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CORRECTION: *The photo on the cover of the Summer 2016 Banner was provided by Love Place Photography.*

On The Cover: Commander-in-Chief Don Martin, photo by Steve Michaels, PCinC.



MARTIN ELECTED NEW CINC

The 135th National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War elected Donald L. Martin of Chillicothe, Ohio as their 135th Commander-in-Chief on 13 August 2016. He is the 4th Commander in Chief from Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73.

In 1983 he began 9 years of service in the United States Air Force. He was Honorably Discharged in 1992. Following his Air Force service, he completed coursework to receive a teaching certification in Science and Social Studies. Employed by Waverly City Schools since 1998, he has taught 9th grade World Studies, General Science, Environmental Science and has returned to US History this school year. He received a Bachelors degree from Miami University and completed his Master's Degree from the University of Rio Grande.

Commander in Chief Martin joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1998. He served as Camp Commander for 4 years and is still the Camp Patriotic Instructor. For the Department of Ohio he served as Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected Department Commander in 2011.

At the National level Commander Martin has served as Guide (2009); National Patriotic Instructor (2009-11); Counsel of Administration (2011-14); Life Membership Committee (2011-12); Civil War Memorial Grant Committee (2012-14) (Chair 2013-14); Regulation Committee Aide (2013-14); Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2014-15); Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (2015-16); Programs and Policies Committee Chair (2015-16); National Military Affairs Committee (2011-present); and on the Constitution and Regulation Committee (2013-2016).

His membership in the SUVCW is based on his Great, Great, Great, Grandfathers Private Daniel Mote of Company B, 110th OVVI and Englishman Captain James Sowry. Captain Sowry, a Veteran of the British Army's Seventh Regiment, English Grenadiers and the Mexican War, served in Company E, of the 48th OVVI and his brother, Corporal William Sowry served in Company E, 118th OVVI.

Wife Sherry, a native of Los Angeles, and Commander Martin were married while both served on active duty at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, in 1984. Daughter Jennifer lives in Chillicothe with her children, Allison, William, and Alyssa. Son Brother Dustin resides in Boston, Massachusetts.



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AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The 130th Annual National Encampment of the Auxiliary saw the election of Denise Oman as National President. Romona Greenwalt was elected Vice President. Council #1 is Linda Kronberg, Council #2 is Susan Fallon and Council #3 is Tricia Bures. Rachelle Campbell was elected Secretary and Mary Flynn Treasurer. The Patriotic Instructor is Jan Davis and the Chaplain is Wanda Langdon.

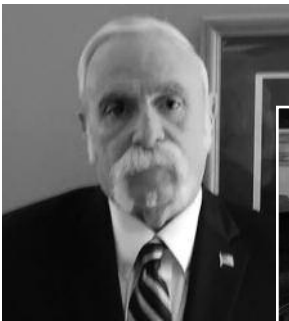
Denise has been a member of the ASUVCW for the last 15 years serving in numerous positions at the auxiliary, department, and national levels. She reports taking pride in continuing the service of her great-great grandfather, Joseph Friedle, who volunteered and served in the 35th Wisconsin, Company H. Joseph served as the company musician and sharp shooter. He lost his left arm during a scrimmage at Spanish Moss Fort when he was shot just above the elbow, shattering the bone. Afterwards, he convalesced at several of the first VAs built in Ohio and Wisconsin. Later, he served as commander of the KInickinick picket post. Denise is active in providing public speaking engagements, fund raising, supporting our state VAs, and collaborating with the local Brothers of the SUVCW. Some of her goals for this year are to provide more instruction to the membership in Servant Leadership, improve supports for new auxiliaries, increase membership, and build a stronger relationship with the SUVCW in all departments.



Denise Oman

SUVCW ELECTS NEW BROTHERS

In addition to Don Martin (Ohio) as Commander-in-Chief, Mark Day (Chesapeake) was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Don Shaw (Michigan) was elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. David McReynolds (Tennessee) was elected National Treasurer, Jonathan Davis (Ohio) re-elected as National Secretary and Danny Wheeler (New York) was re-elected as National Quartermaster. Ed Norris (Massachusetts) was re-elected to the Council of Administration. Three new members were also elected to the Council of Administration, Paul Davis (Michigan), Michael Paquette (Chesapeake) and Fred Lynch (Ohio).



Mark Day



David McReynolds



Paul Davis



Michael Paquette



Fred Lynch



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GENERAL ORDER #1

1. To all of the Brothers in attendance of the 135th National Encampment in Springfield, IL, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me. I thank the Brothers of the Department of Illinois and our hard working Brother Jim Crane and the National Host Committee for an excellent encampment.

2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from East Berlin, PA to 6025 State Route 772, Chillicothe, OH, 45601. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at 740-663-4961.

3. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue, we need to also promote OUR ORDER.

4. We need to promote the SUVCW and educate the public to OUR works and projects.

5. WE MUST complete OUR PROJECTS and not just create new ones.

6. ANNOUNCE, ADVERTISE, PROMOTE everything you do.

7. There has been very little progress shown by the Camps or the Departments to complete their histories and the Last Soldier Project that was ordered by PCinC Darby's General Order in 2005. All Camps or the Departments MUST complete a history of their Camps. They must also place a marker on the grave of the Last Union Soldier of each county stating this fact. Brothers, COMPLETE these projects. They are close to my heart as I wrote my Camps history and as Camp Commander, started the process in which graves of 4 counties in our area were marked.

8. Memorial University needs to get back on track. The committee to redesign it and the National Patriotic Instructor should finish their work this year. Watch for these developments and ENROLL in the Memorial University Program.

9. Our historical records on microfiche needed to be converted to a DIGITAL format to stay current with technology. Therefore, I have created an ACTION Committee with the purpose of seeing this project through to completion before the end of my term. As such I have established the Committee for the Preservations of Records (CPR). This committee consists of PCinC Don Darby, Chairman; PCinC Jim Pahl, PCinC Leo Kennedy, David Demmy and PDC Loren Bures. This committee has a time line established.

10. Patriotic Instructors, provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well.

11. Our National Webpage contains instructions concerning these things and much more, visit it and become familiar with all that is available, the SOLUTION is probably there.

12. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of you a productive year and success in our continued endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors.

13. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

14. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr Louisville TN 37777-5231 865-981-2854 mcrelescope@aol.com.

15. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; 614-745-6079; secretary@suvcw.org.

16. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff Edward J. Norris, PDC, norris.ed@comcast.net , 91 Kelly Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523-1959; 978-365-7628.

17. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL ORDER #2

Departments need to submit dates for their Encampment by 11/1/16 to help planning the CinC's schedule, to Chief of Staff Ed Norris: Norris.ed@comcast.net

Award submission requests to be submitted electronically by 5/1/2017 with a written citation.

Recruiting form 70 is now available – they may not be reproduced.

SYNOPSIS OF GENERAL ORDER #3

National Regulations Chapter V, Art. IV, Section 12 states Brothers "while performing other duties of the Order ... shall be identified by the wearing of a Badge of the Order on the left breast." An embroidered badge is not a badge. "Brothers should take care to ensure their dress is appropriate to the occasion, such as business attire."

**SYNOPSIS OF
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2016 - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff at 8:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander-in-Chief Mortorff discussed his travel to England to present Ensign John Davis Charter and Install Camp.

Request for \$250.00 to purchase materials to properly preserve/conservate items of A.P. Davis forwarded to National Encampment for action.

Discussion of photography contract from Lincoln Death Day.

OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

National Treasurer Richard Orr revised his report regarding letters of exemption, plans to send to submit to IRS on Tuesday, August 16th.

CofA Member Brian Pierson reported that 20,000 brochures are available during National Encampment.

National Secretary Jonathan Davis advised replacement charter for General Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Department of Iowa and Edward Wallace Camp No. 21, Department of Georgia and South Carolina are completed and will be signed and issued to the departments.

Signal Officer James McGuire stated that prior National Encampment proceedings are being compiled and will be posted when finished.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed National Encampment Proceedings for 2015 distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

2016-2018 Merchandise License Renewals.

Applications for Merchandise licenses reviewed and two year licenses approved.
(complete list can be found in the full minutes on the SUVCW web site)

Licenses for SUVCW Charitable Foundation items were renewed for two years.
(complete list can be found in the full minutes on the SUVCW web site)

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler discussed on line store plans.

PCinC Stephen Michaels to serve as National Encampment Photographer for an agreed fee of \$200.00 and lodging expenses.

PCinC Leo Kennedy discussed Jewett Williams of 20th Maine who's body was cremated and found on a shelf. Remains will be travelling across the nation and will be buried September 17th in Togus National Cemetery in Chelsea, Maine.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SVCinC Donald Martin stated the Spring CofA meeting will be in Columbus, Ohio in 2017.

Commander-in-Chief Mortorff provided some closing comments.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

Jonathan C. Davis, PDC

National Secretary



CinC Don Martin at dedication of a new statue of Lincoln commemorating his visit to Dayton, Ohio with Sherman Camp #93



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SYNOPSIS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING AUGUST 23, 2016 - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM on August 14, 2016. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Brother Jerry Kowalski.

Items referred to the CofA by the National Encampment:

Quartermaster On-Line Store: CofA was asked to finalize a contract for an on-line Quartermaster store.

Web Attacks: National Graves Registration Officer will be providing a report to the CofA concerning attacks taking place against our Graves Registration database.

Memorial University Pins: National Patriotic Instructor Jeffrey French asked for more pins for graduates of Sons Memorial University training course.

Web Hosting: National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire discovered National still hosting Department and Camp web pages. Learned the fee for this is \$60.00/year, but has not been collected for some time. Several platforms are available, where a Department or Camp can obtain a domain name for less than \$20.00 on Wordpress and then build a very user-friendly site on the same platform for free. There are other platforms out there as well which do the same thing. They also have tutorials to help users and will be less expensive than National hosting their page. Many Camps use just Facebook and that is free.

Recommendation for an audit be performed of digital assets and a determination be made as to how many Camps, Departments, and Allied Orders are riding on the SUVCW hosting agreement, and whether or not any fees have been collected in relation to such referred to National Committee on Communications and Technology.

Social Media Policy: National that the Communications and Technology make it a priority to research and devise an SUVCW Social Media Policy and Best Practices and submit their report to Programs and Policies.

Website and Social Media Census: Communications and Technology Committee to conduct a web presence census in to be completed by July 1, 2017. This census will then be compiled and presented to the National Encampment so we will have a complete picture of the Order's web presence from the top down. The National Signals Officer will consult with the CofA and relevant committee chairs in the first quarter of the next administration to formalize the census questionnaire.

International Camps: To receive a license to operate from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, membership in an International Camp shall be limited to brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Once a brother becomes a member of an International Camp, such brother shall pay his National Per Capita, plus an amount set by the Council of Administration to cover the additional Banner mailing costs, to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the same as if the brother was a member of a Camp of the Order. Such payment is to be forwarded to the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War through the International Camp in the same fashion as a National Camp-at-Large.

Program and Policy asked to look at the idea of bring disparate programs (ROTC medal program; Eagle Scout patch; Flag Certificate) under one umbrella, perhaps National PI.

C&R asked to examine and possibly revamp annual Patriotic Instructor reporting and consider the possibility of a penalty for not filing.

Once IRS 501c3 status obtained, the Commander-in-Chief will look at forming a special committee to develop a packet to advise members how to include the Sons of Union Veterans in their last will and testament to include appropriate captioning, legal text, registration requirements and notice of intent. This would include the possibility of creation of special funds and accounts that can be used for management of special gifts if and when necessary. Maybe an Assistant National Treasurer for Major Gifts or a Development Officer under the National Treasurer.

The CofA discussed a recommendation from the Real Sons and Daughters Special Committee about the possibility of honorary membership for real daughters. Determined this was untenable and the Commander-in-Chief will look at a possible award.

The National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues to look at a possible program as to descendants of POW Program.

ACTION ITEMS FROM NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Department of California and Pacific recommends that the Commander-in-Chief create a special committee at the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, to review the year 2000 resolution supporting any display of Battle Flags of the Confederacy, and that the committee shall report its findings at the 2017 National Encampment. ACTION: Committee Members - JVCinC Donald Shaw, PCinC Donald Darby, Sam Gant of Dept. of Tennessee, and PCinC Leo Kennedy.

2. Department of Missouri

That the National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be directed to expand approved preservation efforts concerning Civil War battlefields and historic sites and establish a formal historic preservation program, including its own fund, with the purpose of

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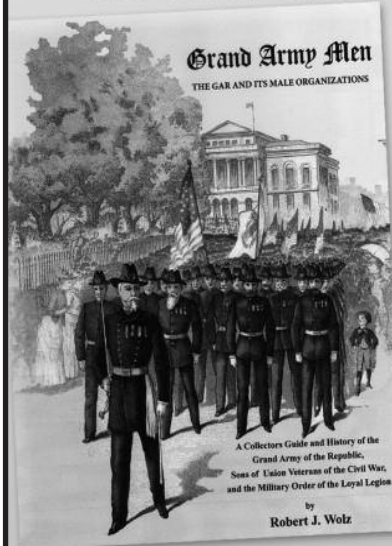
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HIGHLIGHTS 135TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

- At the opening of the Encampment, there were 183 brothers present - 201 pre-registered
- 21 housekeeping amendments made to the National Regulations. Complete list on the Order's web site.
 - PDCs restored to rank from Indiana's Ivan D. Lancaster and Missouri's Emmett Taylor
 - Special Committee on Dual Members reported back that a single National Per Capita dues for dual members was not feasible in the current structure of our Order. The recommendation to keep the things the same as to dual members and national per capita was supported by the National Encampment almost unanimously.
 - CinC Mortorff rescinded GO #16 and the matter to be referred to C&R for study of Camp areas of responsibility for graves registration, monument and memorials and recruiting.
 - Allotment amount for those representing the CinC at Department Encampments raised from \$500 to \$750
 - National Committee on Americanization and Education dissolved. Work to be done by the National Patriotic Instructor
 - National Committee on Legislative Affairs dissolved and a National Legislative Affairs officer appointed to do the work
 - Special Committee on Heredity Issues continued to August 13, 2021
 - The National Organization shall consider expanding our preservation efforts concerning Civil War battlefields and historic sites and establish a formal historic preservation program, including its own fund, once 501c3 tax status is approved.
 - Commander-in-Chief called upon to create a committee to study the idea of a POW committee to track the history of and honor our ancestors who were POWs during the Civil War.
 - General Order #20 put forth the idea of the National Encampment adopting a policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day, as that day approved by the Congress of the United States in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968. Discussion was held and the Commander in Chief vacated his General Order #20. The motion was then made and passed for the National Encampment to adopt a policy that recognizes the date of Memorial Day as that day approved by the Congress of the United States in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968, further a special committee be formed to promote Decoration day as May 30, including the petitioning of the United States Congress for have Decoration day made a federal holiday. A special committee was charged with developing a program including a campaign to congress to make May 30 as Decoration Day and a National Holiday and present a program to the National Encampment in 2017 for consideration. (The action to recognize Memorial Day as the day approved by the Congress of the United States in the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 has been suspended by the Commander-in-Chief through General Order #4, with the concurrence of the Council of Administration)
 - Two hotel employees, Shawn and Patrick McConnell after talking with some delegates and an invitation, were initiated into the Order and Camp #4 of the Department of Illinois by CinC Gene Mortorff.
 - Approved \$3000 grant to help repair the building housing the Michigan GAR Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI. This building was built by members of the James B. Brainerd Post 111 of the GAR and used for over 40 years by the Post for meetings.
 - National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski presented the Corby-Moody National Chaplains Award to Father Jerome Lukackingly, Chaplain of James A. Garfield Camp #142, Ohio.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I find that I am easily angered. When I don't get my way, when I don't get what I want, when other disagree with what I want - I get angry. The colonists got angry with Great Brittan and the American Revolution started. The Southerners got angry over all sorts of things and we had a Civil War. I am angry whenever someone disagrees with my political stand (not sure what it is yet, but I know lots of people will disagree with me). What's the cure for my anger? Well, I know I'm not going to get anyone to change their minds or opinions. In order for me to be at peace, I must have Acceptance. I must realize that nothing happens in God's world by mistake, and that Acceptance is the answer to all of my problems today.

There are always going to be persons, places, things and situations in my life that will make me angry. Until I can accept those persons, place or thing as being exactly the way they are - I am not going to be free of my anger. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as what needs to be changed in me and my attitudes. If you agree with me say AMEN.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

NEW CAMP IN LONDON, ENGLAND

By Douglas K. Fidler, PhD.

A new term entered the lexicon of the Order on July 23 in London – “International Camp.” With the signing of the Camp Charter by Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff, recognition of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, London, England, was “well and truly established” after more than two years of work, from conception to completion, by British and American Brothers.

The commander completed this short ceremony by presenting the Charter to the first Camp Commander, Peter J. Collins, the great-grandson of the Camp’s namesake. CC Collins played a vital role in establishing the camp and obtaining its Charter. Camp Organizer and first Camp Secretary Doug Fidler joined CinC Mortorff from the United States to help conduct the various activities.

The day began at noon with the dedication of a Veterans Administration headstone obtained by Bro. Fidler for the descendants of Ensign Davis before an audience of about 40 family and friends. It was installed with the invaluable assistance of the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery.



CC Collins directed the ceremony before 40 participants that included a dozen Davis descendants. Charles Smith, the Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark, was first to speak, and appeared truly touched that Davis Camp provided him an opportunity to honor one of “Southwark’s own.”

CinC Mortorff took several opportunities to express his thanks for the enthusiasm of Davis Camp Brothers, their families, and the local community for supporting the gravestone dedication and later events.

Captain Mark Rudesill, U.S. Navy, recognized the heroic service of his fellow sailor, and expressed the thanks of the American people for his service, representing the American ambassador in London. The Navy Attaché

performed similar duties last fall for the gravestone dedication of Master’s Mate Maurice Wagg, a Medal of Honor recipient.

With the dedication completed, the Brothers and their families of Davis Camp, as well as other guests and supporters, retired to the nearby Pyrotechnist’s Arms pub for the presentation of the Charter, the Camp’s first official meeting, and a social gathering to celebrate the day’s success. We welcome these new Brothers to the Order as we look to expanding this new chapter of International Camps in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



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The CinC also visited the grave of Master's Mate Maurice Wagg, a Medal of Honor recipient.
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Program and Policy Committee will examine the following issues and report to the CofA at their November meeting:

A) Request the SUVCW National Quartermaster to create and sell an "Ancestor Certificate" modeled with similar graphics to the standard membership certificate. Wheeler

B) Increase the minimum application fee to \$15, with \$5 national fee, \$5 department fee, and minimum \$5 camp fee. This fee being applicable to both membership and supplemental applications. No Action

C) Establish a special committee or task force to explore a fee based member-to-ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers

NEW BUSINESS

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – Extend Contract through year 2021. Tabled.

Spring 2017 Council of Administration Meeting will be held March 25th, 9:00 am in Ohio.

Committee Appointments by Commander-in-Chief Martin

National Organization Expansion Officer, Loran Bures, PCC.

National Membership-at-Large Coordinator, Alan Russ, PDC.

The 2017 NMAL dues to remain the same, \$45.00.

Motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget, as modified. Motion passed.

National Treasurer David McReynolds requested a resolution approving him to be added as signatory on all accounts. National Secretary to draft resolution authorizing National Treasurer Davis McReynolds as signatory on checking account and permitted to open accounts with a financial institution as he deems appropriate to carry out his functions of the office. Motion passed.

National Secretary to draft letter stating SUVCW opposition to proposed roadway extension and development in Gettysburg; Adams County, PA. Commander-in-Chief Martin to sign.

Separate Job Descriptions on the website to be dropped, as now part of the National Regulations.

National Secretary Davis reminded attendees of the National Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. Forms were provided for those in attendance who needed to

complete one. The remainder will be mailed to the officers not in attendance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chaplain Jerry Kowalski looking into having a page on National Website, creation date and input unknown, left up to the Chaplain.

CLOSING

CinC Martin provided closing comments, followed by Chaplain Kowalski giving the Benediction.

MAJOR AWARD

Dayton, Ohio Sherman Camp 93 Commander Mike Spaulding presented the camp's first ever Major General William T. Sherman Award for outstanding service to Junior Vice Commander Steve Flickinger Sept. 10.

Among contributions, Br Flickinger organized a ceremony in West Carrollton to dedicate a Civil War cannon as a memorial to veterans, arranged and conducted a special tour for camp brothers of the former GAR headquarters at Memorial Hall, serves on several camp action committees, is a stalwart helping with the Old Greencastle Cemetery care giving project, and edits the Coffee Cooler newsletter which he re-established. He also is a volunteer guide and presenter at Dayton History's Carillon Park local history complex. Many current Brothers are his recruits.





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I cried myself to sleep the day my father died. There were so many things I wanted to say to him - but he had lost his hearing and had dementia. Now he lives in my memory. I know that like the Brothers who are listed in The Banner for their Final Muster - my Dad has gone to a better place. He is face to face with the God who made him, and he is happy.

Almighty God, we commend our Brothers listed here to Your Care, and ask that in Your Mercy You Bless us with the Grace that we need to be an example of Your Love, so that all who meet us know that we are Your Followers by the way that we treat other people - our family, our fiends and even our enemies.
If you agree with me - just say AMEN - The Lord will hear your response.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

Conrad, John Jack F. Conrad
Picacho Peak Camp #1 (SW)
5/4/2016

Maurice Lee Vitítoe, PCC
Sgt Richard Enderlin Camp #73 (OH)
1/12/2016

Franklin Eugene Sisson, PCC
Brooks-Grant Camp #7 (OH)
9/22/2015

Wayne Milton Sampson, CC
Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp (MO)
2/1/2016

Michael Albert May
Garfield Camp #4 (NJ)
6/20/2015

Charles Warburton Cahilly, II
Garfield Camp #4 (NJ)
4/20/2015

John W. Burke
Gen. Nathaniel Lyon Camp #10 (NJ)
11/13/2015

William Warne, PCC
David G. Caywood Camp #146 (NY)
10/23/2015

Carl L. Gugel
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 (NY)
8/19/2015

Ronald C. Irons
Gen Eugene A. Carr Camp #5 (FL)
1/31/2016

Ronald Hill Criswell, PDC
Lucius L. Mitchell Camp #4 (FL)
4/3/2016

George Robert Dennis
Gen. Thomas J McKean Camp #3 (FL)
11/17/2015

Jon Phillip Hadley
Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 (GA)
3/11/2016

Robert C. Wingert, Jr
Gettysburg Camp #112 (PA)
4/21/2016

Kenneth W. Holt
Bradbury Camp #149 (PA)
8/1/2015

Douglas B. Windle, PDC
Sgt Elijah P Marrs Camp #5, (KY)
11/21/2015

Paul A. Stokes
Fort Duffield Camp #1 (KY)
8/1/2015

James S. Cobban
S G Griffin Camp #10 (NH)
6/11/2015

Bruce William Beeson, Jr
Gen. William T. Sherman MAL Camp 25 (FL)
2/10/2015

Ross T. Dunlop, PCC
Life Member #283
Col William Colvill Camp #56 (WI)
5/12/2016

Charles Russell Bauer
Curtenius Guard Camp #17 (MI)
5/9/2016

Michael C. Shklar
Major McKinley Camp #9 (NH)
Date not given

Thomas R. Johnson
James A. Garfield Camp #34 (PA)
4/21/2014

Matthew Lee Parker
James A. Garfield Camp #34 (PA)
2/2/2016

Brent Allen Lawrence
Franklin Camp #5 (KS)
2/9/2016

Frederick H Miller
Sgt Hiram W. Pursell Camp #104 (NJ)
11/29/2015

Leland Lloyd Smith, PDC
Gen. Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 (FL)
5/14/2016

Lester A. Kern, PDC
Brindle Camp #50 (PA)
7/13/2016

John Andrew Sink
Lucius L Mitchell Camp #4 (FL)
12/4/2014

Harold A. Becker
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General John A Logan Camp #1 (MI)
8/7/2016

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Real Son
Col John Bryner Camp #67 (IL)
8/8/2016

Rev. Paul H. Bomely
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8/5/2016

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6/17/2016

Richard Janhola
Gen George L Hartsuff Camp #50 (MA)
6/25/2015

Howard J Wolfe
TN Member at Large (TN)
8/7/2014

CALIFORNIA



Brothers from Lincoln Camp #10 and Sheridan Camp #4 marched in the Independence Day Parade in Monterey. Standing in front of Colton Hall (California's first capital building) are Lincoln 10's Camp Commander: Randall W. Hawkinson, other Camp 10 members, Karl Nicholas, & Timothy Reese, PDC. From Sheridan 4 is Paul Lavrischeff, Frank C. Avila, PCC, and Michael Sanders.

CHESAPEAKE

On August 18th, 2016 Brothers from the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp #20 (Roanoke, VA), Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 (Lynchburg, VA), and the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38(Southern Maryland) descended upon Appomattox Court House National Historic Park to honor a soldier who fought along side our ancestors but had been forgotten to time.



151 years after his first trip there and 94 years after his death Pvt. Jewett Williams from Co. H 20th Maine Vol. Inf. returned to Appomattox Court House for a visit on his way back to his home state of Maine to be buried. This time he arrived not by foot but by the motorcycles of the Patriot Guard Riders. He was honored for his service and to remind him that he is not forgotten.

Brothers Philip Sheridan, Lee Hadden, CC Richard Uplinger, and Wayne Miesen of the Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp were joined by PCC Kevin Shroyer of the Taylor Wilson Camp #10, Brother Michael Mumper, and CC/DJVC Wes Mumper of the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38 to pay respects to Pvt Williams. Brothers Shroyer, M. Mumper and W. Mumper participated.

Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery

Brothers of the Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 celebrated the true Memorial Day with a ceremony and wreath laying at the James R. Tanner Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Brothers from the Department of the Chesapeake, sisters from the Allied Orders, and guests attended the day's events. A brass quintet and drummer from the U.S. Marine Corps Band provided patriotic musical selections.

SUVCW Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mark Day was present and offered thoughts on the history of the Tanner Amphitheater, the importance of honoring those at Arlington, and the duty to keep green the memories of the Boys in Blue.



Left to Right: Brothers Larry Duncan, Bill Daley PCC, Mike Bullard, Melinie Caines PDP, Rudolph Velasco IV, Rudy Velasco PCC, Camp Cmdr. Steve Doyle, Susan Sweet PAP, Richard Burns PCC and DUVCW Tent VP Lynette Harmon Canales.

COLORADO

Children at Kids Camp, Museum of Western Colorado enjoy American History presentation



The Kids at Cross Orchard living history farm enjoy a presentation from Garry Brewer with the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of American Revolution on the history of Uniforms, Hats and Helmets of the American Army during our 240 year nation's history. They also enjoyed seeing one of the many flags and other items from the Patriotic boxes on June 6, 2016. *Photo by Taylor Barnett - Cross Orchard's Site Facilitator*

Civil War Medals Claimed 150 Years Later

After 150 years, William Caynor of Centennial Camp #100, reclaims eleven WV Civil War medals belonging to his ancestors. Caynor has over fifty ancestors who enlisted in the Civil War, almost all from Virginia and by 1863, the newly admitted State of West Virginia.



In 1866, West Virginia minted 26,090 medals for the men that served in the Civil War and most veterans received theirs, although many others could not be located. To this day there are still 3,459 medals waiting to be claimed by the families of these heroic soldiers.

Caynor says, "My adventure began when I identified my 3rd Great-grandfather, Oscar Kelley's, name on the WV Civil War unclaimed

medals list. Oscar was a private in the 10th West Virginia Infantry and present when General Robert E. Lee's Army surrendered at Appomattox. This medal piqued my interest and after researching the unclaimed listing once again, I located ten more ancestors. After 150 years of sitting on a dusty shelf at the West Virginia Archives in Charleston, West Virginia, and three generations later, the family heirlooms have made it to their intended destination, the veteran's family. Eleven to be exact!

CONNECTICUT

On Saturday June 4th a group of children were transported back in time 154 years to the recruitment time of the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. The Alden Skinner Camp #45 in conjunction with the Strong Family Farm Foundation sponsored a Kid's Civil War Day Camp in Vernon Connecticut for children ages 6-13. The Vernon area is where the majority of the men from Company D of the 14th CVI came from. They would become known as The Boys of Rockville.



Fifteen children signed up for a day full of Civil War related activities. The activities involved mustering in, medical, telegraph, signal flag, camp life, drum calls, cooking, period church service, naval presentations, drill, mail call, pay call, manual of arms and two mock battles topped off by General Lee and General Grant discussing the end of the war at Appomattox. Highlights included naval knot tying, tent setup competition, bedroll making and the working telegraph.

Our volunteer presenters each took the role of a Civil War Soldier. The after action report showed that the day was a great success in the eyes of the children and their parents who were invited to stay and enjoy the day.

FLORIDA



Meeting of Florida department in August

GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

On August 20th, Brothers of the Department of Georgia & South Carolina SUVCW joined Sisters from the Department of Georgia DUVCW and Sisters of the LGAR to institute a new LGAR Circle (the James Tharp Circle) in Marietta, Georgia. Brothers who attended from left to right in the rear row were: William Miller (Department Commander), Eric Petersen (Past Department Commander), Michael Reither (Junior Vice Commander for Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3) and David Beam (Senior Vice Commander for Department). Department of Georgia DUVCW President Sarah Meyer is on the far right. National LGAR President Carolyn Agosto is in the yellow sash. The President of the new James Tharp Circle of the LGAR is Sheila Richards, front center in dark dress. The event was well attended and the fellowship was outstanding.



On August 6th, the 152nd anniversary of the Battle of Utoy Creek outside Atlanta, James B. McPherson Camp #1 dedicated a monument to the 852 loyal men who perished in the fighting. Standing from left to right are Ray Wozniak, serving LTC and PCC J. Perry Bennett, CC Colonel Earl Zeckman, and Allan Bright. Kneeling are Mike Couch, Kurt Ohberg, Jerry Bryan and Gary Krohn. LTC Bennett spent ten years raising the funds for this two-sided marker and is already preparing for another.



ILLINOIS

Over 125 people gathered Saturday, July 23 in Hinsdale, Illinois' historic Fullersburg Cemetery to dedicate new headstones on the previously unmarked graves of three Civil War veterans buried there. The service of an additional nine Civil War veterans also buried in the Cemetery was recognized. The dedication ceremony, jointly sponsored by Philip H. Sheridan Camp # 2, Illinois Department, SUVCW and the Fullersburg Historic Foundation, was the culmination of a year-long project undertaken by Sheridan Camp # 2 to rigorously identify and document all the Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery, procure and install new grave markers on those graves needing them and straighten and clean the markers on the other Civil War veterans' graves.



IL PDC and Sheridan Camp PCC David C. Bailey, Sr. will receive the 2016 Community Service Award from the Illinois State Genealogical Society for his work in documenting Illinois' Civil War soldiers. His work has resulted in over 20 articles published in the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly documenting Civil War veteran burials in northeastern Illinois, reconstructing rosters of GAR Posts and documenting the post-war westward migration and burial of Illinois Civil War soldiers.

INDIANA

Department of Indiana at the 135th National Encampment. Russ Kirshner (Son) & Russ Kirshner (Father) Tim Beckman, Sr. Vice, John Eger Jr. Vice., Bruce Kolb PDC, Mike Beck PDC, Dennis Rigsby Commander, Dennis Hutchinson, William Adams PDC, Alan Teller Sec. & PDC, Alan Moore Past National Commander (1993).



IOWA

On Saturday, June 4th, seven members of Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, and three members of ASUVCW #23 attended the re-dedication ceremony for the G.A.R. Monument at Casey, Iowa. There was a large crowd of around 150 present to witness the centennial of the monument's erection. The colors were posted by Boy Scout Troop #70 of Casey.



The dedication was carried out by Capt. Mike Carr assisted by 2nd Lt. Dennis Sasse, who served as Chaplain and by Sgt. Alan Kirshen who acted as Officer of the Guard. Sgt. Dan Rittel served as our very able Master of Ceremonies. Corporal John Weeber stood guard at the monument and Corporal Roy Linn laid the symbols of the soldier, with Jeanie Kirshen of the ASUVCW placing the wreath and Judy Wedemeyer laying the white rose. Private Dave Hancock served as bugler.

On July 30, the Taylor County Historical Society hosted a "Civil War Exposition". Dr. Rosayn Cummings had been following the activities of Kinsman Camp #23 of the SUVCW over the past several years, including the 2014 re-dedication of the Civil War monument in Bedford, the Taylor County seat. Because of the well-documented participation of Taylor County's residents during the Civil

War, she wanted to host a Civil War themed event on the grounds of the Taylor County Museum. Dr. Cummings contacted the commanding officer of Co. B, 10th Iowa Infantry, SVR., Capt. Carr.



Several different “stations” were manned by the Company’s members, plus one from the Ladies’ Auxiliary. Almost three hundred people attended the event, which raised nearly a thousand dollars for the Museum.

KANSAS

Members of Jeremiah Smith #1 Camp, Oklahoma Department of the SUVCW, the Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 of the DUVCW, and the 10th Kansas Reenactors commemorate Memorial Day 2016 at the Union Veterans’ Cemetery in Oklahoma City.



MICHIGAN

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 supported by the Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 conducted a memorial ceremony for Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War author Bruce Catton at his gravesite in the Benzonia Township Cemetery May 28, 2016. Upon completion of the Bruce Catton memorial ceremony, the participants proceeded



over to the E.P. Case Post GAR Monument (“The Mushroom Monument”) and performed the 1917 GAR Monument rededication ceremony. Upon completion of these services, several Brothers went to the Joyfield Township Cemetery to honor two Veterans buried there with one serving the 54th Massachusetts and the other the 5th U.S.C.T. Camp No. 14 posted the colors during the ceremonies held by the Benzonia Historical Museum members.

John P. Barnum Dedication – Lost on the Sultana

Dedication ceremonies were conducted at the new stone for Pvt. John Palmer Barnum at Ashland Cemetery in Grant, MI. Pvt. Barnum enlisted on August 6, 1862 for service in Co. E 18th Mich. VI. While in action in Athens, AL, Barnum was captured and taken to a Confederate prison in Cahaba, AL, while others of their unit were taken to Andersonville Prison. After release at the end of the war, Barnum boarded the Steamer Sultana for a trip up the Mississippi River to Camp Chase in Ohio. On April 27, 1865 near Memphis, a faulty boiler exploded and some 1700 men either killed or drowned. Pvt. Barnum was one of the casualties.



The dedication service was under the direction of Howard Barnum Lloyd, John Barnum’s great-great nephew. Chaplain Patty Galloway, Eva Gray Tent 2 DUVCW presented a white rose; and President Wenda Fore, Eva Gray Tent 2 DUVCW read the poem “When the Boys in Blue are Gone.”

MISSOURI

Artifacts Purchased for Donation to Wilson’s Creek



Phelps Camp Commander Bob Clanton (right) presents the artifacts to Gary Sullivan, Chief of Resources Management at Wilson’s Creek.

Phelps Camp No. 66 purchased two unique artifacts for donation to the museum collection at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The embossing seal is from Wilson Creek Camp No. 30, SUV. Camp No. 30 was instrumental in organizing the 1938 reunion at the battlefield. The document is a multi-page printed general order detailing several courts-martial held in Missouri in 1863, including charges, specifications and findings.

Decoration Day Event

Bellefontaine Cemetery was the site of the Decoration Day event on June 4, 2016. 1904 World's Fair Committee, Suffragists and other groups participated in this unique event in a unique setting.

An important part of the event was the mock funeral and burial of Alexander Skinker. Captain Skinker died in action in France, 1918. As a result of his heroic action he was awarded the Medal of Honor by a grateful Nation.

Two members of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 of St. Louis, were participates in this event. Mark Coplin, CC, portrayed a Civil War Veteran and GAR member and John Avery, PDC, as an undertaker. WWI reenactors portrayed the honor guard and pallbearers.

NEW JERSEY



On Saturday, July 30, Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp #104 (Lambertville, NJ) participated in a joint Memorial Service for Civil War Soldiers interred at Old Newton Burial Ground, in Newton, NJ. This was the first such memorial service sponsored by the newly formed Pvt. Joseph Bessette Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865. The ladies placed flowers upon the graves of 19 Union veterans. Military Honors were rendered by Camp 104 SVC Jeff Heagy, PDC.



The New Jersey Department was represented on Saturday, July 30 at the rededication of the Sussex County GAR monument in Newton, NJ. Sussex County Historian, Wayne McCabe presented a

fascinating historical background on the imposing monument while the newly formed Pvt. Joseph Bessette Chapter, National Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 conducted the formal rededication program. "Taps" and Military Honors were rendered by Past New Jersey Department Commander Jeff Heagy.

NEW YORK

On July 23 2016, the Walter H. French Camp #17 conducted the first Civil War Living History event at Sackets Harbor, New York. Members participating were Brothers Jeffrey French and Scott French, reenactors Dan Sampson as Confederate Soldier, Ervin Omerovic and Ted Schofield as Union Soldiers.

On display for the public were tents, weapons, and types of food that the Soldiers ate during that time frame. The campfire made coffee to drink and later dumplings to eat. Drills were done with our young recruits which received their rations of hardtack and a reproduction of the Enlistment forms for 3 years of service. Time Warner Cable televised the event and Watertown Daily Times published pictures of the event with caption.



Observing the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic, Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War once again held its annual ceremony for the 194th Birthday of President and General Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National Memorial on West 122nd St. and Riverside Dive in Manhattan, NY on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 11:00 AM.

Those in attendance included Eugene G. Mortorff, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Virginia Twist, Past National President, ASUVCW and Caren Cleaveland, National Junior Vice President, DUVCW. Keynote speaker was Bob Costello as Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of Major General George Armstrong Custer Camp #17.

OHIO

During the annual community day celebration several hundred people attended the July 30th dedication of a new veteran's memorial placed on the town hall lawn in Bloomingburg, Ohio. 1st Lt. Shane Milburn, Commander of Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry placed a floral wreath during the ceremonies.

The dedication address was given by Ray Pryor, a U. S. Navy veteran and former member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim (dressed as a Revolutionary War soldier) was one of the principal speakers at the dedication. Grim, a U. S. Air Force Vietnam War veteran who grew up in Bloomingburg and is a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, was one of three military veterans honored during the ceremony.



The other two were: Corporal Henry Casey, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient and Sgt. John Wrobbel who received the Distinguished Service Cross in World War I. Both are buried in the Bloomingburg cemetery.

RHODE ISLAND

Br. Jamie McGuire, Department Commander, Rhode Island, located the physical grave of his SUVCW lineal ancestor, Cpl. Levi Long, Co. K, 148th Illinois Infantry in Tiskilwa, Bureau County, Illinois. Completing a journey that began with a small scratchpad notebook that had belonged to his great-grandmother Minnie Perkins, Br. McGuire traced his Perkins and Long family lines to the founding families of Bureau County, and to the Timothy Perkins family cemetery at the top of a steep hill on what was once the Perkins farm. Armed with rakes, loppers and saws, Br. McGuire and Br. Henry Duquette, PDC, made the difficult climb only to find the site unrecognizable as a cemetery, having suffered decades of neglect.

Prepared to perform a cemetery clean-up, they soon discovered that the cemetery covered a much larger area than anticipated and would require heavy machinery to move the fallen trees, fallen and broken stones, and fire damage; as well as much more time than was available to clear the dense forest growth. Among the aged and broken stones of his kin, Brother McGuire eventually



located the grave of his ancestor, 3X great uncle Levi Long.

Brs. McGuire and Duquette were able to clean up a 20' square around Cpl. Long's grave and placed a Jencks style GAR marker, manufactured in Rhode Island in the 19th century (and reclaimed from a flea market by another RISUVCW Brother), at the grave with a fresh VA flag.

TEXAS



The 22nd Annual Encampment of the Department of Texas, including Louisiana was conducted on Saturday, June 4, 2016 in the Carriage House at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston.

Encampment cockade badges that were hand-made by the Ladies Auxiliary were presented to each of the 22 delegates. The business of the Department was dispatched in good order, including reports of officers and committees, along with discussions and voting on several key issues. Following the morning session, a box lunch was served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Special guest National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski, who traveled from Elmhurst, Illinois, officiated over the induction of the Department officers for the term 2016-2017. The incoming officers include Charles W. Sprague as Department Commander, Beau B. Moore as SVC, Thomas F. Coughlin as JVC, and Donald L. Gates as returning Secretary/Treasurer. The Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary presented certificates of appreciation to National Chaplain Kowalski and to the (new) PDC Dr. Stevenson Holmes.

WISCONSIN

The gravestone of Jared Townsend (32nd Wis. Vol. Inf.) was placed and dedicated finally after 98 years in a cemetery in Waterville, Minnesota, Jared Townsend is Camp SVC Bob Koenecke's 2G Great Uncle. Bob set up the installation and dedication. CC Jeff Graf, DSVC Brian McManus, JVC Dave Daley participated in the service as Honor Guard. Family and townspeople were present, with a reporter from the local paper. A memorial stone that was almost 100 years overdue was placed and finally made right.



Left to Right: Camp 15 JVC Dave Daley, and Camp 15 SVC Bob Koenecke.

Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee has an estimated 6,000 Civil War veterans, according to a year-long research project by Tom Mueller, the Wisconsin graves registration officer.

Until last fall, the graves database of the Sons had some 2,100 listings for Wood. Mueller began his project in September after coming across several more grave listings while doing work with soldiers from his home of Oak Creek, and he wondered how many others there could be. Now he knows: He had raised the Wood total to nearly 6,000 as of late summer.



Wood is by far the largest cemetery in Wisconsin for Civil War veterans, because one of the nation's first Soldiers Homes was opened in Milwaukee in 1867. Mueller says about 25 percent of the Civil War burials served in Wisconsin units; the next-largest are Illinois with 16 percent and New York with 15 percent.

Plant Sanctuary?

City officials in Muskego, a small city in southeastern Wisconsin, have declared a city cemetery a plant sanctuary and are refusing to mow the grass or remove

weeds there, including vegetation covering the graves of two Civil War veterans who died fighting for the Union.

That refusal to properly maintain the veterans' graves is drawing strong protests from Camp #15 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, based in nearby Wind Lake, Wis.



Jeff Graf, commander of Camp #15, noted that two Civil War soldiers are buried in the cemetery, Lt. Homer H. Clark of the 16th U.S. Infantry, and Private Jonathan W. Smiley of the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry, and called the cemetery's condition a "desecration" of their last resting places.

"As they both died honorably in the defense of their country, they deserve that their graves be treated as hallowed ground," Graf wrote in a letter to Muskego's mayor and city council. "The deplorable condition of the cemetery, passed off as a wild plant sanctuary, is a degradation and desecration of these hero's graves."

The only maintenance the city of Muskego does is an annual spring burn to burn off the year-old matting of grass, weeds and brush – a burn that also is scorching the bottoms of tombstones. Graf called on the city to stop the annual burns.

Wisconsin has a state law requiring "proper and decent care" for the graves of veterans, Graf noted, and said his camp was considering a number of options, including a lawsuit to force Muskego to properly maintain the graves of the two Civil War soldiers.

"We will not rest in this matter until those veterans' graves are treated with the honor and respect they deserve," Graf ended his letter to Muskego city officials.

VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

The last two articles challenged us to promote patriotism through the American Flag, Education, and the importance of teaching Americanism versus Pluralism. We have another challenge to our organization; which is taking care of our veterans. Yes, this is more prevalent today than ever before.

After the War of Rebellion; the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) built homes for the disabled veterans in 1886 so they would not be homeless on the streets. They also pushed for higher pensions for those with loss of limbs so they could financially survive. Commander-in-Chief John C. Robinson pushed for a resolution through Congress to expedite the pension process and the higher rates for the disabled. He was frustrated by the bureaucrats slow process of the veterans applications and the frequent return of the applications for minor corrections and starting their process all over again.

Sounds familiar? The battle to take care of our veterans still rages on today. Veterans are being denied expedient health care, claims are still backlogged, and after December of this year VA Choice will cease. VA Choice is the program that veterans can use to get private sector to care for them when the wait exceeds 30 days. It is being discontinued because the VA through Healthnet are not paying the doctors and hospitals for the services rendered. The VA is going back to its old practices and ignoring the needs of the veterans.

Can the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Order continue to ignore these issues? We need to push resolutions to Congress and to contact our Congressional Representatives as the Boys in Blue did. We need to pressure Congress to act and not pass laws that accomplish little. Our veterans have shown bravery to patriotically serve our Country and we need to support them by action and not words. We have a call to arms to show our patriotism by supporting the brave men and women who need us to support them and fix a broken VA system. Should we do less than our ancestors who wore Blue?

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,

National Patriotic Instructor
Jeffrey French

SVR GUIDON



On July 16, Brothers from the 1st Military District SVR and the Department of Massachusetts, 15th Massachusetts Infantry reenactors, and others participated in a rededication ceremony for the recently restored Worcester (Mass.) Soldiers' Monument. There are 398 names of soldiers who died during the Civil War listed on the four plaques that are mounted on the monument.

THE 2ND MILITARY DISTRICT OF THE SONS VETERANS RESERVE

With 400 members the Second Military District of the Sons Veterans Reserve is one of the largest districts in the organization. The district serves four of the largest departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and the Chesapeake, and its units stretch from the Northern most extremes of New York to the warmer climes of Central Virginia. Throughout the year the men of the Second Military District participate in hundreds of programs as honor guards, color guards, and rifle squads.

While I would like to highlight every outstanding unit in the Second Military District, I find, that is impossible in a short article. Therefore, I will provide a few examples of the dedication and hard work performed by all the units of the Second Military District.

First there are the Gettysburg Blues from Pennsylvania. In addition to the living histories and other events; this unit has served with distinction and dedication by providing Color Guards for many of our most important national events. They have served for many years as the principle Color Guard at Remembrance Day, Traditional Memorial Day in Arlington National Cemetery, and they served as the Color Guard at the National Encampments in Harrisburg (2006), Reston (2011) and Richmond (2015).

Secondly there are the men of the 183 NY Volunteers who hail from the New York City region. This award winning unit has done remarkable things to promote the memory of the Boys in Blue and educate the public about the Civil War; by conducting events centered on the USS Monitor, which was built in Brooklyn and by also supporting the annual Grant's Tomb ceremonies. In particular the attention drawn to the Monitor through the work of the 183rd NY Volunteers has lead to the establishment of a permanent park in Brooklyn to ensure that the site of the Monitors construction will be preserved for future generation.

The leadership of the Second Military District is proud of the men who fill our ranks and are inspired by the dedication they show to the mission of the Sons of Union Veteran and the Sons Veterans Reserve. From the living histories held in Sackets Harbor, New York to the grave marker rededication ceremony in Roanoke, Virginia; the men of the Second Military District are always ready to serve the cause of honoring and remembering those who sacrifice so much to keep our nation united.

(This begins a shift in the SVR page, focusing upon a different Military District in each issue. SVR Orders can be found on the Order's website).



ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

*Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble*

Period dress encouraged, but not required

Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk

Cash Bar

Time: 8PM, 19 November 2016

Place: Wyndham Hotel - Gettysburg

Rt. 15 & Rt. 30

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\$25 per person at the door

Make check out to "SVR Remembrance Day Ball"

Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets

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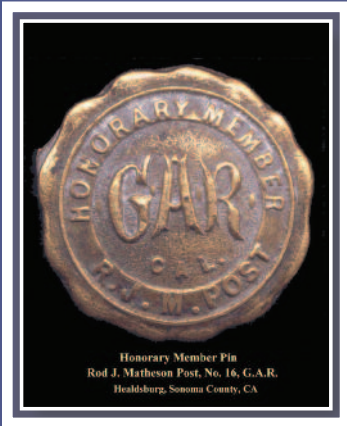
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HISTORY OF THE SONS

BY BOB WOLTZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN



GRAND ARMY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS?

Membership in the Grand Army of the Republic was open only to those who had a honorable discharge from the Federal government for service between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865. The national regulations expressly forbid Posts from having associate members. The 1884 National Encampment adopted the following resolution:

“ Membership is restricted to a single class, and to the exclusion of all others such as Honorary, Associate, and Contributing members.”

There are several types of GAR associates that have been discovered. The first was financial. Badges reading “ Contributing Member” or “ We stand by our country’s defenders” clearly indicates a financial basis of membership. Posts needed money to conduct their programs especially as membership decreased and were willing to break the rules to obtain the funds..

The second reason for associates were social in nature . Again regulations required membership in the GAR to be local. If a Comrade moved to a new location he was expected to transfer his membership to his new residence so he could be active and participate in the Post. If he wanted to maintain membership in a former Post he might become a social member of his former Post while transferring his full membership to his new location.

As these were unofficial most were made locally and so vary from Post to Post.



1861. 1865.



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THE BROWS OF LEADERS LAUREL CROWNED
AND HONORED HEROES NEATH THE GROUND."