

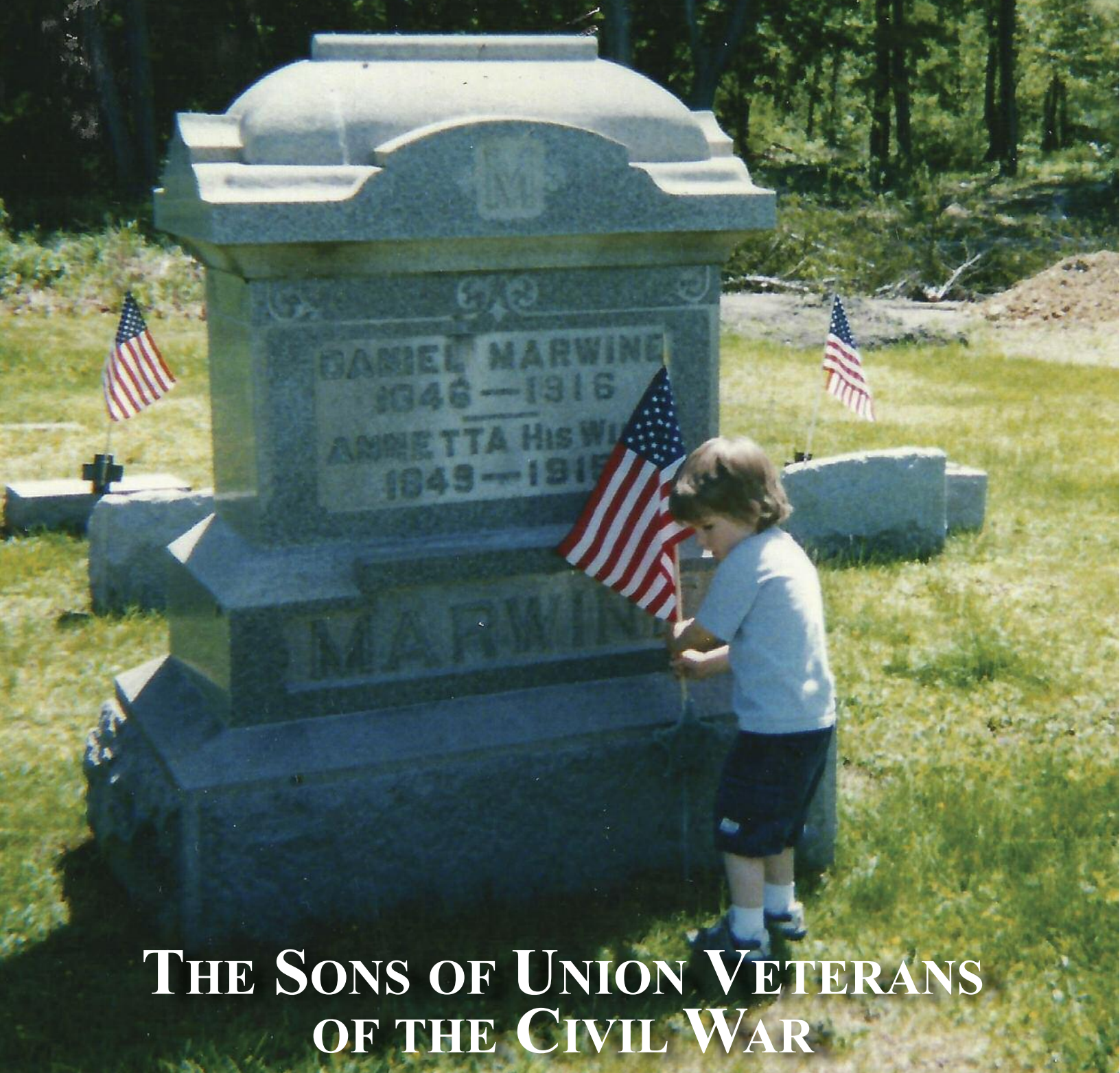
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THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

In 2009, three year old Andrew Lukoskie assisted Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania's James A. Garfield Camp 34 in decorating Union veterans graves for Memorial Day. Andrew, now eight years old and a Camp 34 Junior, is the grandson of PCC David Berezovske. He continues to help the Camp decorate the graves of nearly 200 veterans graves in four local cemeteries.

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KUDOS IN ORDER

On March 9th, at the end of a First Person Walking Tour of Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery, a final biographical sketch was presented on Marine Corps Pvt. McLeod by Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22 SVC Mike Drouin. At that time, Capt. Joe Marti, Cmdr. of the SVR's 6th Military District, came forward and read Br. Drouin's official Certificate of Retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps, dated that very day. So it happened that those gathered were witness to the pinnacle of Br. Drouin's life of service to his country.

SUCVW Membership by the Numbers

In March, the Executive Director reported 6,530 Brothers in Good Standing. This total represents 5,503 Members; 9 Real Sons; 372 Life Members, 4 Honorary Members; 83 Juniors; 1 Junior Associate and 562 Associates. The total reflects a 14.5% increase since last November.



THE SPRING OF 1864

By CSVC Jeffrey Graf

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Dept. of Wis.

The spring of 1864 was the most pivotal time in the American Civil War.

After a string of victories in 1863, the Union Army stood on the verge of some real gains. Confidence in the military leadership had never been higher. The western army stationed in Northern Georgia was ready for the drive to Atlanta. The Army of the Potomac had ejected Lee's army from northern soil and put him on the defensive. Lincoln and the Congress had appointed Ulysses S. Grant overall commander of the U.S. Army, giving him the rank of Lieutenant General, the first time since George Washington. Grant, in turn, appointed Wm. Tecumseh Sherman overall commander of the west. The two met in Cincinnati to plan their objectives for the coming campaign season. Grant, with the Army of the Potomac would attempt to destroy Lee's army, or at the very least, pen him up in Richmond and remove his offensive capability. Sherman targeted Atlanta, hoping to destroy the Army of Tennessee and then drive deep into the South's heartland to either Savannah, Ga. or Mobile, Al.

There were some serious problems, however. The manpower situation was critical; 455 of the 956 U.S. infantry regiments' terms of enlistment were about to expire. Over half of the artillery and half of the cavalry units were also to be mustered out. To keep these battle-tested veterans under the colors for the coming year, the

Government offered a \$402 veteran reenlistment bonus with a 30-day furlough home. As many of the men had not been home since the beginning of the war, this was a powerful inducement. Also, if 3/4 of a regiment reenlisted, the regiment would retain its unit identity with the right to be called veteran volunteers and wear a distinctive red and blue hash mark on their sleeve. One extremely valuable provision of the reenlistment general order was that the veteran units were allowed to recruit new members while on furlough. Up to this time, governors of the northern states formed new regiments to appoint new officers as a form of political patronage. This at the expense of the existing regiments, which had become severely under strength. The furlough recruitment brought most veteran regiments up to their original strength. The new recruits in the veteran regiments would be taught valuable lessons in battlefield efficiency and survival by the old hands without having to pay for them in blood.

These veteran regiments would have to make the difference. Both northern and southern leadership knew that their armies' actions in 1864 would make or break their causes. The election in the fall would decide the fate of the nation. The North needed a victory to ensure Lincoln and the Republican Party's reelection and see the war to a successful end. The South must deny these victories and hope a war weary North would tire of the war and negotiate for peace. The stage was set for the bloodiest year of the war.



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CIN C FRESHLEY'S TRAVELS



CinC Freshley poses with the newly-elected officers of the California & Pacific Department at their Encampment in Sacramento on March 8th.



The Commander-in-Chief visits the Department of Wisconsin's Mid-Winter meeting in Wauwatosa on February 1st.

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nominees may be submitted to CinC Ken Freshley via email at cinc@suvvw.org



THE CIN C SAYS...

- All badges and charters are draped from January 28th to February 28th, marking the passing of Real Son and Brother Charles A. Cox.
- Sympathy is expressed upon the passing of 65-year member PDC Merlin Thomas "Tuffy" Doyle, Dept. of Vermont.
- All badges and charters are draped from February 16th to March 16th, marking the passing of Real Daughter Cora Lee Jackson.
- Br. Michael Farrell (FL) resigned while under disciplinary action and may rejoin with the approval of the Council of Administration.
- The charters of the California's Col. Roderick Matheson Camp 16 and John A. Logan Camp 20 have been revoked.

Reference the CinC's General Orders, found at <http://www.suvvw.org/go/go.htm>



GENERAL SHERMAN REMEMBERED

On a cold and windy February 23rd, the 4th Military District assembled to honor MG William T. Sherman on his birthday. This ceremony was sponsored by William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp 65. Several of the district's units were represented: Ships Company U.S.S. Carondelet; Co. M, 1st Missouri Lt. Artillery; Co. A, 1st Missouri Engineers; Co. A, 2nd Missouri Inf.; Co. C, 5th Missouri Cav.; Co. C, 34th Ill. Inf.; Co. E, 47th Missouri Inf. and Co. F, 78th Enrolled Missouri Inf.

The 17th Missouri Inf. re-enactors, assisted by members of the 4th Military District, fired a two-volley salute. The 1st Missouri Lt. Artillery fired a one-volley salute.

The military column began the march to the grave site of Gen. Sherman and after the opening ceremonies, John Nischwitz, author of "Collections of a Civil War Junkie," gave a presentation. John is a new member of Camp 65, a West Point graduate and a retired U.S. Army colonel. *Submitted by Br. Gary Scheel.*



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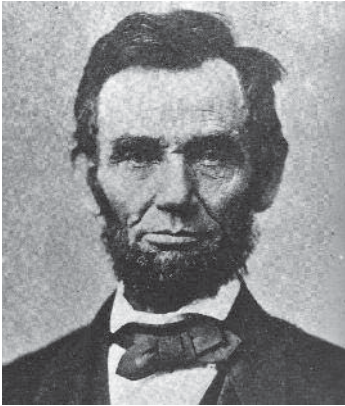
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Pres. Lincoln's birthday was first recognized in 1866, less than a year after his death. A ceremony was held at the Capitol building with Pres. Johnson, his cabinet and other dignitaries present.

The Sons of Veterans, USA, held the first nationwide observance on February 12th, 1889. Based upon the celebration's success, CinC George B. Abbott recommended that the observance be made a feature of our Order and be provided for in the Constitution. The 1890 Nat. Encampment (1) supported the observance, (2) recommended it be called "Union Defender's Day," and (3) prescribed that the CinC issue orders providing for its observance by our Order.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52 celebrated our 16th President's 205th birthday on February 15 at Holder's Country Inn Restaurant in San Jose. Those attending included SVCinC Tad Campbell, Nat. Aux. VP Rachele Campbell, PDC Charlie Mabie, DSVC Tom Graham, and Dept. GRO Kenneth Felton.

Additionally, Castro Valley's Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 and Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10 were represented. Camp 4 SVC John Stolp was Master of Ceremonies and led the gathering in a series of rousing mind taxing games while Aux. 52 served the traditional birthday cake. *Submitted by PCC Bob Kadlec*

MICHIGAN

On February 12th, Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427 presented a timeline, leading up to Abraham Lincoln's presidency at Dearborn Heights' Caroline Kennedy Library. Abraham Lincoln, along with a couple of Union soldiers were present. Visitors also learned of Civil War heroes from the area buried in the Wallaceville Cemetery. Information on the Sons and artifacts from the Dearborn Museum were displayed.

NEBRASKA

On February 12, the Department posted a guard at the Lincoln Monument, at the State Capitol.

Later, on the 16th, the annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration was held at Southwest High School. Lincoln (Fritz Cline) returned, and Br. Terry Lowe presented a program on the balloon corps during the Civil War.

OHIO

Several Camps conducted Union Defender's Day/Lincoln Dinners in February, including Columbus' Gov. William Dennison Camp 1, Gen. William McLaughlin Camp 12, and Chillicothe's Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73. Cincinnati's Gen. Wm. H. Lytle Camp 10 hosted a joint dinner with Dayton's Wm. T. Sherman Camp 93, Fairfield's Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, and Henry Casey Camp 92.



WISCONSIN

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 held their 34th annual Patriotic Luncheon on February 1st, following the Wisconsin Dept.'s Mid-Winter Meeting. The luncheon honored Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley. Over 80 people, representing 30 different patriotic and hereditary organizations attended. Mr. Andrew LaRoche spoke on Lincoln's photographer, Alexander Gardner. A raffle and silent auction were held, which raised over \$1500 for patriotic education and historic preservation initiatives.

Lincoln's birthday is legally recognized in ten states (CT, DE, IL, MN, NJ, NY, ND, PA, WA, WY). It last failed to make Federal Holiday status in 1968, when Washington's birthday observance was moved to the 3rd Monday in February. In 1971, the day was renamed Presidents' Day.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Last fall, I took a Hibiscus tree in from my garden. My wife, JoEllen, and I had planted it in the spring and it had done very well in the Great Outdoors. Well, it was such a lovely plant that I decided to re-pot it and take it to my office. There are southeast facing plate glass windows there, and I thought I would give it a try. After all, the cruel Chicago winter would have just killed it anyway. The tree has thrived. In fact, it has not stopped blooming. Every day I take off from one to six spent flowers (I make hibiscus tea with the dried flowers). Sometime, hopefully, in the weeks and months to come, I will return the tree to my garden. It is fully one foot taller, and all I really did was water it.

All that was necessary to get it to thrive and blossom ...was to water it.

All it takes to get our Order to grow...is to nurture it. Ask men, and ladies, to join us in our work of keeping the memory of those who sacrificed so much, green in the minds of our fellow citizens...and ourselves.

If we don't ask...nothing will happen. If we don't water the plant...it will die. So will we if we don't do what we are supposed to do.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

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January 27, 2014

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January 28, 2014

PCC Robert E. Duncan

Wm. T. Sherman Camp 28 (CA & Pac)
January 29, 2014

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Date unknown

PDC Merlin T. Doyle (LM)

H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)
February 4, 2014

Clair M. Fasnacht (LM)

Gen. George H. Thomas Camp 19 (PA)
February 28, 2014

D. Frank Riester

Col. Fredrich K. Hecker Camp 443 (IL)
March 9, 2014

ADDENDUM

In the Winter 2014 issue, the photo on the right side of page 10 was misidentified. The photo of Fred Smith, Anthony Gibbs, Jim Oiler and Michael Crutcher appeared in the Ohio section on page 11.

SERVICE IN THE “HOUSE OF LORDS”

In the late 1980s, PCinC Norman Firman (1971-72) coined the phrase “House of Lords,” when referring to the Order’s aged, influential group of Past Commanders-in-Chief. Many of these brothers were well into retirement and Commander-in-Chief was the last position of responsibility they held. This changed about 20 years ago when younger men were elected to the high post and it became evident that Commander-in-Chief would not be the last stop in their Sons career. Recently, some of these brothers were asked what led them to additional responsibilities after serving as our Order’s national leader.



Gathered at the 2010 Nat. Encampment are PCinCs Jim Pahl, Elmer “Bud” Atkinson, Andy Johnson, Steve Michaels, Dick Greenwald, Don Darby, Ed Krieser, Bob Grim, Keith Harrison, George Powell, Danny Wheeler, Charlie Kuhn, Richard Orr and Leo Kennedy. Photo by Sr. Cher Petrovic

“The first year, following my service as Commander-in-Chief, was pretty quiet,” remarked Br. Bob Grim. “By the second year, people started asking if I would help them do this or that. The first thing you know, I am almost as busy as I was before and during my time as Commander-in-Chief.”

Br. Rich Orr initially accepted several appointments because he was determined not to sit back and be an “inactive” member of the “House of Lords.” He’s served as Asst. Nat. Treasurer, and as chair or member of various committees. He volunteered to serve as Nat. Treasurer, a position he previously held for eight years. He’s also served nine CinC’s as their Nat. Counselor.

Br. Jim Pahl also had volunteered for treasurer, as he said, because someone had to do it - accurately and there were no other volunteers. He too had served in the position previously and in multiple administrations as Nat. Counselor. He’d been Dept. Counselor for nearly two decades. Understanding the Order’s workings and an interest in our regulations led to service on the C&R committee, and the Special Nat. Committee on Regulations. Work in the legal profession led to an appointment as the SVR’s Judge Advocate General.

Br. Danny Wheeler said, “...when you have served your year as CinC, you’re not needed much; the letters, e-mails and so on just stop. To become CinC, you work hard for the organization. When the quartermaster job came up, I decided to run for the position as again, an elected office. It’s been 10 years ...It’s been fun serving my fellow brothers.”

For Br. Don Palmer it was a natural transition. He recalled, “I was appointed to the Marketing & Promotion Committee and the Vision & Planning Committee. I appointed these committees while CinC and they were re-appointed by my successor. The incoming CinC also appointed a new Memorial University Re-design Comm. and I was appointed to this as well”.

Br. Harrison, meanwhile, had worked on the Nat. website from the beginning.

“I started the Photos from the Past section, so I just continued that. My involvement in then, the cutting edge of webs and data-based programs, resulted in my appointment to the committee that I’m on. I’ve been way surpassed in such programs by others, so...I am now much more of a follower than a leader in these areas.”

Br. Darby says, “I served as the Nat. Counselor for two CinCs, Brad Schall and Ken Freshley. Both asked me to serve, which, I am sure the other PCinCs would agree, is an honor to be asked to continue our service to the Order.”

Our PCinCs agreed that serving as Commander-in-Chief helped them in their current position(s).

Br. Orr said that the office gives one a broader perspective of the issues faced by Camps and Departments. The manner in which Camp and Dept. officers fulfill their respective responsibilities affects the ability of Nat. Officers to perform theirs. It also teaches one to be “tough skinned” and not to take verbal attacks personally.

Brs. Grim and Pahl replied that they gained a great understanding of the Order’s workings. Br. Pahl developed an interest in our Regulations and Br. Grim also attributes personal friendships.

Br. Palmer said, “I was well prepared for serving on the Vision & Planning committee, as I created that committee and

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established its RAA (responsibility, accountability and authority). I was also prepared for serving on the committee on Memorial University Re-design, as some of my recommendations led to the committee's establishment."



PCinC Robert Grim
"One has a duty to help the Order."

Br. Grim added, "I am also active in a number of Masonic organizations, the SAR, the Ohio Society of the War of 1812, and my wife and I serve as co-secretaries of the local western square dance club and write a monthly newsletter for the club."



PCinC Richard Orr
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In a changing world, it may be comforting to know that most PCinCs are open to continuing to serve the Order in some capacity.

Br. Orr says there are a few positions he'd decline because he didn't think he could do them well enough or have expertise in. He doesn't have any interest or expertise beyond his current office and the C&R-related committees. He'd like to think that based on his professional life, other volunteer activities and his experience, that his greatest expertise is in leading and facilitating others.

Br. Wheeler believes he's doing all he can as Quartermaster and being on the Nat. Council. He hopes that the younger members will dedicate themselves and serve the Order.

Br. Grim said, "I probably have enough national obligations, but I would always give serious thought to helping if my service would be helpful."

Br. Pahl believes appointed Nat. positions should be reserved for those up and coming younger brothers, who need experience in Nat. level affairs to prepare them for potential national elected office.

"I believe a PCinC should not chair a Nat. committee (there are a few exceptions), but a PCinC should be a member of every Nat. committee."

Br. Harrison says, "...I have other things that I'm doing - many, many organizations and could not take on anything else. In fact, I have to back out of some things that I am currently doing."

However, Br. Darby said, "I think the question should be: 'How does serving in different Camp and Dept. positions help you as a CinC and beyond; How did serving those CinCs prepare you by watching how they handled situations?' You need to bring various communication skills to the table." He says it's never too early to read and understand the Order's Constitution & Regulations and Policies. Another item that every aspiring Camp, Dept. Cmdr., CofA member, and CinC should put on their Must Read list is the Past Proceedings. The Past does, in fact, control the future. The CofA meeting minutes also provide future leaders with the why something happened.

Service at the National level would be enough for most, but many of our PCinCs contribute time and talent elsewhere.

Br. Orr also serves as his Camp's Secretary-Treasurer and Historian, Dept. Parliamentarian and unofficial advisor to the Dept. Cmdr., on the Dept by-laws comm. and several others.

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In contrast, both Br. Palmer and Br. Darby are open to other service. Br. Palmer says, "I would serve in other Nat. positions if requested...as long as they fit within my schedule. My main areas of interest include promoting stronger business acumen across the organization, leadership development and forging stronger ties amongst the Allied Orders...My ultimate objective is to help the Allied Orders reach their ultimate growth potential. I believe my 'day job' as a chief engineer and program manager has helped me develop the expertise to continue to address these challenges."

Br. Darby added, "As a retired military man, I learned early on that 'one serves at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer.' I stand ready to serve any CinC that asks, 'without question or purpose of evasion.'"

This was an opportunity for our PCinCs to reflect on their service and where they'd gone in the Order. Time and talent was a recurring theme when they were asked for advice.



PCinC Danny Wheeler
"It's been fun serving my fellow Brothers."

While both Brs. Harrison and Wheeler encouraged all brothers to participate in the Order, Br. Darby added, "Those wishing to 'go through the chairs' need to carefully watch the sitting CinCs and select the good points of each administration and yes, there are some bad points to avoid as well. LISTEN to the PCinCs when they 'suggest' that you are about to screw up...I would most strongly recommend a full tour on the Council of Administration. Those three years, under three different CinCs, taught me volumes...consider SACRIFICE. That means of your FAMILY, as there is a lot of time spent at meetings and on the road. My travel to become a PCinC took seven years: three as a CofA member, one year each as JVCinC, SVCinC, CinC, and finally PCinC.

Br. Pahl agreed, "For those interested in pursuing Nat. elected office, volunteer first of all at the Dept. level. Prepare for and then run for election as Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and then Dept. Cmdr. Once completed, or while serving at the Dept. level, volunteer for Nat. committees and appointed offices. Be prepared to devote yourself to the Order and to spend quantities of quality time. But the rewards of serving are well worth those sacrifices."

Br. Grim observed, "Because of the unique knowledge and experience one gains as a Commander-in-Chief, I think one has a duty to help the Order in whatever way they can for as long as they can. One should never seek the office of Commander-in-Chief unless they are prepared to always respond to requests for additional service."

Br. Palmer advised, "Once you leave the rigors of the CinC office, you'll see a number of things you'd like to get involved with at various levels...Pick an area or two where you have (1) the greatest interest and ability to impact and (2) the areas that will bring you the greatest degree of satisfaction....and go with it. Be realistic with your time...especially for those that have family at home and/or are still in the work force. Do not over-extend yourself because remember...if you agree to serve....there will be officers and committee chairs depending on you."

Br. Orr concluded, "All PCC's, PDC's as well as PCinC's, take to heart that part of the ritual spoken to you as you were relieved of command – 'Commander-in-Chief, in relieving you of the command of the Nat. Organization... I trust that in surrendering the command of the Nat. Organization your interests in the welfare of the Order will not cease.' Stay involved. Don't sit back and watch the parade go by. Be part of it."



PCinC James Pahl
"A PCinC should be a member of every Nat. committee."

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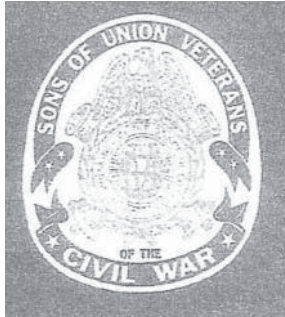
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WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

Maj. Gen. John A. Logan Camp 9, Jacksonville, FL,
Department of Florida.

Three years ago, Br. Dave Acheson moved to the Jacksonville-St. Augustine area and discovered that the nearest camp was 125 miles away. He joined that Camp and is still a member there.

At the December 2012 mid-year Dept. meeting, he agreed to establish a camp in the Jacksonville area. Twenty-five prospects from the Dept.'s Camp-at-Large, other Camps, and recruitment from area reenactments were contacted by letter, e-mail, and phone.

The first organizational meeting was held at a local library in March 2013. Fourteen men were present.

The second meeting was held two months later. The officers were chosen and three new brothers were initiated. All the necessary forms and paperwork including the IRS-EIN number were filed.

Meetings continue to be held at the centrally located library.

Following the example of Gettysburg Camp 112, the meetings are held on Sunday afternoons to avoid traffic. Wives, children and grand children are invited to all meetings.

The first official meeting as a chartered Camp was August 25, 2013. Officers were installed that day.

Early Camp activities included: Guest speaker on Civil War medicine, JROTC awards to area high schools, a JROTC 14 school field day, recruiting at re-enactments, Eagle Scout awards, and a Civil War Day at the library.

PDC Ward, DC Vaughn, PDC Linscott and Dept. Sec. Lloyd Monroe lent invaluable assistance and support. Weekly phone calls helped the Camp stay on target.

Br. Acheson is Camp Commander and Camp 9 has 13 members. Patriotic instructor, chaplain and color guard appointments have been made. Recruiting continues. Soon there'll be enough members to fill all the chairs.



PDC James Ward accepts Camp 9's charter from CinC Mellor at the 131st National Encampment in Brookfield, WI.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

James S. Stratton Camp 82, Glassboro, NJ, Dept. of New Jersey. Camp Organizer is Br. Scott West of Wenonah, NJ, with the assistance of DSVC Jeff Heagy. Deadline is June 8, 2014

Lt. Col. John W. Hudson Camp 105, Lexington, MA, Dept. of Massachusetts. Camp Organizer is Br. Stuart Chambers of Framingham, MA. Deadline is June 9, 2014.

Old Glory Camp 7, St. Francis, KS, Dept. of Kansas. Organizer PDC Alan Russ and three other brothers are recruiting for the new Camp. Their goal is to grow the number to at least 10. St. Francis is a small community of 1,300, founded in 1888. The community is 14 miles from Colorado and 17 miles from Nebraska. The nearest Kansas Camp is 350 miles away. Br. Russ researched the area's Civil War settlers so that people might be more quickly able to recognize their ancestors' names. The name "Old Glory" was the original Camp's name. Number 7 was assigned per the Department's by-laws. Deadline is October 19, 2014.

Sedgwick Camp 4, Norwich, CT, Dept. of Connecticut. Organizer is Matt Reardon of Tolland, CT. Deadline is February 27, 2015.

Lt. Col. Milton L. Phillips Camp 27, LaFollette, TN, Dept. of Tenn. Organizer is Br. Joe Stephens of Clinton, TN. Deadline is March 4, 2015

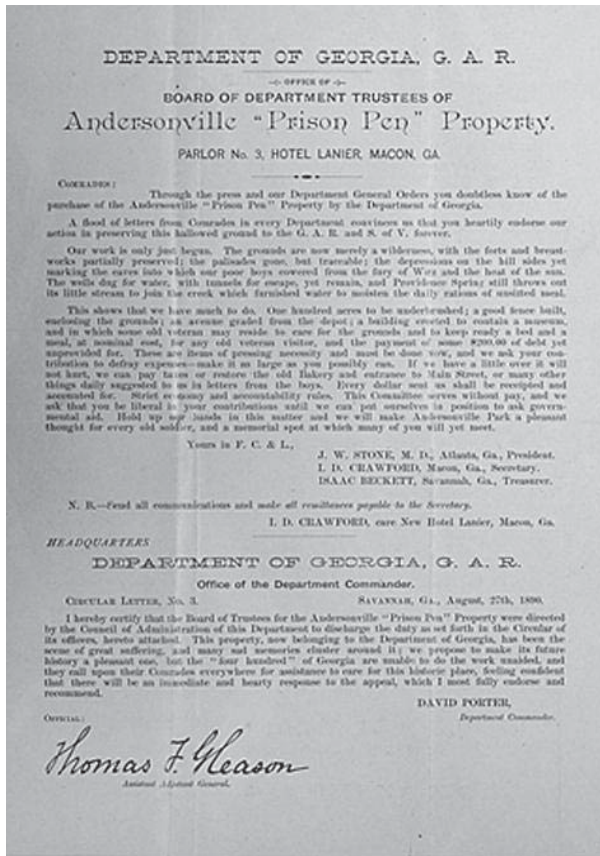
Sgt. George Marion Taylor Camp 28, Maryville, TN, Dept. of Tenn. Organizer is Br. Craig Taylor Brown of Alcoa, TN. Deadline is March 4, 2015.

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/form50.pdf> The Dept. Commander authorizes formation on Form 51. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.



SAVING ANDERSONVILLE



Andersonville. The very name conjures up visions of the dreadful suffering that Union prisoners of war endured; visions of starvation, sickness and squalor.

Today, Andersonville is hallowed ground. It is entirely appropriate that the National Prisoner of War Museum was opened there in 1998, honoring the sacrifices of prisoners of war from all of our great nation's wars.

But this was almost not the case.

If it were not for the dedicated efforts of our forefathers of the old GAR Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina, and the steadfast loyalty of the Woman's Relief Corps, Andersonville may have been relegated to a mere historical marker as has been the fate of a number of other POW camps, such as Camp Sorghum and the Florence Stockade.

While the prisoners' burial ground was made into a Nat. Cemetery after the Civil War, Camp Sumter, the old prison site, reverted to the private ownership of a local farmer. The wooden stockades were dismantled and much of the land was put under the plow. Parts of the site which were not farmed became overgrown with weeds, brambles, and trees.

From the Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina's establishment in 1889, the preservation of Andersonville prison was a top priority. Because the Dept. was one of the smallest in the country, having only about 420 members, it lacked the financial resources to buy the property outright. So, the Dept. decided to sell subscriptions to their brothers in the Northern departments. Advertising flyers were printed and sent to every GAR department.

This enterprise proved to be successful. Within two years, the Dept. had raised sufficient funds from the subscriptions as well as a \$1,000 loan from a wealthy benefactor.

The Dept. purchased the Prison Pen property in late 1891 for \$1,500.

This initial success was followed by several years of turmoil. The Panic of 1893 wreaked havoc with the young Department's finances, and it struggled to pay off the loan it had incurred to buy the prison site. The risk of foreclosure and loss of the property loomed.

Rather than giving up, the Dept. redoubled its efforts to pay off the loan. More flyers were sent out to other Depts. soliciting contributions, "A flood of letters...convincing us that you heartily endorse our action in preserving this hallowed ground to the GAR and S of V forever.... This property... has been the scene of great suffering, and many sad memories cluster around it; we propose to make its future history a pleasant one, but the "four hundred" of Georgia are unable to do the work unaided." One enterprising member, J.W. Stone, MD, while on a lecture tour in the northern states, visited several

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GAR Posts in order to solicit donations. The Nat. Woman's Relief Corps generously contributed \$650.

These efforts bore fruit, as attested to in records of Dept.'s Sixth Annual Encampment in 1894 which triumphantly reported, "The property known as 'Andersonville Prison Pen Property,' adjoining the National Cemetery, where sleep nearly 14,000 of comrades who 'touched the elbow' with us, consisting of 80 acres in the county of Macon, is now free from debt and the deed is in the 'Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic.'"

Having secured the property, the Dept. now sought to develop it. But this too required some creative solutions. At the 1896 Dept.

Encampment, the Commander reported, "Our poverty renders it impossible to put the property in suitable repair.... I have rented the improved land... for 50 dollars, ten dollars to be paid in cash, and 40 dollars to be expended in building a house over the spring, and defining the lines by substantial oak posts, so that it may at least, be possible to find the property."

Within a year, however, the tide had turned. The nation's economic depression had lifted. And the Dept. reached an agreement with the Nat. WRC to deed the Andersonville Prison site to them, sparking a cooperative effort by both organizations to develop the property. The WRC had the sorely needed resources, and the Dept. of Georgia had the manpower.

First, an additional 14 1/2 acres were purchased, which all previous attempts had failed to secure. All of the old stockade, and the large earth-works surrounding it were now owned by the WRC and managed by a committee under the leadership of the Dept. Commander.

The improvements were rapid. The entire property was enclosed by a gated fence and a driveway was laid out, immediately inside of the perimeter. At the northwest corner a double gate opened onto a road leading directly to the National Cemetery where the dead of Andersonville were buried. Plans were made to erect a marble pavilion at "Providence Spring", which had been covered by a temporary wooden building. The tangled vines and thick brush along the creek were cleared away, and the ground inside the stockade was sown with Bermuda grass.

As with other Departments, time took its toll on the membership of both the GAR and WRC. In Georgia & South Carolina, these effects were particularly acute. So, in 1910, the WRC deeded the Andersonville Prison property to the Federal Government to be preserved forever as a memorial to the soldiers who were imprisoned there.

We should all take pride in the high and patriotic devotion and foresight of our predecessors, and draw inspiration from their zeal and unfaltering patience in every adversity, to save Andersonville. This was undoubtedly the greatest achievement in the old Department's history. At the Department's Tenth Annual Encampment in 1898, the Commander remarked, "The future history of this most worthy enterprise will continue to be a subject of absorbing interest from year to year, not only to comrades of this Department, but to every loyal person throughout the country, North and South."

In our day, we have seen the fruits of his prophetic words. Andersonville was not only saved, but it has thrived. And today, the Allied Orders in Georgia and South Carolina proudly carry on the traditions of the old Department every Memorial Day at Andersonville.



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Phineas Catlin Camp 341 (NY)
773. **John M. Hilliard**
Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)
774. **Richard Nathan Griffin**
Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 (CH)
775. **Bernard Isaac Lewis**
Phineas Catlin Camp 341 (NY)
776. **Brian Oliver Remmey**
Gen George H Thomas Camp 19 (PA)
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Sgt. John S Cosbey Camp 427 (MI)
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783. **Jon Elton Lickey**
Col. John Bryner Camp 67 (IL)
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Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75 (IA)
785. **Mark Anthony Culbert**
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790. **Edward G. McDonald**
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Austin Blair Camp 7 (MI)
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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On February 1st, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 provided a color guard for the American Legion's 34th annual Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service held at San Jose's St. Frances Cabrini Church.



Br. Som Graham, SVCinC Tad Campbell, Brs. Frank Avila John Stolp and Paul Lavrischeff, and Emelia Campbell. Photo by PCC Bob Kadlec.

The annual service memorializes Chaplains Methodist Rev. Geo. L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington and Reformed Church in America Rev. Clark Poling. The four gave their lives assisting soldiers board lifeboats, when the USAT Dorchester troop transport was torpedoed and sank in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. 675 servicemen perished.

CHESAPEAKE

James A. Garfield Camp 1 and guests gathered on April 1st for the Camp's annual "Lincoln Dinner." Held at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University, the event featured dinner with special presentations to Camp Brothers and an initiation ceremony for Br. Tim McCoy. Joining in the festivities were DSVC Robert Pollock, DJVC Kevin Martin and wife Rosemary.



Camp Chaplain Ed Johnston, Br. Tim McCoy and JVCinC (and Camp Brother) Gene Mortorff during the initiation. Photo by Brian Quillin.

Following the dinner and ceremony, attendees were captivated by a presentation entitled "Getting Right with the Army of the Potomac." Dr. Christopher S. Stowe discussed the Army of the Potomac's reputation and how a focus on social/institutional/political/operational

realities should be emphasized over the personalities of its high-level commanders. A special friend of Camp 1, Dr. Stowe is associate professor of history at the U.S. Army Command & Staff College at Fort Lee, Va. Submitted by CC W. Faron Taylor.



Scott Johnson of Harpers Ferry Camp 6 gave a presentation to Kenna Elementary School in Charleston, West Virginia, on child soldiers in the Civil War. At the end of the presentation, each student received a volunteer enlistment, was issued a piece of hardtack, and reviewed Civil War uniforms and equipment.

MASSACHUSETTS

Maj. T. D. Griffith Camp 22 continues to show success at its new location, the Chelsea Soldiers Home. New CC Dexter Bishop, also Lynn's Gen. Lander Camp 5 Chaplain and DSVC, worked for over a year to establish a Camp to supplement the Dept.'s ongoing monthly program at the Soldiers Home.



Back Row L - R: CC Dexter Bishop, CSVC Charles Lewis, CJVC Michael Pouch, Home DVS John Davis, Camp 5 CC Paul Kenworthy. Front Row L - R: Brs. Robert Belanger, James Baker, and Jack Berg

The four year old project serves vets who enjoy learning about the Civil War, is financially supported by the Dept., run by Camp 5, and assisted by Lynn's Gen. Lander CWRT.

The Home dates to 1877 when 18 Mass. GAR comrades incorporated as a committee of trustees and established a home for veterans who were, for one reason or another, living in alms houses across the state. After four years of planning and fund raising, a bankrupt hotel on top of Powder Horn Hill was purchased.

NORTH CAROLINA

On January 18th, Fayetteville's MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 attended the 149th anniversary of the Second Battle of Fort Fisher at Fort Fisher Historic Site, Kure Beach. Brothers set up an outdoor display, featuring recruiting materials, activity photos, ancestry research tools, GAR and SUVCW medals, ribbons and badges, and other items. Several recruiting prospects and at least one new member were realized.



DC Dennis St. Andrew, JVC James Crabtree, CC Max Speers, Dept. Sec/Treas. John France – standing in front of a remaining part of the Fort's land face rampart.

Over 4000 people watched infantry units conducting the manual of arms and firing demonstrations, and artillery units firing pieces on the hour, including the site's rifled and banded 32-pound seacoast gun on Shepherd's Battery. A living history medical program was presented throughout the day.

The battle was a joint assault by the Union Army and Navy against Confederate Fort Fisher near Wilmington. The Port of Wilmington, the "lifeline of the Confederacy" was closed to foreign trade after the Fort's capture.

NEW HAMSHIRE



S.G. Griffin Camp 10's PDC Bob Heald, who was a ten year old boy present at the original sun dial dedication, looks on as State Senator Lou D'Allessandro and DC David Nelson unveil the new sun dial.

The Dept. dedicated a new GAR Sundial, on the grounds of the State House in Concord last Remembrance Day, Nov. 19th. The sundial was originally dedicated on

April 9, 1942, to coincide with the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. U. S. Grant in 1865. Three of New Hampshire's ten surviving Civil War veterans were present: Maj. Lyman Butterfield, Frank E. Amidon and Geo. A. Gay.

The original sundial went missing sometime in the last decade and in 2008, PDC Peter Whelpton took charge of replacing it: determining the design of the original, locating a pattern maker and a foundry in which to cast a new sun dial. He also coordinated the re-dedication efforts among several state organizations and finalized the details of the ceremony.

GAR Memorial Sundials are also located at state houses in Iowa, Illinois and Ohio.

NEW YORK

On November 9th, Oliver Tilden Camp 26 and the Greenpoint Monitor Museum honored Pvt. Philip Kreuzer, Co. D, 159th NY Vol. Inf. Kreuzer was born in 1846 in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. At age 16, he was mustered into the 159th, where he served until August 1864. During his service, he participated in the Irish Bend, Port Hudson (twice) and Mansura Plains battles. He was then transferred to the VRC and honorably discharged on December 23, 1865. Philip died on in 1922 at the age of 76.



Co. I, 83rd New York Vol. Inf., SVR, performed the headstone dedication ceremony under the direction of DSVC George J. Weinmann. Sixteen family members attended the event.

Special guest Patrick Falci (A.P. Hill in the film "Gettysburg") spoke, as did Greenpoint Monitor Museum Pres. Janice Lauletta-Weinmann. Afterwards, visitors viewed the Civil War relic display in the cemetery office.

The event was supported by Brs. James F. Bond, Charles Lirio, Philip Brown, Thomas Bernhard, George A. Blanthorn, John Brackett Seebach, Marc Hermann, Moses Baldwin and CC John Shaud.

Submitted by CC George J. Weinmann. Photo courtesy Alex Rud/ New York Daily News

OREGON

On February 12th, Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 and Co. B, 71st Penn. Vol. Inf., SVR, were at the Albany,

Oregon, City Hall to welcome home a cannon that was dumped in the Willamette River by Confederate sympathizers 150 years ago.

According to the Monteith Historical Society, enthusiasts used the cannon to celebrate Union victories during the Civil War. It was stolen circa 1863 and thrown into the river, where it remained until it was dredged up by Albany Sand & Gravel in 1933. The company kept it until it was moved to the Albany Post Office, where it was fired to inaugurate Oregon's centennial celebration.



Capt. Steve Betschart, Brs. Robert Kennedy, Don Benson, Tim O'Neal, and 1st Sgt. Mark Stevens.

Away from Albany since 1959, the cannon turned up for sale in Lebanon in 2011. The Monteith Hist. Soc. started collecting funds to purchase it and bring it back to Albany. The Tripp family provided the funds and donated the cannon to the historical society.

The Monteith brothers founded Albany. Thomas Monteith served as a colonel in the Oregon Militia during the Civil War.

PENNSYLVANIA

On February 9th, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at the Fairmont-Hauntown Fire hall for members of Boy Scout Troop 252. One of the Scouts who earned his award, was born with Usher Syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes hearing and vision loss. Another of the awards was given posthumously to a young man, who passed while completing his project. His fellow scouts finished his project to see that he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.



The SUVCW Recognition certificates were presented by Johnstown's Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp 14 CC Rob Koenigsberg. *Photos by Sr. Mandy Koenigsberg, ASUVCW.*

TEXAS

CC Drake M. Peddie initiated a gravestone cleaning project for E. E. Ellsworth Camp 18. Black mold, algae, fungus, rust, and a span of 80 to 125 years have taken a toll on the 13 Union headstones in the McKinney's Pecan Grove Cemetery. Over several weeks, the headstones were cleaned by camp brothers Don Gates, George Hansen, Jim Thormahlen, Paul Ridenour, Drake Peddie, and friend Rusty Ridenour. What were once black are now pristine white. You can see all 13 Union graves at Find-a-grave. *Photo by Dottie Ridenour.*



Brs. Paul Ridenour, George Hansen, and Drake Peddie after completion of the William J. Higgins marker - Photo by Dottie Ridenour.

WISCONSIN

Brothers from Illinois and Wisconsin manned information tables at the 4th annual Civil War Expo, held March 29th inside Kenosha's Civil War Museum. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Lt. Alonzo Cushing Camp 5 (both WI) and John A. Logan Camp 26 (IL) spoke to visitors about their activities. Over 20 heritage, living history and round table groups were represented.



Camp 1 SVC Jeffrey Graf, Junior Max Frederick and Mrs. Helen Lena. Photo by CC Brian McManus

WITH OUR SISTERS

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On February 1st, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Mary Walker Aux. 52 gathered at the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum in San Jose to view the opening of a display, honoring the New Almaden Cavalry. Camp members provided uniform items for the display.

The New Almaden Cavalry, Co. K, 1st Cavalry Reg., 2nd Brig, Cal. State Militia was formed to guard the mines, which provided critical financial support to the U.S. during the Civil War.



Brs. Frank Avila, Paul Lavrischeff, John Stolp, SVCinC Tad Campbell, Br. Som Graham and Emelia Campbell. Photo by PCC Bob Kadlec.



WISCONSIN

Members of the Sons, Auxiliary and DUVCW, attended the annual Member Orientation at Milwaukee's Historic. Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, Waukesha's MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Oshkosh's Old Abe Camp 8, Chicago's Sheridan Camp 2, Fond du Lac's Edward S. Bragg Aux. 6 and Delevan's Mary Chesebro Lee Tent 23 were represented. The 4-hour course included presentations on customs & courtesies, badge wear, history and core values. *Photo by PDC Kent Peterson.*

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

Register by sending \$20.00 per participant (payable to “Fourth Military District/SVR” and completed application to:
Fourth Military District/SVR, P. O. BOX 30008, Johnston, Iowa 50131

Direct all enquiries to Maj. David M. Lamb, Commanding, 4MD/SVR at 1-515-986-4825; or by e-mail to digger1@q.com

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

PROMOTIONS

3rd Military District (until 4 Jan 17)

1Lt. Tim Graham, Cmdr., Ohio Naval Brigade (re-com)
1Lt. Martin W. Lowery, Adj., Batt. I, 1st OH Lt. Art.
2Lt. Keith Karcher, Cmdr., Co. A, 1st Reg. Capitol Guards
2Lt. Martin W. Lowery, Cmdr., Co. G, 63rd OVI
Ens. Ken Freshley, Adj., Ohio Naval Brigade (re-com)

4th Military District (until 20 Jan 17)

Capt. Robert J. Amsler, Cmdr., Co. A, 2nd Mo. Vol. Inf. (re-com)
1Lt., Martin R. Aubuchon, Adj., Co. A, 2nd Mo. Vol. Inf. (re-com)
2Lt. Donald D. Palmer, PIO, Co. A, 2nd Mo. Vol. Inf. (re-com)

4th Military District (until 2 Feb 17)

1Lt. Michael Carr, Cmdr., Co. B, 10th Ia. Vol. Inf.
2Lt. Thomas W. Farlow, Cmdr., Co. F, 78th Mo. Enrolled Militia

2nd Military District (‘til 1 Mar 17)

1Lt. Michael E. Erb, Cmdr., Weber Guard (re-com)

4th Military District (‘til 1 Mar 17)

1Lt. David M. Lamb, Cmdr., 49th Ia. Vol. Inf. (re-com)
1Lt. Stephen A. Michaels, Cmdr., HQ Co.

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

2nd Military District (‘til 1 Mar 17)

1Lt. John J. Green, Cmdr., Co. C, 28th Pa. Inf. (re-com)
2Lt. Wm. M. Tojek, Adj., Weber Guard

6th Military District (‘til 16 Feb 17)

Capt. Ken Auld, Dist. Adj.
Capt. David Sayler, Cmdr., Co. B, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.
2Lt. Allen Davis, Dist. PIO

INACTIVE RESERVE

Capt. John Hart, Cmdr., Delaney-Delacy Guard
Capt. D. Brad Schall, Cmdr., Co. B, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.
Lt. Ray Sulger, Adj., Delaney-Delacy Guard
1Lt. Don Wilt, Adj., Co. B, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

DISBANDED

Delaney-Delacy Guard (1st Mil Dist.)

Effective this date, the Commanding General SVR has ordered that all units and Districts within the SVR submit the IRS response to the filing of the 990N with the Annual Unit Strength Report (Form 19).

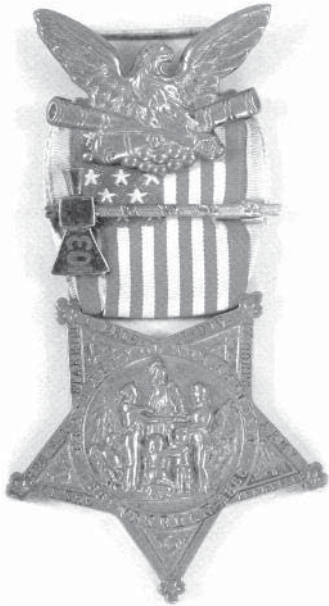
If the Annual Unit Strength report has been submitted for 2014, then a copy of the IRS letter must be forwarded prior to the “drop dead” date for Form 19 submission.



BREV. BG FREDERICK A. STARRING & GAR MEMBERSHIP BADGE NO. 1

By David M. Neville with Lucinda Page Knox

In May 1869, Frederick Starring was appointed Inspector General of the GAR by Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan and charged with designing the organization's membership badge. Gen. Starring writes that at first "it was intended that a Bill should be passed by Congress, directing the Government to award the Medal of Honor—that had already been authorized in certain limited cases—to be presented to every soldier, who had actually served and been honorably discharged." This proposal failed to garner the support of Congress, so it "was dropped," wrote Starring, the GAR's Commander-in-Chief and council vowing "we will have a Medal of Honor of our own."



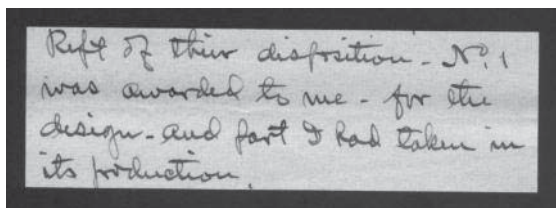
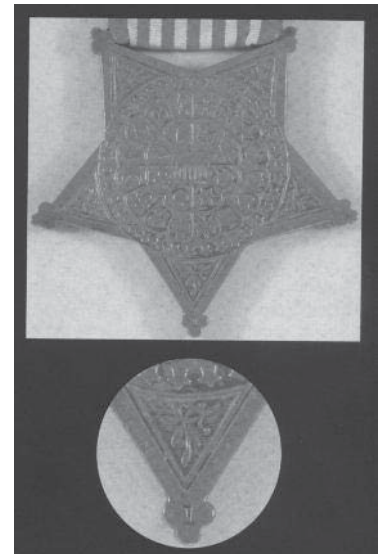
This decision by the GAR's ruling body resulted in Starring borrowing for a membership badge the general design of the Congressionally authorized Medal of Honor, with a number of adaptations, all of which are explained in the Description of the Authorized Badge of the Military Order of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The badge," Starring related, "was formally adopted at a Special Meeting of the National Encampment held in New York City on Oct. 27th and 28th, 1869, and a contract for their manufacture awarded to a Mr. Demarest, an engraver." On Feb. 18, 1870, having secured a patent of the badge, the GAR-issued Circular No. 2, announcing the adoption of a membership badge.

The "father" of the GAR membership badge, Frederick A. Starring, was proud to wear the first of more than a million eventually manufactured.

Above: The first of more than 1 million GAR membership badges manufactured, worn by Brevet Brigadier General Frederick A. Starring. This historically significant badge has been the subject of lore and legend since Starring's death in 1904, it's whereabouts unknown until now. The obverse of the badge bears the addition of Starring's name, rank, and unit along the edges.

Right: The reverse of Starring's badge is of typical design, except for the numeral "1" stamped on the bottom point of the five-star design. The numeral "1" documents this particular GAR membership badge as being the first issued, and that to its designer, General Starring, in February 1870.



Left: In a detailed hand written history describing his role in designing the Grand Army of the Republic's membership badge, Starring writes "No. 1 was awarded to me - for the design and part I had taken in its production."

THE FIRST GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC BADGES

By PDC Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

Maj. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, MD, was the GAR's sole organizer. His was to be all-encompassing and to be all-inclusive to honorably discharged Union veterans. But what insignia would identify its members?

One badge was made from a US quarter with the obverse planed down and a design engraved on the surface. It may be a sample of a proposed badge or simply one of a kind, made by an early member.

The first national encampment in November 1866 adopted shield shaped badges, made by the Grand Army Badge Manufacturing Company of Lafayette, Ind. They were available in silver, gold plate, or combinations of silver and gold. Most had a hinged pin on the back, but some had loops to sew them to the uniform and one owned by Br. Roger Heiple was made into a stickpin for a tie. BT Hayward of New York City made enameled badges. Local jewelers may have created additional engraved designs.

(i) The History of George Meade Post No. One, Dept of Pennsylvania, GAR, published in 1889, explained the symbolism: "The first badge adopted was a shield, upon which was engraved the insignia of the different arms of the army, the navy, and flags; also the letters 3BN-GAR, meaning "Third Battalion" Grand Army of the Republic."(ii)

The modified shield badge was 18mm x 15mm, or only 5/8 to 7/8 inch high. Symbols include crossed American flags, an open Bible placed upon the flag with crossed swords upon the open Bible. These motifs are described in the original GAR ritual. At the badge's top are crossed rifles, a cannon and an anchor representing the defense of the nation and the letters 3 BN, GAR.

Kenneth Johnson & Jeffery Floyd in their 1997 book, *Membership and National Encampment Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic*, gave the most plausible explanation of the letters:

"During the Civil War, a regiment consisted of two battalions. Once the enlistment of the regiment was over...the regiment could re-form with its original number, if sufficient veterans reenlisted. These veterans became a third battalion and were veteran volunteers. In battle, the third battalion stood behind the first two battalions to steady them. After the war, the GAR saw themselves as part of the shield of the Union. The regular army was the first battalion, the militia the second battalion, and the GAR as the third battalion..."(iii)

Badge images courtesy of Everitt Bowles, GAR collector & dealer and the American Numismatic Society of New York.

(i) Beath, Robert B. *History of the Grand Army of the Republic* New York: Bryan, Taylor and Co. c.1888 p. 653

(ii) Interview with Roger Heiple, editor *The Great Republic*, organ of the GAR Historians and Collectors Society January 20, 2000

(iii) Johnson, Kenneth R. and Floyd, Jeffrey B. *Membership and National Encampment Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic 1866-1949* Duluth, GA: Order and Medals Society of America Monograph 11 c. 1997 p.3



Coin Badge front



Coin Badge back



GAR Badge Type 1a



GAR Badge Type 1b



GAR Badge Type 1c



GAR Badge Type 1d



GAR Badge Type 5

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