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KUDOS: To all the staff and volunteers throughout the organization who make our many events possible.

On The Cover: CinC Bruce Frail with the National Presidents of the DUVCW, WRC, LGAR and Aux, plus the CinC of MOLLUS and National President of DOLLUS at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary observances of his assassination.



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VICKSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY DISINTERMENT CEREMONY

On Saturday, 25 March, Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Sisters of TN Auxiliary #62 led a Memorial Service at Vicksburg National Cemetery.

After forty months since a catastrophic landslide and the conclusion of more than seven months of consultation with the National Park Service, the resumption of recovery and disinterment of endangered United States Colored Troops veteran burials is beginning. The ceremony marked the resumption of the National Park Service's recovery and disinterment of endangered veteran graves and stabilization of the cemetery terraces and roads.

In January and February 2020, several days of torrential storms and above-average monthly rainfall totals crumbled a 180-foot section of the cemetery jeopardizing more than eighty known and unknown Civil War-era graves, mostly United States Colored veterans. As legal heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the National Encampment and the Department of Tennessee with Mississippi were consulted regarding the unprecedented recovery and stabilization project.

Vicksburg National Cemetery is the largest Union cemetery in the nation with more than 17,000 troops buried here. The cemetery is the final resting of the largest number of black soldiers buried anywhere in the United States. After three years, one-third of the park remains closed to visitors, deemed unsafe and inaccessible. The first phase of the project is expected to last more than eighteen months. We plan to be a part of the ongoing work and participate in the reinterment of these veterans.





JOHN DAVIS CAMP No. 10 - LONDON, ENGLAND



On the 30th May at 2pm, brothers of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, London, England, assembled at the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Parliament Square, Westminster, London to observe Memorial Day. Following the opening address and prayers, Captain John Jeffcock, a poet and a former soldier in the Coldstream Guards, made a keynote speech. To our delight, tourists and passers-by respectfully attended the ceremony, during which Officers of the Camp laid tributes and a wreath at the foot of the Memorial.

Representatives of the Camp were also invited to attend the Centennial Memorial Day ceremony at the American Military Cemetery in Brookwood, Surrey on May 28th. The Camp's Commander, Matthew O'Neill, laid a wreath on behalf of the Camp and the SUVCW.

Our Camp, chartered in London in 2016 with the Commander-in-Chief present, continues to pursue its remit to locate the graves of Union veterans in the United Kingdom and obtain stones from the US Veterans Administration for those which are unmarked. We so far know of some 1,100 Union veterans probably buried here (including, in some cases, the widows of those who did not return – for example, we have the widows of sixteen men who died in Andersonville prison), and have so far found 468, or 42%, of their graves. These include seven recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, eight men who served in US Colored Troops units, four generals, and four women who served as nurses, two of whom were awarded Federal pensions.

We have already had dedications for four new gravestones – in one, the veteran's great-grandson travelled from California for the ceremony! - and plan at least two more during 2023, for James S. White of the 113th Ohio Volunteers, and Stephen Adams of the Mississippi Marine Brigade, both buried in London.

We also aim to produce a book on the group of veterans of whom we consider ourselves the successors, the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans, founded in 1910; its last veteran died in 1933. Our camp is named after its founder, Ensign John Davis USN, for whom we dedicated a grave stone in 2016.

However, our search for their graves depends to no small extent on being able to access the veterans' pension files in the US National Archives. While we have managed to obtain a number of these, we would be indebted to Brothers in America who could visit the National Archives for us and obtain copies of pension files. If you can help, please contact our Junior Vice-Commander and Graves Registration Officer, Michael Hammerson, at Michael@hammerson.me.uk






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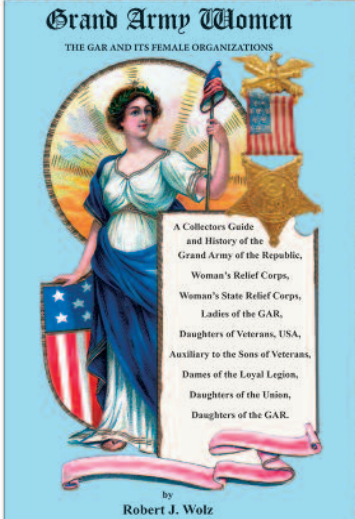
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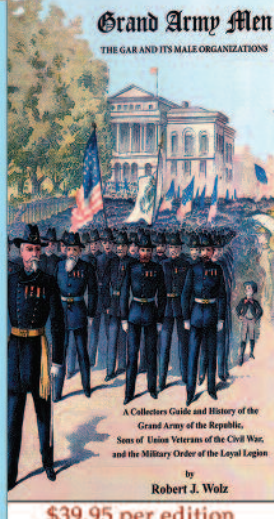
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

I want to start by saying Congratulations to you all! I was happy to see a great deal of Camps and Departments Memorial Day activities on social media in May and early June and you all have done great work! With that being said, we cannot take our foot off the pedal. The summer months are primetime for us to be in the field and replacing headstones or cleaning cemeteries. It is also a time for us to find some out of the box ways to interact with the community.

One of the ways that we can do this is by teaming up with local youth sports leagues. Some may ask how we could team up with these groups in a meaningful fashion. Many youths sport these days team up with local Elks lodges or VFW to assist with their field clean ups, to run concession stands or allow them to set up a table league events where you have information about the organization but have a game the kids can play. It could be hit the target with the ball in baseball or football, a basketball shootouts or dribbling competition, a soccer accuracy challenge. These little things could get kids and their parents to learn about our organization and potentially join.

Why is this Patriotic? We are again showing up and supporting our communities and neighbors and taking pride in where we come from. We then can talk to individuals about our mission and what else we do in our communities. We can educate younger people, not only the children but their parents who in most cases are in their late 20's early 30s, on the sacrifices made by Union men during the Civil War. We can show them firsthand why what we do is important to our communities and why the lessons of the past are still valid today. Because of these opportunities, we have the chance to teach and spread Patriotism, and do so to today's young people, which will ensure that Patriotism spreads to future generations.

As always, I look forward to seeing the pictures and social media posts about the great work you all will be doing this summer, and my challenge to you is to reach out to a local youth sports group about how your Camp or Department can assist them.

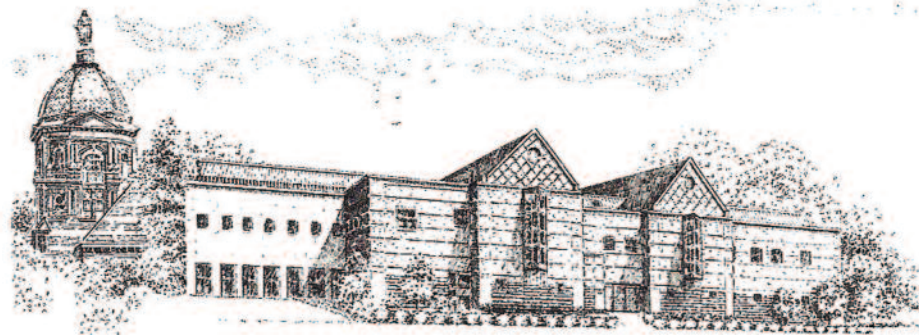
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
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ROTC PROGRAM

Recently, our National Headquarters received two letters concerning our ROTC awards program. The first letter was from Commander Eric D. Humphreys, (USN ret), the Senior Naval Science Instructor with the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Program at Sterling Regional High School in Somerdale, NJ. He wrote: "Thank you so much for awarding the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War award to Cadet Alex Quilea. She is proudly wearing her medal. Please forward my gratitude to the rest of the members of your organization for their very generous award."

The second is a hand written note from a cadet, reproduced here.



Dear Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War,

I am incredibly grateful to receive this award from your organization. I am honored to be recognized by an organization such as yours. Thank you for blessing me with this prestigious honor, and I will make sure to carry these values into the fleet.

Very Respectfully,
John Mansfield

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FINAL MUSTER

A Brother in a Camp, of which I am a member, died on Memorial Day. He was a Marine, an Officer, a Husband and Father - who gave all that he could to help others. This man is an inspiration, and of great significance because of his CHARITY. And I ask myself - am I doing only a little, or am I doing all that I can? Is there anything more that I can do to make this a better world? Who will take his place?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Our Flag does not fly because the wind blows it; it flies with the last breath of Every Soldier who died defending it. This Memorial Day I remember seeing so many flags waving in front of homes, on city light poles, on cemetery graves and walkways. I am still deeply moved by this thought, and am trying to find a way to make it more meaningful to others. In Benedictions that I give - I will frequently bring up this fact, not just to remind others, but to remind myself.

On the Fourth of July, there will again be a host of flags waving in the breeze, and there will also be fireworks - which remind us of the canon and rifle fire that our Nation's defenders endured. It's not so much a celebration, but rather a reminder that "We are the Land of the Free, because of the Brave." If you agree with me - say Amen.

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Chaplain Jerry



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Total:	6,009

Dual Associate	19
Dual Life Member	120
Dual Member	128
Honorary	2
Total:	269
Grand Total:	6,278

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GENERAL ORDER #22

Revokes the charter of the Colgrove-Woodruff Camp #22, Department of Michigan.

GENERAL ORDER #23

Temporary leave of absence of Brother Chris Workman from his elected office on the Council of Administration

and the appointment of Brian Pearson, PCinC as a temporary replacement until brother Workman can resume his duties.

GENERAL ORDER #24

Weapons shall not be carried by brothers at SUVCW events with certain exceptions, including in performance of SUVCW duties, law enforcement, those will valid concealed pistol permit or license, ect.

GENERAL ORDER #25

CinC Memorial Day message

GENERAL ORDER #26

All logins and passwords for SUVCW social media and web sites to be forwarded to the Chief of Staff to assist in an orderly transition for the new administration.

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING, APRIL 15, 2023
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.**

(Note from the National Secretary) This is a synopsis of the minutes as edited by the Banner Editor. The full minutes will be posted on the Order's website and is the official version)

Meeting called to order at 8:03 PM by CinC Bruce Frail.

The Council then went into executive session for a period of time, then terminated the executive session and went back on the record.

Brother Chris Workman notified the CinC he is temporarily unable to discharge the duties of his office as a member of the Council of Administration. Per National Regulations, Chapter 3 Article 6 Section 4D, the CofA appointed brother Michael Paquette, PCinC as a temporary member of the CofA until brother Workman notifies the CinC he is able to resume his duties.

The National Organization now belongs to tech soup, where we can get hardware and software at a fraction of the cost. Two copies of Adobe were obtained and the Treasurer will purchase 10 licenses for Microsoft 360 @ \$10.00/month per license. QuickBooks was also authorized for the Treasurer.

The National Committee on Encampment Credentials is concerned about submission of forms and reports. Ex Dir Brother Demmy will work on this report back to the CofA at the pre-Encampment meeting.

The committee assigned to look at pricing for the new life membership program will refer it to the C&R committee.

Commander Frail reported on his communication with

the GSA concerning the monument in Santa Fe, we have no legal interested.

A was made and seconded to retract the vote taken at Gettysburg in 2021 to take on the flagging of the Gettysburg National Cemetery each year around Remembrance Day, because of the new requirements and costs from the National Park Service which makes our position untenable. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded we contact the appropriate parties to express our concerns about the new policies of the National Park Service. Motion defeated.

The Quartermaster has recommendations for a new computer and a written handbook for the quartermaster. Discussion ensued and the laptop will be brought up at the pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting.

The National Encampment Site Committee has submitted a resolution for the restructuring and duties of the National Encampment Site Committee. After discussion it was sent to the C&R Committee for their recommendations.

The National Committee on Promotions and Marketing proposal we sponsor the podcast "The Civil War 1861 – 1865 a History Podcast". After discussion, it was referred back to committee for clarification.

The Fundraising Committee requested that \$2000 be added to this fiscal year's budget for the committee's project, polo shirts for 1881 club members. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to purchase the equipment needed to complete the audio and video recordings of the National Encampments for the purposes of transcription only. Motion carried.

The Camp-at-Large in England reported an issue with a

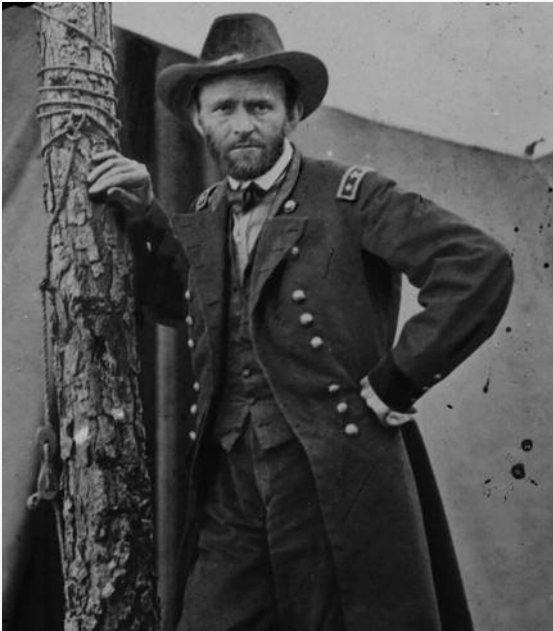
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MERITING MERCY IN TIMES OF WAR: GEN. GRANT'S LESSON FOR ALL GENERATIONS

Tony L. "Bo" Vets II, Camp Commander

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp #5

Department of Texas



**This manuscript was prepared in part by the author as part of his doctoral studies in the Humanities at Faulkner University. The author expresses his gratitude to Dr. Robert Woods for his comments and feedback on the original manuscript.*

Can one's enemy earn mercy? If one man is forced to struggle and fight and bleed and suffer for years at the hands of another, and the former suddenly finds himself in a position to take revenge on the latter, is there anything the latter can do to merit mercy from the former? I recently read Virgil's epic masterpiece, *The Aeneid*, and spent the better part of two months contemplating this very question. For those unfamiliar with this classic, the protagonist Aeneas is a defeated Trojan forced from his homeland by the invasion of the Greeks, who travels for years at the urging of the gods in order to find and establish a new Troy in Italy. On one of his many stops he finds himself face to face with a Greek who was on his way to invade Troy, but who was deserted by his comrades in the land of the Cyclops. As the Greek warns Aeneas of the horrors of the Cyclops, a Cyclops approaches and Aeneas and his Trojans flee to their ships, taking the lonely and terrified Greek with them, this Greek who at the very least part represented the very cause for all of their strife and hardships.

The fact that Virgil has Aeneas saving the Greek as they flee the Cyclops is interesting in and of itself. However, what makes this part of the tale even more interesting is the reason Virgil has the Trojans saving the Greek: in Robert Fagles' translation the Trojans, "...take aboard the fugitive – he had earned his way...", and in C. Day Lewis' translation they take, "...on board that Greek who so merited mercy..." Why did he earn or merit mercy? After rushing towards Aeneas and his Trojans, the Greek did explain to them the cause of his terror and warn them that Cyclops wandered the land: was this warning enough to merit mercy? While this type of quid pro quo, information that may save your life in exchange for my own, might be the most pragmatic answer, it could not be that simple. Before the terrified Greek explains his plight and the dangers lurking in the mountains, as he rushes upon the Trojans, Aeneas' own father is seen giving "...the man his hand and the friendly gesture lifts the stranger's spirits." There must be something more than a sort of quid pro quo that makes enemies merit mercy.

To better understand how enemies can merit mercy, one really needs to look no further than to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and his treatment of Gen. Robert E. Lee and the men of the Army of Northern Virginia during and after the surrender at Appomattox Court House. In April of 1865, Gen. Grant's Army of the Potomac crushed the exhausted and ill-equipped Army of Northern Virginia under Gen. Robert E. Lee. After years of being outmaneuvered, outsmarted, and outfought, the Army of the Potomac now had a major victory: a victory of victories that would end the war. It would be natural to expect the victorious army, and victorious general leading that army, to become proud, to gloat over the fallen enemy, to punish him for all of the death and destruction that occurred throughout the war, and to teach him a lesson about the consequences of a failed rebellion.

Yet this was not the way of the man who had earned the sobriquet "Unconditional Surrender" Grant. Indeed, Gen. Grant's only condition for the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia was that they, "...lay down their arms, not to take them up again during the continuance of the war unless duly and properly exchanged." He further agreed to "...let every man of the Confederate army who claimed to own a horse or mule take the animal to his home..." as these men were mostly farmers who would need their horses to help raise enough crops to see their families through the coming winter. When Gen. Lee informed Gen. Grant that his men were starving, Gen. Grant "...authorized him to send his own commissary and quartermaster to Appomattox Station, two or three miles away, where he could have, out of the trains we had stopped, all the provisions wanted."

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS SINCE MARCH 2022 (CORRECTED)

1014	Baker Jr, Bernard Drexel - NC MG John A. Logan Camp 4	1028	Jackson, Daniel Edward - MO Ulysses S Grant Camp 68	1042	Bebout III, Clifford Kip - NJ Gen George A Custer Camp 17
1015	Tuck, Joshua Alan - NH Charles W. Canney Camp 5	1029	Thomas, Lew Michae - IN Orlando A Somers Camp 1	1043	Bartlett, Gary Alan - MI Nash-Hodges Camp 43
1016	Gulden III, Peter Joseph - FL Gen. William T. Sherman MAL Camp 25	1030	Cups, Richard Grant - SW Picacho Peak Camp SW 1	1044	Albanese, Jeffrey - NY Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp 124
1017	Crane, James T - OH Gen William Lytle Camp 10	1031	Reynolds, Larry Joe - TX BG Joseph Bailey Camp [LA] 5	1045	Hogue, Burton L - CA Gen George Stoneman Jr Camp 18
1018	Skinner, Rodney Gene - IA Col. William Kinsman Camp 23	1032	Fischer Jr PCC, William E - PA Lt Ezra S Griffin Camp Scranton 8	1046	Parker, William Rodney - NY Chaplin P. G. Cook Camp 223
1019	Dow, John Stephen - NH Charles W. Canney Camp 5	1033	White, Christopher Scott - NY Col George L Willard Camp 154	1047	DeGroot, John Henry - IL Pvt Henry M Hardenbergh Camp 39
1020	Sasse, Dennis - IA Col. William Kinsman Camp 23	1034	McNulty PDC, John M - PA Joel Searfoss Camp – Bangor 273	1048	Burkett, David F - IA Col. William Kinsman Camp 23
1021	Stevens, Lance Edward - IN Orlando A Somers Camp 1	1035	Collins, Dean Joseph - WS C K Pier Badger Camp 1	1049	Connor, John Alan - RI Elisha Dyer Camp 7
1022	Anderson, Marshall William - CL Gov Isaac Stevens Camp [Wash] 1	1036	Sands, Christopher David - NJ Gen Philip Kearny 20	1050	Carlberg, Gary E - WS Col William Colvill Camp 56
1023	Courreges Jr, Wayne Allen - TX Lt Cmdr Edward Lea USN Camp 2	1037	Enlow, Dale E - SW Gen U S Grant Camp SW 3	1051	Coveney, Jerome Philip - WS Col Hans C Heg Camp 15
1024	Rittel, Ronald Frank - IA Greenville M. Dodge Camp 75	1038	Capps, Johnny Ray - IL Pvt Henry M Hardenbergh Camp 39	1052	Ingall, David Clair - MI Nash-Hodges Camp 43
1025	Ford, Jarat Lee - MA Satuit Camp 3188	1039	Kaup, Nicholas H - IL George Armstrong Custer Camp 1	1053	Martin, Jeffrey Wayne - IN John B Anderson Camp 223
1026	Ford, James Taylor - MA Satuit Camp 3188	1040	Johnson, James Alan - WS Col William Colvill Camp 56	1054	Hyatt, Stephen Wayne - MO Ulysses S Grant Camp 68
1027	O'Connor, Patrick Joseph - KS Col Patrick Coyne Camp 1	1041	Bartlett III, Lloyd G - MI Robert Finch Camp 14	1055	Baxter, Timothy Allen - KS Col Patrick Coyne Camp 1

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member of the DUVCW potentially taking materials developed by the Camp and now using those materials as her own. Brothers of our Order are planning to apply to us for grant funding. CofA determined funding will not be approved until these issues can work together.

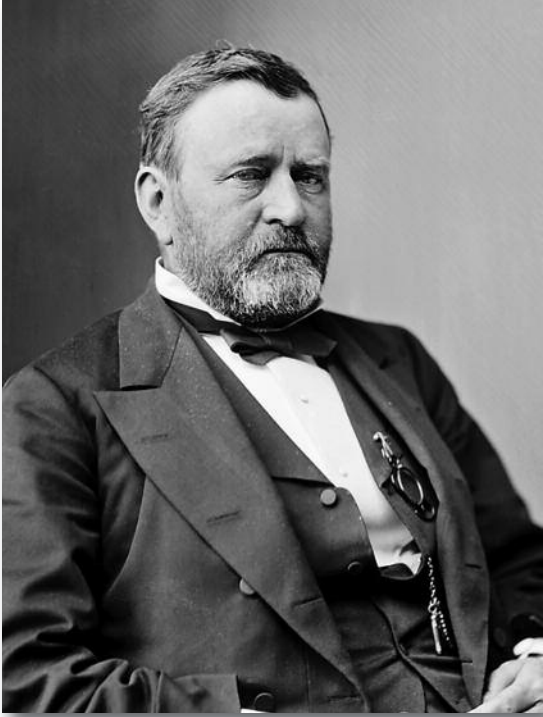
Brother Petrovic addressed the Council about the Lincoln Tomb ceremony and plans for future years.

Our contract with Drupal will have the maintenance of the website start in May.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM



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It is no small thing to see to the physical needs of those whom you have just conquered, and Gen. Grant certainly displayed great mercy in feeding the men of the Army of Northern Virginia and allowing them to keep their horses and mules. Yet it was in another act, one that I remember my father telling me when I was young, that Gen. Grant demonstrated perhaps an even deeper type of mercy, one that helps us understand how an enemy can merit or earn mercy, as Virgil's Greek did in *The Aeneid*.

Expectedly, as news of the surrender reached the Union rank and file, they were exuberant: "...our men commenced firing a salute of a hundred guns in honor of the victory." This did not sit well with Gen. Grant, for he wrote, "I at once sent word, however, to have it stopped. The Confederates were now our prisoners, and we did not want to exult over their downfall." In this simple act we see two humane traits that can lead us to the answer of how enemies can merit or earn mercy. Although victorious, Gen. Grant was humble, and through this humility he realized that like him, his prisoners were human too. Even though the men of the opposing armies fought for different ideas and ideals, there was a common thread running through them all. They had all experienced hunger and privation. They had all seen bloodshed and felt the pang of sorrow and loss as their friends and comrades died. They had all experienced a longing desire to go home. They were all human, and in that, they all had something in common. Now was not the time to gloat, boast, punish, chastise, or abuse. Now was the time to heal and ease all

suffering. In the terrified Greek, Aeneas came face to face with someone who was more than just an enemy. He came to face to face with another human who like him had experienced fear, privation, and loneliness; a human who needed mercy. Like Aeneas, Grant too came face to face with his enemy, and in his humanity found his enemy to be a man who merited mercy because of his own humanity. *Images courtesy of the Library of Congress.*





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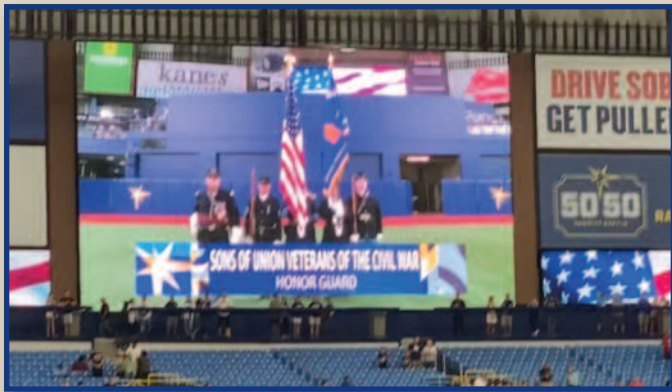
Proceeds donated to Gettysburg National Military Park Monument Preservation

ALABAMA

The ADM Farragut Camp No. 5 awarded the top 12 Cadets of the Mobile County JROTC program with SUVCW ribbons, medals, Camp challenge coins, and certificates for their exceptional service. The Camp also participated in the Memorial Day Sunrise Flag Raising Veterans ceremony at Battleship Park, Mobile, followed by a Memorial Day service at the National Veterans Cemetery in Mobile, AL. A red, white and blue wreath was placed at the monument and a memorial ceremony was held by five Camp officers to honor the 76th Illinois Volunteer Inf Reg. The ADM Farragut Camp Color Guard was also invited to present the National Colors at the opening ceremony for the Tampa Bay Rays MLB game.



This Award is given to The Fallbrook Historical Society for their outstanding dedication for their work in establishing and preserving a Civil War Memorial for Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. William Pittenger. This award may be conferred by the Department Commander, to recognize non-members of the Allied Orders, individually or as an organization, for performing outstanding service in the areas of Civil War memorials preservation and/or graves registration for their community.



COLORADO / WYOMING

CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

The Col Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 marked the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the G.A.R. plot in Calistoga Pioneer Cenetry, Napa County, CA. The plot was dedicated by Calistoga's Gov Morton Post #41 in 1883. The Camp's display included an original G.A.R. banded worn in 1883 by a member of the Post.



Brother Gary Lauer of Captain Lot Smith Camp No. 1 traveled many hours to be present at Idaho State's ROTC ceremonies in Pocatello and present our order's ROTC Award to Cadet David Olsen, a superb choice to receive this honor. The corps' commander reported that Cadet Olsen is at the top of his class in military studies and his degree. As the cadet color guard captain, Olsen has exhibited clear leadership through mentoring younger cadets, always stepping up to ensure events and color guards are covered. "He displays his patriotism on a daily basis and is proud to be an American soldier and ROTC cadet," Olsen's commander said. Captain Lot Smith Camp No. 1 is also actively making other ROTC presentations at college and high school campuses in northern Utah.

Brothers of the Pittenger Camp #21 held their Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fallbrook Historical Society at Sgt. William Pittenger's home.

Following the Ceremony, Pittenger Camp #21 honored the Fallbrook Historical Society with the Department of CA & Pacific "Kirby R. Morgan Award."



The Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1 participated in Memorial Day services at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park at the grave of Pvt. Harry Ira Stormes. He was the area's last Civil War Soldier and the last Utah Department GAR Commander.

COLUMBIA

Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 was assisted by the Mary Ann Lee Baker Auxiliary No. 6 and Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR in Memorial Day ceremonies at Eugene Pioneer Cemetery.



FLORIDA

The General Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 was busy in May. Early on, we attended the Seminole Ride High School JROTC Award ceremony, presenting our SUVCV JROTC award to Cadet Roman Keller. For Memorial Day, the Camp placed 36 flags at the graves in 4 different cemeteries within Palm Beach County and located 5 more Union Soldiers in unmarked graves at 2 cemeteries. Then the Camp participated in services at the South Florida National Cemetery along with Harmon Company, Buffalo Soldiers, SVR, firing a three cannon volley after Taps.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



The annual Encampment of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina was hosted by Edward Wallace Camp # 21, our successful African-American camp in Beaufort, South Carolina on March 25th. The meeting was held in their beautiful and recently-restored 1896 GAR Hall. All camps (2, 3 10 and 21) in the department participated and besides fifteen in-person attendees there were another five Zoom participants. Funding for the booming GAR marker star project was approved. Further reports on this mega-project will appear in future issues of The Banner.

ILLINOIS

George A. Custer Camp #1 held its March meeting at the Hackney's Restaurant in Glenview which included a special presentation of membership badges to our newer brothers. There was also a presentation concerning the 25th New York Cavalry.



Brothers of the U.S. Grant Camp #1863 placed some 135 American flags at the Wheeling Township Cemetery, Arlington Heights, Illinois recently along with a general cleanup at the cemetery periodically.

IOWA

On April 30th, 2023, Iowa Department's Robert Mitchell Camp #206 voted unanimously to move from its original location in Marion, Iowa. After nineteen years at that location, the camp has moved to Dubuque, the Key City, and oldest city in Iowa, which has a rich Civil War history. The Camp's current members look forward to continuing its rich history in Dubuque, and northeastern Iowa for many years to come.

KANSAS



On Wednesday, May 3, and Wednesday, May 17, Franklin Camp #5 was invited by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Key Camp to join with them in the annual

“Missouri History School Days” at Lone Jack Battlefield. Middle schools from around the area visited the battlefield on these special days for a hands-on education of area history. The Key Camp and Franklin Camp presented the section on “Civil War History” utilizing the Key Camp’s collection of replica weapons, uniforms, and artifacts of the war.



On Saturday, May 27, Franklin Camp #5 held their annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony and Quilt-of-Valor Presentations at the Civil War Circle GAR Monument in the Olathe Memorial Ceremony with a very good turnout. This year marks the 130th Anniversary of the GAR Memorial and Monument. A special presentation was made on the history of the monument during the ceremony. The camp also presented a Quilt-of-Valor to each of four United States Veterans in honor of their service to our nation. The quilts are graciously provided by the local Prairie Point Quilt and Fabric Shop.”

KENTUCKY

On May 29th Members Fort Duffield Camp #1 conducted a Memorial service at Ft. Duffield, Kentucky for members of the 9th Michigan, soldiers who died in the construction and fortification of the fort. Additionally, on May 30th they conducted a service at the New Albany National Cemetery where these soldiers were reinterred after their initial burial.



Brothers of the Fort Duffield Camp #1, Camp Calhoun Camp #2 and the Elijah P Marrs Camp #5 traveled to Hodgenville and were privileged to participate as Color Guards for the first in person Immigration and Naturalization service at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace

Historic Monument since the pandemic. Brothers assisting as new citizens took the Oath of Allegiance and received certificates signifying their status as a new member of our American family. Many new citizens posed with Brothers for photos after the ceremony.



MICHIGAN

Brothers of the Sgt John S Cosby Camp #427 participated in memorial Day services at the Commandant’s Quarters in Dearborn. The brothers were joined by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the 102nd USCT reenactment unit.



The Department of Michigan participated in honoring 20 members of the Scenic Trails Boy Scout District in Northwest Michigan who earned the rank of Eagle Scout, while only seven were able to attend.



The brothers of the Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 teamed up with members of the North-South Skirmish Association to host the annual Memorial Day service in

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Birmingham, Michigan; home of the Oakland County Civil War monument.



the Civil War and the First Nebraska Infantry Volunteers performed a Last Union Veteran of the County dedication Service for Private James Stootsberry of the 185th Ohio Infantry Co. D on Saturday April 29, 2023 at the Ashland Cemetery in Ashland Nebraska. Private Stootsberry enlisted in the Union Army when he was 16 years old in 1864 and served until the Civil War ended in 1865. James Stootsberry passed away after a fall and one months hospitalization in Omaha at the age of 97 in 1945.



MISSOURI

Brothers of the Lillie Camp #6 presented the program for the Westphalia, Missouri Historical Society this spring. Brothers participated in a program about the Civil War in Osage County, and Confederate General Sterling Price's march through the County on his way to Jefferson City. Over 200 Society members were in attendance.



NEW JERSEY

General Philip Kearny Camp #20 member Nathan Sands took part in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Battle Monuments Commission's Ardennes Cemetery, Belgium.



NEBRASKA

On May 23, 2023, brothers of the Harrison Camp #53-2 travelled to Long Pine Nebraska in Brown County to honor Corporal John Scott Davisson Co. I 9th Iowa Cavalry. Also attending were members of the Brown County Historical Society, Long Pine Heritage Museum, Ainsworth Historical Museum, Long Pine Cemetery Board and Ainsworth American Legion Post.



Brothers of the Department of Nebraska along with the Nebraska Rangers SVR, Daughters of Union Veterans of

Brothers of the Major General Kearny Camp #20 made a presentation on the Civil War and the highlights of the Battle of Gettysburg to the Boy Scout Troup 7 from Hackensack, N.J., helping them prepare for their trip to Gettysburg in the spring.



NEW YORK

Oliver Tilden Camp #26, conducted the last ceremony of the week for the National Park Service to Commemorate 201st Anniversary of the birth of President and General Ulysses S. Grant. The ceremony was held at the General Grant National Memorial on West 122nd St. and Riverside Dive in Manhattan, NY on Sunday, April 30, 2023.



Department of Oklahoma Encampment held at the Honey Springs Battlefield, Checotah, OK May 20, 2023.



PENNSYLVANIA

Anna M. Ross Camp #1 conducted its 135th SUVCW Memorial Day Service at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The National Park Service continues to be very supportive of this annual activity.



NORTH CAROLINA

Members of the Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at Raleigh National Cemetery on May 29, 2023, and presented a wreath in one of the Civil War Union soldier sections of the cemetery.



OKLAHOMA

Brothers of the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 were joined by members of the Sallie Peacheater Tent 18, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-65 and representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined to rededicate the final resting places of 5 Soldiers of the U.S. Colored Troops who served in the Civil War at the Gower Cemetery in Edmond, Oklahoma on May 6, 2023.



The Isaac Eaton Camp No 504 presented the JROTC Certificate to Zachary Tingley at the United States Army Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps "Pride of Pa" Battalion, Military Ball April 22, 2023, Lake View Country Club, North East, Pa.



SOUTHWEST

US Grant Camp #3 marched at the Citizens' Cemetery Memorial Day procession in Prescott, Arizona. Brothers enjoyed their 2nd year of participating in the ceremony concluding at the Prescott National Cemetery.



The Department of the Southwest's 7th Annual Department Encampment.



TENNESSEE

The Department of Tennessee Encampment was held on Saturday, March 18th on the Shiloh Battlefield. Much Business was discussed, and we were fortunate to have Commander In Chief, Bruce Frail in attendance to induct the newly elected Department Officers. The Department added a new Camp this year and Brothers of Captain Asa N. "Black Hawk" Hays Camp #81 was in attendance to receive their Charter from Department Commander, George Huttick. ASUVCW National President, Allison Pollitt joined us to Charter our brand-new TN ASUVCW, Joseph H. Rider #62.



TEXAS

Gen James J Byrne Camp 1, Dept of TX & LA at their Memorial Day ceremony in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth



WISCONSIN

Dean Collins, an ordained Roman Catholic deacon and chaplain of C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, retired after organizing its Memorial Day service for nearly three decades. Collins attended in 1995 as a new member, and thought it could be a lot bigger – it was 42 people. A few years later, it drew 800. This year it was well over 300. Collins concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Jerome Listeki (right). The event, also organized by Auxiliary 4, is held at Calvary Cemetery.

Also participating were Cushing's Battery, the Iron Brigade Honor Guard from Col. Hans Heg Camp 15, the 29th Colored Infantry Company F, the First Brigade Band – and many others.



Brothers of the Col Hans Heg Camp #15 cleaned and straightened headstones and touched up G.A.R. markers and placed flags at the G.A.R. plot in Oak Hill Cemetery in Janesville. They also obtained and installed a new headstone for War of 1812 veterans Miles Comstock who had been in an unmarked grave.



HISTORY OF THE SONS GRAND ARMY WOMEN

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

Seventy-four years ago, the Allied Orders of the GAR held their last national encampment. We were a family: the Sons were the male member and our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters belonged to one or more of the female Orders.

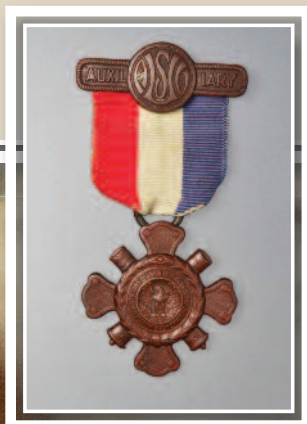
The GAR realized early on the benefit of enrolling these women to fulfill their mission to care for the disabled, the widows and orphans, to educate children in the public schools, protect the rights won for previously enslaved citizens and newly arrived immigrants.

During this absence of the last 74 years we have lost the connection with these women. In the 1880s Massachusetts women formed an Auxiliary based upon membership available to any patriotic woman believing more members would result in greater money for the cause. At the same time, New Jersey woman formed a GAR Auxiliary based upon blood kinship to a Union veteran. The Massachusetts auxiliary was the basis of the National Woman's Relief Corps. The New Jersey Auxiliary became the Ladies of the GAR. Each raised millions of dollars building or supporting soldier's homes, widow's homes and orphanages and supporting the needs of local veterans. They distributed American flags and provided patriotic literature. All supported the Red Cross especially during World War I and World War II

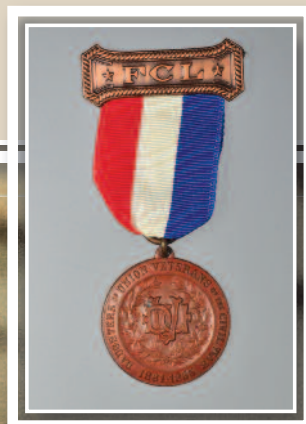
In 1935, the Woman's Relief Corps was the largest woman's organization in the United States. Major AP Davis saw the tremendous benefit an auxiliary provided to the GAR and organized the Son's Auxiliary in 1883...just two years after he organized the Sons. In 1956, the Son's Auxiliary erected the Albert Woolson Monument in Gettysburg. In the 1970s, a cash love gift from the Sons Auxiliary kept our bills paid.

The Daughters of Union Veterans observed their Brothers participating in Memorial Day observances and desired to be an active member of the family. They were organized in 1885, but not formally recognized until 1900. President William McKinley aided in their incorporation.

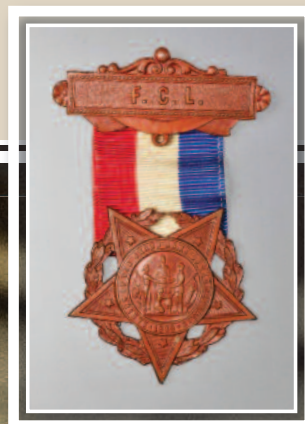
All the women's organizations are involved with serving today's veterans. While a shadow of their former strength they have erected monuments and plaques honoring the GAR and the Union Veterans. All four organizations are still active and all have membership at large. My mother was a member of all four Orders, may I suggest you ask a female family member to join one or more. Our Quartermaster Store offers Grand Army Women's book which of course offers a more in depth history.



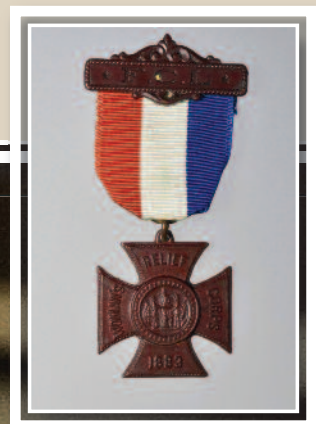
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