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KUDOS IN ORDER

Br. Charles O'Dell was introduced to our Order at age 14 by his father and has been a Member ever since (70 years). On January 8th, he was presented a Life Membership by Frederick, Maryland's Antietam Camp 3 at its bi-monthly meeting. Shown are Br. O'Dell (left) and CC Karl Woodcock.



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On the Cover: Immediately after Lincoln's death, prints were hurriedly issued, honoring the dead President. Shown is a cropped 1865 hand colored lithograph entitled, "In Memory of Abraham Lincoln—The Reward of the Just," created by D.T. Wiest and printed by Wm. Smith. It's a copy of James Barralet's earlier print, honoring George Washington, but with a different head. *Courtesy Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum.*

According to Union vet James Tanner, what Secretary of War Stanton said at Lincoln's deathbed was "Now he belongs to the angels." This has created debate among historians. Most believe the "ages" version is correct. Angels or ages, Lincoln belongs to both.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 11

1. Nat. Civil War Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit, PDC, has announced his resignation due to a large number of commitments and shifting priorities. I want to thank Br. Butgereit for his efforts over the past two years in developing this important program.

2. PDC Walter Busch, who has been serving as a member of the Civil War Memorials Committee, is hereby appointed as Nat. Civil War Memorials Officer and Chairman of the Civil War Memorials Committee. This appointment is effective immediately.

3. Br. Busch has built the Dept. of Missouri Civil War Memorials program from the ground up and I am confident that his leadership will help move the National Civil War Memorials program forward. Please give Br. Busch your full support.

Ordered this 26th day of December 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12

1. The purpose of this General Order is to announce leadership changes relative to the Remembrance Day Committee. PCinC Bud Atkinson and PCinC Charles Kuhn, who have been serving as Co-Chairs of this key committee, have announced their respective resignations. Their resignations come after a successful Remembrance Day 2011 and their desire to give the new leadership as much time as possible in preparing for Remembrance Day 2012.

2. PCinC Atkinson has helped coordinate Remembrance Day programs for over 20 years and has been principally involved with coordinating and planning the activities at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, including the Nat. Civil War Ball. PDC Robert Petrovic (Col., Chief of Staff, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Br. Atkinson. Br. Petrovic's appointment is effective immediately.

3. PCinC Kuhn has been a key figure in working with the borough of Gettysburg in planning the annual Remembrance Day Parade. PCC Henry Shaw (Brig. Gen., Deputy Commander, SVR) is appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Remembrance Day Committee and assume the responsibilities previously handled by Br. Kuhn. Br. Shaw's appointment is effective 31 December 2011.

4. I can't thank Brs. Atkinson and Kuhn enough for their time and effort over the years in planning and executing Remembrance Day activities. Through their efforts, Remembrance Day has become one of the more prominent programs associated with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am confident that Remembrance Day will continue to flourish under the leadership of Brs. Petrovic and Shaw. Please give them your full support.

Ordered this 27th day of December 2011

GENERAL ORDER NO. 13

1. It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Past National President Isabelle Roberts. Sister Roberts passed away on 05 January 2012 at the age of 87. She was a member of Auxiliary 49, Dept. of New York. She also served as ASUVCW Nat. Pres. in 1985-1986.

2. Sr. Roberts was also the wife of the late Donald Roberts, who served as SUVCW Commander-in-Chief in 1985-1986. Together, they presided over their respective Orders' Nat. Encampments at Lexington, KY, in August 1986.

3. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website be draped in black until 07 February 2012 in remembrance of Sr. Roberts.

Ordered this 7th day of January 2012.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14

1. A request has been received from Illinois DC Terry Dyer to revoke the charter of Simon Shaffer Camp 134 located in Lacon, IL.

2. Due to circumstances, the remaining members of the Camp voted to surrender their charter. These members have either transferred to another Camp within the Dept. or have become Dept. Members-at-Large. Given this situation, approval of this request is hereby granted.

3. Pursuant to Chap. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 5 of the Regulations, all past and present officers of the subject Camp are to turn over to the Dept. of Illinois any and all properties of said Camp including but not limited to the Camp charter and all funds, bank accounts, and holdings belonging to aforementioned Camp.

Ordered this 8th day of January 2012.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 15

1. The family of Allied Orders past National leaders has become smaller. I have the sad duty of reporting the recent deaths of Sisters Nancy Conaway, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR) and Patricia Mullenix, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW).

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CIN C PALMER'S TRAVELS



CinC Palmer visits with Dept. of Tennessee officers during their Encampment on January 28th near Knoxville.



CinC Palmer expresses his vision at the Dept. of California & Pacific Encampment on March 10th in San Luis Obispo.



CinC Palmer with NP Barbara Stone (DUVCW), NP Judy Rock (LGAR) and CinC Jeffrey Burden (MOLLUS) at the Military Order of the Legion of the United States' Annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner in Washington, D.C. on February 11th.



CinC Palmer, outgoing DC (and Nat. Chief of Staff) Don Shaw and the new DC Paul "David" Arnold at the Michigan Dept. Encampment on March 31st in Lansing.

NOMINEES FOR NATIONAL AWARDS SOUGHT

The Commander-in-Chief is seeking recipients for the following awards to be given at this year's Nat. Encampment:

U.S. Grant Cup (est. 1939)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest percentage growth during the last year.

Augustus P. Davis-Conrad Linder Award (est. 1969)—presented to the Dept. with the greatest numerical growth during the last year.

Marshall Hope Award (est. 1992)—presented to the Camp and Dept. with the most outstanding newsletters.

Abraham Lincoln CinC Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding Camp during the year.

Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award (est. 1994)—presented to the CinC's choice for the most outstanding brother during the last year.

B.F. Stephenson Award (est. 1996)—presented to the brother, who is the top recruiter during the last year.

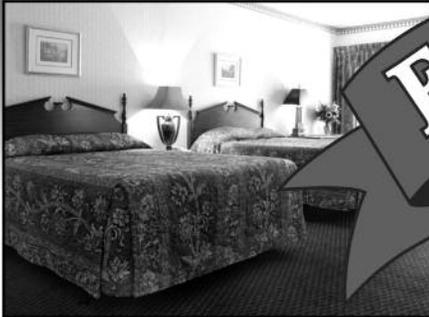
Founders Award (est. 1998)—presented to non-Allied Orders group or individual, who performs outstanding service in memory of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

Joseph S. Rippey New Camp Award (est. 2003)—presented to the most successful new Camp.

Meritorious Service Award w/Gold Star—presented to a brother or brothers, who served the Order for an extended period of time in an outstanding and exemplary manner. Concurrence of the Council of Admin. required.

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CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT

THREE DAYS OF THE MONITOR

On January 30, 1862, the USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Works in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York. 150 years later, a National Sesquicentennial Signature Event commemorated the event. The event, held January 28th, 29th and 30th, recognized inventor John Ericsson, builder Thomas F. Roland, the crew and the Continental Works workers, who built the ship.

The New York Dept., Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Co. I, 83rd New York Vol. (SVR), the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the John Ericsson Society sponsored the event. Camp 26 and the museum took the lead in organizing the observance.

On Saturday, a history fair was held at Capital One Bank (formerly Greenpoint Savings Bank). Monitor builder Thomas Fitch Rowland was an early trustee of the Greenpoint Savings Bank. That evening, a Civil War concert was held at the Church of the Ascension. Rowland donated funds from the Monitor's construction to build this Church.

On Sunday, a Memorial Service at the Church was followed by a parade from the Church to the site of the launch and the future museum for a ceremony. Later, an anniversary reception was held at Grand Prospect Hall.

On Monday, wreaths were laid at the USS Monitor statue in McGolrick Park. 350 students from PS 110 carried their flags of tribute from their school to the statue led by Camp 26, the museum and USS Lehigh. The bus tour stopped at the launch site, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, the Grand Army Arch, Greenwood Cemetery (graves of the crewmen), and finally, the wreath laying ceremony at the John Ericsson statue in Battery Park, NYC.



The Sons Color Guard and the USS Lehigh crew fire muskets during a ceremony on the Greenpoint Monitor Museum's land which shares the Monitor's launch site. The salute honored the USS Monitor's officers and crew, John Ericsson and all who took part in building it.



The bus tour gathered at the John Ericsson Statue in Lower Manhattan's Battery Park. Wreaths were placed by the Sons, Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the John Ericsson Society.



The Sons of Union Veterans and Greenpoint Monitor Museum lead the parade from the Church of the Ascension to the USS Monitor's launch site at Quay St. and the East River.



At the reception, a grand entrance was made at the Grand Prospect Hall. Co. I, 83rd NY Vol., SVR and USS Lehigh sailors served as the Color Guard. The Old Bethpage 11-piece Civil War Brass Band played the National Anthem. The evening was filled with Civil War Music to everyone's delight.



OUR UNION DEFENDER'S DAY TRADITION

Pres. Lincoln's birthday was first recognized in 1866, less than a year after his death. A ceremony was held at the Capitol building with Pres. Johnson, his cabinet and other dignitaries present.

The Sons of Veterans, USA, held the first nationwide observance in 1889. In General Order 17, CinC George B. Abbott requested that all Camps hold appropriate services, celebrating Lincoln's birthday on February 12th. Based upon the celebration's success, CinC Abbott recommended that the observance be made a feature of our Order and be provided for in the Constitution. The 1890 Nat. Encampment (1) supported the observance, (2) recommended it be called "Union Defender's Day," and (3) prescribed that the CinC issue orders providing for its observance by our Order.

CHEESAPEAKE

On February 11th, Irish Brigade Camp 4's Annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner was held in Fredericksburg, Virginia, as was Taylor-Wilson Camp 10's 4th Annual Lincoln Birthday Dinner at Lynchburg College.

On February 12th, Luray-Carlisle Camp 1881 CC Mike Bell represented our Order at the Lincoln Birthday event at the Lincoln Family Homestead, Rockingham County, Virginia.

IOWA

Co. A, 49th Reg., Iowa Vet. Vol. Inf. partnered with the Historical Society, the City planners and the local police department. A photo from a grave marking ceremony last summer was printed on Des Moines' downtown February monthly parking passes. In honor of our 16th President's birthday, the pass featured the unit with Pres. Lincoln (Stan De Haan).



NEBRASKA



Over 140 people, the most in the event's 5-year history, attended the Gettysburg Address Ceremony at State Capitol. Creighton University's ROTC Color Guard posted the colors. A Cub Scout from Lincoln's Pack 48 delivered the Pledge of Allegiance. Pres. Lincoln (Stan De Haan of Orange City, IA) gave the Address.. Also present was State Senator and SUVCW member LeRoy Loudon.

After the ceremony, programs and displays were held at the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum.

OHIO

On Feb 11-12th, Lincoln Dinners were held by Manfield's McLaughlin Camp 12, Columbus' Gov. Wm. Dennison Camp 1, Chillicothe's Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp 73.

WISCONSIN

Rev. Robert Miller spoke to nearly 100 people, representing over 35 different patriotic and hereditary organizations at Milwaukee's 42nd annual Patriotic Luncheon, held February 4th. C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 have hosted an observance since 1890. Brothers from Henry Harnden Camp 2, MG John Gibbon Camp 4, Lt. Alonzo Cushing Camp 5, Old Abe Camp 8, and sisters from Ammi Hawks Aux. 5 also attended.

A raffle and silent auction were held, with proceeds benefiting veterans' relief, patriotic education and historic preservation.



Lincoln's birthday is legally recognized in ten states (CT, DE, IL, MN, NJ, NY, ND, PA, WA, WY). It last failed to make Federal Holiday status in 1968, when Washington's birthday observance was moved to the 3rd Monday in February. In 1971, the day was renamed Presidents' Day.

A SOLDIER'S DIARY LIKE NO OTHER

by Br. Ed Isaacs

Family history became a lot more important to me after my father's death. Picking through pieces of my family tree puzzle, I made many new discoveries. I found two ancestors in the Civil War, and three in the Revolutionary War.

My attention focused on photographs of my G-G-Grandfather, George E. Dixon. One had names written on the back, which I entered into a genealogy web site. One tree matched mine and I made a phone call. My new cousin agreed to send me our G-G-Grandfather Dixon's diary.

Dixon was born in Pound Ridge in 1834 and married in 1859. After the war broke out, he enlisted in the 172nd NY Inf. He was transferred to Co. M, 6th Reg. NY Heavy Artillery that December. He fought at Manassas Gap, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Bethesda Church. He was wounded in this last battle, and later, at Petersburg, was shot in the right arm. Transferred to Co, C, 14th Reg. Veterans Reserve Corps, he was appointed sergeant of the guard at the Washington, D.C., penitentiary, where he was in charge of the guards at the execution of Mary Surratt, Lewis Payne, George Atzerodt, and David Herold.



Thumbing through the diary, one page got my attention...a page listing the names of the conspirators to be hanged on July 7, 1865, along with the names of guards and cell numbers. These cells were where the conspirators were kept.

Dixon wrote,

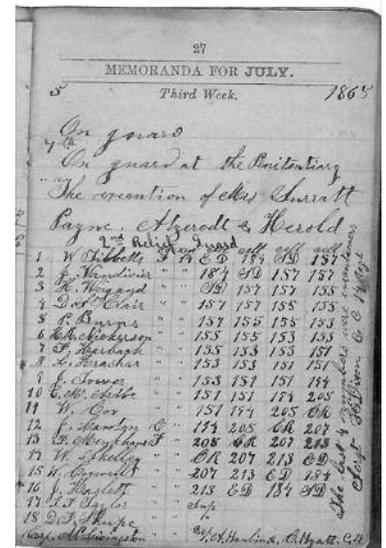
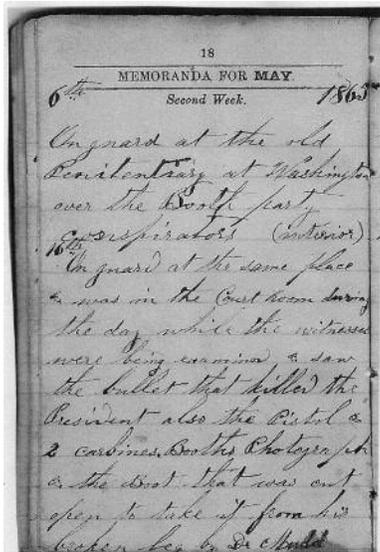
May 16, 1865: *On guard at the old penitentiary over the Booth party conspirators.*

I was in the court room during the day while the witness's were being examined. I saw the bullet that killed the President, also the pistol and two carbines. Booth's photograph and the boot that was cut open to take it from his broken leg by Dr. Mudd.

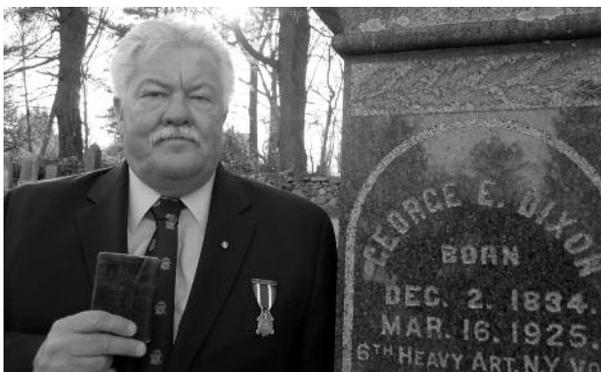
The day of the execution, he wrote,

July 7, 1865: *On guard at the penitentiary. The execution of Mrs. Surratt, Payne, Atzerodt + Herold.*

The last four names on the page were the "prop knockers", the men assigned to knocking the wooden post out from under the doors the conspirators were standing on.



The diary is the first known document found to list the names of the guards and their charges. It's a firsthand account in the handwriting of the man who was actually there and participated in this historic event. Furthermore, it proves conclusively that the condemned were moved to cells on the first floor, where two guards each were stationed for duty. Prisoners spared from the gallows were assigned one guard each.



After his discharge on July 31, 1865, Dixon returned to Pound Ridge, where he carried mail for 22 years. When rural routes were instituted, he continued carrying freight and passengers until 1916. On March 16, 1925, 90-year old George E. Dixon died, just 19 days shy of his 66th wedding anniversary (April 4, 1925). He was one of the oldest members of Stamford's Charles A. Hobbie GAR Post 23. He was survived by his wife, Sarah E, four children, 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Br. Ed Isaacs (left), a retired Norwalk, CT, fire fighter, is a member of Wooster-Russell Camp 22 in Shelton, CT.



CALIFORNIA PROVIDES FOUR GAR NATIONAL LEADERS - TWO ARE LOS ANGELES COMRADES -

Early in 1867, Maj. Thomas J. Blakeney (1st CA Vol. Cav.), of Sacramento, who had been on a visit East, returned with authority to organize the GAR on the Pacific coast. On May 7, 1867, Blakeney named John F. Miller the Dept. of California's Provisional Commander. Gen. Miller assumed command on May 8th. The Dept. of California's 1st Annual Convention met at San Francisco's Eureka Hall on February, 21, 1868, and effected a permanent organization.

Sacramento's Elbridge Lafayette Hawk was the first Californian elected CinC during the Encampment on Sept. 15, 1927 at Grand Rapids, MI. At age 94, "Colonel" John S. Dumser of Oakland, CA, became the 76th GAR Commander at the Nat. Encampment in Indianapolis on Sept. 17, 1942 when he ran unopposed for CinC.

Two National Commanders from Los Angeles were elected over the history of the GAR:

Russell C. Martin was born November 24, 1848 at Randolph, VT. He served in Co. I, 1st VT Cav., enlisting on December 17, 1863 at the age of 15 years. He served in the Army of the Potomac under Generals Custer and Sheridan.

Comrade Martin came to California in 1881. He was Past Commander of Los Angeles' Bartlett-Logan Post 6, served as Dept. Commander (1919-1920), and was commandant of the California State Veterans' Home at Yountville (1921-1926). It was with that position that he received the title of "Colonel." Martin was the Dept. Judge Advocate General and Nat. SVCinC when he succeeded CinC Wm. P. Wright upon Wright's passing on June 15, 1933.

Comrade Martin died on Dec. 29, 1945, and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, CA.

(Los Angeles Times, June 16, 1933 & Portrait Inscription in collection of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall – L.A.)



Col. Russell C. Martin

Dr. Overton H. Mennet, M.D. was elected CinC on Sept. 7, 1937 at Madison, WI. He had served as Nat. JVCinC during 1935-1936. Mennet was Dept. Commander of California-Nevada in 1933-1934, and had served as Commander of the Southern California Veterans Association in 1926-1927. He was past commander of Los Angeles' Stanton Post 55. Mennet led the GAR veteran ranks at the 1938 Gettysburg reunion.

Dr. Mennet came to Los Angeles in 1910, after having practiced medicine in Columbus, OH, for nearly 40 years. He was born on an Indiana farm in 1830, and enlisted in Co. E, 146th IN Inf. on Feb. 15, 1865. His service saw him guarding trains at Harpers Ferry. He was discharged on Aug. 31, 1865.

Dr. Overton answered the Last Muster on Jan. 25, 1941 and was buried at Rosedale Cemetery.

(Los Angeles Times: 10/2/1937, 1/26/1941; Sawtelle Soldiers Home record)

Photos this page courtesy DUVCW Museum & Library, Springfield, IL.



The Stanton Post's Charles Chappell and Douglas Story receive a bouquet from actress Eve Arden in May 1946. Flag bearers are Ms. Audrey Jones and Ann Duke of Stanton WRC.



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THE LOS ANGELES LAST MAN CLUB

Los Angeles' Stanton GAR Post 55 held its last full ritual meeting on Dec. 17, 1937, in the Lincoln Room of Patriotic Hall. During the meeting, the 19 comrades present offered a toast to the Post's departed members and to the Last Man Club, organized in 1935 with 44 members. On Nov. 30, 1942, the Club's nine remaining members met again at Patriotic Hall.

Only 102-year old **Charles L. Chappel** could attend the meeting of Post 55 and The Last Man Club on April 8, 1949. The other two members, Douglas T. Story and William A. Magee, were confined to their homes. Despite his mobility, Chappel was the first of the three to answer the Final Roll Call.

Charles L. Chappel was 102 on July 7, 1949, and was the last California-Nevada GAR Dept. Commander. At the Dept.'s 82nd Encampment at San Diego, only five members were reported living in California and Nevada. At 17, Chappel enlisted in Co. B, 10th NY Inf., and as a private, he stood picket duty at Appomattox Courthouse when Gen. Lee surrendered. On



Sept. 2, 1949, he flew back from the GAR's last Encampment in Indianapolis. There, Vice Cmdr. Chappel's hope to be Nat. Commander was shattered when the six delegates voted against it. He asked CinC Theodore Penland, 100, of Portland, OR, to let him hold the gavel a minute and thus, symbolically closed his career as the delegate who always flew back to the Encampments. Chappel refused to go to a hospital when he had a heart attack at his Long Beach home. After a second attack several hours later, he was taken to the Naval Hospital where he died on Sept. 20, 1949. He was buried in Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, CA, and was the last known Civil War veteran of Orange County. (*Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 21, 1949)

Douglas T. Story was born November 24, 1844. Mr. Story ran away from home twice in the early days of the conflict, only to be brought back home by his father. He finally succeeded in enlisting at the age of 18 and saw action with Co. I, 136th IL Vol. Inf. He fought through the war without being wounded and was honorably discharged. Upon returning home, he took up carpentry. He died April 22, 1952 at the age of 107 at the VA Center Hospital in West Los Angeles; and is buried at Los Angeles Nat. Cemetery. A son, Louis Story, served as SUVCW California & Pacific Dept. Commander in 1956. (*Los Angeles Times*, April 23, 1952)

William Allen Magee served as a private in Co. M, 12th Vol. OH Cav., enlisting October 20, 1863. He ran away from home as a 13-year old to be a bugler with Gen. Sherman on his historic march to the sea. He was a veteran of five of the nation's wars and retired from the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant in 1898. He served under Lincoln, in the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, and skirmishes on the Mexican border. "Remember one thing, young man," he said in his last interview, "You can't beat the American ... always remember that. We are free men." "Our beloved United States," Magee said on his last birthday, "has never been licked in war and we never shall be licked. They just can't lick her, because we have the power. We have real power — and we have real men." Sgt. Magee also had some advice on alcoholic beverages. "Haven't had a drink of liquor myself for the past 50 years," he said. "And when I did drink, it was pure corn whiskey that the mountaineers made. It was good for a man. Today the young men mix their drinks. That's what shortens their lives." He had been in excellent health until Jan. 2, 1953 when he suffered a stroke. At age 106, one of America's last three Union veterans answered his final muster on January 23, 1953, at Wadsworth General Hospital at the Sawtelle VA Center. He was laid to rest in the Los Angeles Nat. Cemetery. The bugler's favorite music, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," were played during the burial ceremonies. Sgt. Magee's passing thinned the nation's ranks of Union veterans to two, one of whom was younger than Magee. The two were James A. Hard, 111, of Rochester, NY; and Albert Woolson, 105, of Duluth, MN. (*Los Angeles Times*, Jan. 24, 1953)



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2. Sr. Conaway was a member of the LGAR for over 57 years in Ohio as part of the Mother McKinley Circle 4 and served as Nat. President of the LGAR during the 1979-1980 administrative year. She presided over the LGAR Nat. Encampment in Richmond, VA in August 1980. Sr. Conaway passed away on 29 January at the age of 81.

3. Sr. Mullenix served as Nat. President of the DUVCW during the 2006-2007 administrative year and presided over the DUVCW Nat. Convention in St. Louis, MO, in August 2007. She was a long time member of Charlotte

Harrison Boone Tent 20 in Kahoka, MO. Sr. Mullenix passed away on 6 February at the age of 62.

4. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website be draped in black until 09 March 2012 in remembrance of Srs. Conaway and Mullenix and in honor of their long term dedication to preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our ancestors who fought to save the Union.

Ordered this 9th day of February 2012.

By order of:	Attested:
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Commander-in-Chief	National Secretary

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NORTH CAROLINA

Prior to Veterans Day, Fayetteville's MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 surveyed the Camp for Brothers who are US veterans. The survey revealed that of the Camp's 21 adult members, 16 or 76% are veterans. Among these is Br. Charles Allen, a 95 year old World War II veteran, who is the Camp's Chaplain. At the Camp's October 8th meeting, the Camp Commander announced the survey findings and had all of the veterans present stand while the "Veterans Roll of Honor" was called.

Shown: Seven of Camp 1's veterans: PCC Wendell Small, Jr., DC Dr. Jerry Devine, CC Dennis C. St. Andrew, PDC Doug Elwell, PCC Roger Dostall, Sec/Treas. John France and PCC Lee Harford, Jr.



WISCONSIN

Henry Harnden Camp 2's PCC Alan Hembel (below) emcee's the Wreaths Across America program in Madison's Forest Hill Cemetery while PCC Bob Mann and Br. Dan Palama (right) place wreaths in Milwaukee's Wood National Cemetery.



C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 provided holiday cheer for 17 family members of needy veterans. Brothers contributed \$700 to the relief effort with another \$310 provided by the Camp via a match. Shown (right) is Santa (Br. Eric Graff) with a couple of the vets' children.



MISSOURI



On December 3rd, the graves of the nearly 3,000 unknowns were decorated at Jefferson Barracks Nat. Cemetery. Helping with the task were Sr. Maggie Grothe (WRC, Aux.), PCC Jack Grothe, Brs. Joe Difani, Jr., and Tom Rung. Not shown are Brs. Bill Groth and Noel Stasiak, all of Wm. T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp 65.

OHIO

Gov. William Dennison Camp 1 and the Franklin Heights Junior Navy ROTC unit laid wreaths at Wreaths Across America, held at Columbus' Green Lawn Cemetery on December 10th .



KNOWN ONLY TO GOD...AND A COUPLE OF OTHERS

From a report by Br. Mark Tennant, Buckhannon Camp 49 (Chesapeake)



I've been doing research on Civil War soldiers at West Virginia's Grafton Nat. Cemetery for the past seven years. I've identified 15 previously unknown Union soldiers buried there. In addition, I found mistakes in the names of two others. Br. Michael Phillips has identified one previously unknown soldier.

In May 2006, I submitted identifying research on the first five soldiers to the cemetery director. She forwarded it to historians at the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) in Washington, DC. After a year, they notified me they agreed with my research on four of the five. I then submitted another soldier and they agreed with that research also. I was told the U.S. Army is next of kin on all unknowns and the NCA can't provide headstones until Army either says the research is good enough to identify them or it needs more information like DNA. I recently submitted research on nine more soldiers. Br. Phillips, also of Camp 49, contacted the U.S. Army which said that Civil War soldiers were low priority, their focus was on WWII soldiers. DNA would have to be used for the final proof, so we would need these soldiers' descendants to give DNA samples.

Grafton Nat. Cemetery was established in 1867. From mid-1867 to late 1868, 1,251 Union soldiers were disinterred from battlefields and roadsides in West Virginia. Of these, 583 are known, 668 are unknown. The cemetery burial register gives the grave location, name, rank, regiment, company and date of death if known, the date interred, where the body was removed from and sometimes some brief remarks about the soldier. By using adjutant general records, history books and soldier records, I was able to learn the identity of 15 previously unknowns.

Pvt. Jesse W. Gardner, 20, Co. I, 32nd O.V.I., died April 14, 1862, at Huttonsville, (West) Virginia. The burial register correctly listed his last name, rank and unit. He was removed from a Randolph County farm. However, his stone was marked "unknown."

Pvt. Riley G. Davis, Co. A, 14th (West) Virginia Inf., died at the Battle of Greenland Gap near Moorefield, WV, on April 25, 1863. The burial register has this information, but his gravestone also says "unknown."

The West Virginia Adjutant General's report showed only one Union Soldier from the 14th WV killed in battle- Riley Davis. The others I have identified are: Pvt. Albert Aldrich, Co. C, 152nd IN Inf.; Pvt. James M. Cottrill, Co. E, 8th WV; Sgt. Right Bird Curry, Co. A, 10th WV, Pvt. Andrew Estep, Co. I, 8th WV; Pvt. John Friese, Co. G, 146th OH; Sgt. Jacob Frintz, Co. F, 28th OH. Also, Pvt. Johann Ingold, Co. A, 37th OH; Pvt. Michael Joyce, Co. G, 23rd IL; Pvt. Joseph Kedar, Co. A, 23rd IL; Pvt. Charles Pleffer, Co. C, 23rd OH; Sgt. Henry Reichelderfer, Co. C, 14th OH; Pvt. Emil Rosencranz, Co. A, 37th OH; Pvt. Andrew J. Fulkaneer, Co. E, 3rd WV Cav.

Br. Phillips identified Pvt. Patrick Keeshan, Co. A, 10th O.V.I.

In addition, I found mistakes on two gravestones; Pvt. Samuel Miller, 32nd O.V.I., should be Samuel Mills, 14th O.V.I. and Pvt. James Illiff should be Pvt. James Joliff, 23rd O.V.I.

I am looking for information on several unknowns. One record says: "Supposed to be from St. Lawrence Co. NY. His white dog has remained in the vicinity and lay on his grave every night since." The only regiment from upstate NY that was in New Creek, WV was the 106th NY Inf. I have narrowed it to approximately 10 soldiers who died at New Creek in the fall of 1862.

An unknown hospital nurse, reinterred Nov. 8, 1868, from the hospital graveyard in Clarksburg, WV, was buried at Grafton.

Since this was written, I believe I've identified three more unknowns and found an error in another's identity. They are Pvt. Andrew Baily, Co. I, 8th WV Inf.- later 7th WV cavalry.; Pvt. A.T.J. Baily, Co. I, 8th (West) Virginia Inf.- later 7th WV Cav.; and Sgt. John Joyce, Co. E, 2nd KY Inf. The misidentified grave lists Pvt. William H. Matlick, Co. C, 3rd WV Inf.- (he was killed at the Battle of Droop Mtn., Nov. 6, 1863). I believe he is Cpl. William H. Mattack, Co. I, 13th O.V.I., wounded at the Battle of Carnifex Ferry on September 10, 1861. Grafton's burial register shows this soldier's body was removed from a farm adjacent to Carnifex Ferry battleground, not the summit of Droop Mtn.

I'm frustrated with the VA's and the NCA's double standard. In 2009, Br. Thomas Grund also used historical records to identify four previously unknowns at the Yorktown VA Nat. Cemetery, which is part of the Colonial Nat. Historic Park, administrated by the National Park System (NPS) and run by the Dept. of the Interior. (July 2009 Civil War News article) The NPS and Dept. of the Interior asked the NCA historian how Mr. Grund could get his previously unidentified soldier headstones by using historical records when I couldn't. She said the NPS and Dept. of the Interior had different rules than the VA and NCA. How can different government agencies have different rules on the same issue?

Br. Mark Tennant hopes descendants will learn of his findings and that readers have information about the others he mentions.

WELCOME NEW CAMPS!

PA DC Howard Wolfe presented a charter to Sunbury's **Gen. J. P. S. Gobin Camp 503** on December 17th. Shown, in rear from left: Chap. Scott Debo, Guide Ken Smith, Sec/Treas. Anthony Kline, Color Bearer Zachary Anderson; Guard Dan Herb. Front, from left: DC Wolfe, SVC John Deppen, CC Gregory Kline, and JVC Dennis Dewalt.



The presentation and officer installation took place at the historic Hotel Edison during the Camp Christmas Party. (Date of Rank 3/6/2011.) Br. Greg Kline organized the Camp.

PA DSVC Richard Essenwein presented Mercer's **Isaac Eaton Camp 504** its charter at its first meeting on September 25th. He swore in new members and Camp officers (Date of Rank 8/10/2011). Charter Members Lft to Rgt: Ian, Wm. and David Turner, Bill Philson, Dave Robinson Jr., Steve Johnston, Timothy Bennett, CC Joel Black (holding new Charter), Dave Robinson, Sr., John Tenney, Trevor and Carl Black, Charles Henderson, Richard Essenwein. Not present: Ralph Diamond, Robert McKeon, Jason Bennett. Also shown are previous Mercer Camp charters (1890-1905), kept at the Mercer County Historical Society. Br. Timothy Bennett organized the Camp.



On January 28th, **Gen. Everell F. Dutton Camp 49** was chartered at the Quad Camp Banquet at Rockford's Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall. The Sycamore, IL, Camp was chartered 100 years after its last formation and started with 14 Charter Members and 4 Associates (Date of Rank 12/16/2011). Shown: Camp 49 SVC Tom Oestreicher, IL DC Terry Dyer, and CC James Locke Lyon. Brs. Lyon and Oestreicher organized the Camp.



Fort Simcoe Camp 2 of Yakima, WA, (Date of Rank 4/16/2011) was organized by Br. Timothy Hull.

Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp 47 of DeSoto, MO, (Date of Rank 10/20/2011) was organized by Br. Rodney Price.

Franz Siegel Camp 614 of Rolla, MO, (Date of Rank 12/27/2011) was organized by Br. Randal Burd.

Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp 4 of Broken Arrow, OK, was organized by Br. Bernie Cooper.

Charles Sumner Camp 25 of Chestertown, MD (Chesapeake Dept.), was organized by Br. Lawrence Slagle.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

Capt G. N. Spradline 72, Western Arkansas, Department of Missouri (Expires 7/27/2012)

Maj Gen Newton Martin Curtis 06, Southport, NC, Department of North Carolina (Expires 01/13/2013)

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://suvchw.org/ftp/form50.pdf> The Dept. Commander authorizes formation on Form 51. A minimum of five members with lineage, not counting Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

COLORADO/WYOMING

The Legion of the West Camp 7 organized a headstone dedication service on Presidents Day, February 20th, at Grand Junction's Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The headstone marked the grave of Black Hawk War veteran Sgt. Peter Buck, 11th MI Militia, who died in Grand Junction in May 1896 at age 87. The local undertaker buried Buck in the pauper's cemetery and the local GAR Post 35 conducted the ceremony. The marker went missing for many years before it was discovered as a stepping stone in a local walkway. It was eventually presented to Camp 7, which had the stone placed in the cemetery as a memorial. Buck's gravesite is unknown.

The headstone dedication took place with DSVC Bill Buvinger recounting the history of the Blackhawk War, and PDCs Gary Parrott and Garry Brewer conducting the Military Rites. *Submitted by Garry Brewer.*



Bob Henderson (red hat) PCC Alan Lambert, Bennett Young, DSVC Bill Buvinger, Michard Menard, PDC Garry Brewer, and PDC Gary Parrott out front.

FLORIDA

On January 15th, the Dept. honored Barbara Gannon, PhD, with a GAR sesquicentennial coin and recognition award for her work as author of the book "The Won Cause." Dr.



Gannon's book examines the GAR as an integrated organization in a segregated society. The book keeps green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, a primary mission of the SUVCW.

Dr. Gannon clearly identifies her sources and shows that others' research led to erroneous conclusions about the GAR.

On February 8th, JVC Bill Slavin of 1Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7, Pembroke Pines, presented a book to Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler documenting Civil War veterans graves found in historic Everglades



Cemetery. The research was based on a 1930s WPA list, preserved by the Broward County Hist. Society. The final resting place of Medal of Honor recipient 1Sgt. Edgar A. Bras, Co. K, 8th IA Vet. Inf. was "re-discovered." The Bras family was one of Ft. Lauderdale's founders.

The information was forwarded to the Broward County Centennial Commission for use in upcoming observances.

KANSAS

Union Veteran Laid to Rest

Last July, the Missing in America Project and the Sons buried the ashes of Pvt. Geo. McCarthy, 2nd MO Reg. Artillery. McCarthy was born in 1844 in Canada and became a sailor. He came to America and joined the Union Army in St. Louis at age 20, serving as a clerk. He died on March 10, 1946 at age 102, was cremated, but his ashes were never claimed.

Missouri's Project contacted the VA and the Kansas Dept. The VA arranged to have McCarthy and 12 others, whose ashes were still in Missouri funeral homes, buried in the Ft. Leavenworth Cemetery.

The Kansas Dept. then organized Brothers and re-enactors for the funeral service. The corps was led by Br. Marc Witkovski of Omaha's Victor Vifquain Camp 1. Bob Wandel of Lawrence's Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 carried the ashes. Also included: Westport Camp 64 (MO) Brs. Michael Lundeen and Perry Marks, Camp 4 Brs. Dennis Lawrence and John McCain, Camp 1's Steve Bauermeister, and Old Abe Camp 16 (Topeka) Br. Conrad Fisher.



Pallbearer PCC Bob Wandel follows Brs. Marc Witkovski, David Tollefson and Perry Marks while honoring Union veteran Pvt. George McCarthy at the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, K.S. Photo by Prudence Siebert/Fort Leavenworth Lamp

"It was a great honor to be able to carry the ashes of Pvt. McCarthy. One does not get to be that close to someone who fought in the Civil War every day; this chance is a once in a lifetime experience," stated KS GRO Bob Wandel.

MICHIGAN

Annual ROTC Award Presented

Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 recently recognized a local U. S. Naval Sea Cadet at a January 15th awards

banquet held by the U. S. Naval Sea Cadets-Tomcat Squadron and the U. S. Navy Cadet Corps Training Ship Tomcat, based at Selfridge ANG Base. This year's ROTC Award recipient was Petty Officer 3rd CI Krystal Morrison, a junior at Memphis (MI) High School. Cadet Morrison also received the prestigious national U. S. Naval League "Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal" as sea cadet of the year.



Cadet Krystal Morrison displays the SUVCW ROTC Award she received from Camp 2's ROTC Chairman John Bowker (left) and CC William Nash (right).

NEW YORK

Dedication of Fort Willard Historic Site

Col. Geo. L. Willard Camp 154 participated, from a distance, in the Ft. Willard Historic Site dedication last October near Alexandria, VA. CC Dziejewski, Brs. Keough and Malinoski composed a letter, read at the ceremony. They wrote: "...this new park will enhance the local history as it preserves the memory of those who served our Nation at this location as well as the memory of Col. Geo. L. Willard."

The Union fort, built in 1862, was one of 163 forts and batteries extending 37 miles around Washington. It's one of Virginia's four remaining defensive forts. The 1.6-acre site has been renovated with new walking paths, sitting areas, and interpretive signs. The bomb proof, sentry area, magazine and cannon embrasures were restored to various levels. *Submitted by CC David M. Dziejewski*

OHIO

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation provided Henry Casey Camp 92 a grant of \$1,000 to help restore a GAR memorial located in the Jasper Township Cemetery near Milledgeville. It's believed that in 1895, Milledgeville's S.N. Yeoman GAR Post 418 erected a Civil War soldier statue and a GAR memorial. After WWII, the statue was placed on a large cement base and the name of every war veteran buried in the cemetery was engraved on the base grouped by the war they served in.

About 1960, the cannon barrel and stack of cannon balls were stolen from the memorial. The Township Trustees recently decided that the GAR memorial should be either restored or removed because of its condition. With the help of Henry Casey Camp 92, the trustees agreed to

restore the memorial with replicas of the cannon barrel and the stack of cannon balls.



PCinC Robert E. Grim, Camp 92 Treasurer (3rd from left) presents a check to Jasper Township Trustees Richard A. Anders, Jackie Pursley, and Glenn Rankin. to help pay the cost of restoring the GAR memorial

TEXAS

On January 7th, Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea USN Camp 2 conducted its annual Battle of Galveston Commemoration ceremony at the historic Episcopal Church Cemetery, before the Camp's namesake's gravesite. The Camp, including a color guard, Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1, an SCV color guard and a bugler were joined by numerous spectators.

The Colors were posted, while Br. Stephen Duncan played a patriotic tune on piccolo. DC David LaBrot emceed the ceremony. PI James Hackett spoke of Cmdr. Lea's life and death. The Color Guard then fired a 3-volley musket salute and the bugler played Taps.

The Camp retired to a private meeting room at a restaurant on the Galveston seawall, where business was conducted, new Br. Conrad Schneider (who joined his father and two brothers in the Camp) was initiated, and the Camp's officers for 2012 were installed.

Submitted by Br. Michael L. Lance, Camp Historian & Newsletter Editor.

WISCONSIN

C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1's Br. Pat Kulas spoke to the 8th grade class at Burlington's St. Mary's School on January 17th. His purpose was to make students aware of the soldiers' sacrifices and make them aware of our Order. He gave them a sampling of beef jerky and told them that the armies didn't have Bermuda shorts and flip flops. He said, "I wanted them to take a timeout from Star Wars and Harry Potter...to appreciate the supreme sacrifice and not end up on Jay Leno by answering that Harry Truman was President during the Civil War."



WITH OUR SISTERS

TEXAS

Recently, the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea, USN, Camp 2 held a moving headstone dedication for two Union veterans buried in the historic Palacios Cemetery in Matagorda County. Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1 assisted the Camp in honoring the two soldiers.

Pvt. Samuel V. Jewel served in the 4th OH Cavalry and Pvt. Thomas Elwood Morris served in the 151st IN Infantry. The Matagorda County Historical Commission and the Queen-Hamlin and Bay City Philip H. Parker VFW Posts were instrumental in finding the grave sites, acquiring markers for them, and sponsoring the dedication ceremony.



WISCONSIN



Milwaukee's C. K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4, Saukville's Lt. Alonzo Cushing Camp 5, and Manitowoc's Cordelia Harvey Detached Tent 1 (DUVCW) participated in the 2nd annual Civil War Expo inside Kenosha's Civil War Museum on March 23rd. Over 20 groups manned booths and spoke to visitors about this historic period and their organizations. Camp 5 manned a cannon, used as a static display on the second floor. Period musicians played and sang songs of the Civil War.

Meanwhile, some organizations, including the Sons and Aux., gave presentations in two of the museum's meeting rooms throughout the day.

FINAL MUSTER

Cliff J. Dougal

Centennial Camp 100 (CO & WY)
August 16, 2010

George E. Brush, Jr.

Lincoln Camp 100 (NJ)
December 29, 2010

Robert A. Shelton

Charles H. Bond Camp 104 (MA)
July 6, 2011

Donald Ryland

McLaughlin Camp 12 (OH)
July 24, 2011

Ralph W. Warner

Willie Gout Camp 25 (MA)
August 25, 2011

Edward E. Cogswell

Garfield Camp 1 (ME)
September 1, 2011

Robert C. Drennan

Generals Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17 (CA&Pac)
September 4, 2011

Thomas J. Allen

Power-Dunleavy Camp 3 (IA)
September 10, 2011

James Lovell

Camp 443 (IL)
September 14, 2011

Kreaton H. Cullimore

Alexander French Camp 28 (MI)
November 1, 2011

Lynn Owens

Gen. Alfred A. Pleasonton Camp 24 (CA&Pac)
November 2, 2011

PCC William L. Smith

James A. Garfield Camp 142 (OH)
November 13, 2011

Dr. Harold E. Secor

Lt. Cdr. Edward Lea, USN Camp 2 (TX)
November 26, 2011

Harold J. Slavik, Jr. (LM)

Cpl. Louis Renninger Camp 1 (C-A-L)
December 11, 2011

Richard H. "Red" Davis

Daniel E. Sickles Camp 3 (NY)
December 13, 2011

PCC Charles E. Funck III

Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (IL)
Victor Vifquain Camp 1 (NE)
December 19, 2011

Brian E. Watkins

James J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX)
January 10, 2012

Roger E. Church

Robert Finch Camp 13 (MI)
January 20, 2012

Albert Harper, Jr., SSG USMC, Ret.

Gen. Pritchard Camp 20 (MI)
January 31, 2012

Francis J. O'Connor

Col. Aug. Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
February 1, 2012

Charles H. Weaver

Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 (C-A-L)
February 12, 2012

CC Dr. Robert Hileman, Jr.

Col. James Crowther Camp 89 (PA)
February 19, 2012

Michael S. Boley

Fort Donelson Camp 62 (TN)
February 27, 2012

Charles W. Allen

MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 (NC)
March 12, 2012

PCIN C ALAN R. LOOMIS PASSES

PCinC Alan R. Loomis passed away on March 19th at age 77. He was a great friend to all and will be dearly missed.

In 1979, Br. Loomis joined David D. Porter Camp 116 in Valparaiso, IN. He based his membership on the service of two great grandfathers and two great uncles, who served in IL regiments.

He served as Camp Sec/Treas., Dept. Sec/Treas., two terms as Camp Commander, three terms as Dept. Commander (1988-90), Nat. GAR Hwy. Officer, and as a member of the Nat. Program & Policy Committee.

In 1988, with the assistance of legislators and the Indiana DOT, GAR Memorial Highway signs were placed at each intersection of US 6 and intersecting federal and state highways.

In 1990, he served as the site chairman of the Central Region Conference held in Chesterton, IN.

In 1991, he served as general chairman of the 110th Nat. Encampment (125th anniversary of the first GAR Nat. Encampment) held in Indianapolis.

He was elected JVCinC in 1994. Br. Loomis worked with the Indiana legislature to name US 12 the "Iron Brigade Highway." He then raised \$1,260 for an Indiana State Historical Marker, commemorating "The Iron Brigade," dedicated July 1, 1995.

Between Fall 1994 and Spring 1996, PCinC Loomis organized Fort Wayne's Col. William Hardy Link Camp 12.

He served as Dept. GAR Hwy. Officer, and was elected Central Region Assoc. Commander in 1995. He was elected our Order's SVCinC in 1995 and CinC in 1996.

In 2003, he was appointed to the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee. Appointed chairman in 2005, he served until 2008. For his work, he received the Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award in 2009.

PCinC Loomis graduated from Ottawa High School in 1952 and received a BS degree (1956) from Millikin University, Decatur, IL. Additionally, he received a Master's in Geography from Northern Illinois University (1966) and a Master's in Earth Science from the University of Notre Dame (1971).

Br. Loomis served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. He married Gretchen Miller of Valparaiso on June 16, 1963. He taught Junior High School for 35 years, retiring in 1994. He served as assistant Curator of Valparaiso's "Old Jail Museum." He also served as Secretary of the Board of Directors and as Treasurer of the Historical Society of Porter County which operates the museum. In addition, he organized and chaired the first committee that attempted to raise funds for restoring Valparaiso's GAR "Memorial Opera House." He later served on the Foundation's board of directors that eventually funded the restoration. Br. Loomis was a member of the Masonic Occidental Lodge 40 in Ottawa, IL. Surviving is his wife Gretchen, son Dale, nieces and nephews.

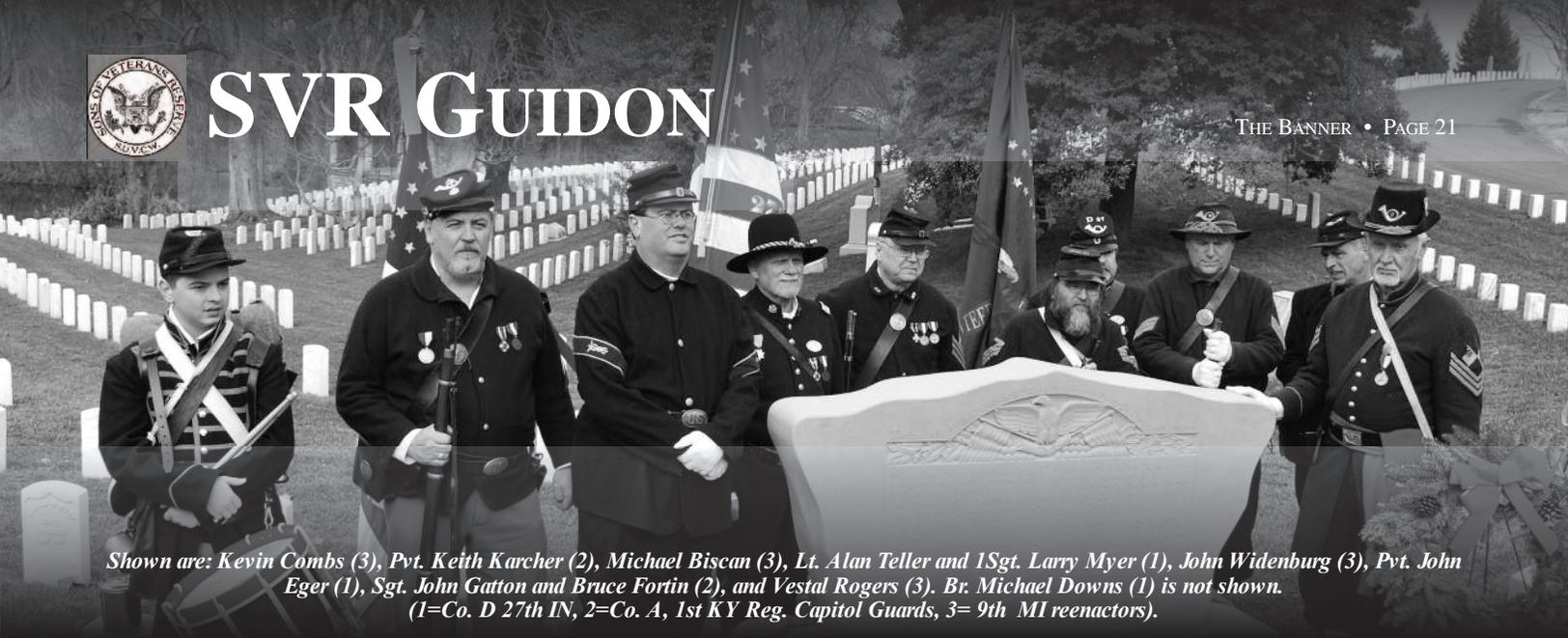


CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

More than one hundred and fifty years ago, the voters of this country went to the polls. Women had not yet gained suffrage. Some thought that they did not have an attention span long enough for the weighty matters of politics; that they would vote for the most handsome candidate - Lincoln would not have stood a chance against Douglas. It was a time in our Nation when Democrats and Republicans fought each other tooth and nail - neither side wanting the other side's legislation to pass in Congress. Strong feelings about national issues were felt throughout the land. I wish times were different today, but history keeps repeating itself.

I am sure, that like me, you receive countless items, emails, notices and verbal opinions. Let me state something in simple, easy to understand English. We have differences of opinions when it comes to politics - and Gentlemen/Brothers do not argue politics. If a true spirit of Fraternity is to exist in our Order, we must respect everyone's right to believe about politics, religion and a host of other items - as each sees fit. Do not castigate, criticize or overwhelm others with your feelings. In the end, God will sort it all out anyway. Just make sure you and the members of your household - vote on Election Day.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry



Shown are: Kevin Combs (3), Pvt. Keith Karcher (2), Michael Biscan (3), Lt. Alan Teller and 1Sgt. Larry Myer (1), John Widenburg (3), Pvt. John Eger (1), Sgt. John Gatton and Bruce Fortin (2), and Vestal Rogers (3). Br. Michael Downis (1) is not shown. (1=Co. D 27th IN, 2=Co. A, 1st KY Reg. Capitol Guards, 3= 9th MI reenactors).

INDIANA

On December 16th, two SVR units (Co. D, 27th IN Inf and Co. A, 1st Reg. KY Capitol Guards) gathered in Louisville's Cave Hill Nat. Cemetery to dedicate a new monument. The VA replaced the original Bloedner, or 32nd IN Vol. Inf. (1st IN German) monument with a reproduction and asked the SVR to fire a salute. The Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs was one of seven speakers.

The new monument, carved from Indiana Bedford Limestone in Newport, RI, replicated Bloedner's 1862 work. The dedication took place one day short of the 150th anniversary of the battle of Rowlette's Station, where 13 of the regiment died. In 1867, both graves and monument were moved from Munfordville to Cave Hill. The original was placed in Louisville's Frazier Museum.

FORT DONELSON 150TH ANNIVERSARY

On February 18th, the 10th TN U.S. Vol. Inf., SVR, the 49th IA Inf., SVR, of Des Moines, and re-enactors of Co. B, 9th KY U.S. Vol. and Schoolfield's Battery of Tennessee joined together with the Nat. Park Service and Superintendent Steve McCoy, to honor the 670 Union fallen who rest in the Nat. Cemetery at Ft. Donelson. A memorial wreath was presented and a GAR marker placed. Following the ceremony, visitors' questions were answered about the Battle for Fort Donelson, the Sons and the SVR.

The 10th TN USVI was the first Federal unit to be invited to the Annual Overton County parade on December 10th. The unit served as Co-Grand Marshalls with members of the SCV's Myers-Zollicoffer Camp and was well received. The two and a half mile parade is one of the largest events in Northeastern Middle Tennessee and provided positive exposure for the SUVCW and the SVR.



10th TN USVI, SVR, and Fort Donelson CC Roger Tenney, Pvt William Heyd, 10th Tenn, Pvt Isaac Heard, (Schoolfield's Battery), 1Lt Dave DuBrucq and Pvt Geroge A. Huttick (10th TN), 1Sgt David Thompson (49th IA), Cpl. Bill Heard and PDC Sam Gant (10th TN), Cpl Tommy Phillips (Schoolfield's Battery), and 2Lt Danny Krock (49th IA).

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to:

General Staff

Recommissioned::

2Lt. David K. Hann (16 Nov 13)

2nd Military District

Recommissioned:

Capt. John M. Hart, Jr. (3 Mar 15)

Capt. Richard J. Lewis (3 Mar 15)

1Lt. Justin M. Dorsey (3 Mar 15)

1Lt. Ray Sulger (3 Mar 15)

1Lt. Robert Wilhelm (3 Mar 15)

2Lt. Robert A. Dorsey (3 Mar 15)

2Lt. Michael E. Erb (3 Mar 15)

2Lt. David E. Heisler (3 Mar 15)

2Lt. David G. Martin (3 Mar 15)

2Lt. Philip J. Swaney (3 Mar 15)

6th Military District

Capt. Thomas T. Graham (6 Nov 13)

Capt. Joseph C. Marti (6 Nov 13)

2Lt. Gary A. Dickey (6 Nov 13)

7th Military District

Capt. Eric Peterson (16 Nov 13)

Capt. Phillip R. Hinman (16 Nov 13)

Capt. David DuBrucq (16 Nov 13)

2Lt. Theodore Golab (16 Nov 13)

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APPOINTMENTS

General Staff

2Lt. David K. Hann, Deputy Provost Marshal

6th Military District HQ

Capt. Thomas T. Graham, Adjutant

Capt. Joseph C. Marti, Chief of Staff & PIO

2Lt. Gary A. Dickey, Chaplain

7th Military District HQ

Capt. Eric Peterson, Commander

Capt. Phillip R. Hinman, Chief of Staff

Capt. David DuBrucq, Adjutant

2Lt. Theodore Golab, IG

2LT. Kenneth Early, Chaplain

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Star –

Cpl. Louis A. Zenti, Co. A, 49th IA Vol. Inf.

Citation may be viewed on the SVR website.

DIS-ESTABLISHED

Coles Cavalry (2nd MD)

Co. C, Col. Henry A. Dupont Guard (2nd MD)

Cpl. John C. Mackie, USMC Detachment (7th MD)

The Commanding General deeply regrets accepting the request of Maj. Kenneth Early to step down as the 7th Military District Commander. Due to his commitments in the USAF, Maj. Early is unable to continue. The General thanks Maj. Early for his great work as District Commander.

SOME PARTING WORDS

Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2's (MI) installation of 2012 officers was held at the Camp's January 26th meeting. DC Don Shaw presided over the installation. William Nash was re-elected Camp Commander for a second term and took the occasion to address the camp and all in our Order.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as an organization, is very concerned at this time about its "vision. This is only right. The Scriptures remind us that "without a vision the people perish." The vision for the SUVCW has to do, in part, with the question of where does the Order see itself going in terms of strategies to fulfill its mission to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those who served honorably to save the Union. It also has to do with making that history relevant with what is happening today. Does the record of our Union ancestors mean anything to the average citizen of today? Fortunately, the sesquicentennial of the Civil War is upon us and presents unique opportunities for increased public awareness and making that connection creates more opportunities for growth. We all know that if our Order doesn't grow it will die. The Grand Army of the Republic was unique in that its membership could only decrease as our ancestors passed away. When the last Union veteran, Albert Woolson, died in 1956, the GAR was at an end. However, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War always has the potential for growth as generations of males descending from Union veterans continue to be born. But we must get the word out!

Referring to the Scriptures again, speaking about the Gospel says "how shall they hear without a preacher?" Brothers, we are the "preachers" of our "good news" – that is what the word "gospel" means. The good news is that our country is worth saving and continues to be "the last best hope on Earth;" its Constitution is its bedrock and must continue to stand and that freedom is the fruit that will continue to grow as long as the United States of America exists. This gospel was severely threatened 150 years ago, resulting in the Civil War. Here's the connection: just as our Union ancestors stood in the gap to preserve the nation, so our nation today needs patriots to carry on what they preserved. We as brothers together have made the commitment to do so. Our continued membership is a testimony to our commitment. Everything we do in and for the Order is further testimony...whether we are participating in Memorial Day observances, headstone dedications, programs in schools, speeches, lectures, and presentations, or marching in a parade...it's all part of our cause, our mission, our legacy, our "good news."

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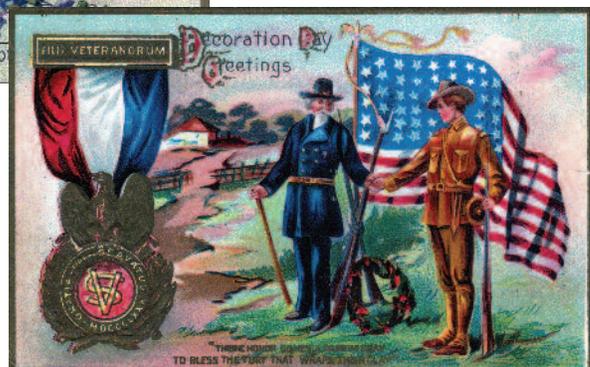
PATRIOTIC POSTCARDS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

As our thoughts and minds turn to Memorial Day, we remember decorating the graves of comrades, parades and patriotic orations of years past. One long forgotten tradition was sending Memorial Day cards to friends and relatives, especially veterans and members of the Sons.

This popular Victorian pastime of sending penny postcards was so called because it cost one cent to mail them in the US, Canada and Mexico. These colorful cards displayed the latest in lithographic art and were both flat and three dimensional with embossed designs. They were created for the major holidays like Easter and Christmas, but also for all the lesser holidays like the 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Memorial Day. Most were manufactured in England and Germany. Raphael Tuck is one of the most famous designers. Cards for the Grand Army, Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR and Abe Lincoln can be found. The Daughters of Veterans and our Auxiliary were both small in numbers and may not have had cards created for them.

The custom lasted until the advent of World War I when German imports were stopped. To locate them today, you might check post card shows, antique dealers and of course, the internet. Be sure to look under these topics : Holiday, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Military, Lincoln, and Civil War. The cost can range from a few dollars to as much as \$50 for a mint, rare design. As they are a hundred years old, expect some wear for less costly specimens.



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