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Honoring Lincoln's 195th

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong stands in front of the Statue of President Abraham Lincoln adorned with wreath presented by the president of the United States, at right. He holds the certificates that he issued on Union Defenders' Day.



Below right, PDC Peter Dixon (at podium) serves as moderator during the President Lincoln Birthday ceremony in Washington, D.C. on February 12th. CinC Armstrong (center) presented a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial on behalf of our Order, while Flag Bearer John Boyer, Commander of New York's Cpt. Edgar M. Rubl Camp 33 (right) looks on.

Below, CinC Armstrong joins with Auxiliary President Danielle Michaels at wreath laying ceremonies in Washington.



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ON THE COVER: This edition's cover photo was shot by CinC Kent Armstrong, during his November 30th visit to Milwaukee. The 60-foot tall Soldiers & Sailors monument stands at the north end of Wood National Cemetery. The memorial, crafted by the Joseph Shaver Granite & Marble Company, weighs 85 tons and is surrounded by four 24-pdr flank howitzers, 1844 model. There are four pyramids of 14 cannon balls each at the monument's four corners. The monument's dedication, on May 30, 1903, was attended by 1500 veterans and 2,000 civilians. Sen. John L. Mitchell addressed the crowd, saying, "The monument, which we dedicate today, built by your loving hands in memory of our heroic comrades, who slumber here, teaches us a lesson in patriotism. It stands for the noblest struggle that history records..."

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General Order 13

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother John Warren Turner, Jr., a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of Westport Camp 64, Department of Missouri, Brother Turner honored the memory of his father, John Warren Turner, Sr., who served in Company B of the 133rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site

are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Turner's family.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2004.

General Order 14

1. It has been my great pleasure to sign Charters for the following new Camps within our Order. Private Oliver P. Rood Camp 6, located at Frankfort, KY with Date of Rank from October 29, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Larry A. Fey Jr., Camp Organizer. Daniel Ellis Camp-at-Large 3, located at Asheville, NC with Date of Rank from November 26, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Yale W. Mooers, Camp Organizer.

Generals Sedgwick - Granger Camp 17, located at Santa Ana, CA with Date of Rank from December 17, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Glen L. Roosevelt, Camp Organizer.

Private Valentin Keller Camp 8, located at Fairfield, OH with Date of Rank from December 20, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Craig W. Keller, Camp Organizer.

Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, located at Lawrence, KS with Date of Rank from December 22, 2003. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Alan L. Russ, PDC, Camp Organizer.

2. Brother Roy A. Lafferty, of Sergeant Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4, Department of Kansas, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having re-

cruited five (5) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

It is my great pleasure to present a Certificate of Recognition to Brother Lafferty, as well as a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.

3. Brother Kurt Vouk is hereby appointed as Chairman of the National Committee on eBay Surveillance. His e-mail address = pa28fish@comcast.net

4. Applications for the SUVCW's two annual \$1,000 scholarships are being accepted by the CinC now, through March 31, 2004. The application, as well as 'standards of selection' can be found on the

Order's national Web site (<http://suvchw.org/scholar.htm>)

5. All Brothers are encouraged to observe "Union Defenders' Day." February 12, 2004 marks the 195th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth.

6. Let us continue to urge our lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to return the observance of Memorial Day to May 30th! [This year's calendar allows the faithful the unique opportunity of being able to conduct services on May 30th BEFORE the "Monday Holiday" (05-31-04). Next year, the 'Monday Holiday' falls right on May 30th!

Ordered this 8th day of January, 2004.

General Order 15

1. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Reverend Aaron Martin Landis, Jr., a Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. As a Member of General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Department of Pennsylvania, Brother Landis honored the memory of his father, Aaron Martin Landis, Sr., who served in Company I of the 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

2. All Camp and Department Charters as well as our National Web site are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

3. All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (per provision in our Constitution & Regulations - Chapter V, General Regulations, Article III, Section 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Turner's family.

Ordered this 12th day of January, 2004.

General Order 16

1. Part of the obligation, taken during the initiation of a candidate for membership in this organization, is the pledge to "obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order." This document (also known as the "C&R") provides for the governance of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the Camp, Department, and National levels of the organization. In addition to each individual's pledge, those Brothers who are elected to leadership roles are expected to uphold the C&R and enforce its provisions if necessary.

2. The Ritual of our Order is, by reference, a part of the C&R and thus enforceable. During the installation of Camp officers for instance, the Installing Officer asks a Camp Commander-elect to respond affirmatively to several questions before proceeding. The very first question asks, "Do you agree to be impartial and upright, and to obey all orders or rules and regulations originating from proper authority?" Other questions ask in part if the Camp Commander-elect will "promise to avoid disputes and quarrels" and if he will promise to see that the Camp Secretary and Treasurer reports are sent in promptly to Department Headquarters. Maintaining the harmony of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is another pledge. Furthermore, when any Camp officer takes the OATH OF OFFICE, he solemnly and sincerely promises and declares that he will faithfully adhere to the Constitution and Regulations and execute & sustain all orders coming from competent authority. Another sentence in the OATH OF OFFICE states in part, "I furthermore promise and declare that in no manner or form will I, in any degree, abuse or misuse the authority placed in me."

3. After a lengthy review of repeated C&R violations, committed willfully by a Camp Commander, I am compelled to issue this General Order of Suspension.

4. The issue stems from a Camp that was placed under suspension by a Department Commander for failure to submit all reports and per capita. Under such suspension, a Camp can ONLY meet to discuss and/or act upon the issue(s) that require(s) action in order for that Camp to come back into compliance. The Commander of the Camp that was placed under suspension asked the Commander-in-Chief to look into the matter, but rather than wait for a thorough review, the Camp Commander conducted regular business meetings on repeated occasions. The Camp Commander, himself, wrote to the National Counselor and the C-in-C, detailing how he held elections and installed himself as both Camp Commander AND Camp Secretary. The letter made it clear that these violations were willful. The Camp Commander also wrote that he would not obey orders from the Depart-

ment Commander nor take receipt of correspondence from the Department Secretary.

5. Such willful disobedience of, and disregard for the Regulations of our Order has led me to the unpleasant task of exercising summary discipline, as described in Chapter V (General Regulations), Article, VI (Discipline), Section 17. Following these guidelines, I submitted a formal Complaint with Charges and Specifications to the National Council of Administration, asking that a vote be taken to support the charges in order to authorize this officer to proceed. The vote was unanimous for the matter to move forward.

6. Therefore, effective immediately, Douglass R. Knight is hereby suspended from his status as a Brother in good standing, pending review of the charges by a hearing council to be appointed by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Additionally, Douglass R. Knight is suspended from any and all duties as an officer of the William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW. Furthermore, if the hearing council rules the Charges and Specifications to be true, the hearing council may take any action allowed by the C&R. However, my recommendation is that the hearing council remove Douglass R. Knight from all elective and/or appointed offices of the Order and to prohibit him from holding any further elected and/or appointed office in the Order.

7. The election of all officers for William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, that took place on November 17, 2003 while this Camp was under suspension, is hereby ruled as null and void. Effective immediately, the last legally elected and installed Senior Vice Commander of William L. S. Tabor Camp 162, Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW is in command of the Camp and responsible for meeting with officers of the Department of Massachusetts, to facilitate this Camp returning to compliance. When this is achieved, the Department of Massachusetts can lift the suspension and oversee immediate, legal election and installation of Camp officers. If necessary, the last legally elected/installed Junior Vice Commander of this Camp is charged with the duties described above.

Ordered this 23rd day of February, 2004.

General Order 17

1. It has been my great pleasure to sign a Charter for Robert Mitchell Camp 206 (Department of Iowa) located at Marion, IA with Date of Rank from January 24, 2004. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Dennis L. Geesaman, Camp Organizer.

2. It is another great pleasure to note that Chaplain P. G.

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SUVCW Brothers Serving in the Middle East

AE3 Ryan Darby
U.S. Navy on the USS Harry S. Truman
Sgt. Richard Enderlin Camp #73
Department of Ohio

CPO Paul Gillette
U.S. Navy
Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp #2
Department of California & Pacific

LCpl Ty Streeter
U.S. Marine Corps
3rd Marine Air wing
Colegrove- Woodruff Camp #22
Department of Michigan

Lt. Col. Glenn Van Vliet
U.S. Air Force
Capt. David L. Pane Camp #2
Department of Oklahoma

Cpl Kyle J. Wildt
U.S. Marine Corps
4th Division, 1st Battalion, 24th Regt.
Archibald Stewart Camp #259
Department of Michigan

Sgt. Patrick M. Winslow
747 Military Police Company
Wm. T. Sherman Billy
Yank Camp #65
Department of Missouri

Sgt. Dan Terburgh
U.S. Marine Corps
WA-BU-NO Camp #250
Department of Michigan

Sgt. John Duchesneau
119th Military Police Company
Commander of Joel Abbot
Camp #21
Department of Rhode Island

Staff Sgt. Aaron Hunt
U.S. Marine Corps
1st Expeditionary Force
Centennial Camp #100
Department of Colorado & Wyoming

MAJ Christopher Herndon
US Army
SGT Elijah P. Marrs Camp 5
Department of Kentucky

Maj. Michael Forsyth
Fort Donelson Camp #62
Department of Tennessee



Maj. Vince Barker, USAR
Camp Doha, Kuwait
Old Abe Camp #8
Department of Wisconsin

2nd Lt. Mike Healy
Fort Donelson Camp #62
Department of Tennessee

MAJ. William Samuel Poulton, Jr. (PCC)
New York Guard, Armored Cavalry
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
Department of New York

Lt. Col. Sean Michael Tuomey
US Army, Field Artillery
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
Department of New York

PV2 William Carl Poulton
New York Guard, Military Police
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
Department of New York

PFC Joel Matison
US Army, Medical Corps
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6
Department of New York

Maj. Matthew Hyland
New York National Guard
Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #6
Department of New York

Col. Paul A. Schneider
New York National Guard
Capt. Oliver Tilden Camp #6
Department of New York

Chris Van Vliet
U.S. Marine Corps
Stewart-Hope Camp #126
Department of New York

Pvt. Jeffrey Hilton
U.S. Marine Corps
Col. George L. Willard Camp #154
Department of New York

Capt. Brian Luce
U.S. Air Force
John Buford Camp #4389
Department of New York

Capt. William D. Linn II
U.S. Army, Special Services
Member-at-Large
Department of New York

BG David Zabecki
Commanding General
7th Army Reserve Command
National Member-at-Large

Cpl. Konrad Zabecki
U.S. Marine Corps
2nd Bn. 6th Marines
National Member-at-Large

Mr. Perry "Bud" Marks, Maj, USAR (Ret)
Army Corp of Engineers, Kuwait
Westport Camp # 64
Department of Missouri

Maj. Paul Lento, USA
Location Unknown
Westport Camp # 64
Department of Missouri

We Salute You

A Memorial Day Story

By Robert L. Ward

Imagine attending a Memorial Day commemoration and unexpectedly finding the grave of your Civil War ancestor. That's what happened to a father and son, who attended the reenactment of the 1873 Decoration Day ceremony, held at the Old Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 2003. The event, sponsored by Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2, was attended by the national leaders of the Allied Orders and MOLLUS.

David H. Ward of Paoli, Pennsylvania, and Robert L. Ward of Socorro, New Mexico, father and son, members of Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149, Media-West Chester, Penn., were walking on the path toward the amphitheater. They glanced to the right and just 20 yards off the path, they saw the grave monument of BG Henry C. Ward, USA, their great grand uncle.

Henry C. Ward of Worcester, Mass., enlisted in the 15th Mass. Inf. and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. Later, he accepted a commission as a 1st lieutenant in

the 57th Massachusetts, serving until honorably discharged as captain. While in the service, he was wounded at the battles of Ball's Bluff, Antietam, Spottsylvania Courthouse, and Petersburg. He was captured at Fort Stedman and imprisoned at Libby Prison until Richmond fell to Union forces. After the war, Henry Ward accepted a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the 11th U.S. Infantry, transferring shortly afterwards to the 16th U.S. Infantry. He served in the Army for 39 years, retiring in 1905 with the rank of brigadier general, after being wounded during the Phillipine Insurrection. General Ward was a member of MOLLUS, the GAR, the Spanish American War Veterans, Associated Veterans of Mexican Wars, the Military Service Institution, and the Army & Navy Club, Manila.

Finding the grave of General Ward was a great surprise and delight to the Wards, father and son, as they had been searching for his burial place for several years without success until last year's Decoration Day ceremony.

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D.C. General Order No. 11 • May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting service and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our Regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms.

We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and found mourners. Let no vandalism of

avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for the simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By command of:
JOHN A. LOGAN, Commander-in-Chief
N.P. CHIPMAN, Adjutant General

A Long Distance Connection

While our brothers strive to honor the memory of Union soldiers, occasionally a unique circumstance occurs. Such was the case last Fall, as summarized by a letter from Mz. Sarah Ewerds, which is excerpted here.

"My grandfather was born in 1929, to Henry and Alice Ewerds, at Sullivan's Island, South Carolina...Since my grandfather was a small child, he wanted to know his father and where he was. His mother would never tell him the reason his father was not around, nor where he was or what he was doing...Since the time he married his bride, in 1948, they have both searched on and off to find Henry Ewerds to no avail. The rest of the family joined in the search through a genealogist, national personal searches, Military Personnel Records at St. Louis, libraries, court records, Sullivan's Island records, and many other places. Even with all of this, we could only locate very little information about Henry Ewerd.

"Just prior to her death in 1988, Alice told my grandfather, in a letter, that his father was a corporal in the U.S. Army and was sent out west to Colorado....

"I was working on a final paper for college and had to do some research on the internet. I was looking information on my uncle, whose name was Joseph Ewerds. When I entered the name, I found a Henry Ewerds, who was buried in Denver, Colorado, and died back in 1934...I became even more curious and excited to realize that I may have stumbled onto the information my grandfather had waited

some 74 years to know...I ordered an official death certificate and the people in Denver put me in touch with Mr. Charles Sharrock. Mr. Sharrock also helped us locate information we had been unable to obtain prior to this, especially about his military career. When I called the cemetery...it was mentioned that the burial site was not marked with a headstone...After speaking with Mr. Sharrock and writing a letter to request a military veteran's headstone, it was done. The headstone arrived, in Denver, in September of this year and it was absolutely beautiful. Mr. Sharrock took pictures of the marker and sent them to me for my grandfather. I spoke with Mr. Sharrock and told him I would like to take my grandfather to Denver to see where his father was buried. Mr. Sharrock mentioned that we could have a small memorial in Henry Ewerds honor at the time the marker was placed in the ground...

"On October 6, 2003, my grandfather, grandmother, mother, uncle and I were present to see this event. We took pictures and laid a family spread of flowers in red, white and blue. Mr. Sharrock was present to meet us and we were all able to share in this life-changing event for my grandfather.

"As of today, my grandfather is a happier man, just knowing the information he desired to know for so long but never knew...I must say that our entire family has a peaceful feeling now that we know more about the man, who was responsible for our family today. We may not have ever really known Henry Ewerds, but we always wanted him to know that we cared and that my grandfather always wanted him.

"One more interesting point is that the Ewerds family is full of veterans for as small as we are or were. It started with Henry Ewerds being in the Army during WWI; his grandson Henry F, Jr. served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam; his grandson, Larry R, Jr., served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam; his great grandson Larry R., Jr., served in the U.S. Army during Desert Shield/Storm; and myself, his great granddaughter, Sarah E. Ewerds, served in the U.S. Navy during Desert Shield/Storm.

"I would like to take this time again to say thank you on behalf of the entire Ewerds family for all of your time, energy and effort spent on us. I am very sure Henry Ewerds would thank you too.

With the most heartfelt gratitude, Sarah and the entire Ewerds Family.

Editor's note: To PDC Charles Sharrock, Sarah wrote, "My grandfather is still talking about our trip to Denver and I truly want to thank you for all your work and support with our family. You made a difference in a life that you will never be able to express with words and that life is my grandfather's."

PDC Sharrock has been a member of the SUVCW for 35 years, is Secretary/Treasurer of Denver's Centennial Camp #100 and serves as the Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming's Graves Registration Officer.

Notre Dame ceremony honors Father Corby

A commemorative ceremony honoring Rev. William Corby, C. S. C. was held on the University of Notre Dame campus on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The ceremony was a cooperative effort of David D. Porter Camp 116, Department of Indiana, and the Notre Dame Army ROTC unit. PCinC and Porter Camp Commander Alan Loomis planned and coordinated the ceremony with university and ROTC officials.

Members of the SUVCW, Civil War reenactors, Holy Cross priests, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. and a sizeable crowd, that included curious students and Notre Dame football fans, assembled around Father Corby's statue for the early-morning commemorative program. The purpose was to salute Father William Corby for his service during the Civil War as a chaplain, his two terms as president of the university and to honor his establishment of a Grand Army of the Republic post on campus. In addition, the 170th anniversary of his birth was noted during the proceedings. The statue is a duplicate of the statue located on the Gettysburg battlefield, near the site where he gave absolution to the Irish Brigade.

"We'll rally around the flag, boys..." sung by the Company Singers from Champion Hill Camp 17, Department of Indiana, SUVCW preceded the start of the ceremony.

Brother Loomis introduced Rev. William Seetch, C. S. C.; Religious Superior at Notre Dame, whose opening prayer noted God's calling men and women like Father Corby and other religious to express his healing power in the Civil War. In addition to Father Corby, six other priests from Notre Dame served with various Civil War units and sixty three Holy Cross nuns served as nurses during the war.

The Rev. James King, C. S. C., Vocational Director and Rector of Sorin Hall, speaking about Father Corby, said that he was born to a wealthy physician and his wife in Detroit. He came to Notre



PC in C Keith Harrison, C-in-C Kent Armstrong and PC in C Allan Loomis (with wreaths) are accompanied by other brothers and friends at the Father Corby Dedication Ceremony.

Dame in the 1850s and was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 27. When Father Corby gave the absolution at Gettysburg 140 years ago, both Catholics and non-Catholics were seen to kneel for the sacrament, according to contemporary accounts. The absolution was intended for all, even Confederate soldiers going into battle and former Confederates also shared in the efforts to erect the statues of Father Corby at Gettysburg, as well as on campus, according to Father King. Serving two terms as President of Notre Dame, Father Corby presided during a period of growth, included the replacement of the administration building with its golden dome, following a fire that destroyed the original administration building.

Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong noted that Father Corby founded a unique post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Notre Dame Post 569, made up entirely of Army chaplains at the University of Notre Dame. When Father Corby died two months later, members of the post bore his casket during the funeral. C-in-C Armstrong presented a certificate commending the University of Notre Dame for keeping the post records intact in its archives.

After the Company Singers performed the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and

"Faith of our Fathers," Michael Downs, Junior Vice Camp Commander of Porter Camp, presided at a wreath laying at the Father Corby statue. Wreaths were presented by Commander in Chief Kent Armstrong, Indiana Department Commander Alan Teller, PCinC and Porter Camp Commander Alan Loomis, and PCinC Keith Harrison, who participated as Chancellor-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S.

Three volleys were fired by a firing squad composed of the 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry (SVR), 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

Camp Commander Mark Heath, Austin Blair Camp 7, Department of Michigan, and Navy ROTC Midshipman Russell Morton of the University of Notre Dame played taps at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Participating color guards represented the Commander-in-Chief, Department of Indiana, David D. Porter Camp #116, the 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and the Notre Dame Army Reserve Officer Training Corps.

C in C Armstrong subsequently presented a certificate of merit to PC in C Loomis in recognition of his efforts to successfully plan and conduct this special tribute to Father Corby.

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New Camps Organize



North Carolina Camp 3 Chartering: From left: Camp 2 Commander Rick Thomas; Camp 3 Senior Vice Commander Tom Rightmyer, Camp 3 Commander Yale Moores, Camp 3 Treasurer Richard Sherwin and Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong.

Third North Carolina Camp-at-Large Chartered

North Carolina's Daniel Ellis Camp 3, based in Asheville, held a charter presentation luncheon at a local restaurant on January 3rd. Members and their guests were honored to have Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong and his wife, Judy, attend. The Commander-in-Chief also serves as the commander of the "Department-at-Large," which is comprised of all of the camps-at-large, across the nation. Accepting the charter from the Commander-in-Chief were: Camp Commander Yale Moores, Sr. Vice Commander Tom Rightmyer and Treasurer Richard Sherwin. Other charter members, who could not attend, were Duncan Ely, Penn Ely and Dallas Rightmyer.

The new Camp is looking forward to growing its membership and helping in the preservation of the many Civil War grave sites throughout the North Carolina--Tennessee mountains. Camp 3 already has a newsletter, "The Ellis Dispatch," and plans quarterly meetings at St. George's Episcopal church in Asheville.

The Camp's namesake, Daniel Ellis, was an East Tennessean, who led 10,000 or more troops from the area to Kentucky to enlist for the Union. The Confederates nicknamed him, "Old Red Fox," since he eluded capture throughout the war.

The SUVCW's presence in North Carolina began in 1995 with the establishment of the Ruger Camp 1 in Fayetteville. At the time, Rev. Thomas Rightmyer was elected Camp Secretary and appointed Chaplain.

In 2002, Br. Rick Thomas organized General John Gibbon-1Sgt Daniel Burke Camp 2 in Charlotte and one year ago, received its charter from PCinC Grim. Last year, PCC Yale Moores of Camp 2 was granted permission to form Camp 3 in Western North Carolina.

A joint meeting of all three Camps was held on January 24th at historic Bennet Place in Durham, followed by presentations on Judson Kilpatrick, Civil War medicine and a guided tour of the house and grounds.

New Kansas Camp

The historic city of Lawrence, Kansas, is the home of the newest Department of Kansas camp. On December 13, 2003, Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill Camp 4 was officially installed. In conjunction with the camp installation, seven new members were initiated into the Order.

Additionally, the camp received a transfer member and a dual member.

With over seven inches of snow having fallen in a large part of the State, several Department officers had to cancel their planned attendance at the meeting. Camp Organizer Alan L. Russ, PDC, and Department Secretary Dean K. Speaks, PDC, conducted the initiation and installation ceremonies. The following officers were elected: Camp Commander Craig A. Sundell, SVC Kent Johnson, JVC Alan L. Van Loenen, Secretary/Treasurer Alan L. Russ, PDC, and Council Members Michael Hadl, Ethan G. Van Loenen; and Robert Wandel. Darrell Giles and Roy A. Lafferty are the remaining camp members. The Camp is named for Sgt. Samuel J. Churchill, who received a Medal of Honor for his actions at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 15, 1864, while a member of 2nd Illinois Light Artillery. Churchill's first Kansas connection came in late October of 1864 when his unit camped in Kansas as they were part of the pursuit of Confederate General Sterling Price. Sgt. Churchill is one of three Civil War **Medal of Honor recipients** buried at Lawrence. Lawrence, Kansas, was a Kansas Territory "free state" hot spot during the days of "Bleeding Kansas." In 1856, the town was attacked and burned by pro-slavery forces. During the Civil War in August, 1863, Confederate guerrilla leader William Quantrill and his band of bushwhackers staged a pre-dawn raid on Lawrence, burning much of the town, again, and murdering 153 men and boys. Sgt. Churchill Camp 4 is a welcome addition to the Department of Kansas. The members have expressed great enthusiasm in becoming a part of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We welcome our new brothers to the Department and the SUVCW.

SUVCW Returns to Georgia

Private Elias Moon Camp 2 is forming and will soon apply for its charter. The impetus for forming the new camp occurred one night last Spring, when then JVCinC Steve Michaels called Brother Eric Peterson, organizer and Past Camp Commander of Major General John Gibbon Camp 4, and Wisconsin Department JVC, to discuss the idea of forming a new camp in Georgia. Brothers Steve and Eric were acquainted through their long time association through the SUVCW.

Br. Peterson had moved to Snellville, Georgia, in the greater Atlanta area, in May 2001. Br. Michaels informed him that there were some 30 Members-at-Large living around Georgia and that there was probably enough interest in forming a new camp to move forward with the project. Br. Peterson agreed to be placed on the National HQ web site as a contact in Georgia, but asked to put the project off until summer when he would have more free time. As a new resident, Br. Peterson was skeptical that he would be able to organize a new camp because he believed he did not have sufficient contacts in the community. Then fate stepped in.

In June, Br. Peterson was contacted by a reporter from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to balance an article being written about the State Flag/ Confederate Battle emblem issue raging in Georgia. He had obtained Br. Peterson's phone number from the web site. Eric declined to comment on the flag issue, but offered to discuss efforts to organize an SUVCW Camp in the metro Atlanta area. A few weeks later, an article about the formation of the new camp appeared in the newspaper.

The article sparked a great deal of interest in the SUVCW. Br. Eric received contacts from all over Georgia. The response was overwhelmingly positive and including the 30 national members at large there were more than 60 people who contacted Br. Peterson expressing an interest in joining the new camp. It appears that there will be 45 charter members of the new camp.

The camp held its first organizational meeting in August 2003 and has been holding meetings ever since. The corps of provisional officers is; Camp Commander Eric

Peterson, Senior Vice-Commander Mark Willard, Junior Vice-Commander Harry Benedict, Treasurer Dennis Camp, Secretary Max Peterson, Patriotic Instructor Chad Walker.

The Brothers Peterson are transferring from the Dept. of Wisconsin. Brothers Benedict and Willard are National Members-at-Large. Br. Benedict is a publisher's representative. Br. Camp is transferring from the Dept of the Southwest. Br. Walker, an NCO at Robins AFB, Georgia, will be a dual member of Missionary Ridge Camp 63 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he serves as Jr. Vice Commander. They've rendered yeoman service in forming the new camp, contacting potential members, obtaining meeting places, setting up a bank account, web page and newsletter. In December, they set a tentative schedule of events to mark the 140th anniversary of the Atlanta Campaign.

The camp's namesake is Private Elias Moon, a soldier of the 12th Iowa Infantry. He was captured at the Hornet's Nest during the Battle of Shiloh and was held prisoner in the Atlanta area, where he died in late 1862. He was buried in Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery. The members of the provisional camp felt it was fitting to name the camp after him to represent all the soldiers of the Union Army that suffered in Georgia.

A memorial service for Private Moon is being planned for this Memorial Day at Oakland Cemetery. More information about Private Moon and Camp #2 can be found at www.suvcwga.com

Preservation Key in Louisiana

Two National Members-at-Large, Gary Joiner and John Prime, are hoping to organize a Camp-at-Large in Shreveport, Louisiana. Br. Gary, who has both Union and Confederate ancestry, is a U.S. History teacher at LSU and Br. John is a reporter with the local newspaper. An organizational meeting, held February 5th attracted a lot of interest. The two are working with some of those interested, who aren't members, to obtain documentation for their applications.

The Brothers hope the new Camp will join in efforts to save the Mansfield Battlefield (Sabine Crossroads) from lignite mining.

Southwest Colorado Camp Organizes

Brother Jim Davenport hosted an organizational meeting in Durango, Colorado, on January 17th. The men, who gathered there, decided to form a new Camp, drawing its initial membership from Canon City's Greenwood Camp 10, Michigan's G.W. Anderson Camp 58 and a number of new applicants. The Camp chose at its namesake, Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12. Bowman is the ancestor of one the members and a charter member of Durango GAR Post 12.

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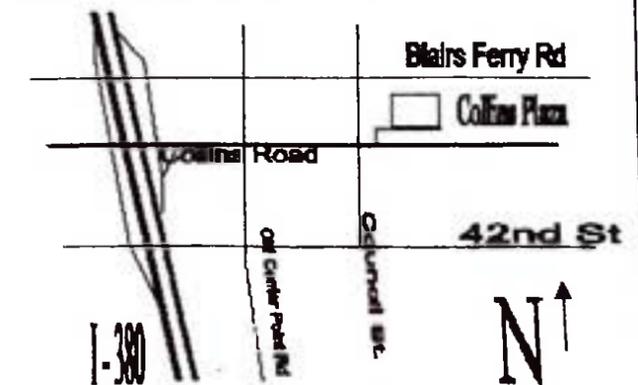
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The annual commemoration of the birthday of General Ulysses S. Grant will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2004, at the National Monument on 122d Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. The ceremony, which includes the initiation of new members of the Oliver Tilden Camp will begin at 11 a.m.

Your attendance at and financial support of this effort is very much appreciated.

For more information, contact Camp SVC Roy Wildenberger at (718) 821-2124 or Camp Commander John Portanova at (212) 463-3118.



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24 Jan.
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13 Feb.
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Camps H.A. Grant Camp 24, (CT.)
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1 Sgt. and Co. Co. K, 14th Ct. Vol. Infantry, SVR

9 Mar.
Horace N. "Red" RUMSEY Jr.*
David G. Caywood Camp 146
Dept. of New York

Memorial Restoration Grants Available



A National SUVCW grant helped make the restoration of Milwaukee's "Victorious Charge" possible. The memorial, erected in 1898, had suffered the effects of deterioration, pollution, vandalism, neglect, and one move (left). The restoration, last summer, returned the monument to a pristine condition (above).

Now that Spring is just around the corner, it's time to plan for setting up or refurbishing, Civil War memorials. Since the last National Encampment, only two applications have been submitted and both have received the maximum amount of \$500. Only one application for a new memorial has been received, which will be started on the first of May. As you may infer, there are funds available, if Camps and Departments wish to begin a project to refurbish or restore the memorials in their locales, that are deteriorating due to neglect.

When the National Encampment voted to increase the per capita tax some years ago, some of the additional income was dedicated to funding the refurbishing and restoring of Civil War Memorials. The fund is earmarked for this purpose. What is not spent now will carry over into the next fiscal year. If a new monument or memorial is to

be proposed, there is a time limit for submitting the request for funds to support this project. The fund is limited to \$500.00 for any project; additional money is to be raised by the Camp and the community.

More information and the application form for requesting the grant may be found on the SUVCW.org website under "Projects." The application process allows the organization to learn the particulars of the project, and how the funds will be spent. Pictures of said project will be of tremendous help, plus articles of publicity to help in obtaining additional funding.

The National Civil War Memorial Grant Fund Committee is made up of Council of Administration members: PDC Ron Gill, Chair from Indiana, PDC Bob Petrovic, from Missouri, and PDC Dave Stephens from Iowa. We will be meeting soon and will consider the applications received at that time.

2004 Department Encampments

Date	Department	City
January 10th	Southwest	Galveston, TX
February 7th	Iowa	Waterloo, IA
February 28th	Tennessee	Huntsville/Madison, AL
March 19th -20th	California & Pacific	San Luis Obispo, CA
April 3rd	Rhode Island	Warwick, RI
April 24th	Kansas	Beloit, KS
	Maryland	Manassas, VA
	Massachusetts	Milford, MA
	Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI
	Nebraska	Lincoln, NE
	New Hampshire	Hooksett, NH
May 1st	Connecticut	Rockville, CT
	Illinois	Peoria, IL
	Oklahoma	Tulsa, OK
May 15th	Vermont	Rutland, VT
June 4th -6th	New York	Tarrytown, NY
June 5th	Indiana	Kokomo, IN
	Kentucky	Camp Nelson, Nicholasville, KY
June 12th	New Jersey	Trenton/Lawrenceville, NJ
	Wisconsin	King, WI
June 18-20	Ohio	Alliance, OH
June 19th	Florida	Pembroke Pines, FL
	Missouri	St. Louis, MO
June 25th-26th	Maine	Waterville, ME
June 24th-27th	Pennsylvania	Williamsport, PA
June 27th	Colorado/Wyoming	Canon City, CO

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By Michael A. Schooling

Pvt. Richard Lowe
21st New York Cavalry
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Department News

Iowa

On November 26 2003, Past Dept Commander of Iowa Merrill Anthony attended the Dedication of Model 1841 Mountain Howitzer barrel, which was placed in front of the Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. The cannon is the last one to be put back on display after the City of Des Moines's 1998 panic after the "Griswold Cannon Affair."

Thanks to Dept of Iowa Senior Vice Commander PCC James Hawk and Brother George Flag who worked with local authorities and made the placement possible.

Massachusetts

At the Massachusetts Dept. Meeting, held Jan.10th, the Dept. Council voted to fill the Vacancy of DJVC created by the Resignation of A. Dean Sargent by electing: Kevin P. Tucker of 58 Forest St., Wakefield, MA 01880, tel: 781-246-9194 to fill said vacancy. Kevin is the former DJVC and is familiar with the Office, he is also PCC of Chs. H. Bond Camp 104 and Lt. Col. of the Mass. 11th. also can be reached at: kevin_tucker@equityoffice.com Attest: Bill Ryerson, Sec.,Dept. of MA

Ohio

On November 6, 2003 Governor Bob Taft, inducted 17 citizens into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held at the Riffe Center for the Government and Arts in Columbus. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes men and women who not only served our country, but also have remained active leaders in their communities after their military service.

One of this year's inductees was Major General Alvin Coe Voris. Gen. Voris served as commander of the 67th Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. After the war he was a representative to the Ohio General Assembly as well as Judge of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

Gen. A. C. Voris Camp 67 of Akron nominated their namesake for this recognition. Camp Commander Robert Rock, Camp Secretary/Treasurer James Mastromatteo, and Past Camp Commander Paul Huff were on hand to accept the honor.

Last November 16th, Capt. John Bruck Camp 96 honored Pvt. Dewitt Clinton Orr, the last Civil War

veterans to die in Butler County, Ohio. The ceremony was opened with an introduction by Camp Sr. Vice Commander Roger Mays, followed by a few words from Camp Commander John Clark. Benediction and prayer were given by Department of Ohio Chaplain Craig Keller. A 21-gun salute was provided by the 5th Ohio Light Artillery, 24th OVI and other members of the local Civil War re-enacting community.

At age 14 and after the third try, Orr successfully enlisted in the Union Army, became a soldier in Company I, 195th Ohio Vol. Infantry, and was assigned to Camp Chase near Columbus, Ohio. The field commander assigned Orr to be a drummer boy because the men in his unit didn't have enough ammunition. "I came here to fight," Orr is quoted as saying, "not to beat a drum." The officer was so surprised at the young soldier's reply, he handed him his own weapon.

Orr marched to Charleston, West Virginia and continued to fight in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. Following the war, took part in the funeral procession of President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C.

Orr died November 14, 1943, at the age of 94 and was buried at Woodside Cemetery. His funeral service was held at American Legion Post #218, which was constructed on the plot where Orr was born in 1849.

New York

A ceremony, hosted by Cpt. Oliver Tilden Camp 26, Dept. of New York, will honor the 4,400 Union and Confederate dead, buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery, 833 Jamaica Ave., New York. The event will be held on Saturday, May 15th, at 11 am. All Union and Confederate groups are welcome. For further information, contact Camp Commander John Portanova at (212) 463-3118.

Pennsylvania

Last October 12th, a uniformed contingent of 13 members of Sgt. Jones Bradbury Camp 149, of Media-West Chester, traveled to the final resting place of 1st Sgt. George Reed Resseguie at South

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Gibson, Susquehanna County. The singular event was arranged by Bradbury Camp member G. Reed Howard, great grandson of the 1st Sergeant. The congregations of three local churches, under the direction of the Rev. Barbara Doan, combined for the remembrance service, preceding the military program.

The departed veteran, 1st Sgt. Resseguie, Co. F, 141st Pennsylvania Vol. Infantry, was rendered full honors and a rifle salute followed Taps. Dressed in period clothing, Mrs. John O'Neal of the Auxiliary laid a memorial wreath at the grave. Family descendants, extending to the fifth generation, paid respects to their illustrious ancestor.

Members of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8 of Scranton, assisted in the ceremony and had given the Bradbury Camp a tour of the Scranton GAR Hall the previous day.

Although not always possible, due to distances involved, the members of Bradbury Camp 149 endeavor to organize and conduct similar graveside services for our other ancestors that served our country in the War of the Rebellion.



Members of Sgt. Jones Brfadbury Camp 149 and Auxiliary at grave of 1st. Sgt. George R. Resseguie of Co. F, 141st. PA Vol. Inf. Family members, extending to the fifth generation, paid respects to their illustrious ancestor. The congregations of three churches gathered to participate in the event as did as members of the Ezra Griffin Post 8 of Scranton, PA.

Wisconsin

At the Wisconsin Department meeting, held February 7th, the following brother was appointed Dept. Senior Vice Commander by the Dept. Council, to fill the uncompleted term of Alan Wambold, who resigned last year: PCC Kent A. Peterson, 6024 S. Kirkwood, Cudahy, WI 53110-3106; tel: (414) 769-0681

Br. Peterson is the former DSVC, is familiar with the position, is PCC of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and a corporal in the SVR's 4th MD Headquarters Company. He can be emailed at KAPeterson@wi.rr.com

The 2004 Central Region Conference is being planned for Saturday, October 2nd, in Milwaukee.

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Fourteen of the ladies are new members, six are transfers from the NMAL and two are transfers from the Sumner H. Needham Aux. 128 (Dept. of Mass.).

The following provisional officers were elected: President: Rachelle M. Campbell; Vice President: Ann Schleeter; Secretary/Treasurer: Laurel M. Anderson; Chaplain: Karen L. Lavrischeff; Counselor: Daniel R. Earl

The Auxiliary was named for Civil War physician, Dr. Mary E. Walker. The number 52 honors the 52nd Ohio Infantry, the unit that Dr. Walker provided much of her Civil War service to.

The new Auxiliary has affiliated with Phil Sheridan Camp 4, and will support the Camp by its participation in parades, at commemorative and informational events, and by making presentations in the community. The Auxiliary will meet at the call of the President, and generally in conjunction with functions of the SUVCW. Auxiliary 52's website is: <http://home.earthlink.net/asuvcw/walker52.html>

National President Danielle Michaels will be present-

Milwaukee Auxiliary Aides Patriotic Luncheon



From left: Wisconsin Department Commander Lyman Elliott Jr. registers for Milwaukee's 34th annual Patriotic Luncheon. Sisters Denise Oman and Allison Michaels look on.

Photo by Br. Carson Lunde

C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary 4 of Milwaukee was pleased to again be part of the annual Patriotic Luncheon, hosted by Camp 1. The 34th annual luncheon honored Presidents Washington, Lincoln and McKinley and was attended by 18 different hereditary, patriotic and historic organizations. Sisters Patricia Lynch and Denise Oman did yeoman's work on registration, the raffle and silent auction, securing over \$800 in contributions to the Camp and Auxiliary's patriotic work. Sr. Virginia Temme of E.S. Bragg Aux. 6, served in period dress on the color guard. The Auxiliary received inquires from several prospective members as a result of the luncheon's success. Mrs. Elsbeth Mundt, who had been a Auxiliary Junior in the 1930s, was a special guest.



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Brother Saves Property from Online Auctions

It's February 14th and Br. Kurt Vouk, chair of the National EBay Surveillance Committee is not thinking of valentines and candy. He's reflecting on the successful recovery of a Michigan GAR Descriptive Book from the electronic auction block.

Over the previous two days, constant, courteous communication with the EBay seller has resulted in the GAR records being donated to Robert Finch Camp 14 in Traverse City, Michigan, where the seller lives. In fact, at that moment, the seller was meeting with Camp Commander Neal Breugh, bringing the matter to a speedy, successful conclusion.

Since Br. Vouk was appointed to the Committee three years ago, the committee's focus has been on US Veteran grave markers. He got involved because he felt so strongly about marker theft. "My Camp, Anna M. Ross Camp 1, Philadelphia, takes care of several veteran cemeteries and I just got tired of seeing the markers disappear, making a tough task on Memorial Day to place flags on veterans graves. Not to mention the lack of remembrance these

thieves cause."

During the last few years a relationship has been developed with EBay and now the online auction site cooperates with Br. Vouk. Over 800 GAR markers have been recovered (over half have been GAR) and given to the SUVCW, American Legion or VFW posts.

Br. Vouk's efforts have also led to the quick recovery of SUVCW property. During the last 12 months, three charters from now defunct Camps in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have been returned. Br. Volk remarks that "The membership has been great, informing me early, so I have a chance to act."

He further reflected, "I have found the key is education via kindness and respect. Most people understand right and wrong, if you take the right approach. (The GAR records seller) is a perfect example. I'm sure he feels great about what he did as well."

Brother Vouk and the EBay Surveillance Committee can be contacted via email at: pa28fish@comcast.net

General Orders continued . . . (from Page 3)

Cook Camp 223 (Department of New York) located at Buffalo, NY has been reinstated and functions again under its original Charter. A Certificate of Merit will be issued to Brother Rodney Parker for his efforts to make this reinstatement possible.

3. Brother Samuel R. Booth, of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having recruited nine (9) new Brothers into the SUVCW. It is my great pleasure to present a Certificate of Recognition to Brother Booth, as well as a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.

4. Brother Norman S. Lowery, of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Department of Ohio, is hereby appointed as a National Aide in recognition of having recruited four (4) new Brothers into the SUVCW. It is my great pleasure to present a strip of National colored ribbon, which Brother Lowery may wear for 12 months, pinned behind his membership badge.

5. Certificates of Appreciation have been issued to Mrs. Charlotte Walters, Brother Gilbert Kyle, and Mrs. Audrey Kyle for their countless hours of volunteer work, assisting Executive Director Lee Walters at our National Headquarters Office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

6. Several of the National Officers and I look forward to attending as many Department Encampments this year as our schedules will allow. At the time of this writing, a few of the Departments have already met but it is our sincere hope that all of these annual meetings are productive and that they be conducted in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. I encourage every Camp to send its full share of delegates to their Department Encampment (eligibility details in the C&R).

7. Likewise, every Department is encouraged to send its full share of delegates to our National Encampment. The 123rd National Encampment of our Order will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa on August 12-15, 2004. Details are to be posted on the National Web site and in The BANNER.

Ordered this 29th day of February, 2004.

By Order of
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
Edward J. Krieser, PCinC
National Secretary

CORRECTION - On Page 11 of the Winter Banner, text should have read "DUVCW Headquarters-Museum." The Banner regrets the error.



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News of the Sons of Veterans Reserve

GENERAL ORDER 2003-36

26 December 2003

1. Effective 26 December 2003, Trooper Gregory R. Decker, Adjutant of Co. C, 5th Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This commission will expire on 25 December 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-01

21 January 2004

1. Effective 21 January 2004, Private Larry J. Ebert, Commander of Company D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 20 January 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-02

22 January 2004

1. Effective 22 January 2004, and upon his written resignation, Second Lieutenant Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., SVR, is relieved of duty as Adjutant of Gettysburg Blues, Second Military District.
2. Effective 22 January 2004 the commission of Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-03

24 January 2004

1. Effective 24 January 2004, 1st Sgt. Lee F. Walters, Adjutant of Gettysburg Blues, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 23 January 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-04

06 February 2004

1. Effective 06 February 2004, Captain Daniel W. Derby, National Headquarters Company, SVR is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-05

06 February 2004

1. Effective 06 February 2004, First Lieutenant William J. McMaster, National Headquarters Company, SVR is re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-06

06 February 2004

1. Effective 08 August 2003, and upon his written resignation and his move to the State of Illinois, Second Lieutenant Mark D. Woolfington, SVR, is relieved of duty as Adjutant of Company G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District.
2. Effective 08 August 2003 the commission of Mark D. Woolfington, as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve is terminated and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-07

13 February 2004

1. Effective 13 February 2004, Second Lieutenant Richard P. Lufkin, Public Information Officer of the First Military District, SVR is re-commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 28 July 2006 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2004-08

26 February 2004

1. Effective 26 February 2004, Mark L. Breckner, Commander of Co. B, 8th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.
2. This Commission will expire on 25 February 2007 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

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Three New SVR Units Formed in 6th MD

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is proud to announce and welcome three new units to the SVR, all in the Sixth Military District.

The first is the 1st Nevada Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, under the command of 1st Sgt. Kenneth V. Early. The unit was chartered on 01 August 2003. Brother Early lives in Henderson, Nevada and is a member of William B. Keith Camp No. 12, Department of California & Pacific. Brother Early is also the Public Information Officer in the Sixth Military District and holds the rank of Second Lieutenant in that position.

The second new unit is the 24th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, Co. A, headquartered in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The unit was chartered on 10 January 2004. 1st Sgt. Gregory R. Stafford of Stillwater is the commanding officer and a member of Captain David L. Payne Camp No. 2, Department of Oklahoma.

And the third Unit is the 8th California Volunteer Infantry, Co. B. The 8th California Volunteer Infantry is under the command of 2nd Lt. Mark L. Breckner of Davis, California. The

unit is composed of the 2nd Lieutenant, one 1st Sergeant, two Corporals and thirteen Privates.

SVR Breakfast Set for Encampment

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) breakfast will be held at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, 14 August 2004. The location will be on the first floor of the Collins Plaza Hotel at the 123rd Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The cost of the breakfast will be \$10.00 per person.

A minimum count for the breakfast is needed one week prior to the date. Those planning to attend should contact the SVR Adjutant General, Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr. at 27 Griswold Street, Delaware, OH 43105-1716 or at hshaw@columbus.rr.com. Please make check payable to the SVR and mail to Col. Shaw. There is some accommodation for walk-ins and payment will be accepted that morning. Uniforms are encouraged. Wives, children and friends are welcome to attend.

From the 1st Military District

Major Peter N. Rotando, Commander of the First Military District, announces the formation of a new unit in the district. The 12th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, Company A, was chartered on 3 March 2004. The unit is composed of eleven men, under the command of 1st Sgt. Daniel E. Meehan of Rochester, NH. All of the men in the unit are members of Charles W. Canney Camp No. 5, Rochester, Department of New Hampshire.

The 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, Company A, has elected Brother Norman E. Lawrence, Jr., as 1st Sgt. and Company Commander. Brother Lawrence is a member of Elisha Rhodes Camp 21, Department of Rhode Island.

Brother A. Dean Sargent has been elected 1st Sgt. and Commander of Co. G, 43rd Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Major Rotando has appointed Brother Robert G. Carroon, former National Chaplain, as 1st Sgt. and Commander of Co. K, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. Brother Carroon replaces the recently deceased Brother Roger L. Olsen, PDC, Departments of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

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SVR Scrapbook



On Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, nine Brothers from Co. G, 5th California Volunteer Infantry, SVR, gathered in Redlands for the 65th Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. The volunteers assembled with flags and muskets in front of the expected 800 Boy and Girl Scouts.



The 4th Military District's Maj. Jack Grothe, left, and Capt. Robert Champlin raise the U.S. Flag, signaling the start of the annual Gen. William T. Sherman Birthday Ceremony on Feb 29, 2004 in St. Louis, MO.

4th Military District Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, at right, speaks during the Rosehill Cemetery Headstone Replacement Decication Nov. 16, 2003, in Chicago. Below, Pvt. Keith Zandy, Batt. L, 1st IL Lt. Art., Chaplain Kowalski and Auxiliary Sister Mary Gutzke reflect during the ceremony. Photos by Br. Everett Nylund.





LCDR Edward Lea Camp 2 of Houston hosted a ceremony, dedicating a new monument to the Union casualties, lost in the Battle of Galveston on January 1, 1863. In attendance at the Galveston's Episcopal Cemetery on January 10th were Commander-in-Chief Kent L. Armstrong (center) and members of Lone Stone Camp 1 of North Texas and Sam Houston Camp 3 of Round Rock. Following the ceremony, the 2004 Department of the Southwest Encampment was held at a local restaurant. Photo by Kathy Blocker