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KUDOS IN ORDER

Wm. B. Keith Camp 12's Br. Len Becker was named Nevada's August Veteran of the Month. Br. Len retired from the U.S. Army as a Capt. after 23 years of service. He's volunteered at the 99th Medical Support Sqdn. satellite pharmacy since 1996. He dispenses more than 2,000 prescription orders daily and helped the pharmacy return outdated prescriptions, helping save \$40k annually. *Photo by AIC Daniel Hughes.*



In 2012, the SUVCW has 6,337 Brothers in Good Standing. This total represents 5,304 Members, 13 Real Sons, 350 Life Members, 4 Honorary Members, and 569 Associates. The total reflects an increase of 38 from 2011 for a 1% gain. Additionally, there are 97 Juniors and 4 Junior Associates. There are 266 Camps in 28 Departments and 4 Camps-at-Large (NMAL). (The NMAL is composed of Brothers, who live in a state that's not currently administered by a Department.) There are 197 Dual Members and 12 Brothers serving in a War Zone.

On The Cover: Joining new CinC Perley Mellor shortly after his installation are (standing left to right) Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 PCC David Schleeter (CA & Pac) and Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth Camp 18 CC Don Gates (Dept. of Texas), DSVC Tim Reese and Br. Paul Lavrischeff (CA & Pac). Kneeling are fifer Garrett Hasslinger, Lincoln Camp 10, and drummer Chris Avila, Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (Dept. of CA & Pacific). Photo by Sr. Cher Petrovic



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

I am truly humbled, honored and appreciative to all the Brothers that attended the 131st Nat. Encampment in Los Angeles, California for electing me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. The faith you have placed in my abilities is remarkable and I will do my level best to discharge the duties of this high office during my 2012-2013 term.

I wish to thank the Dept. of Cal. & Pac for hosting an excellent 131st Nat. Encampment in Los Angeles. The Brothers that attended this Encampment were treated to some special events that will generate memories that will hopefully last a lifetime

Congratulations go out to the newly elected Presidents of the Allied Orders. Our primary objective is to perpetuate the memory of the GAR and those that fought to preserve this great Union. To the Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 (DUVCW), Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW): we are all in this together. You have my complete support; please feel free to call on me any time.

The Vision & Planning Committee and the Committee on Promotion & Marketing were not made Standing Committees at the Nat. Encampment. I am reappointing both of these committees for another year with the chairmen and membership to be defined in the Nat. Committee listing to be posted soon.

To support the Vision 2020 Plan, I am forming a new special committee. The Nat. Committee on Fund Raising will examine the fund raising proposal submitted by Br. Glenn Knight and other possible fund raising actions and report back to the encampment next year with a plan for implementation.

Also, the Civil War Sesquicentennial is upon us. We must take full advantage of the Sesquicentennial as we work towards our vision; we will not have an opportunity like this again for the foreseeable future. We need to use this period of time to recruit as many new Brothers as possible and to reach out to the Brothers that have let their dues lapse. We should be able to increase our membership by 400 by August 2013.

The CinC's HQ will be located at 16 Norma Dr., Nashua, NH, 03062-1340 and all correspondence to me may be mailed to this address. Correspondence may also

be e-mailed to cinc@suvchw.org. To speak with me, please phone (603) 880-4699.

Correspondence concerning new members, membership reporting, finances dealing with annual reports or historical information with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Nat. HQ should be directed to David W. Demmy, Sr., Executive Director, at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat. Civil War Museum), Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000; execdir@suvchw.org.

All correspondence regarding the finances of the Order should be sent to Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr, PCinC, 153 Connie Drive, Pittsburg, PA 15214-1251, (412) 931-1173; treasurer@suvchw.org.

All communications, resolutions, requests for merchandise licenses and general correspondence should be directed to Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, PDC, 70 Curtis Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316, (717) 476-9573; secretary@suvchw.org.

The Nat. Chief of Staff will coordinate the CinC's travel schedule. Departments should contact the Chief of Staff with Dept. Encampments dates before the November Council of Admin. meeting, if possible. Planning for Dept. Encampments attendance must be done as soon as possible in order to make sure every Dept. Encampment is attended by either the CinC or his representative. Dept. Encampment dates and locations should be sent to Nat. Chief of Staff Ed Norris, 91 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523-1959, (978) 365-7628; norris.ed@comcast.net.

Application for Civil War Memorial Grants and requests for Eagle Scout Certificates should be directed to Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, 9519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527; (636) 274-4567, rpetro7776@aol.com.

All requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to Nat. Quartermaster, Danny L. Wheeler, PCinC, 5 Benny Lane, Ithaca, NY 14850; (607) 272-7314, QM@suvchw.org.

All Departments are encouraged to submit articles for the BANNER. Articles should be submitted to Banner Editor Stephen Michaels, PCinC, 6623 S. North Cape Road, Franklin, WI 53132, (414) 425-4648 (phone and fax), banner@suvchw.org.

The death of a Brother should be reported to Nat. Chaplain, Jerome W. Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley, Elmhurst, IL 60126, paptom@msn.com. Please include the deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, name of Camp and Dept. and the rank and unit of his Union ancestor.

All Camps are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to their Dept. HQ on time. All Departments are instructed to forward annual reports, per capita and officer installation forms to Nat. Headquarters on time. It may be necessary to drop

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NEW CINC FOLLOWS FAMILY TRADITION



Br. Perley Mellor's family has been active in the Allied Orders for as long as he can remember. His grandfather, Henry Mellor, was Camp Sr. Vice Commander in 1944. Both of his grandmothers and some of his aunts were in the Auxiliary. His father, Clark W. Mellor, was Commander-in-Chief (1988-89). His mother, Elizabeth, was a life member and Past Dept. of Mass. Pres. of the Auxiliary and a sister in the WRC.

Br. Perley joined the Sons in 1960 as a member of Willie Grout Camp 25, Worcester, MA. He based his membership on the service of Sgt. Clark W. James, Co. D, 1st Conn. Hvy. Art. and Co. K, 21st Conn. Inf., as well as Pvt. Wm. H. Mellor, Co. H, 34th Mass. Inf. (both comrades of George H. Ward GAR Post 10, Worcester), and Pvt. Andrew Lucia, Co. D, 13th Reg., Vt. Vol. Inf.

He was elected Camp Commander in 1964. He also served as New England Regional Assoc. Commander and in numerous offices at the Camp and Dept. levels, including three terms as Mass. Dept. Co., and on the 2008 Nat. Encampment Comm. He is a graduate of Memorial University and a Life member. He's a dual member of New Hampshire's W.W. Brown Camp 1.

At the national level, Br. Perley's served as Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, on the Nat. Council of Administration (3 yrs.), as Nat. Liaison to Cathedral of the Pines, on the Civil War Memorials Grant Committee and on the Nat. ROTC/JROTC Program as Asst. to PCinC Danny Wheeler,

Br. Mellor retired from the USAF in 1984 after 20 years' service, is a member of the American Legion Post 48, Hudson NH, and a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans, Squamscott Post 13. He is retired from BAE Systems (aka Sanders, a Lockheed Company) and is Recording Secretary for the NH Chapter of ASIS International.

His wife Diane of 45 years is now Mass. Aux. Dept. Pres. and Nat. ASUVCW Vice Pres. His three daughters, Jennifer, Heather, and Veronica, are officers of Willie Grout Aux. 25 and the Dept. of Mass. He has four grandchildren: three girls and one boy.

OHIOAN ELECTED AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Sr. Jane Graham was elected Nat. President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW at its Nat. Encampment in Los Angeles. She joined the Auxiliary 49 years ago under her husband's lineage. Since then, she discovered that she's the great great granddaughter of Samuel E. Crawford, who mustered into the 104th Ohio Vol. Inf. in Lisbon, Ohio, in 1861 and served until the war's end in 1865.

Sr. Jane has served in all of the local Aux. offices and at the Dept. level, has held all positions except Treasurer. Coincidentally, she received her first Nat. appointment in 1973 in Palm Springs, Cal. Serving as Nat. Chief of Staff was one of the most memorable years of her life. Since that time, she's been Chief of Staff twice more and has held several floor offices. She's also been active in the Central Regional, serving as its President several years ago.

Sr. Jane is the mother of one daughter, four grandsons, and three great granddaughters. All of her grandsons are members of the Sons and one is serving as Jr. Vice Commander of his Camp. Her husband is a Past Dept. Commander, so her family has been very active in the Allied Orders. She is a retired Special Education Teacher and loved every minute of working with her special kids.



The Woman's Relief Corps new Nat. President is Shirley Grant from Hillsboro, WI.



Judy Rock of New Baltimore, MI was re-elected Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Nat. President.



The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1861-1865) elected Carole Morton of Granada Hills, CA its new Nat. President



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members and suspend Camps to complete this obligation. Our Camps and Departments must be firm in their obligations.

Please make every effort to keep Camp and Dept. websites up to date. These websites serve as a vital means of communication, and for some Camps and Departments, the only means of communication. It is imperative that schedules of meetings, events and other activities are maintained. These websites are also resources for the general public, especially those that are contemplating membership in our Order. We must show that we are an active organization.

All Nat. Officers and Committees shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Admin. meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Admin. meeting and a final report for the 132nd Nat. Encampment. All Dept. Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their respective Departments upon the same schedule.

It is the intention of the CinC to continue the program of recognizing Brother's for their recruiting efforts. A Brother who recruits at least three new Members or Associates during the 2012-2013 administrative year will be declared a Nat. Aide in General Orders and be issued a ribbon with the Nat. Organization's colors to be pinned behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits

five or more new Brothers or Associates in that time will, in addition, receive a Certificate of Merit. All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported to the Nat. Secretary through Dept. Secretaries by July 1, 2013.

I am looking forward to meeting as many Brothers as possible and addressing the challenges that we will face over the next year. Hope to see everyone in August 2013 at the 132nd Nat. Encampment in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Ordered this 22nd Day of August 2012

By order of:

Perley E. Mellor
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:

PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

Visit <http://www.suvcw.org/go/go.htm> for subsequent General Orders.



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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://suvcw.org/mollus.htm>

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

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

BATTLE OF MONTEVALLO DEDICATION

Missouri's Phelps Camp 66 and Westport Camp 64 participated in the Battle of Montevallo Monument Dedication on April 14th. The Sesquicentennial Signature Event was held near Nevada, Mo. An estimated 75 people attended on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Montevallo. The ceremony included an historical description of the two day battle by the Vernon Cty. Historical Society; a personal story of the battle's impact on the Gabbert family by descendant and SUVCW Br. Robert Capps; and a reenactment of the skirmish by SUVCW members and Elliot's Scouts.

In 1862, Confederate forces were moving south through Missouri to re-organize while Union troops were positioning along the Missouri-Kansas border to stabilize and protect the civilian population. These forces collided in Montevallo, Mo. and many other Missouri towns. On April 13, 1862, 22 men from the 1st IA Cav. arrived and quartered themselves at the Scobey Hotel. That night, Confederates attacked the hotel with 25 men, resulting in two men killed on each side. The next morning, the 1st IA Cav. declared Montevallo a Confederate bushwhacker hideout and proceeded to burn the town. Montevallo was only four miles from Col. John Coffee's encampment of 250 Confederate troops. Fortunate for the 1st Iowa Cav., Col. Coffee continued south instead of engaging the small Union garrison.

The dedication ceremony was hosted by the Vernon County Historical Society with participation by Camps 61 and 64, the SCV and Elliot's Scouts.



GARFIELD'S HOME HOSTS EVENT

On July 14-15, James A. Garfield Camp 142, Eliza Garfield Aux. 142 and the Ohio Naval Brigade, SVR, in conjunction with the National Park Service, organized the second of two annual sesquicentennial events at James A. Garfield's Lawnfield Presidential Home in Mentor, Ohio.



PCC Tim Graham and Br. Fred Previts display their Camp flag.

James A. Garfield served as a Union Officer in 1861-1863, leaving the Army after seeing action at the Battle of Chickamauga to serve in Congress, then as U.S. President. This Sesquicentennial Event was planned to take place each year during 2011-2012, following the war's progress and the experiences of Ohio's Soldiers & Sailors, with a focus on Pres Garfield.

This year's event included performances from the Camp Chase Fifes and Drums, battle re-enactments, and spectator participation in soldier drill and camp life. The Garfield home displayed historical artifacts. The Ohio Naval Brigade educated the public about U.S. Naval participation during the war, did some recruiting and provided SUVCW information to the public.



Brs. Karl Johnson and Gage Georgeff display Naval accoutrements.

DERRY CIVIL WAR DAYS

The Dept. of New Hampshire held a highly successful Sesquicentennial Event on June 30th at First Parish Church and nearby Forest Hill Cemetery in Derry, New Hampshire. The event was co-sponsored by the Gilman E. Sleeper Camp 60 and the Friends of Forest Hill Cemetery with the backing of the Derry Heritage Commission, Derry Town Historian, and First Parish Church Historic Committee.

A Civil War encampment, sponsored by Camp 60 brought the year 1862 back to life in an event heavily attended by the public.

The high point of the day was a deeply moving memorial ceremony presided over by then Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor that witnessed a wreath laying in the cemetery at the newly restored grave of Pvt. John MacPherson of Co. D, 54th Mass. Re-enactors from Co. A, 54th Mass., along with Dept. of New Hampshire brothers in period dress, honored the former slave-turned-soldier with some fine oration, rifle volleys and a prayer. A spirited collation followed, as did three additional services, honoring southern New Hampshire's participation in the Civil War. Submitted by CSVC J. Cullinane



NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S FORMAL OPINIONS

By PCinC James B. Pahl, Esq.

OPINION V - on whether an elected delegate, Dept. Co., Past Dept. Co. or PCinC may attend and be seated as delegates if their Dept. is not in good standing. The elected delegates and alternates of a Dept. may not be seated at the Nat. Encampment if their Dept. is under suspension. The question was answered in the 57th Nat. Encampment (1938, Des Moines, Iowa) Proceedings by then Nat. Counselor Howard.

Therefore, current Dept. Co., all delegates and alternates elected by a Dept. under suspension may not be seated at a Nat. Encampment. Any PDC and any PCinC, so long as they are personally in good standing, may be seated at a Nat. Encampment, even if their home Dept. is under suspension. The honor is bestowed upon them for past service and cannot be taken from them unless they resign, are discharged, are not personally in good standing, or as the result of a disciplinary hearing.

OPINION VI - on whether a candidate for elected Nat. office must be present at the Nat. Encampment to be elected:

Chap. II, Art. IV, Sec. 2 reads in part: "... No Brother shall be eligible to election to the office of Dept. Co. who is not present and entitled to vote at the Dept. Encampment. ..." Such language is not found elsewhere in Nat. Regulations. One must presume such omission was intentional, when a Nat. Encampment saw fit to place

this restriction on the office of Dept. Co.

A previous Nat. Encampment allowed a Nat. Council of Administration candidate to run for office while not present. At the 2008 Nat. Encampment in Peabody, Mass., the name of Don Shaw was put forward for this office. There was an objection from the floor, as Br. Shaw was not present. The CinC ruled the objection was valid and declared you must be present to be a candidate. This decision was appealed to the floor of the Encampment, where the vote of the Nat. Encampment was to allow the brother to be a candidate while not present. (127th Nat. Encampment, pages 73 & 74.)

Therefore, any candidate for elected Nat. office need not be present to be a candidate and to be elected. However, such brother cannot assume the duties of office until they are formally installed.

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A special commemorative medal has been produced, celebrating the GAR's last National Encampment in Wisconsin.

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Ticket orders received after 12 November will be distributed at the Ball

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THE 131ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

by PCinC James B. Pahl

Ninety-nine brothers were present on the floor of the National Encampment at the time the doors were closed for election of National Officers.

Perley Mellor of the Dept. of Massachusetts was elected Commander-in-Chief. Ken Freshley of the Dept. of Ohio was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Tadd Campbell of the Dept. of California/Pacific was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Council of Administration: Steve Hammond of the Dept. of the Chesapeake was re-elected, with Don Shaw of the Dept. of Michigan being elected to the position vacated by Tad Campbell.

The New Life member program was adopted, creating five brackets. There is no payout to the Camps, however, the plan allows for interest and principal payments to National's General fund of \$23 per year

- Under 40 - \$1,000.00
- 41 to 50 - \$700.00
- 51 to 60 - \$500.00
- 61 to 70 - \$300.00
- 71 plus - \$200.00



JVCinC Tad Campbell

The Ritual was amended to allow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to render a hand salute rather than removing the hat or cap during the playing of the National Anthem, the "Star Spangled Banner".

A special committee was formed for the purpose of examining the proposed fund raising plan submitted by PDC Glenn Knight, consider other options and recommend a plan at the 132nd Nat. Encampment.

The Patriotic Instructor's recommendation to develop a visual/audio program for Camps and Departments was approved. Memorial University is to be redesigned to a simpler, more accessible format.

The Nat. Civil War Memorials Committee is almost ready to place their data base on-line.

The Nat. Organization relinquished any claim they might have upon the published works of the Grand Army of the Republic contained in the HathiTrust Digital Library and requested the HathiTrust Digital Library open said works up for access by the general public.

There was a proposal to waive National Per Capita for A dual member for other than his "home" Camp. This was resoundingly defeated.

A new GAR Records Project Plan was adopted including consolidating information into Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, expand the spreadsheets to allow for additional information, convert those spreadsheets into web-ready format and place this data into a separate internet domain

specifically for GAR Records Project, launch at new GAR Records Project information web site and standardize forms for public use in submitting information on the whereabouts to GAR records.

The Encampment approved the purchase of a commercial pop-up tent and donating it to the Lincoln Monument Association, for use during ceremonies at the Lincoln tomb during inclement weather. (this is pending approval by MOLLUS)



PDC Don Shaw



PDC Steve Hammond





**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 9, 2012
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting was opened by CinC Palmer at 8:18 PM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Palmer thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments.

Break at 8:21. Reconvened at 8:42.

The Nat. Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and guests present: CinC Donald D. Palmer Jr., SVCinC Perley Mellor, Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Steve Hammond, Tad D. Campbell, Donald Martin, and Immediate PCinC Brad Schall. PCinCs included: Stephen Michaels (Banner), Ed Krieser, Andy Johnson, Leo Kennedy, Robert Grim, George Powell, Donald Darby, Elmer Atkinson and Jim Pahl. Guests included: Exec Director David Demmy Sr., Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, PCC Henry E. Shaw, PCC Ed Norris, DC David LaBrot, and PDC Bob Wolz. Excused: JVCinC Freshley and Council Member Vieira.

Chaplain's Award. Chaplain Kowalski proposed a recognition for the Order's worthy chaplains, which was well received. He will speak to the Nat. Encampment about it.

Dept. of Ill. Committee. Formed for placing a "Unity Monument Award" at the Stephenson gravesite in Petersburg, Ill., in time for the GAR Sesquicentennial. The Nat. Treasurer suggested the GAR Fund as a source for the \$1000 needed. A formal request needs to be made to the CofA. If a regular award is to be made, the Programs and Policy committee should look at the awards policy.

Nat. Secretary Annual Report additions (two Electronic Boardroom motions):
Motion 24 Approved = Br. Orr moved, Br. Vieira seconded, that the Nat. Treasurer be empowered to pay all proper and legal financial obligations of the Order pending adoption of a budget for the 2012 fiscal year.
Motion 25 Disapproved = Br. Orr moved, Br. Mortorff seconded, that we approve the MSA w/ gold star for Br. XXX.

Tax Advice. The Nat. Treasurer announced that effective 1 July (past), only attorneys or licensed CPAs can lawfully give tax advice. To avoid liability, the Nat. Treas. will no longer be providing tax advice to SUVCW members, Camps or Departments.

Non-Profit 501c3 Status. Br. Henry Shaw referred to his report and offered to answer any questions. The Nat. Treas. recommended delaying discussion until PCinC Pahl's arrival. He then provided differences between the

lawyer he preferred, and the lawyer identified by Br. Shaw. Most of those involved fees and costs. The largest expenses will be incurred by registering with the 39 states, if a 501c3(or 4) intends to solicit funds in those states. Some questioned if it was in our Order's best interest to convert to 501c3 considering the cost of registering and other options available. Our Asst. Treasurers could be used to help file the state forms. CinC Palmer suspended discussion until PCinC Pahl's arrival.

Tax Insurance Documents. The Nat. Treas. indicated that copies of all tax and insurance documents were available for inspection. Discussion followed about specific insurance coverage for Departments and Camps. Our current policy allows for Camps and Departments to purchase insurance for a specific event from the company. Cost figures were not available.

Trademark & Copyright Policy. Copies of the proposed Trademark and Copyright Policies were provided by and explained to the CofA by Br. Ed Norris. Service marks were discussed. Br. Orr moved, Br. Mortorff amended and Br. Martin seconded, to approve the language of the new policy. Passed unanimously.

Life Membership Program. PCinC Schall presented a program, bringing the bleeding of per capita nearly to a stop and keeping the life memberships affordable and available. Asking all current reimbursable life members which Camp should receive the reimbursement was considered. No action taken. The CinC referred the recommendations to the Nat. Encampment for action.

Annual Audit. Br. Orr moved, seconded by Br. Petrovic seconded to have the Nat. Treas. engage an auditor (same as last year), up to \$5500, to conduct the FY 2012 Audit. Passed unanimously.

Recessed at 10:20. Resumed at 10:30. PCinC Pahl arrived at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Simcoe At-Large Camp. Since its chartering two years ago in Washington State, it has not submitted any reports. As of this meeting, the Camp has not responded to inquiries or provided required reports. The CinC ordered the Camp's charter suspended and that the Camp be notified via certified mail with signature receipt. Referred to Camps-at-Large Coord. PCinC Pahl for action.

Strategic Plan (Vision 2020). CinC Palmer presented key elements. A number of suggestions were offered, especially concerning the financial strategy portion of the plan. (i.e. role of 501c3, innovative fundraising ideas, etc.) CinC Palmer will make a more detailed presentation to the Nat. Encampment on Saturday.

Marketing & Advertising. Related to Vision 2020,

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NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE FOLLOWING WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE 2012 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



Ohio DC Fred Lynch accepts the Marshall Hope Award for best Dept. Newsletter. In addition to serving as DC, Br. Lynch also edits the "Buckeye Bugle".



Texas DC Dave LaBrot accepts the U.S. Grant Cup. He also accepted the Abraham Lincoln Award for Houston's Lt. Cdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 1, the Order's Camp of the Year.



PCinC Elmer "Bud" Atkinson accepts the SUVCW Lifetime Achievement Award.



Chesapeake DC Jeff French accepts the A.P. Davis / Conrad Linder Award. His Dept. recruited the most new members.

Lifetime Achievement Award

PCinC Elmer "Bud" Atkinson, Dept. of Penn.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (Brother of the Year)

Whitney Maxfield, Dept. of Vermont

PDC Walter E. Busch, Dept. of Missouri

Abraham Lincoln Award (Camp of the Year)

Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2, Houston, TX – Dept. of Texas

Joseph S. Rippey Award (Outstanding New Camp)

Charles Sumner Camp 25, Chestertown, MD – Dept. of the Chesapeake

Sigel Camp 614, Rolla, MO – Dept. of Missouri

B.F. Stephenson Award (Top recruiter)

David Rish, Dept. of Ohio (11 new members)

Augustus P. Davis/Conrad Linder Award

(Dept. with most new members)

Dept. of the Chesapeake (51)

U.S. Grant Cup Award

(Dept. with highest percent gain of new members)

Dept. of Texas (33%)

Under Forty Award

(Dept. w/most new members under age 40)

Dept. of New Jersey (18)

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:

PDC Eric B. Peterson, Dept. of Georgia & South Carolina

PDC Michael Paquette, Dept. of the Chesapeake

PCinC Donald E. Darby, Dept. of Ohio

Marshall Hope Award (Outstanding Newsletter)

Department

"The Buckeye Bugle" – Dept. of Ohio

Camp

"Camp Orders" – Old Abe Camp 8, Dept. of Wisconsin

Horace Greeley Award (Outstanding Website)

Department

Dept. of Michigan

Camp

Gov. Elisha Dyer Camp 7, Dept. of Rhode Island

Albert Woolson Award

(Outstanding Sesquicentennial Signature Event)

150th Anniversary – Launching of the USS Monitor

Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Dept. of New York

Scholarship Awards

Lee D. Armbruster, J.L. Chamberlain Camp 20 – Dept. of the Chesapeake



Michigan DC Paul Arnold accepts the Horace Greeley Award for the best Dept. website.



New York DC Jeffrey Albanese accepts the Albert Woolson Award on behalf of Oliver Tilden Camp 26 for the best Sesquicentennial Signature event.



MO DC Martin Aubuchon accepts the Joseph Rippey Award on behalf of Sigel Camp 614, one of the Order's two outstanding new camps.



PDC Walt Busch accepts the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award as one of the Order's two Brothers of the Year.

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Britta A. Musser, Mt. Union Church Camp 502 Aux. – Dept. of Penn.

National Aides

- David Rish, Dept. of OH – 11 new members
- Douglas K. Fidler, Dept. of TN – 9 new members
- Theodore G. Layton, Dept. of the Chesapeake – 8 new members
- John Stolp, Dept. of CA & Pac. – 7 new members
- Henry Myers, Dept. of OH – 5 new members
- David M. Dziewulski, Dept. of NY – 4 new members

PDC Michael S. Bennett, Dept. of NY – 4 new members

Meritorious Service Award:

- Paul Nelson, Dept. of MI
 - Roger Heiple, Dept. of FL
 - PDC Neil Hanlon, Dept. of the Chesapeake
 - PDC Douglas K. Fidler, Dept. of TN
- Dr. Mary Walker Award (Ladies Appreciation)**
- PNP Margaret Atkinson, Aux. to the SUVCW
 - PNP Janice Corfman, Ladies of the GAR
 - Cher Petrovic, Aux. to the SUVCW

DELEGATES LEARN OF SONS MARCH

When it was proposed that we adopt a Marching Song at the Nat. Encampment, Nat. Historian PDC Bob Wolz stated we already had a march. Br. Bob expands on his answer with the help of PCC Don Wilt.

The Sons of Veterans March was published in March 1909, composed by Karl Lawrence King. You can hear a sound file at: <http://listeninglab.stantons.com/title/sons-of-veterans-march/332905/>

King was born in Ohio in February 21, 1891. He was self-taught and his first professional musical position was baritone horn with The Thayer Military Band in Canton, Ohio. The Thayer Military Band March, also published March 1909, is his first published work. So the SV March was written when he was 18 and is among his first of over 200 marches. He shares the title of “March King” with John Philip Sousa. He was named director of Barnum and Bailey’s Circus Band at age 23 and Buffalo Bill Wild West Show shortly after. He headed the Ft Dodge Iowa City band for over 40 years. He died in Iowa in March 1971.

King was a member of The Grand Army Band of Canton as a teenager. He may have belonged to the Sons, as his maternal grandfather had served in the Union army. King was no doubt a true professional and our march reflects that.

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CHESAPEAKE BROTHER RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PDC Neil Hanlon of Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 received the Meritorious Service Award at this year's Nat. Encampment. He was recognized for reclaiming Petersburg's Ft. Alexander Hays and creating a new memorial at Richmond's Belle Isle Prison.

Ft. Hays was a major fortification along the Petersburg Siege Line in 1864-65, designed to handle ten field guns. It connected the original Union siege works in front of Petersburg with new territory, as Grant pushed the siege line westward.

About one third of the fort still exists; the remainder has been lost to private land development. In the 1970s, the National Park Service did not incorporate the site and the fort subsequently disappeared into the thick forest and underbrush.

In early 2006, CC Hanlon persuaded his Camp on the feasibility of clearing a portion of Fort Hays and erecting an interpretive sign. Simultaneously, he garnered support from the National Park Service and the City of Petersburg. He then raised \$3500 to pay for light equipment, herbicides, and a sign. Most money came from Camp brothers and the Dept. of Chesapeake.

Clearing the fort was then done in two phases. In the first, Neil and others applied herbicide and felled large trees. In the second, Neil led brothers in removing brush, briars, vines and felled trees, dragging the debris to a roadside pickup area. Neil labored hard in spite of a bad shoulder, which ultimately required surgery, making him the last wounded casualty at Fort Hays! A corner of the fort was now uncovered and the surrounding area was cleared, allowing visitors to see much of the fort's remnants.

Next, Neil worked with Civil War Trails to design, purchase and place the new interpretive sign. The City of Petersburg also expanded and repaved the parking area adjacent to the fort in anticipation of more visitors.

Finally, on May 12, 2007, the Fort's reclaimed remnants and the new sign were dedicated in a large ceremony. Among those attending were the Battlefield Superintendent, several of his staff, and the Petersburg Mayor, who stated, "We are extremely grateful to the renovation team." The mayor also noted that "This history is making us what we will be... The Jewel of Southside Virginia."

Camp 63 returned that summer, braved a 110-degree heat index, and cleared most of the fort's main surviving wall.

Since then, the Camp has returned each year to complete grounds keeping tasks. A well-worn path between the parking area and the Civil War Trails sign vindicated Br. Neil's vision and the Camp's efforts.

After serving as Dept. Co. in 2008-09, he became restless and came up with a new project...commemorating the Union POWs confined on Belle Isle in Richmond, VA.

Belle Isle is a 54-acre island in the James River, home to a fishery, nail factory and a village before the Civil War. From 1862-64, six acres on one end of the island served as a Confederate prison, a site of great suffering and death for Union prisoners.

Regrettably, Belle Isle's history has either been ignored or forgotten. Today, the island is known for outdoor activities. A few old metal signs mark historical sites on the island, including the prison, but these are in bad condition.

Neil wished to create a high-quality memorial, attracting attention and reminding visitors of the POW camp. He first approached his Camp about the project at a September 2010 meeting. At the same time, he also contacted Irish Brigade Camp 4 in Fredericksburg, VA, of which he is a dual member. Both Camps agreed to pledge funding and labor. Neil spoke with the City of Richmond, the State of Virginia, and the National Park Service at Richmond Nat. Battlefield, and established a working relationship with the James River Park System manager. When the Park System manager's indecision tested Neil's leadership and diplomatic skills, Neil stood firm in his desire to do something tangible for the Union POWs.

In Fall 2011, Neil finally persuaded the manager to authorize a single Union POW monument, funded entirely by the two Camps. It would be placed at the island's entrance, rather than in the remote area where the prison was located. Neil's goal was for visitors to see the monument as soon as they came off the causeway from the mainland.

The monument was a large, cut stone with bronze plaques on front and back. The plaques would be attached to the stone with inset bolts, whose heads are flush with the surface of the plaque to thwart vandalism. Neil provided estimates and designs to the two Camps. The front plaque told the story of the Union POWs, without mincing words. The rear plaque recognized the benefactors, including the SUVCW, Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 and Irish Brigade Camp 4. Of these, no one contributed more than Neil.

The monument was dedicated in a ceremony involving local officials and the two Camps on October 6, 2012.

Notably absent from the monument's rear plaque is the name of its chief architect, Br. Neil Hanlon. This is not an accident; Neil never wanted the projects at Fort Hays or Belle Isle to be "all about him."

It should be mentioned that Neil organized and chartered his Camp at age 70, that he led the Fort Hays project at the age of 73-74, that he served as Dept. Commander at 75-76, and that he worked on the Belle Isle project when he was 77-78! At a time when most are enjoying retirement, Neil was building a decade of achievement, reflecting great credit upon himself and our Order. *CC Thomas L. Grund, Jr. contributed to this article.*





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CinC Palmer made a presentation (with graphics) to develop a SUVCW “Branding” strategy. Four (4) professional quality posters were shown, entitled: 1. Education, 2. Preservation, 3. Patriotism & Citizenship, and 4. Honor. These or similar posters could be used at living history, large meetings, community events, etc. for recruiting and positive exposure. Next year, the Marketing and Advertising Comm. will move into the multi-media area. There were many different ideas on distribution and use of the posters (which is only one part of the total future package).

2012-13 Budget. Nat. Treasurer Orr presented the budget. Camps desiring special projects funds will be required to fill out a formal request by a specified deadline, determined by the CinC. The deadline for the upcoming Nat. Encampment is noon on the first day of the Encampment. A sitting CinC can issue a General Order to that effect.

Non-Voting CofA Making & Seconding Motions. Nat. Counselor Pahl believed, under the current regulations, they do have the right to make and second motions. However, he did not personally agree with the practice. His solution: add to the current regulation that PCinC’s cannot vote, make, or second, motions. Referred

to the C&R committee for action.

Acquisition of 501c3 Legal Advisor. Discussion resumed. Br. Henry Shaw and Nat. Treas. Orr discussed their choices. Br. Mellor moved, Brs. Darby and Pahl amended, and Br. Darby seconded to hire Karl Emerson as our 501c.3 Lawyer. Passed unanimously (Br. Orr abstained). Secretary’s Note: Original version of the motion, changed to the above at the request of PCinC Darby: PCinC Pahl moved, Br Petrovic seconded to hire Karl Emerson as our 501c.3 Lawyer. Passed unanimously (Br. Orr abstained).

Banner Editor. The Banner Editor’s term ends. Br. Steve Michaels has agreed to serve another 3 year turn. Br. Orr moved, Br. Schall seconded to appoint Br. Michaels to another 3-year term as Banner Editor. Approved unanimously.

Good of the Order. PCinC Schall thanked the Council of Administration, as this was his last meeting as a voting member. It was announced that Brother Alan Russ sent a NMAL contribution of \$500 to the treasurer.

Adjourned at 11:37 PM
Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
PDC Eugene G. Mortorff,
National Secretary

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 12, 2012 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The meeting was opened by CinC Perley Mellor at 8:01 AM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Mellor thanked everyone for attending and gave general opening comments. The Nat. Secretary called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration and Guests as present: CinC Perley Mellor, JVCinC Tad Campbell, Nat. Secretary Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treasurer Richard D. Orr, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Steve Hammond, Donald Martin, Don Shaw and Immediate PCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr. PCinCs included: Stephen Michaels (Banner), PCinC Andrew Johnson, Robert Grim, James Pahl, Leo Kennedy, and Brad Schall. Guests included: Exec Director David Demmy Sr., Nat. Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, PCC Ed Norris, and DC David LaBrot. Excused: SVCinC Freshley, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler and Council Member Vieira

Merchandise Licenses. Br. Orr moved, Br. Martin seconded, to renew the Merchandise Licenses for everyone who has reapplied (except Foundation licenses). Passes.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Shaw seconded, to renew the SUVCW Charitable Foundation Merchandise Licenses,

and to approve the new licenses submitted for approval at the meeting, for a period of two (2) years, or until we receive 501c3 status, whichever occurs first. Passes (Br. Petrovic abstained).

Br. Orr moved, Br. Campbell seconded to approve a T-Shirt (submitted for examination) with emblems from the Scranton, Pa., Camp (Pending approval from the Allied Orders). Passes.

Miscellaneous Fees. Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Palmer seconded, to keep the refundable amount to the camps at \$4. Passes.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded to keep the application fees for Members at Large at \$5.00 and the yearly dues at \$40. Passes. Br. Orr moved, Br. Palmer seconded to keep the Internet Membership Application Fee the same as last year. Passes.

Appreciation Certificate. CinC Mellor recognized PCinC Palmer for his service as CinC over the last year.

Membership-at-Large Coordinator. Br. Campbell moved, Br. Schall seconded, to reappoint Br. Alan Russ to another 3-year term as the Membership-at-Large Coordinator

Nat. Electronic Boardroom. The Commander-in-Chief shared the new password with the authorized users.

Financial Matters. Nat. Treas. PCinC Richard Orr

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CHESAPEAKE

On June 16th; the Dept. with the 23rd USCT re-enactors and Buffalo Soldiers dedicated the USCT monument in Lexington Park. The first USCT monument placed in Southern Maryland recognized 662 USCT soldiers/sailors and 60 white Union soldiers/sailors, including three Medal of Honor recipients: Pvt. Wm. H. Barnes, Co. C, 38th USCT; Sgt. James H. Harris, Co. B, 38th USCT; and QM Joseph B. Hayden, USN.



A Congressman spoke to the crowd. The Sons read the 722 names and escorted descendants, as they placed wreaths and a rose.

When Sgt. James H. Harris Camp 38 was founded, there was no recognition of U.S. Colored Troops from St. Mary's County. Shortly afterwards, the Camp worked with the Unified Community for African-American Contributions, raising funds for the memorial.

FLORIDA

On August 12th, Gen. Williams S. Harney Camp 8 gathered at the Spanish American War Memorial, adjacent to the GAR Plot at Orlando's Greenwood Cemetery, to remember those veterans on the 114th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities. This was the first time Camp 8 involved other community organizations. The First United Church of Christ quartet sang three pieces. Camp Chaplain and Holy Angels Catholic Community pastor Fr. Wm. Cavins gave the invocation, University UCC Assoc. Pastor James W. Watkins gave the benediction, and the 6th U.S. Art. Batt. A (Span Am War Re-enactors) posted the colors and fired the salute. CC John Sink said that the Camp sponsored this event, as the Span Am War veterans were made up of Civil War Veterans still in uniform, as well as SUV. Two wreaths were laid at the monument.

IOWA

Brs. David Lamb, Dan Rittel, Jake Grim and Mike Rowley joined sisters of the Auxillary, the WRC, and members of the GSSR, SAR, DAR, GSW 1812, Mayflower Society, and Jamestown Society on September 1st in Des Moines. They helped package 5.1 million meals at the 2012 Annual Hunger Fight. The event took place at Hy-Vee Hall and more than 15,000 "Meals from the Heartland" volunteers surpassed the 5 million meal

goal! The meals are feed people across the world and in our own neighborhoods!



INDIANA

Br. Scott Strawser has made sure that future generations recognize what his great-great grandfather, Cpl. George W. Strawser of Co. D, 38th Ohio did for his country. As a part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, Br. Strawser of Champion Hill Camp 17 and family members not only restored his headstone in Steuben County's Hudson Circle Cemetery, but also published a history that includes Cpl. Strawser's story.



Br. Strawser's research has told him Cpl. Strawser carried the colors in the color guard of the 38th Ohio. He found that his ancestor was in nine major engagements and that he reenlisted in 1864 and was wounded during the battle of Jonesboro in Georgia against Gen. John Bell Hood. He was taken from the field hospital to two different hospitals. He was finally sent to Washington to recuperate and later joined his unit in time to march in the Grand Review in Washington DC. Afterwards, farmed in northeast Indiana.

Br. Scott's pride in his ancestor and his family history motivated him to join the SUVCW.

MICHIGAN

Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 adopted a Civil War battle flag in the state's collection at their meeting on August 30th. The Camp partnered with two Hazel Park schools to donate over \$1,000 to fund the adoption. The adopted flag is one of the national colors of the 2nd Mich. Inf. whose first Colonel was Gen. Richardson of Pontiac, the Camp's namesake. Richardson was mortally wounded at the battle of Antietam while commanding a division of the 2nd Corps.

A program was launched in 1991 to help save nearly

160 fragile, battle-torn Civil War flags, displayed for decades in the Michigan State Capitol rotunda. To date, more than 100 flags have been adopted, providing the project with much needed funds.



(L to R) Hazel Park Jr. High's Beverly Blair displays an SUVCW Certificate of Appreciation; Save the Flags Project Dir. Matt VanAcker presents CC William Nash with a Michigan House of Representatives Special Tribute Proclamation; and Webster Elem. School's Yvonne Emlet holds an image of the 2nd Mich. Inf. battle.

MISSOURI

On May 10th, Phelps Camp 66 CC Greg Wait and SVC Jeff Patrick journeyed to Rolla and met with John F. Bradbury, director of the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center. Brs. Wait and Patrick officially presented the original minute book of the Cape Girardeau Sons of Union Veterans Aux. to the SHS. The book details activities from 1920-1929. Missouri SUV Auxiliary material is extremely scarce, and Mr. Bradbury was quite happy to add it to the Research Center's collection.



Br. Greg Wait is on the left, John Bradbury on the right in the photo.

NEBRASKA

The Sons first ROTC presentation at South Dakota State University took place at the Brookings campus. Dept. ROTC Coord. Steve Bauermeister recognized C/Capt. Jacob. T. Lueders and C/3C Christopher C. Jankowski. This is the Sons first participation at the ceremony. South Dakota is now under the Dept. of Nebraska.



(L to R) Gov. Daugaard, Br. Bauermeister, Cadet C/Capt. Jacob. T. Lueders and the University president.

NEW JERSEY

On May 23rd, Hiram W. Pursell Camp 104 and their friends, conducted a rededication for the Civil War monument in Lambertville's Mary Sheridan Park. The crumbling pavement around the monument was replaced with subscription bricks memorializing ancestors, family and friends. The Lambertville Brass performed prior to the event, uniformed period musicians provided accompaniment and a rifle company fired volleys to honor the veterans memorialized there. Anna Ross Camp 1 (PA) participants included bugler Doug Grunn and drummer John McGaregale. The rifle company was commanded by Baker-Fisher Camp 101 PCC Reg Worth. *Submitted by CC Michael Kovacs.*



The assembled rifle company and musicians with Camp 104 Council Salsbury in front.

OHIO

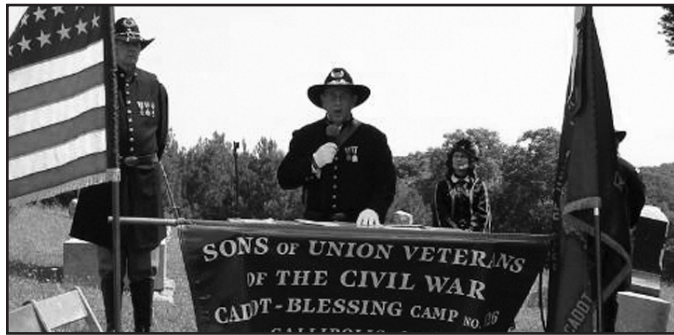
Vinton County's Last Veteran honored

On June 16th, members of Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 and 35 guests honored Pvt. John Henry Cottrill, 75th O.V.I., Vinton County's Last Civil War veteran. Distinguished visitors were Great Great Grandson James Cottrill, his two sons, and families.

Pvt. Cottrill enlisted at age 15 in Co. E, 75th O.V.I. He was wounded at McDowell, Va. and discharged. He later enlisted in the 4th Ohio Independent Cav., was mustered out and enlisted in the 174th O.V.I. He died the August 5, 1937 at age 92.

CC James Oiler and 11 camp Brothers conducted the ceremony. Camp Chaplain Henry Myers led all in prayer and later sounded "Taps." Memorials Officer was Br. Ron

McClintock. Brs David North and Bill McCreedy placed the wreath upon the gravesite.. DSVC Jonathan Davis delivered remarks and Br. Steve Ball performed various Civil War songs. Members of the Honor Guard firing the musket salute were Brs. Mike Harbour, David Carter, Roger Caldwell, and CC Oiler



TENNESSEE / KENTUCKY

Br. Chad Corner researched the burial records for the The Old Soldiers Cemetery in Tompkinsville, KY. He found one Civil War soldier had been buried in the Tompkinsville Nat. Cemetery. The Nat. Cemetery Administration reported that a national military cemetery in Tompkinsville was ordered moved to the Nashville Nat. Cemetery after the war.

The 115 Union soldiers buried there included some of the 9th Penn. Cav., killed in the July 9, 1862 Battle of Tompkinsville (Morgan's First Raid). 110 soldiers were moved in 1867 due to the cemetery's size and its remote location. Five were left in Tompkinsville due to family wishes. They were: Richard Pitcock, Jefferson Sartin, Harmon Proffitt, Wm. Keys & Archibald Register. "The Old Soldiers Cemetery" became a public cemetery about 1888.



Bob Greer, Br. Chad Corner and Richard Turner. Photo courtesy of Tompkinsville-Monroe County Chamber of Commerce

Br. Chad applied for a Kentucky Historical Marker and raised the \$2,075 required to purchase it. A dedication ceremony was held on July 9th (the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Tompkinsville). *Submitted by Br. Chad Comer, Ft. Donelson Camp 62*

TEXAS

Members of EE Ellsworth Camp #18, Department of Texas, and the Heritage Brass Band mustered before

Gainesville's Annual Medal of Honor Parade on 14 APR 2012. The parade is held to honor Medal of Honor recipients and features re-enactors and military from almost every military conflict in America's history.



VERMONT



The Dept. manned a booth at the Vermont Historical Society's History Expo in Tunbridge recently. Wm. Scott Camp 302 CC Whitney Maxfield (left) wore the militia gray uniform, which the 2nd Vermont Inf. wore at the Battle of First Bull Run. His great-uncle was in that unit. Maxfield and DC Francis W. Owen (right) used Peck's Register of Vermont Civil War Soldiers to help visitors discover their ancestors' service. A frameable Certificate of Service could then be printed out on parchment-like paper. SUVCW brochures and membership applications were offered to those who qualified for membership.

WISCONSIN

Coincidence or Fate?

By CC Vince Barker, Old Abe Camp 8

I command an Army Reserve unit at the Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, IL. Recently, 1Sgt. Paul Stout of Des Moines, IA, overheard me discussing the Civil War and the SUVCW. He was very interested in learning if he had any Civil War ancestors. Some quick research revealed two great-great grandfathers who served in Iowa regiments. Paul was excited and immediately joined Des Moines' Gen. Grenville Dodge Camp 75. Later, I discovered something truly amazing.

The next day after final formation, we drove to the Rock Island Nat. Cemetery, a short distance from our unit. We walked up to the grave of Pvt. Thomas R. Elder, Co. D, 37th Iowa Vol. Inf. I pointed and said "First Sergeant,

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this is your 4th great grandfather.” Paul immediately called his mother who had been helping him with names and dates for ancestors in her line. The men in the 37th Iowa, the “Gray Beard Regiment,” were all over the age of 45. Elder was 54 when he enlisted in October 1862. That year, the War Dept. had granted special permission to form a regiment of older, able men, stipulating that they be assigned to garrison and guard duty. While assigned to guard prisoners at the Rock Island Confederate Prison, Pvt. Elder became ill and died on

May 12, 1864.

Paul could not believe his ancestor was buried in the very place where he is assigned as an Army Reserve soldier. Is it fate, or just coincidence?



Br. Paul Stout at Pvt. Elder's gravesite

FINAL MUSTER

Dr. Charles W. Sullivan

Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 (NY)
October 27, 2010

Frederick L. Riedd

Garfield Camp 1 (CH)
October 2010

CJVC Galen G. Good (LM)

Wm. B. Keith Camp 12 (CA&Pac)
April 9, 2011

CSV Charles E. Fitch

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
July 23, 2011

Charles M. Hopkins (LM)

Gilluly-Kingsley Camp 120 (MI)
September 19, 2011

Natoa Dorn

Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 (CA&Pac)
October 1, 2011

Richard L. Comstock

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 (CA&Pac)
October 17, 2011

Leo Hall

Torbert Camp 1862 (CH)
November 11, 2011

CC Thomas J. Brown, Jr.

Lincoln Camp 10 (CA&Pac)
November 14, 2011

Michael D. Callahan

Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)
January 19, 2012

Robert R. Hileman

Irish Brigade Camp 4 (CH)
February 19, 2012

Edward A. Spear

Col. John B. Weber Camp 44 (NY)
March 9, 2012

Brett Bower

Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp 443 (IL)
March 21, 2012

CJVC Harry H. Harland

Gen. Geo. Wright Camp 22
March 27, 2012

Albert A. Lemieux

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
April 26, 2012

PDC John R. Burch, Sr.

Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5 (KY)
April 28, 2012

Marcel Black

Col. Aug. van Home Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
May 17, 2012

PDC Cliff Henke

Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26, (NY)
May 27, 2012

Charles H. Tucker

Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)
June 4, 2012

PCC William "Bill" Bennett

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
June 9, 2012

PCC Phillip R. Hinman

Lucius M. Mitchell Camp 4 (FL)
June 23, 2012

Andrew Redmond

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
July 6, 2012

Bruce Terry Morgan

Col. David Ireland Camp 137 (NY)
July 11, 2012

Ellsworth W. LaMott

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 (WI)
July 12, 2012

Ray Skinner

John S. Townsend Camp 108 (OH)
July 15, 2012

Milo "Chuck" Langworthy

Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (MI)
July 24, 2012

Charles V. Huntley

Homer Searle Camp 114 (NY)
August 2, 2012

PCC Robert S. Clements

Nelson-Garfield Mem. Camp 3 (KY)
August 13, 2012

Stanley R. Heldreth

Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20 (MI)
August 15, 2012

Leroy D. Austin

Albert & James Lyon Camp 266 (MI)
August 22, 2012

CJVC Frederick M. Finnerty

H.E.K. Hall Camp 28 (VT)
September 9, 2012

PCC Gregory Wait

Phelps Camp 66 (MO)
September 10, 2012

Brian D. MacVean

Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (MI)
September 11, 2012

Robert E. Sessions

Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp 69 (ME)
September 12, 2012

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PENNSYLVANIA

ASUVCW NP Anne Jaster and Br. David Sosnowski were wed July 21st in Steelton. Sisters and Brothers from several Departments were in attendance to celebrate with Sr. Anne and Br. David.



MICHIGAN – PENNSYLVANIA INTERDEPARTMENTAL GRAVE DEDICATION



In the woods of northern Michigan lays the hamlet of Vanderbilt and the long unmarked grave site of Martin J. Sehl, Battery A, 1st Mich. Lt. Art. His great grandson and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Gen. Hartramft Camp 15 JVC, Jeffery Smith, requested the help of Robert Finch Camp 14 of Traverse City, Mich., in obtaining and installing a headstone.

In late August, the two Departments gathered to offer a grave re-dedication service. The event was attended by over 130 visitors and commanded by Camp 14 CC Geo. H. Goodrich. Br. Smith laid one of the symbols on the grave and his daughter, Ilsa Mae, of Gettysburg's Salome Stewart Tent 15 (DUVCW) read a poem. Camp 14 PCC Dale Aurand acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The dedication coincided with the Sehl family reunion. Following the service, the family sponsored a picnic in the park for all those who visited the cemetery that day.

NEBRASKA

The Department met in Pilger on July 21st to honor Pvt. Parker L. Starliper 107th Penn Vol. Inf. Fourteen SUVCW Brothers and Sisters from the DUVCW and Auxiliary hosted 65 visitors to the Starliper Family Pioneer Cemetery. Twelve Starliper ancestors were in attendance, three generations of who carry the Parker name. The Historical Society of Stanton County and the Pilger Q125 Committee also observed the dedication ceremony. *Submitted by Norman D. Weber PDC, CC, Harrison Camp 53-2.*



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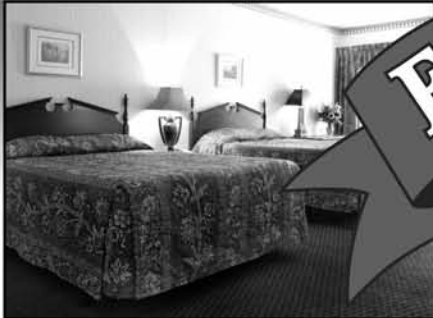
The annual commemoration, honoring the men who fought the Battle of Buffington Island was held at the Buffington Island State Memorial Park near Portland on July 21st. Sponsored by the Ohio Dept., the ceremony was co-hosted by Cadot-Blessing Camp 126 of Gallipolis and Gen. Benjamin D. Fearing Camp 2 of Marietta.

The engagement at Buffington Island was fought on July 19, 1863, and was the only significant battle fought on Ohio soil during the Civil War. Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan and approximately 2000 cavalymen penetrated north across the Ohio River into Indiana and Ohio in early July 1863. The battle along the Ohio River in Meigs County decimated the Confederate forces and led to the defeat and eventual capture of Morgan himself at West Point, Ohio, on July 26, 1863.

Attending were DSVC Jonathan Davis; Camp 126 CC Jim Oiler, Chaplain Henry Meyers, Brs. Roger Caldwell, David Carter, Mike Harbour, Dale Lamphier and Bill McCreedy; Camp 2 CC Dan Hinton, PCC Marvin Miracle, Chaplain Andy Francis, Brs. Norm Pape, Charlie Miller and Bruce Fox; Wm. Dennison Camp 1's PDC Bob Davis; Wm. Dennison Aux. 1's Sr. Sandy Prosak, Henry Casey Camp 92's Br. Shawn Cox, Frost Aux. 108's Srs. Judy Morgan and Betty Cohan; Ohio Dept. Aux.'s Sr. May Frost, and Maj. Daniel McCook Circle (LGAR)'s Sr. Jean Hilton. Representatives from the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Fdtn., and Ohio Hist. Society also attended.



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1Sgt. Tom Brown and Pvt. Brian McManus (4th MD HQ Company) fold the U.S. Flag during the Settlers Weekend, August 25-26, in West Allis, Wis.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

6th Military District

Capt. Wm. Tisch as Nat. Enc. Provost Marshal (9-11 Aug. 12).

7th Military District

Captain David Dubrucq, Dist. Chief of Staff

1Lt. Jim Ward, Dist. Adjutant

2Lt. George Huttick, Dist. PIO

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to the rank indicated:

1st Military District (re-commissioned to 11 Aug. 15)

Capt. Andy Lefko, CO, Co. B, 26th Penn. Vol. Inf.

Capt. Michael C. Harris, CO, Co. C, 28th Penn. Inf.

1Lt Chris M. Harris, Adjutant Co. C, 28th Penn. Inf.

2nd Military District (until 16 Nov. 13).

Maj. Mark R. Day, Dist. Commander.

3rd Military District (until 11 Aug. 15)

1Lt. Shane L. Milburn, CO, Co. C, 20th Ohio Vol. Inf.

2Lt. Bruce R. Kolb, Adj., Co. D, 27th Indiana Inf. (re-commissioned)

4th Military District (until 11 Aug. 15)

Capt. Marc D. Witkovski, CO, Nebraska Rangers

1Lt. Larry Dietzel, CO, 1st Mo. State Mil. Columbia Tigers

1Lt. Joseph L. DeFani, Jr., CO, Co. C, 34th Regt. Ill. Vol. Inf.

2Lt. Russell F. DeVenney, Jr, Adj., 1st Mo. State Mil. Columbia Tigers

6th Military District (until 16 Nov. 13)

Maj. William E. Tisch, Dist. Commander

7th Military District (until 16 Nov. 13)

1Lt. Jim Ward, Dist. Adjutant

2Lt. George Huttick, Dist. PIO

DISBANDED

2nd Military District

Effective 24 June, Co. A, 7th New Jersey Vol. Inf. was disbanded due to IRS reporting problems.

DRAPED

In remembrance of Capt. Phil Hinman, 7th Mil. Dist. Chief of Staff, the SVR Membership Medal will be draped in black for the next 30 days (Effective 5 July).



MG Grim presents Br. William Tisch with his Major's commission.

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reviewed budget changes, resulting from business conducted at the Nat. Encampment. Br. Orr moved, Br. Martin seconded, to adopt the modified budget. Passes. PCinC Pahl expressed appreciation for our Treasurer's talents and attention to detail, which is a blessing for our Order. All present agreed. Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded, to post our IRS Form 990 online in PDF format (so it cannot be altered). The IRS requires it to be made available to anyone. Passes.

Good of the Order. PCinC Palmer met with all the Allied Orders heads about meeting together. They have been very receptive and the Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV) is planning to visit our Encampment. Some organizations are required to meet in Springfield every 10 years. The 2016 Nat. Encampment was targeted as having ALL the Allied Orders meet together. CinC Mellor will arrange an Allied Orders meeting in Gettysburg this November to continue discussion.

2020 Vision. CinC Mellor will continue the program initiated by PCinC Palmer. He will work with Brs. Palmer and LaBrot to institute the program as part of our organization. The Marketing part of the 2020 Vision plan will not be managed by SVCinC Freshley due to his work load, but will be awarded to PDC Mark Day (Dept. of the Chesapeake). He will manage a \$5000 budget. The 2020 Vision committees are being formed and membership listings will be available soon.

Membership. CinC Mellor discussed the need to greatly improve. The Nat. awards presented at the Encampment indicate it CAN be done. The CinC will be visiting the Arizona At-Large Camp. PCinC Orr suggested dropped members be surveyed to ask WHY! PCinC Palmer received a lot of feedback and the reasons,

in many cases, was our organization was not what they expected.

Funds Development Committee. PCinC Orr reminded the CinC that the Encampment voted to appoint a Funds Development Committee. He suggested that Tom McMillian, Development Director for the Pittsburg Penguins (Professional Ice Hockey Team) may be available to help.

SCV-SUV Debate Invitation. During his Encampment visit, SCV Pres. Michael Givens suggested that the SUVCW have a debate with the SCV on various issues. The general consensus was that it is not a good idea and we see no benefits to it. However, many PCinCs had positive experiences when attending and speaking at SCV meetings (PCinCs Palmer and Pahl).

2013 Encampment in Milwaukee. PCinC Michaels made a short presentation on next year's convention.

Memorial Day Ceremony. Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th 2013). On the Sunday before Memorial Day the SVR is planning a John LOGAN Ceremony at his Grave in the Soldiers & Airman Cemetery (next to Rock Creek).

Nat. Peace Light Event. PCinC Orr decried to recreation to take place on June 29, 2013, in Gettysburg. This will be jointly funded by Nat. and the Dept. of Pennsylvania.

Closing. CinC Mellor provided his closing comments and Nat. Chaplain Kowalski provided his blessing.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:24 PM
Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



A Parable About Responsibility

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody were members of the SUVCW.

There was an important job to do in preparing to honor the Boys in Blue, and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody, blamed Somebody, when Nobody did, what Anybody could have done.

Unknown author of condensed version of Charles Osgood's – A Poem About Responsibility.

If not you - then who? If not now - then when? As I grow older I realize that I only have so much time left, and I want to use it wisely. God grant us all the wisdom to do the right thing, at the right time, and for the right reasons.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

COLLECTING THE SONS

THE JUNIOR ORDER, SONS OF VETERANS, USA

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

Over the years, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has desired to increase membership. Several recruiting incentives for adult members have been discussed in previous Banner articles.

When members started their own families in the early part of the last century, they wished to include their children in the Order. A Junior Order of Sons was realized.

In 1908, in Framington, Massachusetts, Camp 1 of the Junior Order, Sons of Veterans, USA, was organized for boys, ages 12 to 18. A constitution, bylaws and ritual were developed. A Junior Camp consisted of 15 boys under the direction of a senior Camp. Elections were held every June and December. The Junior Camps could choose their own uniform. One suggestion was white trousers with dark blue shirts. Upon reaching the age of 18, the Juniors transferred into regular membership. In some cities, the Junior Camps grew large. The 1918 Sons proceedings reported 559 Juniors in 18 Junior Camps nationally. But by 1924, the Junior Order had quietly faded from existence. From 1949 to 1953, an unsuccessful attempt was made to revive the Junior Order. Only two artifacts have been located from the Junior Order. This membership pin and a little round button from the Dept. of Pennsylvania.

In 1994, a Junior membership was established for boys, ages 8 to 13, within regular Camps of the Sons. The minimum age was lowered to 6 in 2001. At age 14, a Junior becomes a full member with full rights of membership. The Junior badge is the regulation membership top bar and drop suspended by a white ribbon with two blue stripes on the left and two red stripes on the right. In 2010, Junior Associates were established for those lacking blood kinship, but who were interested in the Civil War. Their badge has a solid white ribbon.



Current Junior Badge

Source: Sons of Veterans USA Proceedings of the Thirty Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief c. 1915 Dwight, IL : Banner Print pp. 104-105 Junior Order Committee Report



A Camp's Junior membership button



Early Junior membership lapel pin



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