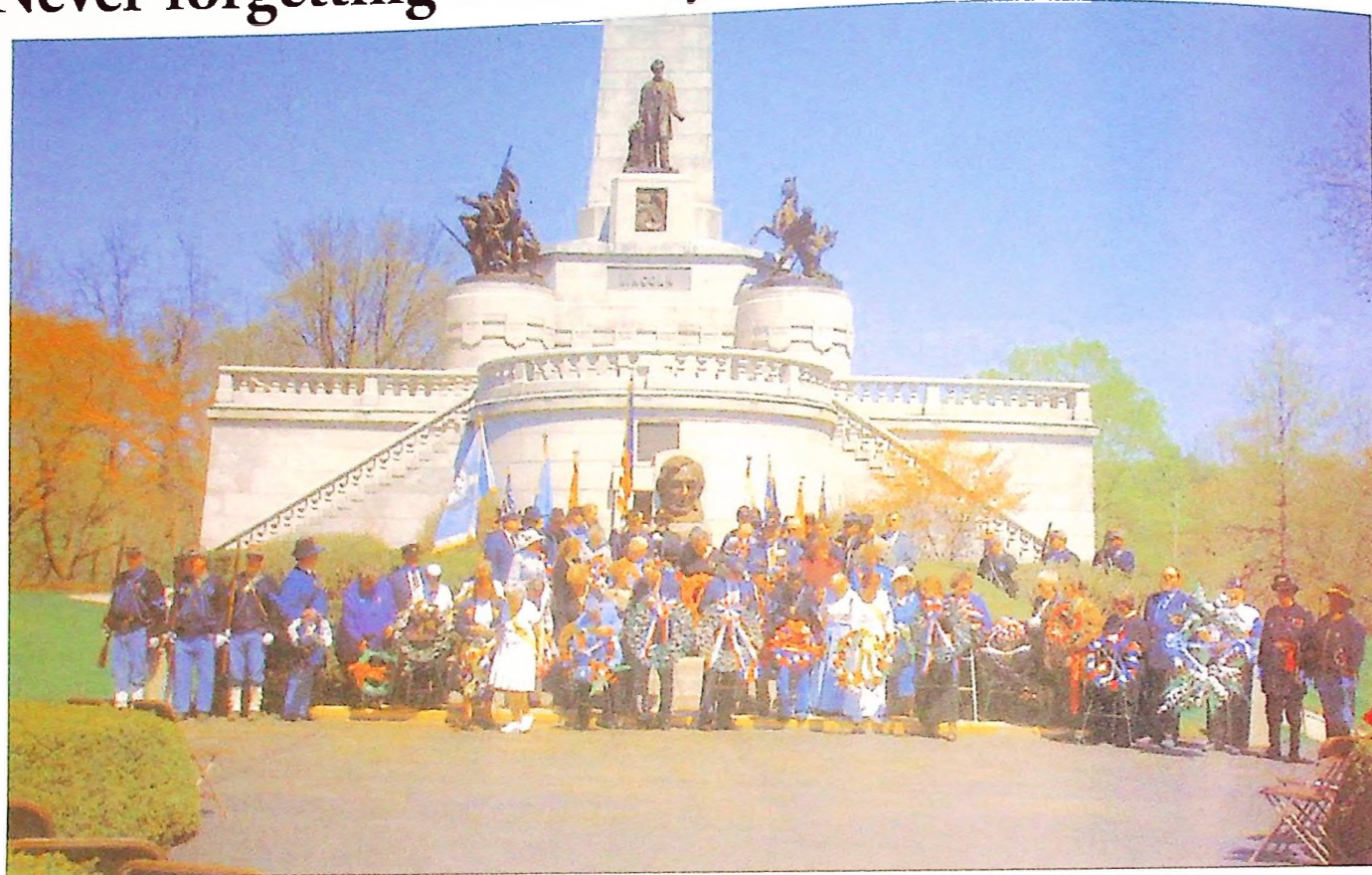


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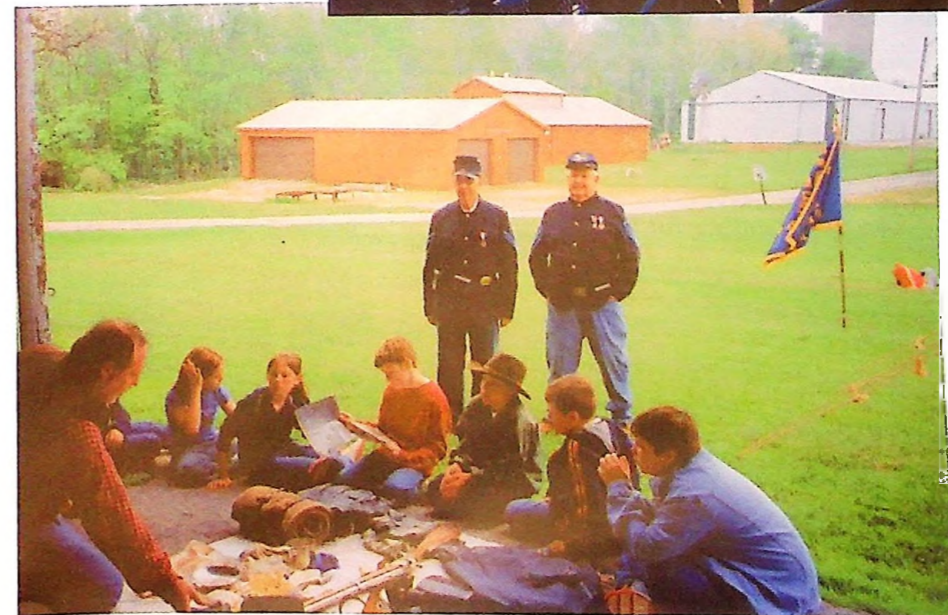
Participants at the annual Lincoln Day Ceremonies at Springfield, IL, gather in front of the monument while, below, a SUVCW guard of honor assists at ceremonies at the Civil War Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.



Past CinC Robert Grim, left, who serves as treasurer of Henry Casey Camp 92, Dept. of Ohio, presents ROTC Award to Cadet Joe Calihan, center, as Unit Commander Leslie S. Buerki, Major, USAF Ret, looks on.



Members of Ireland Camp 137, Binghamton, NY, prepare to march in honor of Memorial Day.



Several members of Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, spend entire school day at Clinton County, OH, fairgrounds participating in living history program for fifth grade students. Seated at left is Private Ray Fannin while standing, from left: Corp. Ronnie Cox and Sgt. Marvin Seymore cast a watchful eye.



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ON THE COVER - The main entrance to the beautiful National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, reminds us of the upcoming national encampment in the capital city of the commonwealth. The Museum also serves as national headquarters to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is a must see for those planning to attend the National Encampment of the Allied Orders this August.

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General Order 011 2005-2006

In accordance with Article IX, Amendments, National Constitution and Regulations (Updated August 2004) this General Order is issued.

The Brothers of the Department of Iowa at its 2006 Department Encampment with all of its officers and members there in assembled hereby the following change to the National Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Whereby the delays that take place when members join the order from the National web site are excessive, and

Whereby the need for our Order to grow in order to thrive in the future is paramount, and

Whereby the technology being now available to address this delay of getting members into the Order almost immediately, and

Whereby members can become a member with the aid of this technology within days rather than weeks and in some cases months under the current system, and

Whereby the Office of Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief has presented a plan to the National Council of Administration for the correction of these delays and they have approved the plan for action, and

Whereby the National Constitution and Regulations must be modified to allow this process to take place because members and associates must be attached to a Department pursuant to Article V, Section Fifth and can not be temporarily attached to the National Headquarters.

We hereby propose and move the following change to the wording in Article V, Section Fifth of the Constitution of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War:

Fifth: Eligibles from states where no Department exists may become Members-at-large attached to National Headquarters, except that new members through the National recruitment program may be temporarily attached to National Headquarters, pending transfer to a Department or a Camp within one year of enrollment. Dues for such Members shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) per annum more than the National per capita tax. Membership applications fees for new Members-at-large shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) which shall be placed in a Permanent Fund.

We also hereby propose and move the following change to the wording in Article V, Section Two, Part B of the Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be responsible for processing applications and issuing dues cards for all approved applications that come to him through the National recruitment program as well as promoting membership and organization under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

We hereby submit these proposed changes to both the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and aspic the Brothers of the 125 th National Encampment to act on them.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
The Brothers of the Department of Iowa
Entered this 12 day of April, 2006

Ronald F. Rittel, Commander
Department of Iowa

ATTEST
Dennis L. Geesaman, Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Iowa

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General Order 012 2005-2006

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarship Committee has submitted two names as their recommendation to receive the SUVCW Scholarship for this administration. I find these applicants to be deserving of this award and so announce the recipients.

Corey Alexander Strain of Barrington, NJ, a graduate of Haddon Heights High School who will be attending Rutgers University. Corey is a member of Col. Louis R. Francine Camp 7, Department of New Jersey.

Dane Aaron DiFebo of Bangor, PA, a graduate of Bangor Area High School and is currently attending Ursinus College. Dane is a member of Joel Searfoss Camp 273, Department of Pennsylvania.

Please join me in wishing these two young men all the best in their college endeavors.

Sworn this 12th day of June 2006
Donald E. Darby
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Michael Bennett
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General Order 013 2005-2006

In accordance with Article IX, Amendments, National Constitution and Regulations (Updated August 2004) this General Order is issued.

The Brothers of the Department of Wisconsin at its 2006 Department Encampment with all of its officers and members there in assembled hereby the following change to the National Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

A Resolution

The Department of Wisconsin, at its 123rd Encampment, held in Saukville on June 10th, 2006, unanimously approved and hereby submits the following resolution, changing the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Whereas, the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has operated as a benevolent, non-profit corporation since its Congressional chartering in 1956; and

Whereas, the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has received competent legal counsel, advising that a change of tax code status from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) is possible; and

Whereas, the National Organization Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and its subordinate units would benefit from such a change, including but not limited to tax deductible donations from donors, grant money from private and public sources, and lower postage rates on corporate mailings;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the following Article X, entitled "Dissolution of Corporation," be added to the Constitution:

"This organization is organized and operated

exclusively for charitable, educational or other purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Code.

"Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

"Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code), or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

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General Order 014 2005-2006

Brother Jerome Kowalski is hereby appointed as a member of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance effect this 12th day of June 2006.

Sworn this 12th day of June 2006
Donald E. Darby
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attested:
Michael Bennett
Secretary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

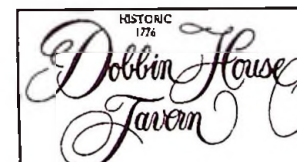
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Department of Missouri Names of Six Unknown Cavalrymen

By Brian Smarker

It was Sunday, July 17, 1864, in Liberty, Missouri, when a decision was made to pursue Confederate bushwackers near the Missouri River who had been spotted by an advance party earlier that day. Maj. Smith ordered three groups of 2nd Colorado Cavalrymen to patrol the area and track down the rebels. He led a force of about 40 pursuing a northeasterly direction, while a group of 50 led by Capt. Green rode east along the river toward Richmond, Mo.

A third group of 43 was led by Capt. Thomas Moses Jr., consisting of troops from Companies C and M. Their orders led them towards Fredericksburg, Mo., about a mile east of the Clay County border in Ray County, near present day Excelsior Springs. They traveled northeast along the old State Road, a popular route for Mormons and other pioneers heading into the western wilderness. They had been replenishing their food supplies before approaching a larger force of soldiers numbering approximately 300 within a mile of Fredericksburg.

At first, this large band appeared to be one of the other groups of soldiers from Liberty sent to patrol the area. They wore the uniforms of the Federals, so Moses, seemingly suspicious, rode to the front of his group and made the signal used by Union troops. After a brief exchange, and a gunshot from the larger force, it was quickly determined that they faced Confederate guerillas led by Capt. John Thrailkill.

A small advance band of 70 led by Capt. "Fletch" Taylor opened fire and charged Moses' outnumbered troops. Moses was prepared, however, having dismounted some of his troops and standing ready to fire. As the Confederate irregulars charged, the Federals opened fire. It wasn't long before a chaotic hand-to-hand melee ensued. After about 20 minutes, Moses ordered his men to fall back, but they were pursued and routed. In order to escape, they were forced to release their equipment and fresh horses, which had been commandeered earlier that day.

Moses lost eight men and four were injured, including himself. When Maj. Prichard's 250 reinforcements returned the following day, two of Capt. Moses' eight men were found alive. The other six had been killed in the battle of the previous day and stripped

of all their uniforms, weapons, and equipment by the Confederates. Citizens of the area admitted to helping bury 16 dead Confederates in a small family cemetery near the battlefield behind Seybold Tavern, a popular layover point along State Road. Its owner, Louis Seybold, was a Southern sympathizer.

The six Union soldiers were hauled in a lumber wagon to Pisgah Cemetery, where they would be buried in a mass grave. General store proprietor Jerry "J.C." Isley was hired by Fredericksburg citizens to bury the dead soldiers. They were laid out on benches inside Pisgah Baptist Church, organized by Rev. Robert James in 1849, until the grave was ready. Following their burial, a natural red granite stone, about 18 inches in diameter, was placed in the ground to mark their grave.

In 1936, not too far from the cemetery, a boulder with a plaque was dedicated to the soldiers who were killed in battle near Fredericksburg, Mo., on Aug. 12, 1864, nearly a month after the battle in which the six 2nd Colorado Cavalrymen lost their lives. Ironically, all of the newspaper accounts leading up to the dedication did not mention the five soldiers of the 51st Enrolled Missouri Militia killed in the battle on Aug. 12, but instead the six unnamed soldiers buried in a mass grave in Pisgah Cemetery. The two battles had become one over the years. Only through dedicated research by a local historian had the error been realized. He attempted to correct the problem through periodic newspaper articles printed in several area newspapers.

With the information extracted from those articles—the leader's name, the regiment, the date, and the place of the battle—it became possible to determine the names of the six soldiers buried in a mass grave at Pisgah Cemetery in present-day Wood Heights, Mo. Names of Civil War casualties were extracted from the Colorado State Archives website and filtered so only soldiers from Companies C and M were enumerated. A list of 27 names was forwarded to Brother Jerry Mosley, who was Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming at that time. He forwarded the list to Brother William Ward, PDC, whose office was across the street from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Discovered

Within two weeks, six names had been returned to me. One of the names had been determined by process of elimination since there was no card on file. To make a long story short, he was not one of the six men. The sixth man was determined by requesting information from the Colorado State Archives. They confirmed five of the six found by Brother Ward and provided the sixth name as well.

The six soldiers of the 2nd Colorado Cavalry killed in action on July 17, 1864, near Fredericksburg, Mo., and subsequently buried in a mass grave in Pisgah Cemetery are Sgt. Truman C. Greenslit of Co. C; Pvt. Charles H. Godfrey, Pvt. David Good, Pvt. John H. Picard, Pvt. William H. Robson, and Pvt. Simeon Simpkins, all of Co. M.

Further research put me into contact with relatives and additional information about most of the soldiers. My first contact was with a namesake of Pvt. Godfrey. His name was Charles "Chuck" Godfrey of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Chuck visited during the first week of May, 2005, because he would be unable to attend the scheduled memorial dedication ceremony in July. He also attended the May, 2005, meeting of Westport Camp #64 as a special guest.

On the 141st anniversary of the battle, a memorial dedication ceremony was hosted by SUVCW Westport Camp #64 of the Dept. of Missouri. Like the battle, it was during the early afternoon of Sunday, July 17, but the year was 2005. Re-enactors from Westport Camp #64, the Civil War Roundtable of Western Missouri, Elliott's Scouts (galvanized as Union), the Missouri Irish Brigade, and the namesakes of those being memorialized, the 2nd Colorado Cavalry, participated in the hour-long event, braving the hot sun with no relief except for an occasional cloud blocking the sun.

The emcee of the event, Brother James Beckner, introduced many participants as the ceremony progressed, including President and Mary Lincoln (Max and Donna Daniels of Wheaton, Ill.), Boy Scout Troop 226, Cub Scout Pack 226, and Girl Scout Troop 225 from Independence leading the Pledge of Allegiance; John and Dianne Lehman leading "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," Robert Arnold and Rev. Edward Shelton of Pisgah Cemetery's Board of Trustees, Brother John Martin, Commander of



Dept. of Missouri, Missouri State Representative Bob Nance, Carol Dildine of Osage Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists, Brothers Charles McCorkendale and myself, and the Ladies in Mourning, Sandra Martin, and JoAnn Barber.

It was my privilege to introduce the relatives of three of the soldiers who had traveled from as close as Excelsior Springs and from as far as California and Oklahoma to witness this historic event. Representing Pvt. Godfrey were Pat Godfrey, Kendal Phipps-Burch, Patricia Phipps-Burch, Ray Close, and Michele Close. For Pvt. Picard, there were Marjorie Running, Jim Running, Bill Fowler, Vickie Fowler, Kay Betz, Georgia Douglas, Judith Hodges, Bill McConnell, Ruby McConnell, Albertyn Brown, and Trevor Brown. Finally, representing Sgt. Greenslit were Suzanne Foster, Brian Smarker, Scarlet Smarker, Caitlyn Smarker, and Jourdyn Smarker.

It was through an unusual twist of fate that I discovered my distant relationship to Sgt. Greenslit a scant 2-1/2 weeks prior to the ceremony. It was in a desperate attempt to find a relative of Greenslit's who could attend after hearing from other relatives who would not be able to make it. Other names were found, along with information about Greenslit's mother's side of the family. His fourth great-grandparents were the same as my ninth great-grandparents. We are fifth cousins, five times removed!

There were 168 attendees accounted for at the dedication ceremony. Members of the Westport Camp #64 estimate up to 200 people actually attended. Needless to say, we were very pleased with the turnout and outcome of the event. The re-enactors suffered through the heat and put on a display that would make any officer proud. Relatives of the soldiers who, at first, were contacted with unexpected information about their ancestors, experienced a sensational once-in-a-lifetime ceremony honoring those ancestors and bringing closure to this chapter in the family histories.

The soldiers resting in Pisgah Cemetery now have their own monument rightfully dedicated to them to quell the confusion concerning the date they lost their lives defending what they believed was right and just. Now, 141 years later, they have been remembered as they should have been remembered.

*In California***Presidential Memorial Certificates Awarded**

*By James Spencer,
Camp Commander*

Two Presidential Memorial Certificates were presented during a meeting of Col. Roderick Matheson Camp #16, Department California & Pacific Caza-dero, Ca. SUVCW, on December 17, 2005.

The first was given to Col. John Cunningham, U.S. Army, for his grandfather, Private Robert Newton Cunningham (Veteran).

The second was given to the Department Com-mander, Tad Campbell, for his great-great-great grandfather, Ira E. Angus, U.S. Army Farrier (Vet-eran).

Both certificates were given for the veteran's gal-lant service to the United States of America during the U.S. Civil War, when both veterans helped to heal a divided nation.

Both certificates were signed by President George W. Bush.

Both certificates were presented as a surprise by Camp Commander James Spencer. Earlier, both men received Final Rights Flags from the camp for their ancestors duty served during the Civil War. Commander Spencer worked on the presentation for over two years.



Commander James Spencer, left, presents a Presi-dential Memorial Certificate to Col. John Cun-ningham of the U.S. Army for his grandfather, Pvt. Robert Newton Cunningham.

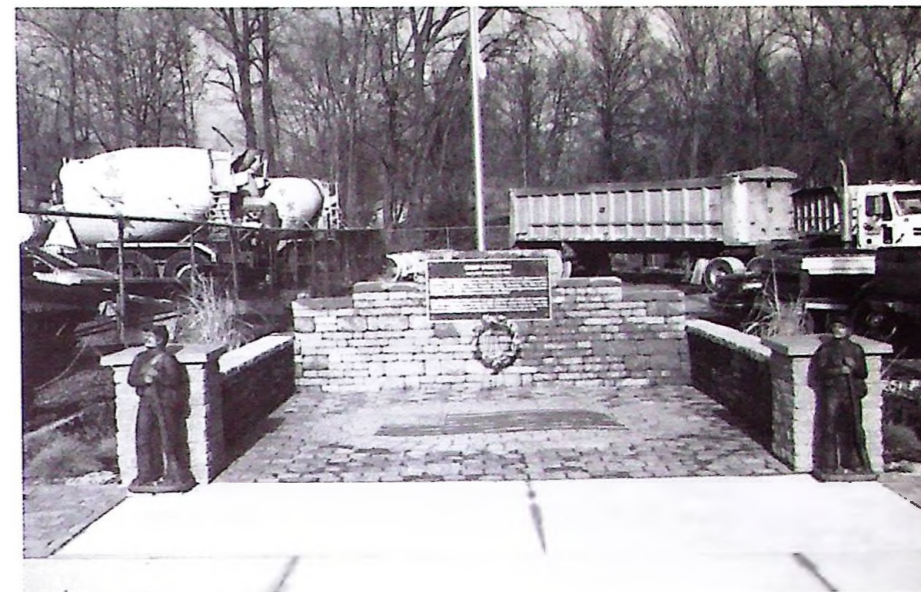
*Department of New Jersey***Monument Dedicated to mark Camp Stockton**

By Fred Mossbrucker

The Col. Louis R. Francine, Camp #7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of New Jersey, dedicated a new Civil War monument to honor the men of the 12th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment and mark the spot of Camp Stockton, their training ground before going off to war, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in Woodbury, N.J.

More than 100 people attended the ceremony, which was modeled after the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Monument Dedication Service, beginning with the Honor Guard, the Cos. D & F,

12th NJ Re-enactors, marching in to a rousing rendition of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," sung by the Clarksboro Men's Chorus. Words of dedication and remembrance by the Camp Commander, Brother David Hann, PDC, and Senior Vice Commander, Brother Wayne Johnson, fol-lowed. A Prayer of Dedication was offered by Chap-lain Brother Alex Calabrese. Words of dedication were also offered by the Honorable Mayor Leslie Clark of Woodbury. Bruce Sirak, president of Camp Olden CWRT, made a few appropriate remarks, as



The new Camp Stockton Monu-ment was dedicated last Septem-ber in Woodbury, N.J., by Col. Louis R. Francine, Camp #7, SUVCWNJ.

Gov. Olden followed with words of thanks and re-membrance from Brother Fred Mossbrucker, Camp #7, who spearheaded the drive to create the monu-ment to mark Camp Stockton. The men's chorus also sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The monument is a three-sided Coventry Wall that surrounds engraved bricks that were sold to raise money in order to build the monument. The engraved bricks surround a paver art brick repro-duction of the 12th N.J.'s battle flag. On the back wall is a large bronze plaque with the name of the camp, as well as a brief history of the camp and the 12th NJ. The entire monument is surrounded by landscaping and a lighted flag pole that will fly a repdouction of the 12th NJ's battle flag. Two Union soldier statues "stand guard" in front of the two pil-lars of the side walls.

The monument was built by Mark Tresh, vice president of Woodbury Cement Products, who also donated the labor and the ground upon which the monument sits. Bud Tresh, president of Woodbury Cement Products, never knew that his business sat upon historical ground and he leaped at the idea of building a memorial to the men of the 12th NJ.

When Brother Fred Mossbrucker, Camp #7, was able to identify the location of Camp Stock-ton, he began a brick-selling campaign in order to raise money for the monument. People could pur-chase a brick and have it engraved with the name

of a loved one, Civil War personality, or Civil War soldier. When Mossbrucker started, he helped to sell 30 bricks, but the camp sold more than 200! In the meantime, it took more than two years to get all the necessary permits to build the monument. The camp's Ladies Auxiliary, Elizabeth Thorn Auxiliary #14, sold monument replica statues at the conclusion of the services. This money will be applied toward a new project to refurbish the Civil War Monument on the Woodbury Courthouse lawn.

The 12th NJ, nicknamed the "Old Buck and Ball" regiment, trained on farmland owned by Farmer Henry Dickerson, an Africa-American minister of a small church nearby. From July 1 through September 7, 1862, men from all over southern Jersey arrived in search of fame, glory, steady pay, or simply out of patriotic fervor. Eventually, 992 officers and men would assemble at Camp Stockton and form one of the "fightingest" units in the Union Army. The 12th participated in every major campaign from Chancel-lorsville to Appomattox Court House. Ultimately, more than 1,500 men would serve in the 12th NJ. Of the original 992 soldiers, only 278 would answer the Final Roll Call at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

Mossbrucker stated, "The monument is repre-sentative of the 12th NJ Volunteers in that it is fairly plain. The 12th fought without the fanfare that other units received. They were a 'git-er'done' type of unit and the plainness of this monument speaks to that."

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Forgotten Hero Honored with New Gravemarker

By Clark D. McCullough

The General George Armstrong Custer Camp #17 honored General Horace Porter, a forgotten hero, on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, with a new GAR gravemarker and a dedication ceremony. The American diplomatist and soldier was born in Huntingdon, Pa., on April 15, 1837, son of David Rittenhouse Porter, governor of Pennsylvania from 1839-45, and grandson of Andrew Porter, an officer in the Continental Army during the War of Independence and surveyor-general of Pennsylvania from 1809 until his death. Horace Porter studied in 1854 at the Lawrence scientific school of Harvard University, then entered the U.S. Military Academy where he was graduated third in his class in 1860.

During the Civil War, he was chief of ordnance at the capture of Fort Pulaski, then served in the Army of the Potomac at Antietam before being transferred to the west, where he took part in the battles of Chickamauga (where he earned the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded in 1902) and Chattanooga. His citation read: "While acting as a volunteer aide, at a critical moment when the lines were broken, rallied enough fugitives to hold the ground under heavy fire long enough to effect the escape of wagon trains and batteries."

In April, 1864, he became aide-de-camp to General Grant, a position he served until March, 1869. He earned the brevet of captain at Fort Pulaski, of major at the Battle of the Wilderness, of lieutenant-

colonel at New Market Heights, and in March, 1865, was brevetted colonel and brigadier-general.

From August, 1867, to January, 1868, while General Grant was Secretary of War ad interim, Porter was an assistant secretary, and from March 1869, to January, 1873, when Grant was President, Porter was his executive secretary. He resigned from the Army in December, 1873, when he became vice president of the Pullman Palace Car Company and held other business positions. From March, 1897, to May, 1905, he was U.S. Ambassador to France. At his personal expense, he conducted a successful six-year search for the body of John Paul Jones, who had died in Paris in 1792. For this he received a unanimous vote of thanks from both Houses of Congress, and the privileges of the floor for life. In 1907, he was a member of the American delegation to the Hague Peace Conference. General Porter became well-known as a public speaker and delivered orations at the dedication of General Grant's tomb in New York, at the centennial of the founding of West Point, and at the re-interment of the body of John Paul Jones at Annapolis. His publications include West Point Life (1866) and Campaigning With Grant (1897).

General Porter's home was on the west side of Ocean Avenue in the Elberon section of Long Branch, New Jersey, between Park and Lincoln Avenues, and he is buried in Old First United Methodist Cemetery, Locust Avenue, West Long Branch, New Jersey.



Shown at a dedication ceremony for General Horace Porter are, from left: Bob Bowell, Sr. Vice Commander, George A. Custer Camp #17, SUVCW; Frank McGonigle, Camp Commander; Clark McCullough, PCC, PDC, and Jack Ensel, Junior Vice Commander.



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Three Ohio Civil War Veterans Receive Gravestones

By Martin W. Lowery Sr.

After marching in the Veterans Day Parade in Athens, Ohio, on November 11, 2005, members of the John S. Townsend Camp 108, Frost, Ohio, and its Ladies Auxiliary met at the Wyers Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio, for the purpose of setting new gravestones at three Civil War Veterans graves.

They are: Private Washington Moore, 36th OVI, Co. C; Private Thomas C. Johnson, 56th OVI, Co. H. and Private John R. Noland, 186th OVI, Co. I. Their graves were never marked after their deaths.

A dedication ceremony was held soon after the setting of the stones. The members are also in the WVR Units, 63rd OVI and Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery. Many more stones are expected to be set in the future by the Camp.

Photo at top: Setting a stone for Private Thomas Johnson are members of John S. Townsend Camp 108, Frost, Ohio, including, from left: Pvt. Cyrus Moore, Cpl. Matt Ashcraft, Cpl. Martin W. Lowery Jr., and Sgt. Howard Frost.



Participants at the dedication ceremony, photo at center, included, from left: May Frost, Sgt. Norman Lowery, Judy Morgan, Pvt. Trent Chaney, Pvt. Cyrus Moore, Cpl. Matt Ashcraft, Camp Commander Samuel Booth, Cpl. Martin W. Lowery Jr., Cpl. Martin Lowery Sr., and Sgt. Howard Frost.

The firing squad at the ceremony, right, included, from left: Sgt. Norman Lowery, Pvt. Trent Chaney, Pvt. Cyrus Moore, Cpl. Matt Ashcraft, and Cpl. Martin W. Lowery Jr.



Sons, SVR, Daughters and Auxiliary gather in Scranton for Memorial Day

The 106th observance of Memorial Day is conducted at three different locations by representatives of the Allied Orders of Scranton, PA in 2006.

The busy day got underway with a wreath laying ceremony and flag raising at Dunmore's Forest Hills Cemetery by members of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Delaney Delacy Guard of the Sons Veterans Reserve, Auxiliary 10 and the Roche Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The old cemetery contains a large GAR Plot and the SVR began restoration efforts last year with the restoration of a 50-foot flag pole.

This year efforts were successful in refurbishing the base of a monument containing a brass tablet dedicated to the soldiers interred there.

After the wreath laying, rifle salute and taps, the party moved to the Dunmore Cemetery where some 200 local townspeople had gathered for the ceremony there, conducted by the Allied Orders.

Atty. Todd O'Malley, a member of the Delaney Delacy Guard, was guest speaker and 2Lt. David E. Heisler, Judge Advocate of the Guard, served as toastmaster. Musical selections were provided by the Dunmore High School Band.

Members of the Guard then ventured into the City of Scranton to participate in the annual City Ceremonies at Nay Aug Park. The events there are presented yearly by several veterans organizations, including the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, the Sons of Union Veterans and the Sons Veterans Reserve. This service was initiated by the GAR.



Members of the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, top, present salute at annual Memorial Day ceremonies in Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore PA. In photo at right, Mary Sulger, past president of Auxiliary 10, places a wreath at the GAR Plot in the Forest Hill Cemetery, also in Dunmore, as Guardsmen look on.



Civil War Remembrance Day in Scranton enters third year

What started out as the rededication of a monument in Lackawanna County Courthouse Square in Scranton last year has ended in an annual event which brings much needed public attention to the activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in North-eastern Pennsylvania.

Partnering with the Lackawanna Historical Society, the Delaney Delacy Guard of the Sons of Veterans Reserve has created an annual salute to our ancestors with a day-long schedule of events beginning in early morning and ending at the stroke of midnight.

For 2006 the Central City Ministerium of the City of Scranton gathered in the Elm Park

United Methodist Church for a community prayer service to the memory of members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

From the event, participants traveled to the historic Radisson at Lackawanna Station to join members of Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8, Scranton, as they hosted the Pennsylvania Department for the annual Appomatox Day Luncheon.

A highlight of the luncheon was a one-act play written by Guard 1Lt. Alan Sweeney highlighting a



Taking a respite from the dance floor are Guardsmen Dale Keklock and wife Joyce, Cpl. Robert Sulger and wife Cookie; 1st Sgt. Ray Sulger and wife Mary, 1Lt. David E. Heisler and Capt. John M. Hart Jr.

report by Robert Lincoln to his father after the surrender in McLean, VA.

That afternoon the 28th Regimental Brass Band of Philadelphia presented a benefit Civil War Band Concert for the community at the Scranton High School and later that evening provided the entertainment at the second annual Civil War Military Ball at the Century Club conducted later in the evening.

The ball, which was sold out months before the date, marked the end of the day of events in Scranton.



Lt. Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 and the Delaney Delacy Guard, SVR, are joined by members of the Sydney and Ireland Camps of New York for rededication of the reburied Civil War Monument in the town square of Montrose, Susquehanna County, PA

New York Auxiliary mourns passing of PDP Maude Baker

By Beatrice Greenwalt

Past Department President of New York Department, Mrs. Maude E. Briggs Baker, died at her home on Friday, March 3, 2006, at the age of 89. A Memorial Ritualistic Service was held by Sisters of Auxiliary 72 and Brothers of D.G. Caywood Camp of Ovid, N.Y., attended by many from the surrounding Auxiliaries and Camps of the Organization. In lieu of flowers, Maude requested that memorials be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Paul, MN.

Past Department President Maude Baker joined as a member of Auxiliary 72 to D.G. Caywood Camp 146 of Ovid, N.Y., on March 28, 1933, as Miss Maude Briggs, a schoolgirl with lineage through her grandfather, Edson Charles Billings, a private in Company G, 15th N.Y. Engineers, who served three years in the Civil War. Maude Briggs Baker was an active participating member for over 70 years, serving in all offices and repeating some during her membership in the Auxiliary, her New York Department and National. She served as Auxiliary 72 treasurer for 21 consecutive years.

Maude served as New York Department President 1973-74 and traveled and visited every Auxiliary in the Department during her term, as well as all Department and National Encampments. Her last Auxiliary meeting attended was in January, 2006, and her last Department Encampment was at Glens Falls, N.Y., in June, 2005. She traveled to New Hampshire in August, 2005, for her last National Encampment. Each Memorial Day, the Auxiliary decorated two six-foot wooden crosses with live flowers, which were transported in the annual parade in the bed of a pick-up truck to two different cemeteries where services were held. Maude always sat in the truck bed on a chair between the crosses to support them during the parade. Her last Memorial Day parade accomplishing this was in May, 2005.

Maude's other contributions to the organization including having four daughters as members of Auxiliary 72, Ovid, N.Y., with one of these daughters, Virginia Baker Twist serving as Department President for two different terms. Many Sisters know Virginia for her perfectly performed floor work, both at Department and National Encampments. Maude also had three granddaughters, chil-

dren of PDP Virginia Baker Twist, as members of Auxiliary 72, as well as one kin sister, and her husband, Charles Baker was Camp Commander of D.G. Caywood Camp of Ovid. Her son, Edson (Ed) Baker is a very active Son of the Camp and Past Department Commander of New York and has served in National Offices.

Maude will be missed greatly at Auxiliary meetings and Encampments. We will miss her bright "Good Mornings" and her smile during the day and we will go on living remembering her this way:

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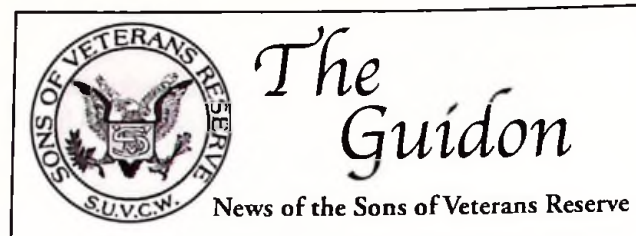
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GENERAL ORDER 2006-5

26 April 2006

1. Effective 26 April 2006, Second Lieutenant David F. Burkett, Commander of Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 25 April 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-6

26 April 2006

1. Effective 26 April 2006, 1st Sergeant Harold J. Slavik, Jr., Adjutant of Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 25 April 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-7

26 April 2006

1. Effective 26 April 2006, Second Lieutenant Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr., Commander of Co. B, 1st Nevada Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, is commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 25 April 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-8

26 April 2006

1. Effective 26 April 2006, Private Steven E. Hauk, a member of Co. B, 1st Nevada Volunteer Infantry, Sixth Military District, SVR, having been duly promoted, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 25 April 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-9

24 May 2006

1. Effective 12 March 2006, and upon action duly taken by the members of Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Third Military District, SVR, 2nd Lt. Terry G. Reid, SVR, is relieved of duty as a Second Lieutenant in Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Third Military District, SVR.

2. Effective 12 March 2006, the commission of Terry G. Reid as a Second Lieutenant in the Sons of Veterans Reserve and memorialized in General Order 2005-01 is terminated and annulled and he is reduced in rank to Private.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-10

24 May 2006

1. Effective 09 May 2006, Private J. Alan Teller, a member of Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Third Military District, SVR, having been duly promoted and having been duly appointed Adjutant, is commissioned a Second Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 08 May 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-11

24 May 2006

1. Effective 09 May 2006, Captain Emmett P. Taylor, III, Commander of Co. C, 5th Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, Fourth Military District, SVR, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 08 May 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

GENERAL ORDER 2006-12

5 June 2006

1. Effective 05 June 2006, 1st Lt. Donald E. Darby, SVR, Adjutant of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, is re-commissioned a First Lieutenant, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 04 June 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

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Philadelphia's Ross Camp mourns loss of 80-year member

J. Edward Moeckel, member of Anna M. Ross Camp #1, Philadelphia, for 80 years, passed away on Feb. 26, 2006, at the age of 96. Brother Moeckel joined the Ross Camp on Oct. 16, 1925, at the age of 16, while still a student. He derived his eligibility from his great-grandfather, Baelker Moeckel, who enlisted in the 75th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry on Sept. 23, 1861, serving as a private until the end of his enlistment on Aug. 18, 1862.

Ed served as Camp Commander in 1937, following in the footsteps of his father, Frank Moeckel, who was Camp Commander in 1936. His mother and sisters were all members of the Ross Auxiliary to the SUVCW, including his sister, Caroline Riddell, who went on to serve as National President in 1976, along with her husband Commander in Chief Clarence Riddell. Brother Moeckel was active for many years, traveling on many occasions to Department and National Encampments. However, ill health curtails his activities the past six years. His wife, Evelyn, joined the Auxiliary and was a member for 66 years before her death five years ago.

Members of the Ross Camp officiated at the

Funeral Service of the Sons at the viewing. Brother Moeckel was wearing his gold Past Camp Commander Badge, the last year gold badges were available. Included in the Funeral Service were his nephew Elmer (Bud) Atkinson, PCinC, and several great nephews, all members of Ross Camp, and niece Margaret Atkinson, PNP of the Auxiliary.



Michael Aromando, 10 and Lyman Baker, both of Syndey Camp 41 of Ithaca, NY, participate in Memorial Day ceremonies at Dewitt Park in Ithaca.



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GENERAL ORDER 2006-13

5 June 2006

1. Effective 05 June 2006, Captain Martin W. Lowery, Jr., SVR, Commander of Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery, is re-commissioned a Captain, SVR.

2. This Commission will expire on 04 June 2009 unless the same shall otherwise be lawfully determined void and annulled.

Brigadier General David V. Medert

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Attest:

Colonel Henry E. Shaw, Jr.,
Adjutant General
Sons of Veterans Reserve



A Long Time Coming for Heroes

By PDC John W. Bates
Dept. of Massachusetts

The rain was falling, a steady rain, but it did not detour anything. The return of six fallen sons of the Civil War from The Bay State to their final resting place was a long time coming. Ever since they had fallen in July of 1861, they had been longing to be home, and now, 145 years later they were finally brought to their rest. The Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War had participated in perhaps the most important event in their history. It was a spiritual event in the purest sense as we, their descendants were able to serve the men who had served this Nation in its great hour of

need. The sacrifice that they had given was far and above anything that we all these years later could ever do. We certainly could only do our duty for them and ponder in deep wonder what they accomplished in their efforts. Nevertheless, it was a Sacred Honor for us all. We did Honor them by being there, and somehow, they were there with us, beaming with National pride.

The Tenth of June 2006 will always be in our hearts as the day The Six Unknown members of The First Massachusetts Infantry Regiment were finally home. It had taken nine years since they were discovered in adjoining graves in Centerville, Virginia. They had been discovered

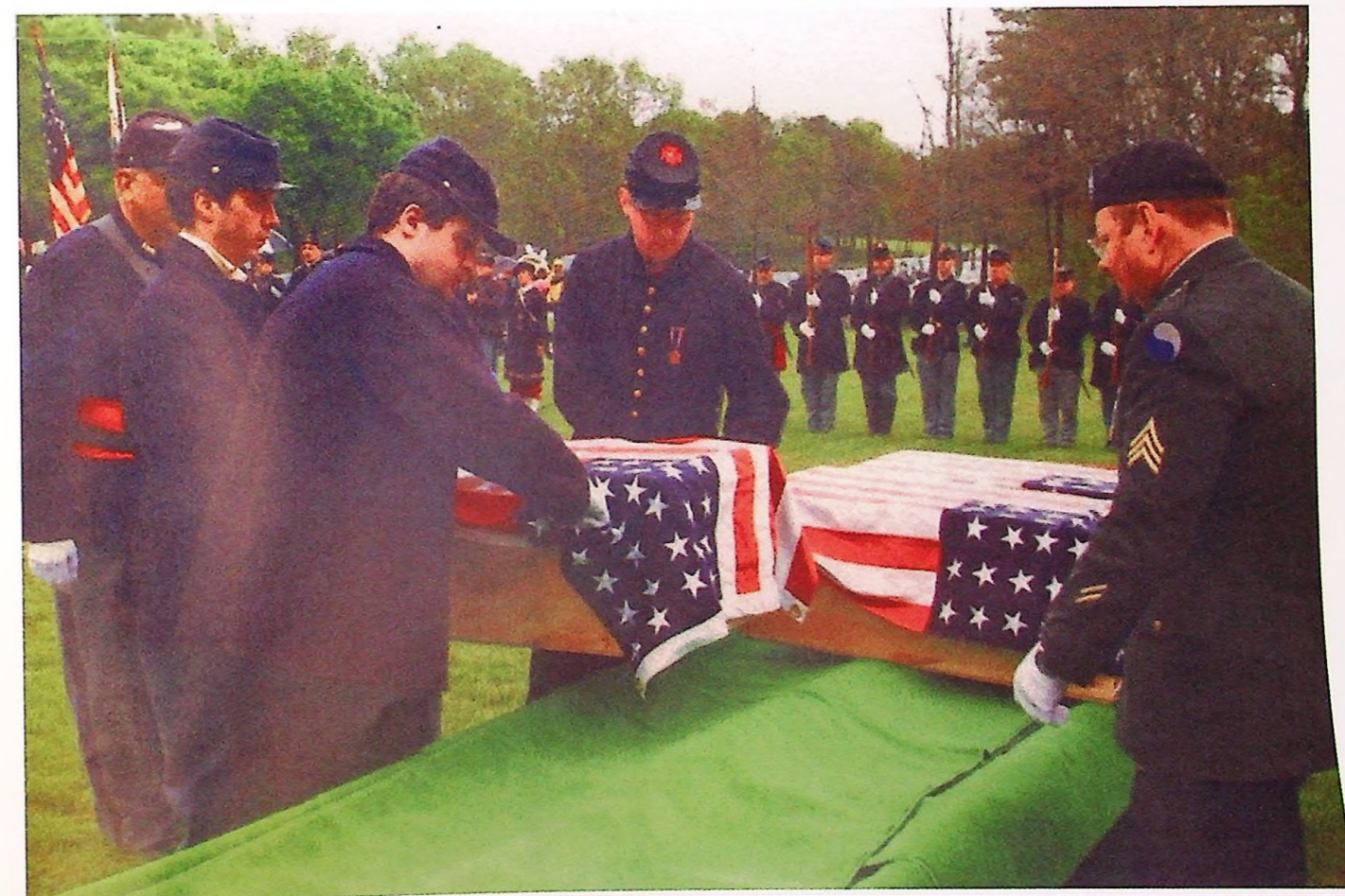


of the Bay State finally laid to rest

by a Relic Hunter who was smart enough and honest enough to realize what he had discovered. His name is Kevin Ambrose and he contacted Virginia State authorities, who put archaeologist Michael Johnson in charge of excavating the found gravesite. As they were searching, they discovered five other gravesites. Through a long painstaking process, the six individuals were identified as members of the First Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. A fine Southern gentleman by the name of Dalton Rector must be recognized as the driving force in to how these men were identified and brought to the attention of Department Officers in Massachusetts in the SUVCW. PDC William T. Ryerson was the initial contact, and

he worked on the project early in its start. PDC Ryerson then turned the project over to present Dept. Sec. Franklin Haley. Franklin took the project by storm and was the major catalyst in co-ordinating the project from our side and seeing it through to completion. His work on this project is exemplary of the type of work that The Sons of Union Veterans was established for. We salute all Brothers in our Department and elsewhere for their continued efforts.

The pictures that accompany this story bear out the real beauty and solemnity of this sacred and honored ceremony. God bless them!





The Delaney Delacy Guard, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Scranton, PA, participating with the National Park Service at the 150th anniversary of rail passenger service on the former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad in Tobyhanna, PA.

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