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### KUDOS IN ORDER

I hope everyone likes the new look on the cover of the Banner. Many thanks to Cher Petrovic who spent many hours of her time to develop this.

*On The Cover: Unity Monument, the eagle project of Andrew Adam, Boy Scouts of America Troop 88, Mechanicsburg, PA. This is located at the intersection of Lefever and Baltimore Streets, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War donated \$5,000.00 to this project.*

# MEMORIAL DAY 2016



*JVCinC Mark Day at the Tomb of Civil War Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.*



*Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA) Commander Andy Etman places a wreath at the Gettysburg National Cemetery.*



*Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp #14 (PA) and Auxiliary at Sandylvale Gardens Memorial day ceremony.*



*Henry Casey Camp #92 (OH) and Co C., 20th O.V.I., SVR members marched in the Lees Creek, Ohio Memorial Day Parade and participated in the Ceremony at the Cemetery.*



*Mark A. Hagedorn, Colonel Edward D. Baker Camp #6 (OR), Department of Columbia*



*Philip H. Sheridan Camp # 2 (IL) celebrated an "old-fashioned" Memorial Day at West Aurora Cemetery in Aurora, Illinois.*



*MG James H. Wilson Camp #1 (TN) in Montgomery, AL. Camp commander Bruce Pickette and Chaplain Barry Spinks performed the memorial service.*



*General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2, Dept. of Michigan*

## SYNOPSIS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

APRIL 16, 2016 - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Prior to starting the meeting, Commander-in-Chief Mortorff installed Jonathan Davis of the Department of Ohio as National Secretary.

The appointment of brother Davis as National Secretary created a vacancy on the Council of Administration. Brother PCinC Donald Darby was approved by the CofA to fill vacancy until the National Encampment, where some five brothers have declared intention to run for office. This appointment will fill the vacancy with an experienced brother and not show favor to any single candidate.

Several items referred from the National Encampment were discussed. This included discussion on ROTC, National Committee on Americanization and Education, per capita of dual members and Department's permission to file legal actions,

Merchandise license renewals may be done at the Pre-Encampment CofA meeting.

Discussed Monuments and Memorials database possibilities and referred the issue to the National Signals Officer.

Discussed possibility of the National Organization picking up the cost for the National Eagle Scout program as it did with the ROTC program. After considering projected costs, the CofA voted against.

National Signals Officer was instructed to provide a list of approved software that computers owned by the National Organization may have installed and use.

Approved the computer currently assigned to joint use between the Editor of the Banner and the National Encampment Credentials Committee be permanently assigned to the Committee after learning how much of the year the Committee needed the use of the computer and the Banner Editor stating he did not need an Order owned computer.

A great number of issues involving the Vision and Strategic Planning Special Committee was discussed and items referred to various National Officers and other National Committees as to how to implement each of these issues.

The Special Committee for Dual Membership reported to the CofA they examined several possibilities as to how a plan of only requiring dual members pay one National Per Capita would work. The conclusion of the Special Committee was that any such plan was untenable under

our current structure (Camp up to National). Commander in Chief Mortorff appointed a special committee of JVCinC Mark Day, SVCinC Donald Martin and CofA member Brian Pierson to come up with language to address the National Encampment on this issue.

The Department of Missouri had sent to the CinC a resolution for restoration of rank for Past Department Commander Emmett Taylor. To be addressed during National Encampment.

The CofA reviewed a proposal by ESCO, Inc to host an electronic Quartermaster store website and approved the concept provided an acceptable contract could be worked out.

PCinC Charles Kuhn was given permission to use the PCinC logo for flag he wishes to order.

ROTC program will now be under the direction of Assistant National Quartermaster Brother George Shademan per General Order No. 14.

A proposed National recruiting brochure was reviewed and approved. The National Organization will order 20,000 at a cost of approximately 7 cents apiece. These will be available at National Encampment in Springfield.

## GENERAL ORDERS (SERIES 2015-2016)

### GENERAL ORDER #14

Appointed Brother George Shademanas Assistant Quartermaster, under the supervision of the National Quartermaster, for the ROTC program. He will use the email address rotc@suvchw.org and will manage all matters concerning the ROTC program, including distribution medals and certificates. There will be a separate website dedicated to the ROTC program with a separate "link" button to from the Quartermaster Store. On that link will be a PDF form than can be completed. When the "submit" button is clicked, the information on the form will be automatically sent to the ROTC Asst. Quartermaster who will complete the process.

### GENERAL ORDER #15

Accepted the resignation (for personal reasons) of National Secretary Alan Russ, PDC. Announced the CofA decision to appoint Jonathan Davis, PDC of the Department of Ohio to the office of National Secretary and announced the appointment of Don Darby, PCinC to fill vacancy on the CofA until the National Encampment.





## LITTLETON BROTHERS MONUMENT

On Flag Day 2016 several members of the Iowa Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War joined with Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and approximately 350 others for the dedication of the Littleton Brothers monument near Toolsboro, Iowa.



Mike Rowley by John Lovretto

The 6 Littleton brothers Kendall, George, John, Noah, William and Thomas all died fighting for the Union at the time of the Civil War.

Several years ago the Louisa County (Iowa) Historical Society launched a campaign to raise \$250,000 to build a memorial to the brothers. The SUVCW was one of many organizations and individuals to make a donation.

“They were united in the sacrifice we gather here to commemorate. The Littleton Brothers Monument reads, *The Last Full Measure of Devotion*, which is surely what the Littleton brothers gave to this country, “ Governor Branstad said.



Richard Grim, Mike Rowley, David Lamb and Ron Rittel. Photo by Marilyn Rittel



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## SULTANA MEMORIAL REDEDICATED

On April 27, 1865 the worst maritime disaster in our nation's history occurred when the side-wheel steamboat, Sultana, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee. The steamer generally had a crew of 85 and traveled a route between St. Louis and New Orleans, but was often contracted to carry troops.

At Vicksburg, Mississippi the Sultana underwent repairs to one of her four boilers and even though the legal capacity for the boat was only 376 the captain took aboard more than 2,100 Union paroled prisoners for transport north. The government was paying \$5.00 for each enlisted man and \$10.00 for each officer the steamboat captain would transport. Most of the prisoners were from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Many of the men were ill and weak from their incarceration in Confederate prison camps including the notorious Confederate prison camp in Andersonville, Georgia and the prison camp in Cahaba, Alabama.

About 2:00 a.m. on April 27, 1865 the overloaded Sultana was approximately seven miles north of Memphis when three of the boats four boilers exploded setting the boat on fire. The exact death toll has never been determined but it is estimated that more than 1,700 of the passengers died. Many of the estimated 700 survivors were taken to hospitals in Memphis suffering from terrible burns and injuries. About 200 of the survivors later died from their burns, injuries and exposure.



A monument commemorating the Sultana disaster was erected 100 years ago at the Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee by survivors of the 3rd Tennessee Cavalry. Several survivors of the Sultana attended the ceremony at that time. Most of the 463 Tennesseans on the Sultana were mustered into the 3rd Tennessee Cavalry at Knoxville.

The Association of Sultana Descendants held its 29th annual reunion in Knoxville this year, and on

April 24th a ceremony rededicating the Sultana Monument was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the monument which contains the names of the more than 300 3rd Tennessee Cavalry soldiers who died from the Sultana explosion along with an engraving of the boat. The Sultana Descendants Association in conjunction with the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 SUVCW conducted the ceremony. Camp commander David McReynolds, and camp chaplain George Lane assisted in the rededication ceremony.

Other Sons in attendance included Richard Troup, past commander of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 in Washington Court House, Ohio. He is a descendent of Manuel Harnley, 102nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry who died in the disaster. Also, several members of the Austin Blair Camp #7, Department of Michigan, including Past Camp Commander Kim Horning,





## FOREST HOME CEMETERY DEDICATION

A historical marker telling Milwaukee that 1,000 Civil War veterans are buried at Forest Home Cemetery has been dedicated with the help of three Camps, an Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps and Company F, 29th Colored Troops.



Forest Home dates back to 1850. It has more Civil War veterans than any other private cemetery in Wisconsin.

The marker project was spearheaded by the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary 4. The research and field work that went into the project lasted for years and was led by Tom Ludka of the Camp and Marge Berres of the WRC.

Ludka and Berres found that dozens of veterans never had a gravestone, including Pvt. William Reed of Company F, 29th Colored Troops. They worked with that organization to get one, and it was dedicated on Memorial Day, with the historical marker dedicated two weeks later. They also have worked with the cemetery so that the Forest Home Historic Preservation Association can receive tax-deductible donations for such tombstones, along with the cemetery giving a discount on installation.

*Br. Tom Ludka (left) and Marge Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps did years of research, with substantial help along the way from Camp 1 PCC Tom Mueller in entering the vets into the Sons grave database and carrying out the historical marker project.*

Council of Administration member Don Shaw traveled from Michigan for the historical marker dedication and the Department Encampment, held one day earlier by Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 in Norway, Wis. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett issued proclamations in honor of the cemetery event. Camp 15 and Maj. Gen. John Gibbon Camp 4 of Waukesha, Wis., provided some members for the eight-man honor guard.



*Sons from three Camps and Company F, 29th Colored Troops helped dedicate the Milwaukee historical marker.*

Camp 1 obtained grants from the SUCVW memorials fund and Charitable Foundation as part of its fund-raising for this project.

Forest Home is the burial site of one of the first two Wisconsin men killed in defense of the Union, Sgt. Warren M. Graham of the 1st Wisconsin Infantry, wounded at Falling Waters, W. Va., on July 21, 1861, and dying of those wounds a month later. He was Milwaukee's first funeral of the war.

## VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) did not teach patriotism alone in the schools. Their approach was too militaristic; so they enlisted the help of the Women Relief Corps. At that time the majority of teachers were in this organization. Americanism was targeted for immigrants coming to the United States, but the GAR capitalized on these tenants for showing Patriotism for the Country. The main emphasis was that American Citizens show loyalty and commitment to the country and not to their States.

The basic ideology of this was to promote Americanism and not Pluralism. For the GAR Americanism equaled Nationalism and assimilation to the U.S., and the loyalty to States equaled Pluralism. Pluralism divides a country instead of uniting. Pluralism are distinct separate groups that share a similar culture and merge together as a society and maintain their identity instead of the Country their in. Not all pluralistic groups are harmful to our country such as the Amish and Mennonites. This movement of Americanism was successful with great dedication and commitment of the GAR members and the Allied Order.

The Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Allied Order faces the same issues today. Americanism versus Pluralism. Today Pluralism is the movement of your ancestral culture i.e. Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Muslim Americans, and so forth. The pluralistic movement has deeply divided Americans and led to the lack of pride and patriotism in our country.

How do we bring patriotism and pride in our country back? By our members becoming more active in our educational process and to educate the youth on the importance of being an American and the greatness of our country. All minorities and religious factions are first and foremost Americans, not Black Americans, Irish Americans, and so forth. We are all Americans period. Teach the importance of Civic duty to our Family, Community, and Country.

The Army motto; "God, Country, Duty" applies to all Americans. President Theodore Roosevelt summed this up well in his statement in 1907, "We have room for but one flag, the American Flag.... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language....and we have room for but one loyalty and that loyalty is a loyalty to the American people." Can we as the SUVCW and Allied Order stand by and fail our mission as handed down from the GAR? Or do we step up to the plate and be successful as our ancestors in Blue were? In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,

National Patriotic Instructor  
Jeffrey French



# General Ulysses S. Grant

Portrayed by  
Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr.

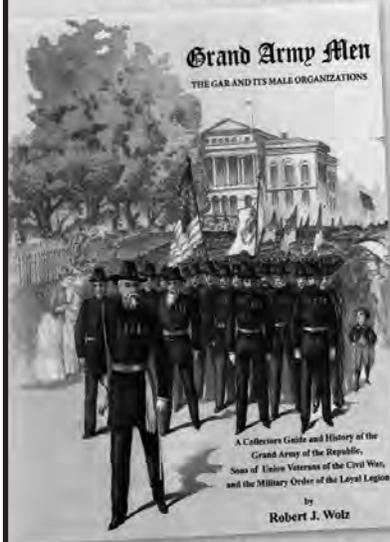


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## CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, April 16th General Stoneman Camp 18 participated in the Centennial Re-dedication ceremony of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Pioneer Park in San Bernardino, California, 100 years and a day after the monument's original dedication in 1916.

The event which was hosted by the City of San Bernardino and the San Bernardino Historical & Pioneer Society listed Camp 18 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as Special Guests to re-dedicate the monument of 28 feet with the 8 foot tall Civil War Soldier at the top. The event program, printed in color, featured the G.A.R. membership badge along with SUVCW membership badge on the front page.



*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.*

Camp Commander Steve Doyle presided over the dedication portion of the service using a slightly modified version of the 1917 GAR Memorial Dedication Service from the SUVCW National website, with Camp Chaplain Bill Daley PCC offering the Prayer of Rededication.

General Rosecrans Auxiliary No. 2 and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mary Jane Safford, Tent No. 92 shared in the event by presenting wreaths to the monument. The service ended with Camp 18's musket squad of Rudolph Velasco IV, Mike Bullard and Rudy Velasco PCC rendering a three volley salute to our Civil War Ancestors.

## CHESAPEAKE

FREDERICK, MD (April 23, 2016) – Forty Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) descended on Frederick, Maryland on April 22 and 23, 2016 to attend the 129th annual Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake. Headquartered within earshot of the famed Monocacy battlefield, the two-day event led by Department Commander Kevin L. Martin drew Brothers from twelve Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, DC Camps. Also joining the SUVCW in Frederick were members of the Department's Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Early arrivals on Friday were treated to special

afternoon tours of the Monocacy battlefield and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM) in downtown Frederick. Friday evening activities were capped by gourmet dinner offerings from Culinary Institute of America graduate Rich Regan at Monocacy Crossing restaurant. Saturday's schedule opened with a poignant joint memorial service to recently passed Department Brothers. Morning and afternoon business sessions framed a joint luncheon and awards ceremony highlighted by a superb talk by Ms. Betsy Estilow, President of the Board of Directors of the NMCWM. Luncheon attendees were also treated to period Celtic / American music performed by Maggie Sansone and Bob Esty.



As the Encampment drew to a close Brothers elected Lincoln – Cushing Camp No. 2 Brother Ben Hawley to the Post of Department Commander and respectively, James A. Garfield Camp No. 1's W. Faron Taylor and Sgt. James H. Harris Camp No. 38's Wes Mumper as Senior and Junior Vice Commanders. On hand for the Encampment, Commander-in-Chief and Department Brother Gene Mortorff installed the newly elected and appointed officers. In handing the gavel to new Department Commander Hawley, PDC Martin offered his congratulations, best wishes and support for the continued success and growth of the Department.



On April 30th Brothers Kevin Shroyer, Keith Hawks, Ron Johnson, and Jason Mullen of the Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 SUVCW in Lynchburg, VA drove out to the Appomattox National Historic Park to meet Mr. Patrick Schroeder at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park for the purpose of locating the final resting places for several Union veterans.

Taylor-Wilson Brother Kevin Shroyer had become aware of the Mr. Schroeder's unique knowledge of off the beaten path gravesites during a local Civil War Round Table program and had approached him to help locate the lost or forgotten Union graves near Appomattox. Many of the graves were easily accessed in small county church yards but several were in small family cemeteries that had been reclaimed by nature over time. In almost every instance the markers were in good shaped and provided unit affiliations from New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. However, a few broken stones will need replacement or repair and the Taylor-Wilson Camp plans to take that project on this year. In the very near future the Taylor-Wilson Camp is planning to mark these graves with flags and hold appropriate ceremonies in honor of these men.

## COLORADO



*Left to Right: Tom Hoffman, President, Grand Mesa Chapter SAR, Norn Kronvall, Colorado Society, War of 1812, Chess Neff, Grand Mesa Chapter, SAR, Garry Brewer PDC, Commander, Sons of Union Veterans. The photo in the SUVCW wreath is the John A. Logan Post 35 members about 1905 in Grand Junction, Colorado*

Memorial Day wreath presentations at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, Colorado. In Colorado where the skies are always "Blue". Photo by Barbara Brewer.

## DELAWARE

On January 30, the General Torbert Camp held its annual dinner and officer induction ceremony. The dinner was also a celebration of the camp's twentieth anniversary. Special guests included Department Commander Kevin Martin and wife Rosemary.



*Photo courtesy of Rosemary Martin, NPA (ASUVCW)*

Commander Martin performed the induction ceremony for the camp's 2016 officers. Marvin Schelhouse, PCC, Camp Treasurer and charter member, spoke on how the camp was formed and some of the early days' activities, including how the camp teamed with city and civic leaders to erect a statue of General Torbert in the center of Milford. Keynote speaker George Contant, PCC and State of Delaware historian, gave a very insightful talk on the political climate in Delaware during the Civil War. Given that Delaware was a border state, politics were a lively, and often dangerous, profession during that era.



*Camp Members (l to r) Barry Famous, David Pyne, Tom Chilton, Corky Kelly, George Contant, Marvin Schelhouse, and Greg Alexander with the camp's new flag*

In April, the camp travelled to Gettysburg for its semi-annual Adopt-a-Position clean-up program. Commander Barry Famous and Senior Vice Commander David Pyne attended the Department Encampment.

In May, the camp, jointly with the Milford Lions and Boy Scouts, performed maintenance activities at the Union Cemetery, including tree trimming, fence painting, headstone cleaning, and landscaping. The camp also unveiled its new American and Camp flags purchased with generous donations by camp members. The camp put the flags in service at its Memorial Day ceremonies held in Milford, DE.

## GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



*Left to Right: Brothers Don Bickham and Camo Commander Earl Zeckman of McPherson Camp #1, and Don McGilvray and Camp Commander Ray Wozniak of Elias Moon Camp #2*

Elias Moon Camp #2 pose with an artillery piece at the long-awaited May 13th dedication of the new Resaca Battlefield Historic Site in Georgia, where they

participated in an honor guard and fired three volleys. In a real coup the State Department of Natural Resources obtained 540 acres of pristine battlefield containing many trenches and other points of interest for this park. A walking trail with illustrative signage has already been installed. Next will be a visitors center and historical markers. Brother Zeckman later commanded Federal forces on May 20-23rd at the nearby annual Resaca Battle Reenactment.

## ILLINOIS

### Forgotten Oswego Veterans Honored

Oswego, IL — Over 230 people, including many family members, gathered Saturday, May 7 in Oswego, Illinois' historic Oswego Township Cemetery to dedicate new headstones on the previously unmarked graves of 22 Civil War veterans buried there. The service of an additional 62 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 Oswego Township Cemetery, 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. The project was undertaken with the support of Oswego Township.



*Members of P.H. Sheridan Camp # 2*

Using previously published lists of veterans' burials for Illinois, Sheridan Camp members researched all burials that could have been potential Civil War veterans to definitively determine those buried in the cemetery. This list was matched with cemetery burial records to determine which were in fact buried there. After a walk-through to evaluate the condition of existing headstones, Sheridan Camp # 2 then worked with local Boy Scouts from Oswego Illinois's Troop # 63 to clean the headstones of the 43 Civil War veterans who already had markers.

Eighty-four Civil War veteran burials were identified and documented during this project. Most of those soldiers served in units raised locally in Kendall County, including the 20th, 36th, 127th, 132nd and 141st Illinois Infantries and the 4th Illinois Cavalry. In addition, Civil

War veterans who served from many other states are buried in the Cemetery, representing regiments from California, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Three African Americans who served in the Union military are also buried in Oswego Township Cemetery.



*Descendants of Robert R. Smith at his new grave marker*

Of those receiving new markers, over half served in local units raised in Kendall County. After a welcome and introductory remarks by Mr. Robert Rogers of Sheridan Camp # 2, the dedication ceremony opened with an invocation by Jerome Kowalski, the National Chaplain of the SUVCW. The colors were presented by a combined color guard composed of members from Oswego's Boy Scout Troop # 63, Oswego American Legion Post # 675, the 10th Illinois Infantry and P. H. Sheridan Camp # 2. Local historian Stephenie Todd discussed Oswego's support of the Civil War as well as the military and post-war experiences of the veterans receiving new markers. Remarks on the significance of the day's event were provided by Sheridan Camp Commander Gary Gunderson, Frederick Bartleson Chapter NSDU Regent Susan Ollis, LGAR Bartlett Kelley Circle # 135 President Shari Worrell, Illinois SUVCW Department Commander James Locke Lyon, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Assistant Director Frank Sawyer, Illinois Adjutant General Richard J. Hayes, Jr. and Congressman Bill Foster.

Attendees joined in the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Rifle and artillery salutes were provided respectively by the 10th Illinois Infantry and Mulligan's Battery (an IL SUVCW SVR unit). Before the benediction and retiring of the colors, Taps was played by Richard Stanczak of Sheridan Camp # 2. The formal dedication was completed with the singing of the Doxology by vocalist Michael Zafran.

This is the fourteenth Civil War veteran headstone project accounting for over 200 new markers completed by the Sheridan Camp.

## IOWA

Brother Don McGuire of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 presented Cadet Colonel Tyler Laska, the winner at Detachment 250 of the Air Force ROTC at Iowa State the

SUVCW ROTC award from the Iowa Department.



Mike Rowley the ROTC Awards Chairman for the Iowa Department of the SUVCW is proud to report they have had 100% participation from every ROTC & JROTC program in the State of Iowa.

## MICHIGAN

Brother Gerald Grieve receives John B. Swainson award for preserving Michigan history. The John Swainson award, named for former Michigan Governor and longtime head of the Michigan Historical Commission is presented to active State employees who have gone above and beyond their official job duties to help preserve Michigan's history. Brother Grieve, a forester for the Department of Natural Resources, received his award for his efforts to locate the 226 known graves of Civil War soldiers in Kalkaska County public cemeteries. 11 of those graves were unmarked and Jerry made the effort to obtain monuments from the Veterans' Administration and work with the local officials to have the monuments placed.



*Brother Bruce Butgerit, Camp 1, Grieve, and Department Commander Dale Aurand at the door to old GAR office in Michigan State Capitol.*

Jerry also is a member of the Department Memorials team and works to locate Civil War cannon and other memorabilia in the state. His great grandfather was a drummer boy in the 13th Michigan Infantry.

On May the 21st, members of the Austin Blair Camp and Auxiliary attended the headstone dedication for Medal of Honor recipient Firemen 2nd Class John Kelley.

Firemen Kelley was awarded the Medal for his actions while serving on the USS Ceres during the Civil War but never received it. He had been in an unmarked grave until this time.



Others in attendance were Commander John Keith & Brother Bob Townsend of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 and Sister Patti Townsend of Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon Tent 58, DUVCW. There was also currently serving naval personal, several area American Legion Post, and the Marine Corps League. Also present were the Viet Nam Veterans of America who along with the Camp No. 7 members fired three volleys to honor the fallen.

## MISSOURI

### Outstanding JROTC Cadet Pilot Program

The Department of Missouri approved a pilot program to select a 2016 Outstanding JROTC cadet from Missouri-Arkansas. This competition is only open to high school JROTC cadets; college ROTC cadets are not part of this pilot program. Under the pilot program, the Outstanding Cadet will be selected by a committee appointed by the Department Commander and receive a \$200 prize and SUVCW medal-ribbon bar. The 2016 JROTC Outstanding Cadet will be honored at the Missouri Department Encampment Awards Lunch on June 4, 2016.

The steps for a high school JROTC cadet to participate in the competition under the 2016 pilot program are simple:

The JROTC cadet must be a 2016 recipient of a SUVCW ROTC medal for his/her high school JROTC unit.

The JROTC unit must provide a 100- to 300-word summary of the cadet's accomplishments. No form, just a simple email message.

Each Camp may nominate one cadet for the competition from among the JROTC high school units they sponsor.

The 2016 JROTC Outstanding Cadet is Cadet Anthony Krantz from Independence's Van Horn High School.

## NEW JERSEY



The New Jersey Department was well represented on Saturday, May 14 at the New Jersey State History Fair, held at the historic Monmouth Battlefield State Park in Manalapan, NJ. In addition to being the site of the legendary battle of the American Revolution, the grounds were also used during the Civil War as the Camp Vredenburg training camp for New Jersey troops from Ocean, Burlington, Monmouth, and Middlesex counties. Dept. Sec/Tres. Dr. David Martin oversees the museum gift shop and reported brisk sales during the fair. Dept. Patriotic Instructor Jim Ludlam provided period entertainment throughout the event with his Fort Delaware Cornet Band. In addition, Lincoln Camp 100 ran an SUV information table staffed by PCC Gary DeSiver, Br. Bill Moore and their wives.



*Brother Dan Lynch, Eagle Scout Kel Hakim and his parents, Pamela Mallette and Paul McCluskey.*

Kel Hakim became an Eagle Scout on April 16, 2016 at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Hazlet, NJ. Brother Dan Lynch presented a Eagle Scout Certificate of acknowledgement from the George Armstrong Custer Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

## OHIO

Dayton Ohio's Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman Camp #93 Brothers dedicated Phoenix Iron Co. 3-inch Ordnance Rifle No. 953, a Civil War survivor, as a veterans memorial April 23 during a joint SUVCW-City of West Carrollton ceremony. More than 250 people attended the event and visited associated Sherman Camp and West Carrollton Historical Society educational displays.



*Left to Right: Bugler Phil Textor, Brothers Terry Purke, Greg Hedgcort, Brent Davidson, PDC Fred Lynch, CC Mike Spaulding, Mark Alex, Dennis Carter, Del Steiner*

SUVCW project officer for the event was Brother Steve Flickinger. Ceremony speakers were Past Department of Ohio Commander Fred Lynch, West Carrollton Mayor Jeff Sanner, and Camp 93 Commander Mike Spaulding. The Camp Color Guard, commanded by Br. Del Steiner supported by Brothers Greg Hedgcourt, Mark Alex, Brent Davidson, and Dennis Carter plus Bugler Phillip Textor rendered National Flag honors. Patriotic music, including the National Anthem and Salute to the Armed Forces, was performed by the West Carrollton High School Band.

Educational activities included a "U.S. Sanitary Commission" display by Br. Terry Purke, a "U.S. Artillery" exhibit by Br. Will Motsinger, and a "Life on the Homefront" exhibit by ASUVCW Srs. Teri and Kayley Dunlap. West Carrollton High School students received extra credit for visiting all the exhibits and having their "History Passport" signed by participating living historians including Br. Clay Bates and Richard Snyder.

## OKLAHOMA

May 30, 2016, Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 of Oklahoma rededicated our Monument eight years to the day with the addition of a flag pole and flag at Rose Hill Cemetary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Through hard work, dedication, and a grant from National HQ, the members take great pride in this moutment to the GAR.



Seven brothers representing the three Camps of the Oklahoma Department conducted a ceremony on Dec. 12, 2015 to dedicate a G.A.R. flag marker and commemorate the service of Private Thomas Jefferson Hutchins in Carmen, Oklahoma. Twenty-five descendants and relatives attended, some coming from Arkansas. A welcome, description of the service of Private Hutchins, a prayer, 3-round salute, playing of taps, and closing remarks were featured.



Thomas Jefferson Hutchins enlisted as a Private in Co. H., 1st Arkansas Cavalry Volunteer Regiment on July 28, 1862 in Carroll County, Arkansas. He was wounded and captured in November 1862. While captured, he was beaten, hung, and left for dead, leaving him with severe health problems for the rest of his life. Private Hutchins' great-great granddaughter Lue Ann Root requested the ceremony. Brothers assisting in this ceremony included: Charles Burgess, Brian Pierson, Steve Clapp, Mark Edwards, Joe Fears, Terry McClain, and William Andrews. Photograph below by Brian Pierson.

## PENNSYLVANIA

On May 14, 2016, Davis\* Camp hosted Mt. Union Church Camp #502 to a guided tour of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum in Pittsburgh. The Memorial Hall was built by the G.A.R. to honor the more than 25,000 men from Allegheny County who served with the Union during the Civil War. The Hall is the largest memorial in the United States dedicated solely to honoring all branches of military veterans and service personnel. Entering the Hall is like walking back in time to 1910 when the Hall was dedicated. The Hall is filled with exhibits covering all our Nations conflicts and its halls are adorned with large bronze plaques listing the servicemen, by company, of numerous Western PA, West Virginia and Maryland regiments. Along with Camp #502, were its Auxiliary and members of DUV Tents #56 & #61. John T. Crawford Camp #43 and its Auxiliary were also represented.



After the tour the group travelled to nearby Allegheny Cemetery. There the group performed a prayer service for Major A.P. Davis at his tomb and placed flags and flower wreaths in his honor. The group then moved to the nearby Allegheny Arsenal Memorial to the 1862 explosion victims who are buried there. 78 civilians,

mostly women, died in the explosion and 54 unidentified bodies were buried in a mass grave in the cemetery. The group performed a prayer service and placed a wreath at the memorial. The cemetery tour concluded with the group visiting the grave and monument to General Alexander Hays who was killed May 5, 1864, at The Wilderness, the grave of Stephen Foster "the father of American music" and Civil War contemporary who died January 13, 1864, and the large G.A.R. plots and memorial. Though it was very rainy at times the group was undeterred in carrying out their mission of visiting the graves and paying their respects.

The day was concluded with food and refreshment at the Church Brew Works, a brewpub set in the confines of a restored Roman Catholic Church originally built in 1902. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share in the bonds of fellowship and fraternity.

Davis\* Camp is very honored to have the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum as its Camp home and meeting place and feels equally privileged to be very near to Allegheny Cemetery. Davis\* extends an invitation to all interested Camps and Allied Orders who wish to visit these locations either as a group or as individuals. Our contact information is on the PA Department website or visit the Facebook group Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War AP Davis Camp. Photo by Linda Marker.



The 151st Anniversary and Memorial Observance of Abraham Lincoln . This took place on April 23rd 2016 at the Lincoln Memorial in Nay Aug Park, Scranton PA., with Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 SUVCW and Ladies Auxiliary # 10. ASUVCW.

## RHODE ISLAND

On Sunday August 23, 2015, Brothers from Governors Elisha Dyer Camp no. 7 capped off their stint as Delegates of the Department of Rhode Island to the National Encampment by traveling to Cumberland, VA to conduct a service for Henry Head, Co. G, 104th NY Volunteer Infantry, the 3X great-grandfather of Camp 7 Chaplain, Brother Alan Head. Captured at the Battle of Weldon Railroad on August 19, 1864, Henry Head was marched to Richmond and held as a prisoner of war at Belle Isle. 150 years later, Henry Head's descendent, Alan, made a special effort to visit the island in order to stand where Henry had once suffered at the site of the

prison. Joined by his Camp 7 Brothers, Br. Head was able to travel to Cumberland, VA and conduct a most meaningful graveside service at the Antioch Methodist Church; coincidentally, on the day of the congregation's 135th Homecoming Celebration. The members of Camp 7 who were present stated that it was one of the most meaningful experiences they had ever had in the SUVCW, and Camp Commander Kenneth Pike stated that the commitment to supporting Br. Head in his efforts exemplified Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to the highest degree.



To read Henry Head's story, with a first hand account of his imprisonment, as well as how he came to live out the rest of his days mere miles from where he had been held prisoner, visit [www.dyercamp7.org/stories](http://www.dyercamp7.org/stories) and to view a video of the service at the church cemetery, visit the Camp 7 Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/dyercamp7suvchw](http://www.facebook.com/dyercamp7suvchw).

## SOUTHWEST

The First Encampment of the Department of the Southwest Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The first Encampment of the Department of the Southwest took place at noon on Saturday, March 26, 2016, at the home of Department Commander (and Department Organizer) John R. Conrad in Scottsdale, Arizona.



The Special Encampment was under the command of SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortorff who officially chartered the Department and installed the Department officers. After the Encampment ended the Brothers wives and guests enjoyed a Mexican themed pot luck and social gathering.

The Camps of the Department are:

Picacho Peak Camp No. 1 (Phoenix)

General R. H. G. Minty Camp No. 2 (Tucson)

General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 (Flagstaff)

The following Department Officers were Elected and Installed:

Commander: John R. Conrad

Senior Vice Commander: David A. Swanson

Junior Vice Commander: Robert D. McCord

Secretary/Treasurer: Dale E. Enlow

Council: Gerald N. Bloom, David R. Palmateer, Randy D. McNally

Once the Department officers were installed Department of the Southwest Commander John Conrad conducted the Encampment. Department By-laws were approved and other business was conducted.

## TENNESSEE



*Department Commander Michael Downs presents Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 Commander David DuBrucq with the Camp's Charter*

The Department of Tennessee's Newest Camp, Army of the Tennessee Camp 64, was organized in the Summer and Fall of 2015. The Camp will serve Murfreesboro and the Upper Cumberland Valley in Middle Tennessee.

Charter Members of Camp 64 are: Br. David DuBrucq (Camp Organizer), Br. Michael Downs, Br. John Halsell, Br. James W. "Bill" Heard, Br. James Loftis, Br. James M. "Mike" McCormick, Br. Tommy Phillips and Br. Ted Sheldon.



*Officers of the Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 are Administered the Oath of Office By Department Commander Michael Downs. From Left: Camp Commander David DuBrucq, Chaplain Tommy Phillips, JVC James Loftis, SVC Bill Heard, Secretary/Treasurer Ted Sheldon*

## WISCONSIN



The Sons, Auxiliary and Allied Orders helped Sister Susan Fallon and family dedicate the grave of Pvt. Ludwig Marks in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, 127 years after his death. Ludwig Marks, g-g grandfather of Sister Fallon, was drafted and served in the 18th Wisconsin Infantry, Co. I, from Sept. 30, 1864, to June 2, 1865. He died in April 1889 at the age of 65. "He was never honored as a Civil War veteran until today," Fallon said. So Charlene Staples (left) of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Pat Blackmer of the Woman's Relief Corps joined Fallon, of Auxiliary 4, and

the rest of her family plus PCC Tom Mueller (Department GRO) in honoring him. Carolyn Agosto of Merriam, Kan., president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, sent a letter of support that was read at the ceremony. Photo by John Abrahamson.



Brothers from four Wisconsin Camps manned information tables at the 6th annual Civil War Expo, held March 12th, inside Kenosha, Wisconsin's Civil War Museum. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp 5, and Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 spoke to visitors about their activities. Over 30 heritage, living history and round table groups were represented.

## US ROUTE 6 – THE G.A.R. HIGHWAY

By Peter J. Hritsko - National SUVCW GAR Highway Officer

The City of Vermilion, Ohio has replaced missing signs that were once placed on each boarder of their city and Lorain purchased 2 GAR signs and installed them at the borders of their city on Rt.6 where a dedication ceremony was conducted with Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer. It was also supported by the presence of the DAR, ASUVCW, SUVCW, etc.



*Sheffield Lake Rededication May 21, 2016 with Mayor Dennis Bring*

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil and the Lorain County Quincy Gilmore Civil War Roundtable. Mayor Zilka and Mayor Sutherland thanked everyone for what each Veteran organization does and were happy to be a part of the GAR history. The Mayors of each City were presented with a special plaque Recognizing their support of the GAR Highway signs that will be hung in their own city halls.

Additionally this year it was an honor to have set up and hosted 3 other GAR Highway sign dedications on Saturday, May 21, 2016 in 3 other cities, Avon Lake, Bay Villiage, and Sheffield Lake. They purchased 2 signs and installed them at the boarders of their cities. This event was supported with the attendance by Avon Lake Mayor Greg Zilka, Sheffield Lake Mayor Dennis Bring, Bay Villiage Mayor Debbie Sutherland, the Department of Ohio Dept Officers; Dept of Ohio ASUVCW Officers, Woman's Relief Corps, the James A Garfield Camp # 142, Gen. Voris Camp # 67, McClellan Camp # 92 and the Ohio Naval Brigade, SVR. Eliza Garfield Aux SUVCW the 29th Company G. OVI, Ladies of the GAR,

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# SVR GUIDON



## Co. B, 10th IOWA SVR HOLDS THREE LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS AT SW IOWA SCHOOLS

Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, held "Living History" programs at area schools this May. Several members of the unit, along with members of the ASUVCW, took part in these events.

Our first school program was at Riverside Middle School at Oakland on May 13th, where about fifty 8th-graders were given in-depth information on various aspects of the Civil War. These included Artillery drill using an actual Civil War cannon, Infantry drill, Iowa's role in the Civil War, Uniforms & weapons, Civil War-era music and the role of women in the Civil War.

Next stop was Atlantic Middle School, with approximately 80 8th graders getting a similar dose of knowledge.

On May 20th, we travelled to Lewis Central Middle School. Here, we were entertained about 280 8th graders. We were assisted by two ladies from the staff of the Historic Dodge House.

### SVR SPECIAL ORDER 2016-01 1 MAY 2016

Effective this date, and at the request of the 6th Military District Commander, Company B., 2nd Regiment Indian Home Guard is hereby suspended from the ranks of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

This action is taken in accordance with Article V, Section 3, of the Regulations of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. To wit, the Commander of Company B., 2nd Regiment Indian Home Guard has failed to cause the submission of Annual reports, and submission of dues as outlined in the Sections of Article V, SVR Regulations.

The suspension will be lifted provided that the unit submits all paperwork as required in Section 4 of said article.

By Order  
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Commanding Officer, SVR

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I prepared to give the Invocation for a Memorial Day Service at Oak Wood Cemetery for men who died as prisoners of war during the Recent Unpleasantness - it occurred to me that every time we say the Our Father, we repeat His words given to his followers; "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." I asked myself - could I forgive those who were responsible for the cruel deaths of my friends and fellows? Could I forgive all of those greedy bastard politicians who got all of us into the stinking mess we are in? Could I forgive God for letting this happen to me? The immediate answer was, of course not. But then I thought about it, prayed about it and came up with the fact that Jesus gave me those marching orders. Forgive your enemies, do good to those who do you harm and love them.

Not easy to do, but I am trying.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Chaplain Jerry*

## FINAL MUSTER

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.

**Donald Michael Bishop**

Lincoln-Cushing Washington DC Camp 2,  
(Chesapeake)  
March 9, 2016

**George H. Rutter, Jr.**

Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)  
May 25, 2015

**Earl G. Ahrens**

H.A. Grant Camp 24 (CT)  
January 21, 2016

**Robert L. Renehaan, PCC**

Elisha Dyer Camp 7 (RI)  
January 24, 2016

**Arnold e. Vernoy**

Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)  
August 20, 2015

**Elmer E. Sheffer, Jr.**

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)  
February 15, 2016

**Albert N. Smith**

Capt Lot Smith (Utah) Camp 1 (CO)  
March 31, 2016

**Larry C. Sheibley-Beasom, PCC**

Gen John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)  
April 8, 2016

**Richard M. Strickler**

Fort Donelson Camp 62 (TN)  
April 14, 2016

**John C. Soucy, Jr, M.D.**

Ulysses S. Grant Camp 68 (MO)  
May 10, 2016

**Hugh D. Mahoney, Sr., Life Member 665**

Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 (PA)  
May 14, 2016

**Floyd J. Demmy**

Gen John F. Hartranft Camp 15 (PA)  
May 20, 2016

**Larry J. Clark**

David D. Porter Camp 116 (IN)  
January 31, 2016

**Gary Lyman Vitty**

Satuit Camp 3188 (MA)  
September 17, 2015

**Richard Ray Ford**

Satuit Camp 3188 (MA)  
December 20, 2015

**Donald Edward French, PCC**

Gen D.N. Couch Camp 26 (MA)  
November 27, 2015

**Albert F. Rosentine**

Maj T.B. Briffith Camp-MAL 22 (MA)  
May 31, 2015

**Robert W. Linnell**

Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp 69 (ME)  
October 8, 2015

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Chaplain Jerry*

# HISTORY OF THE SONS

BY BOB WOLTZ

## COLLECTING THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



One of the missions of the Sons of Union Veterans is education of our members. About twenty five years ago, several Brothers mistakenly identified a white enameled cross badge with a black ribbon as a GAR Death Badge. The badge has no name on it except featured an American eagle. It has a black ribbon so appears it could be from a funeral or for mourning. Thus the story evolved that it was a GAR death badge presented upon the death of the veteran and given to next of kin or buried with the veteran if he had no living relatives. No such GAR badge ever existed, as an educated member, I hope you will not be misled into purchasing the same in antique shops or internet auctions. It is a Knights Templar badge still given to Masons who go through that degree today. Brand new they cost less than \$20.00.

In the 1890s, men and women were joiners. Fraternities like the Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Oddfellows, the Knights of Columbus and of course, the GAR, were popular clubs to join. They provided networking opportunities as well as weekly entertainment in the days before television and radio. Most men belonged to a number of these organizations. Almost all had a membership badge that were kept together in a dresser drawer. Thus the confusion that all these badges belonged to one organization rather than one individual belonged to numerous organizations.

Most of these Knight Templar badges came with a solid black ribbon, though some chapters used a black and white ribbon. The state and chapter names might be identified with name bars. Our example shown here is from Bethlehem Commandery #45 located in Oklahoma City, OK.

The GAR always wore their GAR membership badge with a black satin ribbon that read "In Memoriam" or "Honor Our Noble Dead". These satin ribbons were worn at funerals of comrades and of course, on Memorial Day.

Study and learn so you can wisely collect.



# G. A. R.



TO MY  
COMRADE

