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KUDOS: To those Brothers who observed Veterans Day and a big Thank You for all of the submissions to the Banner.

On The Cover: CinC Hritsko presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day 2023 - escorted by James T. Crane, PDC.



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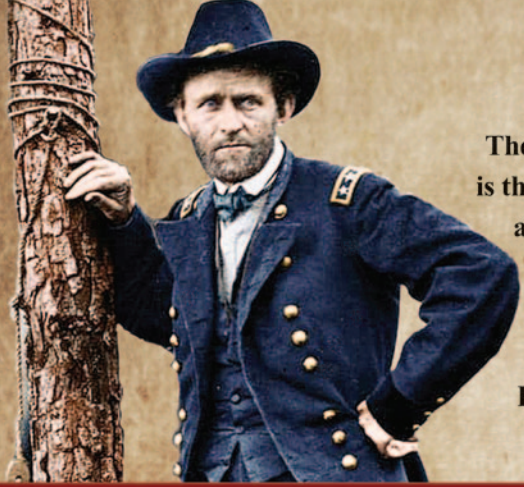
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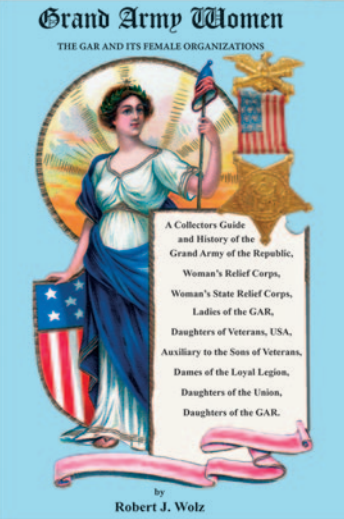
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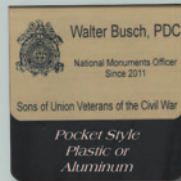
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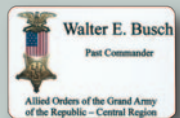
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Brian D. McManus - National Patriotic Instructor

The majority of our Brothers recite the following creed at many events. Here is the history of the creed, and where its sentences originate.

The American's Creed

I BELIEVE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A¹ GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE;² WHOSE JUST POWERS ARE DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED;³ A DEMOCRACY IN A REPUBLIC;⁴ A SOVEREIGN NATION OF MANY SOVEREIGN STATES;⁵ A PERFECT UNION, ONE AND INSEPARABLE;⁶ ESTABLISHED UPON THOSE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND HUMANITY FOR WHICH AMERICAN PATRIOTS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES.⁷ I THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS MY DUTY TO MY COUNTRY TO LOVE IT,⁸ TO SUPPORT ITS CONSTITUTION;⁹ TO OBEY ITS LAWS;¹⁰ TO RESPECT ITS FLAG; AND¹¹ TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ALL ENEMIES.¹²

Key to the The American's Creed: 1. Closing words of Preamble to the Constitution; 2. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; 3. Declaration of Independence; 4. James Madison in *The Federalist*, No. X; 5. Speech by Daniel Webster, Jan. 26, 1830; 6. Preamble to the Constitution; 7. Adapted from closing words of Declaration of Independence; 8. Speech by John Hancock; 9. United States Oath of Allegiance; 10. George Washington's Farewell Address; 11. War Department Circular, April 14, 1917; 12. Oath of Allegiance.

History

The American's Creed was a result of a nationwide contest for writing a National Creed, which would be a brief summary of the American political faith founded upon things fundamental in American history and tradition. The contest was the idea of Henry Sterling Chapin, Commissioner of Education of New York State. Over three thousand entries were received, and William Tyler Page was declared to be the winner. James H. Preston, the mayor of Baltimore, presented an award to Page in the House of Representatives Office Building on April 3, 1918. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the commissioner of education of the state of New York accepted the Creed for the United States, and the proceedings relating to the award were printed in the Congressional Record of April 13, 1918. It was a time when patriotic sentiments were very much in vogue. The United States had been a participant in World War I only a little over a year at the time the Creed was adopted.

The author of the American's Creed, William Tyler Page, was a descendant of John Page, who had come to America in 1650 and had settled in Williamsburg, Virginia, and who served in the Congress from 1789-97. Another ancestor, Carter Braxton, had signed the Declaration of Independence. Still another ancestor, John Tyler, was the tenth president of the United States. William Tyler Page had come to Washington at the age of thirteen to serve as a Capitol Page. William Tyler Page began his government career as a Congressional page in December of 1881. Later he became an employee of the Capitol building and served in that capacity for almost sixty-one years. In 1919 he was elected clerk of the House. Thirteen years later, when the Democrats again became a majority party, they created for Page the office of minority clerk of the House of Representatives. He held this position for the remainder of his life until his death on October 20, 1942. Referring to the Creed, Page said: "It is the summary of the fundamental principles of the American political faith as set forth in its greatest documents, its worthiest traditions, and its greatest leaders." His wording of the Creed used passages and phrases from the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and Daniel Webster's reply to Robert Y. Hayne in the Senate in 1830.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
Brian D. McManus
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SVR CHANGE OF COMMAND

Maj Gen. Robert E. Grim, PCinC, retired as Commanding Officer of the SVR, transferring to the Cadre. The Military Affairs Committee recommended Brig. Gen Donald E. Darby, PCinC as the new Commanding Officer, confirmed by Commander in Chief Hritsko in his General Order #9.

At the SVR Breakfast during the Remembrance Day observances, a change of command ceremony was conducted, as Maj Gen Robert E. Grim passed the National SVR colors to Brig Gen Donald E. Darby. His first duties were to preside at the ceremonies at the G.A.R. Monument in Ziegler's Gove, Gettysburg National Military Park. Congratulations to our new Commanding General.





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"Lest we forget," is extremely important.

John Hallberg Jones

Geenville M Dodge Camp 75 (Iowa)
6/5/2023

David C Wildermuth, PCC

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Private, Co C., 2nd Missouri Infantry, SVR
7/20/2023

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5/30/2023

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9/25/2023

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SVR
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9/9/2023

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10/9/2023

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Col James D Brady Camp #63 (Chesapeake)
7/31/2023

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2/26/2023

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8/14/2023

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12/27/2023

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11/27/2023

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12/1/2023

Donald Robert Inman

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7/3/2023

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12/7/2023

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10/5/2023

Charles Jay Fox

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10/1/2023

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When we loose someone we love, a part of us is missing. But only for a short while.... because one day we'll all be together again in the Lord. There will be no more tears, no more goodbyes, only JOY. If you agree with me say AMEN!!

Blessing and Peace,
Chaplain Jerry



A FORGOTTEN SOLDIER, REMEMBERED

Research and persistence pays off. Last spring, a brother of the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 came across a reference to a soldier who had joined the G.A.R. Appomattox post number 50 sometime after 1900. After further research he found that the soldier was Henry L. Barnett, who had enlisted in Company D of the 112th Volunteer Colored Infantry in Arkansas in the summer of 1864. He had been born into slavery in Marshall County, Mississippi, working on a cotton plantation near Holly Springs. After the Emancipation Proclamation and the army began enlisting black men, Barnett answered the call and served for two years as an orderly. He also worked in the Freedman's Bureau office, helping to distribute food and clothing to displaced black people, until he mustered out in April, 1866.

Barnett then moved to California and was friends with the Tipton's, a prominent family among the black community; he became their cook when they were living in Sacramento. When Mrs. Tipton died she was buried in the family plot in the Santa Cruz Memorial Cemetery (a city where they had previously lived). Years later Henry Barnett died, in 1909, and was buried in the Tipton family plot, but there was no headstone for him. Brothers assembled all the necessary documents to confirm Barnett's service, and in September the military headstone arrived at the cemetery.

When the cemetery's director heard of the Camp's (San Francisco and East Bay) plans, he offered to give Private Barnett a proper military ceremony. He got right to work in getting an honor guard from the California National Guard to participate in the ceremony. He wanted to make this a community event, a way to heal the community after some recent unpleasant racial incidents in the town. The Camp brothers organized the program, which was both traditional and modern. The media was invited and the mayor and a councilman agreed to come. Brothers from the Phil Sheridan Camp #4 were also invited.

On the day of the ceremony, a small crowd gathered at the cemetery and heard the mayor read a proclamation declaring it to be Private Henry Barnett Day. After the invocation, those in attendance heard the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and why it was important for us that no Civil War soldier should be forgotten. Command Sergeant Major (retired) Sharon Campbell, give a wonderful talk about the contributions of American black soldiers from the Revolutionary War to the present time. The life of Henry Barnett was read by a local historian, and little-known but powerful poem "Colored Troops" was presented.

Following the 1909 graveside ritual of the Order, a musket, cartridge box, and canteen were placed at the headstone, and a guard posted. Then an auxiliary sister, dressed in white, laid white roses at the headstone. Finally, the honor guard fired a salute, folded an American flag, and presented it to the commander, who in turn gave it to the cemetery director, who promised to fly it next to Pvt. Barnett's grave every Veteran's and Memorial Day.





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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 #2

On Membership Qualifications Ratification. The 2023 National Encampment passed amendments to the Constitution of the Order, which must be adopted by a majority of the Departments in order to become effective.

GENERAL ORDER #2A

Disbanding of the Colgrove Woodfull Camp #22, Department of Michigan.

GENERAL ORDER #3

Relieving National Patriotic Instructor Ben Frail, PDC off all duties and temporary appointment of Donald Martin, PCinC, as interim National Patriotic Instructor and Chair of Memorial University.

GENERAL ORDER #4

Revocation of Charter – Richard Clark Camp #210, Department of New York.

GENERAL ORDER #5

Passing of Br. David Klinepeter, 80 year member.

GENERAL ORDER #6

Appointment of new National Patriotic Instructor, Brian McManus, PDC.

GENERAL ORDER #7

Announced the passing of PDC Eric Schmincke with the draping of the website, badges and chargers for 30 days.

GENERAL ORDER #8

Disbandment of Henry Wallace Camp #160, Department of Michigan.

GENERAL ORDER #9

Announcing the retirement of SVR Commanding General, Maj Gen Robert E Grim, PCinC and appointment of Brig Gen Donald E Darby, PCinC as Commanding General, SVR for a period of five years.

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

November 19, 2023

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

(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 8:00AM (EDT) by CinC Peter J. Hritsko.

Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation.

Additions to the written Officers Reports
Brother Bobby Welch said the Certificates need to be looked at this year so they can be fixed and the copyright issues taken care of. This was referred to Policy and Procedure.

Brother Demmy reported that we have over 6000 members. Last year at this time we had 5300 members. The last time we were over 6000 members was in 2019. We have had 75 new Life Members this year, last year at this time we had 82 new Life Members for the year 2022.

Brother Pahl stated the fall issue of the Banner is out. Articles for the winter issue are due by December 15. He also said as the Constitution and Regulations Editor version C of the 2023 National Regulations will be published shortly.

Brother Tucker has two recommendations from the National Committee on Promotions and Marketing. He would like the committee to be renamed as the National Committee on Promoting the Order – referred to the Constitution and Regulations committee. Brother Tucker also made a motion to produce a media guide for Camps and Departments, such as the one Brother Faron Taylor produced for the Department of Chesapeake, that National can use. It was seconded by Brother Freshly. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Paquette, Chairman of the National Site committee is going to Houston Texas to check out two hotels. Hopefully the Department of Texas will do the 2025 National Encampment. The Committee will push for a contract by the end of this year or in early January. The Daughters of Union Veterans 1861 – 1865 would like to do the National Encampment in New York with us. The logistics needs to be worked out between the 2 groups. We are in negotiations with the Auxiliary for costs for Lexington Kentucky. There was also discussion on putting language in the Constitution and Regulations of the responsibilities for the National Site committee if they need to host a National Encampment

Brother Darby, Chairman of the Special Committee on

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LAST UNION VETERAN: ALBERT HENRY WOOLSON



August 12, 2023, Park Hill Cemetery in Duluth, Minnesota, the William Colvill Camp 56 hosted the Last Union Veteran ceremony for Pvt. Albert Woolson, St. Louis County. The ceremony was inaugurated by the firing of an original Napoleon cannon from Battery I, 1st US Artillery. The 1st Minnesota Infantry marched in at the sound of the cannon and performed “Rest on Arms” maneuvers near Woolson’s gravesite. Woolson’s Last Union Veteran ceremony was performed to a large crowd of spectators, including three relatives of Woolson.

After the ceremony, distinguished guests and visitors repaired to the DEPOT for a wreath-laying ceremony and reception. Groups participating in the ceremony included the Boy in Blue, and the American Legion Post 28, of which Woolson was a charter member.

Sixty-seven years and six days earlier, twenty-three-year-old Daniel Diaz of Corpus Christi, Texas, played Taps for Woolson, who died on August 2, 1956, at the reported age of 109. At the time, Woolson was the last Union soldier (or Confederate soldier) alive in the nation. Diaz, a member of the 438th Army Band stationed at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, figured that playing Taps for Woolson was “the biggest event I’ll probably ever play for as long as I live.” For the final three years of his life, Woolson alone represented a by-gone generation of boys in blue who had already gone over the mountain to their final resting place.

Born in Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York, on February 11, 1850 (he may have insisted on the 1847 date to appear older when he enlisted), Albert Henry Woolson spent most of his life in Minnesota. The Woolson’s arrived in Minnesota sometime after 1855, settling in near the frontier town of Mankato. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Woolson’s father, Willard Paul, enlisted in the 4th Minnesota Infantry as a musician, a trait his son would follow later in the war. Due to a disability, the elder Woolson was discharged during the Siege of Corinth in 1862. A little over two years later, Albert enlisted in the 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery. With a musical background and at the tender age of 14, Woolson became the bugler for Companies C and D. The unit spent most of the remainder of the war on garrison duty near Chattanooga, Tennessee and did not see combat. Woolson was discharged on June 26, 1865, and returned home to the Mankato area.

Woolson worked as an engineer in the Grist Mill and by the 1890s, he accepted a position as one of the State Boiler Inspectors for Minnesota. After wife Jane passed away in 1901, Woolson married Anna Hagen on September 1, 1904. The marriage added four children to the surviving seven from Woolson’s first marriage, all but one outliving the old soldier.

Woolson proudly joined the local G.A.R., and for the final fifty years of his life belonged to Willis A. Gorman Post No. 13 in Duluth. Woolson attended the last National Encampment in Indianapolis, Indiana in August 1949, where six of the surviving sixteen men attended. Woolson and the other five attendees rode in a parade through the Indianapolis to the cheering thousands. In the parade, Woolson carried the colors of Company C, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery.

When James A. Hard died in 1953, Woolson became the last Union Soldier. All of Duluth turned out for Memorial Day that year to honor him. Still fit at 103, Woolson wore the uniform of the G.A.R. and presided over the ceremony as the honorary grand marshal of the parade. Later, he laid a wreath at the soldiers’ and sailors’ monument, received honors from the Duluth Lions Club, the national Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and proceeded to the cemetery to honor the dead veterans.

Even in his last year, Woolson attended the annual Memorial Day parades in Duluth. In 1954, he reviewed the Duluth branch of the University of Minnesota ROTC class. In something that must have amazed Woolson, the parade featured a formation of F-86 Sabrejets and a helicopter from Duluth’s 515th Air Defense Group. After Memorial Day 1956, Woolson’s “remarkable stamina” finally turned for the worse, and he entered St. Luke’s Hospital, where he spent the rest of his life. On July 26, he lost consciousness and passed away one week later August 2, 1956. With his passing an era came to an end, and the books to the GAR were officially closed. Cora E. Gillis, the GAR’s final secretary, fittingly wrote that “The final taps have sounded, with the passing of the last member of that once great army, Albert Woolson, of Duluth, Minn. Their memory will remain forever.”

Shortly after his death, Albert Woolson was immortalized by appearing on the Grand Army of the Republic monument at Zeigler’s Grove, Gettysburg National Military Park.



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Membership said that so far seven departments have voted on General Order 2. Three Department's voted to support, and four Department's voted against.

Brother Payne stated that he is contacting the Brothers assigned to the different accounts on the Social Media Committee.

Brother Beard of the Fundraising Committee referred to the letter on page 52 in his report and would like the language of the letter approved by the Council of Administration. The letter was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The letter was sent by Brother Pierson in regard to the removal of the Reconciliation Monument at Arlington National Cemetery. Because of time constraints the letter was not reviewed by the Council of Administration. Because the letter was sent in on time, the SUVCW could change its position in the future. The Committee should be more proactive and report to the Council of Administration before sending anymore letters.

CinC Hritsko filed the application for a deed of gift from the General Services Administration and is waiting for them to accept it.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded that Proceedings be electronically transmitted; all past due and future Proceedings be electronically filed with the Library of Congress. It passed unanimously.

It was recommended by National GRO that the SUVCW remove the requirement that in the headstone policy that the Department or National GRO sign off on every headstone request. The Committee voted on it and it will be removed.

Brother Paquette pointed out the oath taken at installation is different at the Camp and Department level. The concern was following lawful orders is missing from one. After discussion Brother Paquette will get the specifics to the P & P committee.

Brother Beard brought up that we had purchased audio equipment last year and also that a video had been taken at National Encampment. Motion made to have the National Treasurer to purchase SD cards for Brother Vander Muelen to record the National Encampment. The motion was approved. The CinC referred issues about video recording the National Encampment to Programs and Policy for a policy on video recording.

"About our Organization" info sheet was brought up. After discussing it, it was referred to Marketing and Promotion.

A National Policy on vendors tables is needed for National Encampments. It was referred to Program and Policy.

The Program and Policy committee is also working on the policy for charters that are to be turned over to National.

National Officer assignments were given out for Department Encampments.

Motion the Quartermaster be allowed to put a limit on the number of Eagle Scout certificates ordered at one time. The vote passed unanimously.

Brother Welch would like a branding guide. The CinC directed that Promotions and Marketing work with him in establishing one.

The benediction was given by the National Chaplain.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray - National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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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.

HONORING DR. HENRY ROSE

by John T. Pregler

On a warm Fall day along a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River a group of nearly 35 people gathered just over a ridge in historic Linwood Cemetery in Dubuque, Iowa. The spectators gathered to watch members of Robert Mitchell Camp No. 206 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) mark the heretofore unmarked and forgotten grave of Henry Charles Rose.

Dr. Henry Charles Rose (b. circa 1847 – d. Dec 17, 1919) was an African American man born in the antebellum South in the town of Louisiana in Pike County, Missouri, 90 miles north of St. Louis. Due to a lack of detailed records or biography, it is unknown if Rose was born an enslaved person or free. He passed away in Dubuque in 1919.

Census records and newspaper articles over three decades show Rose honorably served the 11th Missouri State Militia Cavalry, Company E, during the Civil War from 1862-65. It is unclear whether Rose was an enlisted soldier in the 11th Missouri, or more likely, contracted as non-combatant military personnel serving the company quartermaster. It is clear he was recognized by his White comrades and fellow Dubuque veterans for his service to the Union cause. Dubuque's General C.S. Bentley and the Iowa National Guard chose Rose to organize and run the officer's headquarters at the Waterloo, Iowa, National Guard encampment in 1882. Several officers were quoted in the newspapers praising Rose's stewardship and referring to him as an "old caterer to military companies and encampments..."



On October 1, 2023, Mitchell Camp No. 206 was joined by the Dubuque NAACP, the 3rd Iowa Light Artillery, the Galena Generals, and musicians and singers from the University of Dubuque to celebrate the life and service of Henry Rose and to mark the grave of Rose and his wife and one of their children.

The ceremony opened with Ashokan Farewell played on the violin while the SUVCW color guard advanced the colors to the grave of the Roses under the watchful eye of the sentinel. Chaplain Charlie Tharp of the 3rd Iowa Light Artillery offered an invocation remembering all who served. Camp Commander John Pregler offered a eulogy to the life and service of Henry Rose followed by the laying of a wreath of grapevine, evergreen, and red, yellow, and white roses on the grave by another founding camp member Br. Richard Camp. The NAACP Dubuque chapter laid flowers on the grave, followed by Commander Pregler erecting a flag on the grave while reminding all present what the flag represented to those who served the Union.

The placing of the flag was followed by a cannon salute by the 3rd Iowa L.A. and the playing of Taps. The retiring of the colors proceeded along with the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, led by the University of Dubuque choir. With the last "Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on" came the end of the ceremony.

Robert Mitchell Camp No. 206 is proud to recognize Henry Rose for his service to the 11th Missouri State Militia Cavalry and to the preservation of the Union, whether as a soldier or as non-combatant military personnel. Salute!



CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

The first weekend in October saw brothers and sisters of the Midwest Departments gather together in Dayton, Ohio for the 83rd Central Region Conference of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Activities included dinner Friday evening, and then on Saturday the group toured the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. After lunch, the group heard a presentation on “Our Incredible City War” from Jim Pahl, PCinC. A business meeting was then held and several ideas discussed.

A Committee was established to study how the Association can support museums and other institutions that memorialize the G.A.R. and report back at the 84th Conference.

Elected for the 2023-2024 year were:

Commander: Beth Thurston, LGAR

Senior Vice Commander: Bob Amsler, Jr, SUVCW

Junior Vice Commander: Bob Aubuchon, SUVCW

Secretary/Treasurer: Walt Busch, SUVCW

Chaplain: Jim Pahl, SUVCW

Quartermaster: Jess England

Website: Jess England

Guard: Jess England

Historian: Alan Teller

The 84th Central Region Conference in 2024 will be in southern Indiana and will include a tour of Abraham Lincoln’s Boyhood Home. The 85th Central Region Conference in 2025 will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana and feature a tour of the Veteran’s National Memorial Shrine and Museum.



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ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

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" rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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ALABAMA

The ADM Farragut Camp No. 5 was invited by the Mobile Veterans Commission to participate in the Mobile Veterans Day Parade. They marched the 1.5 mile route through downtown Mobile dressed in period uniforms. They were well received by the large crowds lining the route as well as the dozen Naval, Coast Guard, and Army Officers who stood in salute as they were announced to the officials at the reviewing grand stand.



The Camp was also invited by the City of Foley Kiwanis Club to march a 2 mile route in its annual Christmas parade through downtown Foley, AL. Wearing period uniforms, the two were loudly cheered by the crowds lining the city's streets.

CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

Sgt. William Pittenger Camp #21 held Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Pittenger House in Fallbrook.



Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 marches in the Veterans Day Parade in San Jose, California.



COLORADO / WYOMING

Under the direction of Captain Lot Smith Camp #1, a Last Soldier Ceremony was conducted on Saturday, September 9th at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park in Millcreek, Utah, for Trooper H. Ira Stormes of Co. M, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry. He was the last GAR Utah member, Department Commander and Civil War Veteran to pass away in the state of Utah. Over twelve family descendants attended and participated in the program.



Additional community partners and participants included the deputy director of Veterans Services for the State of Utah's Department of Veterans Affairs, national and state American Legion officials, Utah National Guard soldiers from the 19th Special Force Group, the JROTC Color Guard from Taylorsville High School, and a musket volley salute provided by a Civil War reenactor contingent from the Utah Living History Association. Grave enhancements were unveiled commemorating this event.



The Pvt. John Davis Camp #10 in Cañon City Colorado set up a recruiting tent at Pioneer Days in Florence Colorado. We are rebuilding our camp after it closed over 20 years ago. Pvt. Davis was awarded the MOH for capturing a Confederate flag at the battle of Culloden, Georgia April 19, 1865. After the war, he eventually wound up in Colorado, where he died in the poorhouse in Canyon City, and was buried in a paupers grave and forgotten.

FLORIDA

On Sep 16, brothers of the General Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 honored the Last Union Veteran buried in Palm Beach County, FL. USN Coxswain Frank L DuMond died on July 4, 1938. He served aboard the USS Great

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Western, an ordnance ship that supplied ships along the Mississippi River during the war. Assisting were the brothers of Lucius L. Mitchell Camp #4.



General Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 has two new Brothers; Giovanni and Noah Estevez. They are Jr Members, sharing the same ancestor as their grandfather, Camp #3 Commander Jeff Garten. They participated in their first Camp activity, where we honored the Last Union Veteran to be buried in Palm Beach county.



ILLINOIS

Brothers of the Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 participated in the Veterans Day parade in O'Fallon, Illinois.



Department of Illinois Commander Gary Gunderson and Department Treasurer/Camp 2 Commander Lee Lasseigne visited with last Real Son William Pool recently.

Commander Gunderson presented Brother Pool with a letter from CinC Hritsko and a Civil War kepi hat. He is

in good spirits and looking forward to his 99th birthday in January.



INDIANA

The Last Civil War Veteran buried in Kosciusko County, Indiana was recognized with a grave side dedication and ceremony June 10, 2023 by brothers of the John Auten Camp #8. The ceremony and dedication took place in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana. They were joined by sisters of the Arsinoe Martin Circle #78, LGAR, and brothers Olando Somers Camp #1, Champion Hill Camp #17 and the 27th Indiana, SVR.



“The Last Veteran” of Kosciusko County, Isaac W, Sharp was a Private who served in Co. G, of the 1st Ohio Cavalry. He was born March 9, 1848 in Troy Ohio. He was elected to 2 terms (1942 -1943) as Department of Indiana Commander from GAR Post #114 in Warsaw, Indiana. At the 78th Annual Encampment of the GAR in Des Moines, Iowa he was elected Commander-in-Chief. He died November 10, 1946 at the age of 98.



Members of the John B. Anderson Camp #223 Camp paid a Memorial Day tribute to the soldier for whom our Camp was named- John B. Anderson. John was 14 years old when he joined the Indiana 6th Volunteer Infantry, noted as the first Hoosier regiment to enter the war. He survived the war and Andersonville Prison.

IOWA



Governor Branstad being introduced by the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 at the Morris Vault Memorial dedication, Woodland Cemetery Des Moines Iowa.

KANSAS



Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp No. 4 in Lawrence had a headstone dedication ceremony for Civil War Veteran Doc McWilliams on September 30, 2023, at 1:00 P. Oak Hill Cemetery. Mr. McWilliams was a member of Company G, 1st Kansas Colored Infantry (later redesignated as 79th U.S. Colored Infantry). The 1st Kansas Colored Infantry was the first Black regiment to be organized in a Northern state. It was also the first Black unit to see combat in the Civil War.

After the war, Mr. McWilliams was a civil rights leader in local and state Republican politics. He was a post commander of the G. W. Deitzler Grand Army of the Republic Post 365 in Lawrence. Mr. McWilliams died in 1910 and has never had a headstone. The Camp worked with his great grandson who lives in Lawrence and submitted an application to the V.A.

Approximately 150 people attended the event. Representatives from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Daughters of Union Veterans attended and laid flowers in honor of Mr. McWilliams at the headstone. One of the featured speakers was Doc

McWilliams great great grand-daughter Dr. Tamara Herrick who had come in from Maine with her husband for the dedication.

Old Abe Camp #16 Topeka Kansas monthly workday. Brothers are pumping a tractor jack to raise a sunken headstone. Our Camp meets on the 4th Saturday, March to October, to clean and reset sunken headstones. One cemetery in Topeka has over 1200



Civil War veteran burials. Following the work day, brothers do research looking up obituaries and relay these stories to members at our next meeting. So far this season we have cleaned and reset 25 headstones.

KENTUCKY



One of the early visionaries of the benefits of battlefield preservation was recently honored by the Richmond City Commission with the naming the main road in Richmond Battlefield Park Bob Moody Drive. Back in late 2001, Bob Moody, and others, saw the inevitable encroachment happening to the Richmond battlefield and had to foresight to begin the preservation efforts to save the first portion of the hallowed ground. He led the movement to purchase the 60 acre Herndon farm, including the Pleasant View House, which has now become Richmond Battlefield Park. Brother Moody is a member of the Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5.



Brothers of the Fort Duffield Camp 1 have been busy. On Veterans day, they performed as the Color Guard for Greenwood Cemetery Veterans Day ceremony. November 13 saw them attending a memorial ceremony in honor of the G.A.R. at Cave Hill Cemetery. On December 2, they participated in the West Point, KY light up parade.

MICHIGAN

Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp # 444 took on the mission of Bell Ringers on cool but beautiful Saturday morning, Nov 25 in Cadillac.



The brothers of the Gov Crapo Camp #145 held their annual Christmas banquet in early December. They were joined by brothers of Curtenius Guard Camp #17, U.S. Grant Camp #68, sisters of Gov Crapo Corp #23 of the WRC and members of Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter, Daughters of the Union.



The Rev Samuel Laswell of the Sgt. John S Cosbey Camp #427 was awarded the National Chaplain Award at the National Encampment in Nashua, N.H. He was presented the award October 10 by Department Commander Gary Swain, who accepted it for him in Nashua.



MISSOURI

Brothers of the Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp #17 with their information table at the Franklin County History Fair in October.



NEBRASKA



On September 24, 2023 members of Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2 and Welstead Camp #3 performed a Last Union Veteran of the County ceremony in Superior Nebraska for Nuckolls County for Civil War veteran Charles Watson of the 13th Indiana Infantry.

NEW YORK



On the perfect morning of September 16, the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 Camp conducted a headstone dedication ceremony for the following Civil War veterans who lie in Flushing's Cedar Grove Cemetery: George Grant, Able Seaman, US Navy; George Kellogg, 1st Lt, 24 NY Light Artillery; John Boeckel, Pvt., Co. G, 57 NY Infantry; Louis Leimbach, Pvt., Co. H, 20 NYS Militia; Andrew J. Garrett, Cpl., Co. K, 133 NY Infantry; George Bruder, 1st Sgt, Co. E, 5 NYS Militia; Thomas Stanley, Pvt., Co. B, 28th CT Infantry

Joining the Camp at this well attended event were: Society of the Grand Army of the Republic; 14th Brooklyn Living History Society; Oliver Tilden Camp #26, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Co. K, 67 NY Inf., the "1st Long Island Reg't. and the US Air Force Junior ROTC, John Bowne High School.

OKLAHOMA

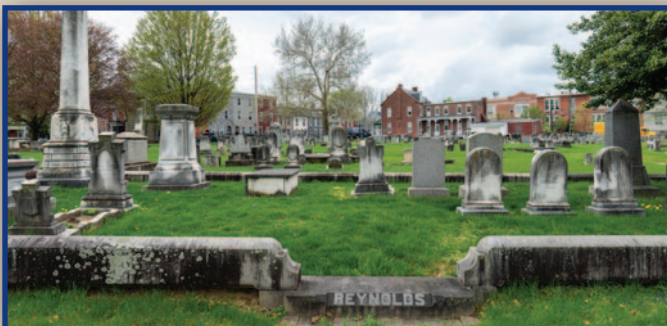


Members of the Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 held its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 18, 2023 at Fairlawn Cemetery in Oklahoma City. Participants included members of the Camp, ladies of the Sally Peacheater Tent 18 of the DUVCW, and special guests. Program highlights were the laying of a wreath at the base of the 1919 GAR monument and the reading of the Gettysburg Address.

PENNSYLVANIA



On September 16, 2023, Brothers Davis * Camp, John T. Crawford Camp 43, Isaac Eaton Camp 504, marked the 161st anniversary of the September 17, 1862, explosions at Allegheny Arsenal by providing a memorial service at the Allegheny Cemetery monument erected in 1928 to those who died. A bell was rung for each victim as their name was read aloud. Wreaths were laid at the monument by the Camps, along with the Lawrenceville Historical Society (LHS), and Allegheny Cemetery.



During its annual Memorial Day commemoration, the General George H. Thomas Camp No. 19, announced an ambitious project to help preserve and protect the final resting place of a great American patriot, Maj Gen John F. Reynolds. In the 160 years since his untimely death,

the effects of time and weather have taken their toll on the Reynolds family plot in Lancaster Cemetery. Working in collaboration with the cemetery's Board of Directors, Camp 19 has launched the "Reynolds Restoration Project," an effort that seeks to preserve the memory of Major General John Fulton Reynolds, Admiral William Reynolds, and the other members of the family interred at Lancaster Cemetery through the repair, rehabilitation, and stabilization of the family plot and its markers. It's estimated that the project will cost more than \$20,000 to complete.

RHODE ISLAND

Major Sullivan Ballou Camp # 3 had the privilege to work with approximately 70-75 teachers and students from Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School in cemetery work.



The Camp was also joined by some 10 members of VFW Post 9404 in Coventry and four from the Student Veterans of America from Rhode Island College.

The Coventry and Warwick Home Depots provided four volunteers as well as more than 100 lawn bags, 20 rakes, 50 pair of rubber-coated gardening gloves and six cases of bottled water. Lastly, but with great appreciation, our local Dunkin provided coffee and donuts for all the volunteers.



We tackled five cemeteries: Pine Grove, Woodland, Oakland, Manchester, and Knotty Oak with more than 11,000 graves, including 652 veterans, whose graves were reflagged. New flags were placed with Woodland cemetery seeing four bags of trash and 82 bags of leaves collected.

The cross collaboration will continue in the spring for Memorial Day. The Camp will also hold classes in headstone repair.

SOUTHWEST



General U.S. Grant #3 honored John Landon Simpson as the Last Union Soldier of Coconino County, Arizona. He was born in Fayetteville, New York on April 29, 1845. He enlisted as a Private in Company H of the 2nd New York Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. After the war, John became a physician in Dickerson County, Kansas, marrying in 1870. When his wife passed in 1885, he headed west in search of gold, and roamed the western mountains for 29 years, along with pack burros and a gold pan. Eventually, John settled down and ran a local tavern/hotel until his death on August 4, 1938 at the age of 93. He was buried with full military honors.

TENNESSEE



The Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 in partnership with the Capt. Champ Ferguson-Standing Stone Camp 2014, Sons of Confederate Veterans sponsored the first ever Monterey, TN Little Patriot's Parade on July 3. On July 4, the camp sponsored the Livingston, TN Little Patriots Parade, which they have sponsored for several years.

TEXAS



Brothers of Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp 5 took part in the Veterans Day observance in Jefferson, Texas, Nov. 11, 2023. Camp 5 also is working toward purchasing and dedicating a marker to honor and commemorate Union forces that took part in the April 1864 Battle of Sabine Crossroads. The state Commemorative Area at Mansfield, La., has numerous monuments and plaques honoring Confederate units that took part in the two-day battle, but none honoring Union units that took part. Camp members hope to dedicate the marker on the 160th anniversary of the Mansfield phase of the battle, April 8, 2024.

WISCONSIN



On July 4th 2023, members of LG Armstrong Camp #49 located at the GAR Hall in Boscobel, (last active hall in Wisconsin), celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Camp, it was re-chartered in 2003 after being disbanded for many years. Camp #49 also held their annual brat feed fund raiser on the 4th.



Iron Brigade Guard, 4th Military District SVR fired a musket salute at the grave of Col. Hans C. Heg, the highest ranking officer from Wisconsin to be killed in the Civil War. Heg was the commander of the 15th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment and died September 20th, 1863 from wounds received the day before at the battle of Chickamauga.

COLLECTING THE SONS

BY GARY GIBSON, PDC - NATIONAL HISTORIAN

THE GRAND ARMY BADGE – PROTECT IT AT ALL COSTS.

They were called the Grand Army of the Republicans. They were vilified in the national magazine Puck for supporting expanding the requirements for veterans' pensions. They became a huge lobbying organization. But, they still did their best to NOT be thought of as a political organization. This included the right to wear the little bronze button, and the membership badge.

Case in point: Orcutt Post No. 79, located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, went as far as to threaten the local Republican Party for using the likeness of the G.A.R. Badge on their headquarters sign. The local Republican party leaders, who were supporting Gen. John A. Logan for President, painted a G.A.R. badge on their sign. Several members of Orcutt Post requested the sign be taken down. The party leaders refused.

An emergency meeting of the comrades of the post was called. Something must be done to remove the badge from the sign. A resolution was passed by the post to condemn the use of the badge by politicians. The post went on to even protest in public. The comrades caused such an uproar in the Village of Kalamazoo that the authorities were called. Responding were the Kalamazoo County sheriff and the prosecuting attorney. The politicians were forced to concede and they painted over the G.A.R. badge on their sign. In the following years, most, if not all, states passed laws forbidding the wearing and use of the Grand Army button and badge if not a current member.

Even our own regulations include restrictions on the wearing of a Grand Army of the Republic badge by Brothers of the SUVCW:

Section 7. Badges, ribbons and medals of the Grand Army of the Republic may not be worn by a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War unless that Brother is actively involved in a first-person portrayal of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time the badge is being worn. Reproduced miniature versions of G.A.R. badges may be worn. It is in violation of the Regulations for a Brother of the Order to wear a G.A.R. membership badge.

By the way, the sheriff and the prosecuting attorney in Kalamazoo were also members of Orcutt Post No. 79.





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