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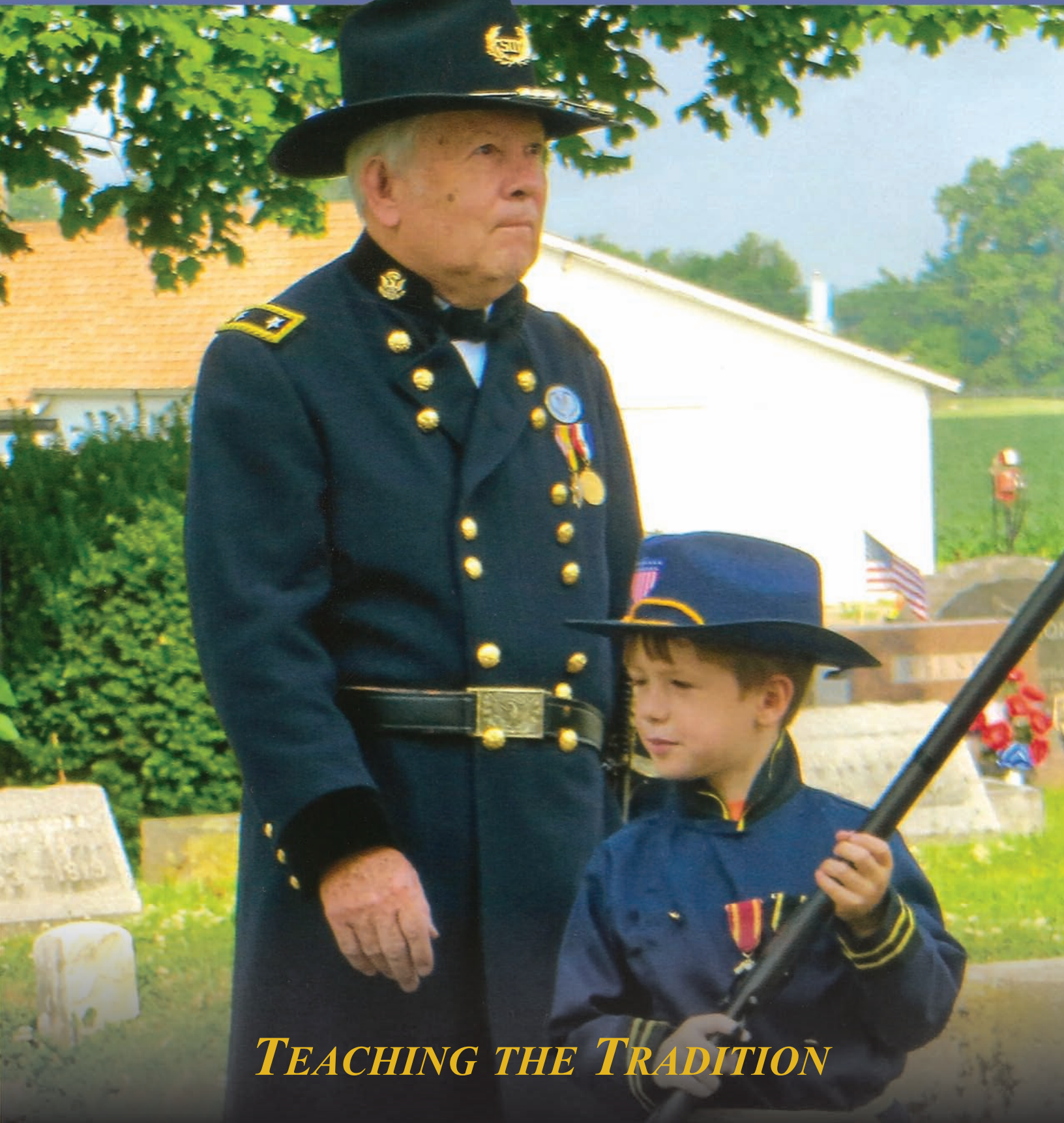
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TEACHING THE TRADITION

MEMORIAL DAY 2012



Custer Camp 17's (NJ) Memorial Day Ceremony at Middletown's Fair View Cemetery included Br. Ed Glidden, SVC Robert C. Meyer, Sec-Treas. Clark McCullough, Br. Charles Blood, and CC Mike Todd.



After Birmingham's Memorial Day service, Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI) pauses in front of the Oakland County Civil War Monument (1869) in Shain Park.



Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson is escorted by Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 CC Brian McManus while American Legion Police Post 415 firing squad looks on. The Camp's Memorial Day observance included the Camp's Auxiliary, its firing squad, a cannon firing, Pres. Lincoln, a Civil War band and a field Mass.



Isaac Eaton Camp 504 and 10th Pa., Inf. performed a dedication ceremony at Woodland Cemetery, in Grove City, Pa., in honor of Pvt. Jacob Bohlander, 100th Pa., Vol. Inf.



Ruger Camp 1's (NC) Richard Bishop, Wendell Small, and Lee Harford honor 1Sgt. Eagles' service with Co. D, 37th USCT at Wilmington Nat. Cemetery. He was the longest serving NC GAR Post Commander and was the mustering officer of Benj. Harrison GAR Post 62 in Fayetteville.



George A. Custer Camp 17's (NJ) JVC Jay Godin pauses at g-g-g grandfather, Pvt. Ernest Mintel's grave, in Linden's Rosedale Cemetery. Mintel served in Battery D, 4th NJ 4th LA. Br. Godin is holding son Conner. Sons Ryan and Matthew are holding flag. Photo by Monica Godin.



Ft. Donelson Camp 62, the 10th Tennessee USVI and the 13th USCT observed Memorial Day 2012 at Fort Negley in Nashville Tenn.



Marietta National Cemetery on Memorial Day



Co. C, 20th O.V.I. posted the Colors and fired a salute during the Memorial Day ceremony at Bloomingburg Cemetery, Ohio, and then led the community parade in Lees Creek.

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KUDOS IN ORDER

On May 18th, Br. Shayler C Pierson of Charles Devens Jr Camp 10 (GA & SC) was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force by his father, Col. Brian C Pierson, Department Commander. Br. Shayler graduated Summa Cum Laud from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Political Science and History. He was a Distinguished Graduate of the AFROTC program and will report for intelligence officer training in the fall. Br. Shayler also received the SUVCW Scholarship.



During the Vermont Dept. Encampment in Barre on May 19th, PDC Merlin Doyle retired as Secretary after 26 years of service in that position. Br. Doyle is a 64-year member of HEK Hall Camp 28 in Chelsea, where he served in all offices, and currently is the Sec/Treas. He is a Past Commander of the New England Regional Assoc.

On The Cover: MG Robert E. Grim, SVR, was joined by his grandson, Joshua Cassio, during the annual Memorial Day observance in Bloomingburg, Ohio.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 16

1. Per Chap. II, Art. V, Sec. 3(b) of the Regulations, Departments are required to submit Entity Identification Number (EIN) reports to the National organization on or before 15 March each year. Based on feedback from Nat. Treasurer Richard Orr, less than half of the Departments have complied.

2. These reports shall consist of EIN number and IRS contact person for each Camp. Contact information shall include name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable).

3. This is a relatively new requirement, and given the large number of Departments that are delinquent, I have concluded that this requirement was not effectively communicated by the Nat. organization. As such, I am allowing Departments to submit their EIN reports late, but they must be received by PCinC Orr no later than 23 March.

4. The IRS requires EIN reports to be submitted by 01 April. Failure to file on time puts our tax exempt status at risk. It has taken the Nat. organization several years to pull back into good standing with the IRS, and as such, we cannot afford another misstep.

5. I can't stress enough the importance of complying with this General Order as PCinC Orr is already operating under a compressed schedule. Given the importance of this submittal, Departments delinquent after 23 March will not be in good standing with the Nat. organization and face, at a minimum, suspension of their charters.

Ordered this 18th day of March 2012

GENERAL ORDER NO. 17

1. I have the sad duty of reporting the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Alan R. Loomis. He passed away on 19 March at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer.

2. PCinC Loomis was a long time member of David D. Porter Camp 116 in Valparaiso, IN. He served two terms as Camp Commander and three terms as IN Dept. Commander. He was elected CinC on 11 August 1996 at the 115th Nat. Encampment in Columbus, OH.

3. PCinC Loomis was a friend and mentor to many in

the SUVCW and will be remembered for his significant accomplishments in support of our Order. Notable accomplishments include his work to restore the GAR Highway to prominence, the establishment of the Iron Brigade Highway and service as chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Program Committee.

4. I am requesting that all membership badges, Camp and Dept. charters and the Nat. website be draped in black until 21 April 2012 in remembrance of PCinC Loomis.

5. Brothers wishing to express condolences may sign the electronic guest book established at Bartholomew Funeral Home in Valparaiso, IN. The guest book and sympathy card options may be accessed at www.bartholomewnewhard.com.

Ordered this 21st day of March 2012

GENERAL ORDER NO. 18

1. One of the greatest legacies left to us by the Grand Army of the Republic is the observance of Memorial Day. On 05 May 1868, GAR Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan issued General Order 11, establishing a day of reflection and remembrance for those that gave their lives that our Nation might live.

2. I ask that all Brothers, either as part of their Camp, SVR unit or individually, participate in an event in their respective communities on Monday, 28 May, the day of National observance, to fulfill the charge left to us by General Logan as legal heirs to the GAR...if other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

3. I also encourage all Brothers to observe the "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 pm (local time) for a minute of silence in remembrance of all of those who have died in service to our Nation. The "National Moment of Remembrance Act" was signed into law in December 2000. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states...it's a way to put the "Memorial" back into Memorial Day.

4. Finally, I ask that Brothers continue their reflections and remembrances on Wednesday, 30 May...the traditional date of Memorial Day as established by General Logan's Order. As an organization, we are committed to bringing Memorial Day back to its traditional date. We must support our own Restore Memorial Day Committee and keep working with our legislators to make it a reality.

Ordered this 27th day of May 2012

By order of:

Donald D. Palmer, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:

PDC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary

CIN C PALMER'S TRAVELS



CinC Donald Palmer, Amanda Stokes Tent 2 Pres. Marquerite Dyal, and Immediate PDC Theodore H. Golab at the GA & SC Dept. Encampment, held in Roswell, GA, on April 28th.



CinC Palmer posed with delegates while attending the New York Dept. Encampment in West Point on May 18-20.



CinC Palmer places a wreath at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery on April 14th.



CinC Palmer congratulates new DC Kirk Derment, Col. Hecker Camp 443, elected during the Illinois Dept. Encampment, held May 12th in Sycamore. Photo by Br. Jon McGinty, Logan Camp 26



Those attending the Iowa Dept. Encampment in Fort Dodge on April 20-21 got a chance to meet CinC Palmer.



“Success in life is one of earth’s strangest mysteries. To some, it comes unheralded and unsought for, and in too many instances, undeserved. Others labor for it and labor ever in vain, dying with every aspiration unsatisfied, and every reasonable hope unfulfilled. So died our comrade...”

“The law of compensation prevades all nature...”

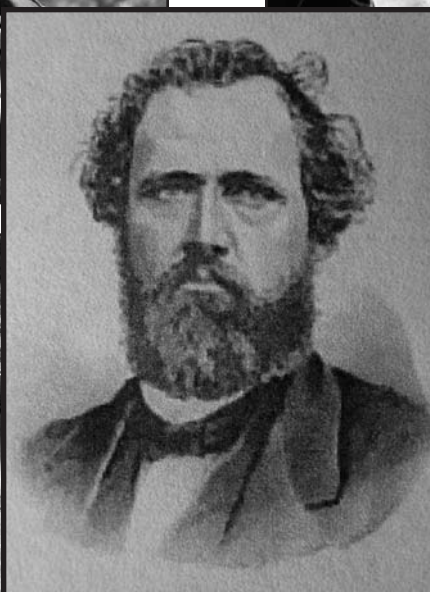
“In obedience to that law, we have come, even at this late day, to do honor to our departed comrade...”

*Judge James A. Matheny
Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill.
August 29, 1882*

TRIBUTE TO GAR FOUNDER DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON

Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, Ill.

April 14, 2012



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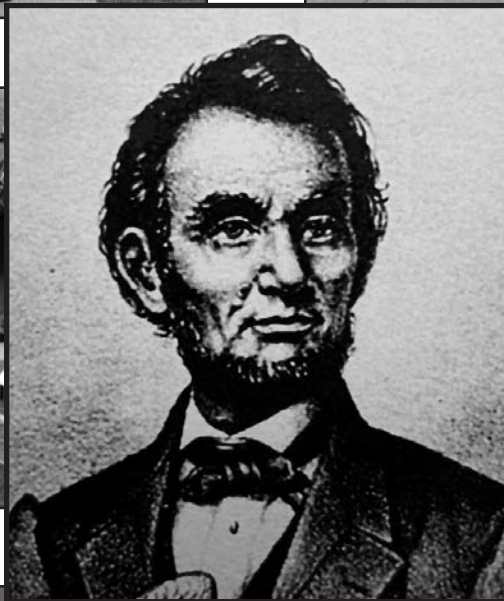
"Four years ago, O Illinois, we took from your midst an untried man...we return him to you a mighty conqueror. Not thine any more, but the Nation's, not ours, but the world's. Give him place, ye prairies."

*Henry Ward Beecher, Brooklyn preacher
Sermon in anticipation of Lincoln's
Funeral procession, April 1865*

THE LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVANCE

Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

April 14, 2012





**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 14, 2012
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

The meeting was opened by CinC Palmer at 07:25 PM. Chaplain Kowalski provided a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Nat. Sec. called the roll and recorded the following members of the Council and guests present: CinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr., SVCinC Perley E. Mellor, JVCinC Ken L. Freshley, Nat. Sec. Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treas. Richard D. Orr, Nat. QM Danny Wheeler, Council Members Steve Hammond, Robert M. Petrovic, Don Martin, Nat. Counselor James B. Pahl (PCinC), PCinC Ed Krieser, PCinC Robert E. Grim (SVR), PCinC Steve Michaels (Banner), and Exec. Dir. David W. Demmy, Sr. Excused were: PCinC Brad Schall, Council Members Campbell and Vieira. Guests included BG Henry E. Shaw Jr. (SVR), Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski, Nat. Chief of Staff Don Shaw, WI DC Thomas Brown and Br. Ed Norris

Loyalty Bonds: WI DC Brown briefed the sale, supporting his Dept.'s hosting of the 2013 Nat. Encampment. Bond owners may receive in return a portion of the profit from the Encampment after all bills are paid. A copy of the Bond was shown and permission requested to use the SUVCW emblem on the certificate. A representative copy of a bond is on file with the Nat. Sec. Br. Orr moved, Br. Wheeler seconded that the WI Dept. be allowed to use the emblem as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer /Committee Reports:

Current Eagle Scout Certificate: PDC Petrovic, Nat. Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. recommended a change to the application form, using a different graphic for the medal. However, the Eagle Scout medal depicted on the form is correct and should not be changed. Other aspects (border, color, copyright infringements on printing, etc.) were discussed. Referred to Programs & Policies Comm., which will make recommendations at the next Council meeting. Br. Petrovic will provide a CD to the QM to help make changes to the border color.

Memorial University: Members have complained about technical issues and inability to log into the program. JVCinC Freshley will contact Nat. P.I. Bates and discuss the program and address any technical problems.

Financial Report: PCinC Richard Orr provided copies of the 2011-12 Budget, the Consolidated Income Statement for Jul 1, 2011 to Feb 29, 2012 and the Consolidated Balance Sheet (Feb 29, 2012). He identified line items to be adjusted to reflect actual expenses.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded, to amend the budget as recommended by the Treasurer. Motion was approved unanimously.

Br. Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded to change

allocation of per capita effective Jul 1 2012: \$16 to the General Fund, \$2 to the Civil War Monuments Fund, and \$5 to the Nat. HQ Fund (50 cent decrease to Gen. Fund, 50 cent increase to Civil War Monuments Fund). Motion was approved unanimously.

Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Comm. Two grants were approved and the 3rd is being reviewed. On March 4th, a "fill-in" form was submitted for the website, facilitating completion and legibility. Referred to the Tech. Comm. for review and recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Lincoln Tomb Observance Comm. Recommendations: Br. Petrovic reported attendance was down slightly from last year. In conversations with members, they indicated they forgot about it. He contends this may be because it was advertised six (6) months before the event. He recommended that the Banner publication dates be changed to what they once were and put the Tomb Event in the Banner's Winter issue. Discussion ensued. The Banner Editor spoke to the concerns. No action taken at this time.

Scholarship Committee: A recommendation to include copies of the pertinent scholarship applications along with the Committee's recommended selectees to the Nat. Commander. No action needed by the CofA.

MO Dept. Report: A recommendation that the Nat. Order allow the St. Louis, MO, company do the calligraphy on the Charters, using the "chartering fee". Br. Petrovic discussed two Charters. The Fletcher Camp charter (De Soto, MO) was damaged in the mail and had spelling mistakes, which were corrected by redoing the Charter. He said the Siegel Camp (Rolla, MO) charter was done poorly, using a blue ink marker pen. The Nat. Sec. said he had completed several charters over the last two years and that all were done with a professional black calligraphy pen. A completed charter was physically inspected and there were no complaints. The Nat. Sec. asked why the Rolla Camp did not complain directly to the Nat. Sec. about the Charter and it was discovered they wanted to keep it. A review of previous minutes revealed that charters will be in calligraphy, but does not mandate by whom. The Charter fee goes to pay for the certificates. Doing the calligraphy in house saves our Order money and gets the Charters to their respective Camps quickly. Any Camp who receives a charter with errors, etc., should contact the Nat. Sec. directly. There is no additional fee for replacing a charter. If a Camp or Dept. requires a higher level of calligraphy, a blank charter can be provided for the Camp's calligrapher to do the work at its own expense. No action needed by the CofA.

A recommendation to change the age limits of the dues hike to be after the young man turns 18, instead of 14. This would allow him time to obtain employment and have the money more readily available. The Nat. Encampment must deal this with.

PA Dept. Report: A Council member noted that there was no report from the PA Dept Commander. This begged the question as to why? The CinC will request the DC to submit a report.

The Council recessed at 9:25 PM and reconvened at 9:40 PM

SUVCW Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal: The Program & Policy Comm. reported on actions taken since the Gettysburg 2011 CofA meeting. It distributed three different suggested certificate forms and the medal's image. Chap. Kowalski voiced concern that none of the proposed certificates were designed for or visually appealed to women. Br. Orr moved, Br. Mellor seconded to change the certificate name to "Award" instead of Medal; to maintain the criteria that the CinC may present up to 5, per administration, and Dept. Commanders up to 3 per administrative year, and that there is no obligation to award any. Passed unanimously. Br. Orr moved, Br. Wheeler seconded, that Certificate 2 be selected, but using the wording contained in certificate 3, removing the word "attest." Motion was approved unanimously. Br. Orr moved, Br. Mellor seconded, that the award shall be for services rendered at the Nat. level (same for the Dept.). Motion was approved unanimously.

Copyright & Trademark Policy: Br. Norris discussed Intellectual Property and protecting our trademarks and copyrights. He distributed and explained a proposed SUVCW policy. The CinC referred this to the Programs & Policies Comm. for action and report at the next CofA meeting. Br. Demmy will search for and retrieve any copyright documents on file at Nat. HQ.

Dept. Websites: CinC Don Palmer discussed deficiencies he found and will personally notify those who need to update their sites.

Life Membership Committee: Br. Martin presented a proposal, which included a mathematical equation that included life expectancy, age, dues rate and a multiplier (decided by CinC or Encampment). The Order's potential funding loss was discussed. Proposal was returned to Comm., recommending that the formula be reworked (min. goal of breaking even), that passbook savings interest (.1 %?) be considered, and that a recommendation for action be made at the upcoming Nat. Encampment.

Report of Proceedings Completion: Br. Freshley reported 75 percent completion.

Shipping to 2012 Nat. Encampment: Cost to ship the transcription equipment was noted and how bulky, and out of date our current equipment is. It may be better to just replace it. New digital transcription equipment will be easier to work with.

EIN Reports: Br. Orr reported that the SUVCW EIN annual report made it to the IRS by deadline. There are still Camps and Depts. not taking the reporting

requirement seriously. Discussion covered importance of Camp's EIN reporting, their informing the Nat. Treas., and understanding the Nat Treas. has a report deadline too. Non-profit status is lost because the IRS does not process EINs monthly. PCinC Wheeler suggested a General Order, explaining EIN procedures. PCinC Michaels described how we used to have Dept. Commander meetings with the CinC at Nat. Encampments, briefing requirements and consequences. He recommended we do this again.

Camp/Dept. Websites hosted on SUVCW server: Hosting sites cost \$183/year for our website. At present, six groups are using our server, plus the SVR and MOLLUS. Br. Freshley recommended offering each a gigabyte of space at \$30/yr., and \$10 for additional space if needed. Br. Freshley moved, Br. Petrovic seconded to offer Camps, Departments, the SVR and MOLLUS a gigabyte of website space for \$30 (Plus \$10 for additional space). Motion passed unanimously.

Remembrance Day: MG Grim and BG Shaw (SVR) presented changes in administering Remembrance Day. The SVR now is responsible for the Breakfast, Parade, Ball, and the Woolson Monument Ceremony. Gen. Shaw and Br. Petrovic are now Remembrance Day Comm. co-chairpersons. Gen Shaw described changes and organization. Br. Petrovic spoke on the Eisenhower Hotel contract. The hotel will advertise in the next Banner, and then place four ads/year through 2017. Br. Petrovic recommended we reduce the hotel's ad fee as a goodwill gesture. Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Hammond seconded to drop the rate from \$1400 to \$1300 per year. The vote was tied. CinC Palmer broke the tie with a Nay and the motion failed.

Non-Profit Status: Br. Orr spoke on change from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) and the money we spend that counts as charitable (Banner, administrative costs, or any money spent on our membership, does not count.) Having the Remembrance Day Ball proceeds donation go to the National Park Service (NPS) through the SVR instead of the SUV will reduce our charitable spending by 1/3.

501(c)(4) status: A recent letter from the IRS indicates only the Nat. Order has non-profit status and that Depts., Camps, the SVR, etc. do not. Donations to them can't be claimed as a tax deduction. The 1941 original letter can't be found and was destroyed by the IRS as part of its record management. An early IRS letter clearly states our status as 501(c)(4) and that Camps and Depts. were also tax exempt under that same authority. However, the IRS now says that our letter only exempts the Nat. Order. Camps can individually apply for exempt status, but no longer fall under a Nat. umbrella. The Nat. Counselor will review, study and issue an opinion. The Nat. Sec. will distribute that opinion using the same distribution used for General Orders.

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“Treue Der Union” Proclamation: Br. Orr moved, Br. Mellor seconded to move the electronic boardroom motion on the Dept. of Texas “Treue Der Union” Monument Resolution off the table and to deal with it. Motion passed unanimously.

The city of Comfort, TX, invited the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dept. of TX, to participate in events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of the Nueces on August 10-11, 2012. These will center on the “Treue Der Union” (True to the Union) monument. The SUVCW Nat. Organization was requested to issue a resolution, commemorating this event, that will be read onsite. Br. Mortorff moved, Br. Orr seconded that the CofA prepare and present the “Treue Der Union” Monument Proclamation as requested by the TX Dept. Motion passed unanimously.

National Forms: Br. Orr’s concerns & questions: Form 22 – Why are they sent to Nat HQ? Form 10 – Updates date on the heading? War Medal Application – Korean War needs to be added to the form. The forms were referred to the Programs & Policies Comm. for action.

Shipping Reports to Nat. Encampment: Br. Orr questioned the expense that may be incurred by shipping the Annual Reports. Discussion followed. The Chief of Staff will look at having the documents printed and ready for pick-up by us at Staples, etc. in Los Angeles.

New Award for Juniors: CinC Palmer is developing a new award for presentation to Juniors and Junior Associates.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Remembrance Day Ball Recognition: Br. Wheeler noted two people, who over the years, have taken care of the Ball and should be recognized formally for their contributions to the observance’s success. He recommended awarding the Mary Walker Award & Medal to one and the Partington Medal to the other. This will be brought up again at the Nat. Encampment. Another Sister was also mentioned for a similar award.

150th Gettysburg Celebration: Br. Orr reported on the PA Dept.’s and Gettysburg Camp’s progress. They will recreate a GAR Campfire and hold a ceremony at the Battlefield Peacelight. Necessary permits and licenses are being sought.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Palmer asked Nat. Chaplain Kowalski to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 1:10 AM, Sunday April 15th.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Eugene G. Mortorff, DC
National Secretary

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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
<http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>

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

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY AT ARLINGTON

For the 103rd year, the Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, Dept. of the Chesapeake, hosted the Traditional Memorial Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. For the first time, the seven Nat. Executives of all the GAR's Allied Orders, and of the two Loyal Legion Orders were present and laid flowers on the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns.

CinC Donald D. Palmer, Jr. presented the Sons address, and NP Cindy Norton of the Woman's Relief Corps presented the Ladies Orders' address. Both later strewed flowers at the Tomb.

NP Judy Rock (LGAR), NP Barbara Waltz Stone (DUVCW), NP Ann Jaster (ASUVCW) were joined by Commander Jeffrey Burden of the MOLLUS and NP Monie Upham of the DOLLUS to decorated the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns.

Rev. CC Charles Nalls hosted the ceremony. DC Jeffrey French presented the Dept. address, and PCinC Andrew M. Johnson read Gen Logan's Order No. 11. The SVR Gettysburg Blues provided the Color Guard.

The "President's Own" U.S. Marine Band played a medley of Civil War songs, which began the program.

Many of the local hereditary and patriotic society leaders attended, as well as representatives of the DC Commandery Military Order of Foreign Wars, DC Branch Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, D.C. and Virginia American Legion, and VA and WV Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Afterward, many joined the Camp for their traditional Dinner meeting at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. Camp business was attended to, dinner was served, and Col. Kevin Weddle, USA (ret), PhD. presented an informative talk on Rear Admiral Samuel Francis DuPont, Lincoln's forgotten Admiral.

Submitted by DJVC Robert D. Pollock.



At the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns: Monie Upham (DOLLUS), Jeffrey Burden (MOLLUS), Donald D. Palmer, Jr. (SUVCW), Cindy Norton (WRC), Barbara Stone (DUVCW), Ann Jaster (ASUVCW), Judy Rock (LGAR). Also joining was Dianne Moore of the DC Division UDC.

FLORIDA COMMEMORATION



Shown: Brs. Roger Heiple, DC Michael Farrel and Chaplain Skip Whitlam salute as Sgt Harvey Linscott and Pvt Ron Irons (SVR) stand at attention. SVR Co. James Ward (Nat'l Flag) and Camp 7 Br. Bill Slavin (Dept. Flag) post the colors.

The Dept. held its 150th Sesquicentennial Signature Event on March 17th in New Smyrna Beach, where six seaman and two commanding officers Lt T.A. Budd and Acting Master S.W. Mather lost their lives, trying to intercept 3,000 muskets from reaching the Confederate Army on March 22nd 1862. They were searching for the blockade runner known as the KATE. During the battle, a Negro pilot helping Union forces navigate the Indian River was wounded and taken. He was later hung by Confederate Capt. Houston.

WHAT'S A SIGNATURE EVENT?

A Sesquicentennial Signature Event serves to educate the public on the legacy of the valiant work done by all U.S. Military Forces between 1861 and 1865; has a direct connection with the Civil War Sesquicentennial; is of national or state significance; and can be used by the Allied Orders as a recruiting tool to further our organizational goals. The event should not expose the SUVCW to any insurance risk. Upon approval, the sponsoring Camp, Department, SVR or Allied Order organization is allowed to use the SUVCW name and logo to promote the event.

The approved event can get recognition on the National website and the SUVCW's Civil War Sesquicentennial medal may be offered to individuals who attend for a minimal donation. A passport system is used to log participation and qualify for stars.

For more information go to <http://suvchw.org/CWSesquicentennial/CWSEQ.htm>



OPINIONS

By PCinC James B. Pahl, National Counselor

Opinion 1 - once a motion is passed, it becomes immediately effective unless the terms of the motion specify a different effective date.

Opinion 2 - a Past Commander-in-Chief is a member of the National Council of Administration. A PCinC may not vote, however, has all of the other rights of membership on the CofA, including the right to attend all meetings and be a part of all discussions, the right to speak at meetings and be heard, the right to make motions and second motions of others.

Opinion 3 - Special Encampment Badges may only be worn at the specific event. Once the encampment ends, a brother may no longer wear that event badge. The only exception is a badge issued during a Department Encampment, where that Encampment designates the badge to be worn at the next National Encampment by members of that Department's delegation.

Opinion 4 - Gifts made by donors to Camps and Departments of the Order, including SVR units, districts and the National Department, SVR, are not tax deductible to the donor per the recent ruling letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My wife and I sing in a choir, and one Sunday as we were walking, at the end of the Church Service, back to the choir room to hang up our robes; we passed a group of people still talking to one another. A small boy, probably just a year out of kindergarten, asked me as I passed by, "Are you Jesus?"

In retrospect, he must have seen a drawing of Jesus in a long robe, wearing a beard (our choir robes are white and I do have a beard) and he was just curious. What a moment of grace! For this child to want to find Jesus, and looking for Him in Church, and smiling, not aware of the importance of what he was saying. My reply was, "No, but I work for Him." Here was a little tyke, looking for Jesus...in people. How often have we had Him come to us...and we did not recognize Him? How often have we turned Him away, or not had time for Him in our lives? How often have we not realized that what we did to the least of His children, to the neediest of His children, to the loneliest of His children, we were doing to Him?

And on Judgment Day, His questions for us will have to do with those "least" and not where we have been, not what we have done, not what we have acquired. We still have time to wonder before the Judgment Day, "Are you Jesus?"

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

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Date unknown



THE RETREAT OF THE 91ST ILLINOIS

By Br. Thomas H. Rich

My paternal grandmother, Olive Strong Rich nee Robinson, born in the decade after the Civil War, was the only Yankee I ever knew still fighting that war. She told me as a boy in the 1950s of her father, Francis Marion Robinson, who had served in the Union Army. He had been captured, held at Andersonville, and as a consequence, was in poor health the rest of his life. Because of her father's treatment, she held hatred towards the South to her dying day.



Three decades after hearing this, having immigrated to Australia, I was excavating fossils on the southeastern coast of that continent at a locality aptly named Dinosaur Cove. In 1986, Robert Hodge from Fredericksburg, Va., was volunteering there. As we worked together, we talked of many things. Bob explained that he enjoyed doing research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. I responded with what I knew of my great grandfather's participation in the American Civil War.

When Bob returned to the U.S., he found information relating to my great grandfather's war service. He had indeed been in the Union Army, the 91st Illinois Vol. Inf. Regiment. He had been captured. And he had lost his health soon after that, receiving a medical discharge a year later. But there the information my grandmother gave me started to fall apart. The battle he had been captured in took place on December 27, 1862 at Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He had only been briefly held as a prisoner of war, so he could not have been transported to Andersonville. Andersonville was not even constructed until 1864. But what intrigued me most was how a soldier who had not been wounded in battle would have lost his health while a prisoner of war for a very short time.

In the 1980s, in Australia, it was not practical to do effective research on an American Civil War battle not the scope of Gettysburg. But by 2005, with the advent of the Internet, I attempted to track down what had happened at the Battle of Elizabethtown. I contacted Elvin Smith of the Hardin County Historical Society, based in Elizabethtown. He had a wealth of knowledge about all aspects of that battle and was eager to share that information.

From Elvin I learned that in late December 1862, Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan invaded Kentucky with 3,900 men and seven artillery pieces. His objective was to sever the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, vital to supplying the Union Army in Kentucky and Tennessee, by burning wooden bridges and ripping up track in the vicinity of Elizabethtown. Two of these bridges north of the town were each about 500 ft. long and 80 ft. high.

One of the Federal units assigned to protect those bridges was the 91st Illinois Vol. Inf. Reg. It numbered 659 men and engaged Morgan's forces in the streets of Elizabethtown. From a book found in a bookstore with the somewhat whimsical title *Arming the Suckers: 1861-1865: A Compilation of Illinois Civil War Weapons*, I learned they were armed with obsolete weapons...altered 69 caliber flint locks, dating back to 1820-1826, that had been converted to cap and ball. Outnumbered six to one and being shelled by artillery, the 91st Illinois surrendered after a few hours fighting and the death of seven of their number.

A year later, I went to Elizabethtown and walked the ground that my great grandfather had fought over. At the Louisville Airport, I was greeted by Elvin and his friend Charlie Thurmond who runs a bed-and-breakfast in Sonora, Kentucky. For the next two days I was shown where incidents relating to Morgan's raid took place. But most important was finding a passage in an historical novel entitled *Cap'n Tom: Crisis of Faith*. Four sentences referred to the confiscation of the coats and boots of the 652 men who had survived the battle and were captured in the dead of winter. And so the penny dropped. Perhaps it was exposure during winter, having to march 80 km to Louisville for replacement boots and coats that accounted for my great grandfather's loss of health.

This was consistent with his medical discharge certificate, dated 31 Dec. 1863, "Cause of disease: exposure in the field...."

Two years passed before I obtained *Cap'n Tom* and contacted the author. Like Elvin Smith and Charlie Thurmond, James Bridges was most helpful and pointed out the source of his information about the confiscation of the boots and coats of the men of the 91st Illinois: *Rebel Raider: The Life of General John Hunt Morgan* by James Ramage. Again, an effective internet search engine soon led me to contact that author. He was most helpful with details about his sources.

I now knew that the confiscation of boots and coats after the battle had taken place and guessed that in being paroled poorly dressed in the winter, my great grandfather's loss of health had been most likely due to exposure. The nearest replacement clothing would have been Louisville, 80 km away. However, I did not actually know what had happened to the men on the way to Louisville. Had Elizabethtown civilians provided clothing and food or had they marched to Louisville before they got relief?

From time-to-time, Elvin Smith continued to send me documents relating to the Battle of Elizabethtown. The most critical was one that had a reference to the 1913 book by James Beverly, *A History of the Ninety-First Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry*. Until that moment, I had no inkling such a book existed. Another helpful member of the Hardin County Historical Society, Matthew Rector, sent me a pdf copy of Beverly's book. It details what happened to the men of the 91st Illinois from the time of their capture to the time they reached Louisville three days later. They had suffered from exposure. Thus, the final piece of the puzzle was put into place.

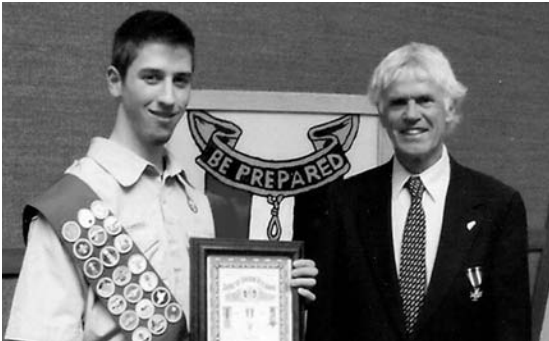
If there is a moral to this tale, it is that tracking down what actually happened in an historical incident requires both luck and persistence.



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COLORADO/WYOMING

On March 17th, a Boy Scout Court of Honor was held for Drew Mackey of Pagosa Springs' Troop 800 to award him his Eagle Scout badge after a long hard journey of achievement. PCC Dan Senjem of Durango's Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12 presented Mackey with the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate.

Left: Drew Mackey holds his SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate after presentation by Br. Senjem.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On June 16th, three Monterey Bay Area Boy Scouts received their Eagle rank & SUVCW recognition certificates at Santa Cruz's Community Covenant Church.

Right: Austin D. Brockman, Brett Perry and Richard Reksoatmodjo receive certificates and commendation letters from Lincoln Camp 10 Eagle Scout Cert. Coord. & Camp Guide Kevin R. Coyne, and CC Christopher L. Tittle. Not shown: DSVC Timothy Reese.



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COLORADO/WYOMING

Centennial Camp 100 CC James Barker presented the ROTC Medal to Cadet Mason Ammerman, May 3rd, at the Westminster (CO) High School's AFJROTC Detachment annual awards banquet. Cadet Ammerman earned the medal for his academic achievement, leadership and high degree of patriotism. The ceremony was held at the Westminster Elks Club.

Right: Cadet Mason Ammerman (left) receives the ROTC Medal and Certificate from Centennial Camp 100 Commander James Barker (right)



GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA

On May 12th, Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 SVC Alexander Platt presented the SUVCW's ROTC award to AFJROTC Cadet Amy Weghorst, at an Annual Awards Dining-Out, held at Sequoyah High School in Clanton, GA. Cadet Weghorst was one of several cadets of GA-952 Group who received awards from various organizations. She also received the Dept. challenge coin and history of the coin.

TEXAS

On April 19th, Br. Stephen Duncan (Lt. Cdr. Edward Lea Camp #1) attended the AJROTC awards ceremony at Galveston's Ball High School. He presented Cadet Sgt. James Gaines with a SUVCW certificate and medal. Brother Duncan reports that Cadet Gaines "is a fine young man and a Junior who will return as a Senior next year, wearing our medal proudly all year long."



On April 21st, PCC James Hackett presented a Jr. ROTC Award Certificate and badge to Cadet Christopher Jenne. The presentation was made at Richmond's Foster High School.

On May 12th, the AFJROTC program of Wylie East High School, Wylie, Texas, held its annual awards banquet. E.E. Ellsworth Camp 18 CC Charles W. Sprague presented the SUVCW JROTC medal to Cadet Sara Simmons for her outstanding patriotism, academic performance and leadership.



WISCONSIN

On May 18th, C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1's Br. Eric Graff presented the Sons' certificate to Cadet Angelica Parada-Munoz at Greenfield High School's AFJROTC annual awards ceremony and dinner.

CHESAPEAKE

During the May 5th Sesquicentennial celebration of the Battle of Williamsburg, Col. James D. Brady Camp 63 CC Thomas Grund conducted a comprehensive walking/riding tour visiting key battle sites in both Yorktown and Williamsburg.

The tour included Sgt. Joshua Richardson, who rested in an “unknown” gravesite until 2009. Br. Grund identified Richardson and three others who received new markers. Sgt. Richardson, age 35, was killed at the hottest point of the Battle of Williamsburg – The Ravine. Camp 63 followed the movements of companies, brigades, regiments and corps, but the memory of just one soldier once lost, now recovered made the day-long journey more poignant.



Sgt Richardson was visited on the 150 anniversary of his death by P.I. Louis Mosier, CC Thomas Grund, and Sec/Treas. Edward Freyfogel.

On Sunday, May 27th, at East Hill Cemetery, Salem, VA, the gravesites of five Union vets were decorated with markers and flags by Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp 20. Veterans were: John W. Harveycutter [US Telegraphic Corps]; Miles Harrington [Co F, 107th NY Vols]; John Stotz [215 PA Vols]; Joseph A. Walsh [GAR]; and Larkin Burwell [USCT]. Attending were CC Richard Uplinger, Brs. Philip Sheridan (yes!), James P. Tate, III, Russell Hurd, John Church, III, and Richard Raymond, III. Mr. John Long, Curator of Salem Museum, conducted the tour and located all the gravesites. Appropriate remarks and prayers followed.

COLORADO & WYOMING

On April 28th, Denver’s Centennial Camp 100 honored Pvt. Aaron B. Page at Wheat Ridge’s Olinger Crown Hill Cemetery. Page lay in an unmarked grave for 97 years and finally received a headstone and recognition.

Pvt. Page’s descendant, Br. Michael J. Page of Grand Rapids’ (MI) John A. Logan Camp 1, was the driving force in acquiring a marker. Page enlisted in Co. E, 72nd Ill. Inf., and was discharged for disability in August 1865. Later, Page moved to Denver, where he died on January 22, 1915.

During the ceremony, Brothers and descendants gathered, placing a military grave marker. 21-gun and

artillery salutes were fired. Two buglers sounded Taps and a Nat. Guard color guard presented a folded U.S. Flag to the Page family. The American Legion Riders formed an honor guard. *Submitted By CC James Barker and Sec. Walter Weart*



L-R: PCC Craig Ayler, (GRO), Br. Michael Page (John A. Logan Camp 1), LGAR Sr. Brenda Cheney, JVC Gene Cheney, CC James Barker, and Acting Chaplain Br. Tom Smith.

CONNECTICUT

Rockville’s Alden Skinner Camp 45, along with Co. G, 14th C.V.I. (many who are Camp brothers), stand in front of the Col. Thos. Francis Burpee obelisk in Rockville’s Grove Hill Cemetery. On May 24th, both groups decorated 145 Civil War veterans buried there. 19-year old PI Cameron Patrick Shaw directed the proceedings and Sgt. Tad Sattler handled the salute. The groups share a common bond, since in 1862, then Capt. Thos. Burpee organized Co. D, 14th C.V.I. Burpee Post 71 GAR is the parent of the Camp, which meets in the same room as the GAR did.

**FLORIDA**

On April 8th, 1865, Edgar Arthling Bras captured a Rebel flag during the final charge on Spanish Fort outside Mobile, Al. The 23-year old sergeant of Co. K, 8th IA Inf. was recognized for his “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty” with the Medal of Honor. Bras, who died in 1923, was wounded in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth. The Bras family was one of Ft Lauderdale’s founding families.

Pembroke Pines’ Sgt. Frederick R. Jackson Camp 7 honored Bras with a flag ceremony, wreath laying, and memorial service at his grave in historic Evergreen

Cemetery in Ft Lauderdale on May 20th. *Submitted by Br. Wm. Slavin*



Bob Matis, Bob Kerr, Bill Slavin, Bob Jones, Richard Shaffer, Rev. Mike Jeffries, Damien Wolf, Alice Schmidlin, Austin Wright, Austin's Brother, Sandy Wolf

GEORGIA & SOUTH CAROLINA



Shown are (back row): PCC Ted Hackney, PDC Eric Peterson, Chaplain David Allee, Brs. Timothy Klob, Joe Walsh (US flag), Andrew Klob (Camp flag), Ernie Blevins (front row): Sawyer Sarratt, Shar Menard, Tanner Pruitt

On February 18th, Elias Moon Camp 2 surveyed the 16-acre Stone Mountain Cemetery, Georgia, for potential Union graves. The cemetery was established ca. 1850

Union Capt. Robert M. Johnson was discovered in the same plot as Sgt. Jesse B Taliaferro, Co. E, 1st Georgia Regulars. Research showed Johnson, originally from Ohio, married Taliaferro's sister. Three other graves are being investigated for potential wartime service.

Submitted by Br. E. E. Blevins

ILLINOIS



Shown left to right - Dr. Tim Jacobs (Tri-State CWRT), Br. Doug Hubbard (Hecker Camp 443), Sr. Kim Johnson (Mary Logan Aux. 20), Br. Scott Hubbard (Camp 443), PCC Greg Carter (CWMO), Br. Richard Norris (Camp 443), Br. Stephen Wheat (Dept. Color Bearer), PCC Paul Zeien Jr. (Logan Camp 26), Roger Leach & Steve Kirchner (Tri-State CWRT).

Recently, the dedication of a new monument took place in Quincy, honoring Dr. Samuel Everett, the first Union medical officer killed in the Civil War.

MICHIGAN



GRO Tom Jenkins and the new headstone. Photo courtesy VP Judy Jenkins, Frances Finch Aux. 9.

Recently, Robert Finch Camp 14 GRO Tom Jenkins was able to help CSVC Jeffery J. Smith of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's Gen. Hartranft Camp 15. Br. Smith's ancestor was Martin J. Sehl, Batt. A, 1st Mich. Lt. Art.

Pvt. Martin and his battery fought at Perryville, Stones River, Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain. After the war, he moved to northern Michigan, where he died in 1910, at the age 74.

Br. Smith located Pvt. Sehl's unmarked grave near Vanderbilt, Mich. Camp 14 was nearest to Vanderbilt and Br. Jenkins was contacted. A headstone was obtained and on April 18th, Br. Jenkins loaded it in his truck and drove to Vanderbilt to meet with descendent Larry Sehl and sexton Ron Bus. Together they set the headstone. In August, Camp 14 will conduct a GAR grave re-dedication service. *Submitted by SVC Jeffery J. Smith and GRO Tom Jenkins*

MISSOURI

On March 10th, Phelps Camp 66 honored the men of Phelps' Reg., Missouri Inf., at Pea Ridge Nat. Military Park near Pea Ridge, AR. The Camp was joined by about 15 re-enactors and 45 visitors on a hike from Elkhorn Tavern to where Col. John Smith Phelps' outnumbered regiment attempted to hold the Union line against enemy attacks. An account of the regiment's role, short profiles of each of the regiment's casualties, and 'When the Boys in Blue are Gone' were read. A descendant of one of the casualties attended. The program was part of the park's 150th anniversary commemoration.

NEW JERSEY

Gen. James A. Garfield Camp 4, as part of its Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration, conducted a memorial service in Mercer Cemetery at the grave of Capt. Ellis Hamilton, Co. F, 15th NJ Vol. Inf., on May 12th. Capt. Hamilton died of wounds at the Battle of the Wilderness

on May 16, 1864. Capt. Hamilton, at age 19 years 7 months, was the youngest officer to die in the Civil War.



The Color and honor guards and Camp 4, Br. Sirak and Lt. Col. Walter Noll, Commander, 119th Corp Support Battalion, representing New Jersey's Adj. Gen.

CC Charles Warburton Cahilly II commanded the Colors and honor guard. The Colors were led by a 34 star national flag, carried by Camp Eagle Scout Coord. Joseph Manga. The service was read by CC Cahilly, Sec/Treas James Lathrop, Chaplain & GRO David R. Potts, and PDC Joseph Francis Seliga. At the conclusion, Br. Mark Falzini played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Taps was then played by a bugler. A wreath was laid at the grave by the North Ward Councilwoman & City Council VP with living historian Bruce Sirak (Camp 100), dressed as Gov. Charles Olden. The memorial service concluded with the honor guard firing a 21-gun salute.

About 20 members of the public attended. Afterwards, a reception was held at Hamilton's American Legion hall.

TENNESSEE

Pvt. Richard Taylor Camp 53 dedicated five Union soldiers' graves on May 27th, in Trenton, Al. The dedication was arranged when Huntsville's Ms. Melanie Flanagan Elliott contacted Nat. HQ last year. Camp 53 was notified, but the cemetery had to be cleared of unwanted growth. Once cleared, the date was set.

The soldiers, four of whom were members of the 1st Tenn. and Co. A, Al. Ind. Vidette Cav., were 1Lt. John W. Williams, 1Sgt. Wm. A. Flanagan, Pvt. Henry A. Webb and Pvt. Andrew J. Flippo. The fifth was Pvt. Francis M. Flippo of Co. H, 1st Ala. Cav. With the support of the 42nd Indiana as an honor guard, the dedication was performed before 40 descendants of the Union soldiers.



CAMPS-AT-LARGE

Pvt. Peter J. Knapp was laid to rest after his cremated remains sat unclaimed for 88 years. On April 13th, all three Pacific Northwest Camps and more than 300 people attended a ceremony at Portland, Oregon's Willamette Nat. Cemetery. Over 100 Patriot Guard Riders and other organizations stood at attention along the cemetery wall.

Speakers included Lt. Col. York Barrett, CC of Washington's Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp 1, CC Steven Betschart and Chaplain D.H. Shearer of Oregon's Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6. Camp 6 and Oregon's Cpl. Louis Renniger Camp 1 provided the color guard. Co. B, 71st Penn. Vol. Inf., SVR, commanded by 1Sgt. Mark Stevens, provided the firing detail. After a 3-volley musket salute, Betschart performed Taps. Alice Knapp, representing the veteran's family, was presented a folded American flag.



The Sons fire a musket salute as the Patriot Guard Riders look on. Photo by Johan Mathiesen

Pvt. Knapp served in Co. H, 5th IA Vol. Inf. He was captured at Missionary Ridge, survived Andersonville, and after the war, served on the plains with the 5th U.S. Inf. where he was promoted to sergeant. After his discharge in 1866, Knapp married and eventually moved to Kelso, Wash., operated several sawmills and was a three-time GAR post commander. He died on April 13, 1924, and was taken to Portland for cremation.

Alice Knapp, researching her family tree, was stunned to learn that the remains were still in storage. *Submitted by Br. Randy Fletcher*

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On May 12th, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 held its annual clean up day in Kalamazoo's Riverside Cemetery. Sisters of Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon Tent 58 (DUVCW) helped Camp brothers maintain the area around the cemetery's GAR monument. The flag at the monument was also replaced.

TEA IN TEXAS



The Camp 1 Color Guard marches in to post the Colors

On March 24, Sarah Emma Seelye Aux. 1 held its 5th annual President's Tea and Civil War Presentations in Dickinson. Sisters welcomed NP Anne Jaster and more guests, participants, and organizations than in previous years. Period music was provided on trumpet, and by a piano/singing duo.

The Tea's grand Promenade Procession featured the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 1 color guard followed by the Girl Scouts of the New Faith Church Flag Corp. and then the John Bell Hood SCV Camp color guard. The invocation was provided by Camp Chaplain Dale Leach. AP Vali Reyes introduced the speakers, including NP Jaster, DC David LaBrot, CC Steve Holmes, PCC Dean Letzring, and Camp Historian Michael Lance.

Elegant Tea plates were served, which included potato soup and chicken and cucumber sandwiches. Carole Leach prepared her delicious chicken salad sandwiches and pumpkin bread. Special desserts were prepared by Sr. Norma Pollard.

Also of interest were static displays, featuring a collection of vintage Ladies Medals, vintage post cards, and a beautiful quilt made by Sr. Linda LaBrot for the Camp's annual raffle.



RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE

Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 manned an information booth after marching together in the Positively Patriotic Parade, during the 11th annual Reclaiming Our Heritage event at Milwaukee's Soldiers Home. The event was held June 2-3 with a school day on June 1st. Since 2002, the multi era living history and tribute to veterans has attracted thousands to the historic Soldiers Home grounds.



ARTILLERY SCHOOL SUCCESS

Nearly 100 artillery re-enactors and hobbyists attended a “School of the Piece” hosted by the SVR’s 4th Military District and conducted by the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA), held at the Boscobel, Wisconsin, Sportsman’s Club on May 19th. Students representing eleven Civil War-era units participated in classroom and field drills. The artillery school’s curriculum was designed to promote the safe use of cannon in the re-enacting hobby. Students received a 2-year qualification upon completion of the school.



NCWAA President Ethan Barnett instructs during the school.



Lt. Rich Young of Cushing’s Battery, SVR, receives a Certificate of Recognition from 4th MD Commander Lt. Col. Jack Grothe. The Battery and several others were recognized for their long-term support of the school.

Units and individuals from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin participated. SVR units attending included Cushing’s Battery (Battery A, 4th U.S. Lt. Artillery), the 3rd Iowa Lt. Artillery, and Co. A, 49th Iowa Vol. Inf. The Headquarters Company provided registration and administrative support.

The school has been held in Boscobel on even years since 2002. Next year’s school will be held at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO.

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BROTHERS PARTICIPATE IN MEXICAN COMMEMORATION

On May 5th, uniformed Sons accompanied the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) delegation to Mexico for the Sesquicentennial observance of the Cinco de Mayo Battle of Puebla.

It's little known that the 1862 Battle of Puebla impacted our Civil War. Some argue that France's 1860s excursion into Mexico to break up the U.S. aided the Confederacy. However, the Mexican victory at Puebla denied Napoleon III's ability to supply the Confederacy, thus allowing the U.S. to build a greater army. The U.S. then helped the Mexican struggle by providing arms and money. 50,000 Union volunteers were sent to the Mexican border to threaten the French and help Pres. Juarez and the Mexican people reclaim their country.

The 19-person delegation was the Mexican government's guest. It included the MOLLUS Command staff, PCinC Keith Harrison, PDC Eugene Mortorff, Brs. Lee Stone, Tom Helmantoler, Mace Gjerman, Jamin Gjerman, Adam Gaines, Will Tisch, and Peter Dixon. They came from seven Departments, Washington DC, and Canada.

An erupting volcano threatened the delegation's May 3 arrival in Puebla and so, it landed in Mexico City. The group's early morning arrival in Puebla was followed by a formal breakfast just a few hours later. State of Puebla Education Sec. Luis Maldonado, who helped make the trip possible, joined the brothers for coffee and an exchange of gifts that afternoon. A walking tour followed.



That evening, the delegation, along with President C. Felipe Calderon, listened to the Puebla Symphony Orchestra at the Cathedral of Puebla. The concert closed with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The Cathedral bells pealed during the dramatic finish. Later, the president again joined the delegation for a gala eight-course dinner in the city convention center. Music, song, dancers, and the words of Puebla victor Gen. Zaragoza filled the night.

The next morning, nine brothers sat in the reviewing stand near the two forts that were the principal battleground on May 5, 1862. Our marchers were taken to one of the many staging areas. While there, pictures were taken with almost every one of the 500 middle school kids also marching. After an hour and a half, all were taken to their parade position. About 100 teens dressed as paperboys, announced the battle and its importance. Middle school girls carried Lincoln and Juarez banners. Then came Abraham Lincoln (Michael Krebs) with Brs. Tisch and Mortorff as his guards, followed by PCinC Harrison leading a 7-man color guard.

Close to a million spectators crowded along the two mile parade route. When the parade frequently stopped and even when it didn't, people came out of the crowd to have their picture taken with the brothers. Several hugged and/or kissed them.

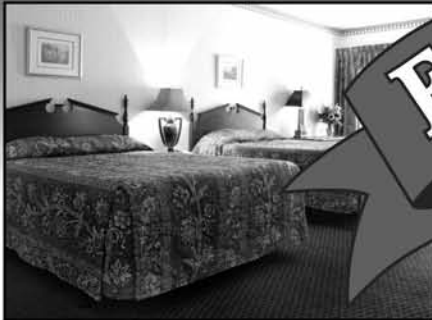
Afterwards, the delegation ate at the Casa de Talavera Celia, inside the workshop of one of Puebla's three authentic producers of "Talavera" pottery. Toasts were made to our hosts and to the marchers' fine appearance. Some enjoyed farewell mixcal tasting and socializing at El Mural de los Poblanos, one of Puebla's dining and entertainment establishments.

Sunday morning, Puebla's Mayor and City Council recognized each brother with a beautiful certificate. The delegation was then off to the Puebla bus station for a two-hour bus trip to the Mexico City airport and connections to various flights home.



Marching Contingent (L- R): Will Tisch, Tony Cobb, Mace Gjerman, Linn Malaznik, Keith Harrison, Mike Krebs, Tom Helmantoler, John Fross, Lee Stone, Eugene Mortorff. Not shown Adam Gaines and Jamin Gjerman

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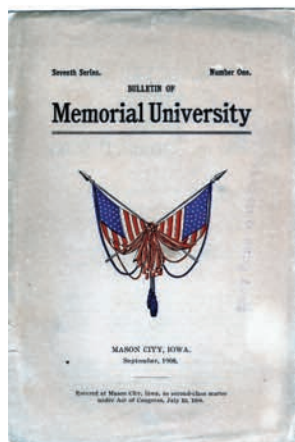
Dedication Button



Postcard Image



Promotional Ribbon



University Catalog

Anyone's collection is strictly limited to interest and scarcity. The Sons and the GAR issued items with no intention that they would someday be considered collectibles. Here are examples of Memorial University, a fully accredited college sponsored by the Sons and dedicated to the veterans and loyal women of the Civil War. There's no doubt that it was good intentioned, but lacked the money required to make it fully functional.

Memorial University was created at the 1900 Sons National Encampment. Mason City, Iowa, was selected, as its location was the country's center and was accessible by railroad and highway. Mason City citizens raised the money to build the central, hall shown in the postcard that housed 30 classrooms, a library and a 400 seat chapel.

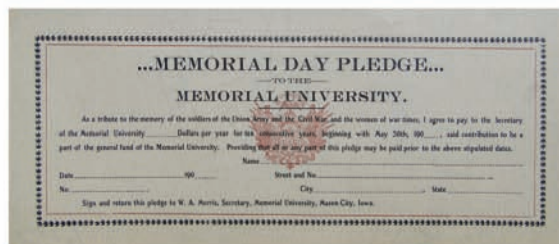
It was formally opened in 1904 and a dedication button souvenir was issued. Other buildings were planned, but never built for a lack of funds. The State of Iowa accredited Memorial University as a 4-year degree university. It consisted of a military school that taught military science, a school of education for teachers, a business school, a music school and a school of public speaking. A civics program taught democracy and love of country. The college catalog provides an insight into the changes in our educational system and the Sons' goal of creating a national military college comparable to West Point.

Requirements for freshman admission were 8 credits in English, 3 in history, 4 in mathematics, 3 in science, 8 in Latin, and 4 credits in Greek, German or French. Two hours of military drill were required each week.

We lament the lack of history in today's schools, but Memorial University had this: after a general survey of US history, students focused on representative government origins, critical periods in American history, the rise and fall of slave power, history of politics, the revolution and development of religious liberty in the U.S.

Twice each year (Union Defender's Day and Memorial Day), the Commander-in-Chief asked for donations to fund the University in General Orders. Each Dept. and the Nat. Order created scholarships, as did the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the GAR.

Still its "central location" was not central to any population center. Most who attended were local Iowa students on scholarship. Probably less than 50 graduated with a 4-year degree. In 1911, the Sons painfully realized higher education was too expensive for their means and closed the college. The Mason City school system used the building until 1979 when it was torn down. Today, we have a virtual "Memorial University" on the Sons website to "teach" our members about the history of our Order...your skills in Greek & Latin are not required.



Memorial Day Solicitation

Remembrance Day



Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



November 17, 2012

2012 Remembrance Day Schedule

Saturday, 17 November

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
8 am	SVR Breakfast	Eisenhower Inn Emmitsburg Rd. (US 15) South of Gettysburg	\$12 by Nov. 1 st to: Col. Donald E. Darby 1382 Western Ave. No At Door Sales Chillicothe, OH 45601
9:30 am	Unit Commanders Parade Briefing Distribution of event streamers	Eisenhower Inn	None
11 am	56 th Anniversary GAR Ceremony	Woolson Monument	None
1:30 pm	Parade Step-off	Lefever Street	None
4 pm	Catholic Mass at Battlefield	Fr. Corby Monument	None
6 pm	82 nd Ann. Dedication Day Dinner (all are invited)	Eisenhower Inn	\$27 by November 12 th to Dedication Day Dinner 1126 Hanover Road York, PA 17408
9 pm	19 th Annual National Civil War Ball	Eisenhower Inn	\$20 by Nov. 10 th to Col. Bud Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719 \$25 at door

Post Remembrance Day

Sunday, 18 November

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
7-11 am	Camp 112 Pancake Breakfast	GAR Post 9 Hall 53 E. Middle Street Gettysburg	\$5 at door
7 am	Non-Denominational Worship Service	Eisenhower Inn	None
8 am	Nat. Council of Administration Meeting (open to Nat. Officers, PDCs and DCs)	Eisenhower Inn	None

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