encampment is being held in Gettysburg during June 2013. Dept. is waiting for permit to use the Battlefield's Peace Light area for a memorial program. Event will be open to the public. HQ for the Encampment and SUVCW activities will be the Eisenhower Hotel. Rooms: \$105/night if reserved by a certain date (see Br. Kuhn).

Br. Petrovic reported that the SUVCW Foundation now has credit card reader. He discussed the Eisenhower Hotel's room costs for upcoming events was discussed. There are problems getting a signed copy of the 5-year contract for events. The hotel has increased prices; Br. Petrovic will continue working with hotel management.

CLOSING

CinC Mellor provided his closing comments and Nat. Chaplain Kowalski provided his blessing. Meeting adjourned at: 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On Oct. 13th, Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 and Battery A, 3rd US Artillery, SVR, honored a forgotten Congressional Medal of Honor recipient in Elko, Nev. The Camp's research revealed Indian Wars vet Robert Smith, aka Harry Reynolds, buried there. The research was coordinated with the Medal of Honor Hist. Soc. The Camp arranged for a ceremony at the cemetery with grandson Jerry Reynolds. The VFW and the Elko High School band assisted. Jerry's grandfather, a member of Troop M, 3rd US Cav., received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions on Sept. 9, 1876, at Slim Buttes, Dakota Territory.



CC John Riggs, Jerry Reynolds, grandson of Harry Reynolds and Camp Sec. Brian Worcester.

CHESAPEAKE

Fort Mulligan Festival Day will be celebrated August 17th, the 150th anniversary of the fort's completion. This, thanks to 7th West Virginia Inf. Camp 7. The Camp applied to the state for funding, as well as for a Governor's Community Participation grant. They successfully raised \$7,000 for advertising, staging and promotion. The festival will include re-enactments, lots of demonstrations, and great food!

Fort Mulligan was constructed in 1863 by the 23rd Ill. Inf., commanded by Col. James A. Mulligan. Troops from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland also carried out the backbreaking labor. Today, it's one of the best preserved earthen forts in the country.



Recently, a reproduction 63rd Inf. New York Volunteers regimental flag of the Irish Brigade unit commanded by Col. James D. Brady, was donated and will proudly take its place alongside the National Colors at all future camp meetings. CC Thomas Grund, Col. James D. Brady

Camp 63 (left), and PDC Neil Hanlon holds up the other side.

GEORGIA/SOUTH CAROLINA



On October 5th, the Dept. dedicated the fourth Federal state memorial on the battlefield of Allatoona Pass, Ga. The new Ohio's monument joins others from Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota...all designed, paid for and erected by their respective departments. Only Wisconsin has not raised a monument to its sons who fought and died at Allatoona. The DUVCW's Amanda Stokes Tent in Georgia, Ohio's DUVCW and SUVCW helped fund raise. All three metro Atlanta Camps participated in the dedication.

ILLINOIS

Over 200 attended a ceremony at the Lyonsville Congregational Church on September 8th. Eleven new Union soldier headstones were dedicated, thanks to PDC Bailey's research. Seventy-two local men, most who served in the 127th Ill. Inf., were also honored. Participating were Nat. Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, the Rockford Zuoaves (SVR), and the 10th Illinois Inf. Pres. Lincoln (Br. Max Daniels), the Indian Head Park mayor, the Flagg Creek Heritage Society, PDC Bailey and PDC Steve Westlake spoke. The Church choir sang and Mulligan's Battery (SVR) fired a salute. The LaGrange American Legion fired a rifle salute and played Taps. *Submitted by PDC Steven Westlake*



KANSAS

The 3rd Annual Kansas Ancestor Fair was held on October 20th in Topeka. Old Abe Camp 16 attended and handed out Civil War genealogy related material, membership applications and Camp brochures. The event, sponsored by Ancestry.com, included a mini-



session for those interested in genealogy. Signals Officer Nick Burchett researched the Civil War Soldiers & Sailors database for visitors and discussed Civil War history with attendees.



On November 11th, PCC Kent Melcher, PCC Rocky Bartlow, PDC Randy Durbin, Signals Officer Nick Burchett, along with brothers from other Camps, marched in the Ottawa Veterans Day parade. The camp then set up a table near a Civil War skirmish reenactment and answered questions about the Civil War. Visitors sampled some hardtack and heard stories about its use during the war.

MICHIGAN



On November 3rd, the Dept. and Co. A, 14th Mich., SVR participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit. Following the parade, there was a special flag raising ceremony at the Detroit GAR Hall which is in the process of being fully and historically restored in the areas utilized by the GAR members who once called the hall their home. Submitted by Br. L. Dean Lamphere.

MISSOURI

Phelps Camp 66 recently donated rare Civil War artifacts to Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield. A tintype photograph, two discharges, and family genealogical information, relating to Union soldier Thomas Jefferson O'Neal, were presented.

O'Neal, a Tenn. native, moved to Springfield, Mo., in

1858 and became a blacksmith. During the war, he served in the Missouri Home Guard; Phelps' Reg., Mo. Inf.; and the 6th Reg., Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. According to family information, he was wounded in the Battle of Springfield on January 8, 1863. After the war, O'Neal married and engaged in



Camp 66 CC Greg Wait, Battlefield Superintendent Ted Hillmer, and Librarian Jeff Patrick.

“mercantile pursuits.” He died in 1901 and is buried in the Springfield Nat. Cemetery.

On September 22, Phelps Camp 66 dedicated a new military headstone for Civil War vet Thomas Keeling at Webster County's Orten-Tippen Cemetery.

Keeling was born in 1836 in Tenn. He eventually moved to Missouri and married. In August 1864, he enlisted in Co. F, 46th Mo. Inf. He was promoted to corporal within a month. Following a hard march between Arkansas and Cassville, Mo., in late February 1865, Keeling suffered from intestinal complications. He was honorably discharged and returned home. After his first wife passed away, he remarried and had five children. He died on December 2, 1909.

The Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield librarian helped Keeling's great-great-granddaughter with the headstone application process and suggested a memorial ceremony, hosted by the Sons and the Daughters. Mary Whitney Phelps Tent 22 (DUVCW) assisted in coordinating the event, attended by about 70 people.

NORTH CAROLINA

The first monument to the memory of Union soldiers on state property will be dedicated on March 16, 2013 at the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. The dedication will be part of the 148th anniversary reenactment of that battle, which took place 19-21 March 1865 and was North Carolina's largest Civil War land battle. The monument will recognize the Union states that sent 60,000 soldiers under MG Henry Slocum to fight 20,000 Confederate soldiers under Gen. Joseph Johnston. Approval by the State of North Carolina and the raising of funds for this monument were the result of the Dept.'s efforts.

For battlefield info, go to www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/. For Union monument info, contact PDC Douglas Elwell at elwellds@embarqmail.com.

OHIO

On September 29th, Henry Casey Camp 92 dedicated a last soldier plaque in the Washington Court House cemetery for Cpl. Elon Thornton, Fayette County's last Civil War veteran. Over 50 people attended the ceremony, including six descendants.

CC Richard Troup welcomed the guests and SVR MG Robert Grim, PCinC, led the ceremony. Camp Sec. Wm. Radabaugh gave the invocation and benediction. Camp PI Shawn Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance, and PCinC Donald Darby gave a memorial address. Cpl. Thornton's descendants unveiled the plaque. DC Fred Lynch, CC Troup, and SVR Dep. Co. BG Henry Shaw, Jr. presented floral wreaths. The city manager presented a wreath on behalf of the GAR. The Colors were posted and a 21 gun musket salute was given by Co. C, 20th OVI (SVR), commanded by 1st Lt. Shane Milburn. The Fayette Cty. Honor Guard played Taps.



Brs. Brett Harrison; MG Grim; David W. Grim; James L. Grim, Irvan Cassio; Shawn Cox; BG. Shaw, Jr.; PCinC David R. Medert (partially hidden), DC Lynch; Ray Fannin,; Wm. E. Radabaugh; CC Troup, 1Lt. Milburn and in front at left Joshua Cassio

Cpl. Thornton served in Co. C, 90th OVI and Co. D, 168th OVI and afterwards, became a successful farmer. He died on May 15, 1941, about a month short of his 97th birthday.



MG Grim, (left), and PCinC Medert with the Camp 92 charter, which was presented on September 19, 1992, to Grim, who was then the new Camp's Co.

Henry Casey Camp 92 celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 29th with a catered dinner, attended by ten of the Camp's original 26 charter members, plus 29 guests. Guests included DC Fred Lynch, PDCs James Houston, Charles Reeves, and Robert W. Davis, and three

PCinCs: David R. Medert, who presented the Camp's charter when he was serving as Dept. Co., charter member Robert E. Grim and Donald E. Darby.

CC Richard Troup, CSVC Shane Milburn, CJVC Terry Thevenin, Sec. Wm. Radabaugh and PI Shawn Cox welcomed the guests. Following the dinner, Ohio's Civil War Gov. Wm. Dennison (PDC Davis) spoke of his Civil War experiences. PCinC Grim and CC Troup displayed photos and reviewed the Camp's achievements during the past 20 years.

On October 6th, Chillicothe's Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73 held memorial services at a farm in Pebble Township. A cemetery on the farm had its headstones vandalized and stolen 60 years ago. Military headstones for Pvts. John H. Double and David D. Mitten (73rd OVI) were replaced and a plaque remembering 24 soldiers who died of "measles and camp fever" was dedicated. Descendant Rick Mitten attended.

The owner, a Vietnam Veteran, remembered how upset his father had been when the cemetery was vandalized. He wanted to remember his fellow veterans. His son, as a Boy Scout, built a fence around the site in 1991. Camp 73, named after Medal of Honor recipient Richard Enderlin, Co. B, 73rd OVI, was contacted two years ago.

The following soldiers died at Clarksburg, WV: Co. A (Ross Cty)—Wm. C. Pierce; Co. B (Pike Cty)—John H. Double, George Haynes, David R Lee, David D. Mitten, Jos. T Shade; Co. C (Ross Cty)—Joshua C. Ross; Co. D (Ross Cty)—Frank H. Watkins, John W Cottrell, Robert T. McDaniels, Henry Martin, Thomas Swift; Co. E (Pickaway Cty)—Andrew Corcoran, Peter Gallagher, John May; Co. F (Washington Cty)—David Fish; Co. G (Highland Cty)—Thomas J. Robinson; Co. H (Athens & Highland)—Wm. P. Cottrell, Henry C. Creamer, Wm. F. Fetherling; Co. I (Clermont & Highland)—Benj. Love, Andrew J. Williams; Co K (Athens Cty)—Enoch Mansfield, Andrew J. Williams.

On October 13th, about 100 people attended a granite plaque dedication, honoring Pvt. Wm. W. Groves, Belmont County's last Union Veteran. Marietta's Gen. Benj. D. Fearing Camp 2 led efforts to find, mark, and commemorate the soldier at Kirkwood Township's Salem Cemetery. CJVC Rick Griffiths found that Pvt. Groves was born August 19, 1843, served in Co. B, 126th OVI, was wounded in the Wilderness, and saw action in the Shenandoah Valley, Petersburg. He transcribed some Civil War memories for his granddaughter before he died December 28, 1941. The plaque was funded by the Nat. SUVCW, the Ohio Dept., Camp 2, and the Cumberland Trail Genealogical Society. Groves' descendants spoke of their memories of him. Local high school history students also attended. DSVC Jonathan Davis spoke about the Last Soldier project and the SUVCW. Camp 2 CC Dan Hinton led the ceremonies. Composing the firing squad were: CJVC Griffiths, Chaplain Andy

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Francis, Brs. Norm Pape, Jacob Hinton, Paul Warren, and Charles Miller. The genealogical society provided refreshments.

TEXAS

On October, 13th, E. E. Ellsworth Camp 18, gathered at the Murphy-Decatur Cemetery in Murphy, to dedicate the grave of Union veteran 1st Sgt. James Monroe Lovelace, Co. F, 3rd KY Cavalry.



CRA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Allied Orders of the GAR, Central Region Association, held its annual conference in Springfield, IL, on October 6th. Twenty-four individuals from six states, representing all five Allied Orders gathered at Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center. LGAR NP Judy Rock, WRC

NP Shirley Grant, DUVCW PNP Barbara Stone, PCinCs James Pahl and Donald Palmer were present. One Aux. sister attended from Illinois.

After a tour of the Lincoln Museum, Robert J. Amsler, Jr. presented "Using Social Networking to Promote Your Order." He covered iPads, iPhones, desktop PCs without towers, facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS feeds, Instagram, Pininterest, and several other devises and software.

During the business session, bylaws were amended so that the meeting date of the first Saturday in October was more flexible. The next meeting will be in historic Bardstown, KY, October 5, 2013. A banquet completed the day with Walter Busch as speaker.



The 2012-13 Officers are shown: Guide Bob Petrovic, SVC Martin Aubuchon, Sec/Treas. Judy Rock, Co. Cindy Norton, JVC James Pahl, Donald Palmer, Chaplain Walter Busch (partially hidden), P.I. Lee Ann Teller, Color Bearer Barbara Stone, and Historian Alan Teller Photo by Cher Petrovic

FINAL MUSTER

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(CA & Pac)
January 10, 2012

John E. Lumley

Jacob M. Campbell Camp 14 (PA)
July 16, 2012

Lt. Col. William R. Pooley II (USARet)

Gen. Wm. T. Sherman MAL
Camp 25 (FL)
July 18, 2012

Charles F. Saam, Sr.

Col. David Ireland Camp 137 (NY)
August 7, 2012

Frederick A. Trautman

Gen. Benj. D. Fearing Camp 2 (OH)
August 19, 2012

David H. Ward (LM)

Bradbury Camp 149 (PA)
August 28, 2012

Henry E. Efnor, Jr.

V.P. Twombly Camp 2, (IA)
September 3, 2012

William F. Fleming

Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 (TX)
September 15, 2012

CSVV Brent E. Clancy

Power-Dunleavy Camp 3 (IA)
September 18, 2012

Carl E. Gruver

Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33 (PA)
September 25, 2012

Ronald L. Janick

Bradbury Camp 149 (PA)
September 25, 2012

William R. Stevenson

Gen. Thomas J. McKean Camp 3 (FL)
September 28, 2012

Edwin L. McClausland, Jr.

1Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7 (FL)
October 10, 2012

John C. Jordison

Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)
October 18, 2012

JVC Mitchell L. Minton

Lockwood Camp 139 (MI)
October 19, 2012

Donald A. Butler

Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)
October 23, 2012

Michael M. Forman

7th WV Infantry Camp 7 (CH)
October 30, 2012

Olin C. Spencer

Pvt. Silas Gore Camp 141 (PA)
November 2, 2012

PCC Steve Vodde (LM)

Col. Friedrich K. Hecker
Camp 443 (IL)
November 13, 2012

William D. McVay

Washington Camp 120 (PA)
November 14, 2012

John M. Whitman (Real Son)

Indian Nations Camp 3 (OK)
November 15, 2012

James D. Dorney

Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 150 (NY)
November 24, 2012

PCC Robert K. Hoffman

Austin Blair Camp 7 (MI)
December 14, 2012

Harold "Hal" T. Elliott

Sgt. James H. Harris Camp 38 (CH)
December 26, 2012

Gus Sherwin

Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427 (MI)
December 29, 2012

Ned T. Lucas

Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)
December 31, 2012

John T. McNulty

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
January 6, 2013

John F. McCaffrey, Sr.

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
January 13, 2013

FLORIDA

On December 8th, Gen. W. S. Harney Camp 8 and the Louisa May Alcott Tent 11 DUVCW laid a Christmas wreath at the GAR monument in Orlando's Greenwood Cemetery. This is the third such Christmas wreath program by Camp 8. It is the first time the newly established Tent 11 participated. The DUVCW was instrumental in getting the City of Orlando to establish the GAR plot in the early part of the 20th Century. A stone commemorating their efforts lies near the flag pole.



Shown are: Sec/Treas. Gene L Thompson, II, JVC Kenneth Martin, Sr. Sandra Vogelpohl, and SVC Stephen Stroebel, SVC.

ILLINOIS



Camp 26 and Aux. 20 at Greenwood Cemetery. The new flagpole is in the background.

On November 3rd, John A. Logan Camp 26 and Mary Logan Aux. 20 rededicated the Lena Civil War memorial, a 30 lb. parrot rifle, restored the previous month. The Lena American Legion Post provided a firing squad for the ceremony.

Later, the Camp and Aux. held a dedication ceremony at Rockford's Greenwood Cemetery, marking the installation of a new flag pole and solar lighting system at the Civil War plot. Funds for the purchase and installation were raised by Aux. 20. The original pole and monument were installed and dedicated by the WRC of Nevius GAR Post 1 in 1916.

attended the program at Rockford's Memorial Hall, which included music and dramatizations from 1862. Camp and Aux. members portrayed Civil War soldiers and civilians. Pres. and Mrs. Lincoln (Br. Max and Mrs. Donna Daniels of Wheaton) made a surprise visit.

On November 11th, the Camp and Aux. sponsored a concert by Watertown, Wis.'s 1st Brigade Band. Over 150 people

PENNSYLVANIA

On October 21st, John T. Crawford Camp 43 and Sarah A Crawford Aux. 43 held a memorial stone dedication for an Aux. sister's ancestor. Peter Hare, g-g-grandfather of Sr. Jean Mathobel, died in Salisbury, NC, where he was buried in a mass grave in 1864. The Orders joined over 60 family and Church members at the Appleby Manor Presbyterian Cemetery in Ford City. CC Robert Bowser and Sec. Jim Johnson spoke during the worship service, and Sec/Treas. Mindy Eckler shared a Bible lesson with the Church's children. Jean's five grandchildren then set a GAR marker and flag, and laid flowers at the stone. Camp Treas. DC Richard Essenwein read Peter's history. Husband and Br. Richard Mathobel presented a 34-star flag to wife Jean. The Aux. laid flowers, the Sons fired a salute and PCC Jason Krecota played taps on his bugle.



TEXAS



On October 20th, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2 and Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1 participated in a Union and Confederate headstone dedication held in Houston's Washington and Glenwood Cemeteries. The ceremony, honoring five Union and eight Confederate veterans, was organized by the Washington Cemetery Historic Trust. The 158 guests and participants included 72 descendants of the veterans honored that day.

Afterwards, a reception was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, hosted by Aux. 1, Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent 4 (DUVCW) and District 1, Texas Division, UDC.



SVR REACHES MILESTONE

When the Sons of Veterans was organized, many Camps formed firing squads and Camp Guards, which provided military rites at GAR and other veteran funerals. In 1891, the Sons of Veterans Guards was created for those who wished to participate in uniform. The Guard was disbanded after the Spanish American War and Congress failed to make the Sons of Veterans a military reserve, yet some members still favored a military organization within our Order. Encampments were held in conjunction with the GAR, and the Sons were often asked to furnish an escort for the Grand Parade. Military rites at funerals were still needed.

Following several resolutions and amendments to the Order's Constitution, made at the 1903 Nat. Encampment, CinC Arthur Spink's General Order 5 created the "Sons of Veterans Reserve," describing staffing, structure, discipline and uniform specifications.

R.M.J. Reed of Philadelphia was appointed the first general to command the SVR.

This year, the Sons of Veterans Reserve will celebrate its 110th anniversary.

2013 REMEMBRANCE DAY CHANGES

The 57th Annual GAR Remembrance Day Parade, sponsored by the SVR, will be held Saturday, 23 November. Our headquarters will be the Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA; phone 1-717-339-0020. The special room rate is \$113 (2 night min.). The Courtyard Marriott next door is co-owned and its rate is also \$113. Reserve after 15 January and identify yourself with the SVR/SUVCW Remembrance Day activities. Reserve early, as a large number of visitors are expected that weekend.

The annual SVR breakfast will be held at the hotel at 8a.m. on 23 Nov. Reservations should be made with Col. Donald Darby, SVR Adj. Gen.

The memorial ceremony will be conducted at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on 23 Nov. at 11 a.m.

The Original Civil War Ball, sponsored by the SVR/SUVCW, will be held at the hotel on the evening of 23 Nov. Tickets are available from BG Henry Shaw, Jr., SVR Deputy Co. Music will be by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. The ball's net proceeds are donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation. We apologize for any inconvenience the changes may cause.



IOWA

On October 6th, Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, re-dedicated the Civil War monument in Quincy's Oakland Cemetery. Present were DC Mike Carr, PDC Jim Braden, Kinsman Camp 23 CC Vern Damgaard, Dept. Chief of Staff Alan Kirshen, Dept. Signals Officer Dan Rittel and Dept. Asst. Chaplain Bill McAlpine (all of Camp 23), and PCC Henry Krecklow, SVC Dean Knudsen, and JVC Chas. Harmon of Kirkwood Camp 4. Aux. Srs. Bev Carr and Jeanie Kirshen assisted. Dean Davis was the keynote speaker. His great-grandfather, Capt. Frank Davis, Co. D, 29th Iowa Vol. Inf., gave the keynote speech at the monument's first dedication.

On October 13th, the unit, assisted by Srs. Sharon Braden and Carr, and 2Lt. Steve Bauermeister (Nebraska Rangers), held re-dedication ceremonies in Monona, Harrison and Crawford Counties. Attending were DC Carr, PDC Braden, Dept. GRO Roy Linn, CC Damgaard, Br. Chas. Boeck, Dept. Asst. Chaplain McAlpine and PCC Krecklow.



14TH MICH. HONORS VETERANS, GAR

On November 3rd, the Dept. and Co. A, 14th Mich., SVR participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit. Following the parade, there was a special flag raising ceremony at the Detroit GAR Hall which is in the process of being fully and historically restored in the areas utilized by the GAR members who once called the hall their home. Submitted by Br. L. Dean Lamphere.



SUNSET AT CARTER HOUSE

The 10th Reg., Tenn. U.S. Vol. Inf. commemorated the Battle of Franklin's 148th Anniversary on November 25th. The unit marched from the Fort Granger marker at Franklin's Pinkerton Park, across the Harpeth River to the Carter House, scene of hand to hand fighting and the 125th OVI's heroic counterattack. The Sam Davis Camp (SCV) marched from Winstead Hill and the two groups met at the battle site. The Battle of Franklin resulted in the deaths of six Confederate generals and allowed MG John Schofield's army to join MG Geo. Thomas at Nashville. Two weeks later, John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee was routed, effectively ending any significant Confederate threat in the West.



Shown are: Pvts. Tommy Phillips, Tim Moulder, Sgt. Bill Heard, Dr. Curt Fields (Gen. Grant), Cpl. Geo. A Huttick, Pvts. Geo. M. Huttick, Sam Gant, Randy Hart, Tony Morreale and Capt. David DuBrucq

PROMOTIONS

The following were promoted to:

National Headquarters

Maj. Eric Schmincke (until 20 Nov 13)

1Lt. David K. Hann (until 20 Nov 13)

3rd Military District

1Lt. Lloyd D. Lamphere, Jr., Co. A, 14th Mich. Vol. Inf., (until 30 Sep 15)

2Lt. Wm. Morris, Co. A, 14 Mich. Vol. Inf. (until 30 Sep 15)

2Lt. Jeremy N. Grant (until 16 Nov 13)

APPOINTMENTS

National Headquarters

1Lt. David M. Lamb – Lincoln Tomb Spec. Prov.

3rd Military District

2Lt. Jeremy N. Grant – District Chaplain

AWARDS

Distinguished Service Medal Gold Star

Col. Robert M. Petrovic, Nat. HQ

Maj. Keith G. Harrison, Nat. HQ

Cpl. Ricky L. Stewart, Co. A, 49th Iowa Inf.

Meritorious Service Medal Silver Star

1Lt. David C. Warren, Co. E, 47th MO

Pvt. Russell F. DeVenney, Jr., 1st MO

Certificate of Commendation – Mich. Antietam event

2nd Military District

Maj. Mark Day, Dist. Cmdr.

Capt. Michael Paquette, District Chief of Staff

Pvt. Kevin Martin, Gettysburg Blues.

Pvt. Scott Stephens, Co. A, Potomac Guard

Pvt. John Dillon, Co. A, 110th Penn. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Doak Marasco, Co. A, 110th Penn. Vol. Inf.

Cpl. Harry Dillon, III, Cmdr., Co. A., 110th PA Vol. Inf.

3rd Military District

2Lt. Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Jr., Cmdr. Co. A, 14th Mich Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Lloyd Dean Lamphere, Sr., Co. A, 14th Mich. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Leonard McInermy, Co. A, 14th Mich. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Jonathan McInermy, Co. A, 14th Mich. Vol. Inf.

4th Military District

Pvt. Eric Sprengle, Headquarters Co.

Certificate of Commendation - Mexico event

2nd Military District

1Lt. Lee Stone, District IG

6th Military District

Maj. Will Tisch, Dist. Cmdr.

2Lt. Tom Helmantoler, Co. G, 5th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Mace Gjerman, Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Jamin Gjerman, Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Linn Malaznik, Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Inactive Reserve

Maj. Eugene Mortorff

Certificate of Appreciation

Sr. Cher Petrovic

Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Recently I was at a meeting, and one of the people in the discussion said. "I am not going to do anything about the people in trouble because of Super Storm Sandy. We have enough problems right here. I don't have any desire to give money or help anyone I don't know." The thought that went through my mind: "This guy has to be divorced. He was probably an unwanted baby. His parents didn't like him, and he has a hard time holding down a job because of attitude problems." Your Chaplain is quick to judge others. He is quick to see the speck in someone else's eye while a cataract is blinding both of his. Whether Chaplain Jerry was accurate with his assessment is not the point. The purpose is for me to say something about "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

This Corner deals with Charity, the type that the person in the discussion was unwilling to give, yet is part of the whole message of Christianity. "Do unto others as you want them to do to you," were the words of our Lord. In 2012, I experienced Charity from my Brothers. In these tough economic times, I found myself unable to afford the Nat. Encampment in California last August; my Texas Brothers helped with the room and plane ticket. Then too last summer, a tree fell on my home. It missed crushing my wife by 30 seconds. The home could be repaired; my wife of 45 years could not be replaced. My Dept of Illinois Brothers helped me with the cost of deductibles and things that were not covered under the insurance policy.

These "Random Acts of Kindness" that were given to me - totally undeserved, unexpected and non repayable - were like Hugs from God. They showed me that my Brothers, who knew of my problems, were willing to help me in a time of need. You had better believe that I have given assistance to the folks who suffered from the Super Storm. You had better believe that I go out of my way to help people whenever and wherever I can. The Lord shouts in my ears, telling me how much He loves me...and my only response must be that I help His children.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

PARTING WORDS



Pastor Tom Detamore is a member of Middletown, New Jersey's Custer Camp 17. Since Hurricane Sandy, he's been working tirelessly to help those affected by the storm. He's provided shelter to those displaced by the storm, as well as collecting and distributing cases of blankets, food, soap, personal products, diapers, baby wipes and other supplies to the towns of Union Beach and South Amboy.

Recently, he told CSVC Robert Meyer:

"...As I think about all those who have been donating, helping others repair homes and caring for those affected by the storm, I thought about the GAR and SAR and how our forefathers, when their country needed them, were called upon to serve their nation for the cause of freedom. We may not be fighting a revolution or Civil War, but we are called upon within our own state and communities to take care of those who are in need. It is our duty as children of God, but also as ancestors of those whom this nation was founded and continued forward, to continue their legacy and do our part to serve others, as we are now called upon to do. I honestly hope and pray that groups like ours will understand the importance of honoring and remembering the past and our heritage, but also the importance of our now and future, and will continue to carry the baton forward, as we may be called upon to do our part for our fellow man in this great nation that we live..."

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COLLECTING THE SONS

THE SONS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

As previously mentioned, Grand Army Posts considered organizing their sons into a formal organization at various times. A sterling silver Maltese Cross membership badge marked “S. of GAR 1870” has been located. This is one of the earliest efforts documented, as the GAR organized only four years earlier. No printed materials or records have been found about this order, nor do we even know where it may have started. The lack of information indicates it was very short lived and unsuccessful, so Philadelphia’s Anna Ross Post can still claim to be the first successful attempt to organize its sons.

On several occasions, some members of the Sons of Veterans felt they would be better recognized if their organization was known as the Sons of the GAR. GAR and Sons of Veterans, USA, Nat. Encampments rejected these resolutions from various Camps and Departments. Pennsylvania Sons PDC William Kearney was inducted into one of the splinter Camps around 1910 and often wore his “Sons of the GAR” membership badge. No badge image for this order has been located thus far; its effort was short-lived and it returned to the Sons of Veterans, USA.

In 1934, the National Daughters of the GAR, Inc., demanded recognition by the GAR and the other Allied Orders. It threatened to organize the National Sons of the GAR, Inc.; if GAR recognition was not forthcoming.ⁱ The threat was unsuccessful; it did not receive recognition as an Allied Order and the National Sons of the GAR was not formed.

Another even stranger mystery surrounds the Sons of Union Veterans, founded in Cincinnati, Ohio. Not to be confused with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this order was organized on October 7, 1907. Its only known chapter was named the Fred H. Alms Commandery 1. Comrade Alms, for whom the chapter was named, was a millionaire merchant and member of Cincinnati’s Fred C Jones GAR Post 401. No records of this organization have been located, so we do not know why they splintered from the Sons of Veterans, USA. It did erect a memorial to Comrade Alms and participated in Cincinnati Memorial Day observances until the early 1940s, funded by the Alms estate.

This silver badge was presented to a past commandery commander, so it might be the membership badge or a past officers badge. The silver lapel button matches.

ⁱ Sons of Union Veterans Proceedings Fifty-Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief 1934 n.p. p. 14



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Reserve your room now by calling (262) 364-1100 or online at <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/alliedordersofthegar>. Be sure to specify that you are with the “Allied Orders of the GAR” to receive the group rate of \$99 for single/double plus tax. This special rate is good for August 4th – 14th and expires on July 17th. For more information on the Encampment, visit <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org/>

Local Site Committee

The Dept. Host Committee Chair is PCinC Steve Michaels. Working with him are DC Thomas Brown, DSVC Kim Heltemes, PDC Bruce Laine, PDC Kent Peterson, Br. Eric Graff, Nat. Aux. PI. Allison Graff, DP Linda Brown, PNP Danielle Michaels (Nat. Enc. POC), PDP Anne Michaels, AP Kathy Anderson, and AP Mary Ann Schallock. LGAR rep: Pres.. Judy Rock

Pre-registrations Being Taken Now

Pre-register before July 31st at \$10/brother, using the form provided. After July 31st, the fee jumps to \$20/Brother. The fee includes: (1) Friday Campfire program, (2) Memorial service, and (3) the Saturday hospitality room.

Special Optional Activities

(4) Thursday, August 8:

9-11:30am – Commander-in-Chief’s Civil War Sites tour

1-3:30 pm.- Brewery tour

6-8:30 pm – National Soldiers Home tour

(5) Saturday, Aug 9 – 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. 10—6:30 pm. Allied Orders Banquet—Formal evening meal and entertainment. Two entrée choices.

Interesting Places to Visit

- War Memorial – Milwaukee
- Forest Home Cemetery – Milwaukee
- Callatrava Art Museum - Milwaukee
- Midwest Civil War Museum – Kenosha
- Wisconsin State Fair – State Fair Park, West Allis

- Potawatami Bingo & Casino/Northern Lights Theater - Milwaukee
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ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 57th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 148th Anniversary of President Lincoln’s death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2013.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$91.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay’s Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention “**Sons of Union Veterans**”. **Reserve your room by March 15, 2013.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released. **Shuttle service** will provide transportation between the tomb and the hotel.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 13th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a panel discussion by Gens. Grant & Sherman, Adm. Porter, and Pres. Lincoln on the strategy for ending the war. Luncheon cost is \$29 per person. Send registration form below to:

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvcw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION (please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____

Name & title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

if no e-mail, home address: _____

City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure listing in program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown above.

I would like to reserve ____ seats on the shuttle bus from headquarters hotel to Tomb Ceremony and return to hotel. Maximum of 60 seats on bus. First come, First served basis.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

London Broil _____ Herb-encrusted Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Include remittance of \$29.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW**. **Reservations must be made by April 1st and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.** There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

MILITARY PARADE INFORMATION

Name of unit: _____

No. of people attending: _____

Contact person name: _____

E-mail: _____

This will insure each unit receives a streamer for their flag and all participants receive ribbons.

SEND TO:
ROBERT M. PETROVIC, 6519 CHEROKEE LANE, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016