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On The Cover: Kevin L. Martin becomes the new CinC for 2024-2025.



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KEVIN L. MARTIN - CINC SUVCW

2024-2025



Kevin L. Martin was elected Commander-in-Chief at the 143rd Annual National Encampment at Lexington, KY on August 3, 2024.

He first joined the SUVCW in 1998 and became a life member in 2011. At the camp level with Antietam Camp No. 3 in Frederick, Maryland, he held the elective offices of Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and two separate terms as Commander. He has also fulfilled the role of Counselor of the Antietam Auxiliary since 2015.

With the Department of the Chesapeake, he was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 3 years, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Department Commander, and three times to the Department Council. He was an integral member of the 2011 and 2015 National Encampment Host Committees, including co-design and production of the Encampment polo shirts. He also served as the 2015 Chief-of-Staff to Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell.

Nationally, he has attended every National Encampment since 2008 (17 years), and served on numerous encampment and standing committees. He served three years on the National Council of Administration, then through the chairs to his current office. He is also a graduate of the SUVCW's Memorial University.

Commander-in-Chief Martin earned a B.A. degree in Information and Computer Science from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. In 2024, he retired as an IT professional with over 44 years of service, including more than 27 years as a contractor for the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Health Agency (DHA). He was born and raised in the town of Frederick, where he lives with his wife of over 36 years, Rosemary. Of special note, Rosemary currently serves as the National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW). They have a son, Tyler, who is also a member of the SUVCW.

Commander-in-Chief Martin honors his direct ancestor, Capt. Adam Benjamin Martin of the 6th Maryland Volunteer Infantry, Company H, who served under the Union banner and paid the ultimate price. Capt. Martin's brother, Sgt. Stephen G. Martin, served under his command and survived the war.

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ROSEMARY S. MARTIN - ASUVCW NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2024-2025



Rosemary S. Martin was elected ASUVCW National President at the ASUVCW National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky on August 3, 2024. She has been involved in supporting the SUVCW since 2001. She joined the Auxiliary through the Department of California and Pacific in 2012 and was the founder/charter member and President of Antietam Auxiliary #3, Department of the Chesapeake, in 2015.

With the ASUVCW Department of the Chesapeake, she was elected as Vice President in 2017. From 2018-2020, she held the office of Department President. She also has held the offices of Council #1 and Patriotic Instructor. In 2012 and 2024, President Martin received the SUVCW Department of the Chesapeake Dr. Mary E. Walker Award. In 2015, she was an integral member of the National Encampment Host Committee, including co-design and production of the Encampment shirts for both Reston, Virginia 2011 and 2015 Richmond, Virginia.

On the ASUVCW National level, she held the offices of Personal Aide, Liaison for Washington D.C. Activities, Press Correspondent, Council Member 2019-2021, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, and Vice President. She also chaired and was a member of multiple committees. In 2015, she received the National SUVCW Dr. Mary E. Walker Award.

She received her Master of Business Administration and was a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) of the Project Management Institute. Her work history comprises a broad bandwidth from Music Teacher, Procurement Supervisor of Statistics for an Army Tank manufacturer, Configuration Manager, Technical Trainer, Operations and Administrations Manager, Training Director as a contractor for the Department of Defense (DoD), and Project and Program Managers for the DoD, Veterans Affairs (VA).

She hails from Dover (York County), Pennsylvania. She moved to Frederick, Maryland in 1985 for her career and has been married to Kevin, currently SUVCW Commander-in-Chief, for over 35 years. They have one son, Tyler, who is a member of SUVCW Antietam Camp #3.



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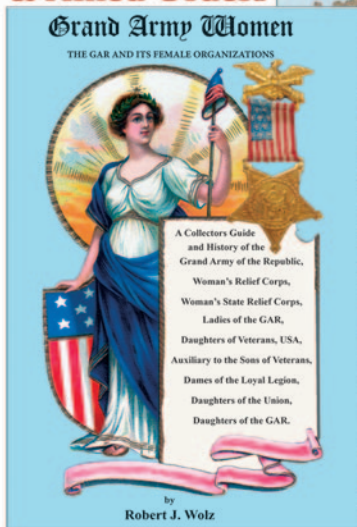
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Tad D. Campbell - National Patriotic Instructor

EDWARD EVERETT (1794-1865)

In modern times, if Edward Everett is known at all, it is most commonly as the “other speaker” at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863.

However, in addition to being among the preeminent orators of the 19th century, he was a politician, Unitarian pastor, educator, and diplomat. As a Whig, Everett served as a U.S. representative, a U.S. senator, the 15th governor of Massachusetts, minister to Great Britain, and the 20th U.S. secretary of state. He also taught at Harvard University and served as its president.

As the keynote speaker at the cemetery dedication, Everett spoke for over two hours. He compared the Battle of Gettysburg to battles of antiquity, such as Marathon, and spoke about how opposing sides in previous civil wars, such as the War of the Roses and the Thirty Years’ War, were able to reconcile their differences afterward. His formal oration was followed by President Abraham Lincoln’s now-famous Gettysburg Address.

The next day, Everett wrote to President:

Permit me also to express my great admiration of the thoughts expressed by you, with such eloquent simplicity & appropriateness, at the consecration of the Cemetery. I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes. My son who parted from me at Baltimore & my daughter, concur in this sentiment.

In response, Lincoln penned the following to Everett:

Your kind note of to-day is received. In our respective parts yesterday you could not have been excused to make a short address, nor I a long one. I am pleased to know that, in your judgement, the little I did say was not entirely a failure.

Among Everett’s patriotic causes was the preservation of George Washington’s home at Mount Vernon. Through his lectures and writings, Everett personally raised more than \$69,000, greater than one-third of all the funds needed by the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association to purchase Mount Vernon. He also agreed to write a weekly column for the New York Ledger in exchange for a \$10,000 gift to the Ladies’ Association.

So, as we celebrate the 161st anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, let us also remember that “other speaker” – Edward Everett – a great American and a patriot!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
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Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
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Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Daniel W. Murray, New Hampshire



National Secretary - Alan Russ, Kansas



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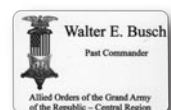
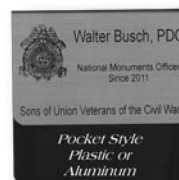
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CIVIL WAR
NOTES – 143rd National Encampment - 2024**

PRE CofA MEETING

Product licenses not submitted for renewal are extended to Gettysburg, to allow contact to the holders of these licenses to see if they want to renew. The applications to renew that had been received were all approved.

Motion to extend the War Medal to those who received National Defense Service Medal failed.

ENCAMPMENT

Some 210 registered delegates.

Hat was passed to support the Auxiliary in their fund raising efforts for the Christian Appalachian Project. \$1,340.00 collected.

Encampment reminded August 2, 1956 was the date Albert Woolson passed.

Honorary Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Wolz has given the right to wear PCinC badge, to be provided to him at the Order's expense.

The Encampment Reports Packet, being all officers, committees and department reports for the upcoming National Encampment shall be posted to the National

website (suvvw.org) and made available, no later than 14 calendar days prior to the start of the National Encampment. The packet will be removed from the website on the day of the Encampment.

NEW OFFICERS:

Commander-in-Chief: Kevin L. Martin, Dept of the Chesapeake.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Kevin Tucker, Dept of Massachusetts.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Daniel W. Murray, Dept of New Hampshire.

National Secretary: Alan Russ, Dept of Kansas.

Council of Administration:

Shane Millburn, Dept of Ohio re-elected.

Dale Crandell, Dept of Missouri.

David Hann, Dept of New Jersey.

POST CofA MEETING

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Headquarters Hotel: Ramada by Wyndam Springfield North, 3281 Northfield Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. The room rate is \$109.00. This includes complimentary breakfast and free parking. Call 217-523-4000 for reservations and mention “**Sons of Union Veterans**”. **Reserve your room by March 22, 2025.** After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 12th.

Luncheon venue and menu is to be determined.

For event info, go to the SUVCW web site (suvchw.org) or contact Robert Petrovic at: rpetro7776@aol.com or 636-274-4567.

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(SERIES 2024-2025)

(This notice provides a brief synopsis of the General Orders. Please consult the published General Orders for complete substantive information.)

GENERAL ORDER #1

Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 143rd Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. As such, I will endeavor to perform each of the duties of the office in a manner befitting our Order and our forefathers.

My earnest and genuine compliments are afforded to our outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Brother Peter Hritsko. Brother Peter's daily management of the business of the Order on issues, both large and small, serves as an example for all. Peter, thank you for your service and your friendship. I wish you good health and fortune in the years ahead.

On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the incoming National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Cher Petrovic, Woman's Relief Corps; Madeline Rock, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Rosemary Martin, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It

has also come to my attention that the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be announcing their incoming National President very soon and I will reach out to her personally, offering our most sincere best wishes. I truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year.

The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 8209 Skipwith Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21702-9499. Correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to the same address. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Matters of an extremely urgent and emergency nature can be transmitted by text or telephone at 240-285-7603; 24/7.

GENERAL ORDER #2

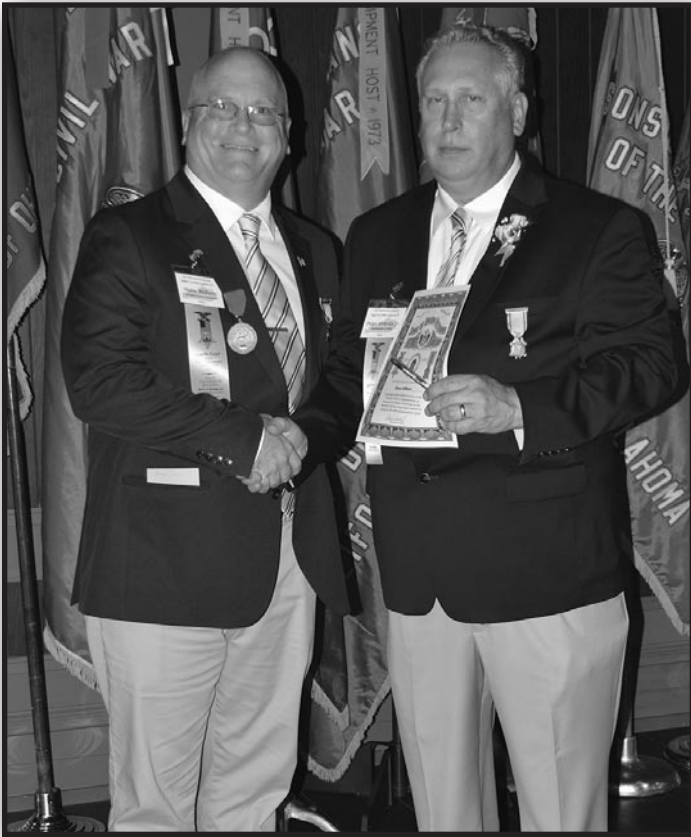
The Order has elected someone who is fully committed to the success of the Order. CinC Martin calls upon the Brothers of the Order to give a little bit more. We possess members with a wide variety of talents, skills and levels of expertise, which are the keys to success and growth. Like an army that needs everyone, from the lowly Private to the highest echelon of command, the Order needs every single member.

GENERAL ORDER #3

The list of all appointed National Officers along with National Committee membership has been published on the Order's website.

Ordered this 3rd Day of August, 2024







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An enquiry from our Camp Secretary to Leeds (Yorkshire) Local History Library about two veterans buried in Leeds inspired the library to hold an exhibition about the eight Union veterans we have found buried there, for their Armed Forces Day, an annual celebration of the UK's armed forces in July.

Our Camp provided them with much information about the veterans, including grave photographs. The Veterans described included:

- William Hails Glover of the 1st US Dragoons who was present at the siege of Vicksburg. He became Librarian of the Leeds Mechanics Institute, a forerunner of two universities in Leeds.



- John Hindle Stafford of the 16th New York Volunteer Infantry who fought at Antietam. After his period of enlistment ended, he re-enlisted in the 13th New York Volunteer Cavalry and helped suppress the 1863 New York draft riots.

- Alfred Massey Richardson, who ran away from home in Manchester, England at the age of 18 and enlisted in the 47th New York Volunteer Infantry. His distraught parents petitioned their Member of Parliament, John Bright, Britain's most passionately pro-Union MP and a friend of Abraham Lincoln, to write to the President and Richardson was discharged by special order of the Secretary of War. Richardson became a Colliery Supplies Agent in Leeds. In the 1920s he claimed his Civil War Pension.

- Major John Townsend Daniel of the 36th New York Infantry, who fought at Bull Run, Fair Oaks, Chantilly, Chancellorsville and New Market. At the end of the war he was ordered to lead his regiment in the hunt for President Lincoln's assassin. Despite being partially disabled by a leg wound and receiving a pension from 1863 he fought throughout the war and was commissioned in the 7th U.S. Cavalry after the war, perhaps presciently resigning several years before the regiment's unfortunate experience on June 25th, 1876. By 1874 he was back in England and confined to a mental asylum. His mother's application for a pension was refused by the US Senate because of lack of supplied evidence.

- John Wrightson of the 185th New York Volunteers, who was present at the surrender of the Confederate army at Appomattox Court House.

- Morris Henry Aylsworth of the 24th Wisconsin Infantry and the US Quartermaster's Department. After the war he worked for the American Screw Company in Rhode Island. In 1891 he was sent by the company to England to set up a factory in Leeds, which still operates.

- Dr Max Rossvally, who was living at the outbreak of War in New Orleans and seems to have enlisted willingly in the Confederate army. He was sent by them to work as a spy in a Union hospital but joined the Union army and converted from Judaism to Christianity after witnessing a dying Union drummer boy have his leg amputated without anaesthetic and sustained only by his Christian faith; Rossvally later immortalised the experience in his famous pamphlet Charlie Coulson, the Drummer Boy. After the war he became an evangelist, eventually settling in Leeds. His virulent attacks on rabbis present at his meetings led to letters of complaints to newspapers by the public. His grave in Leeds bears both Confederate and Union grave markers.

Since the exhibition, we have discovered William Abbott of the 6th US Cavalry in an unmarked grave in Leeds. We have written to the cemetery offering to obtain a USVA gravestone for him.

FINAL MUSTER

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brothers. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints. Amen.

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Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 – Chesapeake
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Eugene Victor McCarthy
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Wayne Crosby Close
George Armstrong Custer Camp #1 – Illinois
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Andrew Jackson Wilder, Jr
Lucius L Micchell Camp #4 – Florida
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William Albert Delo, II
Life Member 906
Col Henry B. Carrington Camp #3 –
Colorado/Wyoming
3/3/2024

Paul A Nelson
Albert & James Lyon Camp #266 – Michigan
8/5/2024

John 'Steve' Dow, PDC
Life Member 1019
Charles W Canney Camp #5 – New Hampshire
7/25/2024

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



At the beginning of August, I assumed the role of National Chaplain for the Order. In doing so, I was honored and more than a bit terrified. I follow in the footsteps of Jerry Kowalski. I pray that I may prove worthy of the trust placed in me.

I am a Lutheran pastor. I have served congregations in Maryland, Washington DC and Virginia. Over the past 2 ½ years, I have been working with a joint Lutheran/Episcopalian mission start in Urbana MD. That congregation reflects the changing nature of our faith and the need to work in fellowship across denominational lines.

I also started serving as a police chaplain some 22 years ago. That work has given me the opportunity to reflect on the many ways the role of chaplain has changed from the days of the Civil War until the current time. A chaplain during the Civil War would have encountered few who were not Christian. But today, a chaplain must be prepared to serve people from many different denominations and faiths.

The primary service remains the same. We love and care for people in times of crisis and need. The touch of God's presence remains critical. We bring calm in times of chaos. We bring comfort in times of sorrow. We bring hope in the face of adversity and illness. We bring peace in the midst of fear.

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THE ORIGINS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY

By PCinC Richard C. Schlenker

The Grand Army of the Republic has been memorialized at Gettysburg due to the foresight and efforts of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the civil War.

In the 109th year of the life of Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn., our Auxiliary had a larger-than-life likeness struck of the last survivor of the GAR and it was placed in Ziegler's Grove near the Gettysburg Cyclorama. Comrade Woolson died August 2, 1956, prior to the dedication of the monument.

During the 75th National Encampment of the Sons and the 70th of the Auxiliary, held in Harrisburg September 1956, a special trip to Gettysburg was planned. On Wednesday, September 12, twenty busses and many private cars made the journey for the unveiling. Three thousand people witnessed a parade and dedication.

For many years, our Pennsylvania Brothers and sisters had been commemorating the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery by holding a banquet on the Saturday nearest November 19 and so, it was thought that on that occasion in 1957 would be a good opportunity to remember the GAR at the monument. On November 16, 1957, over 300 of our members processed from the High Water Mark to Ziegler's Grove and held the First Remembrance Day.

From that first observance until today, the Sons of Veterans Reserve has had a major role in planning and executing the event. During the intervening years, as the Reserve sponsored re-enactments and attended others, friendships were established with many other Union and confederate units, which were invited to participate in our parade and to hold commemorative programs of their own at places on the battlefield of special meaning to them. Remembrance Day weekend has come to be a reunion for many of our number, as committees and Council meet, special breakfasts and luncheons are held. In 1994, upwards of 6,000 troops paraded and 850+ attended the Grand Military Ball.

The Grand Army of the Republic lives on !

PCinC Schlenker served our Order from 1974 until his death in August 2004. In addition to service as Commander-in-Chief (1982-83), he served as Commanding General of the SVR (1989-90). In 1995, he completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each.



Woolson Monument

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
August 1, 2024
Lexington, Kentucky**

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 (EDT) by CinC Peter J. Hritsko.

Old Business:

Awards Policy – Motion to change the date for recommendations for awards to May 31. Motion passed.

Status of the Drupal Contract – Brother Freshly will continue to work with Brother Pahl on the contract, no further update.

National Encampment – There was a request to have audio/visual piped in for the Memorial Service, granted. Request to play the two one minute ads for the podcast to the Encampment, granted.

Lincoln Death Day - Discussion as to activities and attendance. Incoming CinC should form a new

committee to take a fresh look at things.

Lifetime Dues – Discussion and adjured for action during Encampment.

Merchandising Licenses – 17 licenses are outstanding and not all had applied for renewal. A motion was made to extend the eight licenses not received until the Gettysburg CofA meeting. Motion passed. A motion was then made to renew the other nine licenses, passed.

War Medal – Motion for the National Defense Service Medal be on the qualification list for the War Medal. Motion failed.

Past Commander in Chief badge – The last one on hand is going to be issued at this Encampment and an order for more will be placed shortly. (Editor's note: The National Encampment authorized a PCinC badge be obtained at the Order's expense and presented to Honorary Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Wolz)

Budget – Books closed on last year's budget. Discussion ensued on the upcoming budget.

The benediction was given by the National Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray, National Secretary

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
August 4, 2024
Lexington, Kentucky**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 AM by Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin.

* The following items were approved by motion, second and passing vote:

John Buckler, Department of Kentucky, was approved to be the National Organization Expansion Officer.

Rocky L. Bartlow, Department of Kansas, was approved to be the National Membership-at-Large Coordinator.

NMAL dues for 2025 are continued at the current rate of \$50.00.

CofA determined the ROTC Medal must be procured through a Camp or Department. The Camp or Department coordinator being able to order more than one at a time.

The ROTC charges remain as they were.

*CinC Martin directed the P&P Committee to revise the ROTC Medal form accordingly.

* The Council was introduced to a program called "Grouper." This program might be beneficial for the older brothers of the organization. PCinC Paquette and

Treasurer Beard are to research the program and bring the information to the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

*. The National Quartermaster is allowed to proceed with production of a miniature War Medal.

* The National Quartermaster is allowed to produce and sell a "Expeditionary" bar for the War Medal. The P&P Committee was instructed to revise the War Medal form to include provisions for the "Expeditionary" bar.

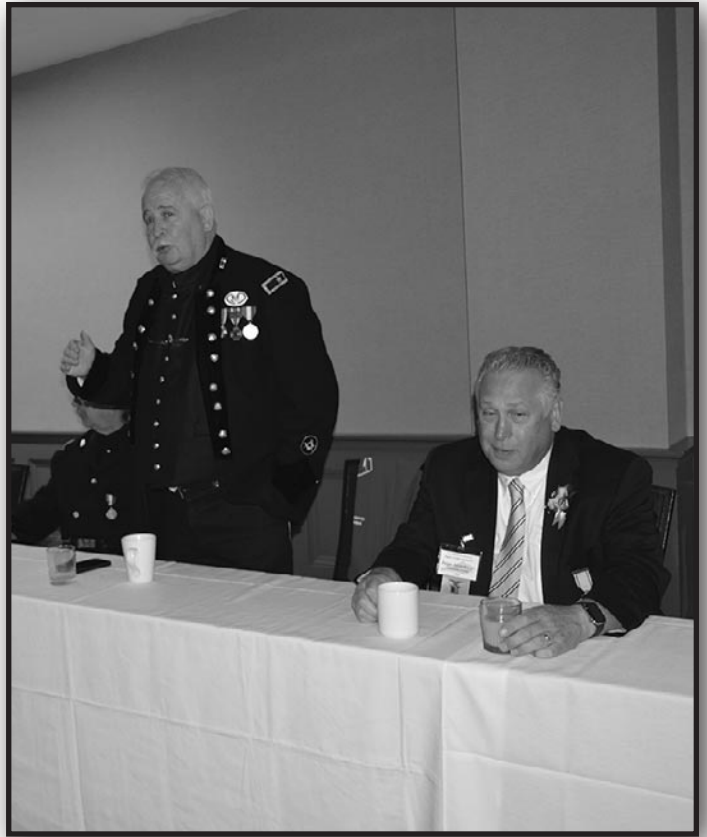
*The National Quartermaster was allowed update from the free version of Square to the Plus version, billed annually at \$348.

*The Webmaster shall work with the Communications and Technology Committee to develop and add a feedback mechanism for anyone opening the Membership page on the National website so we can obtain better metrics on where prospective members are hearing about our order.

*The Council of Administration discussed the budget. After discussion, the Council of Administration adopted the adjusted budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

*The Council determined future Encampment contracts with the ASUVCW be reviewed and approved by the CofA before presenting with ASUVCW.

*There being no further business to come before the Council of Administration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.



AWARDS FROM THE 143RD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

1. Meritorious service award with Gold Star: David W. Demmy Sr, Department of Pennsylvania, Daniel W. Murray, PDC, Department of New Hampshire, Phil Signor, Department of Columbia and Don Benson, PCC, Department of Columbia
2. Meritorious Service Award: John Huffman Jr,PDC, Department of Ohio, John Buckler, Department of Kentucky, and Mike Flynn, DC, Department of Kentucky
3. The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award: Sue Freshley, National President, ASUVCW.
4. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award 30 years of good service: David Martin, Department of New Jersey
5. Certificate of Recognition: Jack Mills, Department of Kentucky, Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky, Kenneth Felton, Department of California/Pacific, Kent Dorr, Department of Ohio
6. Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award: Col. Robert Gould Shaw Camp #54, Department of Massachusetts
7. Augusts P. Davis: Department of Pennsylvania
8. U. S. Grant Cup: Department of Columbia
9. Under Forty Award: Department of Pennsylvania
10. Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter): Camp: The Harriet Lane-Lt Commander Edward Lea, USN Camp #2 of the Department of Texas Department: Buckeye Bugle, Tales of the G.A.R. Department of Ohio
11. Horace Greeley Award: Department of North Carolina



Assistant Executive Director Susan W. Mitchell was given special recognition.

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CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC



Brothers of the Sgt. William Pittenger Camp No. 21, participated in the 2024 Coronado 4th of July Parade.



June 8, 2024, Br. William Harrington of Gen. W.S. Rosecrans Camp 2, attended the dedication of a monument celebrating the 55th and 59th USCT and the 2nd Colored Light Artillery, Battery F. at Holland Ridge, near Brice's Crossroads, MS. They were the rear guard of General Sturgis' army at the Battle of Brice's Crossroads. Br. Harrington's g-g-grandfather, Sgt. John Ery, (19th PA Cavalry) was one of those individuals saved due to their heroism and sacrifice.

CHESAPEAKE



As a part of the National effort begun years ago to identify the graves of the last Union veteran in their

areas, Antietam Camp #3 gathered with the congregation of Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church on June 23, 2024, to honor Thomas Shelton who was buried at the church in Smithsburg, Maryland in 1938. Several of Shelton's descendants attended the memorial ceremony.

ILLINOIS



On June 23rd the P.H. Sheridan Camp #2 was proud to host the James H. Cleggett marker dedication ceremony at Lincoln Cemetery in Blue Island, Illinois. Gina Denham, a descendent of one of the founders of the London Branch of American Civil War Veterans, has conducted research as to the founders of that order. She was led to the unmarked grave of James Henry Cleggett in Lincoln Cemetery. The Camp assisted in obtaining a headstone. Gina came over from England to participate in the ceremony.



On Saturday, June 15th US Grant Camp 1863, conducted its 3rd Annual Flag Celebration. The camp co-hosted the program with the Palatine Historical Society on the Clayson House Museum grounds. Color Guards included United States Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force. Also participating were the NJROTC Wheeling High School and Chicago's Own Young Marines. Also the Palatine American Legion Post 690, Navy League of the United States, Glenview Council, BSA and Girl Scouts plus three neighboring Camps. The program honored Bernard John Cogland considered the father of Flag Day in the United States.

INDIANA



Francis J. Barton was honored as “The last Union Veteran” of St. Joseph County, Indiana in a dedication ceremony at Highland Cemetery, South Bend. Brother Barton’s grave was marked with the appropriate marker signifying him as the Last Union Veteran of that county by John Auten Camp 8, assisted by Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 LGAR.

Members from the Colonel William H. Kinsman Camp #23, along with and Victor Vifquain Camp No. 1 and James C. Welstead Camp No. 3, of the Department of Nebraska, participated in the Stir-up Days Parade in Ashland Nebraska along with the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry reenacting unit on Saturday July 20, 2024.



G.M. Dodge Camp #75 member Mike Rowley spoke at the Missing in America Project (MIAP) held for 14 veterans buried in the cemetery of the Independence Mental Health Institute in Independence, Iowa on June 22, 2024



Drew Godby, Camp Commander of Orlando A. Somers Camp # 1, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Grant County Historical Society President Sarah Evans for contributions towards the restoration project of the G.A.R. monument at Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee at their August 21st meeting.

KANSAS



Brothers of Franklin Camp No. 5, participated in the Mine Creek Battlefield Heritage Day on August 3, 2024. Franklin Camp held recruitment efforts during the festival and took part in ceremonies during the day.

IOWA



MAINE



The Brothers of Corporal George Samuel Cobb Camp #68 (Rockport), along with brothers of the Daniel Chaplin Camp #3, the Col. C.S. Douty Camp #11 and the Pvt. Willard F. Mallett Camp #86, participated with the Maine Sestercentennial Committee for a weekend long celebration of the rededication of their Civil War Memorial. 188 Civil War veterans are honored by this monument. Brothers set up a table near the monument where they could look up veterans for those interested. Several names were taken for further research, presenting them a family tree document and a membership application. They anticipate some 4 to 6 applications to be returned.

MICHIGAN



During the Virtual National Encampment of 2022, then Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris awarded the Meritorious Service Award to Dan Grable, the long time Secretary/Treasurer of the Sgt. Henry E. Plant Camp #3. The certificate was finally delivered to Dan, presented by Lt. Col. (Retired) Max Riekse, PCC.

NEBRASKA



On June 22, 2024 members of the Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2 and Welstead Camp #3 participated in a dedication ceremony for Gilbert Cole who served in the 29th Iowa Infantry Co. E enlisting in 1862, Cole was wounded in 1864 and recovered in St.

Louis where his wife and family joined him until his discharge in November 1865.

Brother Daniel Sauerwein, a member of John M. Thayer Camp-at-Large in the Department of Nebraska and a member of the Nebraska Rangers, SVR, participated in a program opening Fort Abercrombie State Historic Site on May 25 for the summer season. On June 1, he provided an educational display of uniforms and equipment and instructed Scouts and leaders on the drill and experiences of Civil War soldiers as part of their Camporee. Scouts from central and western North Dakota had the chance to learn about what being a Civil War soldier involved. He has also participated in the program: "From Prisoner to Prairie: The Life of "Galvanized Yankees" at Fort Abercrombie", the unique story of Confederate prisoners who took the oath of allegiance, joined the Union army and garrisoned the forts on the western frontier.

NEW JERSEY



On June 8th the New Jersey Department met for the 142nd year.

NEW YORK



The third graders of Clinton Elementary School in Clinton, New York celebrated Juneteenth by learning about how their community contributed towards Union victory in the Civil War. Conducted by brothers of the Homer Searle Camp #114, they drilled in the manual of arms and then marched to the Old Clinton Burying

Ground near their school, where they learned the stories of six Union soldiers at rest there.



The Walter H French Camp #17 was able to procure a headstone for Nial Manning, a veteran with an unmarked grave at Vrooman Hill Cemetery. The Town of Antwerp assisted in some of the labor involved. The ceremony was held on July 13, with the assistance of the Antwerp American Legion Post 916 and the Philadelphia American Legion Post 798. At least 14 descendants of Nial Manning were present for the event.

OHIO



Three Civil War Veterans headstones were dedicated on May 19 at the KNOOP Family cemetery, near Troy, Ohio. Brother's of Sherman Camp 93, Dayton Ohio, Casey Camp 92, Wilmington, sisters of the Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary, and brothers of the new Earnshaw Camp 89, Miami Valley, along with members, along with the Tipp City Frank E Robinson American Legion Post 586 who provided the 21 gun salute.



Governor William Dennison Camp No. 1 conducted a Headstone Re-Dedication Service on June 29 for Union Veteran Charles Shipman at Dublin (aka Odd Fellows) Cemetery in Dublin, Ohio. The service conducted was adapted from the 1917 headstone dedication service used by the Grand Army of the Republic.

PENNSYLVANIA



On Sat, Jul 13, 12 Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No 504 conducted the Last Civil War Veteran of Mercer County, Pennsylvania Ceremony at the Oak Hill Cemetery at Sandy Lake, for Private William Bailey. A special GAR star flag holder was placed on the grave during the ceremony.



Brother of the Joel Searfoss Camp #273 presenting an Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor for Troop 22 in Cheltenham, PA.

SOUTHWEST



Brothers of the Camp US Grant #3 of Flagstaff, Arizona dedicated a Last Union Veteran Marker for the Last Union Veteran of Yavapai County, John Landon Simpson. John Landon Simpson was a Pioneer of Skull Valley, Arizona, passed away in 1938 shortly after his trip to Gettysburg for the 75th Anniversary, and is buried in Prescott, Arizona. Several of his grandchildren attend.

TENNESSEE



Brothers of the Missionary Ridge Camp #63 installed a marker at the Hickory Creek Cemetery in Knoxville, honoring Corporal Robert Benson Brandon, Company D 3rd Tennessee Infantry was wounded at the battle of Resaca and died of the wounds May 30, 1865.

WISCONSIN



In a blitzkrieg of nine days in July, brothers of the C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and sisters of Auxiliary 4 appeared in two multi-day expos (plus the set-up days) and in a parade – the encampment in Menomonee Falls, German Fest in Milwaukee and the South Milwaukee march. Two such duties overlapped on July 27. This work was pulled off via a team effort.

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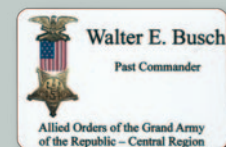
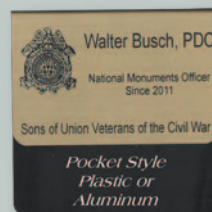
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OUR HERITAGE

BY GARY GIBSON, PDC - NATIONAL HISTORIAN

MARCHING THROUGH HISTORY

If you have attended a National Encampment in the last several years, you have taken part in one simple tradition that has an interesting back story.

Whenever a delegation from one of the Allied Orders enters the Encampment Room, and is escorted to the Commander-in-Chief's station, the entire encampment will break into clapping. Not applause, mind you, but a rhythmic clapping in unison. It is also done when the delegation retires from the room. You may ask yourself, "What is this?" The clapping in unison is to imitate the sound of the Union Army marching.

Soon after our Order voted to abandon the military structure and become a civilian, fraternal organization, (1904) the use of a piano was introduced into our Encampments. The other Allied Orders, especially the Auxiliary, W.R.C. and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, had always employed a piano to accompany the "floor work", or the marching evolutions used in their rituals. They even had the appointed office of Musician. Pianos were still in use at their National Encampments and Conventions as late as the 1990's.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Ken Wheeler and Richard Wyman, both from New Hampshire, were accomplished pianists and would play for the Encampments. The piano music, at least for the SUVCW, did not last long. It was abandoned in the 1980's.

So, the next time you attend a National Encampment, (and you really should attend one, as it is a wonderful experience in Fraternity) don't be surprised at clapping in unison. It is unique to our organization, and is just another way that we remember to our forefathers' service and sacrifice



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