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KUDOS: To Becki Pahl, Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 (Michigan), for assisting the Editor in taking photos at Remembrance Day.

On The Cover: James Hayden as Abraham Lincoln at Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. Photo by Craig Matthews, US Grant Camp 68, Dept of Missouri



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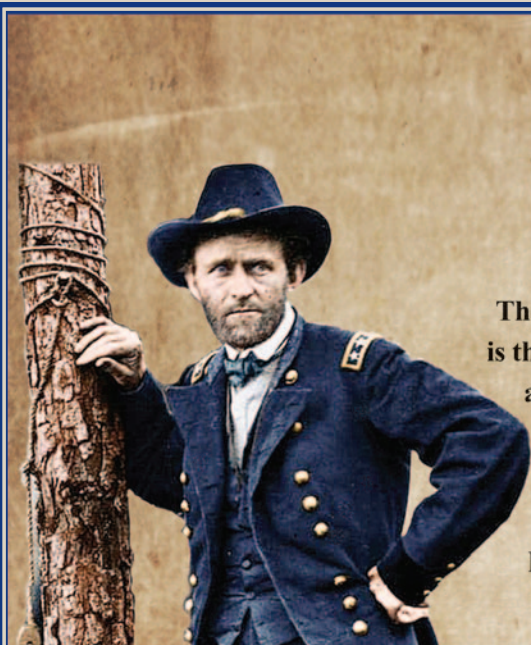
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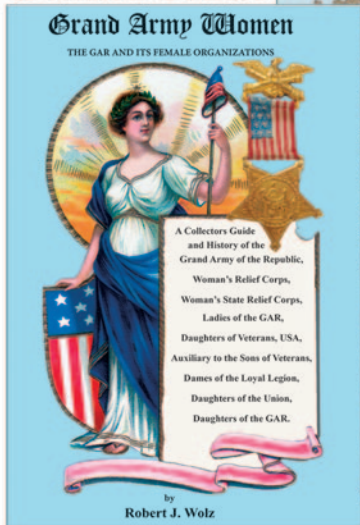
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Tad D. Campbell - National Patriotic Instructor

A creed can be defined as a set of fundamental guiding principles or beliefs. The following creeds are closely associated with the SUVCW.

The American's Creed

The American's Creed is the title of a resolution passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918. It is a statement written in 1917 by William Tyler Page as an entry into a patriotic contest that he won. This creed is part of the SUVCW's Ritual and Ceremonials and is often recited at Camp meetings:

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

Sons of Veterans Creed

This creed was adopted by the 38th National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Columbus, Ohio on September 11, 1919. Although it is no longer a formal part of the Ritual and Ceremonials, its sentiments endure to this day and link us to the GAR.

To be a true American and a good citizen.

To discountenance disloyalty in any form.

To revere the name of my ancestor who gave his service and made his sacrifices for the maintenance of the Republic.

To assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the patriotic teachings of that organization.

To be loyal to my Camp and the Order and faithful to my fellow members that we may work in brotherhood for these ends.

Use these creeds to help guide you in your daily conduct as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
Tad D. Campbell, PCinC
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- OBITUARY -
ROBERT M. PETROVIC, PDC
1940 – 2024

With sorrow, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War reports the passing of Brother Robert (Bob) Petrovic on 28 November 2024.



Brother Bob was a Past Camp Commander of William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp #65, charter member of Ulysses S Grant Camp #68, Past Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, past elected member of the National Council of Administration, Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Chairman of the National Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance, and Colonel and Chief of Staff for the Sons of Veteran Reserve. Bob was also National President of Logan's Brigade, the men's auxiliary to the Women's Relief Corp. He was instrumental in the re-charter of the Department of Missouri in 1996 serving as the first Department Commander. He organized the 2001 Springfield, 2007 St. Louis, and 2021 St. Louis National Encampments. He also authored the first edition of the National Encampment Handbook. Brother Bob received two National Meritorious Service Awards with Gold Stars, two Department of Missouri Meritorious Service Awards, and the Missouri Department's Francis Blair Award. Bob is survived by his wife, Cher, National President of the Women's Relief Corp, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.



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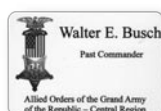
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Chaplain Douglas Jones

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Chief of Staff (Colonel), SVR
2nd Missouri Inf, SVR
14th Michigan, SVR
11/28/2024

MARTIN TESTIMONIAL



The Department of the Chesapeake and its Auxiliary played host to a large gathering of the Allied Orders, guests and friends to pay tribute to both Commander-in-Chief Kevin L. Martin and National Auxiliary President Rosemary S. Martin on Saturday, October 26. Held at a local Frederick landmark, Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, the testimonial luncheon was organized and co-emceed by the National Chiefs-of-Staff, Department Auxiliary President Denise Thompson and Brian W. Horgan, PDC.

A host of individuals and National officers, both past and present, representing groups comprising the Allied Orders, recounted many stories that chronicled the rise of the honorees to the highest office of their respective organizations. Of note, two Department Camps made special presentations to the Martins' – Washington, DC-based Lincoln-Cushing Camp 2 gifted a framed photograph from the personal collection of PCinC Andrew Johnson depicting the last gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic from Indianapolis, IN in 1949. Baltimore's Garfield Camp 1 surprised the crowd with a "Big Check" symbolizing their donation of three-hundred dollars to help offset the Martin's out-of-pocket expenses during the coming year.

At the completion of the testimonials, the guests of honor took to the lectern and in typical gracious fashion proceeded to give attribution for their ascension to many individuals who were instrumental in guiding their path to the top. In recognizing the rarity of a husband-wife team occupying these honored posts, the couple again credited others with helping to motivate their ever-increasing involvement and instilling in them an unswerving devotion to the tenets of their respective Orders.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Worship looked different in congregations during the Civil War period. Most certainly it was very different among the troops. Providing care for men and women facing death requires attention to details and questions which might not arise in an ordinary parish. As the North and the South faced a continuing conflict, how did clergymen choose the themes of their sermons? What biblical passages inspired them? How did they use the scriptures to support their messages?

In a recent book, *Holy Baptism of Fire and Blood*, from Oxford University Press, the author, James Byrd, explores data from newspapers, sermons, books and other sources which identify the most cited Bible verses from sources in the North and the South during the Civil War. I am quoting the top three verses in each region. The Confederate sources most frequently cite verses that dwell on acceptance of the hand of providence. God is at work in all things always appears to be the overarching theme. The most utilized Union verses all deal with subjects related to slavery and freedom. Acts 17:26 states that all people are of one blood. Isaiah 58:6 demands that the oppressed go free. And Leviticus 25:10 says that “you shall proclaim liberty throughout all the land.”

Top Three Union Bible Verses

Acts 17:26 “And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation...”

Isaiah 58:6 “Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?”

Leviticus 25:10 “And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.”

Top Three Confederate Bible Verses

Job 1:21 “Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Matthew 25:21, 25:23 “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

I invite you to consider the impact these various verses would have had upon the heart, mind and soul as one faced battle, struggled with hunger and bad weather, or buried a fellow soldier. They still have meaning for us today. As we begin a new year, what do these verses say to you? Do you find inspiration, comfort, hope? While the world around us may look different, human beings still have the same struggles, needs and joys. God spoke to them. God continues to speak to us.

Happy New Year!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Chaplain Douglas Jones



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LIFE MEMBERS

Since Fall Banner Vol 129, No 1

Life Membership

Below are the new Life member rates as approved at the 143rd National Encampment in Lexington, Kentucky and were effective immediately. Brothers may use form 9 from the National Website to apply for life membership.

Not less than one-third of the total fee shall accompany this application and the remainder shall be paid at the convenience of the Member within three (3) years from the date of the application. A Member is not considered to be a Life Member until the required fees are paid in full. If the full payment has not been received within three (3) years, the amount of payment submitted shall be designated as a donation to the Permanent Fund of the Order.

Life membership in the SUVCW excuses a Brother from paying annual National per capita dues. Life Members are required to pay annual Department and Camp level dues. A Department may waive annual Department dues for Life Members, but the Department must make this decision. Likewise, a Camp may waive annual Camp dues, or a portion thereof, for Life Members, but the Camp must make this determination. Examples of each of these three dues conditions can be found within the Order.

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New Life Members

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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 #4

Attendance at any Council of Administration meeting of any type, including email discussion threads, shall be limited to members of the Council of Administration, unless specifically invited by the Commander-in-Chief or his designee.

GENERAL ORDER #5

Disasters in the Southwest. Noting Hurricane Helene and hurricane Milton, brothers are encouraged to consider making a contribution to a Hurricane Relief Fund of their choice.

GENERAL ORDER #6

Passing of James H. Houston, PDC, Ohio and ordering websites, charters and member badges draped for 30 days

GENERAL ORDER #7

Rescinds Sections 1 and 3 of General Order #22, Series 2023-2024, which rescinds the National Policy regarding the loan and/or deposit of artifacts to outside persons/agencies. The National Committee on Program and Policy was instructed to review the policy and report findings and recommendations. General Order #7 does not affect the National Policy regarding the National Encampment Vendor/Display Program or policy.

GENERAL ORDER #8

Passing of Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, Missouri, former elected member of the Council of Administration, chair of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation and a number of other accomplishments. The website, all charters and member badges ordered draped for 30 days

GENERAL ORDER #9

Noting the 100th birthday of the last Real Son of a Civil War veteran and member of this Order, William Pool

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF 11/30/2024

ASSOCIATE	432	DUAL ASSOCIATE	14
COMBAT ZONE SERVICE	6	DUAL LIFE MEMBER	124
JR. ASSOCIATE	2	DUAL MEMBER	130
JUNIOR	64	HONORARY	1
LIFE MEMBER	617		
MEMBER	4,895		
REAL SON	1	GRAND TOTAL:	6,286

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
November 17, 2024
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

(Note from the Editor) 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)

Several email votes were reviewed and approved.

Several product licenses were approved which were not able to be voted upon in August,

2024-006: SUVCW License Plate (Department of Pennsylvania).

2024-008: SUVCW or GAR Address Labels (Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri).

2024-009: SUVCW Name Badges (Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri).

2024-010: Brass Membership Card (Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri)

Two new License Applications approved.

Pocket Slide-In Nametag (Grant Camp 68, Department of Missouri).

Memory Box (Col. Kinsman Camp 23, Department of Iowa).

The resignation of Susan Mitchell as Assistant Executive Director was discussed.

Approved motion to allow P & P Committee make minor changes to any form without CofA approval.

Three certificates from the National Quartermaster were approved, specifically, the updated Ancestor Certificate, updated Eagle Scout Certificate, and updated Death Certificate.

Approved new special order Membership Certificate with design based on the original 1890's design and size.

Discussed the need for someone to transport the National Charter to Houston for 2025 National Encampment and then return it to Harrisburg.

Program and Policy to develop a graphic example of the CinC seal, department seal, and camp seal to be put in the C&R.

CofA discussed a proposal from Grouper, where membership dues could be covered by health insurance for senior citizens. A CinC appointed committee will explore this and present at the Springfield CofA meeting.

Officer Report Recommendations. (Numbering is from the consolidated officer reports.)

– From National Civil War Memorials Officer. Currently about 25GB of monument files that need to be moved to a cloud or FTP service that can serve as a

backup to what is currently online. The estimated cost is to be checked on by Brother Payne. CinC Martin assigned this matter to Comm & Tech Committee.

– National GAR Records Officer. CofA discussed items 1 and 3 of General Order No. 22, Series 2023-2024, the "Loan/Deposit Policy" and Form 80) CofA voted to suspend the Loan/Deposit Policy. CinC Martin will issue General Order No. 7, which will also clarify that any existing Forms 80 remain in effect.

– National Washington DC Representative. CofA approved purchase of 4x6 US Flag and matching pole for CinC flag, along with 2 baldrics/flag carrier harnesses, to be in the possession of the DC Representative for use by SUVCW.

CofA approved to send out a fund-raising form for further distribution by the National Secretary to Departments, for the Departments to further distribute the form to all Camps and all Brothers.

Other New Business.

Camp Secretary Handbook. Small discrepancy in the handbook concerning the distribution of the application fee. This will be corrected by the Secretary. The National Councilor is to provide an opinion on this matter.

CofA approved Natinoal Quartermaster acquire a 10 ft. x10 ft. storage unit for Quartermaster use at \$104 for the first 3 months, then about \$205 per month after. This will be through August 2025.

Good of the Order.

Entertained recommendation that G.O. 4 be amended to allow any member of our Order in good standing to attend and observe in person CofA meetings only. CinC Martin will consider revising G.O. 4 for in-person meetings.

2025 Remembrance Day will be held November 15, 2025.

2025 Department Encampment Visitation Schedule discussed.





68TH REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024

Under dry and somewhat warm skies, the 68th annual Remembrance Day observances were held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ceremonies were held at the G.A.R. Monument in Ziegler's Grove where wreaths were laid. A check from the proceeds of last year's ball was presented to the National Park Service and accepted by Park Superintendent Kristina Heister. Abraham Lincoln was portrayed by James Hayden of Harrisburg, who recited the Gettysburg Address.

The parade stepped off at 1:00 PM, with about 4,000 reenactors participating including a number of first time Brothers and many more ladies participating this year with the Allied Orders. To bring more interest and attention about the SUVCW and the Parade we set up a recruiting-information table at the Gettysburg Heritage Center on Steinwehr Avenue, where we had brochures wooden nickels and a specially made non logo tee-shirt that was sold to the public. The table was manned by National Treasurer Mike Beard PDC and Johnathan Krause, from Irish Brigade Camp #4.



Steve Michaels and Super Heister

The day concluded by the well attended annual Civil War Ball held at the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center

The Banner Editor noted several law enforcement agencies gathered to provide a safe parade and event. Pictured is US Park Ranger (Law Enforcement) Amanda K. Cymore with the Banner Editor Jim Pahl, PCinC. Also pictured is National Treasurer Mike Beard and the third is Steve Michaels PCinC with Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendant Heister..

The 69th annual Remembrance Day ceremonies and parade is slated for November 15, 2025.



Officer Amanda Cymore and Jim Pahl.



Mike Beard

WORLD-WIDE LINCOLN

by Walt Busch, PDC

After seeing PCinC Andrew Johnson's article on the statue of Abraham Lincoln in a cemetery in Edinburgh, Scotland, and creating a form 61 for it, I started to ponder just how many other Lincoln monuments are there outside the United States. I knew that there were Regan and Clinton monuments in Europe, but since ones of Lincoln might qualify as Civil War monuments to retain in our records, the existence of them had me curious. So, after an internet search, these are the ones that I found. A couple of locations may surprise you.

Edinburgh has the Lincoln statue in Old Calton Cemetery in honor of Scottish-American Soldiers and in Manchester, England, is a statue by George Grey Barnard that commemorates the impact the American Civil War had on the cotton cloth-producing region of England. Dedicated in 1920, another Lincoln statue created by Saint Gaudens stands in the area of Westminster Abbey, London.

Mexico has two statues to our president. The first one dedicated in 1964 was a copy of the Saint Gaudens' statue and is in Parque Lincoln in Mexico City. The other is one of the few monuments already in our files and stands in Tijuana.

Oslo's Lincoln bust became a symbol of resistance to the Nazis during Norway's occupation in World War II. People would gather around the monument created by the Norwegian-American sculptor Paul Fjelde every fourth of July for a ceremony. The monument dedicated in 1914 was in honor of Norwegians who came to North Dakota.

Surprisingly, Cuba has three statues of Lincoln. All of them are in Havana. The first is in the Parque de La Fraternidad next to the Capitol. The next is at the Museum of the Revolution, while the last one is a miniature sculpture on the Avenue of Presidents in the Vedado neighborhood.

The overseas campus at the University of Chicago Center in Paris, France, has our next memorial to Lincoln. Probably the most interesting statue is one showing a meeting that never took place! To mark the 150th anniversary of the freeing of Russia's serfs by Czar Alexander II in 2011 a statue of the Czar shaking hands (pre-Covid 19 days – remember?) with President Lincoln. The sculpture created by A. Burganov stands in front of the Russian National Archives in Moscow. Both the Czar and the President freed enslaved people, the Czar sent the Russian fleet to the US to support the Lincoln and the US against foreign moves in the Civil War, and both leaders were assassinated.

A Standing Lincoln overlooks a grape orchard at the Bacalhoa Estate in Azeitão, Portugal. Apparently, the owner is a big fan of the president. Parkview Square in Singapore has a standing one also. But there are two that are now gone.

A terracotta Lincoln statue from Centennial Park in Sidney, Australia, had to be dumped due to decay ; Benjamin Disraeli's terracotta statue from the park is also missing for the same reason. Finally, there is supposed to be a Lincoln statue in Japan, but the only reference I could find of one was one built of snow of a seated Lincoln. It was built in Sapporo, Japan, by members of the Japanese Ground Defense Forces in 1992.

When travelling to these monuments, take a lot of pictures and send them to your Civil War Monuments Officer.



BOSCOBEL GAR HALL NEWS

The Boscobel GAR Hall as had another phase of work completed with more plastering done in the upstairs. The plastering is an expensive and labor-intensive project due to the scarcity of competent contractors in the area that are skilled in original plastering, as the GAR Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places. UV film has been procured and ready to install on the windows protecting the artifacts within the hall.

The GAR Hall raffle was a great success and over \$4000 was made to help benefit restoration work on the hall, Commander Dan Chroninger would like to thank Rod Dary for spearheading this event, and also the others that sold and bought tickets.

A local Baptist congregation built the building in 1871 as the First Baptist Church. The congregation left the building vacant in 1879. A few pews and the organ remain from that first incarnation as a church.

In 1896 the building was bought by the Grand Army of the Republic's local chapter, John McDermott Post #101 and Women's Relief Corps #32. They remodeled the building, splitting the nave into two floors, with a kitchen and other rooms on the first floor and with a meeting hall on the second floor – the current layout. The hall remained a meeting place for the G.A.R. until 1942. Since then, The Woman's Relief Corps has actively preserved the GAR Hall as a memorial to Civil War veterans and for the benefit of future generations. In 2003, L.G. Armstrong Camp #49 of the SUVCW was re-chartered in Boscobel and uses the Hall as it's meeting site. The Sons actively assist the WRC with Hall maintenance and fund raising efforts.



SUVCW Charitable Foundation



*We are saddened by the loss of
Robert Petrovic, PDC and
James Houston*



*Guarding our
Civil War Heritage*

Robert served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and merchandiser. James served as Secretary/Treasurer. Both were founding members of the Foundation and long-standing members of the SUVCW. They will always be in our thoughts and our condolences go out to their families and friends.

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 69th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 159th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

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 VFW Hall, 2349 Stockyard Rd. Meal is served buffet style and includes: beef, chicken, pasta, green beans, mashed potatoes, side salad, and rolls and butter for \$35.00 per person.

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

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION

(PLEASE print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____
Name & title of wreath bearer: _____
Email address: _____
if no Email, home address: _____
City, State, & Zip code: _____

To insure being recognized in the program, this notice MUST be received no later than April 1st at the address shown below.

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

Please accept ____ luncheon reservation(s). Please list name, e-mail address, home address & phone number of person responsible for picking up tickets at the door. PLEASE PRINT.

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____

Include remittance of \$35.00 per person for each lunch reservation payable to **National Organization SUVCW**.

Reservations must be made by April 5th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

SEND TO:

Cher Petrovic

6519 Cherokee Lane, Cedar Hill, MO 63016

Phone: 636-274-4567

For Military Parade Information, please contact:

Thomas Brown, Commander 4th Military Dist. SVR

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Phone: 414-429-8979

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CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC



Brothers of the General George Stoneman Jr Camp #18 participated in their annual Veteran's Day ceremony on Saturday morning, 9 November, at Evergreen Memorial Park in downtown Riverside, California.



Brothers of the General George Stoneman Jr., Camp 18 participated in the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Evergreen Memorial Park in Riverside, CA, on Saturday, 14 December 2024.

The Camp also participated in a joint toy collection drive with American Legion Post #216, in Corona, CA, jointly sponsoring a total of 40 toys to donate to the Corona Fire Department as part of the "Spark of Love" drive to help needy families during the holiday season.

CHESAPEAKE



Brothers of the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 gathered in Baltimore on Saturday, December 14 to honor unknown and known Union soldiers interred at Loudon

Park National Cemetery. The cemetery was originally a military cemetery. It was one of the 14 original national cemeteries established under the National Cemetery Act of July 17, 1862.

COLORADO / WYOMING



Several charter members of Capt. Lot Smith Camp 1 and others gathered on September 28, 2024, at Wasatch Memorial Park near Salt Lake City, Utah, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the camp's creation and to honor its founder, the late William R. Ward. The ceremony was held at Ward's gravesite, where six of the 16 original charter members were able to attend, two of which are still members.

COLUMBIA



On September 6, 2024, Fort Walla Walla Camp 3 participated in a coordinated joint ceremony to honor the replacement of two damaged Union grave markers in Mountain View Cemetery of Walla Walla, WA. The two re-dedicated Union veterans were Sgt. James C. Mason of the 9th Infantry & the 1st Washington Territory Infantry. Also Pvt. Joseph L Wilson of Co L Illinois 22nd Infantry. This service was planned and promoted by the Walla Walla R.O.A. and supported by WWHS JROTC, the Am Legion Post 32, AMVETS Post 1111, and W.Walla Parks & Recreation Dept. SUV CW FWW Camp 3 lead the Ceremony, with R.O.A. participants and about 50 attendees were counted. One of the two markers shows in the picture.

GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



On the afternoon of 13 October 2014, brothers from throughout the Dept of Georgia & South Carolina and the SVR 7th Military District, performed ceremonial drill and honors at the Chattanooga National Cemetery for the dedication of new Medal of Honor headstones for Privates Wilson and Shadrack of Andrews' Raiders.

ILLINOIS



These Chicago scouts assisted brothers of the Old Glory Camp 6165 in placing American Flags on the graves of two hundred and fifty Union soldiers buried in Section A, at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago.



On Saturday, December 14th Old Glory Camp #6165 joined with local scouts, Chicago's Own Young Marines, Knights of Columbus and American Legion, participating in the annual Wreath's Across America ceremonies at Union Ridge Cemetery.



Col. Bryner Camp 67 dedicated an informational plaque on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, IL detailing the history of the first known public monument in Illinois, originally dedicated in October 1866, memorializing the Civil War veterans who were lost from Peoria County.

INDIANA



Brothers of the John W. Foster Camp #2 along with members of the 27th Indiana SVR. Held a Last Union Veteran ceremony in honor of Private Cato Powell at Sand Hill Cemetery near Princeton, Indiana. Private Powell was a member of Co. C, 8th U.S.C.T. Heavy Artillery and was the last veteran buried in Gibson County, Indiana. Several family members attended the ceremony including his grandson Shon Powell.

IOWA



On Veteran's Day 2024 at the ImOn Arena in Dubuque, Iowa, members of Robert Mitchell, Camp #206 participated in commemorating our nation's Veterans.



In the first 9 months of 2024, members of the Dodge Camp #75 joined with other Camps of the Department and have marked over 112 previously unmarked graves across the State of Iowa.



MASSACHUSETTS



Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts attended a rededication of the Concord, Massachusetts Civil War Memorial on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The historic town conducted the rededication to correct an omission of the town's only black Union soldier's name from their roster of those who died in service to their country during the Civil War. A fifth-grade class in Concord studying the town's Civil War history discovered the missing soldier and petitioned the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for funding to add a bronze plaque to the Concord Civil War Monument to include the name of Pvt. George Washington Dugan of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. He and 50 other members of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry were lost on July 18, 1863, in the battle of Fort Wagner, South Carolina.



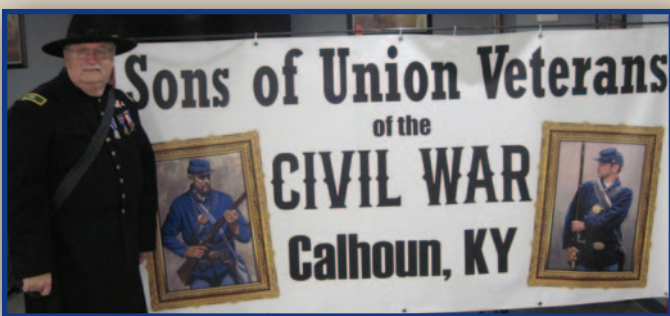
On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the First Military District, SVR conducted its annual Memorial Ceremony for Major General Benjamin

KANSAS



Franklin Camp #5 Commander Jim Thornton raises the 34-Star United States Flag during the opening Flag Raising Ceremony for the 2024 Old Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival held on October 12 on the grounds of the old Indian School in Fairway, Kansas.

KENTUCKY



Dr. Alben Shockley M.D. Commander of Camp Calhoun Camp 2 stands beside the Camps new banner after presenting his program "Civil War Medicine".

LONDON ENGLAND CAMP AT LARGE

"On September 24th, 2024, the Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, Department at Large, London, England, hosted Brother Frank Wallemann of Lillie Camp No. 6, Department of Missouri, who was visiting London, at the London Athenaeum Club. Brother Frank presented the Camp with a Missouri State Flag, gifted by Missouri State Senator Mike Bernskoetter

Franklin Butler. In addition to honoring General Butler, his son-in-law, Medal of Honor recipient Major General Adelbert Ames was also honored as part of the event. The ceremony was attended by descendants of General Butler and General Ames, as well as Friends of Hildreth Cemetery and local media, who published a story in the Lowell newspaper.

MICHIGAN



On November 2, 2024, brothers of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 were joined by Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR(Irish Rifle), Gove Crapo Camp #145, US Grant Camp #67 and the March to the Sea Camp #135, descendants of Howard Gruesbeck, and representatives of the Eaton County Historical Society, to honor Comrade Gruesbeck. A GAR Marker was placed at his grave, where none had been recorded as having been placed before. Harmon Gruesbeck served in the 6th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

MISSOURI



On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, the Lt. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, presented a Civil War display during St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Apple Creek, Missouri fall dinner. After the dinner our Camp conducted a ceremony to honor Civil War Veteran Anton Buchheit as the last Union Civil War Soldier in Perry County, MO. He served as a Private in Company A, 78th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia. Assisting the camp at the ceremony were members of the Fletcher Camp #47, members of Louise Volker Auxiliary #215's, descendant John Wibbenmeyer who played taps. A large crowd of Anton's descendants (four generations) and their extended family relatives attended the ceremony.



The Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 spent the afternoon on October 22nd at Marian Cliff Manor, an assisted living and residence facility with sixty residents, forty of whom are military veterans. We set up a soldier's camp, had displays of Civil War artifacts, and discussed a soldier's life, the loading and firing of muskets, and staking and un-staking of arms. Our Camp's drummer and fifer played various Civil War tunes.

NEW YORK



Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 is pleased to recognize 11 new Eagle Scouts of Troop 7, Port Washington, NY.

NORTH CAROLINA



Members of Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 participated at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fort Fisher State Historic Site Visitor Center, reconstructed earthworks, and Underwater Archaeology Lab at Kure Beach, NC, October 29th.

OHIO



John S. Townsend Camp 108, arranged and hosted a special dedication ceremony on May 30 – traditional date of Memorial Day – to dedicate highway markers that recognize the Ohio General Assembly’s designation of Ohio Route 78 as the “78th Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry Highway.”

OKLAHOMA



On October 5th, Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 participated in the Oklahoma History Center’s 2024 Folklife Festival, manning an information and recruiting table and providing information about the Civil War and SUVCW to over 5,000 visitors.



On Friday October 11th, Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 and DUVCW Sally Peacheater Tent #18 of Oklahoma City rededicated the graves of Civil War Soldiers in Red Rock Cemetery, Calumet, OK. The event was attended by a number of descendants of the soldiers buried there.

PENNSYLVANIA



The Baker-Fisher Camp 101, conducted a ceremony at the Newtown Cemetery in Newtown, PA on September 14, 2024 to honor Sgt. Charles H. Duckworth, the last Civil War veteran to die in Bucks County, PA and in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sgt. Duckworth, who died in 1949, served in the 18th Pennsylvania Cavalry and the 3rd Provisional Cavalry in Pennsylvania. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the last commander of Captain H. Clay Beatty Post #73 in Bristol, PA.

RHODE ISLAND



Major General Thomas West Sherman Camp no. 1 partnered with Newport, RI’s VFW Post 406 to conduct a Veterans Day ceremony at the newly refurbished Belmont Chapel at the city’s Island Cemetery.



The cremains of Hospital Steward Byron Johnson, who served as a volunteer in the 11th Rhode Island Infantry in the Civil War, were found in a vault in Seattle. They had

been placed there without ceremony when he died in 1913. Pawtucket, RI officials called upon the Department of Rhode Island to provide proper burial. The interment ceremony took place on Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Pawtucket. A contingent of brothers from each of Rhode Island's camps was present to lay Johnson to rest along with many city, state and federal officials. Many of those members who serve in re-enactment groups were present to provide military honors, including the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers, the 28th Massachusetts Infantry and the 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery.

SOUTHWEST



General U. S. Grant Camp No. 3 held a membership booth on Sept 28th for Family History Day in Prescott, Arizona sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

VERMONT



The Major General James A. Garfield Camp 62 celebrated its first year of service after receiving its National Charter. Department and Camp Commanders from the several Vermont Camps were invited along with community members that assisted with the formation and research for the Camp.

The General George J. Stannard Camp #2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and friends gathered Sunday, October 20th, 2024 at Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington, Vermont to commemorate the

birthday of Major General George Stannard.



WISCONSIN



On September 29, 2024, the Colonel William Colvill Camp 56 of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War dedicated one hundred and six footstones (whose last names start with an A or B) at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota before a large crowd that contained descendants of our departed brothers. Also attending were sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Mary Starkweather Tent #1, and ladies from the Living History Society of Minnesota.



Brothers of C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Col. Hans Heg Camp 15 were joined by National President Erin Mongelli of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, along with sisters of the Woman's Relief Corp, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary #4 at the grave of Pvt. Stephen Keiser to accord him GAR honors. Keiser died in 1898, and his church would not allow the GAR to drape his coffin with a banner.

OUR HERITAGE

BY GARY GIBSON, PDC - NATIONAL HISTORIAN

GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER: A SHORT-LIVED OFFICE

In 1882, when our Order was quickly developing into a potentially national organization, it was desired to have capable men in charge of regions to help organize the several Divisions (Departments) that would eventually come on line. Many of those men were prominent members of the G.A.R. The country was divided into five Grand Divisions. However, within three years it was found that the Grand Division structure was more of a hinderance. Divisions could be organized faster if they reported directly to the Commandery-in-Chief. (National Organization). At the 1885 National Encampment, the Grand Divisions were abolished. Within that short time period, there were only ten men who held the title Grand Division Commander. They were:

1st Grand Division: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Isaac S. Bangs of Waterville, Maine. Bvt. Brigadier General, 20th Maine Infantry and 88th USCT.

Frank A. Challis of Manchester, New Hampshire. Son of Major Timothy W. Challis, 4th NH Infantry.

Lucian F. Burpee of Rockville, Connecticut. Lt. Col. of the CT National Guard, and son of Col. Thomas F. Burpee, 21st CT Infantry.

2nd Grand Division: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

William Edward Wyatt Ross of Baltimore, Maryland. Bvt. Brigadier General, 31st USCT and Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.

Charles Milton Cott of Columbus, Ohio. Son of Pvt. Christopher Cott, McLaughlin's Independent Cavalry and Co. C, 5th Ohio Cavalry. Killed in 1864.

Hon. Raphael Tobias of New York City. Judge of New York Court. Son of Lieut. Julius Tobias, Co. H, 13th Connecticut Infantry.

3rd Grand Division: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Dakota Territory.

William J. Maskell of Chicago, Illinois. Pvt., Chicago Board of Trade Battery. (Served as William J. Mescall.)

Leland J. Webb of Topeka, Kansas. Drummer, 16th Wisconsin Infantry, and son of Lt. William C. Webb, 37th Wisconsin Infantry. Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans 1890 – 1891.

Elliott Howard Gilkey of Columbus, Ohio. Son of Pvt. Elliott S. Gilkey, 57th Pennsylvania Infantry who was killed at the Wilderness. Elliott Howard Gilkey was Assistant Clerk in the Ohio State Senate.

4th Grand Division: California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Ahiman Valentine Bohn of Leadville, Colorado. Bvt. Major, 15th Ohio Infantry. Colorado State Senator and Commander of Department of Colorado and Wyoming, G.A.R.

5th Grand Division: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

Under the supervision of Gen. William E.W. Ross.

The last surviving Past Grand Division Commander was Elliott Howard Gilkey. He died in 1948 at the age of 91 years.



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