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On The Cover: Newly Elected Commander in Chief Peter J. Hritsko. Photo by Cher Petrovic.



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PETER J. HRITSKO JR

2023/2024

Peter J. Hritsko Jr of Vermilion, Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Nashua, New Hampshire on 5 August 2023. He is the 18th Ohioan to serve as Commander-in -Chief and the second Commander-in-Chief of Ohio to be elected in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Peter J. Hritsko Jr is the son of Peter J. Sr. and Rosemary Hritsko. His father was a U.S. Army Combat Solider during World War Two served in the European Theater part of 4th Infantry Ivy Division and 70th Infantry Trailblazers Division. Brother Peter graduated from Lorain Admiral King High School in 1977. After graduation he attended Lorain County Community College until a job opened up at US Steel where his father and grandfather worked and retired as Engineers for U.S. Steel. He followed his new career path as third generation steel worker that came to be 44 years at US Steel, USS/Kobe Steel Co, Republic Steel Co in Lorain, OH. Currently he has the same pension and work in the Mechanical Maintenance Dept. with Arcelor Mittal Cleveland Ohio now called Cleveland Cliffs. Cleveland Cliffs is the largest flat-rolled steel company and raw material in the United States and U.S. owned.



Brother Hritsko became a member of the SUVCW in 2006 with the James A. Garfield Camp #142 in Cleveland, Ohio where he served as Junior, Senior and Camp Commander for 4yrs and Council 8 years. At the Department level C-in-C Hritsko has held the position since 2009 to present as the G.A.R. Highway Officer, Council, Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected Ohio Department Commander 2016. At the National level, C-in-C Hritsko has served G. A. R. Highway Officer since 2013 to present, a full three year term as an elected member of the Council of Administration, Junior & Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

SVR Member of the Ohio Naval Brigade since 2010 as Petty Officer and as of 26 March 2021 promoted to serve as Adjutant Ensign Officer of the Ohio Naval Brigade. Member of Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) served five years as Senior Vice Commander and Past Commander for 2 years of the Ohio Commandery; also Past National Council -in-Chief of MOLLUS and currently a Companion of the Michigan Commandery.

C-in-C Peter is married to his wife Judy and they have one adult son Patrick . Judy is active in the local ASUVCW where she has is a Past President of the Eliza Garfield #142 Cleveland, Ohio, additionally serves as National J Vice President of Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Peter and Judy enjoy and share many of the same interests.

C-in-C Hritsko's membership in the SUVCW is through his great-great-grandfather 1st Lt. Elijah Hayden Commander of Co. H 8th O.V.I. who led the skirmish line during Pickett's Charge who was killed in action on 3 July 1863 Gettysburg, PA. The 8th O.V.I Monument was placed not far away from the Albert Woolson Monument. Elijah's body was brought back two weeks after the battle to his home town of Elyria, Ohio to be buried in Ridgelawn Cemetery in Elyria, Ohio. A Grand Army of the Republic Post was named after him, the Elijah Hayden GAR Post 49 Elyria, Ohio. Brother Peter is honored to keep Elijah's memory alive and for all the memories and friends made through the years being involved with the Sons and the path it has led him in Sons of the Union Veterans now serving as Commander in Chief.



SUE FRESHLEY

2023/2024



Sister Sue Freshley was elected to the office of National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their National Encampment in Nashua.

She holds dual membership in the Departments of Ohio and Wisconsin, supporting our beloved Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for over a decade, and has served in many positions on the local, Department, and National arenas.

She traces her lineage back to a 2 times great grandfather on my father's side, Pvt. Charles Teas Grave, who served on the western front in Co. B, 6th Regiment, Minnesota Infantry. Pvt. Grave served 1862-1865. He participated in The Indian Wars, including the Dakota War of 1862 and the Sioux uprising.

She is the wife of Ken Freshley, PCnC of the SUVCW, also a dual member in Ohio and Wisconsin. She has two children, Matt (member James A Garfield Camp 142, Ohio) and Becca (member Eliza Garfield # 142 Auxiliary, Ohio). I work fulltime as a national Client Services Portfolio Manager for an international credit card manufacturing corporation and am responsible for national banking brands. In my downtime, I love to cook, read, tend my flowerbeds and koi pond, and do genealogical/historical research. Oh, and I never met a dog I didn't immediately fall in love with!

Sue has served as the President of the Eliza Garfield #142 Auxiliary, Dept. of Ohio. She has brought in several members.

At the Department level in Ohio, she served as the Department Patriotic Instructor, Vice President, and then President. She was also presented with the first Dr. Mary Walker award by the Ohio Department of the Sons.

Nationally, Sue served on committees and enjoyed executing the challenging office of Chief of Staff. In 2022, it was necessary to aggressively pursue funds in this position because Covid had robbed my predecessors of the ability to raise much to benefit our ASUVCW. With the support of our Auxiliary Sisters, the goal that had been set for the 2022 Chief of Staff was far surpassed.

Sue also participated in planning and hosting a successful Allied Orders 2019 National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio. Congratulations Sue and we look forward to working with the Auxiliary in the coming year.

GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.



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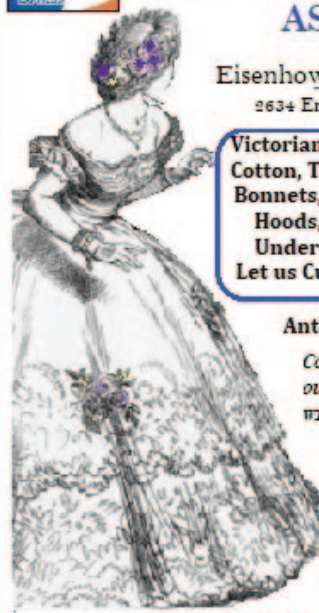
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers,

As we have entered the fall months of 2023, we have Halloween and Thanksgiving right around the corner. With that said, we have two opportunities to interact with our Communities and spread Patriotism to families and neighbors a like. These holidays are centered around our youth and our families and give a unique opportunity for us to give back and to make a favorable and memorable impact, that could lead to new membership.

Normally, one would go in chronological order and start with why Halloween is important for us to support our communities through, but I am going to switch things up and start with Thanksgiving. The national holiday we celebrate today was initially created during the Civil War to help raise morale for both the families at home and the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Revenue Cutter Service. Today we all know it as a day in which we gather with family or close friends and enjoy each other's company, and collectively root against the Cowboys (sorry Poppa it had to be said). This is also a day where tons of families are looking for assistance in one way or another, and we as Brothers, Camps, and Departments can band together and support our communities by doing food drives, adopting a family, or assisting in a soup kitchen or shelter for a small portion of the day. These are great opportunities for us to talk to people that we normally wouldn't have attracted and tell them about what we do and why being a Brother is important. It is a natural way for us to succeed in many of our missions as an Order.

Now that we have had our fill of turkey, we shall move to dessert with candy from Halloween. We have a few ways that we can interact with our neighbors. From attending a local event called a Trunk or Treat, where community groups come together in a safe public location, decorate a table or other set up and pass out candy to kids. By rule the kids are accompanied by a guardian so this is a way for us to interact with, exhibit Patriotism and educate on Patriotism to young families. Another way would be able to impact families during Halloween is to team up with a few other groups in your area and create a haunted laboratory that people can walk through. This is another way we can assist our local communities and get our name out into the public. It allows us to set up a table by the entrance and exit to show the history of the war and why Patriotism is important.

Every holiday can be an opportunity for us to interact with the public and inspire Patriotism in our neighbors, and as often as possible we should be taking advantage of it. My challenge to you all is over the coming holidays, find a way to interact with your communities and inspire them. Through community efforts, we can also have fun and remember that being a Brother is an enjoyable experience for multiple reasons. I look forward to seeing what you all come up with.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
Br. Ben Frail, PDC
patrioticinstructor@suvchw.org



FOUNDER'S AWARD

Ms Debbie Neece, the Collections Manager at the Bartlesville Area History Museum, located on the 5th floor of the City Hall building in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, was presented the Founder's Award for work in preserving G.A.R. post records in Oklahoma, the Indian Territory in 1893 and preserving the complete ledger of meeting minutes for over 14 years.

Ms Neece has published multiple articles about the Kansas Post #494, Indian Territory Post #18, Oklahoma Post #7 to finally Post #37. All four Posts are the same Bartlesville Post, just changing due to Department jurisdiction.

Also preserved was a prize 72 inch panoramic photo from a Department of Oklahoma Encampment around 1920.

The city of Bartlesville recognized Ms. Neece's award from the Order at a recent City awards ceremony. "Mrs. Neece is a fine choice for the Founder's Award due to her effort to preserve (Grand Army of the Republic) records that were abandoned in a building in downtown Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Because of her efforts, we have the complete list of charter members of the GAR Post in Oklahoma, Indian Territory in 1893, and their complete ledger of 'Minutes of Meetings' for over 14 years,"

BAHM Director Shellie McGill said Neece has been diligent in helping to preserve Washington County's history since she joined the museum staff in 2010.

"Debbie is a person who has a profound passion for history and its preservation," said McGill. "She loves to research and share her knowledge while dedicating her time to preserving the history that is happening now. We are pleased that she is being recognized for her hard work and enthusiasm preserving and sharing Washington County history."

The Award was presented to Ms Neece by PCinC Brian Pierson and Oklahoma Department Commander Clint Anderson at the City of Bartlesville OK City Council meeting. It was good to recognize her in front of her peers, the city council and the citizens of the city.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 142ND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Motion to make the National Patriotic Instructor, Department Patriotic Instructor and Camp Patriotic Instructor elected positions failed.

Motion to amend the National Regulations to suspend any Camp or Department for failing to submit the Patriotic Instructors Report Form (Form 40 and 41) failed.

Reported that Memorial University now has four Departments: American Civil War Studies, Grand Army of the Republic Studies, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. 294 test attempts were made, most of those in the Constitution and Regulations area.

SVR Regulations were amended to increase rank for certain positions. The Provost Marshal position was amended to allow for the rank of Major if total SVR membership under 500, the rank of Lt. Colonel if total SVR membership between 500 and 1500 and the rank of Colonel if total SVR membership over 1500. (Total SVR membership is currently over 1500). Also an Assistant National Chaplain was provided for at the rank of 1st Lieutenant if total SVR membership under 500, Captain if total SVR membership between 500 or more.

The incoming CinC consider creating a CinC Appointed Committee to consider lineal documentation requirements to future applicants.

Lifetime Associate Membership was discussed and may be taken up at the 143rd National Encampment.

National Special Committee on Social Media Management extended another five years.

Motion to make the National Special Committee on Memorial University referred to the National Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

National Special Committee on Website Redesign was discharged and duties transferred to the National Committee on Communication and Technology.

15 changes to the National Regulations were proposed. The new edition of the National Regulations with all of the changes made at the 142nd National Encampment have been posted to the Order's website.





GETTYSBURG, PA



**67th Annual
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November 18, 2023
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All are invited to participate in the 68th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 158th Anniversary of President Lincoln’s death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$117.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay’s Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention “**Sons of Union Veterans**”. **Reserve your room by March 22, 2024.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 13th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program TBD. Luncheon cost is \$45.00 per person.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: [HYPERLINK “mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com”](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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(This notice provides a brief synopsis of the General Orders. Please consult the published General Orders for complete substantive information.)

GENERAL ORDER #1 (AMENDMENT)

Administration

To all the Brothers in attendance of the 142nd National Encampment in Nashua, N. H. I thank you for your continued support and trust in me. I thank the Brothers of the Department of New Hampshire and Massachusetts and also our hard working National Host Committee Co-Chairs Brother Daniel Murry, PDC and Kevin Tucker, PDC and Brother James Crane, PDC Site Committee for an excellent National Encampment.

Our mission to educate and preserve our history, the legacy of the Boys in Blue, working together promoting the good of the Order as we remember our Civil War ancestor's mission of persevering and their dedication through the Civil War. I can see our transfer of newly elected Officers continue to follow this path of growth.

The National Web page has been redesigned and it contains instructions concerning our organization, I recommended that the brothers of the Sons become more familiar with what is available to our brothers.

My congratulations go out to the newly elected National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sister Sue Freshley; the Woman Relief Corp Cher Petrovic, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of you a productive year and success in our continued endeavors to preserve the memory of our ancestors, the Boys in Blue, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, myself, Officers and staff look forward to a harmonious year.

The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from Coventry, R.I. to 12710 Darrow Road, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may now be post marked here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org

The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.

Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to the National Treasurer, D. Micheal Beard, PDC at 8510 Flip Flop Court, Panama City, Florida, 32413. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950.

All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Daniel Murray, PDC at 40 Lake Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire, 03833. He can be reached by email secretary@suvcw.org

The Commander-in-Chief travels schedule and request for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, James T. Crane, PDC. He can be reached by email chiefofstaff@suvcw.org

All National Officers shall file reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting, and final for the 143rd National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky in August 2024.

All Department commanders shall file a report of activities within their Departments upon the same schedule as the National Officers and Committees.

National Chaplain, Jerry Kowalski, PCC, can be reached by email at paptom@msn.com and phone number 773-631-1610. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brothers full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Kowalski will send a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to family if a name and address is provided.

Application for Civil War Memorials grants be sent to Brother Shame Milburn, PDC, CofA2@suvcw.org

Request for SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Brain Mexin 957 Balto Drive Shelbyville, Indiana 46176; his email asst_qm@suvcw.org

All Camp and Departments are strongly encourage to submit articles and photographs for The Banner to Brother James P. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., MI 48854-1519; his email is banner@suvcw.org and phone number 517-402-3304. Brother Pahl, PCinC was previously appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2025.

The National Special Committee to Negotiate requests and terms with the Allied Orders, has been dissolved during the 142nd National Encampment by PC-in-C Frail therefor can not continue during my term as Commander-in-Chief of 2023-2024.

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS



Kevin P. Tucker
Elected New Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief



Robert Wolz
*Elected Honorary Past
Commander-in-Chief*



Rodrick Fraser, Jr.
Elected New Member Council of Administration



Robert Welch
Elected New National Quartermaster

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The following National Special Committees were appointed or re-appointed this year by the National Encampment.

National Special Committee on Social Media Management (2024) Chair Benjamin Frail, PDC.

National Special Committee on Reviewing Membership Qualification (2024) Chair Bruce Frail, PCinC.

National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (re-appointed through 2028), Chair Dexter Bishop, PDC.

So Ordered on the 10th Day of August 2023
Respectfully In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Peter J. Hritsko Jr
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

attest:
Daniel W Murray
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



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Company F, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry
Gen JPS Gobin Camp # 503 Sons of Union Veterans
Col. Louis R. Francine Camp # 7 Sons of Union Veterans

LIFE MEMBERS (CORRECTED)

Corrected Life Memberships originally published in Summer 2023 Banner

1058	Atkins, Carter Payne	NJ	1080	Pinzino, James Francis	MA
1059	Drought, Gerald Walter	WI	1081	Lander, Richard Horace	NJ
1060	Demmy Sr, David W	PA	1082	O'Brien, Edward Patrick	NY
1061	McGeary, Richard A	PA	1083	Pugsley, Robert L	NY
1062	Megill, Andrew Marvin	NJ	1084	Enderlin, Dean A.	CA
1063	Young Jr, Gilbert H	IN	1085	Wozniak, Raymond Lawrence	GA
1064	Smith, Reuel William	MO	1086	Graves, James Humphrey	KS
1065	Adams, William Ray	IN	1087	Shaud, John	NY
1066	Maudlin, Jeffery Alan	IN	1089	French, Jeffrey Ivan	CH
1067	Black Jr, Howard Guilford	ME	1090	Schmidt, Thomas E	KS
1068	Graf, Jeffrey Michael	WI	1091	Schleicher, Russell E	IL
1069	Wilson, Leslie Hayes	NY	1092	Mossbrucker, Frederick A.	NJ
1070	Agner, John Roemer	SW	1093	Bouley, Joseph Richard	CO
1071	McMillin, Douglas Paul	PA	1094	Halford, Val John	CO
1072	McMillin, Joshua Douglas	PA	1095	Amsden, Bruce G	VT
1073	Burd, Steven Scott	PA	1096	Moss, Lawrence Melvin	GA
1074	Lippert, Earl Harvey	PA	1097	Cruise, Michael Dennis	NC
1075	Leppard, Dale JJ	PA	1098	Day, Ronald William	NY
1076	Dusinberre, Jacob Baker	PA	1099	Tucci, Paul Anthony	NJ
1077	Wilson, Kirk R	PA	1100	Tomasello Jr, Frank A	NJ
1078	Hones, Frank Warren	MI	1101	McKendrick, Scott K	NY
1079	Doremus, Robert James	NJ	1102	Hartford, William Reed	KS

SUVCW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2023

Mark O. Rowell, Kennesaw Mountain Camp # 3, Georgia and South Carolina.

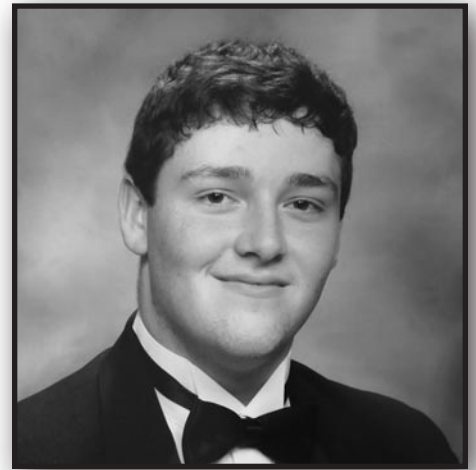
Good afternoon Brother Martin,

I am humbled to receive your email, and ecstatic at the same time! I am deeply honored by this recognition.

Thank you to all the brotherhood of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and particularly those who served on the National Scholarship Committee. I am very grateful to each of you. I pledge that the generous scholarship amount will be used in good faith, towards tuition, room, and board for the Fall 2023 Semester at Mercer University.

I will attend Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. I will be studying within the College of Engineering at Mercer University for a bachelor of science in environmental and civil engineering.

Brother Martin, thank you again for this welcome news. It has been a definite pick-me-up for this week, when I am taking AP exams every day. I must say I am looking forward to Friday. (ha)



Fraternally,

Mark O. Rowell

To Attend Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.
Studying Environmental and Civil Engineering.

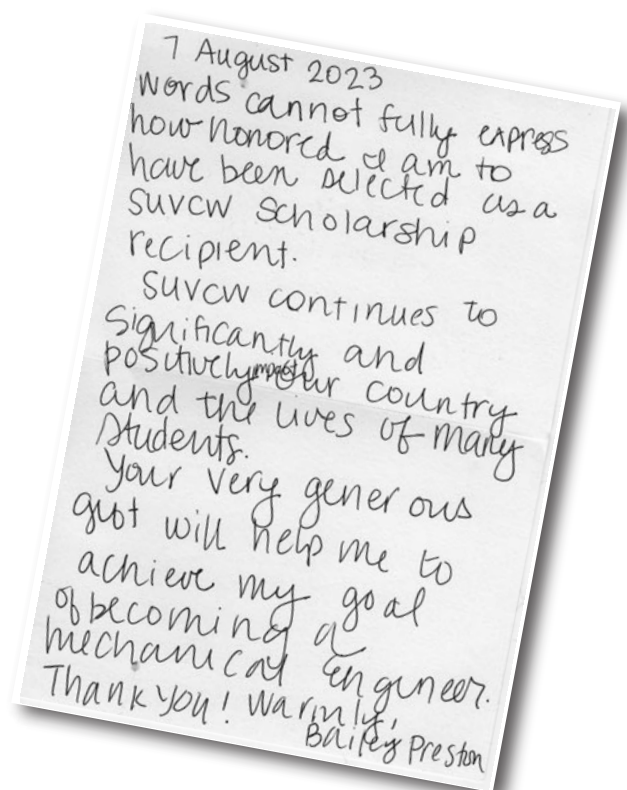
Bailey Preston, Rachel Cormany #2, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Hello.

Wow. This is great news. Thank you so much!!!

(Also see attached written thank you card to the left)

To Attend Missouri University of Science and Technology,
Rolla, MO - Major in Mechanical Engineering



FINAL MUSTER

There was a Cemetery Service scheduled for that Saturday. I had no role in it, so when the Mother-in-law of a friend, SUVCW member, and Living Historian died, I went to the wake on Friday, and had planned to go to the Cemetery Service and skip the Saturday funeral. But as I was leaving Friday night, my friend asked me to pray for his daughters (ages 16 and 9) because they were unable to accept the fact that their wonderful Grandma was gone. I talked to each of them and told them about my grandparents going home, and then my parents going to join them when I was much younger. I told them that everyone at the wake had been talking about how wonderful and kind Grandma was, and that I was sure she was Face to Face with God.

I told the girls the story of Dismas - the thief who was executed on the right hand of Jesus on Calvary. The "Good Thief," said "Remember me when you come into Your kingdom. Jesus replied, "This day you will be with me in Paradise." Surely if a thief and murderer could make it to Heaven, then there is no doubt that Grandma is there too.

If you agree with me, just say "AMEN."

Franklyn Warren Pucci

Mt Union Church Camp #502 (Pennsylvania)
2/21/2023

Edward T Kelley Jr.

Gilman E Sleeper Camp #60 (New Hampshire)
2/26/2023

David Ernest Kinson

Maj McKinley Camp #9 (New Hampshire)
9/26/2022

Howard James Leonard

W W Brown Camp #1 (New Hampshire)
1/26/2023

Willard F Hinkley, PDC

Life Member 670
Centennial Camp #100 (Colorado/Wyoming)
3/25/2023

George Lloyd Brady

Fort Walla Walla Camp #3 (Columbia)
6/15/2023

Patrick Reilly

Gen Phillip Kearny Camp #20 (New Jersey)
4/10/2023

Joseph Al Mancini

Gen Phillip Kearny Camp #20
4/3/2023

Eric Bal

Gen Phillip Kearny Camp #20
9/2/2022

Carl E Addison

MG John T Croxton Camp #17 (Alabama)
2/10/2023

Jack Nathan Reed

MG James H Wilson Camp #1 (Alabama)
11/25/2022

Charles Lawrence Phillips I

Col George E Spencer Camp #67
8/17/2022

James Whitney Brush

Maj Gen Thomas H Ruger Camp #1 (North Carolina)
6/24/2023

Thomas Johnson Wells

Capt Lot Smith Camp #1 (Colorado/Wyoming)
6/8/2023

James E Bradley

Old Abe Camp #16 (Kansas)
7/21/2023

Arnold C Owen

Bradbury Camp #149 (Pennsylvania)
7/20/2023

Herman James Miller

MG John A Logan Camp #9 (Florida)
7/2/2023

William Sorgi

Honorary Member
Sydney Camp #41 (New York)
3/15/2023

John J Copeland

Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 (Indiana)
7/1/2023

Kenneth Howard Lynch

Gen W S Rosecrans Camp #2
(California/Pacific)
7/2/2023

Frederick A Karst, PCC

David D Porter Camp #116 (Indiana)
12/18/2022

Randall Lee Staley

Maj Gen William T Sherman Camp #93 (Ohio)
6/30/2023

John M Hart Jr, PCC

Life Member 656
Former Publisher of the Banner
Lt Ezra S Griffin Camp #8 (Pennsylvania)
8/23/2023

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The men who fought in the Recent Unpleasantness undoubtedly asked themselves "Why me Lord?" I know that I was made in the image and likeness of The Creator, and that HE wants me to be happy with Him in this life and the next, so why are pain, suffering and death all around me? Why isn't He giving us reprieve? How can He expect us to love and follow Him when we have so much misery?

Today we ask ourselves these same questions, and each of us must come to own conclusions. The important things are that we have faith, treat others the way we want to be treated, and that we love God - no matter what is happening in our lives.

If you agree with me, just say AMEN.

Blessing and Peace,
Chaplain Jerry

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RESTORING HONOR: CAMPS JOIN FORCES TO REJUVENATE HISTORICAL GRAVESITES

September 16, 2023, witnessed a profound collaboration of reverence and commitment at the Woodstown Spencer UAME Church's cemetery, a historic resting place for members of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) and their families. This symbol of resilience and bravery had suffered extensive damage in a storm several months ago, necessitating urgent restoration efforts led by the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp 7 from Hammonton, NJ.

This cemetery serves as a living memory of many who, having found solace through the Underground Railroad, created families and joined the Union Army in the fight for their emancipation. The severe storm had marred the tranquil repose of these valorous individuals, compelling a united response from the SUVCW. Francine Camp, along with Lyon Camp from Vineland, NJ, and Stratton Camp from Pitman, NJ, answered this call to action to rejuvenate and honor these historical gravesites.



Delegates from the Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp #10 and the James S. Stratton Camp #82 collaborated intensively with the Francine Camp to meticulously dig up, reset, and restore nine graves of the colored troops and their families, paying homage to their enduring spirit. The collective endeavor extended to the cleaning of over 30 stones, including those from veterans of wars from the Civil War to Korea, employing specialized techniques and a proprietary formula.

The pivotal role of Francine Camp involved educating the members and the public on the esteemed cleaning practices adopted by Arlington National Cemetery. This process involves using a solution approved by the National Cemetery, ensuring the optimal and lasting preservation of the gravesites. Numerous activists and volunteers gathered under the guidance of Francine Camp to learn these sacred preservation techniques and were organized into groups to apply their newfound knowledge immediately, cleaning the gravestones appropriately and respectfully.

This assembly of volunteers was unified by a shared reverence and a fervent desire to restore the graves to their rightful dignity. The restoration was not only a physical rejuvenation of the burial sites but also a reinstatement of honor and acknowledgment to those who valiantly fought for freedom and equality.

The engagement was a poignant interaction, a heartfelt homage to the sacrifices of the USCT and their families. The participants, trained meticulously by the Francine Camp, left the event enriched, carrying forward the profound respect and the detailed knowledge necessary for preserving the legacies engraved in the stones.

The harmonious collaboration and the ensuing restoration highlighted the unwavering dedication of the Camps and the community in maintaining the honor and remembrance of those who have significantly contributed to the cause of freedom and equality, ensuring that their sacrifices and stories continue to resonate through generations.



**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2023
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

(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 was called to order at 8:00 PM (EDT) by CinC Bruce D Frail.

Brother George Huttick, Commander of the Department of Tennessee has a Brother in his Department who was asked to serve on the Tennessee Memorial Commission. Motion and second to approve his appointment, second and passed. The Council of Administration would like the Brother to submit a report at the end of his term on the Commission.

Brother Henry Duquette presented the 7 bids from the RFP on the Graves Registration Database. Motion to proceed with Rahntech and procure a contract with the terms and conditions along with the code in escrow, seconded and passed.

The Commander-in-Chief dissolved the National Special Committee on Contracts with the Allied Orders. The incoming Commander in Chief will meet with the incoming National President of the Auxiliary to work out the terms for future Encampments. The duties of the National Special Committee on Contracts were transferred over to the National Site Selection Committee.

The new Civil War Memorials Assessment Form 61 was approved.

Final vote for the awarding of the Founders Award, to present to Debbie Neese of the Bartlesville Area History Museum, passed.

In regard to the Kit Carson Monument the GSA will not accept a Quit Claim deed. The GSA offered a rebuttal for a deed of gift. Referred to the Encampment for vote.

The current Commander in Chief was going to ask the incoming Commander in Chief to appoint a committee to review the lineage documentation.

There will be no Quartermaster Store this encampment. Brother I was notified by the shipping company that the product would not make it to Nashua until after the encampment was over.

There was no new business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2023
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Meeting was called to order at 8:03AM (EDT) by CinC Peter J. Hritsko.

The Memorial University Committee has withdrawn their recommendation to purchase business cards to send out with every order from the National Quartermaster. The budget will remain at \$1000.

Brother David Hann has requested permission to use the Badge of the Order for a Memorial ribbon to be sold to Brothers only and to be allowed to use the SUVCW logo and a badge of the Order for items to be sold. The reason for this is that they are trying to produce short-term items and sometimes time is of the essence. He will need to present a sample to the Council of Administration to be voted on virtually.

Brother Ken Jacobsen from the Department of Colorado and Wyoming presented a recommendation from the Department encampment that the National Organization sponsor a link on RootTechs landing page and also to set up a recruiting/information booth at their convention. After discussion this was assigned to Promotions and Marketing to see if we can get an application into the 2025 RootTechs convention. We would like a member of the Salt Lake City Camp as an Aide to the committee.

At its Department Encampment the Department of Iowa voted to request that the National Organization investigate the feasibility of underwriting the purchase of over a document scanning equipment for each department that applies. Referred to Communications and Technology Committee.

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A Resolution was sent to National to make the Eagle Scout Certificates available to the Camps at no cost. This was sent to the National Quartermaster to produce and send them out.

The Department of New York sent in a Resolution asking that the National Treasurer file form 5768 with the IRS. This is ruled out of order and the Department of New York is to follow the current guidelines.

It has been learned the Department of Defense and the US Army have decided to remove the Confederate Monument at Arlington National Cemetery, also called the Reconciliation Monument. CinC Hritsko appointed a CinC Committee consisting of Brothers Pierson, Beard and Frail to investigate the matter and recommend an appropriate type and level of support.

Brother Pierson is to look into the cost of a 4 x 6 or 3 x 5 CinC fly that each PCinC would be able to purchase. He will work on it and bring a prototype in.

The Annual Budget 2023-2024 was approved.

The National Quartermaster will explore transferring the QM store to a national e-commerce site and will report back at the CofA meeting in Gettysburg.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Murray
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

THE ONLY JOINT HEADSTONE OF THE UNION AND THE CONFEDERACY - WOODLAWN CEMETERY, LAS VEGAS, NV

By: Avery Frantz, William B. Keith Camp #12 , Department of the Southwest.

William Boone Keith was a Union Soldier in the Civil War. He is buried next to his friend Joseph Moore Graham who was a Confederate Soldier. At the time that the Civil War broke out William Keith was a 21 year old farm boy who enlisted with Co. K., 12th Iowa Infantry.

A few years after the Civil War ended, William Keith and Joseph Graham moved to Las Vegas, NV, leaving their families behind and became good friends who shared a similar path. When Confederate Soldier Graham who was with the Virginia Cavalry and at the Surrender at Appomattox died, Keith purchased a plot (plot 140 & 141) for both himself & Graham.



There a small stone obelisk purchased by Keith was placed which shared his name on one side and Mr. & Mrs. Graham's name on the other with the middle of the obelisk reading, "Civil War Veterans 1861-1865. Arrayed in the Conflict, in strife and dismay / One wore the blue, the other the gray / time brought its changes, the men came to know / The joy which true friendship, in life can bestow."

Union veteran William Keith also made sure to have Graham's wife's ashes sent to Las Vegas to be buried next to her husband. In 1997 the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War were able to get headstones for both veterans. They had the base poured for the two markers and a little square in the middle stating their dedication.

NATIONAL AWARDS

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

Michael L. Lance, Dept of Texas
 Kent Peterson, Dept of Wisconsin
 Benjamin J. Frail, Dept of Rhode Island,
 Michael Zafran, Dept of Illinois,

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD WITH GOLD STAR:

Roger Leturno, Dept of Chesapeake

THE DOCTOR MARY EDWARDS WALKER AWARD:

Allison Pollitt, National President, ASUVCW
 Lynne Dolan, National President, DUVCW
 Elizabeth Null, National President, LGAR

THE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Edward Manak, Dept of Florida

THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S AWARD – MOST OUTSTANDING CAMP WITHIN THE ORDER

Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7
 Department of New Jersey

THE CORNELIUS F. WHITEHOUSE AWARD - MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBER WITHIN THE ORDER

Robert Payne, Department of Michigan
 James "Jim" Lyon, PDC Department of Illinois.

THE DAVID R. MEDERT AWARD (FORMERLY THE B.F. STEPHENSON AWARD)

John A. Mills, Dept of Kentucky

THE AUGUSTUS P. DAVIS – CONRAD LINDER AWARD

Department of Chesapeake

THE U.S. GRANT CUP

Department of Iowa

THE UNDER FORTY AWARD

Department of Pennsylvania

THE MARSHALL HOPE AWARD FOR BEST NEWSLETTER

Department: The March, Department of Georgia and South Carolina

Camp: Harriet Lane, Camp #2, Department of Texas

THE NATIONAL AIDE AWARD

Roderick Fraser, (6), Department of Massachusetts
 Howard G. Black Jr., (5), Department of Maine
 Bryan Sigmund (6), Dept of New Jersey
 John A. Mills (7), Dept of Kentucky

THE HORACE GREELEY AWARD - MOST OUTSTANDING WEBSITE

Department: Department of Rhode Island
 Camp: Curtenius Guard Camp #17,
 Lansing/Sunfield, Michigan

ELMER (BUD) ATKINSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Leo F. Kennedy, Department of Rhode Island
 John A. Mills III, Dept of Kentucky

THE JOHN C. CLEM AWARD FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER

William Trafford, Department of Rhode Island.

THE FOUNDER'S AWARD

Ms. Debbie Neece of the Bartlesville Area History Museum in Bartlesville, Oklahoma

BY THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT – HONORARY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Robert J. Wolz, Department of Ohio

Quartermaster Store

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Eagle Scout Commendation

Presented to _____

On the occasion of achieving the rank of
EAGLE SCOUT
in the Boy Scouts of America.

Date _____ Camp Commander _____



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OF THE CIVIL WAR**


THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE
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FOR
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FOR NOT LESS THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE (OR SIXTY CUMULATIVE) DAYS.

GIVEN THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 19____

CAMP COMMANDER _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Ancestor Certificate

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War takes great pleasure
in presenting this certificate to _____
for having satisfactorily proven his descent from _____
Who served honorably with _____
During the Civil War 1861-1865

Date _____ Camp Commander _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Patriotic Award

Presented to _____

Given in grateful appreciation for unsolicited
inspirational patriotic service through the display of
our National Flag.

Date _____ Camp Commander _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



To all who shall see these presents, Greetings: Be it known that

Having been duly and constitutionally elected to the office of _____
and according to the records of _____
Department of _____ he did execute and fulfill the
duties of that office to the completion of the term to which he was elected.

Given: _____ Department Secretary _____ Department Commander _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Good Citizenship Award

Presented to _____

For displaying those qualities which exemplify
the virtue of Good Citizenship in the
United States of America.

Date _____ Camp Commander _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Continuous Membership Award

Presented to _____

In recognition of _____ years
Continuous Membership in the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest Here _____
As witness whereof we have hereunto set
our hands and affixed the seal of the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this
Day of _____ in the
Year of Our Lord _____


Camp Secretary _____
Camp Commander _____



**Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War**

We do know that _____
Who duly matriculated into the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
has right to membership being derived from _____
who served honorably in _____
That that he is a Member to good standing of _____
Department of _____
As witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands
this _____ Day of _____ 19____
At _____

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Certificate of Commendation

For Meritorious and Distinguished
Service in perpetuating the memory of
the Grand Army of the Republic and
the men who secured the Union from
1861 to 1865.

Attest Here _____
As witness whereof we have hereunto set
our hands and affixed the seal of the Sons
of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this
Day of _____ in the
Year of Our Lord _____

Department Commander _____
Department Secretary _____



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ALABAMA



The Pvt Richard Taylor Camp #53 honored Lt Enoch Allen of the 146th Indiana Infantry at the Madison Cemetery, Madison Alabama. Decades ago a ironious CS marker for a man with a similar name was placed on Lt Allen's grave. Camp #53 righted that wrong by ordering a correct Veteran's Administration headstone and unveiling it as part of their annual Memorial Day Service. The program was enhanced by a uniformed color guard and bugler from a local reenactment unit. The program was also attended by Phyllis Hubbs, the President of the Alabama Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

COLORADO / WYOMING



Brothers of the Legion of the West, Camp 7 gathered at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery, Grand Junction, Colorado of the grave site of Elijah Hines and placed a G.A.R. Marker and played TAPS over his gravesite. Elijah, who died April 11, 1925, was a member of Company H, 18th U.S. Colored Infantry and was a member of the John A. Logan Post 21, Grand Army of the Republic. Elijah was born August 17, 1837 in Virginia. Also present at the ceremony was Janielle Butler Westermire, the Great Granddaughter of Elijah. The Camp has also placed several G.A.R. markers on other Civil War veterans graves located outside of the Veterans section of the cemetery this year.

COLUMBIA

Brothers of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No.1 participated in rededication ceremonies on 13 August 2023 at the Bothell Pioneer Cemetery in King County,

Washington for John C. Rhea and Robert Campbell. John's grave was previously unmarked; and the non-veteran headstone for Brother Robert had been vandalized and not replaced until military markers were approved and provided to the cemetery recently. Robert's descendants also attended the ceremony.



On August 19, brothers of the Fort Walla Walla Camp 3 dedicated a VA headstone for Private James W Fox. The site was in the old pioneer Methow Cemetery at a barely marked grave-only a small slab of concrete. The grave site was discovered, researched and brought to the Camp 3 attention in August of 2021. James Fox was a member of Company C of the 9th Kansas Cavalry Regiment.



Also in attendance was a rifle squad of the Brewster, WA Post 97 American Legion, and several members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



On August 6th, brothers of the Elias Moon Camp #2 and the Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 met just before Purple Heart Day at a half-scale Viet Nam memorial wall in Johns Creek, Georgia where they honored former

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Camp 2 and Department Commander Theodore Golab, an agent orange victim, who recently passed away. Before his illness set in Ted flew Chinook helicopters and was much decorated, including a battlefield promotion for extreme heroism as a Marine at the siege of Khe Sahn. He suffered a great deal from PTSD but loved the Order and virtually his last wish was to receive a send-off from the SUVCW.

ILLINOIS



The Gen. Sheridan Camp #2 presented the ROTC award to Cadet M. Abueid of Richard H.S. Oak Lawn, IL.



Members of PH Sheridan Camp #2 and Mulligans battery at Jewell Grove Cemetery, Memorial Day Ceremony, in Wheaton, IL on May 20th.

INDIANA



On Memorial Day 1895 a GAR/WRC Memorial to the Unknown Dead was dedicated. Over the years, inscriptions etched in the stone were no longer readable. Brothers of our Camp researched and worked on the Memorial to discover the exact wording of the message. The words were scored in bronze with three plaques paid for by donations from Camp Brothers. Just over 128 years later, brothers of the John B. Anderson Camp #223

rededicated the Memorial. The proceedings of May 28, 1895 were found in a copy of the local newspaper. The rededication ceremony included the same ceremony and speeches. The event included the original banner of the Camp that sponsored the Memorial.

IOWA



During the annual Decoration Day commemoration at the Upper Bay Cemetery Civil War memorial in Delhi, Iowa, a certificate of commendation was awarded to Dennis Geesaman, a charter member of Robert Mitchell Camp #206. Dennis has served the Camp in many roles for over two decades.



Brothers of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp # 75 ordered, delivered and installed a replacement stone for Civil War veteran Jonathan Nelson who is buried in Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry, Iowa.

MAINE

Brothers of the Corporal George Samuel Cobb Camp #68 helped the family set the headstone for Capt. Alfred Harvey Pulsifer. Capt. Pulsifers 2x Great Granddaughter Debbie Middleswart followed the genealogical trail and found the unmarked burial site.



MICHIGAN



On May 28 brothers of the Henry E. Plant Camp #3, assisted by the Department Eagle Scout Coordinator, and honored new Eagle Scout Adrian Silvester of Boy Scout Troop 1048 of Whitehall, Michigan.

Brothers of several Camps were joined by two brothers from Indiana, plus sisters of the Gov. Crapo Corp #23, Woman's Relief Corps, the Sara M.W. Sterling Tent #3 and the Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon Tent #58 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 2:00pm, on August 27th, 2023, to participate in the dedication and unveiling of a statue to Abraham Lincoln in Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Michigan's Department Commander Gary Swain was also the project chair for the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute. The ceremony was conducted on the 167th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's only Michigan appearance in 1856. Music was provided by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band on all original instruments, including a horn that has been documented to have been played at Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration.

MISSOURI



On May 13, members of Phelps Camp #66 joined a large crowd of Laclede County, Missouri residents to

dedicate a new headstone for Lieutenant Robert Johnson of the 16th Missouri Cavalry, who was murdered in May 1865 while being held as a prisoner of war by Confederate guerrillas.

NEBRASKA



Brothers of the Department of Nebraska were joined by brothers of the Department of Iowa, the Blair VFW Post, the First Nebraska Infantry and honored the Last Union Veteran of Washington County in Blair Nebraska. Honored was Pvt. Asa Little Dixon, Company C 22nd Iowa Infantry. Asa Dixon passed away in Los Angeles in 1937 and was interred in Blair Cemetery with his family members.



Brothers of the Harrison Camp #53-2 honored Last Union Veterans of Holt and Rock Counties in western Nebraska in the remote prairie region overlooking the Niobrara River Valley. The Veterans were Barney Jones of Holt County and William VanEpps of Rock County. The ceremony marks the 40th and 41st counties done by the Department so far.

NEW JERSEY

On June 3rd Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp #7 participated in a ceremony to dedicate a gravestone for Pvt. Eli Boling of Company I, 24th USCI which had been unmarked since his death in 1929. Brothers of the Camp, while doing some research at the Cemetery found out that Private Boling was unmarked. The Camp contacted the Veteran's Administration to secure a gravestone, the Camp provided a GAR Flag holder and paid for the installation of the stone.



Private Boling was a member of General Stahel Post #62 Grand Army of the Republic of Egg Harbor City, NJ and served as the Chaplain of the Post.



veterans are buried in the historic cemetery, on Athens' west side. All told, 2,610 Athens County men served the Union as soldiers or sailors from 1861 through 1865.



Tom Corcoran, a member of the Col. Louis R Francine Camp #7, acquired an old Civil War guidon flag from the 9th Regiment of Rhode Island at the age of 15 years in 1955. Tom made the decision to donate the flag back to its rightful home. The guidon was presented to brothers of the Department of Rhode Island at the 142nd National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire.



Brothers of the General William T. Sherman Camp #93 recently participated in an event at the restored Grotto garden at the Dayton VA Center. It was a beautiful day and we were able to actively engage with the public to let them know about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the projects our group is involved in.

NEW YORK

Brothers of the Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 at Defenders of the Flag Monument, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester, NY Memorial Day.



OHIO

Brothers of the John S. Townsend Camp #108 rededicated a restored marker over Memorial Day weekend honoring Athens County's Union Civil War veterans at the city's Union Street Cemetery. The "Boys in Blue" marker was originally placed in 1938 by the Daughters of the Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. John Ellis Wool Tent #100. An estimated 195 Civil War

PENNSYLVANIA

On May 28, 2023, the John T. Crawford Camp 43, in cooperation with the DUVCW and the Norwin Historical Society, rededicated 16 new headstones on the graves of Civil War Veterans in the Old Brush Creek Cemetery in North Huntingdon, PA. Since 1990, Camp 43 has now replaced over 200 markers on Civil War gravesites.



Brothers of the Gettysburg Camp #112 held a Memorial Service at the Woolson Monument, on North Hancock Avenue at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Albert Woolson was the last known surviving member of the Union Army who served in the American Civil War. He passed away on August 2, 1956



TENNESSEE

When the headstone of Captain Deitrich Hesselbein of the 6th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry (US) was found missing from the Nashville City Cemetery by his ancestors, the Nashville Metro Historical Commission petitioned the Federal Government for a replacement and when it was in place, brothers of the Fort Donelson Camp #62 were asked to prepare a Dedication. They were assisted by the SVR 10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, the 13th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and the Tennessee at Large ASUVCW in what turned out to be a very memorable Dedication Ceremony.



Brothers of the Missionary Ridge Camp #63 installed the marker for Francis Marion Tate, Company H 7th Tennessee MTD Infantry USA. Francis Tate was given a Confederate marker by mistake in 1930.



TEXAS

The 29th annual Encampment of the Department of Texas was hosted by Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp #2 and conducted in Houston, Texas on Saturday, April 29, 2023. Brothers from across the Department mustered for the event and were joined by Sisters of the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary #1. Commander-in-Chief Bruce Frail also attended as a guest and served as Installing Officer

for the slate of Department Officers elected for the 2023-2024 term.



On Memorial Day 2023, members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lee Camp No. 2 gathered at the G.A.R. plot in Washington Cemetery in Houston to render honors to the Union veterans buried there. They were joined by members of the Sarah Emma Seeley Auxiliary #1, SUVCW, and the Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4, DUVCW. In recognition that Hail Columbia was the national hymn these buried veterans would have been most familiar with, a rendition of that hymn was played while all attendees saluted.



The event included the laying of roses and small U.S. flags, a biographical sketch of Sarah Emma Edmonds Seeley, one of the more unusual veterans buried in the G.A.R. plot, the placing of wreaths, a biographical sketch of Union veteran, Ensign John Reagan, who served as Acting Ensign on the USS Fort Jackson, and a musket salute.

WISCONSIN

Members of C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary 4 met with hundreds of people over three days at German Fest in Milwaukee. They had displays of rifles, swords and other artifacts, and discussed our German ancestors in the Civil War.





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• **Buy your tickets in advance**

Reservations are not required and tickets will be sold at the door, but save yourself some time and skip those lines at the Ball. Tickets are available by mail.

• **Stay hydrated!**

Water dispensers are available at the Ball. Soft drinks, beer, and cocktails are available for purchase at the cash bar.

• **What do I wear to the Ball?**

In keeping with the Remembrance Day theme, Civil War period attire is highly recommended and is a lot of fun!

• **Beverages, the photo booth, and silent auction are cash only!**

Cash is king at the Ball, so make sure you have plenty of cash for beverages, the photo booth, and silent auction. Please note that there is an ATM for your convenience at the newly renovated Eisenhower Hotel.

• **Wear comfortable shoes**

You can easily dance for a couple of hours. Make sure you break in your boots and shoes before you come to the Ball. Please note that shoes are required at all times.

• **Plan ahead...arrive early.**

The doors open at 7:30 pm and we encourage you to arrive as early as possible to get the best possible parking and seating. The raffle drawing and cake walk are included in the price of admission. Most people stay an average of 2 ½ hours, while many stay for the entire Ball (8 pm to midnight).

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FLAGS OF OUR (ORDER'S) FATHERS

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Our Regulations tell us that our flags, or colors, have only three criteria: the color of the flag be the designated color for the level of the Order; all having a gold embroidered badge of the Order no smaller than 8" x 11"; and are the same size as the United States flag it accompanies.

Turning back the calendar to 1882, the CR&R states that:

Each duly constituted body of the Order shall have two silken flags of the full regulation size of 1861 – 1865, to wit: six feet six inches on the fly and six feet deep on the staff...flags to be provided with jointed staffs, gilt eagles, substantial belts and good oil cloth covers.

Camp colors, as today, were blue, Division (Department) were red, Grand Divisions, which only lasted for 4 years, were to be white, and the Commandery-in-Chief (National Organization) to be of three equal sections of red, white and blue. Also, Davis Camp No. 1, now referred to as Davis * Camp, carried a flag of "yellow silk", as it was, and still is, is the first Camp of the Order. By 1886, the Grand Divisions were abolished so the white flag was discontinued.

The other conspicuous difference is the design on the flags. Instead of the badge, it was to be "the Arms of the Order in the center of the flag and appropriately arranged around the same, the name and number of the Camp, the name of the Order and the location of the Camp, in gold letters. The reverse of the Camp color shall contain the Arms of the State in which the Camp is located, and the same wording, in gold letters. The fringe of the flag shall be of silk or gold bullion, and the cords and tassels of silk, or silk and gold mixed."

The Division flags were similar, but red, with the Coat of Arms of the Order on one side, and the Coat of Arms of the particular state on the other, with the appropriate wording. The flag... of the Commandery-in-Chief, of red, white and blue; the red portion of the flag to be attached to the staff, and so when mounted, each part to show in equal proportions. In the center of the flag shall appear the Coat of Arms of the Order, above the same the words, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, and below the Coat of Arms, the words United States of America. The reverse of the flag shall contain the Coat of Arms of the United States in the center, with the same words, in the same manner as the obverse." The Coat of Arms and lettering was either embroidered or hand painted, both in full color.

The accompanying illustration is from Marvin Hall's Price List of Sons of Veteran's Military Goods catalog, ca. 1888.



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