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*In storm-defying cloak -
Hand on trusty gun -
Heart, like the heart of oak -
Eye, never setting sun.*

from "On Guard" by J.G. Nicolay





Br. Rick Knoepfler delivers the invocation during James A. Garfield Camp 1's ceremony at the Reisterstown Community Cemetery. Photo by Br. Brian Quillin



Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52 (CA&Pac) participated in the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County ceremony at San Jose's Oak Hill Memorial Park. Br. Richard Staley (aka GAR Post 7 Past Cmdr. C.L. Burdick) placed a floral arrangement.



PCC Brad Quilin, CJVC John Mattingly, Br. John Hadley, DC Mark Hale, Junior Alex Guercia, (in front), PCC Bill Miller, CC Alexander Platt, CSVC David Beam, and Br. Don Bickham of Kennesaw Mtn. Camp 3 (GA & SC) gathered at Marietta's Maloney Springs Cemetery on May 30th.



Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2(MI) participated in Birmingham's Memorial Day service, then moved to historic Greenwood Cemetery for a Civil War veterans' gravesites tour.

MEMORIAL DAY 2014



Br. Timothy Phillips, CJVC Paul Kendall, CC David Appleton, PCCs Gene Willis, and Sec/Treas. Hal Hughes of Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX) held their annual ceremony at the GAR monument in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery. Photo by Jo Ann Appleton



Cleveland's James A. Garfield Camp 142 and Akron's Gen. A.C. Voris Camp 67 marched in Peninsula's Memorial Day Parade. Following a ceremony in Peninsula, the Sons marched again in Boston Township. Submitted by PCC Paul Huff. Photo by Judy Hritsko.



Ruger Camp 1 (NC)'s Maj. Edward Gibson, (Ret.) PCCs Dick Bishop, and Wendell Small participated in the ceremony at the Wilmington Nat. Cemetery.



Chaplain D.H. Shearer reads Gen. Logan's 1868 Order at Eugene, Oregon's Pioneer Cemetery. Photo by Kathy O'Neal.

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KUDOS IN ORDER

Br. John F. Mahoney (left) of Las Vegas' Wm. B. Keith Camp 12 has completed Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB, Al. He will continue training for about two years to become a Combat Systems Officer, responsible for navigation, electronic warfare and weapons systems.

Br. Mahoney joined the SUVCW with his dad when he was 13 years old, in 2007. He later interned in Senator John Ensign (NV) office twice. While studying abroad, he interned for an Israeli newspaper.

Br. Shayler C. Pierson (right) of Columbia, South Carolina's Charles Devens Jr. Camp 10 has been promoted to 1st lieutenant. He is serving in the Middle-East, where he is flying combat missions as an RC-135 crewmember.





SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECEIVES LARGE DONATION

The SUVCW's Scholarship Fund has received a large donation from a former New York Dept. Commander's estate. In late 2012, Nat. Scholarship Chairman John R. Ertell was notified by an attorney representing the estate of Br. J. Clifford Henke of a \$25,000 bequest left to the Fund. Br. Henke, who died on May 27, 2012, served as the Commander of Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26 and from 1999-2000, as Dept. Commander. He also served as the National GAR Highway Officer. In June 2013, following a lengthy probate of the estate, the SUVCW received the check from the estate's executor. The check was forwarded to the Nat. Treasurer for deposit in the appropriate account.

For many years, the SUVCW has awarded two \$1000 scholarships annually to qualified applicants from the SUVCW and Allied Orders. Information about the scholarship program, including the criteria and a downloadable application, can be found on the Order's website. This most generous bequest will help sustain the scholarship program into the future. SUVCW and Allied Orders members may wish to consider including the scholarship program in their estate planning or by direct donation.



PCC Cliff Henke

WELCOME NEW CAMP!

CinC Freshley signed the charter for New Jersey's **James S. Stratton Camp 82** on April 30th. Camp 82 is located in Glassboro, NJ, and was organized by Br. Scott West of Wenonah, NJ, and DSVC Jeff Heagy.

NEW CAMPS IN PROGRESS

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

Abraham Lincoln Camp 2, Branson, MO, Dept. of Missouri. Organizer is PCinC Edward Krieser of Walnut Shade, MO. Deadline is April 12, 2015.

Robert M. Blair Camp 5, Enid, OK, Dept. of Oklahoma. Organizer is PDC John Williams of Tulsa, OK. Deadline is May 15, 2015.



Nat. Council Member PDC Steve Hammond (left) presents Camp 82's charter to Br. Scott West while DC Ron Brower (right) looks on. The presentation was made at the New Jersey Dept. Encampment on June 7th.

INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A NEW CAMP?

The necessary instructions are found at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Form-50-Instructions-for-Forming-a-Camp.pdf> The Dept. Commander authorizes formation on Form 51. A minimum of five members with lineage, not county Juniors, is required. See Form 50 for specifics.

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CINC FRESHLEY'S TRAVELS



CinC Freshley places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.



CinC Freshley poses with the Chesapeake Department officers, following their encampment in Lynchburg, Virginia, on April 26th.



CinC Freshley spoke at the 58th annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, held April 12th at Springfield, Illinois' Oak Ridge Cemetery.



On May 10th, CinC Freshley posed with Michigan's PDCs at their Dept. Encampment: PCinC Jim Pahl, DC Paul Davis, CinC Ken, Dave Arnold, Don Shaw, Dave Wallace and Bill Brennan. The Encampment was held on the Great Lakes Christian College campus in Lansing.

THE CINC SAYS...

- The charter of Pennsylvania's Camp GAR Post 2 No. 229 has been revoked.
- The Oklahoma Dept. was suspended for not filing its EIN report in a timely manner. The Dept. was reinstated after its Camps and headquarters corrected all issues with the IRS.
- Br. James Crane has been appointed Nat. Site Committee chair; PDC Robert Petrovic will remain on the committee while running for the office of JVCinC.
- The SUVCW has no jurisdiction over the ASUVCW and cannot interfere with any other Allied Order's internal affairs.
- All Brothers are to fulfill Gen. Logan's Memorial Day charge either as part of their Camp, SVR unit, or individually.

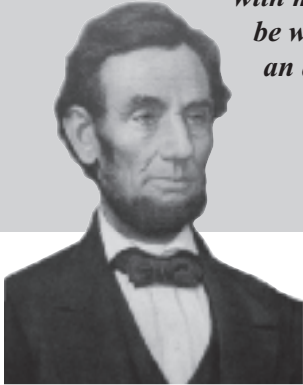
Reference the CinC's General Orders, found at http://www.suvcw.org/?page_id=513





“My friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of the Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.”

—Abraham Lincoln
Farewell Address
Springfield, Ill.—February 11, 1861



THE LINCOLN TOMB OBSERVANCE

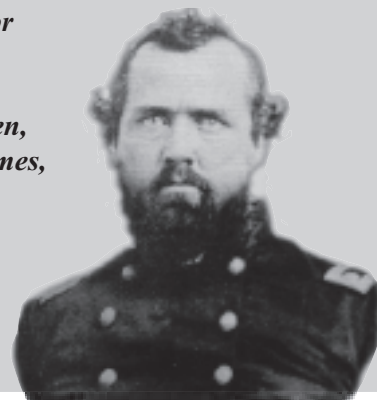
Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL
April 12, 2014





“WHEREAS, we the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognize in Major B.F. Stephenson, of Springfield, Ill., the head and front of the organization: be it, therefore, “Resolved, That for the energy, loyalty, and perseverance manifested in organizing the Grand Army of the Republic, he is entitled to the gratitude of all loyal men, and that we, as soldiers, tender him our thanks, and pledge him our friendships at all times, and under all circumstances.” (Adopted)

*—Surgeon H.W. Davis
1st GAR National Convention
Indianapolis, Ind. - November 20, 1866*



TRIBUTE TO GAR FOUNDER - DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON

Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL
April 12, 2014





COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING
April 12, 2014
Springfield, Illinois

The meeting was opened by CinC Ken L. Freshley at 8:10 PM. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. PCinC Ed Kreiser provided a moment of prayer. CinC Freshley gave general opening comments. The Nat. Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following Council members present:

CinC Ken Freshley, SVCinC Tad Campbell, JVCinC Eugene Mortorff, Nat. Secretary Alan Russ, Nat. Treasurer Richard Orr, Nat. Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, CofA Members Donald Martin, Donald Shaw, Ed Norris, Immediate PCinC Perley E. Mellor, PCinCs Edward J. Krieser, Robert E. Grim, Stephen Michaels (Banner Editor), James B. Pahl, D. Brad Schall, Donald D. Palmer, and Executive Director David Demmy Sr. Excused: CofA Members Steve Hammond (representing CinC at North Carolina Encampment) and Walter Busch (Family wedding)

Guests included: DC Mark Day (CH), Br. Chuck Odell (CH), PDC Robert Petrovic (MO), PCC Henry Shaw, NMAC Chair (OH).

COMMUNICATIONS: Sec. Russ reported receiving an email from PDC James Ward (FL), advising that the minutes of the Gettysburg meeting erroneously reflected DC John Vaughn as presenting a report for Florida. Cmdr. Vaughn was not present at the Gettysburg CofA meeting. The report was presented by PDC Ward.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

SPECIAL COMM. ON GOVERNMENT HEADSTONE APPLICATIONS: Created at 132nd Encampment. Committee expires August 2016 at end of 135th Encampment. CinC Freshley will appoint the committee in the near future. (Encampment) [PENDING]

COMM. TO UPDATE RITUAL. CinC Freshley will appoint the committee in the near future. (CofA 11/24/13) [PENDING]

SVC-IN-C/Programs and Policies Committee

FORM 61: Returned to Committee for more work. This form is in process. (CofA-8/8/13) [PENDING]

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD W/GOLD STAR. There appears to be discrepancies in the criteria on how we make this award. CinC Mellor referred this to the incoming Programs & Policies Comm. for action. Item is in process. (CofA-8/8/13) [PENDING]

APPLICANTS' PROOF OF LINEAGE.

Recommendation by then JVCinC Campbell concerning requiring proof of lineage by applicants. Use of electronic documents was also discussed. Item is in

process. (CofA-8/8/13) [PENDING]

NAT. PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S AWARD. A Nat. Patriotic Instructor's Award should be considered and could be awarded to the Order's most patriotically active camp or department. A definitive criteria could be established and distributed annually to those interested in applying for this award. Item is in process. (Encampment-referred by CinC) [PENDING]

LIFE MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT FORM (Form 10). Remove date from title on form so form remains perpetually current. (CofA 11/24/13) The revised form is complete and will be on the website in the near future. [COMPLETED]

A policy granting permission for Departments to enter into lawsuits is needed. [PENDING]

JVC-IN-C/Membership Committee

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. New York Dept.'s recommendation that an ID number be issued to each brother. Item is in process, along with an overall review of the application process. It is anticipated that it will be presented to the CofA by early summer. [Referred by CinC at Encampment] [PENDING] Working on citation for review.

NAT. TREASURER

Changes from report. Received engagement letter with audit costs for next three years. Br. Orr moved to approve a 3-year engagement letter from Maher Mussell, CPA (FY 2014, 2015, 2016), second by Br. Wheeler. Motion carried.

EIN Reports. The Nebraska Dept.'s report was received late and not included with the Nat. report to the IRS. The Oklahoma Dept. did not submit a report and is no longer listed as tax exempt by the IRS. CinC Freshley suspended the Oklahoma Dept. (General Order 16).

501(c)(3) PROCESS. This is ongoing. We now need to supply five years of financial records, and three years of projected figures. The additional information will be going to the attorney soon.

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"Before Manassas, there was Mexico"
Many Civil War leaders like Grant, Sherman, McClellan and soldiers they commanded saw action in the Mexican War.

The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans is an organization of men and women who have an ancestor or interest in the Mexican War of 1846-1848.

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Descendants of Mexican War Veterans
Several Mexican War service records are available on-line.

65 YEARS AGO...THE LAST ENCAMPMENT

By PDC Robert J. Wolz, National Historian

By 1948, the number of comrades at the national encampment had dropped to six, so it was decided 1949 would be the Grand Army of the Republic's final National Encampment. The 83rd encampment was held August 28 through September 1, 1949 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sixteen comrades were still enrolled, but due to failing health, only six were in attendance. PNP Cora Gillis, DUVCW, was serving as Executive Secretary and various Allied Orders members served as chaplain, secretary, etc. It was noted that the six comrades wished to enact legislation to formally close the operations of the GAR. Their U.S. Flag, Grand Army flag and the Commander in Chief's colors were donated to the Smithsonian Institute.

The joint memorial service of all the Allied orders was held on August 28th.

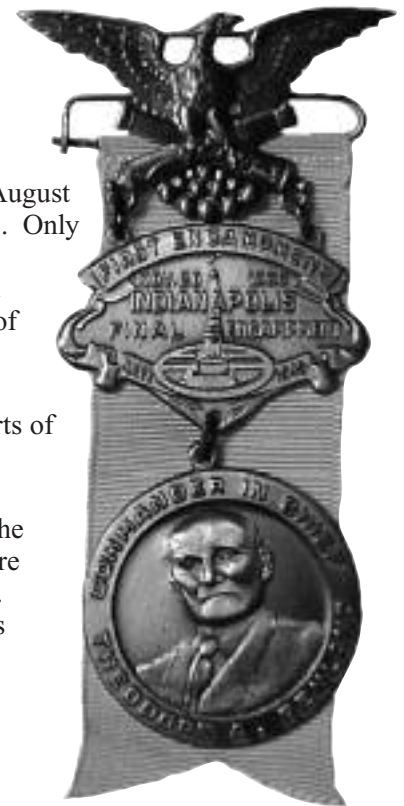


Commander-in-Chief Theodore Penland, SVCinC Charles Chappel, Natl. Chief of Staff Albert Woolson, Joseph Clovese (the last of 180,000 USCT) Robert Barrett and James Hard (in a wheelchair)

On Monday, August 29th, the U.S. Post Office honored the Grand Army with a special commemorative stamp. A parade was held with each of the comrades riding in an open car. Commander Penland was 100 and Comrade Hard at 108 was the oldest. On the evening of August 31st, a special band concert by the U.S. Marine Corps Band was presented for the comrades. Only Commander in Chief Penland was well enough to attend. President Harry Truman sent his personal greetings: "In a supreme crisis of our country's life, the heroic devotion of you and your comrades laid the cornerstone of our national unity. On it rests the matchless strength of America for progress and peace throughout the world. Americans of every generation owe you an everlasting debt.

The spirit of the Grand Army of the Republic will never die. It lives in the minds and hearts of millions of vigorous young Americans. In that spirit, and by that spirit, the future of our Nation is forever secure."

Of interest to our collectors: the GAR Nat. Encampment badge was usually restricted to the official delegates at the Encampments. The exception was the 1949 Encampment when more than 1500 badges were produced and presented to all the Allied Orders, as well as the GAR. Forms were sent out to the departments allowing even more badges to be purchased, but it is unknown if additional badges were produced.





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IRS has upped cost of group exemption letter. The treasurer will have to provide a list of EINs for all subordinate units. The cost of the exemption letter has gone from \$1,700 to \$5,000.

New camps still need to request an EIN. The Camp will not be covered until the treasurer notifies the IRS. New Camps should request their EIN after receiving approval to form, as it may take time to receive it. It's also critical that the new Camp advise their Dept. and the Nat. Treasurer as to the new EIN assigned to them.

Form 10 – Form was revised to allow for a date to be entered. Br. Orr moved to accept the revision of the form. Motion was seconded by Br. Mellor. The revised form was approved.

Expense forms need to be revised. CinC Freshley referred this to the Policies & Procedures Comm.

BANNER EDITOR

BR. HENKE'S BEQUEST. Recommendation from Scholarship Comm. that info regarding Br. Henke's bequest be included in a future issue of the *Banner* and members of the Allied Orders be encouraged to consider making gifts or bequests to the GAR Fund. [Referred by CinC at Encampment] [PENDING] Sec. Russ will email Scholarship Comm. Chrmn., requesting comm. provide Br. Michaels with information to be placed in the *Banner*.

PCC SHAW

Child Protection Policy Update. Br. Shaw submitted a report from the committee. See recommended Youth Protection Policy. CinC Freshley thanked Br. Shaw and the committee for their work. CinC Freshley will work with Br. Orr with the intent to issue general order to rescind General Order 3, along with new guidelines added in the new general order.

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICER AND DEPT. REPORTS.

Distribution of reports in electronic format. CinC Freshley will send the reports to Sec. Russ and the Webmaster for appropriate distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

PCinC Pahl presented a request from Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 (MI), for approval of license to sell polo shirts embroidered with the badge of the Order. Br. Don Shaw moved to grant the license with an expiration date of August 2014 (Nat. Encampment). Motion was seconded by Br. Mellor. Motion carried.

Recommendations from Officer and Dept. Reports.

Sec. recommendations to P&P. Recommendations for Form 27 and 35 had already been identified by Br. Campbell and are in process.

Treasurer report. Expense reimbursement policy needs

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ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble
Period dress encouraged, but not required
Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk
Cash Bar

Time: 8PM, 15 November 2014
Place: Wyndham Hotel -Gettysburg
Rt. 15 & Rt. 30

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Ticket orders received after 8 November will be distributed at the Ball

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GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT 192ND BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION



On April 26th, New York's Oliver Tilden Camp 26 held its annual ceremony, commemorating the 192nd Birthday of President and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant National Memorial in Manhattan. The event drew representatives from several different Civil War organizations: PCinC Danny Wheeler, Br. Larry and wife Connie Clowers as Gen. Ulysses S. and Julia Grant, Aux. Sr. Janice Lauletta-Weinmann, Greenpoint Monitor Museum president, actor Patrick Falci (A.P. Hill in "Gettysburg"), New York Civil War Round Table past president William Finlayson, Grant Monument Association president and Camp 26 Br. Frank Scaturro, Aux. DP Caren Cleaveland, and DUVCW Nat. CoS Meki Tate. The United Daughters of the Confederacy were also in attendance.

New York Civil War Round Table president Martin Smith was the keynote speaker. Br. Robert Fries (bugler) and SVC Arthur P. Kirmss (vocal, guitar & Civil War flute) provided the music for the event. In addition, Pvt. Charles Lirio, Co. I, 83rd NYV (SVR) led the color guard. Brs. Michael Mitts, Philip Brown, James Bond, and Capt. Gary A. Collier and Bob Danialski also participated.

PCinC

Danny Wheeler awarded Brs. Mark Goret and Arthur Kirmss their 30 membership numerals and Br. George J. Weinmann his 25 year numerals. PCinC Wheeler also initiated the Camp's new members: John B. Gregor, Aaron M. Rose, John A. Portanova, Charles Lirio, Michael Mitts, Robert Mitts, William M. Bryk and dual member Michael E. Farrell. CJVC George I. Rand was presented the Bob Wilder Lord "Patriot of the Year" award.

CSVC Arthur P. Kirmss, Sec. Roy Wildenberger and PCC George J. Weinmann co-hosted the event. The 2014 General Grant Memorial Committee thanks the National Park Service (Manhattan Sites) for making the event possible.





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to be revised to comply with C&R. CinC Freshley referred this to Programs & Policies Comm.

Ebay Surveillance Committee recommendations – CinC will advise the chairman that these will need to be addressed on a case by case situations.

Graves Registration Officer – P&P handling.

Illinois recommendation – CinC will advise it is cost prohibitive to do. The information is available on line.

Iowa recommendation – duly noted

Pennsylvania Eagle scout recommendation – to Ritual update committee

Br. Wheeler inquired if the organization has a “black list” to prevent someone who was removed from SUVVCW from rejoining? The answer is that we do not have such a list. Per CinC Freshley, we may need to have a policy that someone who resigns in lieu of disciplinary action shall receive a dishonorable discharge. Referred to P&P.

Financial Coordinator Contract. Br. Russ moved to accept the proposed contract, retroactively to January 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Br. Mellor. Br. Orr recused himself from voting. Motion Carried

CinC Freshley declared at 9:50 PM that the CofA was going into executive session. Non-members of the CofA were asked to leave the room. At 10:12 PM, the CofA returned to regular session, and guests were again permitted in the room. One item was acted upon by CinC Freshley during the executive session.

Springfield Issues from Br. Petrovic and Br. Orr about Springfield event announcement changes in the Banner. Br. Petrovic reported there may be as much as a \$6,000 penalty from the hotel for not meeting room requirements at hotel. CinC Freshley and Br. Michaels agreed that the Springfield announcement can and will be put in the earlier issue of the Banner. With regard making changes to the form, CinC reminded all that changes should not be changed without the involvement of the originating committee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Br. Russ: New Camp forming in Branson MO – Br. Kreiser is the camp organizer.

Br. Mark Day: Advertisements have been placed in periodicals (America’s Civil War) and on website. Committee will renew through Nat. Encampment. Ebay seller selling ribbons as SUVVCW ribbons. This will be looked at.

Br. Schall: Visited Petersburg today; the SUVVCW should support site and have signs identifying cannon.

Br. Donald Martin: He announced he will run for JVCinC.

Br. Petrovic: Thank you for making weekend successful.

Br. Henry Shaw: Stated it is uncertain if the Gettysburg Police Dept. will require more money and how much? Charges will be on hourly basis instead of flat rate \$1,000.

Br. Orr: Canadian Civil War monument. We have \$1,400 in restricted account. Br. Orr moved it be donated to maintenance endowment fund for the monument. Br. Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS CinC Freshley provided his closing comments to the Council. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM.

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

Minutes approved by vote of the Council of Administration as of May 5, 2014.



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58TH ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER 15, 2014

*Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military
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*Parade briefing at the Wyndham Hotel at
9:30AM on 15 November 2014*

*Units form up at Noon on Lefever Street between
Baltimore Street and East Confederate Avenue*

Parade will step off at 1:00PM

*For further information, please contact:
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SILENT SENTRY STANDS GUARD AGAIN



May 25th was a beautifully mild and fair day at Philadelphia's Laurel Hill Cemetery. It was a day of men and women in period dress, with speeches by military, family members and historians, wreath laying, musical interludes by Beck's Philadelphia Brigade band, the sounding of taps and luncheon for everyone...all to commemorate the unveiling of the newly re-furbished "Silent Sentry," which will now overlook the graves of the fallen at Meade GAR Post 1's plot.



"It will inspire the public and recall the selfless service of our veterans," said PCC Anthony Waskie, a board member of the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery and an associate of the Pennsylvania Commandery of MOLLUS, which owns the statue. "It's been out of public view for 40 years but has returned to the daylight, and its normal post of honor."

In the 1980s, the bronze statue was stolen from a burial plot purchased by the Soldiers' Home at Mount Moriah, destined for the scrap metal trade. It was rescued and stored for decades until Laran Bronze, Inc. graciously restored it to its original luster.



PCC Anthony Waskie speaks at the dedication.

Br. Waskie proposed its relocation and formed a fund-raising committee. Last year, the statue, now valued at about \$20,000 was delivered and temporarily stored in the cemetery's gatehouse.

"I realized we had to do something," Waskie said. "We wanted to share it with the public."

More than \$40,000 was collected for a granite base, plaque, installation, lighting, and upkeep.

"The site is spectacular," Waskie said. "People driving by on Ridge Avenue will be able to see the [figure's] profile."

On its base, the statue stands 18 feet.

The re-dedication was made possible by the cooperation and financial commitment of many individuals and organizations, including MOLLUS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Friends of Laurel Hill, the General Meade Society, and the William Penn Foundation. *Br. Ken Garson contributed to this follow-up to the story in the Summer 2013 Banner.*



Brothers Jeff Rodriguez and Marc Herman with his wife, Sarah Herman pause for a moment after the ceremony.



Beck's Philadelphia Brigade Band processes to the unveiling.



RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING YOUTH

Following the example of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honors Eagle Scouts and deserving JROTC and ROTC cadets. These young people exemplify patriotism and civic duty. They likely will serve our Nation's military under the Flag that our forefathers fought to preserve.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On May 18th, three Eagle Scouts were awarded at Aptos' Twin Lakes Church. Lincoln Camp 10's CC Kevin R. Coyne and DC Tim P. Reese awarded Jeff Dyke, Nick Guest and Parker Woodard of Troop 609 with SUVCW Eagle commendations and certificates.

Later that day at Carmel Valley's Church of the Monterey Peninsula, DC Reese, CC Coyne, CSVG Garrett Hasslinger, and CJVC Randy Hawkinson awarded Aiden Francioni, Aaron Dally, Mike Haydock and Jake Purdom of Troop 127 with SUVCW Eagle commendations and certificates.



Brs. Hawkinson, Hasslinger, Scouts: Francioni, Dally, on lower step, Haydock and Purdom on upper step, CC Coyne, and DC Reese.



Cadet Anthony Prera recently received the SUVCW ROTC medal and certificate. Cadet Prera is a member of North Hills' James Monroe High School's Viking Battalion. His school's program is rated number one in the Los Angeles Unified School District and includes over 110 cadets.



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Santa Cruz's Camp Abraham Lincoln 10 recently awarded five Cadets with the SUVCW JROTC commendation and award. On May 14th, at Seaside High, Cadet Edwin Monroy was recognized. On May 15th, at Soledad High School, NJROTC Cadet Robert Garcia received the commendation and award from DC Timothy Reese, CC Kevin Coyne and CJVC Randy Hawkinson. On May 16th, at Everett Alvarez High School in Salinas, NJROTC Cadets Bryan Herrera and Nathan Rodriques received recognition from DC Reese and CC Coyne. And on May 23rd, at Monterey High School, NJROTC Cadet Fiona Jensen received the award from Nat. Aux. VP Rachelle M. Campbell, DC Reese, and CC Coyne. *Submitted by DC Tim Reese*



CC Coyne, Cadets Bryan Herrera & Nathan Rodriquez, and DC Reese



GEORGIA/SOUTH CAROLINA

On April 22nd, Kennesaw Mountain Camp 3 SVC David Beam attended the 12th annual award ceremony of the Marietta High School Air Force Junior ROTC in Marietta, Ga. On behalf of Camp 3 and the Dept., he presented Cadet Alif Lentsch with an SUVCW ROTC award which included a medal, ribbon and certificate.

The Wm T Sherman Camp #65 presented an Annual SUVCW ROTC Medal Award on 24 April 2014 at the Washington University Army ROTC Awards Ceremony. The recipient was Cadet Battalion Commander Cadet LCol Claire Henkel. The presenter was Robert Champlin, Secretary/Treasurer of the Camp, with the Honor Guard being LCol Jack Grothe of the SVR (Inactive. Also in attendance were the ROTC Detachment Commander Major Tanaka and his Deputy MSGT Felder.



WISCONSIN

On April 5th, Marquette University's Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units came together to celebrate the achievements of their cadets and midshipmen in an annual awards ceremony. Army ROTC Cadet Ervin J. Molitor received the SUVCW ROTC Medal and commendation from CSVC Jeff Graf of Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1, as did an outstanding cadet in each of the other two programs.



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CHESAPEAKE

On Decoration Day, JVCinC Eugene Mortorff helped at the re-dedication of Arlington Cemetery's Old Amphitheater. It is now known as the "James Tanner Amphitheater." James Tanner was a GAR PCinC and is buried not far away.



PA DSVC Douglas McMillin, JVCinC Eugene Mortorff, and Br. Joshua McMillin.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

On Memorial Day Weekend, Northern California Camps gathered at Roaring Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains to greet guests of the annual American Civil War Association (ACWA) reenactment. Hundreds of visitors experienced life in Union and Confederate encampments and witnessed battles at one of the longest-running Civil War reenactments in the West.



Lincoln Camp 10 (Santa Cruz) CC Kevin Coyne; PDC Charlie Mabie; Camp 4 (San Jose) JVC Paul Lavrischeff; Rick LaRosa (Camp 4); Pleasonton Camp 24 (Castro Valley) JVC Ken Felton; SVCinC Tad Campbell; Camp 4 PCC Dan Earl; Dept. Aux. Press Correspondent Kathy Mabie; DC Tim Reese; DSVC Tom Graham; Aux. 52 Pres. Debbie Earl; Aux. DP Beverly Graham; Emelia Campbell, Cal. MOLLUS Vice Cmdr. Linn Malaznik; and Aux. Nat. VP Rachele Campbell.

For over ten years Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52 sponsored an information booth at the event. This year, over 28 Brothers and Sisters from six Camps and Auxiliaries provided literature and answered questions about the Civil War and the GAR, as well as discussed their ancestors' participation in the Civil War.

DC Tim Reese presented naval and GAR history. SVCinC Tad and Nat. Aux. VP Rachele Campbell

displayed historical artifacts relating to the GAR, the SUVCW and Auxiliary. PDC Charlie Mabie provided hands-on cooking demonstrations while Camp 4 JVC Paul Lavrischeff provided an extensive display of Civil War weapons.

ILLINOIS

Civil War Veteran Receives New Grave Marker

On a bright April day after lying in an unmarked grave for over 115 years, Civil War veteran Edward Horsley finally received long overdue recognition. Philip H. Sheridan Camp 2 marked his grave in Romeoville's Alexander Cemetery with a veteran's headstone.

A native of Will County, Illinois, Edward left his farm on 19 Apr 1861 to enlist in Co. K, 10th Ill. Inf. (3 months) at Plainfield, Illinois. The unit remained at Cairo, performing garrison duty, twice performing reconnaissance missions toward Columbus, Kentucky and Benton, Missouri. Edward returned home after his term expired and resumed farming. He died in Will County in 1896 and was buried in Alexander Cemetery in DuPage Township.

Sheridan Camp 2 learned of Pvt. Horsley as a result of installing new Civil War headstones in nearby Plainfield Township Cemetery. A local historian contacted them and Camp 2 confirmed Horsley's burial, located a descendant who would support their efforts, made the application and finally installed the new headstone.

The Camp is currently spearheading other cemetery projects in Aurora, Barrington, Barrington Hills and Plainfield, IL.



PCC Jim Zingales (left) and Br. Robert Rogers (right) with the newly installed marker.

MISSOURI

Phelps Camp 66 recently donated a collection of rare veteran and GAR artifacts to Wilson's Creek Nat. Battlefield. Four Union veteran ribbons from southwest Missouri, three Missouri GAR documents, and a poster advertising a trip on the "Frisco" line from Springfield, Mo. to the 1895 GAR reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, were included.

"We are very grateful to the members of Phelps Camp for purchasing and donating these precious artifacts. Material relating to the GAR and Union veterans in Missouri is extremely scarce, and these items will be added to our museum collection, preserved in our

climate-controlled storage area, and made available to researchers,” said Battlefield Superintendent Ted Hillmer.



Superintendent Ted Hillmer and CC Robert Clanton.

NEW JERSEY

On March 15th, Hiram Pursell Camp 104 participated in a ceremony at Philadelphia’s Independence Hall, commemorating, on the date and to the minute 150 years before, when soldiers of the 69th Pennsylvania “Irish” Vol. Inf., home on Veteran Volunteer furlough, exchanged their battle worn Irish Colors for a new flag. Shown holding the Irish Colors is Camp Br. Dave Daniel, and to his left, his cousin, Br. Dave Ashcroft, who share the same ancestor, Cyrus O’Daniel, who fought with the 69th at Gettysburg. Members of Pennsylvania’s Anna M. Ross Camp 1 performed in the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band. Officers to Dave’s right front are Capt. Scott Eller and Maj. John Kopich. The ceremony was well attended by tourists and members of the Irish Community and received local television news coverage.



OHIO

Last year, MG W.T. Sherman Camp 93 cleaned up Dayton’s Old Greencastle Cemetery, essentially abandoned and overgrown with vegetation. This past May, Camp Brothers and community volunteers again cut and trimmed grass. A local landscaper helped with restoration and maintenance. The Camp then placed GAR markers and U.S. flags on all Civil War veterans’ graves. It replaced the worn Flag on the cemetery flag pole and installed better lighting to illuminate the Flag at night.

GRO Br. Mark Allex and Br. Pat McCoy coordinated

restoration of the vets’ graves. Camp Genealogy Officer Mike Spaulding researched the Civil War soldiers buried at the cemetery. Copies of his research were shared with the Wright State University Library, Dayton Public Library, and Ohio Historical Society. There are 211 “identified” Civil War vet graves at the cemetery. The last was buried there in 1937. Several of the graves do not have markers. A friend of the Camp used ground penetrating radar to confirm unmarked burial sites. All will be entered into the SUVCW database. Submitted by PDC Fred Lynch.



Br. Gregg Nartker, tombstone trimming team leader.

PENNSYLVANIA

Davis Camp held its annual memorial prayer service at the tomb of SUVCW founder Maj. Augustus P. Davis. Maj. Davis, or as he was more affectingly referred to, Father Davis, was born May 10, 1835 and died May 21, 1899. The service included placing a new SUVCW flag holder at the tomb to be a bookend to the existing GAR flag holder.

DC Richard Essenwein and PCinC Richard D. Orr, CC John Gipson, PCC Tim Ryan, and Camp Chaplain Lee Henry attended the service.



Afterwards, a second service was performed at the grave of a deceased Brother. A visit to the grave of Gen. Alexander Hays, killed at the Battle of the Wilderness, and the mass grave of 45 unidentified victims of the 1862 Allegheny Arsenal Explosion followed. All are located in Pittsburgh’s Allegheny Cemetery. These were capped off with lunch at a local restaurant.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania's Isaac Eaton Camp 504 performed a Memorial Day rededication for a Civil War veteran buried in Erie's Lakeside Cemetery. Descendants of Pvt. Jackson D. Rathburn, Co B, Pa. Ind. Lt. Art., made a request via the Dept. of California, requesting a GAR flag holder and flag be placed on their ancestor's grave. Members of the Camp located the grave and made plans to place the marker and flag on May, 30th. Seven Camp brothers traveled to Erie to honor the veteran.



Brs. Jerry Stumpf, Russ Mentzer, Ralph Diamond, Timothy Bennett, Ed Schneider, John Tenney, and Steve Johnston.



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CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Phil Sheridan Camp 4 and Dr. Mary E. Walker Aux. 52 held their 99th SUVCW Memorial Day service at the GAR plot which began jointly with Sheridan-Dix GAR Post 7 in 1915 at San Jose's Oak Hill Memorial Park. The service now also provides honor to the 1898 Spanish-American War vets who are buried in a plot adjacent to the over 400 Civil War veterans buried in the GAR Plot. Camp SVC John Stolp conducted the service with the help of Camp Chaplain PDC Dan Bunnell. Camp 4 Br. Richard Staley, in the guise of Sheridan-Dix GAR Post 7 Past Cmdr C.L. Burdick, presented General Order 11. Joining the service were guests PCC Fred Clark, Gettysburg Camp 112 (Penn.), his wife Sr. Nina Clark of Jenny Wade Aux. 27 (Penn.) and daughter Sharon Bollinger. *Submitted by PCC Bob Kadlec*



Chaplain PDC Dan Bunnell, CJVC Paul Lavrischeff; SVCinC Tad Campbell, Br. Richard Staley; PCC Frank Avila, CSVC John Stolp; Sr. Diane Wetzel; and PCC Dan Earl and Br. Rick LaRosa.



husband and wife, Br. John and Julie Dyle. The design was created by PCC Bill Skillman, and inspired by the 1stMichigan Sharpshooters battle flag (Sgt. Robert Finch was a member of Co. B).

Camp 14 was honored by State Rep. Wayne Schmidt, as well as Chuck Lerchen, Director of Veterans Services for Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau Counties – their attendance and tributes were highly appreciated by the Brothers. *Submitted by SVC David S. Smith*

MICHIGAN

On March 29th, Robert Finch Camp 14, honored guests, Frances Finch Aux. 9, and spouses met at the Elks Lodge in Traverse City for a grand centennial celebration. Camp 14 is Michigan's oldest active Camp. The packed event saw honors bestowed upon the Camp's living Past Camp Commanders, the first Sgt. Robert Finch Award bestowed upon PCC Neal Breugh, awards of appreciation to PCinCs Keith Harrison and James Pahl for their help in moving the Camp to Traverse City, and the installment of the Camp's newest and youngest brother, Ben Farrier.

A special quilt was masterfully created by



WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 hosted Milwaukee's annual Memorial Day ceremony at historic Calvary Cemetery. Over 360 attended the field Mass and the patriotic presentation that followed. After processing from the Mass site to the graves of four Union veterans, CC Thomas Mueller presented greetings and President Lincoln recited the Gettysburg Address. Keynote speaker American Legion PDC Wayne Jensen provided appropriate remarks. Salutes were fired by Cushing's Battery (SVR), American Legion Police Post 415 and the Camp's honor guard. Post 415 sounded Taps and The Auxiliary distributed small Flags for placement on veteran' graves. *Photo by PDC Kent Peterson*



The SUVCW's Dr. Mary Edwards Walker award recognizes ladies of the Allied Orders for their outstanding service, leadership and support at either the National or Dept level. The CinC may make up to five awards per administration; a Dept. Cmdr. may present up to three per administrative year. There is no obligation to make the award.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



In my home, I do the grocery shopping and all of the cooking. One of the stores I frequent has a system for their grocery carts which requires the shopper to deposit a quarter in order to get a cart. The quarter is returned when the cart is put back where it belongs.

On a recent excursion, I spied a child shopping with their mother. First grade or preschool at best. The child was a little mopey, bored, and eager to get back to their coloring book, or playmates. Out of the blue, with no forethought - I asked the child to return the cart for me and keep the quarter. Suddenly there was a huge smile, and after the child and mother returned the cart and got the quarter, the child holding the quarter in hand - skipped back with mom to their vehicle. For just a quarter, I brought joy to a child, a smile to the mom and me, a lasting memory.

We need to remember The Master's words: unless you become like little children - you can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you do to the least of My children - you do to me. Be aware of opportunities to make The Lord's Presence felt because of the things that you do and say.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

FINAL MUSTER

CJVC Kenneth E. Martin

Gen. Wm. T. Sherman MAL Camp (FL)
December 9, 2013

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Robert C. Dye

Homer Searle Camp 114 (NY)
December 31, 2013

Glen A. Barry

LeValley-Heusted Camp 255 (MI)
January 21, 2014

Lt. Gen. John M. Wright, Jr.

Gen. Geo. Stoneman Jr. Camp 18 (CA&Pac)
January 27, 2014

PCC Robert C. Grove Sr.

Wa-Bu-No Camp 250 (MI)
February 9, 2014

Lee S. Harford

MG Thos. H. Ruger Camp 1 (NC)
March 15, 2014

Donald W. Guidici

Gen. Wm. Passmore Carlin Camp 25 (CA&Pac)
March 20, 2014

Robert A. Lloyd

Davis* Camp (PA)
March 20, 2014

PCC David L. Waldron

Alexander French Camp 28 (MI)
April 16, 2014

Rev. D. Gene Patterson

Anna M. Ross Camp 1 (PA)
April 20, 2013

William B. Wenk

L.A. Tift Camp 15 (MA)
April 29, 2014

Phillip Glen Reader

Abraham Lincoln Camp 10 (CA&Pac)
May 1, 2014

PCC John E. Lohrstorfer

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 (MI)
May 5, 2014

Gayle Eikenberry

Orlando A. Somers Camp (IN)
May 22, 2014

Charles R. George

Gettysburg Camp 112 (PA)
May 25, 2014

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May 27, 2014

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June 1, 2014

SVR GUIDON



Members of the 4th MD HQ Company firing squad await their turn to fire during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Milwaukee's Historic Calvary Cemetery. The squad fired after Cushing's Battery, SVR, and American Legion Police Post 415 took their turns.

IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS

The 2014 Spring Civil War Monument Commemoration Tour was completed May 3-4 by Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR & Co. A, 37th Iowa, SVR.

The Dept. of Iowa's Sesquicentennial Committee initially divided the Department into six regions with the goal being set that the Camps in those areas, assisted by the SVR members in those areas, would visit each county and hold some sort of event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, located in Region 1, which encompasses virtually the western third of Iowa, has been quite active in this endeavor had already completed 12 of the 30 counties assigned to it. Recently, nine members of the unit, joined by DSVC Danny Krock, representing the 37th Iowa, SVR, performed ceremonies in Cherokee, Clay, Plymouth, Osceola, Sac & Sioux counties.

So much interest was sparked in the SUVCW, that a Camp may be started in the Le Mars/Hawarden area.

All ceremonies were well-attended by the public, with several American Legion and VFW posts assisting. DSVC Krock's speech, which set forth the objects and purposes of the GAR and SUVCW, was the highlight of each ceremony.

The Dept. Monuments Officer and Sesquicentennial Comm. Vice Chair Tom Gaard was present. The Auxiliary and wives of the men were a big help. *Submitted by Capt. Michael Carr, Cmdr., Co. B, 10th Iowa, SVR, & Sesquicentennial Comm. Chair.*

CEREMONY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY

One of the rarest privileges is to attend the service of a Civil War veteran whose remains have never been interred. Pvts. Francis M. Tuttle's and Augustus G. Whitcomb's remains had been left on a shelf since their deaths in 1925 and 1926.

Don Gerspach, the Missouri State Coordinator for the Missing in America Project, Veteran Recovery Program, requested four members of interested Civil War groups to carry the flags and the urns of these two veterans. Over 20 members of the SVR, Civil War re-enactors, and ladies in period dress responded.

On June 12th, they marched from the admin building to Chapel 7 to await the arrival of the remains. The remains, escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders.

The 37th Iowa Inf. provided the color guard for the Civil War procession. There were 17 urns containing the remains of WWI and WWII veterans. Members of all service branches carried the remains of the veterans. Each name and date of service was read as the remains were brought in and placed on the memorial display. Pvts. Tuttle and Whitcomb were last.

1st Sgt. Danny Kroch, 37th Ia. Inf. , carried the flag and Sgt. John Avery, 2nd Mo. Inf. carried the urn of Pvt. Tuttle who served in Co. B, 44th Ill. Inf. Reg.

Seaman Noel Stasiak, Ship's Co. USS Carondelet, carried the flag and Pvt. Glennon Alsop, Missouri DC and a member of the 17th Mo. Inf., carried the urn of Pvt. Whitcomb who served in Co. E, 6th Mass. Inf. Reg.

Pvt. Whitomb's great grandson received the flag of his ancestor from Sgt. John Avery. He said that his great-grandfather was 44 when his grandfather was born and that his father was 40 when he was born.



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Members of the 4th Military District and 17th Mo. Inf. Reg. fired a three volley salute under the command of Capt. Greg Zelinske, 17th Mo. Inf.

The following SVR units were present. 4th Mil. Dist. HQ, 2nd Mo. Inf., 5th Mo. Cav., 34th Ill. Inf., 37th Ia. Inf. (color guard), 47th Mo. Inf., 78th Enrolled Mo. Militia, and Ships Co. USS Carondelet. *Submitted by 1Lt. Gary Scheel (Photo by Cher Petrovic)*



Instructors Sgt. Wally Hlaban, Sgt. John Theissen, Maj. Ethan Barnett, NCWAA; 1Lt. Rich Young, SVR; Capt. Brant Doty and Capt. Ron Aronis, SVR. Photo by Lyle Laufenberg.

ARTILLERY SCHOOL HELD

Nearly 40 artillery re-enactors and hobbyists attended a "School of the Piece" hosted by the 4th Military District's Cushing's Battery and conducted by the National Civil War Artillery Association (NCWAA). The school was held May 17th at the Dousman Stagecoach Inn historic site in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The students and four guns represented five artillery units. The artillery school's curriculum was designed to promote the safe use of canon in the re-enacting hobby. Students received a 2-year qualification upon completion of the school.

Next year's school will be held at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO.

REGIMENTAL FLAG REPATRIATED

The 5th Missouri Cavalry, SVR, recently participated in the repatriation of a Civil War battle flag. The flag once flew at the head of a column of the 6th Missouri Cavalry for three days in March of 1862, as the men clashed with the Confederate army threatening Missouri's southern border.

The flag was not captured in the Battle of Pea Ridge, but stayed with the Regiment until the end of the war, when it returned home with Col. Thomas Clark Write, the regimental commander. Over the decades it passed through many hands and was nearly lost to history before being donated to the Arkansas Historical Commission. The hand painted flag, which is now framed and mounted under glass, is made of blue silk, fringed with gold.

On March 20th, in a ceremony at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, several Arkansas and Missouri dignitaries spoke about the history of the flag, and the significance of its repatriation. The symbolic transfer of the banner from the holdings of the Arkansas Historical Commission to the care and custody of the Missouri State Museum was conducted by groups in period attire. The Arkansas Re-enactors Education Assoc. presented a symbolic replica to a color guard from Co. C, 5th Missouri Cav., SVR. The color guard included Bns. Wayne Sampson, Flint Smith, and Paul Shetley; who are also members of Gen. Asboth Camp. The flag is now home in the collection of the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City.

TEXAS - MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

Co. K, 1st U.S. Infantry, SVR, participated in the 13th annual City of Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade on April 12th. Since 2001, Gainesville has sponsored a four-day celebration, honoring those who have received the nation's highest award for valor. The largest gathering of Medal of Honor recipients at one time culminates with a downtown parade. 2014 brought together 21 heroes. Gainesville is the only U.S. city that has a Medal of Honor host city program.

Of the 3,468 Medals of Honor given to since the decoration's creation in 1861, more than half were presented for actions during the Civil War. Submitted by 2Lt. George Hansen.

SVR PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Disbanded

Co. A, 8th U.S. Inf. (6th MD).



2Lt. Geo. Hansen, Pvs. Drake Peddie, Charles Sprague, and Sgt. Blair Rudy (far right).

COLLECTING THE SONS

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

In today's terms, we would probably call it a scale of economy. Dozens of items were able to be produced economically because our Order had so many members. In the period from the 1890 to World War I, the Sons had nearly 60,000 members. Since we had such a large base, numerous everyday items were produced bearing the Sons of Veterans logo or name. Here is a random selection of items that you might locate.



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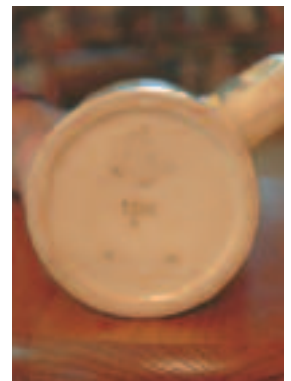
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