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READY TO SERVE AND HONOR



WI Governor Scott Walker addresses over 560 people at the ceremony conducted by C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 (WI). Sr. Elise Oman, Chaplain Dean Collins and PDP Anne Michaels look on. Photo by Don Lesar.



Abraham Lincoln GAR Post 1 Camp 1863 (CH) held a service at the Winchester Nat. Cemetery in Virginia. Shown are CC James Barker, Chaplain Dave Startiper, and JVC Al Murr.



At Marietta National Cemetery, GA: Top: Alex & John Wright (104th IL Inf.), GA/SC DC Ted Golab, Joe Walsh (3rd TN US), Brs. Ray Wozniak, Shane Pinson, PDC Eric Peterson, Br. Ted Hackney Bottom: Bob McClain (104th IL), daughter of Warren Haire, Warren Haire (3rd TN US), James McWhorter (3rd TN. US), Brs. Bradley Quinlin and Rich Morrison



Geo. A. Custer Camp 17 (NJ) conducted rites at the 29th NJ Regt. monument in Middletown's Fairview Cemetery. Shown are PDC Clark D. McCullough and PI Robert C. Meyer.



W. W. Brown Camp 1 & Thos. M. Carr Aux. 7 (NH) gathered at Manchester's Pine Grove Cemetery. Shown are PDC Dan Murray, JVC and Chap. Richard Moody, PDP Linda Murray, SVC James Sutherland, Sec. Tom Kiander, and Treas. Howard Leonard.



Anna M. Ross Camp 1 & Aux. 1, and Co. C, 28th PA Vol. Inf. performed the GAR ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia for the 123rd consecutive time.



Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 (TX) observed at the GAR Monument in Fort Worth's Historic Oakwood Cemetery. A three cannon battery salute was fired and the ceremony ended with a military fly-over. Shown: CJVC Jack Blair, CC Hal Hughes, CSVC Gene Willis, Chap. Dr. Paul Kendall



Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 (MI) was active in the City of Birmingham's service. A wreath was placed at the Oakland Cty. Civil War monument. Shown: Brs. Jim Fox, Gary Grout and Jim Harris.



Buckhannon Camp 49 (WV) dedicated a new headstone for Bvt. Gen. George R. Latham at Heavenr Cemetery. Shown is CC Matthew P. Gillespie.



MG Thomas H. Ruger Camp 1 (NC) observed Memorial Day at Wilmington Nat. Cemetery Shown are PCC Dick Bishop, CC Dennis St. Andrew, DC Dr. Jerry Devine, and PCC Wendall Small.

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KUDOS IN ORDER

KANSAS DEPT. HONORS PDC SPEAKS

DC James R. Knopke accepted the Gold Lincoln Fellow Award on behalf of his Dept. from CinC Schall during the Kansas Dept. Encampment, held April 30th. The Department's brothers collected over \$1000 and contributed this to the Charitable Foundation's Abraham Lincoln Endowment Fund in memory of PDC Dean K. Speaks. The Fund was established in March 2007 to maintain a continuing program for obtaining and distributing funds to support the Foundation's mission.



MISSOURI JUNIOR PITCHES

U.S. Grant Camp 68 Junior John Palmer threw out the first pitch at the Cardinals/Phillies game in St. Louis on May 16th. The game was televised on ESPN.



On the Cover: PDC Lee Stone and Br. Robert Heath prepare to act as the CinC's color guard during the Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Photo by PDC Steve Hammond.



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GENERAL ORDER NO. 13

Death of Real Daughter Anna Lee Smith Dobbs

Brothers, it is with deepest sympathy that I report another one of our nation's treasured children of a Federal Civil War Soldier has passed.

Anna Lee Smith Dobbs, Soddy-Daisy, TN, who was the daughter of William Smith, 4th KY Cavalry who served his county with honor and dignity.

Anna Lee Smith Dobbs was a member of Tent 2, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, TN DUVCW. She passed away March 17, 2011, at the age of 94.

All charters, the National Web site, and membership badges will be draped in black from March 17, 2011 until April 17, 2011.

Ordered this 22nd Day of March, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14

On April 12, 1861 Major Robert Anderson and his garrison of 87 gallant Federal officers and enlisted men defended the honor of the United States and its constitution at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. To most historians this was the opening of the American Civil War.

The dastardly deeds of General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard under the direction of the Governor of South Carolina and their 3,000 soldiers fired upon our Federal Soldiers and our beloved flag. The war started.

I direct all camps to discuss the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and the actions at Fort Sumter at their next camp meeting.

Ordered this 12th day of April, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 15

Department of Nebraska

(1) During the annual Nebraska Dept. Encampment, the Dept. accepted, at the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief, the honor and responsibility of adding the state of South Dakota to its Dept. boundaries.

(2) The Department name shall remain the Department of Nebraska.

(3) The Department may change its name by a majority vote after one year.

The Commander-in-Chief expresses his appreciation of the unanimous vote of the Department of Nebraska.

Ordered this 13th Day of April, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 16

QUESTION: From the Department of Oklahoma there comes two issues:

1. Can a sitting Camp Commander who has not yet completed his first term of office run for the office of Department Commander ?

2. Can a Brother simultaneously hold the office of Department Commander and Camp Commander or must he vacate the office of Camp Commander if elected to the office of Department Commander ?

The Commander-in-Chief concurs with National Counselor Donald Darby, PCinC opinion number 7.

Opinion 7: Nat. Regulations Chap. II (Departments), Art. IV, Sec. 2 (Page 27 of the C&R annotated) states that a brother cannot serve as a Dept. Commander unless he has served as a Camp Commander. I believe that the key to this sentence is SERVED in the past tense, thus the Brother has obtained the rank of PAST Camp Commander.

Gen. Regulations Chap. V, Art. III (Badges and Decorations), Section L (page 56 of C&R annotated) states that a Brother who have served a full term as Camp Commander or who been elected to fill an unexpired term and who has served until the end of that term are authorized to wear the Past Camp Commander Badge and use the suffix P.C.C. in conjunction with their name.

Furthermore, under National Organization Chapter III Article IV Section 2 Footnote 29 (Page 35 C&R annotated), CinC Hammer made the following ruling: "When a brother is elected to the office of Dept. Commander, but it is discovered that he never served as a Camp Commander, the election is void and the office must be declared vacant. If a brother is elected to the Office of JVCinC, but it is discovered that his election to the office of Dept. Commander was void, as he never held the office of Camp Commander, the election is void and the office is declared vacant. Dec 1, CinC Hammer, 110th, 12 confirmed by Nat. Encampment 110th, 51.

Given the aforementioned sections of the C&R (annotated) I believe that the Commander-in-Chief must rule that the term served indicates that the Brother must be eligible for the honor of Past Camp Commander (P.C.C.) having served either a full term or fill an unexpired term and who have served until the end of that term before he can run for or obtain the office of Dept. Commander.

The Commander-in-Chief rules that when a Dept. Commander is elected he must hold the honors of Past Camp Commander.

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CIN SCHALL'S TRAVELS



CinC Schall is escorted into the MI Dept. Encampment on May 21st in Lansing. DSVIC Dave Arnold is next to the CinC.



CinC Schall addresses the NY Dept. Encampment on May 14th



At the 129th Dept of ME Encampment on April 23rd (left to right): SVC Steve Morgan, JVC Ben Morgan, PI James Brown, Counselor Eric Boothroyd, DC Larry Williams, CinC Schall, Chap. Chas McGillicuddy, PDC Morris Berry, Sec. Treas. David Gowen and Delegate Wayne Bennett.



The 2011-2012 NE Dept. officers: SVC Michael Ponte, JVC Nate Raabe, JVC Bill Dean, Chaplain Marc Witkvoski, DC Phillip Rudebusch, Council Members Norm Weber and Mark Nichols, PI Jerry Lippincott; Sec/Treas. PDC Merle Rudebusch. Seated is CinC Brad Schall.



CinC Schall places a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.



CinC Schall addresses the Department of Texas Encampment, held June 4th in McKinney.



DR. STEPHENSON CEREMONY

Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL
April 16, 2011

The annual Memorial Ceremony, honoring GAR Founder Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson, was conducted by the Illinois Dept. The Rockford Zouaves posted the colors and PDC Steve Westlake made some introductory remarks. CC David Dillinger then served as MC, introducing guest speakers: Petersburg mayor John Stiltz, DC Terry Dyer, and the Menard Cty. Hist. Society's Randy Robbins. Nat. Chap. Kowalski provided spiritual guidance. Salutes were fired by both VFW Post 6871 and Mulligan's Battery, SVR. The National Anthem, This is My Song, and The Battle Hymn of the Republic were sung by the Menard County Singers.



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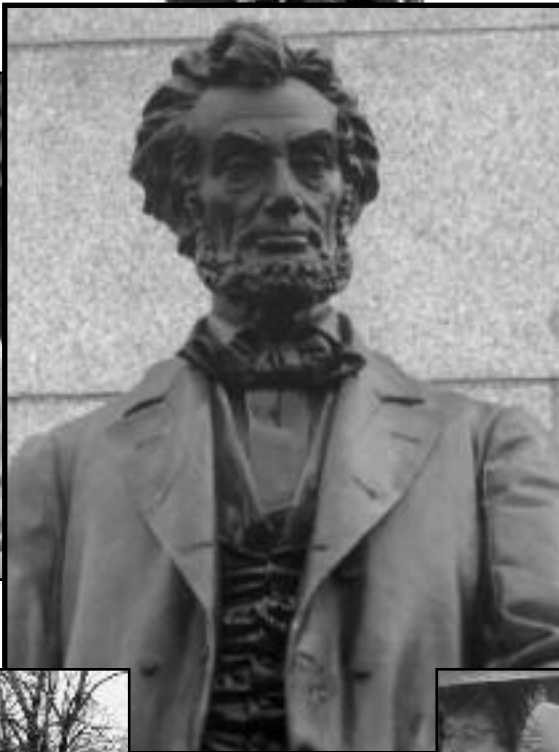
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HONOR THEIR MEMORY

THE LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL
Saturday April 16, 2011

The 55th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony was conducted under the auspices of the SUVCW and MOLLUS with participation by many other patriotic, veteran and historical organizations. The 4th MD SVR directed the military processional after which the Rockford Zouaves posted the colors. Speakers included MOLLUS Registrar-in-Chief Adam P. Flint, MOLLUS CinC Keith Harrison and SUVCW CinC Brad Shall. Nat. Chap. Jerome Kowalski provided spiritual guidance and the 33rd IL Volunteer Reg. Band played three musical interludes and Taps. Lunch followed at the Pres. Abraham Lincoln Hotel.





**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 16, 2011 — SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The meeting was opened by CinC Brad Schall at 4:50 PM. JVCinC Perley Mellor offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. CinC Schall thanked everyone for attending and made opening comments, including thanking Nat. Officers for covering Dept. Encampments that he was unable to attend. The roll of officers was called; the following were recorded as present:

CinC D. Brad Schall, SVCinC Donald D. Palmer Jr., JVCinC Perley Mellor, Nat. Sec. Eugene G. Mortorff, Nat. Treas. Richard D. Orr, Nat. QM Danny L. Wheeler, Council Members Robert Petrovic, Ken L. Freshley, Tad D. Campbell, William C. Vieira, Alan L. Russ, Immediate PCinC Leo F. Kennedy, Banner Editor PCinC Stephen Michaels, Exec Dir. David Demmy Sr. Additional PCinCs present included: PCinC James B. Pahl, PCinC Keith Harrison, PCinC Ed Krieser, SVR Commander PCinC Robert E. Grim, and

PCinC Charles Kuhn. Guests included: Asst. Treas. Max L. Newman and Mr. Mark Thompson - M&T Pub.

Outstanding Proceedings. Distribution is: Two copies to the Chairman of the House Judiciary Comm., one to the SUVCW CinC.

Status: 2009 and 2010 are finished; 2001-2003 and 2003-2004 will be submitted in abbreviated fashion with the following information: Date, Place and Officers elected. Missing are 1983 (Schlenker), 1986 (Roberts), 1990 (Corfman), 1993 (Atkinson), 1999 (Johnson), 2002 (Powell). Brs. Freshley and Mortorff will prepare abbreviated versions and complete by Reston, VA CofA meeting.

Las Vegas Calendar. Br. Campbell moved to disapprove, JVCinC Mellor seconded. Discussion focused mostly on poor quality. License proposals were turned down in the past if quality reflects poorly on the Nat. organization. Motion passed unanimously.

General Budget. PCinC Orr briefed: The IRS Form 990 has been filed. The Vanguard resolution was resolved. The insurance on Nat. Headquarters needs to be renewed or we need to take out a new policy. It will be possible with the new policy to extend coverage to the Camp level if they agree to pay a premium.

Sexual Harassment Policy. PCinC Orr recommended a policy be adopted. CinC referred to the Program and Policy Comm. for development and presentation at the CofA meeting in Reston, VA.

CinC Schall recessed the meeting at 5:30 PM.

CinC Schall Re-opened the meeting a 7:50 PM.

Commemorative Book Proposal. Visitor Mr. Mark Thompson, President of M&T publishing spoke on publishing the SUVCW's History or any subject desired. The book could include biographies and retail for \$49.95. A committee would work with the publisher in developing this book. No minimum number of books would be required to be sold and the SUVCW wouldn't have any financial commitment. A recommendation was made that if anyone is willing to work on this program, they volunteer to the CinC.

SUVCW Nat. Charter. Questions often asked are "Where is the SUVCW Nat. Charter, and why isn't it displayed at our Nat. Encampment." A special presentation was made to the CinC of a Nat. Organizational Charter by Br. Petrovic.

Nat. Treasurer's Report:

- QM Sales tax - we must get a temporary vendors license for the Reston National Encampment.

- QM Sales for the GAR SES coins are going well, and have reordered. Next year's image will be the WRC Badge on one side and founder Stephenson on the other side. Various changes to be made on each (six different coins) over the sesquicentennial years.

- 20 cents are made on ROTC medals after tax, a wash financially, but on the 990, listing as a program cost appears differently to IRS.

- Policy on bounced checks – an increase was noted and each is a \$30 bank charge. Should this fee be charged to the Dept., Camp, or Individual? PCinC Orr moved, Br. Russ seconded to impose a \$30 fee on a Brother, Camp or Dept. whose check is returned for any reason. Payment failure will remove the Brother, Camp or Dept. from "good standing" and all that implies. Original Motion was changed to impose a fee "equal to." Motion and second withdrawn. CinC referred this to the C&R Comm. for consideration and recommendation at the Reston Nat. Encampment.

- Paypal sales and non-payment issues were discussed. Does this situation result in a "not in good standing" by the member? This issue was referred to the C&R Comm. for recommendation at the Reston Nat. Encampment.

Fundraising Outline (email) - was introduced by Br Orr. Discussion followed about other methods of raising funds from donors. CinC referred to the Long Term Financial Strategy Committee.

Blue Book version of C&R. Numerous typographical and transcription errors were noted. We need to make sure the language from the old C&R matches the new one. PCinCs Pahl, Orr and Darby will research, review and address.

Transfer of Funds. Based on the Auditor's report, over the last few years, funds have not been transferred between accounts that are needed to sufficiently fund certain accounts. This is because of paying items out of the general checking account, then not moving money from the affected accounts. PCinC Kennedy moved, JVCinC Mellor seconded, that the following inter-fund transfers be made to correct this situation. Motion passed unanimously:

1. General Fund to Permanent Fund	\$30,188.28
2. SVCinC Fund to General Fund	\$20,388.28
3. Civil War Mon. Fund to General Fund	\$12,934.76
4. General Fund to Civil War Heritage Fund	\$244.33

Contracts. PCinC Orr moved, JVCinC Mellor seconded to adopt a policy that all executed contracts must go to the CinC, Exec. Dir., Nat. Sec., Nat. Treas., Nat. Counselor, and other officer or comm. chair involved with that contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Federal tax exempt status. The Nat. Treas. provided a listing of all Camps losing their exempt status due to not filing the IRS Form 990. The questions arose (and discussed): Should the CinC place these Camps in suspension until they have met Federal reporting standards? Also, are members and the Camp to be considered not in good standing? The CinC will issue a General Order concerning these Camps, instructing them what to do.

Insurance Coverage. The SUVCW will not renew with our insurance company. A new policy application with Philadelphia Insurance Companies was signed by the CinC at the meeting.

This company will provide an opportunity for Camps and Departments to also get insurance, on an event by event basis by applying for a separate fee. The new policy does not cover individual Nat. events, so insurance is needed for Remembrance Day, any Nat. Encampments and Lincoln Tomb Event.

Graves Database contract. Webmaster Freshley was concerned that the contract did not indicate “work in conjunction” with the current webmaster. Otherwise, he agrees and recommends it. He also recommended as item 16, consult with the Nat. webmaster and item 8 be amended that notification be made to the Nat. webmaster. A recommendation to add item 16 that the contractor consult with the Nat. Webmaster in the execution of this contract. Also, add to item 15 - Contractor will provide EIN number to the Nat. Treas. and spell out that database and all intellectual rights are property of the SUVCW. A re-worded contract is to be sent to the Nat. Counselor for review and mark-up, then redirect the contract to the contractor (Br. Frail) for rewrite and resubmission.

License Plate Request.. Re-submitted by Kennesaw Mtn. Camp 4. This was originally received, considered and not approved at the Overland Park CofA meeting because the plate's graphics were not of sufficient quality. After review and inspection of the submitted plate, PCinC Kennedy moved, JVCinC Mellor seconded to disapprove the request for same reason. Motion passed unanimously.

Library of Congress Correspondence. The Nat. webmaster reported the SUVCW website's selection for inclusion in the historic collection of Internet materials related to the American Civil War Sesquicentennial. Permission was requested to collect our website and add it to the Library's research collections. Br. Freshley made a motion that the SUVCW approve the request from the Library of Congress, seconded by JVCinC Mellor. Motion passed unanimously.

Council of Admin. Email Lists.. The primary concern was why we have to have two separate lists for non-voting and voting members. It shouldn't make any difference, and tends to keep the non-voting members out of the loop when discussing motions and other issues. The CinC directed the Nat. webmaster to create a single CofA Officers list and that it be used in the future.

Gold Star Award Recommendation. A letter from the Dept. of Iowa was received. A Gold Star Award will not be presented, but the member will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Hermosa Cemetery. PCinC Orr made the presentation. This cemetery and monument has been discussed in a previous CofA meeting. After discussions with the organization, the SUVCW will reserve its right to the monument, including two cannon tubes, but give up rights to the land. PCinC Orr moved, Br. Russ seconded to authorize the CinC to execute the quit claim deed to the GAR Society Plot with a restriction on disposal of the GAR Monument. Motion passed unanimously.

Sesquicentennial Signature Event. Motion to approve Meade Camp 5 (MD)'s SES for the Defense of Washington was made by PCinC Kuhn and seconded by Br. Russ. Motion passed unanimously.

Sesquicentennial Signature Events. CinC Schall will look into the proper disposal of the original paperwork. Other issues:

- SES Medals can be bought by anyone - you don't have to attend an event. However, to buy in bulk rate, you must have a signature event. PCinC Wheeler explained how the medal program works as a fundraiser for the Department and Camps.
- Can units only allow uniformed members to participate in

an event (parade)? This problem needs to be dealt with locally.

- Should a Memorial service be allowed to be a SES Signature Event? No formal changes will be made to the directions. It will be up to the CofA SES Sub-comm. to make their recommendations and the COA to approve or disapprove by vote.

CW Memorial/Monuments Funds revised Application Form. Motion to approve was made by Br. Petrovic, seconded by PCinC Wheeler. One point of discussion was where to send funds if granted; there was no place on the form for an address. (This will be corrected). Motion passed unanimously.

The Banner. The Banner's full page of SUVCW & Allied Orders activities was discussed. PCinC Kennedy moved, LVCinC Mellor seconded, to allow the Banner editor to manage the Banner. The CinC referred this issue to committee - no vote taken.

Deadlines for issuing Banner advertising for certain events was discussed. The primary complaint is that The Banner is published two (2) months later than they used to be and don't match national events. PCinC Michaels will research and make a recommendation.

QM Store Postage Increase. PCinC Wheeler discussed the impact and proposed a postage increase from \$3 to \$5 to cover tracking costs. This will reduce complaints of mailing materials in a timely fashion. Nat. QM has authority to raise postage rates as necessary.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. Br. Petrovic discussed funding. He and others suggested we not make a donation to the Tomb right now because it will go right to the state with no guarantee any of it will support the Tomb. There is a new “foundation” for the tomb that keeps the money at the tomb. A lifetime membership is \$500. Br. Petrovic moved, PCinC Orr seconded that the Order donate \$500 from the GAR fund to purchase an SUVCW lifetime membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Br. Petrovic made an announcement that the SUVCW Foundation now has SUVCW grave markers available for sale at \$20.

Remembrance Day. PCinC Kuhn reviewed the event and meeting the Borough of Gettysburg's new fee structure for sponsoring the annual SUVCW parade there. The fee for this activity in the Borough can be as high as 130% of city costs. PCinC Kuhn wants a “drop dead” date from the CofA that he can use with the Gettysburg merchants for them to come up with \$1000 showing their commitment to cover the cost of the Borough fees. PCinC Orr moved, Br. Petrovic seconded that if we don't have a legally binding agreement with Gettysburg merchants to cover all parade costs and become applicants of the permit by 1 July 2011, we do not have the parade in the Borough. Motion passed unanimously.

Sponsoring Boy Scout Units. PCinC Kuhn asked for guidance, or an opinion, on Camps/Departments sponsoring units. No one present knew of any reason why they can't.

Memorial Officer's Form 61. Br. Petrovic moved, Br. Vieira seconded to deny approval to digitize. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Council, CinC Schall asked JVCinC Mellor to provide a closing prayer and subsequently adjourned the meeting at 12:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted in F, C & L,

DC Eugene G. Mortorff

National Secretary

CIVIL WAR SESQUIC

REMEMBER ELLSWORTH!

By DC Jeffrey Albanese

On May 24, 1861, 24-year-old Col. Elmer Ellsworth, commander of the 'Fire Zouaves' a regiment of New York firefighters, was shot and killed while removing a Confederate flag that had been flying over an Alexandria, VA, hotel. He was Abraham Lincoln's friend and his body lay in state at the White House. Thousands viewed his remains as they made their way for burial in his hometown, Mechanicville, NY. Ellsworth was a national celebrity, the drillmaster of an elite military drill team that had traveled the country. His death galvanized the Union. The cry "Remember Ellsworth" became a rallying cry for the Union cause.



DC Albanese addresses those at the ceremony,

On May 15, 2011, hundreds of people, including veterans, scouts, re-enactors and Gold Star Mothers, braved the rain to pay their respects to this Union martyr at his gravesite in Mechanicville's Hudson View Cemetery. The city and the New York Dept. sponsored a procession and reenactment of Ellsworth's funeral, led by Zouave re-enactors from around the country. A coffin was borne into the cemetery, where it was removed by area firefighters in dress uniforms. Speakers included Rep. Chris Gibson, NY State Historian Dr. Robert Wieble and DC Jeffrey Albanese. Lincoln's letter of condolence to Ellsworth's parents was read and the Empire State Youth Ensemble provided music. The ceremony concluded with a mass presentation of wreaths, a 21-gun salute, and Taps. Photos by PDC Jerry Orton and Br. Robert Keough.



WASHINGTON DEFENDERS HONORED

By PDC Steve Hammond

On April 30th, Gen. George G. Meade Camp 5 celebrated the first Sesquicentennial Signature Event in the Dept. of the Chesapeake. The Camp gathered in Annapolis, MD, to honor the memory of those who defended Washington, D.C. For several weeks in April and May 1861, the only link between Washington and other northern cities ran through Annapolis. After the riots in Baltimore, trains with troops and materiel could not run through that city. Two Union regiments arrived in Annapolis via ships and set forth to get to Washington. They found a single-track railroad, the Annapolis & Elk Ridge, which ran from Annapolis to the Baltimore & Ohio spur running between Washington and Baltimore.

The only engine at the time was partially dismantled and Southern partisans had removed sections of track and a small bridge over a roadway. Men from the two units assembled the engine, replaced rails and rebuilt the bridge. This rail line quickly became the link that provided a connection from Washington to the rest of the Union until connections through Baltimore were re-established.

The brothers of Camp 5 gathered to commemorate the efforts of the Union soldiers who rebuilt that train line to protect the Federal capital. The Camp also unveiled the permanent display it created with the Odenton Heritage Society on the events of the Civil War in Anne Arundel County, MD.



Shown at the Annapolis Sesquicentennial Signature Event are Gen. George G. Meade Camp 5's PDC Steve Hammond, CC Eddie Roberts, SVC Mike Johns and Br. Bill Fields.

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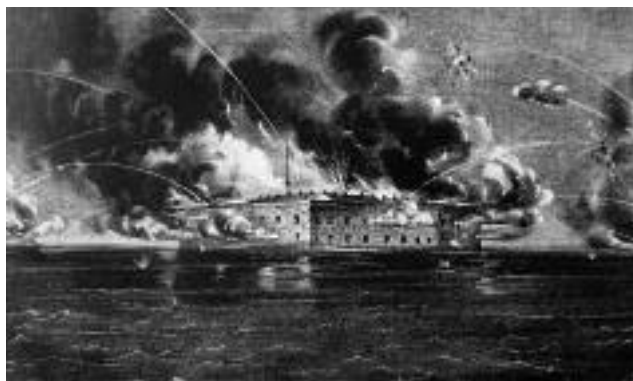
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CENTENNIAL EVENTS

CEREMONY AT SUMTER

By SVDC Brian Pierson

The Dept. of Georgia and South Carolina, with support from the National Park Service, rededicated the Union Garrison Memorial at Fort Sumter at Fort Sumter National Monument on April 16th. DC Ted Golab led the ceremony, which was observed by over 100 visitors to Fort Sumter. Mr Rick Hatcher, Fort Sumter's Historian (and a Dept of MO brother), symbolically surrendered the memorial to the Dept. for the ceremony. A wreath crafted by the ASUVCW was placed at the monument. PDC Eric Peterson called the roll of the honored dead for Privates Daniel Hough and Edward Galloway, the first two deaths of the Civil War. DC Golab placed a red rose at the base of the memorial, followed by Sr. Patti Carlson-Golab, representing the ASUVCW and DUVCW, Ms Ashton Hatcher, a descendant of Ft Sumter defender Pvt.



L-R, Br. Gary Dow (flag bearer), DSVC Brian Pierson, DC Ted Golab, PDC Eric Peterson

John Doran, Co H, 1st US Artillery, and Brs. Max Peterson, Bill Miller and Brian Pierson. Br. Bob Pollard offered a prayer, after which the rifle detail, led by Br. Brian Sharp, fired a salute. Br. Miller played "Taps", the ceremony was concluded and the memorial returned to the Park Service. The Dept. presented the Park Service several artifacts from the ceremony to be placed in the Fort Sumter archives.

DC Golab then had the pleasure to induct the Department's newest Junior, Noah Pierson of Charles Devens Jr. Camp 10, who now can boast of being the only Brother in the Order to have been initiated at Fort Sumter during its Sesquicentennial. Photo by Gretchen Dzedzej

SESQUICENTENNIAL BEGINS IN BOSTON

By PDC Kevin Tucker

The Department, in cooperation with the American Legion, Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR Memorial Hall Association, and the Nat. Parks Service held an event on April 10th at the Charlestown Navy Yard Nat. Hist. Park in Boston.

Almost every organization in the "Civil War community" was represented: Round Tables speakers, Civil War Era Musicians, Infantry and Navy re-enactors and a Zouave drill team. The event kicked off with a living history encampment by the Salem Zouaves of the New England Brigade of Civil War re-enactors, who demonstrated a precision bayonet drill.

Speakers spoke on the Emancipation Proclamation as a legal document, the rescue of the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") from Confederate hands, the prelude to the Civil War, how the U.S. Navy won the Civil War, the history of the Charlestown Navy Yard, and Charlestown citizens in the Civil War. Also included were a musical presentation and a concert by the Providence Brigade Band.



The Massachusetts Dept., (left) joins with (left to right) the Salem Zouaves, Charlestown HS JROTC and Chelsea Soldiers Home Color Guard. The USS Constitution appears in the background at the Remembrance Service in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Later that day, a Civil War Remembrance Program included the SUVCW, American Legion, Mem. Hall Assoc., US Parks Service, Charlestown Hist. Assoc., USS Constitution, and the Charlestown High School JROTC. Participants then marched three blocks to the old "Charlestown Training Field" for a GAR memorial ceremony by the Sons and wreath-laying by the participating organizations at the Charlestown Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Afterward, participants retired to the Bunker Hill Post American Legion Hall.



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A GATHERING OF EAGLES

CinC Brad Schall, who is an Eagle Scout, congratulates Brother and recent Eagle Scout Micah Hadley, who received the George Schulz Award at the Nebraska Dept. Encampment, for his work on restoring a cannon for his Eagle project. Looking on is DC Phillip Rudebusch, who is also an Eagle Scout.



NEW JERSEY

On May 23rd, at Brick Memorial High School, Cadet David Shields received the SUVCW ROTC Award from Br. John Churchill of George Armstrong Custer Camp 17. Shields was also the recipient of the Leadership ribbon.



On June 8th, TX PDCs Harold L. Sickler (left) and Blair Rudy (right) joined CinC Schall as he presented C. William Steele an SUVCW Commendation, recognizing the BSA's 100th Anniversary.

Steele is the Nat. BSA Dir. of Alumni Relations and Eagle Scout Assn.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



A short while ago, a man about my age came into my Vitamin Store and bought a bottle of supplements. As he was paying for them, he struck up a conversation. He asked me if I knew the purpose of life. I listened. He told me that his wife had been over medicated for her cancer and now the chemotherapy had done terrible damage and that he was afraid of losing her. Several days earlier, local police escorted 46 employees at the firm where he worked out to the street - they had been "put on leave of absence" and would probably not be called back. He was one of them. He thought he was special, for he had brought the firm from 100,000 a month in sales to 7 million. "So why are we here?" he asked me. I told him that if I did not believe in God, and in an after life - I would have no reason to stay around. I would probably give up. But I do believe. I believe that God created you and me for a reason; it is not always clear what that reason is sometimes. I told him that it could very well be that in The Almighty's plan - there is something that He wants him to do. To get out of his self-centeredness and poor-me state - and start helping other people...to use his talents in assisting those in worse shape than he is in. I asked him where he went to school. It turned out to be several blocks from where I did. I asked what he had learned in Sunday school about why God made him. This was his answer; it was true then and it is still true today. *"God made me to know, love and serve Him in this life - and to be happy with Him in the next."*

Chaplain Jerry

Addendum: The Texas Sesquicentennial Event in our Spring issue was written by Br. Michael L. Lance.



Question 2: The C&R is mute on the subject at this time and it within the authority of the CinC to make a ruling. From a historical perspective at the 65th Nat. Encampment Nat. Counselor Church issued an Opinion 1 which states that when a Camp Commander is promoted to Dept. Commander, Camp Commander must be vacated. One cannot hold the Office of Camp Commander and Dept. Commander at the same time.

The CinC rules that an elected Dept. Commander must vacate the elected position of Camp Commander.

Ordered this 21st Day of April, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 17

Department of Maryland Name Change

“At their Annual Encampment in Westminster, Maryland on April 23, 2011, the Dept. of Maryland voted to change their name to the Department of the Chesapeake. I approve this name change. This change of name will not require a new Charter, unless they request one. The date of rank of the Department remains unchanged unless they request new names on the charter.”

Ordered this 26th day of April, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 18

Department of Texas

1. In consultation with the Dept. of Texas and their officers we have agreed to place the states of New Mexico and Louisiana in the Dept. of Texas. The Dept. has accepted the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief

and will add the states of New Mexico and Louisiana to their Dept. boundaries on 15 May 2011.

2. The Dept. name shall remain the Dept. of Texas.

3. The Dept. may change its name by a majority vote after one year.

The CinC expresses his appreciation to the Dept. of Texas.

Ordered this 6th Day of May, 2011.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 19

Memorial Day

1. On 5 May, 1868 General John A. Logan, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, published General Order #11, “Establishing the 30th day of May for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion, and who’s bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet church yard in the land.”

2. As Camps and Departments of the SUVCW honor the Boys in Blue on this 143rd anniversary of that Order let us be mindful and honor all men and women who serve or have served in our military.

3. All Camps are directed to participate in some form of appropriate observance of this 30th day of May 2011.

By order of:
D. Brad Schall
Commander-in-Chief

Attested:
DC Eugene G. Mortorff
National Secretary



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Oliver Tilden Camp 26 held its annual ceremony, marking the 189th birthday of Pres. and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at the Grant Nat. Memorial in Manhattan on April 17th. The event drew representatives from many Civil War organizations, including the Sons' NY PDC Todd A. Shillington, NY DC Jeff Albanese, the New York CWRT's Patrick Falci (A.P. Hill in the movie Gettysburg), Soldiers & Sailors Monument Assoc. Pres. and Camp 26 Br. Geo. Chall, NY MOLLUS DC Gerald F. Fisher; NY DUVCW JVP Mary F. Cordato, Ph.D; Greenpoint Monitor Museum Pres. & Aux. Sr. Janice Lauletta-Weinmann; SCV Archibald Gracie Camp 985's Dr. Michael F. Kogan; Grant Monument Assoc. Pres. and Camp 26 Br. Frank Scaturro; NY Aux. DP Gloria Fisher; Aux. Sr. Hope Parker, representing the Nat. Pres., and UDC Pres. Elaine Mitchell. Keynote speaker was Br. Larry and Mrs. Connie Clowers as Gen. and Mrs. Grant.

George Forsythe (bagpipes), Robert Fries (bugler), Eugene Bender (violin), Louise Bender (vocal) and CSVC Arthur P. Kirmss (vocal, guitar & flute) provided music for the event. Additionally, 1Lt. John Portanova, Co. I, 83rd NYV (9th NYSM), SVR, led the Color Guard.



The Robert Wilder Lord "Patriot of the Year" award was given to Camp Sec. Roy E. Wildenberger. By order of CinC Schall, Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Br. Clowers, CSVC Kirmss, PCC George J. Weinmann, and Camp Treas. James F. Bond. *Photo at left by Henry F. Ballone.*

PENNSYLVANIA CELEBRATION

In 1871, a telegraphic dispatch announced that a train carrying Pres. Grant would arrive at Kittanning. Local men who had fought under Grant at Vicksburg, assembled there to greet him.

Almost 140 years later, on May 21st, John T. Crawford Camp 43 & Sarah A. Crawford Aux. 43 celebrated Gen. Grant's birthday with the Armstrong County Historical & Genealogical Museum in Kittanning. The Orders held a living history event on the lawn outside the museum; the brothers and sisters set up tents up, flags, displays of members' personal and ancestral items, weapons and camp necessities, and a recruiting display. Tea with Gen. Grant and members of the community was a highlight.

The event marked an official opening of the museum after renovations. Earlier, both Camp and Aux. had spent two days helping the museum ready its military room for viewing while speaking to patrons about the local history of the 78th PA Inf.



Bottom L to R : Srs. Olivia Nupp, Karen Nupp, PI Michelle Sokol, Chap. Samantha Eckler, PAP & Trustee Peg Krecota & Sec/Treas. Mindy Eckler. Back L to R : Sr. Mariel Nupp, JVC Tim Nupp, Camp Sec. James Johnson, CC Robert "Slim" Bowser, Camp Council & PI Joe Rupp, SVC Sam McKissick & Br. Brian Barraclough



NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S OPINIONS BY PCINC DONALD E. DARBY

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Based on the following, CinC Schall has ruled as he has seen fit. Members should check the General Orders to ascertain his rulings. In certain cases, members' names have been replaced by a letter.

Opinion No. 1 – National Aide Appointments

Can a Female/Non-member be made a National Aide? Based on the SUVCW Constitution Art. VII (Membership) defines the four classes of Membership and Associates, stating that all members and associates must be “male.” SUVCW Reg’s Chap. 1, Art. II (Membership) refers to the members as a Brother; SUVCW Reg’s Art. IV, Officers Sec. 3: “may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate... ” This section infers that an aide is an “appointed officer” and thus, must be a member/associate as defined in the aforementioned SUVCW Constitution Article. It should also be noted that a non-member/associate could not be disciplined under SUVCW Reg’s Art. VI (Discipline). It is my opinion that a female/non-member/associate could not be appointed as an aide.

Opinion No. 2 – National Aide Appointment Timing

Can the present CinC award Nat. Aide status, to a brother who recruited 16 members during the immediate PCinC’s term of office? In accordance with the awards policy “11. National Aide. The CinC may present this award to any Brother who recruits five or more members during his term of office...” The key words are “his term of office.” In my opinion, the present CinC cannot issue the Nat. Aide award for activity that did not take place during his term. However, there is nothing that prevents the PCinC from issuing a nunc pro tunc to his Gen. Order (in this case, GO 17), placing the name of the Brother that was left off on it. The Brother is then permitted to wear the award for a period of 12 months from the issuance of that award, as stated in the policy.

Opinion No. 3 – Simultaneous Service

Is a Camp/Dept. Commander able to serve as Commander and Treasurer (Secretary-Treasurer) simultaneously? As the SUVCW C&R is mute on this subject, the CinC can and should issue a decision. The SUVCW C&R, annotated with the Decisions & Opinions of the CinC and the Judge Advocate General/Nat. Counselors and the Policy & Decisions of Nat. Encampments, is mute on this question. It is my opinion that a Camp/Dept. Co. can NOT hold the office of Commander and Treas. (Sec.-Treas.) simultaneously. The C&R permitted the position of Sec. and Treas. to be held by one Brother (Sec.-Trea.); it does not extend that ability to any other elected office/officer. Given that the Camp/Dept. Co. must approve all expenditures by the Treas. (Chap. 1, Art. VI, Sec. 1, and Chap. 2, Art. 5, Sec. 4), it would create a conflict of interest for him to hold both (Co., Treas.) or all three offices (Co., Sec.-Treas.).

Opinion No. 4 – Sesquicentennial Badge

Can I wear my Sesquicentennial badge alongside authorized SUVCW Medals? The C&R (annotated in 2010) Chap. V, Reg’s Art. III (Badges) Sec. 1 states “Medals and Badges of this Order along with other military, veterans and hereditary and patriotic societies in the order of the founding of each” may be worn with SUVCW medals. However, Sec. 3 and 5 do NOT list the Sesquicentennial Badge as an authorized badge of this Order. Here in lies the problem. While the CofA authorized the Sesquicentennial Comm. to produce the badge, it did NOT specify how it should be worn, the length of time that it could be worn, or that it could be worn with SUVCW Badges, and more importantly, that it was an official badge of the Order. This item, while authorized by the 2010 Nat. Encampment, did not address these issues (if it did, it did not make it into the C&R). An example of such authorization was the SVR anniversary medal, worn ONLY for the year of celebration. It is my opinion that the SUVCW SESQUICENTENNIAL Badge can NOT be worn with the SUVCW authorized medals and badges. As the C&R Annotated is NOT mute on this point (wearing of badges and authorized badges), the CinC cannot make a ruling to overturn or change the C&R. **BUT I would highly recommend that the CinC entertain a motion from the CofA to add the Sesquicentennial Badge to the authorized Badges list in the lowest Group and permit their wear during 2011-2015. This motion may assign responsibility to the C&R Comm. for a vote at the next Encampment.**

Opinion No. 5 – Specific Reinstatement

Can a PDC who resigned from the Order and has submitted paperwork and paid reinstatement fees be permitted to attend and vote at the Dept. Encampment? While this is the original Question, there is more that needs to be considered in this matter.

First, historical background: Br. R was charged with Conduct Unbecoming a Brother of the Order. These charges were brought by Br. M of the Dept. of MA and upon receiving them the MA DC T ordered that a Dept. Trial Commission be assembled. The Dept. Trial Commission rendered its decision and sentence: Guilty of Conduct Unbecoming of a Brother of the Order and one year suspension from the Order. DC T accepted the Trial Commission’s decision and enacted the sentence on Br. R. At that time, Br. R appealed the finding to then CinC Kennedy. CinC Kennedy established an Appeals Board, to review the recorded testimony and all written material presented. The Board (myself, PCinC W and PCinC H) concurred with the Trial Commission’s guilty finding. However, the Board did not concur with the sentence and recommended that a letter of reprimand be issued to Br. R. When notified of the Appeals Board finding, Br. R stated that he, his son and grandson were resigning from the Order, effectively immediately.

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CHESAPEAKE

Buckhannon Camp 49's Mark Tennant organized the annual lantern tour of the Grafton Nat. Cemetery on May 27th. He researched many of the soldiers' stories. Brs. Bill Leonard, Nathan Gillespie, Matt Gillespie and Tennant (shown) took turns reading the stories during the tour. Over 150 spectators listened intently, even as light rain moved into the area.

The annual event keeps alive the memories of fallen Union veterans. Pvt. Thornsbury Baily Brown's descendants were present and showed the family Bible. Brown, shot by a Confederate picket on 22 May 1861 near Grafton, WV, was the first Union enlisted to be killed at the hands of the enemy.



The Dept. recently helped "repatriate" an historic burial ledger at the Nat. Cemetery Admin. (DCA), Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The ledger lists interments at the Grafton (WV) Nat. Cemetery. Over 1,200 Union soldiers, including over 600 unknowns, are buried there.

Years ago, the late Gen. Geo. G. Meade Camp 5 CC Louis Smith acquired the ledger at a yard sale. After his death, his wife contacted PDC Steve Hammond to determine its historic value. Hammond contacted the NCA and discovered that the book was considered "missing." Its unknown how the cemetery and the ledger parted, but the NCA was happy to get it back, since ledger books for all cemeteries are being digitized. Eventually, the information will be available to researchers.

In late May, the ledger was returned; the Smith family and the Camp were promised copies of the scanned version.

CONNECTICUT

Pride on GAR Hall

The New England Civil War Museum is located inside the longest continuously used Union veterans hall in the country.

Originally housing Burpee GAR Post 71 (1890-1929), the hall is now home to Alden Skinner Camp 45, which has met there since 1890. The Camp owns, maintains, and operates the museum, and the O'Connell/Chapman Historical Library. It has an extensive outreach program and has preserved one of the finest Civil War relic collections in New England, along with a tremendous amount of books, paintings, lithographs, original letters,

and photographs dealing with the Civil War and the GAR.

Camp 45 remains steadfast in its efforts to ensure that young people know and understand their country's entire history. Each year, it awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating student of Rockville High School.

INDIANA

Orlando A. Somers Camp 1 performed two events at the Kokomo-Howard Cty. Public Library in April. Working closely with the library's Genealogy & History Dept. and Marinda B. Dye Tent 17 (DUVCW), a display case was set up, featuring Civil War and GAR memorabilia with an emphasis on the Kokomo area. Members of both Orders lent items from their collections. The lighted case was featured drew much attention. On April 18, the Camp read and told stories about Civil War events, personalities, and happenings connected to the local community. The library promoted the event with posters, news releases, and their newsletter. The event drew 45 people and the Camp was asked to repeat the talk. Two from the audience were interested in Sons membership.

TENNESSEE

Recently, Fort Donelson Camp 62 lost two of its most active members, Brs. Larry D. Cockerham and James Hurst.

On March 22nd, the Camp held a memorial for Br. Cockerham at the Ft. Negley Visitors' Center, honoring him for his leadership in instilling the spirit of cooperation among those honoring and commemorating the men who fought for the Union and for the Confederacy, 1861-1865. Br. Cockerham was both a Camp 62 Council Member and SCV Sam Davis Camp 1293 Commander. Plaques honoring Br. Cockerham were presented to his widow and family, and to Ft. Negley Director Krista Castillo for permanent display at the Visitors' Center.

Bro. Jim Hurst joined Camp 62 in spring 2008 as the first recruit of the revitalized Camp. He served as a ceremonial color guard until his health failed. During the Camp's first grave-marking ceremony, a heavy rain began and Br. Hurst stood stalwart until the conclusion. He also belonged to the Clarksville Civil War Roundtable, which established the Jim Hurst Memorial Fund.



At the Br. Cockerham Memorial left to right: Sgt. Roger Tenney; Cpl. Bill Heard (hidden by flag); 1Lt. David DuBrucq, Commanding, 10th TN US Inf., SVR; Camp Chaplain David Eagan.

VERMONT



A monument, marking the Battle of Big Bethel's sesquicentennial (the Civil War's first battle), was unveiled by Lt. Gov. Phil Scott at Rock of Ages granite quarry in Barre on April 30th. Present were the Sons, the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks, representing Co. A, 3rd VT Inf. Reg., and Civil War Roundtable members. Dept. Sec. Merlin Doyle and wife Alice are standing beside the monument. The monument was dedicated at the Big Bethel Battlefield, during the battle's 150th anniversary on June 10th. *Photo by Sandy Doyle.*

Camp begins 150th Anniversary By Frank Bump, Ripley Camp 4 Sec.

Ripley Camp 4 was joined by family and friends at Main Street Park in Rutland on May 21st. The Camp sponsored a re-enactment, commemorating the mustering-in ceremony of the 1st VT Vol. Inf.

The Camp garnered the support of the city, its Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Rutland Historical Society, several re-enactor groups and others. Military and civilian living histories were featured.

WISCONSIN

Since 1996, Milwaukee's C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Aux. 4 have partnered with Boy Scout Troop 61 twice a year, and cleaned up Wauwatosa's Oak Hill Cemetery. The acre is the final resting place of Suregon Levi Halsted, 7th WI LA, and Pvt. Johann Bahler, Co. I, 17th WI Inf. Shown is Br. Tom Mueller wielding a string trimmer during the May 7th clean-up. The Camp and Aux. have raised over \$1700 for a new cemetery flag pole, which will be erected soon.



CAMP-AT-LARGE

Legislature Honors Civil War Hero

The Oregon legislature recently passed Senate Bill 809, honoring OR Senator Edward D. Baker, who was killed leading his brigade at the Battle of Balls Bluff on October 21, 1861. Baker, the only sitting U.S. Senator to die in battle, was commander of the 71st PA Inf. (originally known as the 1st CA). Oregon's Col. Edward D. Baker Camp 6 is named in his honor. The bill, which designates every February 24th (Baker's birthday) as Edward D. Baker Day in the State of Oregon, was the brainchild of political consultant Br. Greg Leo. The bill passed both the Oregon House and Senate with unanimous support and will be signed into law by Gov. John Kitzhaber. On the day each chamber voted on the measure, Camp 6 and the 71st PA Inf., SVR presented the Colors.



Left to right: Brs. Steve Betschart, Gary Wolfson, CC Mark Stevens, John Baker, and Oregon Senate Pres. Peter Courtney.

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APPOMATTOX DAY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

By CSVC Brent Hood and Sr. Tricia Bures

For over 100 years, the grave of Cpl. John W. Miller, Co E, 118th IL Inf. has been unmarked and forgotten. This Appomattox Day, patriots and family gathered to remember and pay respects long overdue.

Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2 and Aux. 2 gathered with dignitaries from the cities of Artesia and Cerritos, and Los Angeles County. Tributes were presented from CA Congressman Dan Lungren and IL Congressman Bobby Schilling, honoring the great-grandfather of Everett Miller. A Daughter of the Confederacy, with Sisters from the Allied Orders, dedicated the new headstone. Flags were borne by the Millikan H.S. Army JROTC. Volleys reverberated from the SVR's muskets. Bugles of the Mayfair H.S. Marching Corps echoed Taps through the trees.



Br. Zaricor stands guard while Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey reflects.

GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

The Sons, Amanda Stokes Detached Tent 2 (DUVCW), Etowah Valley Hist. Soc. and others are placing an Ohio monument at the Allatoona Pass Battlefield. On October 5, 1864, units from five Union and six Confederate states fought this, one of the bloodiest Civil War battles. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers granted permission to establish a memorial site in 2000 and each state was remembered with a small granite marker. In 2001, the first state memorial monument was placed beside the small marker. Since then, seven more have been placed, including MN, last October. It's hoped that OH's monument will be placed before the battle's 150th anniversary. Tax-deductible checks are welcome, payable to the **Etowah Valley Historical Society**, P. O. Box 1886, Cartersville, GA 30120. Please note **OHIO MONUMENT** on the memo line. For info, contact DC Ted Golab, (770) 965-3143 or email: tiger126@bellsouth.net.

PENNSYLVANIA OLD TIMERS HONORED

On May 7th, at Carlisle's 1st U.C.C., a bugle sounded and the Gettysburg Blues, SVR, posted the Colors. J.P. Brindle Camp 50's and Aux. 50's surprise ceremony honored PDP Martha Wilson, 92, PDC Lester "Al" Kern, 90, and PDP Dorothy Kern, 89, and their over six decades of service. The event was the brainchild of AP Vivian Rockey. She was assisted by Srs. Aileen Rider and Susan Jardine.

The Gettysburg Blues presented two flags to the church on behalf of the Orders. Each had a small brass plate engraved with the honored members' names. All three had been members of the Church for most of their lives.

After remarks from several brothers and sisters, a luncheon followed.



PDC Les Kern with PDPs Dorothy Kern and Martha Wilson.

TEXAS

DUVCW Latha Jane Boyd Tent 1 Pres. Susan Pena provided the Patriotic Instruction for Gen. J.J. Byrne Camp 1 on April 30th. She spoke about the cooperation between the DUVCW and the SUVCW. Her Tent and the Camp will work together to raise funds for a monument, honoring all U.S. Military soldiers, on the Memorial Trail at the Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery.



Pres. Susan Pena and CC Hal Hughes.

CRA Annual Conference Invite

The Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Conference will be held in Rockville, IN, October 1st, hosted by the DUVCW's IN Dept. The morning tour will be of some of the 39 bridges in the "Covered Bridge Capitol of Indiana." The afternoon meeting at the Parke Cty. Fairgrounds will feature Nat. Webmaster Ken Freshley, speaking on "Getting Started with a Web Site." IN DSVC Mike Beck will speak at the banquet on "The Jackass Regiment." Registration info: http://www.grantcamp.org/public_html/centralregionassoc.htm, This is a tourist destination and lodging is limited, so reserve early.



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Second, the opinion. Br. R is not an automatic member of the MA Dept. Encampment (as described on Page 25 of the C&R, annotated, Art. II, Sec. 1 (a) because he resigned from the Order. And in accordance with Opinion III of Nat. Counselor Howard at the 57th Encampment, "This continues until such Camp Commander either resigns or is discharged as provided by the Regulations." NC Howard is of course referring to the honor of Camp Commander bestowed on a Brother for past service. (The opinion also appears on Page 24 of the C&R annotated in footnote 18.)

Therefore Br. R MUST be voted a delegate or alternate by his Camp in Order to attend the upcoming MA Dept. Encampment. If the Camp has not or did not vote him as a delegate or alternate, he may attend but cannot vote or have a voice in the Encampment. The Camp could possibly call a "special" meeting, if provided for in the Camp's By-laws, and then vote Br. R as a delegate or alternate. However, given the time factor, I doubt this is doable, as most by-laws require a 45 day notification for a "Special" meeting.

Third: Was Br. R under suspension when he resigned from the Order? The 128th SUVCW Nat. Encampment passed the resolution, approved by the C&R Comm., that "A brother who resigns from the Order while under suspension must receive a majority vote of the Dept. to which he belonged at the time of resignation, to rejoin the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." This was amended, in accordance with Br. Jim Pahl's request, to include "with an endorsement from the Camp he belonged to at the time of the resignation."

If Br. R resigned while under suspension, then his request to re-join the SUVCW must be endorsed in writing by his Camp, then voted upon and PASSED by a

majority vote of the Encampment before any of the actions noted in the second section above can take place. **PCinC Kennedy and CinC Schall must ascertain whether a suspension was in place at the time of the resignation.**

If Br. R was NOT under suspension at the time of resignation, he MUST be voted a delegate or alternate to the Encampment by his Camp either by a previous vote or by the call of a Special Meeting and vote in accordance with his Camp by-laws, if permitted. If this has not happened, then Br. R may attend the Encampment as an SUVCW member, but will have no voice in the Encampment. Br. R's Encampment attendance or non-attendance does not preclude his Camp from submitting a resolution, asking for rank restoration.

I would also point out that this is FIRST, a Dept. issue; the Dept. Council and Counselor should have been notified and have taken action BEFORE this was presented to any Officer at the Nat. Level. This may have occurred, but was not mentioned in Br. R's email to PCinC Orr. If Br. R felt or feels that he did not obtain an impartial ruling at the Dept. level, he STILL should have started there, and ONLY THEN brought this to the attention of Nat. Officers if he felt the ruling by the Dept. was not in accordance with the Nat. C&R. SECOND, all Dept., Camp Commanders and Counselors should make it clear to all members that these situations should be handled at the Order's LOWEST level and not immediately brought to National. By skipping the chain of command, the SUVCW's good order and discipline is circumvented and the number of appeals one has is lessened. As it stands now, Br. R has eliminated all Dept. Level appeals and some at the Nat. Level, if the CinC rules against him.

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FINAL MUSTER

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Moses Baldwin Camp 544 (NY)
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John J. Thomas
Sultana Camp 1 (TN)
March 22, 2009

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Col. Aug. Van Horne Ellis Camp 124 (NY)
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David Lee Dirk
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February 4, 2011

Capt. Chadwick E. Chester
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Photo Above: MG Robert E. Grim and Co. C, 20th OVI members Shawn McClure, Bret McClure, Shawn Cox, Irvan Cassio and James Grim at Lees Creek on Memorial Day.



49TH IA DEDICATES MEMORIAL BRIDGE

By 1Sgt. David M. Lamb

Recently, The Governor's Own Iowa Rifles Dept. Honor Guard and Aux. Dept. Sec. Sr. Marilyn Rittel, took part in the formal dedication of the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River in memory of Gen. Crocker (who commanded Iowa troops at Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Vicksburg, and Atlanta before failing health forced him from the field).

This project, so long in the making, was brought to a successful conclusion during the term of PDC and 49th IA Br. Rifleman Courtney Stahr (2009-2010); and, the dedications are now taking place at the direction of DC James Braden, also of the 49th IA.

After a brief ceremony at the bridge, the unit re-deployed at Gen. Crocker's gravesite in Des Moines' Woodland Cemetery. After laying a wreath, Chaplain Dennis Sasse offered appropriate remarks.

NEW MONUMENT DEDICATED AT PETERSBURG

2nd MD Co. Gene Mortorff (center), Dist. Adj. Capt. Mark Day (right), and sculptor Br. Gary Casteel attended the dedication of the 6th Maryland's monument at Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg, VA. Br. Casteel is a prominent artist/sculptor formerly of Lynchburg, VA, and now of Cashtown, PA. He is one of few, if not the only, living artist with a monument on the Gettysburg Battlefield (Gen. James Longstreet Memorial). He has numerous works at many other National Civil War Battlefields and other locations. The 6th Maryland is the first monument allowed on the Breakthrough Battlefield at Petersburg, VA.



PERSONNEL ACTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

Maj. Stephen Michaels, 4th MD Chief of Staff, is Acting Provost Marshal for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, 16-17 April 2011.

PROMOTIONS

The following are promoted to the grades indicated:

4th Military District

- Capt. Emmett P. Taylor III, Commander, Co. C, 5th Reg. MO Vol. Cav. (re-commissioned) until 15 Apr 14
- 2Lt. Gregory R. Decker, Adj., Co. C, 5th Reg. MO Vol. Cav. (re-commissioned) until 15 Apr 14
- 2Lt. Kenneth Lindblom, Commander, Co. A, 37th IA Vol. Inf. until 15 Apr. 14
- 2Lt. John Keller, PIO, Co. A, 37th IA Vol. Inf. until 15 Apr. 14

6th Military District

- 2Lt. Charles Gardali, Commander, Co. G, 1st CA Vol. Inf. (re-commissioned) until 15 Apr 14
- 2Lt. George F. Hansen, Commander, Co. K, 1st U.S. Inf. until 15 Apr. 14
- 2Lt. Thomas Helmantoler, Adj. Co. G, 5th CA Vol. Inf. (until 4 Apr. 14)



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Opinion No. 6 – A Department’s Geographical Area

Does the CinC have authority to add a State to a Dept. of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? There are two portions of the C&R that are involved in this Opinion. The first, Art. VI, Sec. 5, located on page 5 of the C&R Annotated, reads “Camps organized where there is no Dept. shall be attached to the Nat. Organization as Camps at Large.”

The Second, in Chap. II (Departments), Art. I, Sec. 8, page 25 of the C&R Annotated, reads “Departments shall be composed of one or more States, Commonwealth, Republics, Territories or the Dist. of Columbia. All Camps within the geographical area assigned to a Dept. by the CinC must become a part of the Dept. A Dept. may consist of a part of a State, Commonwealth, Republic or Territory of the U.S.”

It is my opinion that the Regulation section more clearly answers the question: “All Camps within the geographical area ASSIGNED TO THE DEPT. BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF must become a part of the Dept.” It is, therefore, within the CinC’s authority to determine a department’s geographic area and furthermore, ascertained by the Dept.’s unanimous vote to accept responsibility.

Opinion 7 – Simultaneous Offices


See General Order No. 16.




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NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT BADGES

By PDC Robert Wolz, National Historian

There are hundreds of Sons Nat. Encampment badges for every collector. Although we are focusing on Sons badges, there are some important differences within the Allied Orders.

The host city presented badges to the GAR Nat. Encampment delegates or representatives. Most were three or four part metal badges, six to eight inches long. Since there were only 600 to 1500 official delegates[i], numerous souvenir badges were made and sold. Each Nat. Encampment committee (parade, campfire, press, etc) might have had its own badge or pin. Reunion meetings held at the Encampment and the five Allied Orders badges added even more variety. There could be a couple dozen badges for just one Encampment. One of the most sought after national badges is the last GAR Nat. Encampment in 1949, as there were only six vets attending. The badge is more common than suspected, as 1500 were made and given to all the Allied Orders participants.

The GAR, the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the GAR held their national and state conventions at the same time and location. The Daughters of Union Veterans began holding their conventions with the GAR after 1900, when it was officially recognized as an Allied Order. The Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary met at a different time and location from the GAR. The Sons were a military organization and were encamped in the field at a different location, but they always sent large delegations to the GAR Nat. Encampment. Thus, the collector may discover two Sons national convention badges for the same year, one for the Sons Nat. Encampment and one as a representative to the GAR Nat. Encampment. For example, the GAR met Sept. 12-13, 1901 in Cleveland, OH. Official delegate badges included 1600 for the Grand Army, 550 for the WRC, 400 for the LGAR, 150 for the DUVCW, 1350 for the SV and 150 for the SV Auxiliary. On Sept. 17-18, 1901, the Sons and Aux. held their own encampment in Providence, RI, and they produced a similar number of badges. From 1910 though 1949, all the Allied Orders met in the same city and on the same dates. Nationally, the WRC and the DUVCW met independently of the other three Orders since 1950.

[i] Johnson, Kenneth R. and Floyd, Jeffrey B. Membership and National Encampment Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic 1866-1949
Duluth, GA: Order and Medals Society of America Monograph # 11c.1997



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9:30 am	Unit Commanders Parade Briefing Distribution of event streamers	Eisenhower Inn	None
11 am	55 th Anniversary GAR Ceremony	Woolson Monument	None
1 pm	Parade Step-off	Lefever Street	None
3:30 pm	Catholic Mass at Battlefield	Fr. Corby Monument	None
6 pm	81 st Ann. Dedication Day Dinner (all are invited)	Eisenhower Inn	\$27 by November 10 th to Dedication Day Dinner 1126 Hanover Road York, PA 17408
9 pm	18 th Annual National Civil War Ball	Eisenhower Inn	\$20 by Nov. 10 th to Col. Bud Atkinson 1016 Gorman Street Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719 \$25 at door

Post Remembrance Day

Sunday, 20 November

Time	Event	Location	Cost
7-11 am	Camp 112 Pancake Breakfast	GAR Post 9 Hall 53 E. Middle Street Gettysburg	\$6 at door
7 am	Non-Denominational Worship Service	Eisenhower Inn	None
8 am	Nat. Council of Administration Meeting (open to Nat. Officers, PDCs and DCs)	Eisenhower Inn	None

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