

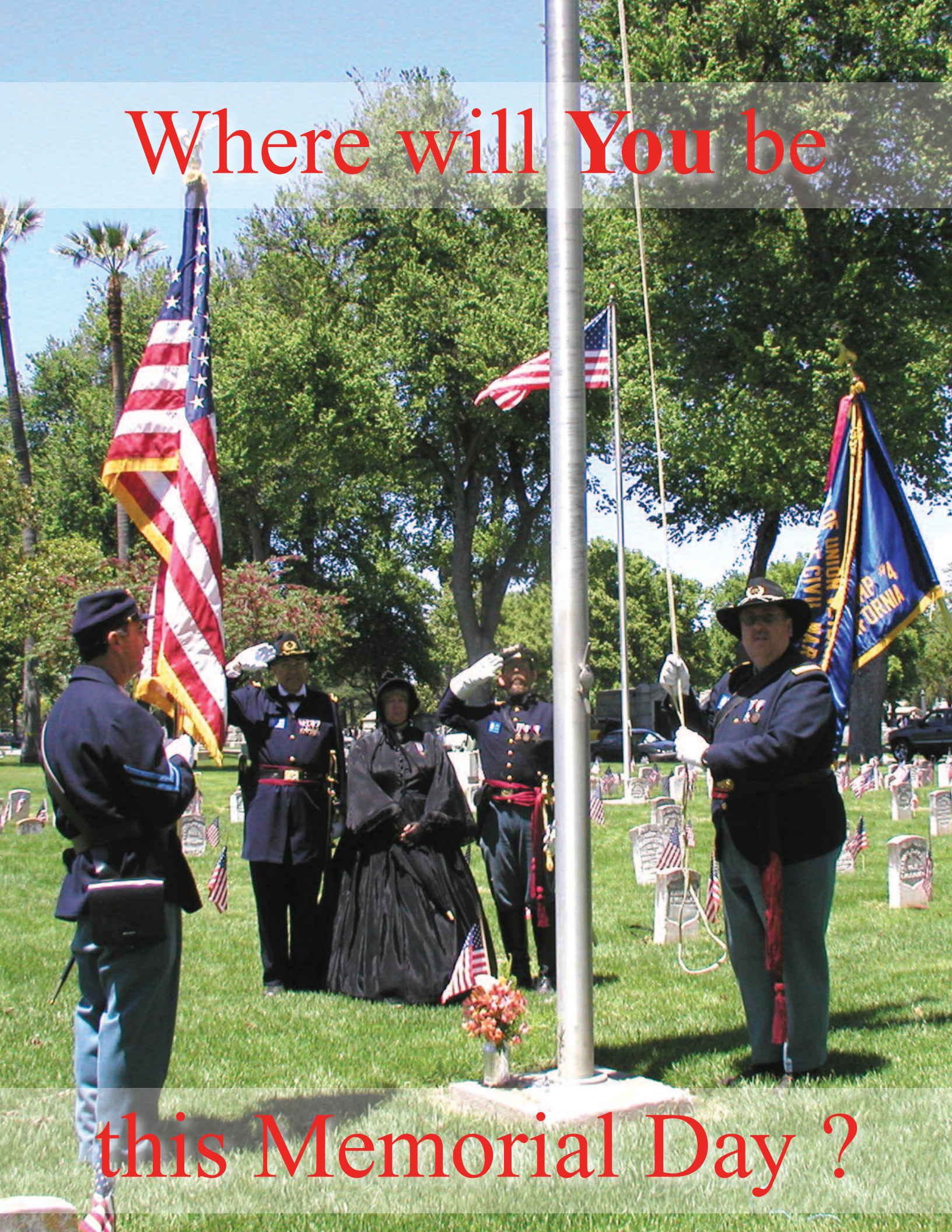
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KUDOS IN ORDER

Thanks to four decades of lobbying by Mrs. Margaret Zerwekh, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing, 4th U.S. Light Artillery, received the Medal of Honor in a White House Ceremony last November 6th. On March 24th, 94-year old Margaret was presented a Life Membership in the ASUCVW at her home in Delafield, Wis., which sits on what was once Cushing family property. Members of the Wisconsin Dept. Auxiliary and Sons were there to congratulate and thank her for her efforts.



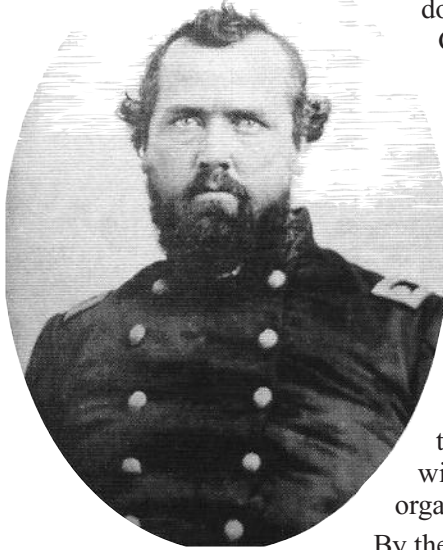
On The Cover: Francis Collins (1836-1930), late of Co. I, 134th Pennsylvania Infantry, had been a resident of Milwaukee's Soldiers Home since 1891. He regularly visited his plot at Milwaukee's Forest Home Cemetery, like this time in about 1904. Photo by E.T. Hindman.

Opposite: Br. Rick LaRosa, PCC Bob Kadlec, NP Rachele Campbell, Br. Paul Lavrischeff, PCC Dan Earl and CinC Tad Campbell render honors during a Memorial Ceremony at San Jose's Oak Hill Cemetery GAR plot.



THE SESQUICENTENNIAL DRAWS TO A CLOSE...OR DOES IT?

On June 24, 1864, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson of Petersburg, Ill., was mustered out of federal service. Three years earlier, at age 37, he had left his wife and two small children to join the Union Army. He was elected surgeon of the 14th Illinois Infantry, but another doctor was commissioned. So, he was appointed assistant surgeon of the regiment. Governor Yates commissioned him a major for his distinguished service on the field at Shiloh and appointed him regimental surgeon. He served with the 14th through all of its campaigns, as part of the Army of the Tennessee. In addition to the Battle of Shiloh, these included the Siege of Corinth, Battle of Hatchie's Bridge and Siege of Vicksburg.



A romanticized notion that the regiment's chaplain shared not only a tent with the doctor, but the founding of the GAR is a popular myth. It's likely that the doctor talked to several about his ideas during the waning days of his service.

After mustering out, Stephenson returned to Springfield, Ill., where he worked with a couple of druggists. There, he talked up his idea for a veterans' organization with other veterans he came in contact with. Capt. John Phelps, formerly the captain of Co. B, 32nd Ill. Inf., encouraged Stephenson. He knew of a printing office run by two soldiers, who got the ritual printed. Stephenson corresponded with the Soldiers & Sailors League in St. Louis and used some of the organization's ritual.

By the time the war ended, Dr. Stephenson had many of the pieces in place, necessary to start a new fraternal order. Col. John Snyder had been the 6th Illinois Cavalry Quartermaster. After the war, he was Illinois Gov. Oglesby's military secretary.

Maj. Robert Woods had been captain in the 64th Illinois Infantry. He was publisher of the Republic and Sun newspapers and attended meetings of the Army of the Tennessee. He served as the new Order's Adjutant General.

Gen. Jules Weber, late of the 18th Illinois, had also been a regimental quartermaster. He was to serve as Chief of Staff of the fledgling organization.

Word quickly spread in southwestern Illinois. The Decatur postmaster, the newspaper printers, the Macon county treasurer, and the mayor by Decatur led the interest among area veterans. So Stephenson organized the first post there. And so, it began...the story of the Grand Army of the Republic.



THE SESQUICENTENNIAL AHEAD

- April 6, 2016 The founding of the Grand Army of the Republic at 253 Park Street in Decatur, Ill.
- May 5, 2018 The issuance of General Order 11, establishing Decoration Day by GAR CinC John Logan.
- May 13, 2019 The retirement of GAR Founder B.F. Stephenson from National Office in the GAR.
- August 30, 2021 The death of GAR Founder Dr. B.F. Stephenson at age 47. Burial at Rock Creek, Ill. Cemetery.

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CIN C CAMPBELL'S TRAVELS



CinC Campbell listens to brothers at the Wisconsin Dept. Mid-Winter meeting on February 7th in Wauwatosa. Photo by PDC Kent Peterson.



CinC Tad Campbell presided over the installation of Department of California & Pacific officers at the 129th Dept. Encampment in Sacramento on March 7th. Outgoing DC Timothy Reese looks on while re-elected Dept. Sec/Treas. PCC Owen Stiles records the proceedings as Br. Campbell addresses the Encampment. CinC Campbell was presented the Dept.'s exemplary service award.



CinC Campbell places a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on February 12th



WRC NP Cindy Zerkowski, LGAR NP Judy Rock, outgoing MI DC Paul Davis, DUVCW NP Ellen Higgins, ASUCW NP Rachelle Campbell and CinC Tad Campbell pause for a photo op at the Michigan Dept. Encampment, March 28th, in Lansing.

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.

Horace Greeley Award (est. 2011) – presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding website.

Albert Woolson Award (est. 2011) – presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

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 Tad Campbell via email at cinc@sucvw.org



OUR UNION DEFENDER'S DAY TRADITION

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 held their 12th annual Lincoln Dinner on February 7th, at Holder's Country Inn in San José, Cal., in commemoration of President Lincoln's 206th Birthday. CC John Stolp presented historian Darlene Thorne with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding presentation on Civil War vintage and other antique postcards.



INDIANA

Co. D, 27th Indiana Inf., SVR, stands at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln during Lincoln Day ceremonies at the Lincoln Boyhood Nat. Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana, on February 8th.



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NEBRASKA

On February 12th, the Nebraska Rangers, SVR, performed guard duty at the statue of Abraham Lincoln on the west side of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. The Nebraska Rangers perform guard duty at the statue as an annual event to honor Lincoln's birthday. In addition, DC Bill Dean set up a Civil War artifact display inside the Capitol, assisted by his wife and Aux. sister Margaret Dean, musician and Cpl. Eric Bachenburg as well as Sr. Rachel Witkovski were also present. Lincoln Nebraska is the largest city named in honor of our 16th president.



Adjutant Gage Stermensky, Pvt. Neil Clayburn, Capt. Marc Witkovski and Pvt. Jim Atkins.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Dept of NH SUVCW/ASUVCW celebrated Union Defenders Day on February 7th at the Common Man Restaurant in Concord. An inspiring talk was presented by DSV (Camp 60 CC) T.J. Cullinane, concerning those NH natives who were with President Lincoln following his assassination. A wonderful afternoon of fellowship followed.



CC Cullinane and Br. Bob Martin (back to camera is Dept. Sec Peter Whelpton)

OHIO

Fairfield's Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, Cincinnati's Gen. William H. Lytle Camp 10, Dayton's Wm. T. Sherman Camp 93 and Kentucky's Nelson-Garfield Camp 3 gathered in Hamilton on February 21st for a Lincoln Day Dinner.

PENNSYLVANIA

Capt. Edgar M. Ruhl Camp 33 hosted the Department Lincoln Luncheon on February 14th. About 65 brothers and guests gathered at Altland House in Abbottstown.



WISCONSIN

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 held their 35th annual Patriotic Luncheon on February 7th, 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. Nick Bur spoke on Lincoln's leadership. A raffle and silent auction were held, which raised over \$1200 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.



COME TO THE 2015 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT!

The Department of the Chesapeake invites you to Richmond, Virginia, for the National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. The last National Encampment in Richmond was at the end of the Centennial, so it is fitting to meet there again at the end of the Sesquicentennial. When the Sesquicentennial began, the Department hosted the first Sesquicentennial Encampment near Manassas with the theme “Stand by the Union!” Now, we close out the Sesquicentennial in Richmond with the theme “With Malice Towards None.” We have booked the Omni in downtown Richmond. It is in the historic Shockoe Slip district and is close to first class dining and entertainment ventures. The hotel has 361 guest rooms, a heated indoor pool and outdoor sun deck, 24-hour dining, full service restaurant, ATM, business center, etc. Some of the Richmond area attractions:

Richmond, the Capital of the Confederacy, home of the Confederate White House and Museum of the Confederacy. This is where the Peninsula Campaign, the Overland Campaign, and Siege of Petersburg all ended and the road to Appomattox started. The City is surrounded by Civil War sites just waiting for you to explore, including: the Crater, Belle Isle, Chimborazo Medical Museum, Cold Harbor, Confederate War Memorial Chapel (with its Tiffany windows), Fort Steadman, Gains Mill, Malvern Hill, and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. Thomas Jefferson designed the State Capital building, built in 1788. It is home to the oldest legislative body operating in the Western Hemisphere and served as the Confederate Capital building. A monument to George Washington



2015 National Encampment Commemorative Medal Order Form

The Dept. of the Chesapeake is proud to present this year’s Encampment Commemorative medal in remembrance of President Lincoln’s visit to Richmond on 5 April 1865. This medal will be produced in limited quantities. Each medal will be individually numbered. Medals will be selected starting with the lowest number available and provided on a first come basis.

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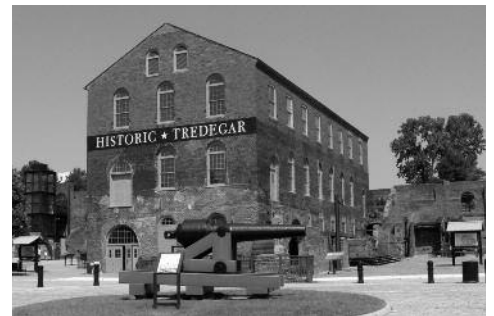
is on the capital grounds and served as inspiration for the Confederate Great Seal. The monument was completed in 1858 and includes at its base statues of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Lewis, John Marshall, George Mason, and Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Belle Isle was a prison holding United States soldiers between 1862 and 1865. It was home to 30,000 POWs, where as many as 1,000 perished. To commemorate their sacrifice, the Sons of Union Veterans installed a memorial stone on the isle. In April 1864, Peter DeWitt, Assistant Surgeon in Baltimore, received a number of prisoners. He described the “great majority” of the patients as being:

“ . . . in a semistate of nudity... laboring under such diseases as chronic diarrhea, phthisis pulmonalis, scurvy, frost bite, general debility, caused by starvation, neglect and exposure. Many of them had partially lost their reason, forgetting even the date of their capture . . . They resemble, in many respect, patients laboring under cretinism. They were filthy in the extreme, covered in vermin...nearly all were extremely emaciated; so much so that they had to be cared for even like infants.”

Hollywood Cemetery is the final resting place for 18,000 Confederates; including J.E.B Stuart, Fitzhugh Lee, and Jefferson Davis. The tombs of Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler are also there. Across town is the Shockoe Cemetery, where famed U.S. spy Elizabeth Van Lew is buried. There are several U.S. National Cemeteries in the Richmond area: City Point, Cold Harbor, Fort Harrison, Seven Pines, Glendale, Richmond, and Poplar Grove (Petersburg).

Tredegar Iron Works is home to The American Civil War Center and the Richmond National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. The Civil War Center is the nation’s first museum to interpret the Civil War from Union, Confederate, and African American perspectives. Tredegar is a five-building site on Richmond’s canals. In 1860, the Tredegar Iron Works was the largest in the South, a fact that played a significant role in the decision to relocate the capital of the Confederacy from Montgomery, Alabama, to Richmond. Tredegar’s wartime production included steam locomotives, the plating for the ironclad warship, CSS Virginia; 1,100 artillery pieces, about half of the South’s total domestic production of artillery, including the development of the Brooke rifle, a giant rail-mounted siege cannon.



Richmond Slave Trail, is a walking trail tracing the history of the trade of enslaved Africans to and from Virginia. Richmond was the largest source of enslaved Africans from 1830 to 1860. The trail follows a route through the slave markets, the Reconciliation Statue, Lumpkin’s Slave Jail and the Negro Burial Ground to First African Baptist Church, a center of African-American life in antebellum Richmond.

Monument Avenue is an example of the Grand America Avenue city planning style. The avenue has architecturally significant houses and churches on a tree-lined grassy mall. The avenue is home to statues memorializing Virginia Confederates Robert E. Lee, J.E.B Stuart, Thomas Jackson, Matthew Maury, and Jefferson Davis.

Tours are planned for your visit to Richmond. We have negotiated with the National Park Service for two tours, one featuring Richmond sites and the other Petersburg. The Richmond tour will depart Thursday morning and visit the Gaines Mill and Cold Harbor Battlefields. Gaines Mill (June 27, 1862) was the third of the Seven Days Battles ending the McClellan’s Peninsula Campaign. It is the site of Lee’s largest attack – 57,000 Confederates in six divisions. Cold Harbor (May-June 1864) was part of Grant’s Overland Campaign. Grant lamented in his memoirs that he always regretted the last attack at Cold Harbor. On Thursday afternoon, the second tour will visit sites at Petersburg including the Battle of the Crater (July 30, 1864) where the Federals set off 320 kegs of black powder under the Confederate trenches. The Army of Northern Virginia was ultimately defeated at Petersburg after a 9-month struggle that included extensive trench warfare. It will be possible to take both tours. The morning tour will depart the Hotel at 8 AM, returning at noon. The afternoon tour will depart at 1 PM and return at 5 PM.



HUMBOLDT CAMP 9 ORGANIZED

The Department of Kansas has regained a foothold in southeast Kansas. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Carolyn Whitaker, who spearheaded last year's headstone dedication for Pvt. Rufus Anderson, 1st Kansas Colored Inf..

At the invitation of the Humboldt Historical Society, men interested in the Civil War met at the Humboldt Museum on March 14th to organize a Camp. All agreed that naming the Camp after Humboldt's Vicksburg GAR Post 72 would not mean much to those in the area.

With guidance from DC Kent Melcher and camp organizer DJVC William E. Fischer, Jr., the Camp, consisting primarily of newly initiated Brothers, agreed on the name "Humboldt." Doing so recognizes the rich Civil War history of the town, honors all the Union men who served in this section of Kansas, and provided an identifiable "place" name. Initially, the camp will meet quarterly at the museum. Officers include: CC Eddie Henderson, SVC Randy Downey, JVC Robert Boyd, Sec. Bill Fischer, Treas. Josh Works, Council Members John Jackson, Dean Dillard, and Robbie Baker, and Chaplain Otis Crawford.

In addition to locals, Brothers have joined from Bourbon, Neosho, and Woodson Counties. Br. Conrad Fisher from Old Abe Camp 16 has joined as a dual member, as is DC Melcher.

Humboldt, founded in 1857 by German immigrants, was named for Prussian naturalist and explorer Baron Alexander von Humboldt. The town served as the county seat throughout the Civil War.



Front Row (l. to r.): William E. Fischer, Jr., Robert Boyd, Dean Dillard, and Eddie Henderson. Back Row (l. to r.): Josh Works, Conrad Fisher, DC Kent Melcher, John Jackson, Randy Downey. Not shown: Robbie Baker and Otis Crawford



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M E S N E W C A M P S !



CinC Campbell installs the new Camp 15 officers at the Wis. Dept. Mid-Winter Meeting: CC Jeffrey Graf, SVC Patrick Kulas, JVC Bruce Laine, and Sec/Treas. PCC Brian McManus.

NEW CAMP CHARTERED IN WISCONSIN

Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 was organized in Wind Lake, Wis., late last year by PCC Brian McManus. CinC Campbell approved the date of ranking of January 21, 2015. The Camp meets monthly at the Town of Norway Town Hall. The Camp started with 13 Brothers: nine transfers from Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, including a Junior, three dual members from Waukesha's MG John Gibbon Camp 4, and one new member.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

Abraham Lincoln Camp 2, Branson, MO, Dept. of Missouri. Organizer is PCinC Edward Krieser of Walnut Shade, MO. Deadline is April 12, 2015.

Robert M. Blair Camp 5, Enid, OK, Dept. of Oklahoma. Organizer is PDC John Williams of Tulsa, OK. Deadline is May 15, 2015.

Sgt. Judson Hicks Camp 111, Arcadia, NY, Dept. of New York. Organizer is Br. Daryl VerStreate, Jr. of Newark, NY. Deadline is September 29, 2015.

Army of the Tennessee Camp 64, Murfreesboro, TN, Dept. of Tennessee. Organizer is Br. David DuBrucq of Murfreesboro, TN. Deadline is October 23, 2015.

Lt. Henry Spencer Swift Camp 137, Edgerton, WI, Dept. of Wisconsin. Organizer is Richard L. Smallwood-Roberts of Edgerton, WI. Deadline is November 5, 2015.

Fort Walla Walla Camp 3, Kennewick, WA, Camp-at-Large. Organizer is Br. Raymond E. Marshall of Richland, WA. Deadline is December 6, 2015.

U.S Grant Camp 3, Flagstaff, AZ, Camp-at-Large. Organizer is PCC David A. Swanson of Cave Creek, AZ. Deadline is December 8, 2015.

Gen. R.H.G. Minty Camp 2, Tucson, AZ, Camp-at-Large. Organizer is John R. Conrad of Scottsdale, AZ. Deadline is December 8, 2015.

Pvt. Veatch Camp 30, Gridley, CA, Dept. of California & Pacific. Organizer is Owen Stiles of Gridley, CA. Deadline is January 6, 2016.

Humboldt Camp 9, Humboldt, KS, Dept. of Kansas. Organizer is Wm. E. Fischer, Jr. of Ft. Scott, KS. Deadline is February 16, 2016.

Edward Wallace Camp 21, Beaufort, SC, Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina. Organizer is Dr. Elijah Washington of Beaufort, SC. Deadline is March 21, 2016.

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Form-50-Instructions-for-Forming-a-Camp.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.

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However, when family members do commit, the Allied Orders win. Following an example of leadership, family members have risen to the occasion, serving at the local, Department and even the National levels.



PNP Lynne Bury, Madeline Rock, PCinC Gordon Bury, Robert & Elizabeth Rock

FAMILY OF FIRSTS

At the time of their election in 1986, as LGAR National President and SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, Lynne and Gordon Bury were the first husband and wife team from their respective organizations to serve together, as well as the youngest. Additionally, in an effort to more fully represent their ancestors, they were the first heads of the Allied Orders to appear at all functions in Civil War era uniform/clothing. Gordon also served as MOLLUS CinC from 2001-03, only the third SUVCW PCinC to do so, while Lynne served as LGAR President again in 2003-05. Lynne continues to serve as LGAR National Historian.

At the 1987 Nat. LGAR Convention, Lynne initiated Judith Rock into membership and happily installed her 25 years later as Nat. President. In 1995, Lynne's daughter Elizabeth married Judy Rock's son, Robert, and they continue the family tradition. As Elizabeth once did, granddaughter Madeline, at age 5, was the youngest LGAR Junior to participate in wreath laying ceremonies. She now serves as the youngest elected Nat. Officer as Editor of the Bugle Call. Son-in-law Robert is the Editor of the Nat. MOLLUS Historical Journal and the LGAR's accountant, while Elizabeth is the first and current Nat. Secretary for both the LGAR and DOLLUS (Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States). Lynne is the first PNP of the LGAR to also serve as DOLLUS Nat. Pres.

MCMILLAN AND WIFE...AND MORE

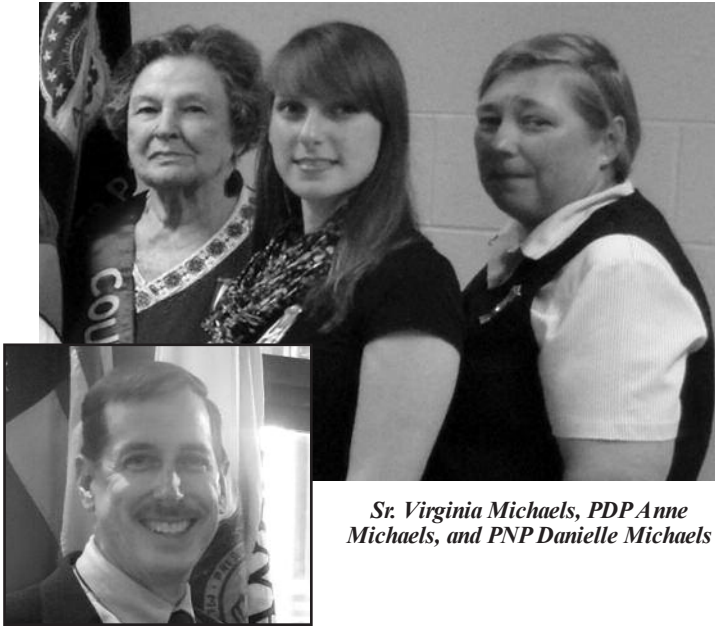
Ann McMillan joined both Auxiliary and DUVCW in 1990. Her mother, Dorothy Prentice, joined at the same time. Dorothy became DUVCW NY Dept. Pres. in 1997 and Ann followed her in 2001. When Ann met Doug McMillan, she was an NPS intern in Gettysburg. Ann became PA ASUVCW Dept. Pres. in 2012 and 2013.

DC Doug McMillan joined the Sons in 2006, based on genealogy that wife Ann had done. He had been a Civil War student for almost 30 years by that time. Finding his ancestor and recovering his family history became that touchstone moment that I was suddenly connected in a very real and personal way. He was introduced to the SUVCW and jumped in with both feet.

Doug's father, Paul, followed him in as did his son, Joshua. Joshua, was 7 when he became a Junior and his two daughters joined soon after, as they reached the appropriate ages. Joshua is now 16 and Gettysburg Camp 112 Junior Vice Commander. His Grandfather, Paul, is a Past Camp Commander of Camp 112 and also works as a field musician, providing Taps at many SVR memorial events. He is also a bugler with the Cumberland County Honor Guard. Doug's mother, Joyce, served several years as Jennie Wade Aux. Pres. Daughters Katelynn and Gracee hold offices in Gettysburg and Carlisle of Guide and Chaplain. Ann is now the Auxiliary's Nat. Chief of Staff.



(rear, l to r) PAP Joyce McMillin, Penn. DC Douglas McMillin, PDP Ann McMillin, PCC Paul McMillin. In front are Aux. Sisters Katelynn and Gracee McMillin, and Br. Joshua McMillin.



Sr. Virginia Michaels, PDP Anne Michaels, and PNP Danielle Michaels

PCinC Steve Michaels

PCIN C STEVE MICHAELS' FAMILY

PCinC Steve Michaels joined the SUVCW as an Ohio Dept. MAL in 1993. After transferring to the Wisconsin Dept. and C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, he encouraged his wife, PNP Danielle Michaels to join the Auxiliary. They both liked the family-friendly culture and consequently, three of their four children joined. Son Andrew joined as a Junior in 1996, serving eight years as the Camp Color Guard. When the ASUVCW reinstated Junior membership at the 1998 National Encampment, daughter Anne was one of two girls initiated as a Junior on the spot. Allison was already a member, having joined a year earlier.

Today, there are three generations serving the Allied Orders: Steve's mother, Aux. Sr. Virginia Michaels, 86, has worked on special projects like the 2013 National Encampment. Sister-in-law Denise Oman is C.K. Pier Badger Aux. 1 President and National Patriotic Instructor. Both daughters, Anne and Allison served as Auxiliary presidents and as their Dept.'s President. Anne has served on the National Council and is National Press Correspondent. Danielle is Nat. Aux. Historian.



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Phillip, Merle, Daniel, Arlene, and Michael Rudebusch. Photo by Br. James Atkins

PDC MERLE RUDEBUSCH'S FAMILY

The Dept. of Nebraska leadership is now held by a second son who was elected. DC Phillip Rudebusch took the leadership of the Dept., which his brother Michael and his father held. All three are PDCs. He's now a Dept. Council Member. Michael retired from the Army National Guard as a SFC after 27 years of service. He served one year tour of duty in Iraq.

Arlene Rudebusch, mother and wife, is a PDP of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, in Nebraska and Past Nat. Sec. of the DUVCW, and a sister in Henry Harnden Aux. 2, Dept. of Wis. Merle and Arlene's grandson, Daniel, son of Michael, joined as a Junior in the SUVCW. He is now a member of Shiloh Camp 1. Merle is also the current Dept. Sec/Treas. and GRO. He serves on the Nat. GRO Committee.

An article in the Lincoln, Nebraska, Journal Star newspaper once credited the family's patriotism and their efforts to record the gravesites of all the Civil War veterans in Nebraska.

DC Phillip was quoted as saying that he hopes people take time out to remember those who came before us. "It's carrying respect for what your ancestors gave. It is scary how society has forgotten about being patriotic – there's a lack of understanding what our own citizenship is about. You disrespect your ancestors and those who fought for your freedom if you take your citizenship for granted."

GROWING THE ORDERS

Family support is essential for any active member of the Allied Orders. This becomes even more important when a leadership role is pursued. Our Orders depend on leadership at all levels to survive, and so, maintaining a family friendly atmosphere is important. One of the side benefits of bringing one's children into the Allied Orders Family is allowing them to share in the values, the camaraderie, and work set forth by the GAR.

For younger Brothers and Sisters, it's an opportunity to serve, to fulfill goals, to gain experience managing important volunteer work, and to work for positive change within their Orders.

In a relatively small organization with many older members, seven years has allowed young women to observe how business is conducted while serving in ceremonial positions like personal aide, guide, guard and color bearer. Transferring to regular membership at age 12, some have taken on increased responsibility as Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain and Historian.

In contrast, in the much larger SUVCW, many young boys who spend eight years as a Junior, face stiff competition for leadership responsibility once they turn 14 and transfer to adult membership. Their new male contemporaries are more numerous, more active and in many cases, better prepared than they are.

Nonetheless, "planting the acorn" gives each Allied Order family the opportunity to share a love of genealogy, heritage, and patriotism. One thing's for certain: our Allied Orders Families are much richer for the contributions of these family members, who were drawn into this special culture. Will you be the one to plant the next acorn?



CinC Tad Campbell pins a Junior badge on daughter Emelie while mom Aux. NP Rachelle reads the initiation ritual during the 2014 National Encampment Banquet. Photo by PDC Tim Reese.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

797. Robert L. Vandevender II

McKean Camp 3 (FL)

798. Loran T. Bures

Gov. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)

799. Gary E. White

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (TX)

800. John D. Williams

Camp 1—Tulsa, OK

801. David S. Smith

Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)

802. Gabriel W. Johnson

Orlando A. Somers Camp 1 (IN)

803. Lee A. Morgan

Gov. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)

804. Larry J. Hynding

Wm. Colvill III Camp 56 (WI)

805. Robert May

Camp 145 (MI)

806. V. Allen Gray

Gov. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)

807. John R. France

Ruger Camp 1 (NC)

808. Charles J. Heagy

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)

809. Thomas J. Gaard

Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75, (IA)

810. Andrew R. Reeve

Gov. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)

811. Stephen A. Hackett

Bliss Camp 12 (RI)

812. Donald E. Condit

Gov. Isaac Stevens MAL Camp 1 (WA)

813. Luke P. Martin, Jr.

North Carolina Volunteers Camp 5 (NC)

Life membership in the SUVCW excuses a Brother from all National per capita dues. It does not necessarily excuse him from paying Department level per capita dues or Camp level dues. The decision to levy Department per capita dues on Life Members is made by a Department Encampment. Likewise, the membership of a Camp determines if all, a portion of, or none of the dues will be required from a Life Member. More information about the SUVCW Life Membership may be found on Form 9. Go to <http://suvchw.org/ftp/form09fi.pdf>



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

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

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

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

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On Dec. 27th, Lincoln Camp 10's PCC & current DC Tim P. Reese presented three new Eagle Scouts; Anthony Cellucci, Trevor Hoffman, and Ryan Kahn of BSA Troop 604 of Scotts Valley with SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificates at the Masonic Lodge in Santa Cruz, Cal.



CHESAPEAKE

On January 3rd, James A. Garfield Camp 1 visited Baltimore's President Street Station, one of the Civil War's earliest and historically noteworthy sites. In addition to highlighting the role of the rail station in the "Pratt Street Riot" of April 19, 1861, the visit featured an overview of many of the building's structural features and museum collection.



Brs. John Aymold, Elias Johnston, Peter Johnston, Nathaniel Johnston, Brian Horgan, Clay Matthews, Rick Knoepfler, Faron Taylor, Gene Mortorff, Tim McCoy, Brad Sharpless, and Mark Newsome. Photo by Br. Brian Quillin, II

The Camp conducted their January business meeting inside the station and afterward, adjourned to revisit several of the museum holdings and gift shop.



DC Robert Pollock addresses those at Dunker Church.

dignitaries. This year, Camp 3 honored the 20 Union recipients, presented the Medal for action on September

On March 28th, Antietam Camp 3 conducted its 7th annual Medal of Honor ceremony at the Dunker Church on the Antietam Battlefield. Attending were representatives of two U.S. Senators, the Head of the Maryland Veterans Administration, SVCinC Eugene Mortorff, DC Robert Pollock, and various other

17, 1862, during the Battle of Antietam. Following the ceremony, wreaths were placed at the Maryland Monument.

In conjunction with the Maryland Historical Trust, Gen. George G. Meade Camp 5 placed an historic marker, noting the role of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad in the Civil War.



The railroad, which offered a means of bypassing Baltimore to get from Philadelphia and the North in Washington, DC. The marker, which was placed in the town of Annapolis Junction, MD, was a project of Camp 5 and the Odenton Heritage Society, where the Camp regularly meets. The marker notes how the railroad allowed soldiers and materiel to come into

Annapolis and link up with the B&O Railroad while avoiding the largest city in Maryland.

The Camp and the society had been in the planning stages for over a year before proposing the placement of the marker to the historical society. The marker was placed last summer and will be dedicated when road construction in the area is concluded.

IOWA

Several times each year Grenville Dodge Camp 75 joins the Iowa DAR and enjoys an evening of bingo and fellowship with patients at the Iowa Veterans Hospital. This year's patients ranged from current servicemen to veterans of pre-WWII.



Brs. Danny Krock, Richard Hickman (SAR), Tim Rowley, Judy McNamara (DAR), Ron Rittel and Mike Rowley. Photo by Mary Rowley

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INDIANA

Ben Harrison Camp 356's Br. Gage R. Williamson met the requirements for Eagle Scout and was officially recognized on November 20th. His court of honor was held January 31st. Gage is the Grandson of PCC John Bowyer and the Elizabeth E. George Aux. Pres. Amy Bowyer. His GGGG Grandfather, Cpl. Wm. Thomas Johnson, served in Co. D, 17th IN Mounted Inf.



Camp Sec. Jerry Thompson, Br. Gage Williamson, and PCC John Bowyer.

Gage will graduate from Greenfield (IN) Central High School this year. He is a member of Greenfield's Troop 233 and of two Scouting honor societies: Order of the Arrow and Firecrafter. Gage attended the 2013 Nat. Jamboree as a Senior Patrol Leader. He's been on staff of our council's youth leadership training (White Stag) three years and this year, is the spring course's Senior Patrol Leader.

Gage's eagle project was creating a memorial to the officers of Hancock County, IN (FOP#140) that have fallen while on duty.

MISSOURI

On March 29th three Eagles flew high over St. Louis. The Eagles were from Crestwood's Boy Scout Troop 580. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was conducted for Joshua Compton, Dustin Rolfe and Jack Ruprecht.



PCC Mark Coplin with Scouts Jack Ruprecht, Dustin Rolfe and Joshua Compton.

Joshua's Eagle Scout project was the replacement of an all-weather type fence around an HVAC unit at his church and parish school – it replaced a rotting wooden one. Dustin worked on an 80' earthquake proof trophy display case for all the band trophies earned since 1995. Jack, with the help of the children's pastor at his church, designed and built a GaGa Ball Pit for the younger members of the church to enjoy. PCC Mark Coplin PCC of U.S. Grant 68 had been Dustin's Cub Master and Webelos Leader. Each Eagle Scout received a SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate and a Dept. of Missouri Challenge Coin. They also each received a copy of the presentation that was given at the court of honor.

NEW JERSEY

On March 21st, Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 sponsored a bus trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield. These trips, a long-time Camp tradition, each focus on a particular part of the battlefield, educating our Brothers and members of the general public who often attend. This year, the focus was on a unique part of the battlefield.



The first stop was the new Seminary Ridge Museum, opened in 2013. The museum not only focused on the battle, but its use as a hospital after the battle. From there we picked our Licensed Battlefield Guide Larry Korczyk, who happened to be a brother in Custer Camp 17. Br. Larry gave us an excellent tour of Benner's Hill, Culp's Hill, East Cemetery Hill and Cemetery Hill. Br. Korczyk went into great detail about the actions on the various hills, and you could get a great feel for what took

place there. Following the tour, there was time to go around the town and visit the various shops; the group had dinner at General Picket's Buffet. The trip home was filled with great comradery as well as "door prizes." The Camp may have even gained a new brother.

RHODE ISLAND

Maj. Sullivan Ballou Camp 3, in cooperation with the Pawtuxet Valley Historical & Preservation Society Cemetery Committee, are repairing gravestones and identifying individuals buried in nearby Coventry's Manchester and Pine Grove Cemeteries. Camp 3 has spent two years cleaning the grounds, identifying and flagging veteran graves and up-righting stones. 85 gravestones have been restored in Manchester Cemetery



(Top left to right) Bob Chorney of the PVHPS Cemetery Committee, DC Benjamin Frail, CC Joseph Faiola, Camp Sec. Bruce D. Frail, and kneeling below CC-elect Andrew Boisvert.

alone. Located in Manchester Cemetery is the grave of Pvt. John Riley of Scituate, RI. Pvt. Riley was Rhode Island's last living GAR vet when he passed on May 7, 1943.

WISCONSIN

Brothers from Illinois and Wisconsin manned information tables at the 5th annual Civil War Expo, held March 21st inside Kenosha, Wisconsin's Civil War Museum. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Alonzo Cushing Camp 5, Hans Heg Camp 5 (all Wis.) and John A. Logan Camp 26 (Ill.) spoke to visitors about their activities. Over 30 heritage, living history and round table groups were represented.



C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's Br. Phil Olson (right) talks Civil War with a Confederate re-enactor. Photo by Jenna Theissen.

WITH OUR SISTERS

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Aux. DP Beverly L. Graham presented CinC Tad Campbell with the Dept. Aux. "Brother of the Year Award" during the 104th Annual Aux. Dept. Encampment in Sacramento on March 7th. The citation accompanying the award read in part: "Brother Tad D. Campbell (PDC) distinguished himself by his superlative dedication and committed service to the Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the furtherance of its mission and goals."



WISCONSIN

Nineteen members from the Sons and DUVCW attended the annual Member Orientation at the Delavan Community Center on March 29th. Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, Waukesha's MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Wind Lake's Hans Heg Camp 15, Edgerton's Lt. Henry Spencer Swift Camp 137, Chicago's Phil Sheridan Camp 2, Sycamore, Illinois' E.F. Dutton Camp 49 and Delavan's Mary Chesebro Lee Tent 23 were represented. The 4-hour course included presentations on customs and courtesies, badge wear, history and core values. Presenters included PCinC Steve Michaels, PNP Danielle Michaels, PDC Bruce Laine and PDC Kent Peterson. PDC Tom Brown provided administrative support.



PDC Kent Peterson talks about officer responsibilities at the Member Orientation.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

KINDNESS



My wife, Sonja, and I recently went to the movie "Cinderella." In the movie, Cinderella's mother taught her to "be courageous and kind." That got me thinking about kindness.

One of the principles upon which our Order was founded is Charity. When most people think of charity they think of philanthropy, but the word charity comes from the Latin "caritas" which means Christian love. Charity (virtue) is defined as love and kindness.

Proverbs 3:3 says: "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."

Kindness is mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23 as being one of the fruits of the Spirit: "but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control."

Kindness is illustrated in Luke 10:30-35 in the story of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan showed kindness to a stranger who could not repay him. This parable illustrates that kindness requires action. In fact, kindness has been described as "love with its work clothes on."

Practice kindness. We will never know what small act of kindness will transform someone's life.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Dan

FINAL MUSTER

Paul Eddy Taggart

Capt. Lot Smith Camp 1 (CO&WY)
April 5, 2014

Leland R. Arnold

Henry Harnden Camp 2 (WI)
May 16, 2014

Steven J. DeBellis

WT Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65 (MO)
August 4, 2014

Thomas L. Durnell

Sgt. Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 (NJ)
December 13, 2014

Joseph F. Golab

Elias Moon Camp 2 (GA/SC)
December 15, 2014

Donald E. Northup

Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 (PA)
January 15, 2015

PCC Steven A. Redinger

Gen. Benj. Prichard Camp 20 (MI)
January 20, 2015

Luke Martin, Jr. (Real Son)

Union Volunteers Camp 5 (NC)
January 25, 2015

James G. Mourning

Brooks-Grant Camp 7 (OH)
January 29, 2015

Hilbert J. Gramelspacher (Real Son) LM

U.S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)
February 1, 2015

Melvin L. Craft

Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 (OH)
February 24, 2015

James J. Bougie

Old Abe Camp 8 (WI)
March 3, 2015

PCC Allen A. Pifer

Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)
March 15, 2015

DJVC Robert P. LeMaster II

Capt. Lot Smith Camp 1 (CO & WY)
March 26, 2015

Robert N. Klob

Elias Moon Camp 2 (GA&SC)
March 27, 2015

PCinC Richard L. Greenwalt

McClellan Camp 91 (OH)
April 6, 2015

SVR GUIDON



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4TH MILITARY DISTRICT HOSTS SCHOOL

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, will be held June 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2149 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, Mo.

The program is presented by the SVR and the National Civil War Artillery Association. NCWAA staff members will instruct and qualify. Cannoneers successfully completing the course will be issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from the Civil War period and earlier, serving under all flags, are welcome to attend. Those who regularly serve artillery and those who do not serve, but wish to extend their knowledge are encouraged to participate.

Interested individuals and units should contact Capt. Randy Baehr, Turner Brigade, at (314) 971-6808, email robbaehr@earthlink.net, for registration materials. Forms are available online at <http://home.earthlink.net/~ncwaaast/>.

Prepaid registration is \$20 per person and includes a two-year NCWAA membership. Checks should be payable to "HQ 4th Military District, SVR" and should accompany registration forms. Registration closes June 6.

Camping will be permitted on site. Water, straw, firewood, and indoor sanitary facilities will be provided free. The nearest motels are about 20 minutes away in Union. A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch will be offered by the ladies of the church for a modest cost.

Due to insurance limitations, firearms other than muzzle-loading artillery should not be brought to the school.

7TH MILITARY DISTRICT

On March 7th, Brs. Wm. Radcliffe, Dennis Boggs as Abraham Lincoln and Gary Burke presented at the reception for "The Drummer Boy," a poem about a USCT drummer boy, which was turned into a musical piece for the Nashville Symphony. Br. Burke read the poem and the others joined him. All are privates in the 10th Tennessee Vol. Inf. U.S., SVR.

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REPORTING REMINDER

District and Unit Commanders are reminded that Unit Strength Reports AND 990 acceptance forms should be prepared and ready for submission to the District in a timely manner each year. The District Commanders must make the 30 April deadline each year.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to:

2nd Military District (Effective until 7 Mar 18)

Capt. John J. Green, Cmdr. of Co. C, 28th Penn. Vol. Inf.

1Lt. Chris M. Harris, Adj. of Co. C., 28th Penn. Vol. Inf.

1Lt. Fred Mossbrucker, Cmdr. of 7th NJ Inf.

2Lt. Michael E. Erb, Cmdr. of Weber Guard, is re-commissioned.

2Lt. Wm. M. Tojek, Adj. of Weber Guard, is re-commissioned.

2Lt. Ralph T. Prince, Chaplain, Co. C., 28th Penn. Vol. Inf.

The following voluntarily surrendered their commissions and retain the ranks noted:

Pvt. David Hann, Adj. of 7th New Jersey Vol. Inf.

Pvt. George F. Hansen, Co. K, 1st U.S. Infantry

6th Military District (Effective until 16 Feb. 18)

Capt. David Salyer, Cmdr. of Co. B, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

1Lt. Michael Drouin Adj. of Co. B, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

1Lt. Mark M. Stevens, Adj. of Co. B, 71st Penn. Inf.

1Lt. Thomas E. Helmantoler, Cmdr. of Co. G, 5th Cal. Vol. Inf.


Capt. Paul E. Lavrischeff, Cmdr. of Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

The following voluntarily surrendered their commissions and retain the ranks noted:


Sgt. Jerry Sayre, Co. G, 5th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Steven Aquirre, Co. C, 8th Cal. Vol. Inf.

Pvt. Randy Fletcher, Co. B, 71st Penn. Vol. Inf.



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*For further information, please contact:
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Telephone: 740-369-3722, Cell: 740-815-3284
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ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

*Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
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Rt. 15 & Rt. 30*

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Ticket orders received after 14 November will be distributed at the Ball

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COLLECTING

GAR / SONS OF VETERANS SILVER SOUVENIR SPOONS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

Silver spoon collections were extremely popular among the Victorians. Almost every national encampment from the 1890s to the teens had silver souvenir spoons. The handle might feature a musket or the Grand Army of the Republic badge itself while the bowl of the spoon might feature important buildings from the Encampment city or perhaps the local Civil War monument. As these were souvenirs, several patterns for the same year can be found. Issued price in the 1890's was 50 cents to one dollar for silver plated and \$1.50 to \$2 for sterling silver. Additional designs might exist for the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans. In addition to a GAR Encampment, local events like the dedication of a Civil War monument or the death of a popular general might result in additional spoon designs.



Examples of two different GAR spoon handles.



Features the Grant statue, Galena, IL.



Souvenirs of the 1894 National GAR Encampment in Pittsburgh.

Souvenir of the 1914 National SV Encampment in Detroit.

Features Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Monticello, New York

Souvenir of the 1898 National GAR Encampment in Cincinnati.



Photo by Penelope M. Carrington/The American Civil War Museum

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