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KUDOS IN ORDER

The Sons of Union Veterans and its Allied Orders are relevant not just in regards to the preservation of the memory of the men who fought and died during the Civil War but also continue to help in their communities and, when the opportunity presents itself, show support for America's veterans.



Kudos go out to Haskell Marston Camp 56 of the Department of Maine and its Auxiliary for the support rendered to the Christmas party organized for the veterans at the Togus VA Hospital long-term care facility. On December 11 the two organizations assisted U.S. service members and American Legion Post 171 to ensure that the residents would have a joyous holiday and feel remembered. This has been an annual event for several years now.

Pictured are (right to left) Elizabeth (VA Rehabilitation Services), Gail (American Legion) and Sisters Anne Sosnowski PNP and Tracy Williams DP.



NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, RICHMOND 2015: RECOGNITION, REORGANIZATION, RECOMMITMENT

The 2015 National Encampment held in Richmond, Virginia saw several decisions made and resulted in the recognition of many Brothers who have made a difference to the SUVCW, whether as individuals, as members of camps or as part of departments.

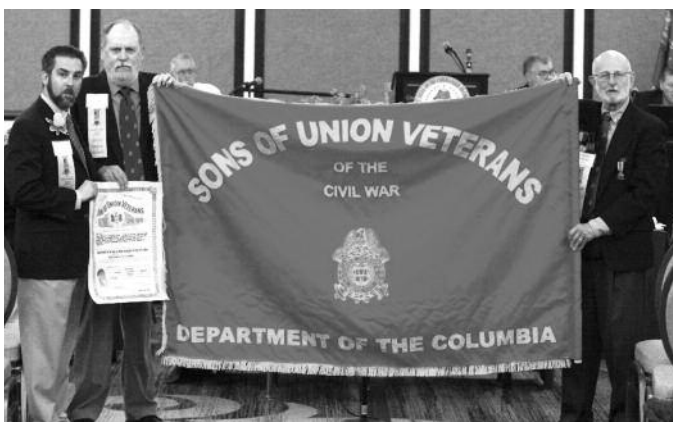
In recruitment awards, the Conrad Linder Membership Award was presented to the Department of Ohio for the largest number of new members: 76. The U.S. Grant Cup was presented to the Department of Tennessee for the greatest increase in membership by percentage: 23%. The Under 40 Award was presented to the California and Pacific Department for the greatest number of new members under the age of 40. National Aides for five or more new members included Jeff Graf of Wisconsin, Lauren Burres of Columbia, John France of North Carolina and Richard Roddy of Columbia. The B.F. Stephenson Award for the greatest number of recruits went to David Rish of Ohio for his recruitment of 19 new members. This is the 4th year in a row that Brother Rish has earned this award.

In this information age newsletters and websites are critical to keep the Sons of Union Veterans up-to-date on SUVCW developments, and also for informing non-members of the good work that the Sons perform. With this in mind, the Marshall Hope Newsletter Award (Department Level) was presented for the Rail Splitter of the Department of Illinois. The Marshall Hope Newsletter Award (Camp Level) went to the Sharpshooter of Finch Camp 14 of the Department of Michigan. The department also won the Horace Greeley Award (Department Website). The Horace Greeley award for a camp website went to the Major William A. McTeer Camp 39, Tennessee.

The Joseph F. Rippey Award for the most outstanding new camp went to the Col. Hans C. Heg Camp 15, Department of Wisconsin. The Abraham Lincoln CinC Award to most outstanding camp was awarded by outgoing Commander-in-Chief Tad D. Campbell to the William A. McTeer Camp 39 of Tennessee.

Individual performance awards presented at Richmond included the Corby-Moody National Chaplain's Award, which went to Allen Davis, Chaplain for Cal/Pac Department. The Meritorious Service Award (without gold star) went to Michael Daugherty, Sr. of Ohio, for his work as the attorney who prevented the illegal sale of GAR cannon at Sugar Grove Cemetery. Michael Hammerson of the Department of Tennessee was also awarded the MSA (w/o GS) for his work in identifying over 1,300 civil war veterans (blue and grey) buried in England, Scotland and Wales. Roy Linn of Iowa and Eddie Roberts of the Department of the Chesapeake were also recognized with MSAs.

The John L. Clem Award for the most outstanding junior was presented to Max M. Frederick of Camp 15, Wisconsin. Frederick, age 12, completed the Junior Memorial University Program, making him the second junior to do so. The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award for the Most Outstanding Brother of the Year went to Kevin Martin, National Chief of Staff. The Founders Award, reserved for non-members of the GAR Allied Orders, was given to Lynn Thomas of the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society.



The SUVCW established the new Department of the Columbia, which incorporates the territory of Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Idaho. With the establishment of the Department of the Columbia all previously unassigned areas within the US and all U.S. possessions are now assigned to a Department.

It was noted at Richmond that Arizona had two camps-at-large and application for a third. This led to the establishment of the new Department of the Southwest in November 2015, incorporating the states of New Mexico and Arizona.

The National Site Committee report decided on Springfield, Ill. in 2016. Other sites for the National Encampment include Lansing, Michigan in 2017 and Boston in 2018. The Department of Missouri stated that they will apply for 2019.



The Sesquicentennial Committee was extended one year to accept applications for events through August 2016, as August 20th, 1866 was the date of President Andrew Johnson's proclamation declaring that "peace, order, tranquility, and civil authority now exists in and throughout the whole of the United States of America" to be the end of the Civil War. This is after the May 9th 1865 presidential declaration that virtually all armed resistance to federal authority had ceased.

The decision was made that the ROTC medal and certificate will be available without cost to departments or camps upon completion of Form 7, in order to assist the SUVCW's charitable status in regard to the organization's IRS 501c3 application. A motion was made regarding the establishment of a similar medal for the Civil Air Patrol, the Sea Scouts (part of the Boy Scouts), the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps and the Young Marines. The issue was referred to Program and Policy Committee.

The SUVCW rituals have been updated during several previous National Encampments, but a new edition of the ritual manual has never been printed. A committee has incorporated all changes into a package to make a current edition. This included updating language and other editorial modifications. This was adopted and is now on the SUVCW website. The updated

guidance allows veterans of the military services, when not in uniform, to salute the flag during formal ceremonies and to render a salute during the playing of the National Anthem. A revision of the department installation ceremony is included in the new manual, items required in camp meetings and the presentation ceremony for the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award have been incorporated.

The 2015 print edition of the Rituals and Ceremonies manual is now available from the Quartermaster.

A motion was proposed, seconded and passed that a brother who is a Past Commander-in-Chief who becomes a dual member of another department, that PCinC now has full delegate and voting rights in the dual department with the department secretary issuing credentials. However, the issue of dual members paying national per capita in all camps was deferred to next year, with a special committee to be appointed to study the issue, including the potential financial impact to National.

One of the most strongly-contested issues discussed by the SUVCW had to do with the establishment of memberships outside the territory of the United States. Despite the opposition of the National Counselor, whose opinion was based on the original charter which speaks specifically of activities within the "states, territories, and possessions of the United States," the decision was made to interpret the section as not limiting SUVCW activities but enabling activities and directing states not to interfere. Given this action, the Encampment was informed that there was interest in camps forming in England and Scotland.

New rules were passed governing the Monuments and Memorials Grant Fund, including a \$2,000.00 limit for any single project. If principle and interest remain in the fund after all grant applications are considered after April 30 of any given year, the COA may grant additional funds to one or more grant recipients of up to 75% of the fund or to make grants of up to 75% of the fund to the one or more civil war sites under the auspices of the National Park Service, Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense for preservation of civil war monuments.

\$250 was authorized for a 10x10 booth and an additional amount for travel expenses to a national genealogical society conference in Florida. The Department of Florida pledged they will ensure sufficient brothers to man this booth. \$1,000 went to the Stephenson Memorial Project, Department of Illinois. The budget was increased from \$750 to \$2,750 for Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.

National Chaplain Jerry set up a closed Facebook page for Chaplains of the Order.

169 brothers were present for voting at election. (Connecticut was under suspension for being late five years in a row with reports to National and cannot be reinstated until after National Encampment).

Gene Mortorff, Dept. of the Chesapeake, was elected Commander-in-Chief. Don Martin, Dept. of Ohio, was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Mark Day, Dept. of the Chesapeake, was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Don Shaw, Dept. of Michigan was re-elected and John McNulty, Dept. of Pennsylvania, was elected to the Council of Administration. After Br. McNulty's voluntary resignation, Jonathan Davis of Ohio was elected to fill the position.

In addition, Linda Kronberg of Michigan was elected National President of the Auxiliary. Jim Pahl is now serving as National Counselor to the SUVCW and ASUVCW and a new webmaster was appointed: Jamie McGuire, PCC, Elisha Dyer Camp 7, Department of Rhode Island.



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THE 12,000 OF ANDERSONVILLE

By Brian C. Pierson, PDC

In his first official function as Commander-in-Chief, Gene Mortorff laid a wreath at the base of the POW Memorial at Andersonville as part of the "Funeral for 13,000" on the 19th of September. After 150 years, the prisoners who perished at the Andersonville POW camp finally received their long-overdue funeral service. The Georgia skies were a brilliant, deep blue, and not a cloud marred the sky, as if the Almighty Himself had blessed the solemn occasion.

Commander Mortorff commented that the funeral was a "tremendously emotional event. Andersonville's long, closely-placed, gravestones were a striking reminder of the pain, helplessness and sadness that permeated the grounds. You could feel it. My sisters from the ASUVCW and DUVCW and I placed our wreaths at the site of the prison. It was a great honor and privilege."

The ASUVCW was represented by Wanda Langdon, National Chief of Staff. The DUVCW was represented by Department of Georgia President Sarah Meyer.

The funeral service was sponsored by the National Park Service and was hosted by Park Superintendent Charles Sellars. It began with the posting of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Reverend Frederick A. Buechner of Americus, Georgia, who prayed, "Remember in Thy kingdom, O Lord God, those who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, but laid them down for their friends. Grant them rest in the land of the living, in the joy of paradise whence all pain and grief have fled away." He was followed by Judson Mitcham, Poet Laureate of Georgia, who gave an inspiring address in which he observed, "Every prayer once prayed here is still in the air." Professor Lesley Gordon of the University of Akron then recounted the history of Andersonville, quoting from a letter by a prisoner that bluntly captured the atmosphere of the prison: "Death stalked close."

The keynote speaker was Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey. He shared the story of one prisoner, who he chose to represent each and every one of the 45,000 men imprisoned there: Private Christian Kephart of Blair County, Pennsylvania. Private Kephart was the great-great grandfather of Department of Georgia & South Carolina Commander Bill Miller. It was a stirring and poignant story of survival in horrific conditions.

The Funeral for 13,000 was broadcast live on C-Span and may still be viewed on the C-Span web site at <http://www.c-span.org/video/?328089-1/andersonville-prison-commemoration>.



Sergeant-Major of the Army Daniel Daily speaks at the Memorial at Andersonville. He recounted the horrible conditions Union POWs suffered while at the Georgia prison camp.



DUVCW Department of Georgia President Sarah Meyer and CinC Gene Mortorff at Andersonville.



Allied orders in attendance, left to right: Wanda Langdon, Judith Lowery, Bill Miller, Kitty Kelley, CinC Eugene Mortorff, Don McGilvray and Ray Wozniak.

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GAR RECORDS PROJECT EXPANDS TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

By PCC Dean Enderlin, National GAR Records Officer

Although it has been in existence for over twenty-five years, the SUVCW's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records Project is probably the least known of our many programs. The project has grown significantly in the last five years, and with the GAR Sesquicentennial approaching in April 2016, now is the perfect time to talk about it and encourage our members to participate!

The project started with the appointment of a special national committee back in 1990, tasked with exploring ways to search for and catalog the records of the GAR. Our Congressional Charter includes the preservation of GAR records as one of the purposes of our Order, which is why this project is of such importance. The committee's progress was slow at first, but it made a giant step in 2000 with the compilation of a nationwide list of all known GAR Posts. That list, first assembled under the direction of Br. Jeff Henningfield, began with a total of 8,600 uniquely named and numbered Posts (our count now stands at over 10,400).

The next big changes to the project came in 2004. That year, the National Committee on GAR Records was moved from being a special status committee to a standing committee, and the office of National GAR Records Officer was created. The office of Department GAR Records Officer was also created by the National Encampment that year, in support of General Order #22 (CinC Kent L. Armstrong, July 2004) urging all Departments to appoint a Brother to research GAR records.

The most recent advancement of the program occurred in 2013, with the launching of a new national website devoted exclusively to GAR records: www.GARrecords.org. In addition to the GAR Records Catalog (listing the locations of all known GAR records), the site also includes links to online GAR resources, Post histories, answers to frequently asked questions, and much more.

The Department GAR Records Officer is now a required appointed office (see 2015 Blue Book, Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 1). The job description of the Dept. GAR Records Officer can be found in the 2015 Blue Book, Chap. II, Art. VIII, Sec. 10. Also note that the job descriptions of the National and Department Historian have been amended to avoid conflicting responsibilities.

The strength of our organization comes from our network of departments and camps. While the National GAR Records Officer and GAR Records Committee can create the tools and establish the guidelines to search for and report the locations of GAR records, the best way to find those elusive records is to physically hunt for them. That can only be done at the local level, which is where the Department GAR Records Officer can help. So, why isn't there a Camp GAR Records Officer? Camps are welcome to appoint such an officer if they so wish, but it was felt that this should be an option, not a requirement. Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, established their own GAR Records Officers prior to the new bylaws being enacted.

The National GAR Records Committee is preparing a guidance manual to assist departments with GAR Records research and reporting. In the meantime, those departments that have not already done so should take steps now to fill the new office. Additional information on the national program, including the current GAR Records Catalog and tools for reporting new finds, can be found at www.GARrecords.org. Contact information is also available on the website, for those who have questions or would like to report their finds by email or regular mail. Do you know of a GAR record that is not listed on the website? If so, please contact us! There are countless collections of records waiting to be found and the more eyes looking, the better!



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GENERAL ORDER 01 (SERIES 2015-2016)

CHANGE OF COMMAND

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, the following is ordered:

1. At Richmond, Virginia, on August 22, 2015, the Delegates to the 134th Annual National Encampment elected me to the highest post in the SUVCW. I will do everything my knowledge and skills will allow to meet your expectations. I wish to thank the Department of the Chesapeake's Host Encampment Committee for planning and executing an excellent encampment. The National Encampment Site Committee, under the direction of Brother Jim Crane also deserves kudos for a job well done.

2. Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby transferred to 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316. All correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to that address. Email can be sent to mortorff@comcast.net. Mail and Email is my preferred communications method. Please refrain from telephone communications except in the case of urgent matters and then please use 717-619-7053.

3. The National Chief of Staff will coordinate the Commander-in-Chief's schedule. Requests for the Commander-in-Chief's attendance at Department Encampments and other events should be coordinated directly with National Chief of Staff Michael Paquette, PDC, 11901, Branchwater Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407. Phone: 540-850-8090. paquettemichaela@aol.com.

4. Correspondence concerning membership, membership reporting, annual reports, or finances should be directed to Executive Director David W. Demmy, Sr. at SUVCW National Headquarters, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (National Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411. Phone: 717-232-7000. execdir@suvcg.org.

5. Correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be directed to National Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15214-1251. Phone: 412-931-1173. treasurer@suvcw.org

7. All other correspondence to the Order should be directed to National Secretary Alan L. Russ, PDC, PO Box 673, St. Francis, KS 67756-0673. Phone: 785-332-2118. secretary@suvcw.org

Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2015, in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia.

ATTEST: Alan L. Russ, PDC - National Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff - Commander-in-Chief

UPCOMING EVENTS

Eighth Annual Union Civil War Medal of Honor Event

Each year our country celebrates National Medal of Honor Day on March 25th. Close to this

Date, on Saturday, March 26th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M., Antietam Camp 3, Department of the Cumberland, will conduct a Civil War Medal of Honor ceremony at the Hessian Barracks, 101 Clarke Place, Frederick, MD 21701 This event is open to the general public, re-enactors, and living history enthusiasts. Uniformed members are welcome to participate in the proceedings. The Gettysburg Blues, Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), will serve as an honor guard in period uniform. Following the church service, at approximately 11:00 A.M., a wreath-laying ceremony and the playing of taps will take place outside of the barracks.

This years' service will honor and remember the efforts of Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the only female to receive the Medal of Honor. Dr. Walker served as a Union surgeon who treated soldiers and civilians alike, and was held as a Prisoner of War (POW) in Richmond, VA. A post-ceremony gathering, where lunch can be purchased, will take place at "Barley and Hops" Restaurant, 5473 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21704. For more information call Brother Younkin at (504) 931-4679 or email syounkin@aol.com.

Newburgh Raid Retold

Foster Camp 2, Department of Indiana, will be hosting a re-enactment on July 16, 2016, in Newburgh, Indiana. This event will remember the history of those who participated in, and were impacted by, "Stovepipe" Johnson's Raid on Newburgh in 1862. This daring Confederate operation across the Ohio River preceded the "Great Raid" by Morgan the following year.

In addition to the reenactment this event will also feature a Cotillion Ball on the evening of July 15th and a historic home tour. Contact Camp Commander Joshua Claybourn at jclaybourn@gmail.com for more information or if you are interested in participating.

MARY DOWNEY CIVIL WAR NURSE GRAVE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

On Veterans Day 2015 members of the Sarah A. Crawford Auxiliary No. 43 conducted a rededication ceremony at the grave of a Civil War nurse in the Saints Simon and Jude Cemetery in Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Research by the late Indiana historian Chris Catalfamo showed that Mary Downey (1833-1912), a Blairsville native, served in the war as an Army nurse but received no tributes after she died. She served with honor, caring for sick and wounded soldiers in a Chicago, Illinois hospital during the Civil War, while her husband Jacob served as a hospital steward in the 29th Illinois Infantry, serving in the same hospital.

Despite her noble work during the Civil War, caring for the wounded and the dying, Downey's grave had become neglected and damaged. When members of the Auxiliary decided to have the stone repaired they could not find any living relatives of the Civil War nurse, despite a search of marriage, death, taxes, census, and pension records at the Indiana County courthouse. Without the permission family members, no work could be done on the grave.

Instead, Auxiliary No. 43 took it upon themselves to have a ceremony for Nurse Mary Downey and give her the honor due to her all these years since she died in 1912. No written documentation was found during the search indicating that such a service was done for her at the time of her death. Auxiliary No. 43 rededicated Mary's grave in a moving ceremony, which included ritual, floral tributes, a flag holder, and a United States flag.

President Mindy Eckler of Auxiliary No. 43 said at the ceremony "As you can see, their grave here is their resting place. Jacob has a GAR marker on his grave, but Mary does not. She served the Union and Boys in Blue honorably and was honorably discharged from her service." Towards the end of the ceremony President Eckler placed a GAR marker on Mary Downey's grave, as well a U.S. flag.

During the Civil War medical facilities and procedures were largely ad hoc, with band members collecting the wounded following battles and makeshift field hospitals marked with yellow flags with a green "H" in the center; nurses also wore arm bands of yellow with a green letter "H" to identify them.



Participants at the Rededication, from left to right: John Krecota of John Crawford Camp 43, Norm Eckler, Mary McKee, Shelly Krecota (Secretary/Treasurer), Trinette Frerotte (Vice-President), Mindy Eckler (President) and Peg Krecota (Trustee and Counselor). Photo by Leah Freeman.

SUVCW CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REMINDER ABOUT GRANTS

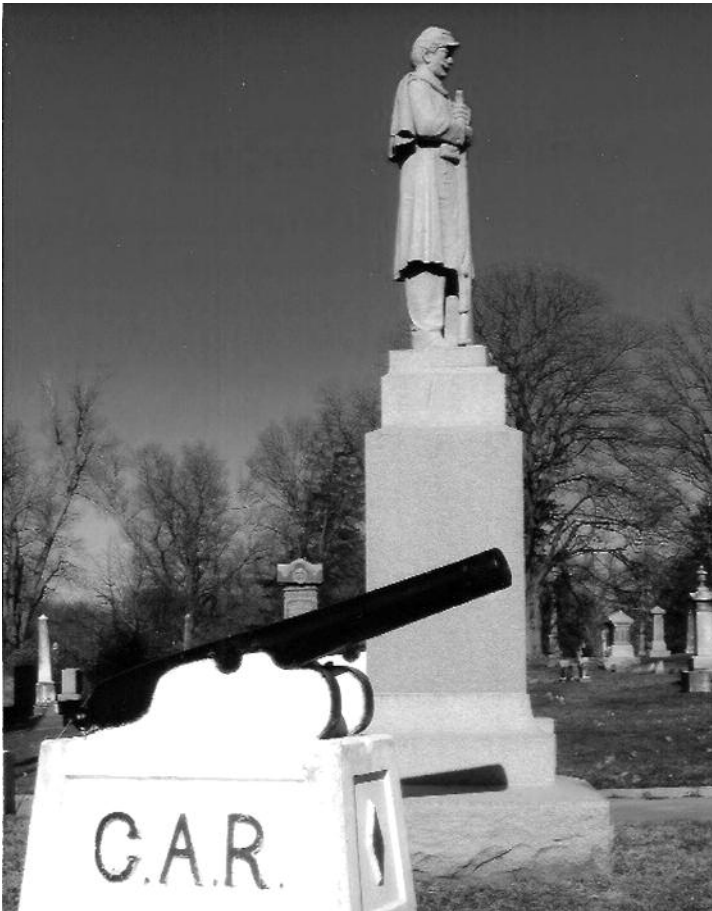
The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation wants to remind the camps and departments and other charities of the need to submit an Application for Grant Funding before any SUVCW donation to a project can be considered. Such projects include Civil War documentation, monument preservation, reservation of battlefield lands and memorial construction.

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If you have any further questions feel free to contact Robert Grim, Chairman of the Committee on Grant Funding at Director2@suvcw-cf.org.



CANNON FIGHT IN OHIO ENDS



During the 134th SUCVW national encampment held in Richmond, Virginia on August 22nd Judge Michael Daugherty was awarded the SUCVW Meritorious Service Award by Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell for his efforts in preventing the sale of two Civil War cannons located in the Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington, Ohio. Daugherty was unable to attend the national encampment but was later presented the award by Ohio Department Commander Shawn A. Cox during the September meeting of Henry Casey Camp 92 which meets in Washington Court House, Ohio.

In the summer of 2013 the SUCVW learned that the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association had placed the two cannons up for sale in an effort to raise funds to operate the cemetery. The plan was to sell the cannons and replace them with cheap plastic replicas.

Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim, a United States Air Force Vietnam War veteran, and a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, advised the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association that they did not own the cannons and therefore could not sell them.

Grim informed cemetery officials that the Civil War Memorial, which includes the two cannons, and is now known as Soldier's Point, was paid for by the Morris McMillian Post No. 58 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), which had it placed in the cemetery. As the SUCVW is the legal heir to the GAR, this makes the Sons the rightful owners of the guns.

Cemetery officials did not agree with Grim and refused to recognize the SUCVW's claim to ownership of the cannons, so he obtained help from the Bryant Law Office in Wilmington, which eventually assigned Michael Daugherty, who agreed to help the SUCVW on a *pro bono* basis.

Meanwhile, the cemetery association continued its efforts to sell the cannons so Daugherty filed suit against them on December 27, 2013 asking the Clinton County Common Pleas Court to declare the SUCVW the legal owners of the cannons and issue a permanent injunction preventing the cemetery from selling or disposing of the cannons.

In July, 2014 the cemetery association transferred ownership of the cemetery to the City of Wilmington and went out of business. Now the city, in turn, argued that the cannons belonged to them.

After several months of negotiations the SUCVW and the City of Wilmington reached an agreement, and on July 6, 2015 Common Pleas Judge John W. Rudduck issued a court order that permanently enjoins the City of Wilmington from "selling, destroying, or otherwise removing the Soldier's Point Memorial and/or Civil War Cannons which are a part of said monument without the express consent of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Daugherty noted that both parties achieved their goal, which was to keep the cannons in the Sugar Grove Cemetery as a memorial to the men who served in the Civil War. The day following the settlement Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed attorney Mike Daugherty to fill an unexpired term as judge of the Clinton County Municipal Court.

Commander Shawn Cox said during the presentation of the award to Judge Daugherty said that "the SUCVW, and the residents of Wilmington and Clinton County owe a great debt of thanks to Mike Daugherty, who represented us without any charge. Without his help, in all probability, the Sugar Grove Cemetery cannons would now be gone."

Judge Daugherty responded that he never gave any thought to receiving an award for his efforts. His only concern was protecting the Civil War heritage of Clinton County. His great-great-grandfather was wounded while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War and is buried near Wilmington in the Clarksville Cemetery. Both Judge Daugherty and his father Joe Daugherty joined the SUCVW Henry Casey Camp last spring.



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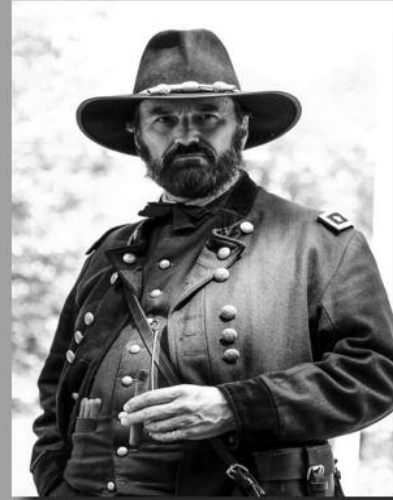
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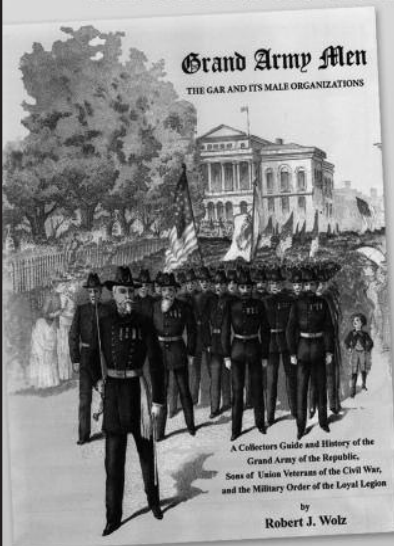
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CALIFORNIA

ORD Barracks

Camp Lincoln 10 of Santa Cruz hosted their 9th Annual Encampment in October at Ord Barracks, with the California Historical Artillery Society headlining the event with cannon, horse teams, a Civil War-era ambulance and a shell display. The National Civil War Association's Norfolk Light Artillery Blues (CSA) also attended the artillery.

The ACWA's 20th Maine assisted the SVR's 8th CA, Inf. Co C. with the Firing detail. Camp Sheridan 4 and Aux Walker 52 of San Jose helped host the event. 14 Exhibit and Living History displays were present.



Left to Right: Kay Scott (as Mrs. Mary Lincoln), Rachelle Campbell, Linn Malaznik (camp 4) Emelia Campbell (Aux 52), Tad Campbell, Dan R. Earl, Frank Avila, Wayne Scott (as President Lincoln), Don Fusilier, Paul Lavrischeff, Tim P. Reese and Kevin Coyne.

POW Event

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 members John Stolp, Camp Commander, PCinC Bob Kadlec (also Vice President of Vietnam veterans of America Chapter 201) and Terry Briggs (also President, Silicon Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution) participated in the dedication ceremony to fly the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flag in front of San Jose City Hall on September 18. Members of Santa Clara County, California Veteran organizations and the general public witnessed the dedication of the historic resolution, unanimously approved by the San Jose City Council, to fly the POW/MIA Flag below the National Colors 365-days a year in front of City Hall.



Following the ceremony, held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, they met with San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera who sponsored the initiative that was unanimously approved by the San Jose City Council, with

the support from Santa Clara County Veteran organizations, to permanently display the POW/MIA Flag at the municipal building. Vice Mayor Herrera is a Vietnam Era Air Force Veteran who supported military personnel returning from Vietnam while stationed on Okinawa. During the ceremony Vice Mayor Herrera recognized the 19,578 POWs and MIAs from the Revolutionary War and the 409,608 Americans (194,743 Union and 214,865 Confederate) listed as POWs and MIAs during the Civil War.

Veterans Day Parade

Members of Department of California & Pacific Phil Sheridan Camp 4, Lincoln Camp 10 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52 participated in the annual United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, California Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Parade on November 11th.



Commander of Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Paul Lavrischeff, led the joint formation to the cheers of thousands gathered along the parade route. The camps were honored to include the participation of PCinC Tad Campbell and Past National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell as they marched down Market Street and fired a musket volley salute in front of the reviewing stand as a tribute to all Veterans and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on the battlefield.

Remembrance Day

Department of California & Pacific Phil Sheridan Camp 4 Held its eighth Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Camp owned Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) plot at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California on November 21st. The service included representation of Company C, 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment Color Guard along with members of the Dr. Mary E. Walker Auxiliary 52.

Camp Commander John E. Stolp led the service at the GAR plot recognizing three Gettysburg battle veterans buried at the Oak Hill GAR Plot, which contain over 400 Union Civil War Veterans.

GAR Post Number 7, C.L. Burdick, recited President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Participants attending the ceremony included

Department of California & Pacific Commander Tom Graham, Past National Auxiliary President Rachelle Campbell and Department Auxiliary President Beverly Graham.



CHESAPEAKE

Sergeant Lowe Recognition

Baltimore's James A. Garfield Camp 1, along with other Brothers from the Department of the Chesapeake, came together August 8th to honor Caleb B. Lowe, a Sergeant with the 13th Maryland Volunteer Infantry. The ceremony included the unveiling of a headstone for Sgt. Lowe's grave, provided by the Veterans Administration. Spearheaded by descendant Mr. John Berthold, the ceremony included period fife and drum accompaniment from Garfield Brother Elias Johnston and his sister Virginia, Daughters of Union Veterans member.



Sergeant Lowe Recognition. Left to right: Brothers Lee Stone, Kevin L. Marin, Sister Rosemary Martin, Brother Gene Mortorff, Ms. Ann Blouse, (image of Sgt. Lowe), Mr. John Berthold, Brothers W. Faron Taylor, Richard Knoepfler, Elias Johnston, and Sister Virginia Johnston. Photo courtesy of Faith Johnston.

Descendants from as far as Ohio traveled to the family graveyard located in northern Baltimore County near the Maryland / Pennsylvania border. In addition to delivering remarks, Garfield Brothers placed flowers on the grave while a period uniformed contingent served as honor guard.

Delaware at Gettysburg

General Alfred T. A. Torbert Camp #1862 members toured the Gettysburg battlefield on July 18th. Areas of particular interest to the camp were areas where Delaware soldiers were positioned. On October 8th camp members performed their semi-annual cleanup around monuments at Gettysburg as part of the park's Adopt-a-Position

Program. The camp maintains areas around three monuments relevant to the camp on Cemetery Ridge and Culp's Hill.



Senior Vice Commander David Pyne raking around the 28th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment monument on Culp's Hill. Two Delaware members of the regiment, both of whom gave their lives to the Union cause at Gettysburg, are interred in Milford, DE.

Loudon Park National Cemetery

Twenty-five Brothers and guests of the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 gathered in Baltimore on Saturday, December 12 to honor unknown and known Union soldiers interred at Loudon Park National Cemetery. The ceremony featured wreath layings and musical accompaniments at the Monument to the Unknown Dead and also the A. W. Dodge Post #44, G.A.R. monument.



Loudon Park National Cemetery. Left to right: Camp 1 Brothers Brian Quillin, Tim McCoy, Bill Leonard, Ed Kinnamon, Larry Slagle, Rick Knoepfler, John Aymold, Mark Newsome, CinC Gene Mortorff, W. Faron Taylor, Dave Henderson, Ed Johnston, Brad Sharpless, Elias Johnston, Peter Johnston, Nathaniel Johnston. Photo courtesy of Sasha Quillin.

Among the attendees were Camp 1 Brother and CinC Gene Mortorff, Department of the Chesapeake Commander Kevin Martin and his wife Rosemary. In addition to the wreath layings, Brothers delivered poignant readings at the monuments and sang songs in reminiscence of nineteenth century observances. Both monuments were erected in the 1890's; the Unknown Dead by the Women's Relief Corps and the Dodge Post monument by the aging veterans themselves.

Loudon Park National Cemetery, originally a military cemetery located within the private Loudon Park Cemetery, is located in southwest Baltimore. It was one of the 14 original national cemeteries established under the National Cemetery Act of July 17, 1862.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Cemetery Tour

On September 26, Centennial Camp 100 of Denver participated with the Arvada Historical Society as part of their Annual Cemetery Tour which was in honor of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. The event was a fundraiser for the Arvada Historical Society and the Arvada Cemetery Association.



Sven Hillring, a 1st Sergeant, 1st Colorado Volunteers stands next to his re-creation of a typical Civil War soldier's campsite.

There are 21 Union Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery, representing both infantry and cavalry. The event was attended by well over 200 people and received very favorable comments in the local media.

FLORIDA

Discussion of Olustee Monument



On 13 June 2015, the 20th Annual Encampment was held in St Cloud, Florida at the Community Center. On a hot June day a warm and friendly lunch was enjoyed by those who attended which included roasted chicken, salads and cake etc. At a little after 1pm the meeting was called to order by Commander Skip Whitlam, who conducted the opening ceremonies.

Under unfinished business some decision of the Olustee Monument project took place. A report of the funds collected for the disbanded Olustee Monument Commission was read by Dept. Treasurer Custer.

ILLINOIS

Events at Oak Hill

On September 19, 2015 Eagle Scout Matt Koberstine of Naperville, Illinois' Troop #889 received the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project, Matt installed new markers on the graves of three Civil War veterans and cleaned and reset the existing markers on 43 other Civil War veterans in Downers Grove's historic Oak Hill Cemetery under the sponsorship of Philip H. Sheridan Camp 2. Presenting the award were Illinois PDC and Sheridan Camp PCC David C. Bailey, Sr. and National Eagle Scout Coordinator and Illinois DC James Locke Lyon.



Left to Right: Eagle Scout Matt Koberstine, Illinois PDC and P. H. Sheridan Camp PCC David C. Bailey, Sr. and National Eagle Scout Coordinator and Illinois DC James Locke Lyon.

Forty-six Civil War veterans are buried in the Oak Hill and Oak Crest Memorial Cemeteries. Most of the graves are of men who served in locally raised units, including veterans of the 13th, 55th, 105th and 156th Illinois Infantries, as well as the 8th Illinois Cavalry. Receiving new markers were: Jacob Escher (Company E, 8th Illinois Cavalry), Judson Farrar (Company E, 8th Illinois Cavalry) and Herman Pilz (Company I, 52nd Ohio Infantry). A fourth veteran, Martin Stanger (Company A, 82nd Illinois Infantry) was later identified as being interred in the cemetery without a headstone. A marker for him will be installed at a later date.

Attendees joined in the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Rifle and artillery salutes were provided respectively by the 8th Veteran Reserve Corps and Mulligan's Battery (an IL SUVCW SVR unit). Memorial wreaths were placed on the graves of those receiving new markers by their descendants. Before the benediction and retiring of the colors, Taps was played by Mr. Richard Wacker of Bugles Across America. The formal dedication was completed with the singing of the Doxology by vocalist Michael Zafran.

INDIANA

Raid on Newburg Presentation

On Friday, 17 July 2015, members of Foster Camp No. 2 of the Department of Indiana offered a presentation in Newburgh, Indiana, on the infamous Confederate raid in

that town in 1862. Camp Commander Joshua Claybourn and Junior Vice Commander Scott Hurst both participated in character.

As a result of the raid, Newburgh became the first town north of the Mason-Dixon line captured by Confederates during the war. Colonel Adam Rankin Johnson (CSA) captured the town using a force of only 35 men. He accomplished the raid thanks to fake cannons which were actually made of stovepipes, charred logs, and the axles and wheels from a broken wagon. These were placed on hills that dominated Newburgh and convinced the Union soldiers in town that resistance to the raiders was futile.

The presentation was made to the Sargent Family Reunion. In gratitude for the camp's assistance the group presented Foster Camp with a check for \$50.00.

IOWA

Redfield GAR Hall

Commander Danny Krock and Past Camp Commander Ron Rittel as they oversaw the election of officers at the Historic G.A.R. Hall in Redfield, Iowa. The building was rededicated on May 25, 2008 after restoration of the second floor and the front porch and balcony. The hall serves as a museum with historical displays, military items and artifacts from the region. The building has been donated to Dallas County and is operated by the Dallas County Conservation Board. Many individuals and organizations, including the Iowa SUVCW, made donations to help restore the building. It is believed it was built in the 1880's and served the Marshall GAR Post. It is located on the east side of the Redfield business district.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Camp Remembers Union General

St. Elijah P. Marrs Camp No 5, Kentucky Dept., recently held a special service to honor and remember a Union general born in central Kentucky.

The camp honored General John Croxton, born in Paris in 1836. He was a graduate of Yale University and studied law under the future wartime governor of Kentucky James Robinson. While attending Yale he embraced the abolitionist cause, alienating him from his slave-holding family.

Croxton was named Lt. Colonel of the 4th Kentucky Mounted Infantry at the beginning of the war and steadily rose in the ranks. He participated in the battles of Mill Springs, Chickamauga and Nashville, among others. He may be best remembered for his raid on Tuscaloosa in April 1865, where his men, whether intentionally or accidentally, burned the University of Alabama. Croxton left the military at the war's end and became U.S. Minister to Bolivia under President Ulysses S. Grant. Croxton contracted tuberculosis, and died in La Paz, Bolivia, in 1874. With great difficulty, his family was

able to return his remains to the Paris Cemetery for burial.

Camp No. 5's ceremony included remarks by Croxton's collateral decedents, a biographical talk, a 21 gun salute, the placing of a wreath and the playing of Taps. Prior to the service, the camp cleaned Croxton's military gravestone.

MICHIGAN

Brother Recognized for Work at Michigan Capitol

On Saturday, August 8th two non-firing replica 10-pound Parrott rifles were unveiled and dedicated on the grounds of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing. The ceremony was the culmination of a two-year fundraising drive spearheaded by Michigan State Senators Mike Kowall and Steve Bieda. The guns replicate those used by the famed Loomis Battery A of the First Michigan Light Artillery Regiment which saw action at Rich Mountain, Stone River, Perryville and Chickamauga. It is believed that the original guns contributed to a World War II scrap metal drive, leaving the stone mounts they stood on.



Brother Douglas Armstrong and Matt Van Acker with one of the replicated guns. A pair of these new guns replaced the original Civil War cannons.

In order to secure the new guns the addition of a third trail piece stone was necessary. Brother Douglas Armstrong, who served as the Department of Michigan Civil War Memorials Officer for several years and professionally works as a mason foreman for Shiffer Mason Contractors, voluntarily installed the foundation, stone and locking mechanism. Brother Armstrong has been recognized during the 2001 National Encampment with a Meritorious Service Award for his work to restore a GAR Memorial in Ovid, Michigan.

The event was attended by numerous Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, representing many of the camps and tents in Michigan. It was also well-attended by the Michigan Civil War re-enactment community and included the firing of two 10 pounders by Battery D of the First Michigan Light Artillery Regiment Inc.

NEBRASKA

Belgian-Born MOH Recipient Honored

On April 11, 2015 members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Nebraska Shiloh, Victor Vifquain and Welstedt Camps performed a ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska commemorating Victor Vifquain's action on April 9, 1865 at Fort Blakely, Alabama, where he was awarded the Medal of Honor.



Left to right: Larry Angle, Keith Rockefeller, Jim Atkins, Gage Stermensky, Joe Mettenbrink, Eric Bachenburg, Nebraska Rangers Commander Captain Marc Witkowski, Nebraska Dept. Commander Bill Dean, Neil Clayburne, Paul Hadley and Nathan Edwards.

Victor Vifquain was born in Brussels, Belgium on May 20, 1836. He traveled to America in 1857, was married in Missouri and settled in Saline County, Nebraska. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the 53rd New York Infantry, the D'Epineuil Zouaves. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and made adjutant of the regiment because of prior military training in Belgium. The unit was mustered out in 1862.

He was then involved in a plot to kidnap Jefferson Davis, an operation virtually unknown until the publication of Vifquain's papers in 2005. The plot was foiled following a narrow escape from Confederate forces. He joined the 97th Illinois Infantry and was promoted to Major in 1863, Lt. Colonel in 1864 and brevetted Colonel in 1864. He served with valor at Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg and in Alabama. At Mobile he led the 97th IL in the assault at Fort Blakely, April 9, 1865, for which he was awarded the Medal of Honor and brevetted Brigadier-General.

NEW YORK

General Thomas Gravesite

On Saturday May 23, as part of the Memorial Day events at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York the Colonel George L. Willard Camp 154, Dept. of NY, dedicated new signs directing visitors to the General George H. Thomas gravesite on the Kellogg Family plot. The dedication took place immediately after the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Veterans' Circle by the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery and the Veterans of Lansingburgh.

At the Thomas gravesite Mr. Michael Barrett, Director

of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, presented introductory comments on the life and career of Gen. Thomas. Willard Camp Commander Leo McGuire offered the opening to original Order #11 describing Decoration Day. Department of New York Commander Ray LeMay III, PCC added remarks recognizing the Willard Camp's work as well as the Dept. of NY's history of involvement with the project. Attendees were escorted by the U.S. Marine veterans of the Leathernecks Revolution Motorcycle Club and the 125th NY Volunteer Infantry reenacting group closed the ceremony with a musket salute.



General Thomas is famous for his 1863 stand which saved the Army of the Cumberland from destruction and earned him the nickname "the Rock of Chickamauga."

Civil War Weapons Preserved

In keeping with the Sons of Union Veterans pledged duty of helping to preserve all that is Civil War related, the Private Silas Gore Camp 141, Bradford County's Sons of Union Veterans representatives, were instrumental in having nineteen vintage firearms, the vast majority of which were Civil War era, donated to the Tioga Point Museum in Athens, Pa.



Members of the Pvt. Silas Gore Camp and administrators from the Waverly Central School District surround Camp Commander Kurt D. Lafy, who is holding one of the nineteen vintage firearms donated to the Tioga Point Museum.

The muskets and rifles had languished in a closet for nearly a score of years before the Waverly, New York school board sought a solution regarding what to do with the relics. A search ensued which led the school board to the Gore Camp. Together with the Museum's representatives, these artifacts of long-ago heroes have found a safe haven and are now fully on display.

NORTH CAROLINA

Memorial Service for Hanged Union Prisoners

On February, 1864, 22 men of Company F, 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Union Volunteers were hanged under orders of General George Pickett (CSA). These men were part of a larger group captured February 1st at Beech Grove, about eight miles west of New Bern, NC.



Left to right: Stephen Sayko (Camp Council), Skip Riddle (Monuments), Rolf Maris (Camp Commander), Dennis C. St. Andrew (NC Department Commander), Travis Masters (Camp Treasurer), Fred Fulcher (Camp Sr. Vice-Commander) and Peter Meyer (Camp Secretary).

All the condemned men had previously served in confederate North Carolina units and were considered by Pickett to be deserters. Their “courts-martial“ were speedy affairs, with few witnesses and little legal defense. The hangings took place behind the Lenoir County Courthouse in Kinston, NC on February 5, 12, 15 and 22.

The NC Union Volunteers, Camp 5, SUVCW, held a Memorial Service to honor these men on November 21, 2015. The Service was conducted by Camp Commander Rolf Cole Maris (also NC Department Chaplain) in Kinston. North Carolina Department Commander Dennis Charles St. Andrew was in attendance. Afterward, a small group visited the Lenoir County marker near the site of the hangings at 108 S. McLewean Street in Kinston.

OHIO

Pike County Heroes Remembered



The Enderlin Camp 73, in partnership with the Pike County Convention and Visitors Bureau dedicated a memorial to Pike County’s Civil War Veterans on Sunday June 7th at 2:00 PM in the Pike County Veterans

Memorial Park. Members of the 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regimental Band provided period Civil War music for the event.

Pike County provided approximately 1,226 soldiers for the Civil War. Of these about 107 died of illness and 35 died for combat-related wounds. An additional 92 soldiers were discharged due to disabilities for illness as opposed to 30 disability discharges for wounds.

Samuel Slavens, a member of Andrews Raiders was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was one of the seven raiders hung in Atlanta, Ga. as a spy. Pike County’s honor roll of Union soldiers include men who died in some of the South’s most notorious POW camps and others who survived or escaped captivity.

Pike County’s last Civil War veteran Samuel Ake Shattuck, age 98, died on November 12, 1940. Ake, who served in the 73rd Ohio, was wounded at Gettysburg but remained in the military until January 24, 1865.

PENNSYLVANIA

Court of Honor

On June 22nd the Eagle Court of Honor was held for Brother Derek Waddington, member of Isaac Eaton Camp 504, Dept. of Pennsylvania. Presenting the Sons of Union Veterans Eagle Scout Certificate was Brother Joel Black, PC. After graduating High School in June of this year, Brother Derek will now be attending College at ‘The Citadel’ in Charleston, S.C. The Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp 504 took the opportunity to extend their congratulations and best wishes in the future to Brother Waddington.



RHODE ISLAND

On September 5, 2014, the Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox), held a special on-field ceremony in honor of the SUVCW Department of Rhode Island and its ongoing effort the preserve the memory of the Rhode Island troops who “fought and died to preserve the Union and to end the scourge of slavery in the Nation.” Brothers of the Department had the honor of presenting the colors to the appreciative crowd and were joined on the field by members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 3rd RI



Heavy Artillery - Sons of Veterans Reserve, and the 2nd RI Infantry. Joined on the pitcher's mound by his wife and son, Department Commander Benjamin J. Frail threw out the ceremonial first pitch to cap off the festivities. With a cannon salute by the 3rd RIHA and the singing of the National Anthem, the ceremony resulted in a rousing ovation for the "Boys in Blue" and for the Brothers of the Order who selflessly give of their time and effort to keep green the memory of their ancestors.

SOUTHWEST

New Camp Established



Members of the U.S. Grant Camp of the new Department of the Southwest. Left to right: Bill Pribil, Dale Enlow (Council Member), Tim Prater (Council Member), Neil Swanson, David Swanson (Camp Commander), David McCormack, Ed Steinback III (Council Member), and Bill Smith.

On September 11th the General U.S. Grant Camp 3, headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona, was officially chartered as a camp-at-large within the department. The Camp, with 17 charter members, is primarily available for those who live in the counties of northern Arizona.

TEXAS

On Saturday, August 15th members and wives of General J.J. Byrne Camp No. 1 of the Department of Texas met in Pioneers Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth for their annual commemoration of the life and death of the Camp's namesake, General James J. Byrne, and to rededicate his gravesite there.

Byrne was born in Ireland in 1841 and moved to New York City as a youth. On July 24, 1862, he was

commissioned a first lieutenant and adjutant of the 163rd New York Volunteer Infantry. On December 11, 1864, he was appointed colonel of the 18th New York Cavalry. Byrne was brevetted to brigadier general and then major general during the Red River Campaign in 1864.

Maj. Gen. Byrne was appointed U.S. Marshal for the northern district of Texas by President Andrew Johnson and later became a surveyor for the Texas and Pacific Railway. He was mortally wounded when the stagecoach in which he was riding was attacked on August 10, 1880 by a band of Apaches under their war chief Victorio. His body was eventually buried in Fort Worth.

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

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
<http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>
 or
 Email Keith G. Harrison (SUVCW PCinC and MOLLUS PCinC) at:
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GEORGIA

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War chartered the Department of Georgia, as well as two new Tents on July 25th, 2015. This was a historic event in the Allied Orders, as the last DUVCW department was chartered over 80 years ago. DUVCW National President Ellen Higgins presided, and Sarah Meyer was installed as the inaugural Department President. All of the DUVCW's national officers attended, as well as a number of Past National Presidents. Tent President Maribeth Brannen, Amanda Stokes Tent #2, DUVCW, was also awarded a Mary Edwards Walker Medal at the event.

Members of the SUCVW Department of Georgia and South Carolina attended in force to support the event. The SVR 7th Military District provided the flag detail and honor guard.



Maj. Eric Peterson, SVR, escorts DUVCW National President Ellen Higgins.

PENNSYLVANIA



Members of the Sarah A. Crawford Aux 43 and the John T. Crawford Camp 43 of were in period attire as part of a local history event. The September 26th celebration at Red Bank Park in Hawthorne was organized by New Bethlehem historians to showcase a new book written on Civil War soldiers from the northern Armstrong & Clarion Counties, complete with photos, maps, and written descriptions of the lives of the soldiers and some of their families.

The ladies decorated their area with patriotic colors and flags and settings of soldier's boxes received from home and clothing, quilts, magazines and food from that time. The ladies shared how the boxes were made, how they got to their intended soldiers and the fact that an occasional 'rat' might be found inside. The ASUV shared its knowledge of women's roles in the Civil War, as well the sort of things they would have worn in those days. The men shared their knowledge with displays of period weaponry. Local residents in attendance enjoyed their visit with the Sons and the Auxiliaries.

NEW YORK

Private Elisha Woodcock and his wife Mary were buried on their family farm in 1905 and 1898 (respectively). They had no way of knowing that their graves would be neglected, one of the stones even being damaged by wandering cows.

The Talcottville Cemetery Association and Lewis County organized to relocate this brave Civil War veteran and his wife to Talcottville Cemetery, where their graves will be cared for. The Walter H. French Camp 17 aided the effort, arranging for \$500 from the SUCVW National Memorial Funds and another \$200 from French Camp in order to cover the cost. New York chapters of the DUVCW and the ASUVCW participated in the July 11th ceremony as well as members of the Walter H. French Camp 17, Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 and Homer-Searle Camp 114. Willard Camp 154 CC Leo McGuire played the bugle for TAPS bringing the ceremony to an end.



Members of the ASUVCW at the Woodcock reburial ceremony at Talcottville Cemetery



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

His name was Bob Fox. He was a Living Historian and a Civil War Re-Enactor, beginning as a private in the 45th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and spending the last decade recreating Dr. Orange Ormsby of the 17th Corps Field Hospital. He was a professional actor, magician and an all-around nice guy. A few months ago he wasn't feeling well, so he went in for medical testing. Cancer was found and he has since gone to his Heavenly Reward. Coming home from his wake, it occurred to me that I had never asked him to join the SUV. I had made an error in this regard. He was the right age, the right disposition, the right direction in this life. I decided that I would start asking friends and acquaintances to join the Allied Orders, not to wait until it was too late for them and for me. Just then, on a busy thoroughfare, a fox crossed the road - and in the headlights of my carriage it looked orange. Nothing Happens In God's World By Mistake. Let's all make an effort to get many others to join us in honoring The Boys In Blue.



Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

Robert E. Augur

Charles W. Canney Camp 5 (NH)
December 20, 2013

Bruce W. Babbitt

North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp 5 (NC)
July 27, 2015

Richard Herbert Bickford

1st Sgt Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7 (FL)
August 4, 2015

David R. Boeck

Col. William Kinsman Camp 23 (IA)
December 3, 2014

Delbert A. Bowman

Col. Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
February 26, 2014

Lansing G. Brisbin III

Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
March 15, 2015

Lyle A. Butler Jr

L A Tift Camp 15 (MA)
April 6, 2015

John Carnprobst

Davis Camp (PA)
February 27, 2015

Harold R. Cummings

Alden Skinner Camp 45 (CT)
April 4, 2015

Charles Buck Custer

Lucius L Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
December 1, 2015

Walter Leonard Davis

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 (CA)
September 27, 2015

Peter T.J. DeLuke

Bradbury Camp 149 (PA)
June 18, 2015

Charles Henry Engle Jr

Missionary Ridge Camp 63 (TN)
December 2, 2015

Wayne R. Gamon

V P Twombly Camp 2 (IA)
March 15, 2015

James A. Getty

Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
September 27, 2015

Gary Russell Greene

Shiloh Camp 2 (NE)
October 19, 2015

Thomas S. Gressman

Colonel James Crowther Camp 89 (PA)
October 10, 2014

Rodney Ray Grim

Henry Casey Camp 92 (OH)
December 1, 2013

Gregory Kent Helm

Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp 2 (TX)
November 3, 2015

Curtis W. Helwick

Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12 (CO)
September 10, 2013

Daniel Dutch Herringa

Robert Finch Camp 14 (MI)
November 27, 2015

Gordon A. Holt

Gov Isaac Stevens Camp 1 (WA)
August 7, 2015

Richard W. Horton

Frederick H Hackeman Camp 85 (MI)
January 14, 2013

Cornelius Eric Hubner

Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
May 5, 2014

Stephen Douglas Jenner

Camp: James J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX)
October 7, 2015

Thomas Edmund Keenan

Moses A Baldwin Camp 544 (NY)
December 31, 2014

Dr. Karl D. Kvistberg

Col William Colvill Camp 56 (WI)
September 28, 2013

Robert Andrew Levensgood

J S Durgin Camp 9 (NH)
November 20, 2014

Kevin M. Lynch

Col George L Willard Camp 154 (NY)
February 13, 2014

Joseph R. Marsden

Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
April 7, 2015

Edward Morgan III

Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 (VA)
July 25, 2015

Ethan A. Schmidt

Col Patrick Coyne Camp 1 (KS)
September 14, 2015

Richard D. Sherlock

Fort Donelson Camp 62 (TN)
May 15, 2015

William G. Shillington

Abraham Lincoln Camp 6 (NY)
May 8, 2014

Norman T. Sly

Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
April 1, 2014

Richard H. Smyser I

Given Camp 51 (OH)
April 5, 2014

Jerry Stephens

Humboldt Camp 9 (KS)
May 24, 2015

Raymond Sulger

Lt Ezra S Griffin Camp 8 PA
November 19, 2015

Johnny Williams

Jeremiah Smith Camp 1 (OK)
September 23, 2015

SVR GUIDON



THE MONITOR REMEMBERED WITH HELP OF CO. I

On Friday May 29th NOAA unveiled a USS Monitor Trail Marker at the Greenpoint Monitor Museum, which sits on launch site of the famous ironclad. The weather was warm and sunny. The ceremony started at 10:30 A.M. Co. I, 83rd NY Vol. Inf (9th NYSM) Sons of Veterans Reserve lead the Color Guard which included three Midshipmen from Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy.

10TH REG. PROVIDES SUPPORT IN MIDDLE TENN.

In keeping with the spirit of General Logan's Original Memorial Day Order, the 10th Regiment, Tennessee USVI, SVR participated in ceremonies throughout Middle Tennessee. This included Fort Negley, which was a key part of Nashville's defenses but was never attacked by Confederate troops. Fort Negley Park remains an active Civil War site due to its preserved state.



DEMONSTRATION AT PRESIDIO BY 8TH CALIFORNIA INFANTRY

Members of the 8th Calif. Infantry, Company C of the SVR performed for the Public on the firing demonstration field at the 9th Annual ORD Barracks Civil War Encampment on the Presidio Museum Grounds, October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Monterey CA. This was in conjunction with the City of Monterey's History Fest celebration.

BRIDGEWATER SCOUTS AT CAMP NELSON, KENTUCKY

On June 28, 2015 the Bridgewater Scouts SVR Company and the 8th TN Volunteer Infantry reenactor company held a memorial service in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

Camp Nelson was established in Jessamine County, Kentucky in 1863 and served as a large recruiting and training depot. A small plot of land next to the Camp hospital was used as a graveyard for the men who died there. A total of 379 men were buried there between June 1863 and July 1865. A second area was later added. This is the present location of the National Cemetery. According to the cemetery records, approximately 1,180 men were buried there by February 1866. After the end of the Rebellion, the federal government initiated a program to locate and reinter Union dead in national cemeteries. As a result, in June and July 1868, a total of 2,023 remains were removed from areas in Kentucky and reinterred at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. In 1998, the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865 erected a granite monument dedicated to the memory of the soldiers.

The 8th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment was organized in Kentucky at Camps Dick Robinson and Nelson between November 11, 1862 and August 11, 1863. Scouts commander Timothy Downey spoke with 8th TN commander Steve Lundberg earlier in the year about the service and requested that the SVR hold the 1917 GAR Service of Dedication.

The service was held at the Daughters monument. Downey and SVR Brother Chris Workman presented the ritual's spoken parts. Lundberg presented the service record of the 8th TN. The 8th fired the volley salute (photo at top), Brother Bruce Austin played Taps on his bugle.

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CORPORAL CRADY DEDICATION



On July 4, 2015 the Bridgewater Scouts, SVR Company and A Company, Frankfort Battalion, 1st Capital Guards, SVR Company held a monument dedication near Hodgenville, KY. The dedication was for Corporal Thomas Franklin Crady.

Crady was enrolled August 1, 1863 in the 33rd KY Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He was mustered in December 3, 1863 in Louisville. The 33rd was consolidated with the 26th KY Volunteer Infantry Regiment April 1, 1864. Crady had been made a Corporal in D Company of the 33rd before it was consolidated with the 26th, in which he served as the same rank in K Company.

After seeing much action Crady was murdered in November, 1864 while on sick leave in Larue County by guerrillas. Several descendants of the Crady family were in attendance and were very appreciative of SVR efforts. The 1917 GAR Service was used for the dedication.

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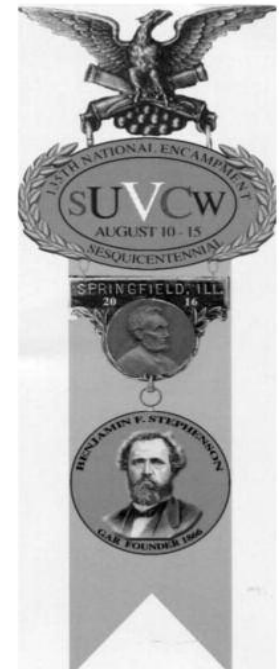


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Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$96.99 for single/quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "**Sons of Union Veterans**". **Reserve your room by March 25, 2016.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 16th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a documentary film by the Lincoln Monument Assoc. on the history of Lincoln's Tomb. Luncheon cost is \$29 per person. For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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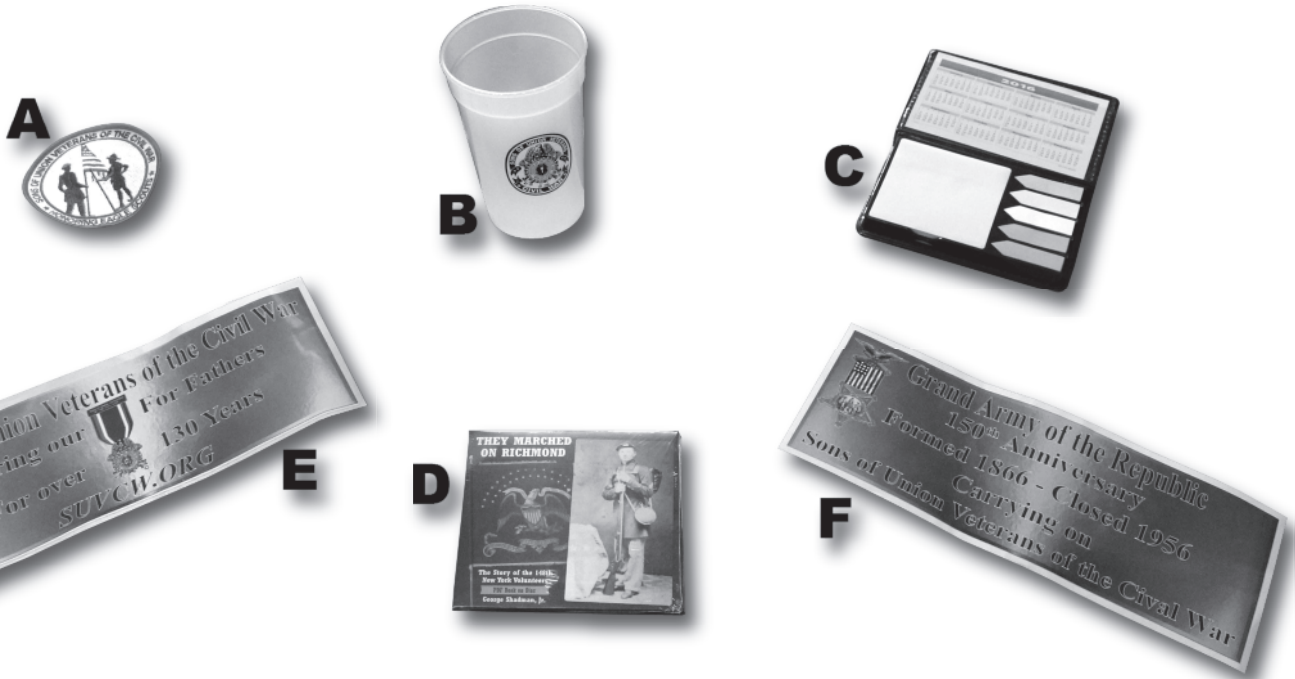
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NEW AND NOTABLE BOOKS

FORGOTTEN FIGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA

“To Prepare for Sherman’s Coming”: The Battle of Wise’s Forks, March 1865 by Wade Sokolosky and Mark Smith. Published by Savas Beaty, October 2015.

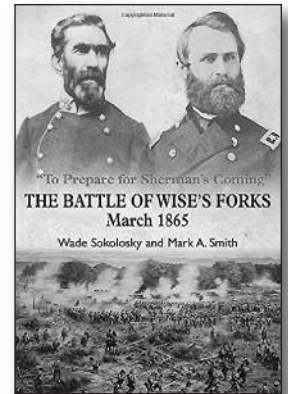
The New Bern beachhead established in 1862 in North Carolina is a subject rarely visited by Civil War historians, even though the fighting in this colorful “war within a war” saw all sorts of curious incidents and raids. The team that brought you *No Such Army Since the Days of Julius Caesar* studies the culmination of the war in Eastern North Carolina, when a reinforced Union Army finally staged a breakout from the coast. This resulted in the Battle of Wise’s Forks, one of the last battles of the Civil War, a vicious fight, a close-run thing... and an event largely forgotten today.

Sokolosky and Smith set the stage for the reader, informing you about the strategic situation in North Carolina by March 1865. Sherman was already marching northward, having devastated Georgia and South Carolina along the way. General Joseph E. Johnston, CSA, had only the remnants of Confederate armies defeated on various fronts including the Army of Tennessee, whose epic journey from Mississippi to North Carolina is a story in itself. The Union also performed a miracle of logistics, moving the XXIII Corps from Tennessee to the Union bridgehead at New Bern by way of railroad and steamship.

The two sides met each other at Wise’s Forks when the Union forces attempted a breakout at Kinston in order to meet with Sherman’s army. Johnston grasped at the only straw he could, the possibility of defeating XXIII Corps first and then turning to defeat Sherman before the two armies could unite.

The decimated legions of the Army of Tennessee were all hardened veterans of western fighting, augmented by soldiers from Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia and by the North Carolina Junior Reserves. The Union Army’s XXIII Corps was filled with veteran soldiers too, and in larger numbers, but lack of transportation would limit their ability to bring up reinforcements and supplies.

This book is well illustrated with photos and maps and tells the story through vignettes of the various soldiers involved, whether they be ordinary privates or generals. A great book and a terrific addition to anyone’s Civil War library.



GUERRILLA WARFARE IN KENTUCKY

Wild Wolf: The Great Civil War Rivalry by Ronald Wolford Blair. Published by Acclaim Press, December 2015.

Kentucky attempted to remain neutral but that didn’t last long. A so-called “border state,” Kentucky became a land of divided loyalties. Although a slave state, it remained in the Union. Despite its pro-Confederate governor, its legislature would ask for Union troops. Even the soldiers initially raised for its defense were divided between pro-southern State Guard and the pro-Union Home Guard. It would have been a wonder had guerrilla warfare NOT broken out in Kentucky.

Colonel Frank Wolford was commissioned to lead the 1st Kentucky Cavalry (Union) and became one of the premier cavalry commanders in Kentucky. His opposite number was John Hunt Morgan, who had organized the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry (CSA) and who would launch several raids into Kentucky in support of regular Confederate efforts to place the state under the control of a “government-in-exile.” Fighting would bring Wolford into pro-Union east Tennessee and Morgan into Indiana and Ohio. In between both commanders would fight guerrillas.

Wolford, however, became a controversial figure. Although a Unionist, he had grave doubts about President Lincoln’s circumvention of civil liberties in order to prevent sedition, and he publicly criticized efforts to enlist African-Americans into the Union Army, believing that this was turning the conflict from a War for Union to a “war against slavery.” He was removed from command by the President in 1864.

Today many people remember Morgan’s Raid. Relatively few know of General Wolford, despite his successes.

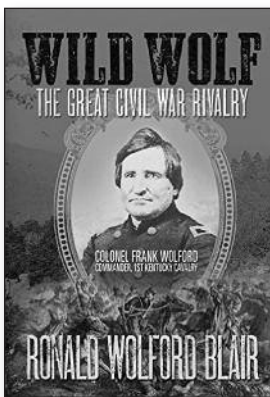
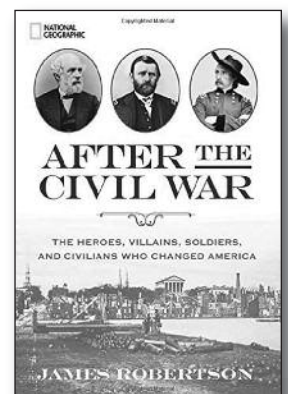
The book is well-written and well-illustrated with photographs. Blair works hard to provide the reader details about the key battles involving Wolford, as well as anecdotes which illustrate the nature of the Civil War in Kentucky.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?

After the Civil War: The Heroes, Villains, Soldiers and Civilians Who Changed America by James Robertson. Published by National Geographic Society, October 2015.

Few lives, North or South, were unaffected by the War. But many famous figures of the Civil War lived on to lead interesting (or tragic) lives well after the shooting stopped. Some of the stories, such as Lee’s postwar life in academia or George Armstrong Custer’s end at the Little Bighorn might be familiar. Others, like the fact that David Glasgow Farragut became the first United States Navy admiral in 1866 or photographer Mathew B. Brady, the famous photographer of the Civil War, wound up penniless and forgotten at his death.

This book is divided into many vignettes of Civil War notables, some of whom were famous in the war and then moved on and others who were unknown participants of the War but later made their mark on American history. Good writing and many photographs make this a fine addition to anyone’s Civil War library.



COLLECTING

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AND THE SONS OF VETERANS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian



Sons of Veterans brother wearing a Spanish-American War-era uniform, including a Mills cartridge belt.



Type I War Medal



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All members of the Sons of Veterans, now known as the Sons of Union Veterans, were uniformed and required to attend twice monthly drill training and two weeks summer camp to perfect their military skills. This universal military training resulted in numerous Sons serving in the Spanish American War, thus becoming veterans in their own right.

They created the United Spanish War Veterans, whose chapters were also known as “Camps,” and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Sons’ Commander-in-Chief, Charles Darling, was unable to attend the 1898 national encampment as he was leading his regiment in Puerto Rico. Commander Darling issued General Orders # 2 Series of 1898 stating: “Companies, regiments, possibly brigades, would spring from our organization throughout the land, should the call be made; but all must be duly accepted and mustered by the constituted authorities and by them officered...It is fully expected that our members will perform their duty, wherever the path of that duty lies, and here it is believed the matter may be safely left.”

Camp 11 located in Manila became a company of the 10th Pennsylvania and Camp 12 at Santa Paula, Philippines, Department of California and the Pacific were enlisted in the 7th California. Co. L, 33rd Michigan Infantry were made up entirely of members of the Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans USA. Michigan Camp 248 located at Augusta, Georgia was enrolled in Co. B, 35th Michigan. Camp 59 of Princeton, Minnesota enrolled in Company M, 14th Minnesota. Pennsylvania Camp 121 at Milton formed Company C 12th Pennsylvania Infantry. Camp 269 at New Castle formed Company B of the 16th Pennsylvania. Many Kansas brothers mustered into the 20th and 21st Kansas.

Many individual Sons volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War from all the states. Of the 379 US soldiers who died in the Spanish American War, 40 were members of the Sons of Veterans USA. A War Service medal was authorized to honor those veterans who were Sons members who served in combat. Congress donated captured Spanish cannon to supply the bronze to manufacture it. They were hallmarked on the reverse “Sons of Veterans USA War Service” and bear an individual serial number. A numbered certificate bore the same number as the badge and was presented to the members of the Sons who saw combat in the Spanish-American War. A 115 page booklet entitled “The Roll of Honor of the Sons of Veterans, USA” was published in 1899 listing 1,967 Sons who served with honor in the Spanish-American War of 1898. It should also be noted that some camps failed to report their veterans so the exact count is unknown.

Note the photo identified as Ohio National Guard are wearing their Sons of Veterans uniforms and the drum itself is lettered Sons of Veterans.

Collectibles would include Type I War Medals made of captured Spanish cannon as well as a matching certificate, uniforms, kepis, swords and even belt buckles made to fit the cartridge belts of the time.



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