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KUDOS: to those who use a regular camera to photograph events and do NOT use a cell phone camera for submissions to the Banner.

On The Cover: Mulligan's Battery (Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery), SVR – firing a salute at the annual ceremonies in Petersburg, Illinois at the grave of the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dr. Benjamin Stephenson.



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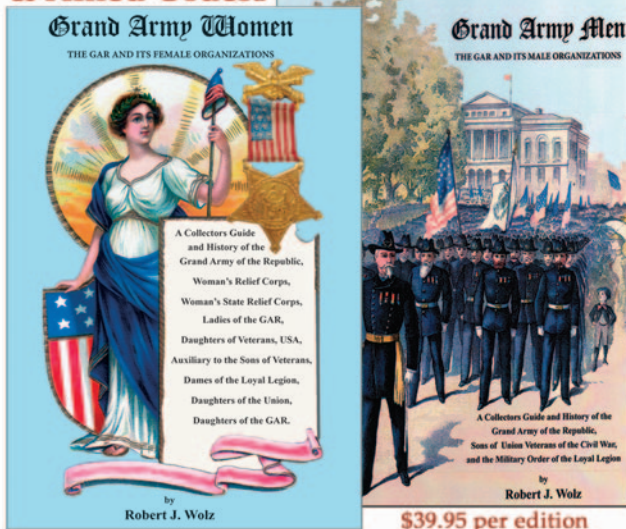
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Tad D. Campbell - National Patriotic Instructor

I was recently appointed to the position of National Patriotic Instructor to fill a vacancy. There was a need and I was available, so I accepted the challenge. It reminded me of a short story I read about two Union soldiers during the Battle of the Wilderness. In recognition of the 160th anniversary of that battle, here is an excerpt from *The Civil War in Song and Story*:

An Anecdote of the Wilderness.— In the battles of the Wilderness, the Twentieth Massachusetts regiment was in the thick of the fight, and one color-bearer after another was shot down almost as fast as the men could be replaced. But such was the eagerness to keep the flag aloft that at one time, two men,— Irishmen — caught hold of the standard at once, as it was about to fall, and struggled for it. Just then a shot struck the staff, cutting it in two, and leaving one man with the flag, and the other with the broken stick. “Bedad!” said the man with the sort end of the staff, “the rebels have decided for us this time!” and went to loading and firing again, as coolly as if nothing had happened. (Moore, 1865, p 203)

When the SUVCW needs you, are you like the two soldiers in this story? Are you fighting others for the opportunity to fill a need?

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In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
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FINAL MUSTER

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In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty
Chaplain Jerry

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

An Attitude of Gratitude is very important in everyone's life. For what were the Boys in Blue grateful?

- | | |
|---|---|
| A loving letter from home | A package from home filled with "food" |
| Fresh meat and vegetables | A campfire with songs and buddies |
| Clean water to drink | Reasonable and caring superiors |
| Good weather | Praying that the War comes to a swift end |
| Not getting wounded or killed | A good cigar or pipe |
| Not having to march a million miles today | Chocolate |

These are just some of the things that I imagine for which they would be grateful. How about you - anything you would add to the list? How about your personal list? Do you have an Attitude of Gratitude?

If you're grateful - just say AMEN.

Blessing and Peace,
Chaplain Jerry



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68th Annual Remembrance Day Parade Saturday November 16, 2024 Gettysburg, PA

*Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War A Parade briefing will be held on November 16th at 12:00 Noon at the Unity Park Monument on Lefever Street.
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(This notice provides a brief synopsis of the General Orders. Please consult the published General Orders for complete substantive information.)

GENERAL ORDER #10

The Order accepts the resignation of Brian McManus, PDC, as the National Patriotic Instructor and Chair of Memorial University, due to health reasons.

The Order also appoints Tad Campbell, PCinC as the National Patriotic Instructor and Chair of Memorial University, effective February 14, 2024.

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING**

March 1, 2024
ZOOM Meeting

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

I. The National Encampment Site Committee discussed the forthcoming National Encampments. The next two Encampments in 2024 and 2025 are all set. Respectively they will be in Lexington Kentucky and Houston Texas. The Department of New York was looking at hosting the 2026 National Encampment but were unable to present a reasonably priced package. He also talked about the rising costs of holding a National Encampment and the lack of reasonably priced facilities capable of hosting us. The CofA discussed various options to have the National Organization take a more active role in selecting locations.

II. The Policy and Procedures Committee presented a deposit policy agreement for institutions who provide storage of Department and Camp archives and also a National policy for vendors at the National Encampment. After discussion the items were returned to the committee for some minor alterations with a vote to be taken within a few weeks once the revisions have been made.

III. The status on General Order 2 was presented, six Departments who have voted for acceptance and four against.

IV. The bankruptcy of Drupal was discussed. CinC Hritsko will form a CinC Committee to deal with the Drupal bankruptcy and ensure our interests are protected. Motion and second to have \$1000 available to secure a retainer for an attorney, if needed, motion passed.

Daniel Murray
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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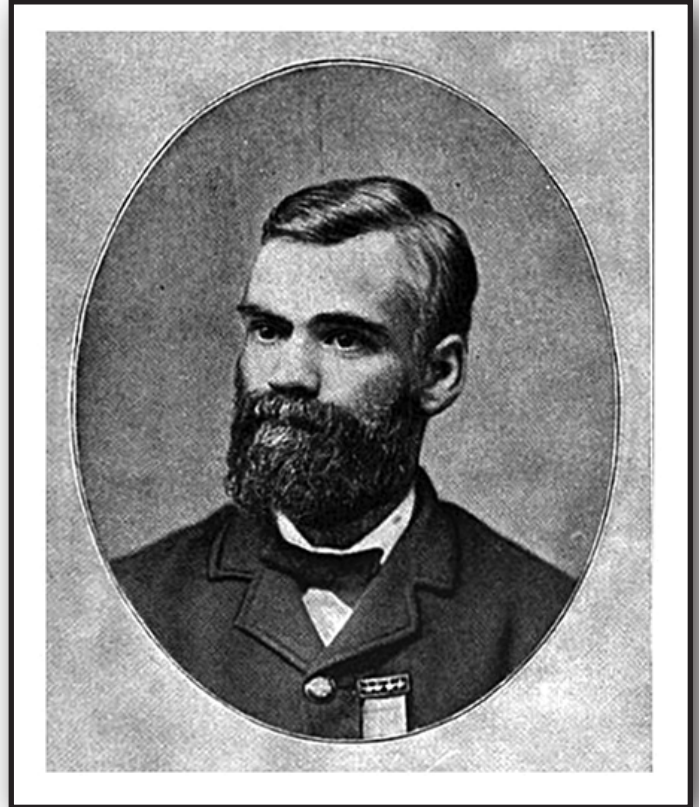
The book, **The History of the Grand Army of the Republic** by Robert Burns Beath, 1888, may now be accessed through our National Web Site. Go to “Who We Are” and click on the Grand Army of the Republic.

Its author was the 12th Commander in Chief of the GAR 1883-1884. He served in Company G, 23rd Pennsylvania Infantry, Company D, 88th Pennsylvania Infantry, and Commanded Company A, 6th United States Colored Infantry.

Beath was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run and New Market Height which resulted in the amputation off his right leg. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he mustered out on September 20, 1865.

This work provides an early written history of the GAR and was commissioned and recognized by the GAR. In describing the book PCinC Darby stated, “It lays out the ‘why they did things’ and some of the humor of some of the Commanders in Chief. For instance, one CinC responded to the ‘Peace Movement’ by saying ‘Peace is so important its worth fighting for.’”

Note that the Charitable Foundation sells CD’s of the book as well. <https://suvcw-cf.org/product-category/books-cds/>



VICKSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIAL RECOVERY UPDATE - 3/19/2024

Last week the US Army Corps of Engineers marked the construction limits for 90% construction drawings on the Vicksburg National Cemetery Stabilization project. The latest boundary points will NOT affect any additional burials beyond the approximately eight more that need to be excavated by the contractor. This will put VICK at just under 110 burials recovered since 2020. Weather permitting, the contractor estimates that all remaining burial recoveries from the field should be complete by the start of April 2024.

So thanks to a lot of effort and teamwork, the end is in sight! We’ll be in touch in the upcoming weeks with a more in-depth update. Just wanted to share the good news!



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**2024 National Encampment
 SVR Breakfast Registration Form
 Saturday 3 August 2024**

Name _____
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 SVR Unit or Camp _____

Number of seats required _____ X \$25.00 per person.
 (If more than one seat is requested, list additional attendees on the bottom of the form)

Amount enclosed _____

Reservations and Payment **MUST** be received by **10 JULY 2024**

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12:00 - Coach Loads and heads to Camp Nelson. Includes a talk by the Ranger about the history of the camp. It will be a tight schedule to not run over time on the coach but it should be a good time.

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Vendor And Display Table Order Form**

There are a limited number of tables available. They are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

All tables are standard 8 foot tables. The \$30.00 fee per table covers the duration of the Encampment. Vendor Tables will be in a secured room. **Setup** may begin at **NOON** on July 31, 2024.

Reservation Deadline:

Reservations and payment must be received before July 7, 2024. Reservations will be confirmed via Email.

Please Note: Vendors must have their goods packed up and removed from the Vendor area by 5:00 pm on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Mail this form and check to:

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COLORADO / WYOMING

Presidents Day 2024, saw the Legion of the West Camp 7, present to LaRee Rath, owner of Snyder Grand Valley Memorials, Inc. with the Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award, “in grateful appreciation for outstanding service to the Order and for preserving the memory of Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865.”



LaRee helped Camp 7 immensely in designing, engraving, and placing the monument to Capt. Richard D. Mobley, Co. D, 17th KS Inf., which was dedicated this past October, and now assists us in a similar capacity with a headstone that will soon be placed at the graves of three previously unknown, now identified, Union veterans. She has and continues to dedicate her time, efforts, and supplies to ensure the perpetuation of the memory of the Union soldiers in Grand Junction & Mesa County, which we endlessly appreciate and are extremely grateful.



For three days, members of Captain Lot Smith Camp 1 in Utah participated in a national recruiting effort at the international Roots Tech 2024 family history conference at the Salt Palace Convention Center in downtown Salt Lake City, the largest conference of its kind.

Camp and Department members staffed the booth and provided all the artifacts used in the booth display, logging 94.5 booth hours, answering questions and dispensing information. Nearly 300 promotional pamphlets along with about 100 contact business cards were distributed, and almost 60 sign-ups from around the country requested follow-up.

CONNECTICUT

The Department of Connecticut conducted its Memorial Service in the Connecticut plot in the Soldiers Cemetery in Gettysburg on November 18 as part of the annual Remembrance weekend. Attendees included brothers of the Alden Skinner Camp #45 and Company A of the 14th Connecticut Reenactment Regiment.



FLORIDA

Brothers of the Department of Florida attended the Lake Alfred Historical Festival. Dept Commander Tim Campaign opened the ceremony and SVR Co H served as the Color Guard. Commander Campaign read the “Emancipation Proclamation” to end the opening ceremony.



Brothers of the General Thomas J. McKean Camp #3 and Lucius L. Mitchell Camp #4 set up period displays and answered questions from patrons that attended.

On February 17th the Department of Florida held its annual Encampment in Sarasota. A feature of the Encampment was a visit to the Sarasota National

Cemetery where Harmon Company, SVR, conducted a ceremony to honor the veterans whose resting place is the SNC. The ceremony, held at the amphitheater, included rifle and cannon salutes and the playing of taps. After the ceremony the attendees retired to the nearby venue where the business of the Encampment was conducted in good order.



ILLINOIS



On the 10th of February, the Pvt Henry M Hardenbergh Camp No. 39, was invited to participate in the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Lincoln Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is an annual event put on by the Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a pinnacle event in their Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen awards weekend. The Illinois VFW and its Auxiliary host 17 High School students and 3 Jr. High students who are competing for a trip to Washington D.C. for the National Awards Ceremony and ultimately a chance to win a \$35,000 scholarship.



On that Saturday the students are given a tour of the historical sites in IL, with the pilgrimage to Lincoln's tomb being the last stop, where there is a brief ceremony. A eulogy is read and the National representatives from the VFW and Auxiliary along with the State Commander and State President place a wreath on President Lincoln's tomb.

INDIANA

On February 11, 2024, members of the 27th Indiana SVR, including brothers from four separate Camps, presented the Colors for the 100th annual Lincoln Day event at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial near Santa Claus, Indiana.



Afterwards was the traditional Pilgrimage to the grave of Abe's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln to honor her. Ceremonies to honor President Abraham Lincoln and his mother have been a long-standing tradition at this location. The early ceremonies were reunions of GAR members and later in 1924, the Boonville, Indiana Press Club began sponsoring the events. In 1944 the ceremony was moved to the National Boyhood Memorial and has been the tradition ever since.



A Last Union Veteran ceremony was held for George W. Winlock at the Locust Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, September 23rd, 2023. George was a Corporal in Co. C, 115th U.S. Colored Infantry. He was the last surviving member of the Wagner GAR Post #581 in Evansville. The John W. Foster Camp #2 hosted the event along with members of the 27th Indiana SVR.

IOWA

Camp Commander Mike Rowley, Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 and Camp JVC Randy Lyon of Robert Mitchell Camp #206 presented high school sophomore Dakota Davis of Nevada, Iowa the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship award and the SUVCW Certificate of Commendation for his efforts to develop, organize and implement a program that provided 400 gift baskets to veterans at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa.



On December 16th, 2023 Robert Mitchell Camp #206 took part in their second Wreaths Across America Day at Linwood Cemetery in Dubuque, Iowa



MASSACHUSETTS

The Department of Massachusetts held its 24th Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Brunch on Sunday, February 11th, at Harrington's Pub. This event celebrates the life of our 16th President and honors his many accomplishments in preserving our Union and putting an end to the scourge of slavery in the United States.

Author and featured speaker, Dr. John D. Warner, Jr., conducted a presentation on the other little-known Black Massachusetts regiment, the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry, the only African-American cavalry unit formed during the Civil War.

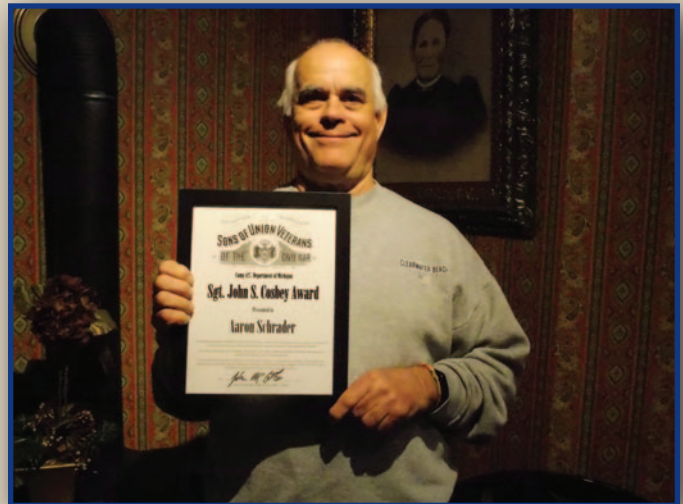
Also attending were members of the Department of New England Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Society Daughters of the Union,

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and Civil War Round Tables of Massachusetts.



MICHIGAN

Sergeant John Cosbey Camp No. 427 of Dearborn was proud to award Aaron Schrader the "Sgt. John S. Cosbey Award" at our Christmas dinner, December, 2023.



Brother Schrader is the first recipient of this award which reflects his commitment and contributions to our Camp. Over an extended period of time, since he joined our camp in March of 1998, he proactively has contacted ill members and demonstrated a genuine concern for both them and their families. Brother Schrader is one of the most dependable members at all of our events, showing up and willing to do whatever he can to make the event as good as it can be and always with a good attitude.

NEBRASKA

On October 22, 2023, brothers of the Department of Nebraska and sisters of the DUVCW attended the ceremonies hosted by the Nebraska Sons of the American Revolution, who held a grave marking ceremony for one of its founding members and 2nd Nebraska SAR President, Thomas Alfred Creigh. He was also a veteran of the Civil War, Company C, 126th PA Infantry, and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha.



NEW YORK

Pictured at his request is Brother Jim Russell, PDC and a 42-year member. He lives in Oak Hill Manor (a long term care facility) in Ithaca. The photo is of him at the July 4th parade in Candor.



NORTH CAROLINA

Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 conducted a G.A.R. Headstone Dedication Service for Union Civil War veteran Captain Rensselaer Hammond on October 14th, 2023, at Elmwood Cemetery, Henderson, NC. Also in attendance were members of the Vance County Historical Society who contributed remarks about Captain Hammond and his story. They also had located Captain Hammond's grave site and arranged for the City of Henderson to install the VA headstone.

During the war, Captain Hammond served with the 143rd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and took part in Sherman's March to the sea and the Carolinas Campaign including seeing action at the Battle of Bentonville. In the 1880's he was a member of a G.A.R. Post in Leavenworth, Kansas.



Captain Hammond died in Henderson, NC in 1903 after coming to town to sell general goods as a traveling salesman. Far from his family in New York, the town's Confederate veterans placed Captain Hammond in a grave near the cemetery's Confederate plot, served as his pallbearers and conducted the burial service. Although his grave was marked with a US flag each Memorial Day, a headstone was never placed on his grave.

Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, of Cary, NC was asked to represent Colonel Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp No. 124, Department of New York, and conduct the Headstone Dedication Service in their place for Captain Hammond.

SOUTHWEST

Avery Frantz of General U.S. Grant Camp #3 participated as the National Flag Bearer for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 at the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade and during the wreath placing at the Albert Woolson memorial.



TENNESSEE

The Missionary Ridge Camp #63 conducted a replacement ceremony for the dilapidated headstone of Civil War veteran David D. Harris, a member of Company F, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry USA, and a survivor of the infamous Sultana steamboat explosion. The event

took place at Birchwood Church of God Cemetery in Hamilton County, Tennessee.



\$1,000. The speaker was longtime Lincoln presenter Nic Bur, who received a certificate of appreciation from PCinC Steve Michaels. Bur / Lincoln again will be part of our Memorial Day ceremony.



WISCONSIN



C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, of Milwaukee, and Auxiliary 4 teamed up again to hold the 54th annual Patriotic Luncheon on Feb. 3. Nearly 100 from several historical groups attended the event, which raised nearly

William Colvill Camp #56 achievements in 2023: Our membership grew, and in December we initiated three new members and approved the application forms for an additional two. In addition, 1) We conducted 23 Last Union Veteran ceremonies; 2) We have now completed the research work in finding all the Union veterans and identified the last soldier in over 50% of the 87 counties in Minnesota; 3) We loaded 10,265 Union Veterans who are buried into the database; 4) We have received 28 headstones from the V.A. for Civil War veterans who don't have a headstone, or need replacements and are in the process of filling out the forms for 190 more AND have identified the need for over 2,000 more across the state of Minnesota!

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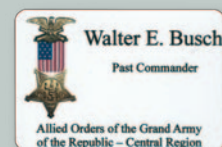
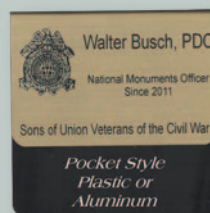
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OUR HERITAGE

BY GARY GIBSON, PDC - NATIONAL HISTORIAN

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY – ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order No. 11. This would be the impetus of the holiday that we inherited from our Grand Army fathers. We, as Sons of Union Veterans, are obligated to observe the day, set aside by the G.A.R., as Memorial Day. It is part of the oath we took when we joined our fraternal brotherhood.

We should remember that in those early days, observances would be held in communities across the country. Cities, villages and small cross-roads came together on May 30th and remembered. Even the smallest villages, perhaps of only 1,000 citizens, would set aside the day. They may not have had a G.A.R. Post in the town, but the former soldiers and citizens would observe it. Most everyone knew someone who served in the Union Army or Navy. Most everyone knew a soldier or sailor who gave their life upon the altar of freedom. There may have only been 5 or 6, maybe 10 graves to be decorated in the local cemetery, but they gathered to lovingly place floral tributes upon each grave. Perhaps a neighbor had died of disease, or the effects of a wound that did not heal. By 1868, thousands of veterans had died at home due to wounds. Their graves were decorated.

As the years passed, more and more veterans succumbed to the ravages of time, or the war upon their bodies and minds. More and more flowers were required to decorate the ever increasing number. By 1900, every town in the country was decorating hundreds of graves. They remembered the sacrifices made by the boys in blue. They were as fresh in their minds as they were in 1868.

After the passing of the last of the veterans, it was left to us, the sons of noble sires, to take over and be sure that the memories of our ancestors' service and sacrifice was never forgotten.

You would do well to remember this as we observe the "holyday" of the Grand Army of the Republic.





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