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At the close of 2014, the National Executive Director reported 6,401 Brothers in Good Standing within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This total represents: 5,386 Members; nine Real Sons; 374 Life Members; 80 Juniors; and 552 Associates. Additionally, the Order claims four Honorary Members; 121 Dual Members, 11 Dual Associates, 54 Dual Life Members, and five brothers serving in a War Zone. The total reflects a decrease in membership of 129 from last April, or a 2% loss. Our membership is spread throughout 260 Camps within 28 Departments, six Camps-at-Large, and a National Membership-at-Large (NMAL). The NMAL is composed of Brothers who live in a state that is not currently administered by a Department.



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*On The Cover: Dr. Curt Fields (Fort Donelson Camp 62, Dept. of TN), portrays Gen. U.S. Grant in a new interpretive film shown at the Appomattox National Historical Park Visitor Center. Photo by Br. Marc A. Hermann*



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION  
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2014  
GETTYSBURG, PA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Campbell at 8 AM. Br. Donald Martin led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by SVR Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski giving the invocation. Sec. Russ called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and guests present: CinC Tad D. Campbell, SVCinC Eugene Mortorff, JVCinC Donald Martin, Nat. Sec. Alan L. Russ, Nat. Treas. Richard D. Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny L. Wheeler, Council members Steve Hammond, Donald Shaw, Ed Norris, Walter Busch, Brian Pierson. PCinCs included Edward J. Kreiser, Stephen Michaels (Banner Editor), James B. Pahl, Charles Kuhn, Jr., D. Brad Schall, and Perley E. Mellor. Guests included PDCs Mark R. Day and Michael Paquette (Chesapeake), Chaplain Jerome Kowalski (Illinois), Nat. Chief of Staff Kevin L. Martin, PDC Robert Petrovic (Missouri), and Executive Director David Demmy, Sr. Excused: Immediate PCinC Ken L. Freshley.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Scout Andrew Adam presented his Eagle Scout Project, commissioning a monument to Civil War Musicians, with “Unity Park” surrounding it. He requested support for the US Flag and pole (cost \$300), with annual maintenance costs for the flag to be approximately \$25 per year. The project is to be completed by April 2015. Br. Orr was informed that \$5-6,000 was still needed to complete the project. An information sheet concerning the project was provided. Br. Wheeler moved, Br. Orr seconded to donate \$5,000 to the project. The funds to be taken from the special projects line item in the budget. Motion passed.



*Scout Andrew Adam accepts check from CinC Tad Campbell.*

CinC Campbell presented the check for the project to Eagle Scout candidate Adam and complemented him on the professional manner of his presentation. All in attendance were in agreement with this statement.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Sec. Russ reported he had received various applications to form camps and charter applications. These are listed in his report to the council.

**REPORTS:** CinC Campbell presented his opening comments. SVCinC Mortorff presented his report, which will be included with the officers’ reports. At this time,

the recommendations in the officers, committees, and department reports were addressed.

**1. Committee Reports.** Br. Russ moved, seconded by Br. Norris, the CofA only deal with the recommendations in the reports. Motion carried.

**a. Nat. Encampment Site Comm.** Recommendation 1 (page 18). Current host committee and Nat. committee will work this out between them. No action taken. There is no requirement to submit a profit and loss statement to National.

**b. Nat. Encampment Site Comm. Recommendation 2** (page 20). No action taken. This is left with host committee.

**c. Nat. Encampment Site Comm. Recommendation 3** (page 20). Hand-held radios purchase. No action taken.

**d. Nat. Committee on GAR Post Records** Recommendation (page 22). It was decided the current policy is to remain in effect.

**2. Recommendations from Dept. Reports.**

**a. Colorado & Wyoming Recommendation 1** (page 26). Chief of Staff will append to minutes for posting on website, and send link to departments.

**b. Colorado & Wyoming Recommendation 2** (page 26). Will be worked on to come up with a method to get the official amendments out to departments as quickly as possible. It was noted that the 2012 edition of the C&R was the latest posted on the website. Br. Pahl has forwarded the 2013 edition to the website, and it is now posted.

**3. The Treasurer’s Report:**

**a. IRS 501(c)(3)** is being held until proceedings are up to date. 2012, 2013, 2014 proceedings need to be completed. Br. Kreiser is working on them and they will be expedited. Several brothers offered to assist, as needed.

**b. Money for Scholarships** comes from the GAR Fund, using fund reserves to cover the expense. Br. Orr moved, seconded by Br. Wheeler, to cover the cost of the two scholarships from the GAR Fund. Motion passed.

**c. The Audit** is done, and was a “clean” audit. The IRS 990 is in process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Banner Editor replacement.** The committee provided a summary of the four applicants for the position.

**2. Modified Form 30.** Br. Mortorff advised that the form, addressing Dual Members, is in process and will be completed soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 1. Past Commander-in-Chief badges.** Br. Wheeler spoke about having badges made up ahead of time. One

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## CIN C CAMPBELL'S TRAVELS



*On September 6th, CinC Campbell presided over the unveiling of the new monument to Spanish-American War Veterans buried at San Jose's Oak Hill Memorial Park. CinC Campbell is also a descendent of a Spanish-American War Veteran.*



*The Allied Orders of the GAR held a joint Testimonial on September 27th at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose, Cal., to honor newly elected CinC Tad Campbell and Aux. NP Rachelle Campbell. In recognition, PDC Jerry Sayre, and his wife Kim, presented Tad and Rachelle with their own personalized "Bobble Heads."*



*CinC Campbell addresses the Remembrance Day crowd at the Albert Woollson monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield on November 15th.*



*CinC Campbell confers with Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 CC Don Benson during the Camp's annual installation on December 5th in Dallas, Oregon. CC Benson is also member of the Oregon National Guard.*

### CIN C CAMPBELL'S 2015 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

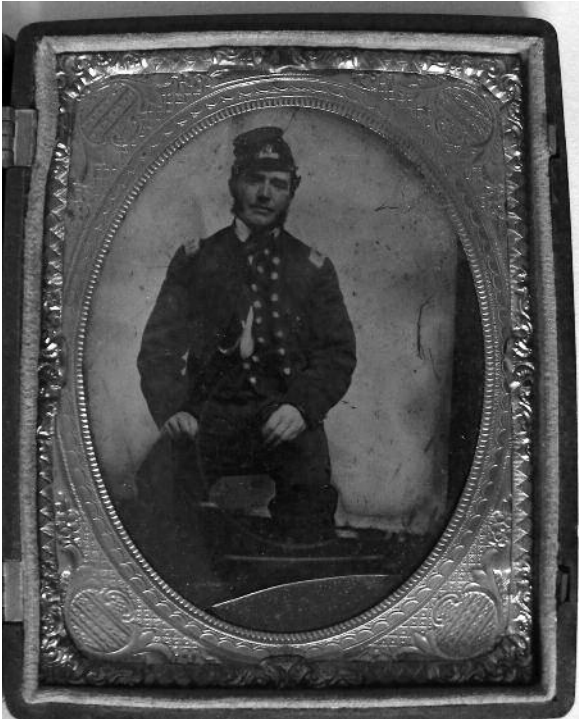
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| 9-11 January | Dept. of Kansas Encampment               | Emporium, KS                 |
| 7 February   | Dept. of Wisconsin Mid-Winter Meeting    | Wauwatosa, WI                |
| 12 February  | Lincoln Birthday Ceremony                | Washington, DC               |
| 6-8 March    | Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment | Sacramento, CA               |
| 27-29 March  | Dept. of Michigan Encampment             | Lansing, MI                  |
| 12 April     | Lincoln Tomb/GAR Founder Ceremonies      | Springfield & Petersburg, IL |
| 17-19 April  | Dept. of New Hampshire Encampment        | Concord, NH                  |
| 24-26 April  | Dept. of Chesapeake Encampment           | Fairfax, VA                  |
| 1-3 May      | Dept. of North Carolina Encampment       | Durham, NC                   |
| 9 May        | Dept. of Illinois Encampment             | Rockford, IL                 |
| 30 May       | Memorial Day (traditional)               | Arlington, VA                |
| 6 June       | Dept. of Indiana Encampment              | Kokomo, IN                   |
| 13 June      | Dept. of Ohio Encampment                 | Kenton, OH                   |
| 25-28 June   | Dept. of Pennsylvania Encampment         | Franklin, PA                 |

Various Nat. Officers will represent CinC Campbell at the Encampments and events not listed.



## PRIZED POSSESSION

By Br. Bob Champlin  
Sec/Treas., Wm. T. Sherman Billy Yank Camp 65 (MO)



During the Civil War Centennial, there was an organization called the Jefferson Barracks Civil War Historical Society here in St Louis. Several members were or were destined to be members of the Sons. I joined well after this time, when the membership had all but dissipated. However, the society still organized events and I eventually ended up as President. Part of the group's artifact collection was on display at the Barracks museum. No one remembered how the collection came into the hands of the group, so when it officially disbanded, ca. 1995, I came into possession of a cigar case owned by Gen Grant and given to the Chaplain of the 47th Penn Vol. Inf. during the Wilderness. It's probable that this artifact came from a non-member relative in the St Louis area. If that person had been a member, I am sure they would have claimed it. I have tried to do some

research on Chaplain W.D.C. Rodrock, but did not find much. He had three daughters, so the family name was lost. I contacted the Pennsylvania Dept. asking for their assistance, but nothing came of it.

### RARE RELIC OF THE WAR

The 47th Penn. Vol. Inf. was present in the Wilderness Campaign. William D. C. Rodrock, Chaplain of the 47th, writes: "On the 5th of May, when Gen. Grant had our Union Army some 90,000 strong laying in the Wilderness Va, all ready for the great conflict: He called for 'a drink of water,' I gave him my canteen filled from the spring, from which it was said Washington had drank...The Gen, taking it said 'thank you Chap'ln,' and handing this case filled with eight fine cigars, continuing further said 'take this in exchange,' & rode rapidly away. He was a great smoker. I relished the fine cigars & have carefully kept the case ever since."



William D C Rodrock  
Late Chaplain of the 47th Penn'a Regt,  
Through the war 4 ½ years  
Paterson, New Jersey

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY ELSEWHERE

### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On November 16th, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 held its sixth annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Camp-owned GAR plot at San Jose's Oak Hill Memorial Park. This year's service was conducted by the Camp's 'Home Guard', as many of the Camp's members were in Pennsylvania to participate in the Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at Gettysburg. CSVC John E. Stolp led the service, recognizing three Gettysburg Battle veterans buried at the Oak Hill GAR Plot, containing over 400 Union veterans while CJVC Paul Lavrischeff recited President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.



*PCC Bob Kadlec, Diane Wetzel (Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 Trustee), SVC John E. Stolp, Richard Ferman, John Jenson, Joe Ferman, JVC Paul Lavrischeff, Rick LaRosa and Terry Briggs.*

### NEBRASKA



The Nebraska Dept. observed the Gettysburg Address on November 15th, at the 7th annual ceremony, held at the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln. The main presenter was Dr. Kenneth Winkle, Professor of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Cub Pack 48, Lincoln, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Gettysburg Address.

### OHIO

#### Camp Honors 300 Local Veterans

On Remembrance Day (Nov. 15), MG William T. Sherman Camp 93 honored over 300 U.S. soldiers and sailors buried at the Dayton's Old Greencastle Cemetery. The Sesquicentennial event was the first military honors ceremony there in more than 70 years.

The camp also re-dedicated the restored GAR Hiram Strong Post 79 burial section. Three years of restoration efforts were conducted by Camp 93, aided by community partners. Veterans from the American Revolution through Vietnam are interred at the 170-year old burial ground.

During the ceremony, Ohio Civil War Sesquicentennial Advisory Committee member and Camp 93 CC Fred Lynch recounted the cemetery's history and the notable vets buried there. Pres. Lincoln (James Crabtree) delivered the "Gettysburg Address." DC Tim Graham joined Anthony O'Connell Aux. 10 Pres. Barbara Lynch in placing a wreath. Camp musician Br. Allan Howey provided 19th century music and bugle calls. The Camp Honor Guard, commanded by Br. Delmar Steiner, rendered military honors. Dept. Chaplain Kerry Langdon delivered the invocation and Camp Chaplain Brent Davidson, the benediction.

A highlight of the ceremony was the solemn "Roll Call of the Old Greencastle Guardians" voiced by an artillery re-enactment group. Dignitaries rendered memorial honors for each of America's conflicts.



### OREGON

One hundred fifty-one years after consecrating the graves of fallen soldiers at Gettysburg, President Lincoln appeared in Oregon to perform the same duty at Newberg's Kilpatrick GAR Post Cemetery, where a white obelisk stands over nearly 100 Civil War veterans buried there. His appearance was part of Oregon's 9th annual ceremony commemorating the Gettysburg Address. The event was sponsored by Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 (Camp-at-Large) and took place November 15th.



Lincoln (Stephen Holgate) recited the famous speech and keynote remarks were given by Portland teacher and Civil War historian Shardon Lewis.

Camp 6 and SVR Chaplain Rev. D.H. Shearer provided the invocation and benediction. Military honors were provided by Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Vol. Inf., SVR. Following a musket salute, Taps was played by Capt. Steven Betschart, SVR. *Photo by Kathy Jo O'Neal*



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badge costs \$765; however, a quantity of five at a time, brings the cost to \$650 ea., provided gold is \$1,250/ounce. The council agreed with purchasing the badges in quantity. As funds are available in the Quartermaster budget, Br. Wheeler will acquire five PCinC badges.

**2. Alonzo Cushing Medal of Honor** Br. Hammond recommended a ceremony be held on site of battle at the 2015 Remembrance Day. SVR MG Grim has apparently stated he has no problem with it being an SUVCW event. Br. Hammond will coordinate with the SVR.

**3. Dept. Encampments.** Nat. Officers signed up to attend most of the encampments that CinC Campbell will be unable to attend. Not all departments have determined or informed the date for their encampment. Br. Kevin Martin will send out an updated list of encampment dates and vacancies.

**4. New Camp.** PDC Pierson advised that a Buford, SC, camp that broke from the SUVCW in the 1970s is interested in returning to the Order. This will be a new camp, needing a new charter, although they could request the original charter for historical purposes.

**5. Reports.** Br. Busch added that with regard to page 15, all files have been redacted and are up to date. With regard to page 23, Joe Hall will be in charge of credentials.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Chaplain Kowalski asked us to remember the

Atkinsons in our prayers.

2. Br. Don Shaw stated he will be running for reelection to Council of Administration.

3. Br. Mark Day presented information about Appomattox in April 2015. This is the same time as the Springfield Council of Administration meeting.

4. Br. Petrovic announced he is running for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 2015.

CinC Campbell concluded the meeting with some general comments, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Kowalski. The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary

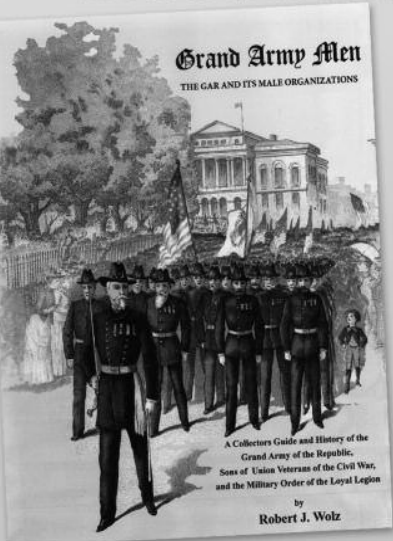
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## 100 YEARS AGO: WORLD WAR I...THE GAME CHANGER

Like so many others, our organization has always been affected by what happens in the world around us. This was never more apparent than during World War I.

When the Great War began in 1914, most Americans, including the Sons, took little note. But by 1915, Americans were paying much more attention to the war. The sinking of the *Lusitania* aroused furious denunciations of German brutality.

The nation placed great importance on the role of children, teaching them patriotism, national service and asking them to encourage war support and educate the public about the importance of the war. While the Boy Scouts helped distribute war pamphlets, helped sell war bonds, and helped to drive nationalism and support for the war, the Sons authorized a Junior Order in 1915. Juniors were 12-18 year olds.



In Eastern cities a new “Preparedness” movement argued that the U.S. needed to immediately build up strong naval and land forces for defensive purposes; an unspoken assumption was that America would fight sooner or later. The movement soon made its way throughout the Sons. Propelled by the sinking of the *Essex* in May 1916, a resolution on Preparedness was read and approved in most Camps:

“That we, as Sons of Veterans, earnestly urge that the nation founded by Washington and the patriots of the Revolution; preserved by Lincoln and the soldiers of '61, and defended by the boys of 1898, shall not continue in a position which invites assault from any nation in the world:

“That the flag for which four hundred thousand men died and for which two million soldiers fought, is too sacred a thing to be imperilled by any lack of preparation for defense on land or on sea;

”Resolved, That we urge upon the President and the Congress of the United States that broad, comprehensive and aggressive measures be at once adopted that shall put the United States of America in a posture of adequate defense—that the citizens shall be taught to be soldiers, if need be; that the army shall not be longer a laughing stock for weakness, and that the navy of the United States shall be made the equal of any in the world.”

Months after war had been declared in 1917, the Sons National Encampment approved a statement on National Preparedness and a letter was sent to President Wilson, pledging support for the war. In fact, 15-20% of our Order's brothers enlisted.

Those remaining helped raise money for the war effort. \$26,426.65 was raised for the War Ambulance fund with the Ladies' assistance. Fourteen ambulances were purchased with those funds.

Sons membership peaked at 57,824 brothers in 1917, the high point for the entire 20th Century. Three years later, the membership had dropped to one half that number and continued to fall. Despite various recruiting initiatives, the Order's attempts to restore its depleted ranks and accompanying patriotic fervor were unsuccessful.

The post-war depression, a prevalence of new veteran organizations and the decline of the GAR were contributing factors. Struggling to maintain a unique identity, efforts to change the Sons of Veterans name began in earnest. Similarly, in 1918, the Sons uniquely designated November 19th as Veterans Night, recognizing the remaining Union veterans and commemorating Lincoln's Gettysburg address. It was quickly overshadowed when Armistice Day was established on November 11th a year later. By the time Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954, Union veterans were all but gone. The Sons established Remembrance Day (November 19th) two years later to again commemorate Lincoln's address.

And one more change: beginning in 1919, most Department Encampments included a service, memorializing those brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the recent war...a tradition that continues to this day.

World War I had changed our Order; the paradigm had shifted.



## HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

### CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Lincoln Camp 10 participated in the United Veterans Council (UVC) 96th Annual Santa Clara County, California Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. For the 14th year in a row, the two Camps, along with Co. C, 8th California Vol. Inf. Reg., SVR, participated in the annual UVC Veterans Day Parade in San Jose. The Camps were honored to include the participation of DC Timothy Reese as they marched down Market Street and fired a musket volley in front of the reviewing stand as a tribute to all veterans and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield.

Newly elected Commander of Company C of the 8th California, Paul Lavrischeff led the formation to the cheers of those gathered along the parade route. The firing detail was composed of Camp 4 PCC Frank Avila, Camp 10 CC Kevin Coyne, Camp 10 Brs. Garrett Hasslinger and Steven Lopuch, with Camp 4 JVC Paul Lavrischeff in command. *Submitted by PCC Bob Kadlec.*



### CHESAPEAKE

The newly organized Abraham Lincoln Camp 3 made its first appearance in the 73rd Veterans' Day Parade in Charleston, West Virginia. It is believed this is the first time the SUVCW was in the parade.

*Photo to left: SVC Tommy Smith, Patriotic Instructor Scott Johnson, CC Ernest E. Blevins, and JVC Donny Jones. Photo by Amy Johnson*

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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:  
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Abraham Lincoln Camp 3 also helped present the colors at the Kenna Elementary School's 2014 Veterans Day program in Charleston, West Virginia. Participating were Army Veteran Scott Johnson of Camp 3, Capt. Pam Thompson Knight, USNR, SSgt. Nate Meadows, West Virginia ANG, and Chris Sitler, National Women Veterans Association of America.

**COLORADO & WYOMING**

Wreaths Across America was held December 13th at the Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Junction, Colorado.

*Photo to right: Pres. Chess Neff, Grand Mesa Chapter (SAR); PDC Garry Brewer, PSP Norm Kronvall, Colorado Society (SAR); State Pres. Jimmy Myers, Colorado Society, War of 1812.*



**ILLINOIS**

Col. Hecker Camp 443 participated in a Veterans Memorial Stone Dedication on November 1st at Belleville's Messinger Cemetery. The stone honors those veterans buried in the small, rural cemetery, including one from the Blackhawk War, six Union soldiers from Co. I, 117th Ill. Vol. Inf., and one WWI veteran. Camp 443, the St. Clair County Historical Society and the DAR's Belleville Chapter raised funds for the memorial stone. The project was also funded with a grant from the National DAR.

*Photo courtesy Br. John Fulton; submitted by Dr. CC Garry Ladd*

*Brs. Bill Jacobus, Mrs. Diane Zelinske, PCC Greg Zelinske, Brs. Bob Mohrman, Jon Stacy, SVC Russell Schleicher, Br. Dave Wildermuth, & CC Garry Ladd.*



**WISCONSIN**

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 marched in the 51st annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Milwaukee on November 8th.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux 4, Henry Harnden Camp 2, and MG John Gibbon Camp 4 supported the Wreaths Across America programs in Milwaukee and Madison on December 13th.



*PCC Tom Brown, and Br. Jeff Lesar (both Camp 1), Rick Gross and Patrick Lynch (both Camp 4) pay their respects at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee.*



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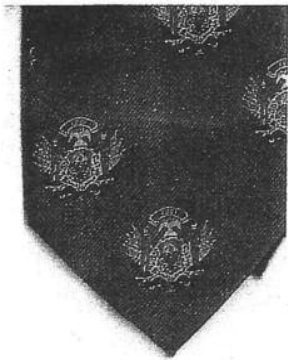
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## THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY TRADITION

A small group, representing the SUVCW and MOLLUS, arrived at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield, IL, in the afternoon of April 14, 1957. Their sole purpose was to inaugurate the Lincoln Tomb Memorial Ceremony on the following day, the anniversary of Lincoln's Death. That year, three wreaths were presented. Following the ceremony, 11 people attended the luncheon at the Hotel Abraham Lincoln.

Gen. U.S. Grant III, Maj. William M. Coffin (AUS-R), SUVCW CinC, and Cmdr. William C. Duval (USN-Ret.), MOLLUS PCinC, conceived of the ceremony and originated the Lincoln Deathday rites. The active cooperation and magnificent assistance by Lincoln Tomb curator Br. George Cashman (later SUVCW PCinC) made the ceremony possible.

Five years later, in 1961, CinC Chadwick delivered "Lincoln's Farewell to Springfield," which started a tradition, which continues today. IL DC Charles A. Brady, Jr. of Chicago, James L. High, Br. George Cashman, J. Colby Beekman, M.J. Burns Jr., and W. Glen Davis were key in growing the April 15th ceremony that year.

***Whether Springfield, Illinois, is an annual pilgrimage or a Civil War Sesquicentennial destination, there are a few places you'll want to visit this year.***

## PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S FUNERAL

President Lincoln's funeral will be re-enacted on May 1-3, 2015 in Springfield, Illinois. Under the auspices of the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition, the Lincoln funeral train will arrive at the Springfield train station on Saturday, May 2nd. On Sunday, the funeral procession, including an authentically reproduced coffin and hearse, proceeds to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The mission of the coalition is to educate, coordinate and promote the accurate and dignified re-enactment of the historic anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's funeral procession in Springfield.

The procession will be made up of hundreds of Union military and civilian impressionists will participate, including members of the SVR and the Allied Orders. SUVCW brothers are encouraged to attend. Those without a Union uniform may wear their sports jacket or suit coat with badge. No one else will be permitted in modern dress in the procession. GAR/SUV flags are encouraged.

Some of the local hotels will offer a weekend discount for participants. Camping at Lincoln Park is also available for those registered. Learn more and register at [lincolnfunealtrain.org](http://lincolnfunealtrain.org)

Questions may be addressed to Br. Larry Werline: [lwerline@comcast.net](mailto:lwerline@comcast.net)

## THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL MUSEUM

by PNP Marcia Butgereit

### Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc.

There is a hidden treasure located in Springfield, Illinois, owned and operated by the National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The original Victorian house in Springfield which had been the home of our National Headquarters since 1941, was razed and the current building was built in 1963 as a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic during the Centennial of the Civil War. With funds raised by the sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum officially opened its doors in 1964, free of all indebtedness. It has remained so ever since, due to their continued devotion and diligence.

More than 50 years later, the museum still educates visitors on the importance of the Civil War and perpetuates the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Items on display include a full set of GAR badges and Nat. Encampment ribbons, a wide variety of equipment and accoutrements carried by the soldiers, such as cartridge boxes, housewives, haversacks, and their weaponry including rifles, bayonets, and swords. Personal items include diaries, literature & pamphlets, song books and Bibles.

A large drawing showing the escape at Libby Prison hangs on the wall. This was used by Capt. James Wells when he gave lectures as an author. He was twice a prisoner of war and was one of the 103 prisoner who tunneled their way out of Libby prison, and one of the 43 who were successful in making their escape.

In April, the museum will open a special display highlighting Cpl. Alexander H. Rhodes, Co. G, 121st Ohio Vol. Inf. This display will continue through May. There will also be a flag on display that came from the Ford Theater the night Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. On May 3, the WRC will pay tribute to the funeral procession as it passes by the museum on its route to Oak Ridge Cemetery.



# DAUGHTERS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN

By PNP Carole Morton, DUVCW

Originally named the National Alliance of Daughters of Veterans of United States of America, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861–1865 (DUVCW) was incorporated on December 12, 1885 in Massillon, Ohio. As the organization grew, the Daughters first moved their headquarters to Washington DC, and then in 1952, to Springfield, Illinois. In 1979, the Daughters broke ground for its current Headquarters and Museum at 503 South Walnut Street. In 2009, they purchased the building next door to be used as a Library and Research Center (LRC).

2015 pays tributes to the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, Lincoln's death and the reenactment of Lincoln's funeral procession, which is being coordinated by the Lincoln Funeral Coalition. Early participants in the Coalition, the Daughters made the LRC available to the Coalition for meetings and are providing the mourning sashes and cockades for the pallbearers in the procession. Just prior to the Coalition event in May, both DUVCW buildings will be draped with black bunting.

The museum's interior will pay homage to our 16th President. On display will be a 6" piece of granite slab from the original Lincoln tomb, artist's renderings of the conspirators, an original John Wilkes Booth Wanted Poster, a letter written by Abraham Lincoln and a Spencer repeating rifle, similar to the one Lincoln test-fired at the White House and ordered adopted for use by Union forces. Displayed will be an oil painting of Abraham Lincoln and similarly, a 1957 edition of the "Banner" with 12 photographs of an aging Lincoln. On display will be several funeral photographs including the Springfield Hearse and Old Bob, Lincoln's horse.

The museum will continue to exhibit numerous artifacts handmade by "Our Boys in Blue", musical instruments of the era, Civil War rifles, a complete set of GAR Encampment medals, encampment souvenirs, two Civil War Medals of Honor, a large GAR stained-glass window from Maine and much, much more.

In honor of Death Day, the Daughters' annual Museum Open House will be held on April 11 from 1 pm to 5 pm and April 15 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

During the funeral procession weekend, the museum will be open Friday, May 1, 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and May 3, 1 to 6pm. Come join us and browse the artifacts and exhibits.

## 2015 LINCOLN TOMB SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

| Time     | Event                     | Location  | Cost  |
|----------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 9:45 am  | Military Parade           | Oak Ridge Cemetery<br>1500 Monument Ave.<br>Springfield, IL   | No cost   |
| 10 am    | Tomb Ceremony             | Oak Ridge Cemetery  | No cost   |
| 12:30 pm | Lincoln Luncheon          | Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel<br>701 E. Adams St.<br>Springfield, IL | \$29 payable to<br>"National Organization, SUVCW"<br>send to: PDC Robert M. Petrovic<br>6519 Cherokee Lane<br>Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527 |
| 3:30 pm  | Dr. Stephenson Ceremony   | Rose Hill Cemetery<br>Petersburg, IL                          | No cost   |
| 8 pm     | Council of Admin. Meeting | Pres. A. Lincoln Hotel  |   |

### Related Places of Interest

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GAR Memorial Museum  
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### THE GAR MOUND

The cemetery's Board of Managers set aside this lot for the burial of Union Army vets who did not have family plots elsewhere. The first burial was in 1891, the last in 1930. Buried on this lot, are 97 Union soldiers.

### THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS MONUMENT

#### Island near Block A

Erected in 1867 by the Stephenson GAR Post, the monument lists 40 Union officers and enlisted soldiers. Most were killed or died in service. Fourteen are buried around the monument; the rest are buried in family lots throughout the cemetery.



*GAR Mound*

### GEN. JOHN ALEXANDER MCCLERNAND

**May 30, 1812 – September 20, 1900 - Block 14, Lot 77**

Born in Kentucky in 1812, McClernand moved to Illinois, where he was admitted to the bar, and shortly thereafter served in the Black Hawk War. He served three terms in the state legislature and six terms in Congress, resigning to accept a commission as Brig. Gen. of Volunteers from Pres. Lincoln. He was promoted to Maj. Gen. in 1862 and participated in the battles of Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and Vicksburg. Here he was relieved of his command by Gen. Grant, but was later restored to his command by Lincoln and served in the Campaign of Louisiana and Texas. In 1870, Gen. McClernand was elected Circuit Judge in Springfield and in 1876, presided over the Democratic Nat. Convention. He lived to the ripe old age of 90.



*Union Soldiers Monument*

### NELLIE (GRANT) SATORIS JONES

**July 4, 1855 – August 30, 1922 - Block 10, Lot 334**

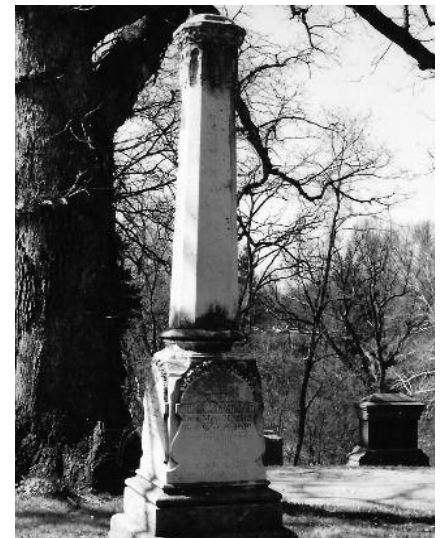
Nellie was Gen. U.S. Grant's only daughter. She was married in the White House to Algernon Sartoris, Jr., an English Army officer, and lived in England until her husband died in 1894. Nellie then returned to America where she later married Frank Hatch Jones, a Chicago banker. Her prized possession was a letter from her father written during the siege of Richmond.

### WILLIAM HENRY HERNDON

**December 25, 1818 – March 18, 1891 - Block 14, Lot 41**

Born in Green County, Kentucky; he arrived in Sangamon County with his parents in 1820. He studied law at the Lincoln & Logan law firm. In 1844, Lincoln and Herndon became law partners. The partnership remained intact throughout Lincoln's Presidency and Herndon maintained their \*office. Herndon also served as City Attorney, Mayor and Bank Commissioner.

\*Visitors will find the Lincoln – Herndon Law office at Sixth & Adams Streets, directly across the plaza from the Old State Capitol.



*Gen. McClernand's Memorial*

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## NEW CAMP CHARTERED IN KANSAS

On September 30th, a small interested group of brothers met at PDC Alan Russ's home in St. Francis, Kansas, to finalize the organization of a Camp. CinC Tad D. Campbell signed the charter application on October 9th, establishing the Camp's date of rank and officially bringing Old Glory Camp 7, Dept. of Kansas, on board.

A year earlier, the local newspaper ran an article about Br. Russ's election as Nat. Secretary. (Yes, it was a blatant attempt to get some publicity for forming a camp.) The article mentioned a desire to form a camp and gave his contact information. Two people contacted him, providing a starting point. They managed to locate several more last summer and received one from Colby, Kan., through the Nat. JVCinC. At this point, they felt ready to form the Camp.

Although Cheyenne County and St. Francis were formed in the late 1880's, Kansas census and GAR post records reveal 161 Union veterans who, at one time or another, resided in the county. This list is on display at a downtown bank in the hope that some descendants may express an interest in the SUVCW or its Auxiliary.

The camp is named after the original Camp, founded in St. Francis in 1911. It's not known exactly when that Camp closed. St. Francis was also home to Samuel Webber GAR Post 412 until the 1930s.

The Camp currently has seven members and almost all are officers: CC Chance Marble, SVC Pat Owens, JVC Ethan Smith, Sec/Treas. Alan Russ, and Council Members Pat Owens, Bruce Frahm, and PDC Rocky Bartlow. Kent Melcher is the seventh brother of the camp. Brs. Marble and Smith live 35 miles south, in Goodland. CC Marble is 23 years old and is very interested in making the camp a success. The Camp plans to meet quarterly and has discussed what its emphasis should be. There's a stand-alone GAR cemetery two miles north of the town and there was considerable interest in the SUVCW graves registration program.

The other Kansas Camps are in the eastern half of the state, with the closest being 360 miles away. Hopefully, interest will spread to other northwestern Kansas communities in the coming years.

### 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.

**Col. Hans Heg Camp 15**, Windlake, WI, Dept. of Wisconsin. Organizer is PCC Brian McManus of Windlake, WI. Deadline is September 28, 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.

**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.

### 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.



*New Camp 7 officers being sworn in are JVC Ethan Smith, CC Chance Marble, SVC Pat Owens, and PDC Alan Russ (Sec/Treas. and Camp Organizer).*



## REAL SON JOINS NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT

By DC Dennis St. Andrew

Real Son Luke P. Martin, Jr. has joined; North Carolina's Union Volunteers Camp 5. His father, Luke Martin, Sr., was a slave who escaped and eventually served with the 35th Regiment, U.S. Colored Infantry. Luke Sr. was in his eighties when his son was born in 1917. Luke Jr. was two years old when his father died and is now 97, living in New Bern, NC.

Camp 5, along with Dept. Sec/Treas. John France, and DC St. Andrew met Br. Martin in September at "Luke P. Martin, Jr. Day" in New Bern. The event was sponsored by Craven County. Camp 5 CC Rolf Maris and PCC Fred Fulcher followed up with Mr. Martin, and Mr. Martin agreed to join our Order.

Real Son Committee member PDC Jerry Orton helped guide the process, recognizing Luke P. Martin as a Real Son.



DSVC Fred Fulcher, Brs. Harry Goodman, Pete Meyer, Dept. Sec/Treas. John France, DJVC Rolf Maris, and DC Dennis St. Andrew. Sitting in foreground: Luke P. Martin, Jr.



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## CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 participated in the by-monthly United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) Veterans Flag Lowering Ceremony at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose on September 28th.

Oak Hill Memorial Park, in conjunction with the UVC, displays the name of a deceased veteran on a plaque at the flagpole near the main entrance. Each day, a new name is placed on the Honor Plaque. A deceased veteran does not have to be a recent death or interred at Oak Hill to have their name on the plaque.



*PCC Frank Avila; SVC John Stolp; Br. Joseph Ferman; and JVC Paul Lavrischeff, CC Stephen Aguirre, and Br. Richard Ferman (behind). Not shown: Br. Terry Briggs and PCC Bob Kadlec.*

On the last Sunday of every other month, the UVC sponsors a Flag Lowering Ceremony at the Veterans of the World War Memorial at the Veterans Plot. Member organizations take turns performing the ceremony, which includes reading all the veteran names which were displayed since the previous ceremony. This year marks the 13th year that Camp 4 has participated.



*PDC Tim Reese, DPI Ken Felton, PCC Frank Avila, Stephen Lopuch, Brenda Bonturi, CSVC Garrett Hasslinger and CJVC Randall Hawkinson (Camp 10), Dept. Guard Paul Lavrischeff, and Camp 10's CC Kevin Coyne. Not shown: Camp 10 Chaplain Rev. Don P. Fuselier and Dept. Sec/Treas. Owen Stiles.*

Despite a heat wave, the 8th annual Ft. Mervine Civil War Encampment had another successful run. The event catered to 372 Naval JROTC Cadets from Soledad, Alvarez & Monterey High Schools on Oct. 3rd and large crowds on October 4th and 5th. PDC Tim P. Reese served as event director and Santa Cruz's Lincoln Camp 10 hosted the event. Manning 18 exhibit and living history tents on Monterey's Presidio Museum Grounds were Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Pleasonton Camp 24, and

Wright Camp 22. There were two firing demos a day, including three volleys. The cannons were provided by the Calif. Hist. Artillery Soc. (CHAS) of Salinas and NCWA's Norfolk Lt Art. Blues of Northern Calif. Civil War ambulance and horse teams were provided by CHAS.

## CHESAPEAKE

Continuing the year-long theme of battlefield preservation, James A. Garfield Camp 1 and Frederick's Antietam Camp 3 traveled to Fox's Gap on the South Mountain battlefield on September 14th. While at the Monocacy Nat. Battlefield Visitor Center, the group reviewed the lead up to the 1862 Maryland Campaign and the discovery of Lee's "Special Order 191."



*Shown on the recently preserved 45-acre tract of the South Mountain Battlefield are Brs. Rick Knoepfler, Dave Henderson, Clay Matthews, Brad Sharpless, John Aymold, Larry Slagle, Tim McCoy, Brian Horgan, and Faron Taylor. Photo by Br. Brian Quillin, II*

After lunch, the brothers journeyed to South Mountain, where a ceremony was held at the monument to MG Jesse Reno, killed that day, 152 years ago. The Camps then moved across the road to conduct their respective meetings on ground recently preserved by the Civil War Trust. Camp 1 contributed funds to help protect the 45-acre parcel that retains much of its post-battle appearance.

Later, a few intrepid brothers soldiered on to Antietam Nat. Cemetery to lay flowers at the grave of Moses Gosnell of the 1st Potomac Home Brigade. Brs. Brian Horgan and Gene Mortorff organized and coordinated the combined outing.

## ILLINOIS

On September 28th, Sheridan Camp 2 held a headstone dedication at Plainfield's Wheatland Cemetery.



*Chuck Wright speaks at the ceremony.*

On October 10th, the Camp dedicated a marker at Camp Douglas, Chicago's former prison camp.



*The color guard, PDC Nick Kaup, DJVC John Bigwood, Br. Harry Reineke IV (SCV & SUVCW), PDC Steven Westlake, and SCV IL Div. Cmdr. Robert Mestas.*

## INDIANA

On October 20, John W. Foster Camp 2 helped teach young Tiger Cub Scouts in Evansville about the Civil War.

Br. Chris Cooke, Evansville's Superintendent of Cemeteries, provided a tour of Oak Hill Cemetery's Civil War section. Meanwhile, Brs. Dennis Hutchinson and Scott Hurst dressed in uniform and discussed what it was like to be a Union soldier and what it would have been like to be in a river port and "border town" during that time.



The remains of 500 Union men are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery — all victims of Civil War battles. In 1868, the city began efforts to secure designation of the Union veterans' areas as federal property, eventually succeeding in 1898. A memorial was added in 1909.

On November 1st, Champion Hill Camp 17 held a presentation and ceremony at Armstrong Chapel in western Indiana as a part of its activities during the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

A few years ago, Br. Bill Lynch mentioned that BG George Wagner was buried in the church cemetery — as were about 23 other veterans. After much discussion and a visit to the site, Camp 17 decided to hold its event at the Armstrong Chapel. In cold, but sunny weather, about fifteen brothers from the department joined with Camp 17 to take part in the ceremony.

Before the graveside ceremony, the brothers were joined

by nearly 70 people for a presentation about the General by Lafayette resident Pete Arvidson, a descendant of Gen. Wagner. LaFayette resident and WW II Navy veteran Bill Crane spoke about the role of the 15th Indiana in the western theater.



The 27th Indiana (SVR) under the command of Br. Alan Teller provided the color guard for the ceremony and period music was provided. DC Bill Adams attended and Camp 116's Br. Steve Mockler served as bugler.

The Warren Cty. and Benton Cty. Historical Societies along with Williamsport and Otterbein American Legion Posts also brought this project to life.

On October 25th, David D. Porter Camp 116 went home! The Camp returned to Valparaiso's Memorial Opera House, where the Chaplain Brown GAR Post 106 originated.

That evening, Camp 116, with the help of Co. D, 27th Indiana, SVR, rededicated the building once again. The program began with music provided by the 30-member Valparaiso University/Community band. The Director of the Opera House and Porter County Board of Commissioners welcomed the SUVCW to their new home and spoke on the history of the Opera House and its place in the community. SVC Jack Shaw joined them in a ceremonial ribbon cutting ceremony. The band finished with the Battle Hymn of the Republic to which followed three volleys were fired by the 27th SVR and Taps was played by Br. Steve Mockler.



Valparaiso's Memorial Opera House was originally built by Post 106 in 1893 and named Memorial Hall. Early guests included Teddy Roosevelt, John Phillips Sousa and the Marx Brothers. It was listed on the National Register of Historical Landmarks in 1984.

## KANSAS

Rufus Anderson was born into slavery in Nashville, TN, and as an adult, escaped on the Underground Railroad, to the free state of Kansas. He then enlisted at Fort Scott in the 1st Kansas Colored Vol. Inf. A year later, the 1st Kansas CVI became the 79th USCT. This unit suffered more casualties than any other Kansas Civil War regiment.



After the war, Pvt. Anderson lived in Humboldt, KS. His grave was unmarked until a local historian helped his family apply for a VA marker. In September, the Dept., Pvt. Anderson's descendants, the historian, the high school band, and a color guard from the Chanute, KS, American Legion united to perform the traditional GAR dedication service. Approximately 40 others also attended.

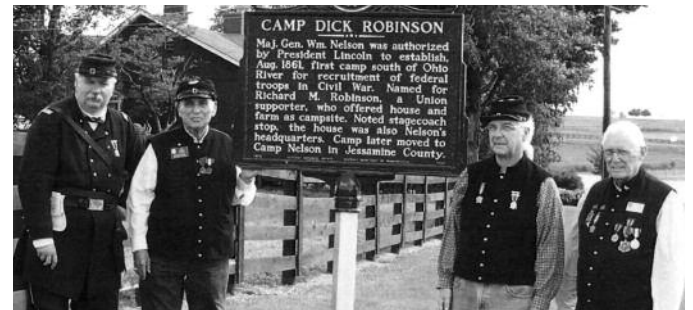
Br. Jerry Reiman, who recently retired, completed cleaning about 1100 Civil War headstones. He began cleaning headstones in the Topeka Cemetery in the summer of 2013. He began the once-a-month project with Old Abe Camp 16, but soon made the cleaning an almost daily ritual. Br. Reiman did have a listing of Civil War gravesites in Topeka and Shawnee County. His next task will be to clean the markers of black Civil War soldiers at Mt. Auburn Cemetery. When he finishes, he will have cleaned Civil War headstones in eleven cemeteries. Br. Reiman's service was covered in the Topeka Capital-Journal and on Wichita's KAKE



## KENTUCKY

Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 recently took advantage of a Kentucky Historical Society grant to fund the restoration of an historical marker for a forgotten Civil

War Site. The marker denotes the location of Camp Dick Robinson, Kentucky's first Union camp. Years of weathering had made the sign nearly illegible.



The Camp, located in Garrard County, was established in 1861 to serve as a recruitment and training base for loyal Kentuckians and east Tennesseans. Founded by Navy Lt. (later MG), and Kentucky native, Wm. "Bull" Nelson, the Camp was considered the first violation of Kentucky's neutrality. As the war moved into Tennessee, it lost its value. The site became Camp Breckinridge for the Confederates during the Kentucky campaign of 1862.

Other Union notables who served at Camp Dick Robinson were George Thomas, William T. Sherman and Andrew Johnson.

## NEBRASKA

On August 24th, the Dept. and SVR Rangers dedicated new headstones in the rural Best Cemetery near Battle Creek. The Civil War veterans honored were: Pvt. Marsee J. Best, Co. I, 8th Iowa Cav., and Pvt. John T. Wollert, Co. A, 141st Ill. Inf. Over 50 members from both families gathered for the ceremony. 82-year old Sr. Donna Besst Chellew (DUVCW) traveled from California to honor her ancestor.



*Sgt. Rick Marx, PDC Norm Weber, Chris Weber, Audie Tejkl, DC Bill Dean, PCC Mark Glaubius, Trent Bosler, Chap. Glenn Kietzmann, Phil Hart, Damien Knight, Battle Creek American Legion Color Guard, and OD Tom Hughes.*

On September 6th, the Departments of Nebraska and Iowa, and 1st Nebraska Inf. Vols. dedicated a headstone for Gottlieb Hoyer at Omaha's Prospect Hill Cemetery. He was born in Prussia in 1822 and came to the US in 1840 at age 17. He enlisted in the 9th New Jersey Infantry as a bugler and served in several companies and mustered out with distinguished service. He was also a band director for the regiment. His regiment served in the



Carolinas and Virginia. He moved to Omaha after the war, where he was active in entertainment and musical circles. He died in 1875.

### OREGON C-A-L

Thanks to Waverley Country Club, the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, volunteer researchers, and their tireless signature collecting to satisfy the VA's requirements for installing Civil War markers. Due to their diligent efforts, five new gravestones were added to the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery on Sept. 8th.



*Br. Randy Fletcher in Oregon shirt. Second from left is Br. Doug Sebranek of the Camp 6. The rest are volunteers from the country club and the cemetery.*

Time and research are of the utmost, and were it not for Carolyn Arntson and Br. Randy Fletcher, this project would not have come together. The new headstones were placed on the graves of the following:

**Pvt. Geo. F. Batchelder (1843-1901)**, 10th NY Hvy. Art., also 6th Mich. Inf., reorganized as 6th Mich. Hvy. Art.

**Oregon pioneer Noah Hubler (1832-1915)**, Oregon Mntd. Vol. during the 1856 Yakima Indian War.

**Pvt. James M. Jackson (1849-1917)**, Co. K, 33rd Iowa Cav.

**Oregon pioneer and Pvt. Elihu Morgan (1842-1906)**, Co. A, 1st Oregon Cav.

**CSA Capt. Lazerus W. Robertson (1826-1918)**, Co. K, 1st Arkansas Vol. Inf. Also Pvt. in Co. F, 45th Arkansas *Written by Dolly Macken-Hambright*

### PENNSYLVANIA

Southwestern Pennsylvania's Washington Camp 120 held a luncheon on September 13th to celebrate the 20th



*PCC Ron Bruce, CC Carl Bowers, Brs. Jonathan Stiffy, Ed Vandegrift, prospective member Bob Sprowls, PDC Richard Essenwein and PCinC Richard Orr.*

anniversary of the Camp charter. Attendees included Camp 120 brothers, their families, PCC Tim Ryan of Davis \* Camp, PDC Richard Essenwein and his wife Ellen, and PCinC Richard Orr. CC Carl Bowers gave a brief history of the Camp's founding, Civil War-era songs were sung, and a video of the camp installation in September 1994 was shown.

### WISCONSIN

Minnesota's Col Wm. Colvill III Camp 56 was quite busy at the 9-11 Tribute of 2014 at Minneapolis' Lake Harriet Bandstand, where over 2000 braved the cool weather for a very pleasant evening. Brothers participated the Flag and banner ceremonial. Br. Glenn Kiecker helped organize the commemoration.

### CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

Three SUVCW brothers were elected to high office at the 75th Anniversary meeting of the GAR Allied Orders Central Region Conference. The Region Cmdr. is PCinC Jim Pahl, Sr. Vice is PCinC Don Palmer and Jr. Vice is PCinC Ken Freshley. This is the first time that all three positions were held by SUVCW PCinCs. Continuing in office as Sec/Treas. is LGAR NP Judy Rock.

The conference was held in Oberlin, Ohio and hosted by WRC PNP Cindy Norton. A tour of Wellington's Spirit of 76 museum, was followed by a program on attracting new members. The dinner's guest speaker spoke on the escape of 2500 Confederate prisoners from Johnson's Island that never occurred. Excellent fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Central Region consists of the Allied Orders from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado and Wyoming. The next meeting will be in Dundee, Mich., on October 3, 2015. All brothers and sisters from the member states are welcome to attend as voting members of the Conference.

## ARIZONA C-A-L

On August 23, during the second annual joint meeting of Picacho Peak Camp 1 and Margaret Warner Wood Tent 1 (DUVCW) in Phoenix, ASUVCW NP Rachelle Campbell and Nat. Sec. Tricia Bures, and her husband Br. Loren Bures, Nat. Camp-at-Large and Dept. Organizer were present. Over 60 Brothers, Sisters, and guests attended the installation of Picacho Peak Aux. 1, Aux.-at-Large, by Sr. Campbell.

## CHESAPEAKE

On December 6th, Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 presented an Aux. Life Membership to PDP Mildred Ames (ASUVCW). In addition to supporting the Camp, she was for many years been the Nat. Washington DC Rep for the Auxiliary, Pres. of the Dept. of Maryland/Delaware, and Pres. of Lincoln-Cushing Aux. 1. During the Camp's meeting in Washington D.C., Millie was presented the Appreciation and Life Membership certificates in a surprise ceremony. As she accepted her award, she remarked that she was indeed surprised, and had thought of her long history of support for the Order as nothing out of the ordinary. Camp 2 would like to thank NP Rachelle Campbell, Nat. Sec. Tricia Bures, and Nat. Treas. Mary Flynn for their assistance in making the award possible.



*PCC Richard N Griffin, Sr. Mildred Ames, and Camp Sec/Treas. Lee D Stone. Photo by Br. Thomas Bohling*



*Brothers Eddie Cox, Jonny Clanton, Robert Clanton, Gary Kyle, Kirk Singleton, Harry Clanton and Jake Clanton.*

## MISSOURI

Phelps Camp 66 recently assisted Mary Whitney Phelps Tent 22, DUVCW, with the dedication of a new headstone for Pvt. James Henry Robinson, Co. F, 16th Missouri Cavalry, near Marshfield, Missouri.



*Sr. Nicolle Beyer Beatty, Lodema Strickland Tent 56, and PCC William R. Parker, Cook Camp 223. Photo courtesy of Debbie Himmelsbach.*

## NEW YORK

On October 25, Col. John B. Weber Camp 44 rededicated the tombstone of Comrade Charles Alvin Orr in Buffalo's Forest Lawn Cemetery. At fourteen years old, Charles Orr attempted unsuccessfully to enlist in three different units after his older brother, Robert, died at Fredericksburg. Ultimately, he enlisted in September 1864, as a private in Co. G, 187th New York Vol. Inf. Pvt. Orr was mustered out on July 1, 1865 at 17 years of age. He was awarded the Medal of Honor on March 22, 1898. While under heavy fire, he and two others rescued several wounded men during the Battle of Hatcher's Run, Va., in October 1864.

Charles Orr was a lifetime member of the GAR and Commander of

Buffalo's Chapin Post 2 for 21 years. He was elected Dept. Cmdr. in 1901 and organized the GAR for both the funeral of Pres. McKinley and the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo.

He served as U.S. Pension Agent for the 37 counties in western New York for 16 years.

Participating in the graveside ceremony were Brs. Ray B. & Ray L. Ball, Bill Christen, Dave Demmerley, Mike Erb, Tom Himmelsbach, Jim Pace, Tom Schobert, and Jake Streit.

The Union Volunteers Fife & Drum Corps, under the leadership of Br. Pace, played music for the procession. Br. Ray B. Ball was the Officer-of-the-Day, responsible for introductions and explanations. The Guest Speaker was the Erie County Clerk. The keynote address was delivered by Br. Schobert in his capacity as Buffalo Civil War Roundtable President. Br. Ray L. Ball played Taps. A rifle squad comprised of re-enactors performed the ceremonial salute. Br. Erb carried the colors and assumed the duties as the Tomb Guard. Flowers were placed by Lodema Stickland Tent 56 and P. G. Cook Camp 223. Minster Himmelsbach provided the benediction.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Thoughts on service

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10

“So He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” John 13:4-5

Our loving God calls us to loving service. During my association with the SUVCW, I’ve met many examples of unselfish service.

One of the greatest examples of this was Clark Seum. I first met Br. Seum when I joined the Sons in 1992. Clark had joined the Sons over 50 years ago in Washington State, while serving in the Navy after the Korean War. He later relocated to Moffett Field, and joined Phil Sheridan Camp 4. During the 1970s and 80s, when Sons membership fell dramatically, Clark remained faithful.

After his military service, Clark served as an Industrial Chaplain with FMC in San Jose. After his retirement, Clark continued to voluntarily serve as Chaplain for a number of organizations, including the American Legion, the Sons at Dept. and Camp levels, and the San Jose Police Dept. He had a pager and was on call 24 hours a day to minister to crime victims and their families.

I was blessed to know Br. Seum well. Not just through our association as Brothers in the Sons, but on a personal level also. When Clark’s wife was ill and at San Jose Hospital, Clark would stop in and visit after seeing his wife. I lived about a half block from the hospital. After she passed away, he’d come by occasionally and we would talk, sometimes for hours. Clark got to know my family well, also. Later, as I was going through a difficult time, Clark would call me regularly, checking to make sure I was OK. His prayers helped carry me through.

Clark continued to serve others until his illness made it impossible. His unselfish devotion and service to God, Country, Community, and the Order was an inspiration to me.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
*Chaplain Dan*

# FINAL MUSTER

**PDC Allen F. Smith**  
Fort Donelson Camp 62 (TN)  
June 30, 2013

**Clyde D. Gabbard**  
Robert Anderson Camp 33 (IA)  
January 7, 2014

**PCC Robert M. Schweitzer**  
Dept. of NY MAL  
January 28, 2014

**John H. Case**  
Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp 17 (NJ)  
March 1, 2014

**Cdr. Bartholomew O. Watson, USN Ret.**  
Gen. Wm. T. Sherman MAL Camp 25 (FL)  
April 28, 2014

**James R. Neal, Sr. (LM)**  
Appomattox Camp 2 (CH-DE)  
May 1, 2014

**Frank S. Trautman**  
Gen. Benj. D. Fearing Camp 2 (OH)  
June 16, 2014

**Leroy R. Lincoln, Jr.**  
Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154 (NY)  
July 15, 2014

**Carl J. Mossbrucker**  
Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)  
July 18, 2014

**Charles E. Henderson**  
Isaac Eaton Camp 504 (PA)  
July 20, 2014

**Camp Chap. Kent T. Hinkson**  
MG John A. Logan Camp 4 (NC)  
August 6, 2014

**Joseph F. Carvin**  
Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 1 (OH)  
September 2, 2014

**Philip Schlesier**  
Moses A. Baldwin Camp 544 (NY)  
September 23, 2014

**Jimmy William**  
Col. Louis S. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)  
October 1, 2014

**CC Carl W. Bowers**  
Washington Camp 120 (PA)  
October 8, 2014

**Alan D. Farmer**  
Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)  
October 10, 2014

**Brian R. Caputo**  
Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)  
October 12, 2014

**PDC Dean Letzring**  
Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (TX)  
October 12, 2014

**George D. Kegerreis**  
Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)  
October 12, 2014

**Roger S. Brotherton**  
Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 (CA&Pac)  
October 15, 2014

**Gerald (G.T.) Regan**  
C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (WI)  
October 23, 2014

**Wilbur R. Branthoover (LM)**  
H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)  
October 25, 2014

**Philip W. Blake**  
Col. Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)  
November 12, 2014

**Jack W. Kuepfer**  
Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)  
November 14, 2014

**PDC Charles O. Counts**  
Centennial Camp 100 (CO & WY)  
November 24, 2014

**Robert F. Mathis**  
Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7 (NJ)  
December 2, 2014

**Donald W. Bryant**  
Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)  
December 5, 2014

**Martin M. Bryon**  
Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 1 (OH)  
December 21, 2014



# SVR GUIDON



## IOWA SOLDIER HONORED

By 1Lt. David Lamb

On September 20th, the 49th Iowa rendered honors to Pvt. Thomas Dorsett, Co. H, 27th Indiana at Crescent. Pvt. Dorsett had lain in an unmarked grave until a gov't stone was received and placed last May. Descendants came from Western Iowa, as well as Arizona, California, Arkansas, and South Carolina.

Dorsett served his nation from 1862 to 1865 before coming to the Council Bluffs area, where he was a carpenter and farmer. He died in 1926. It is believed that Pvt. Dorsett may have been a prisoner at Andersonville. The regiment will conduct further research.

Before departing the cemetery, the brothers were presented with "goodie bags" by the grateful family, containing a variety of delicious home-baked cookies and a memento of the day's event created by them.



## 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

On November 15th, the SVR's Commanding General presented the following awards:

### **Distinguished Service Award with Gold Star:**

**Lt. Col. Jack G. Grothe** for outstanding service as 4th Military District Cmdr. for 20+ years; longer than any other in SVR history. During his tenure, district membership more than doubled, reaching over 300, with more active units than any other district. Reporting was always complete and on time. Under his leadership, the district conducted the military component of the annual Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Ill. For several years, he coordinated the district's annual artillery school, in conjunction with the Nat. Civil War Artillery Association. This event is held at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis on odd numbered years and in Boscobel, Wis., on even numbered years, attracting about 100 participants each year.



**Maj. Eric J. Schmincke**, for outstanding service as SVR Provost Marshal since 2007 and prior to that, service as Deputy Provost Marshal. As Provost Marshal, he was responsible for forming up the Remembrance Day SVR Military Parade, held each November in Gettysburg, Penn. The assignment requires great leadership skill and a lot of patience, working with numerous organizations and thousands of people who participate in this outstanding event. The parade ran smoothly regardless of weather or other variables beyond our control. His efforts in making the parade the great success that it is has brought great credit to him and the SVR.



**Capt. Jerome Kowalski**, SVR Nat. Chaplain, for outstanding spiritual guidance since 2011. The 4th Military District has benefited from his service as its Chaplain for several years too. He's been very faithful; attending the annual SVR breakfasts in Gettysburg and at the SUVCW's Nat. Encampment, providing an inspiring invocation and benediction at each. He's also assisted with the Woolson Monument ceremony at Gettysburg, the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Ill., and the Stephenson ceremony at Petersburg, Ill., and has provided counseling to SVR members in distress.

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**Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Star:**



**Lt. Col. Mark Day**, 2nd Military District Cmdr., for his leadership during the past three years, making the district one of the largest in membership in the SVR. His supervision style has been exemplary and he's been a great help coordinating Remembrance Day events. He's displayed great dedication to the SVR, assisting the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission's ceremony on 26 August 2012 at the Antietam Battlefield. He recruited several SVR participants, leaving the commissioners with a very positive impression of the SVR.



**Capt. David K. Hann** for distinguished service as Deputy Provost Marshal during the past three years. Additionally, he displayed great leadership and dedication to the SVR by willingly serving as a Special Deputy Provost Marshal for almost ten years, in charge of one of three divisions of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. His efforts have helped make the parade a great success, enjoyed by thousands. For several years he has also provided invaluable service during the SVR Military Ball held on Remembrance Day.



**Pvt. Nicholas H. Kaup** for distinguished service in Battery L, 1st Ill. Lt. Artillery (4th MD). His 25+ years of SUVCW service and active SVR participation has set a great example, inspiring other unit members. He's overseen the placement and re-placement of 228 gravestones at Chicago's Rosehill Cemetery. He's served as chairman of the Vicksburg Nat. Battlefield—Illinois Monument Centennial Comm. He now serves on the Hanger One Fdn. Board, working to build a Naval Aviation Museum, honoring those who trained at the Chicago Naval Air Station during WWII. His outstanding spirit of volunteerism has brought great credit to himself and his SVR unit.

**Commanding Officer's Unit Citation:**

**Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery ("Mulligan's Battery")** has participated in several Civil War sesquicentennial events, including ceremonies at the Dr. Benj. Stephenson Monument in Rosehill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill.; the Ottawa (Illinois) Civil War Encampment, honoring Gen. Lew Wallace; and a monument dedication in Chicago's Mount Greenwood Cemetery. It also provided the artillery for the "1812 Overture" at the Naperville Civic Band Concert. It also supported numerous civic, museum and historical society events and Memorial Day ceremonies.

**Co. B, 10th Iowa Vol. Inf. Reg.** has for many years participated in patriotic and educational projects and programs in several communities along the Missouri River corridor. It's worked with Nebraska and Central Iowa units at dozens of monument dedications, museums tours, living history events, civic celebrations, veteran's events and played a significant role in helping to promote the historic Dodge House Museum – the home of MG Grenville Mellon Dodge. It's participated in events in 38 Iowa counties and annually conducts educational programs in two different school districts near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

**PROMOTIONS**

The following are promoted to:

**3rd Military District**

Maj. J. Alan Teller (15 Nov 17)

**6th Military District**

Maj. Joseph C. Marti (15 Nov 17)

Joining the SVR (6th Military District)

49th California Vol. Inf., 1st Sgt Michael Drouin, Cmdr.

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# THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

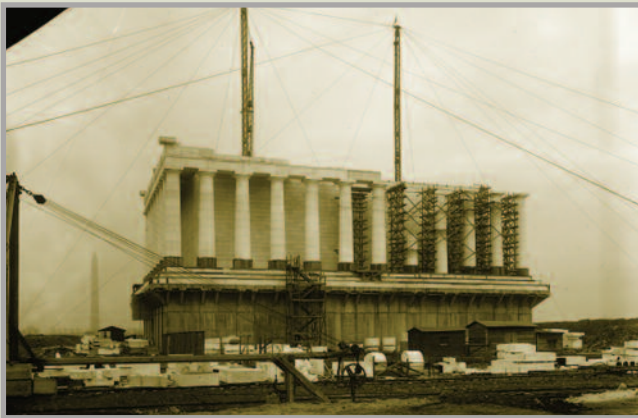
Following the death of our 16th President, national sentiment demanded a proper national memorial. As early as 1867, Congress incorporated a Lincoln Memorial organization. Unfortunately, a recession soon hit and donations were insufficient to begin the project. Construction died for lack of support.

In 1900 and every couple of years after, new memorial proposals were made, but defeated in Congress. In 1910, Congress finally approved the design and location we now know in Washington. The cost: nearly \$3 million. Pres. William Howard Taft chaired the commission. Construction began in 1916 and while World War I slowed its progress, it was completed in 1922.

The dedication took place on May 30th, 1922, under the auspices of the GAR and MOLLUS. Robert Todd Lincoln was present. Former President Taft presented the monument to current President and Sons' member Warren Harding.

Each year since, MOLLUS has invited the Sons to participate in the Lincoln Birthday celebration at the memorial. The President or his representative places a wreath for the U.S. people, followed by various patriotic orders. Here are some photos of our participation through the years.

Annually, the Memorial receives more than three million visitors, making it one of the most popular attractions in Washington.



*The monument under construction circa 1918*



*The Maryland Department (now Chesapeake) in 1925.*



*Presidents Taft and Harding with Robert Todd Lincoln.*



*Gen. U.S. Grant III (left) in 1948.*



*PCinC John Runkle in 1961.*

# ON TO RICHMOND!



## National Encampment Richmond, Virginia August 20-23, 2015



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COL. JAMES D. BRADY CAMP #3  
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA  
IRISH BRIGADE CAMP #4  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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