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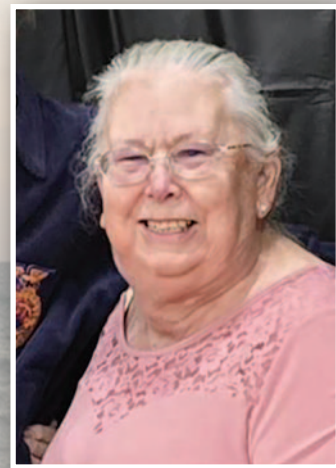
On The Cover: Members of the Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, Cary, NC, and the NC Department Commander participated in the 160th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bentonville on March 15th, 2025, in Four Oaks, NC, setting up an information/recruiting table.



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- OBITUARY -
CYNTHIA L. NORTON
1954 – 2025



Cynthia L. Norton, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corp, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025. Cindy served as National President in 2010 and 2011. She served in many positions including Department of Ohio President, and National Chairman of Museum Board. Cindy was a long-time member of the Hamlin Corps #28 out of Wellington, Ohio, where she served in each of the offices. She helped perpetuate the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Central Region Conference, serving as Commander for three separate terms.

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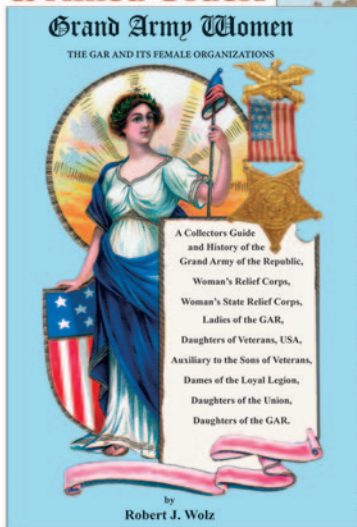
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Tad D. Campbell - National Patriotic Instructor

160 years ago, an estimated 150,000 Federal troops participated in the two-day Grand Review of the Armies in Washington, D.C. on May 23–24, 1865. It might be well that we read some accounts of the event from contemporary sources:

From the May 27, 1865 issue of *The Placer Herald* of Auburn, California:

A grand review of the armies of Grant and Sheridan took place at Washington on Tuesday, which called together a vast assemblage at the Capitol City to witness the most imposing pageant ever presented on the continent. The review lasted, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., and the column of troops represented all arms of the service. They were veterans of many battles and victories, and bore with them the tattered and stained banners that had floated upon flood and field in many a hard earned contest. There were present many distinguished military and naval officers, civil functionaries, the Diplomatic Corps, and citizens by the acre. The occasion was made a general holiday in Washington, and the city was made brilliant by the unusual display.

And directly from a participant in the parade — a letter from Cpl. Abial H. Edwards of Company K, 29th Maine Infantry to Anna Contant, dated May 26, 1865:

Tuesday the Potomac Army, our Div[ision] & Sheridan's Cavalry was reviewed. It was a splendid day just cool enough to be pleasant. I went out on the Review with General Beal. As we entered the city we met the crowd estimated at 50,000 people. Our welcome will be long remembered and every soldier there felt himself honored in being in that Review. The streets were gaily decorated over the column & so was the houses. The first that met us was a banner inscribed "Welcome Brave Heroes. Welcome Home." The next was "The only national debt we never can pay is the debt we owe our brave soldiers." But the most interesting was as we came to the state on which the Pres[ident] & Lieut. Gen. Grant sat. I had a good view of them also General Sherman, Gen. Thomas, Gen. Howard, Hancock, & numerous others. It was a sight long to be remembered. The[re] was but one thing to mar our pleasure. That was the thought that our beloved President A. Lincoln should have lived to see this which his hard work has done for us. Weds. the Wester Army was Reviewed. I also saw that. It was full as grand as the first days Review. Those who saw it will never forget it never.

Let us recall the words of the banner seen by Cpl. Edwards on that pleasant day in our nation's capital —
"The only national debt we never can pay is the debt we owe our brave soldiers."

Remember the Boys in Blue, and all United States veterans, always!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
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Brothers,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your National Quartermaster for the past 2 years. Unfortunately, due to a change in employment (a good change) and ultimately my availability to do the job effectively, I will not be seeking re-election at the upcoming National Encampment in August. If you are interested in the position and would like to learn more about what is expected, please reach out to me via email.

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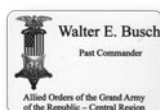
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*Rev Douglas Jones
National Chaplain*

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The SUVCW has two awards to honor and recognize the work of the fine chaplains within the organization.

The first is the Chaplain William Corby Award. This award may be presented by the Commander-in-Chief to any Department or Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in the Department or Camp, upon the recommendation of the National Chaplain. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the National Chaplain no later than 60 days prior to the National Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

The second is the Dwight L. Moody Award. This award may be awarded by a Department Commander, upon the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a camp chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his camp. Recommendations are to be made no later than 60 days prior to a Department Encampment. The Department Commander will solely make the final determination for presenting the award and he is under no obligation to make any such award.

In March, Brother James Heller, Picacho Peak Camp Chaplain, was honored with the Dwight L Moody Award by the Department of the Southwest (DSW). Brother Heller joined the SUVCW in May 1998. He has served his Brothers of Picacho Peak Camp with distinction. In 2015, he became a dual member of General U.S. Grant Camp. In so doing he helped provide the required membership for the Camp to be formed and provided for the DSW to become a reality.

Camp Chaplain Heller is now in his eighth year of service (2018 to present). While age has nothing to do with the award criteria, at age 85, he sets the example by doing what must be done in service to others. He travels hundreds of miles to attend Grant Camp and DSW Meetings. Brother James is an Air Force Veteran. He is an Ambassador for the SUVCW as he serves his community and veterans beyond expectations in many different roles. Brother James, by his commitment to individuals, organizations and the community, brings great credit upon the SUVCW.

Chaplain Heller possesses many of the attributes demanded of a Union Chaplain some 150+ years ago. He is dedicated to his fellow Brothers and exhibits qualities of: concern for the morale of his Camp; a willingness to sacrifice for the good of his Brothers; and providing emotional support to Brothers in need.

Congratulations Chaplain Heller. If you would like information about awarding or applying for one of these awards, please contact my office.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Rev Douglas Jones
National Chaplain



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Passing of President Jimmy Carter

GENERAL ORDER #12

160th Anniversaries' of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER #13

Passing of WRC Past National President Cindy Norton

GENERAL ORDER #14

Passing of John C Rutherford, PDC Missouri
Special Message #3 – reminder about Lobbying Restrictions

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UNION VICTORY IN MISSOURI 1864 - A REMEMBRANCE

By Don Palmer, PhD, PCinC

In the Fall of 2024, the Department of Missouri conducted a multi-event, multi-site program commemorating the 160th anniversary of the successful Union defense of Missouri in response to Price's Confederate invasion of 1864. The objectives of this program included: (1) providing educational opportunities for our Allied Orders brothers and sisters, as well as the general public; (2) develop Department unity with multiple Camps organizing events; and (3) honoring the Union soldiers who fought and died during the 1864 invasion to keep Missouri in the Union.

The first event held to kick-off the Union Victory in Missouri program was held on September 27 at Fort Davidson Historic Site to commemorate the Battle of Pilot Knob and organized by U.S. Grant Camp #68 in St. Louis and Fletcher Camp #47 in DeSoto. The weather didn't cooperate, so some improvising was required. Battlefield tours were originally planned as part of the program for attendees, but due to the rain, this part of the program was moved indoors. Attendees included SUVCW brothers representing four Missouri Camps, re-enactors who were planning on participating in the re-enactment scheduled for the following day, visitors to the park, and a school group from Marquand-Zion High School. PDC's Walt Busch and Chris Warren did a masterful job utilizing the electric map and other artifacts in the visitors center to provide an educational experience for those attending.



PCinC Don Palmer kicks off the Union Victory in Missouri 1864 program on September 27 at Fort Davidson State Historic Site commemorating the Battle of Pilot Knob

The second event, held on October 12, was an educational seminar organized by Lillie Camp #6 in Jefferson City. The seminar, entitled "Civil War 1864 Campaign in Missouri" was held at the Secretary of State Archives in Jefferson City, and supported with an educational grant obtained by the Cole County Historical Society with support from the SUVCW. Over 60 attendees were treated to an excellent program with seven speakers that covered the entire span of Price's Raid. Brother Stephen Stark from Lillie Camp #6 served as the master of ceremonies. PDC Walt Busch was one of seven invited speakers and provided an interesting presentation entitled "Opening Movements in 1864 and How the Union Victory at Pilot Knob Saved the Nation." A luncheon was provided at the Secretary of State Archives building.



Lillie Camp #6 member Stephen Stark (L) hosts the day-long 1864 Missouri Campaign educational seminar on October 12 at the Missouri Secretary of State Archives in Jefferson City

The focus of the third event, held over the weekend of October 19, was on the battles in the Independence-Kansas City area, specifically the Battles of Little Blue, Big Blue/Byram's Ford and Westport. These events were organized and hosted by Westport Camp #64. The Department of Missouri held the Fall business meeting in Kansas City. As a follow-up to the meeting, members of Westport Camp #64 provided an informal tour of Swope Park, focusing on the Big Blue Battlefield, including the Byram's Ford site. On October 20, Westport Camp #64 hosted a luncheon at the Alexander Majors Barn in Kansas City, with noted author Paul Kirkman providing a presentation on the Battle of Westport. After the luncheon, tours were provided of the Alexander Majors house, and a short distance away, the John Wornall house. The Wornall house also served as a hospital during the Battle of Westport. The group then proceeded to Loose Park for the commemoration ceremonies.

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Phelps Camp #66 Commander Kirk Singleton playing taps at the Ritchey Mansion during the ceremonies commemorating the Second Battle of Newtonia on October 26, the final event of the Union Victory in Missouri 1864 observance.

The fourth and final event was held on October 26 in Newtonia to commemorate the last battles of Price's Raid. The event was organized by Phelps Camp #66 in Springfield in collaboration with the Newtonia Battlefield Protection Association (NBPA). Over 40 attended, including SUVCW Brothers, members of the NBPA, several elected officials, and the general public. The day started with a luncheon at the Newtonia Community Center provided by the NBPA. Connie Langum, retired National Park Service Historian (Wilson's Creek National Battlefield), provided a presentation on Price's Raid, with a focus on the last engagements, including the second Battle of Newtonia. State Senator Jill Carter and State Representative Ben Baker provided remarks. Also in attendance was State Representative Dirk Deaton and his family. Afterwards, ceremonies were conducted at the Ritchey Mansion, which served as a headquarters and a hospital, primarily during the first Battle of Newtonia in 1862.

At all locations, the events concluded with a Roll of Honor ceremony, where the names of those killed or mortally wounded at the respective sites were read with a tolling of the bell after each name using a Sons of Veterans bell presented to GAR Department Commander and future GAR Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur in 1896. Wreaths were also presented as part of the ceremonies. The research for the Roll of Honor was conducted by PDC Gary Scheel, and included over 230 names of those serving in Union units from six states, and militia units from Missouri and Kansas, all known to have died during the campaign.



L to R, PCC Joe Rainey, PCinC Don Palmer, DC Bob Aubuchon and PDC Bob Amsler at the site of Pratt's Battery on the Big Blue Battlefield in Kansas City on October 19.



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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Email _____

Buffet* Dinner Menu

Mixed Greens Salad tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, feta cheese with balsamic dressing.

QUANTITY

Grilled Salmon with lemon caper sauce ☐

Grilled Chicken breast with marsala mushroom sauce ☐

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted garlic potatoes

Cheesecake with berries and whipped cream

Plated Vegetarian entree ☐

Polenta with roasted vegetables, butternut squash, bell peppers and onions

Each meal is \$52.00 (Buffet selected to reduce meal cost)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make your check payable to **CAMP 18 SUVCW** and mail it to:

Don Gates
1205 Balboa Circle
Plano TX 75075-7301.

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Golf and Tee Shirts Order Form

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Email _____

Golf Shirts \$35.00 each.



Please specify how many: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___

T-Shirts \$20.00 each.



Please specify how many: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___

Add \$10.00 for Shipping for up to four shirts or pick up for free at the encampment

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Buffet Lunch Order Form

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Email _____

Friday Lunch Menu

Mixed Greens Salad
Chicken Fajita
Fried Tilapia
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Coleslaw

Pico de Gallo
Sour Cream
Flour Tortilla
Dinner rolls
Iced Tea

Saturday Lunch Menu

Mixed Greens Salad
Pasta Primavera with vegetables
(squash, zucchini and bell pepper)

Pasta Bolognese
Dinner rolls
Iced Tea

Each meal is \$25.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Tour Order Form

Relive the 18 minutes that changed the world at San Jacinto.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____



As you enter the San Jacinto Monument and walk into grand open gallery that showcases the core of the Museum's collections in the Permanent Exhibit hall, it's like walking through hundreds of years of this region's history. Period artifacts, documents, prints, and photographs come together to share the story of Texas. You will see the firearms used in the key battles that shaped the history of the Southwest and view items used by the pioneers of Texas independence. You will also see Spanish silver, pre-Columbian pottery, the maps that guided the explorers of the region, religious artwork and artifacts, the tools used to work the land and herd the cattle and many other artifacts that highlight key moments in history over the past 500 years. The tour includes a stop for lunch at the famous Kemah Boardwalk on the return to the Hotel. **(Lunch is not included)**

The cost for each six-hour Tour is \$50.00 **Total Enclosed \$** _____

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Commemorative Coins Set Order Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

The face of the Department coin features the Treüre der Union Monument in Comfort Texas. The face of the Camp 1 coin features the Bust of MG James J Byrne. The face of the Camp 2 coin features the USRC Harriet Lane. The face of the Camp 3 coin features the Alamo in San Antonio. The face of the Camp 5 coin features the bust of BG Joseph Bailey. The face of the Camp 18 coin features the bust of COL Elmer E Ellsworth. The reverse side of each coin features the GAR Soldier's Monument in Denison Texas.

Price \$70.00 per set of six coins.

(add \$10.00 for Shipping or pick up for free at the encampment)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Vendor Display Table Order Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____



One 72" by 30" Folding Table \$25.00 each.

For each Folding Chair \$5.00 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Plano TX 75075-7301.

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2025 Allied Orders National Encampment Ad Order Form

Remember and Honor Your Ancestors.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Ad Specifications and Requirements:

Size of Program Booklet is 8½" wide by 11" high (vertical). All ads are **black and white**. No bleed ads will be accepted. Ad must fit within 8½" by 11" page size All ads must be complete and supplied in an electronic format. **A digital copy, 300dpi or more in a jpg or pdf file format, and a final size the ad is to be reproduced.** All ads must include all graphics, photos and any design elements in place as well as all type fonts must be imbedded. You may request a type only ad. Ads of this type will require that you send all text in either a Microsoft .doc or .docx file. Photo copies of ads or formerly printed ads, especially if they are already half-tone screened are not recommended and if submitted as such, the quality will not be guaranteed.

Ad Sizes are:

Price

Full Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 9½"high) **\$50.00**

Half Page (ad area not to exceed 7" wide by 5"high) **\$35.00**

Quarter Page (ad area not to exceed 3 ½" wide by 5"high) **\$25.00**

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2025 National Encampment
SVR Breakfast
Registration Form
Saturday 9 August 2025
7:00 am

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

SVR Unit or Camp _____

Hotel Guests - Number of seats required _____

NON-Hotel Guests Number of seats required _____ X \$17.00 TOTAL \$ _____

(If more than one seat is requested, list additional attendees on the bottom / back of the form)

*** Encampment Guests of the Sonesta Hotel - No Cost

*** Encampment NON-GUESTS of the Sonesta Hotel - \$17.00

Reservations MUST be received by 11 JULY 2025

NO AT THE DOOR RESERVATIONS: ONLY THOSE WITH
RESERVATIONS CAN ATTEND - SEATING IS LIMITED

Return this form to:

Captain Ken Freshley
Adjutant General, SVR
4287 Windsor Ave
Willoughby, OH 44094

Check Payable to : TAG-SVR

2025 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

STREET _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

DEPARTMENT _____ CAMP # _____

Current/Highest Past Office (Check One Only!)

☐ CinC ☐ PCinC ☐ Dept Cmdr

☐ Past Dept Cmdr ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate

☐ National Elected Officer (if no honors listed above)

☐ If under 18 years old, check must be by parent/guardian

Complete with check or money order (no cash) for \$10.00 made out to National Organization, SUVCW and mail to:

Daryl VerStreate
4300 Covell Street
Clyde, NY 14433

This form does NOT replace a completed Credentials Card, which is required to complete your registration at the Encampment. You will not be able to register at the Encampment without a completed Credentials Card from your Department Secretary.

Pre-registration will be acknowledged by e-mail only and not individually. Questions?
dsryl7374@gmail.com

Pre-Registration deadline is 19 July 2025

THE SONS OF VETERANS MARCH

When it was proposed that we (SUVCW) adopt a Marching Song at the National Encampment in Los Angeles, California, 2012, then National Historian PDC Bob Wolz stated we already had a march.

“The Sons of Veterans March” was published in March 1909, composed by Karl Lawrence King. King was born in Ohio, February 21, 1891. He was a member of The Grand Army Band of Canton as a teenager. He may have belonged to the Sons, as his maternal grandfather had served in the Union Army. His first professional musical position was baritone horn with the Thayer Military Band in Canton, Ohio. “The Sons of Veterans March” was written when he was 18 and is among his first of over 200 marches. He shares the title of “March King” with John Philip Sousa.

A rendition of the Sons of Veterans March is currently posted to the Order’s website at <https://suvchw.org/sons-of-veterans-march>. It was performed by The Virginia Grand Military Band, who has graciously given the Order permission to use this video on our website. Enjoy!



CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC



On February 10, 2025, members of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2, raised a new flag over Stanton Post 55, Grand Army of the Republic's section at Angelus Rosedale Cemetery. This ceremony marked the beginning of preparations for 2025's Memorial Day remembrance. Camp 2 recently conducted a survey of the Stanton/GAR section and identified all 312 individuals buried there. Currently, there are 12 graves that are missing headstones and another 8 that require repair. Also, there is the never ending issue of biological encroachment. Camp 2 is addressing these issues and plans on getting the section fully restored. Stanton Post 55, purchased the property in 1886. Interments took place between 1887 and 1947.

The Rodman cannon (seen in the background) was originally on board a navy gunship throughout the Civil War. Later, it saw service in The Philippines. Through the efforts of Dr. Charles E. Case, then Commander of Stanton Post 55, the War Department donated it along with 20 round shots, which once were arranged in pyramids around the base. Restoration of this monument is also on Camp 2's agenda.

CONNECTICUT



The Department of Connecticut held its annual Memorial Day service in the Connecticut plot in the Soldier's Cemetery in Gettysburg during Remembrance Day weekend in November of 2024. Members of Wooster Russell Camp #22 and Aden Skinner Camp #45 were assisted by reenactors from Connecticut.

ILLINOIS



Members from five Chicagoland camps joined together for a fellowship luncheon at the historic museum and GAR Hall in Aurora, Illinois on Saturday March 15th.

INDIANA



The Department of Indiana was in force at the 101st Lincoln Day remembrance held at the Lincoln National Boyhood Memorial on Sunday February 9th, 2025. The keynote speaker talked about the influence Nancy Hanks Lincoln had on young Abraham. Fifteen Department of Indiana SUVCW members were in attendance at the event. The 27th Indiana SVR led the color guard and procession to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

IOWA



Ray Wilson, a member of Robert Mitchell Camp #206 conducted a presentation on researching Civil Ancestry here in Eastern Iowa.

LONDON CAMP AT LARGE

Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, Department at Large, London, England, continues with its work to locate the graves of Union veterans in England, Scotland and Wales. Since its chartering in 2016, it has identified 1,191 veterans likely to be buried there, as well as 21 from the War of 1812 and the Mexican War, and has located 579 of their graves - 48% of the total. These include 7 recipients of the Medal of Honor (for two of whom they have obtained grave markers), 9 African-American soldiers and sailors, and four Generals.

The totals include the widows of men who did not return; for example, there are sixteen widows of men who died in Andersonville prison, as well as several survivors of the prison. Twenty of the graves (or monuments, in the case of men who died in the war) actually mention the veteran's Civil War service. The current issue of *The American*, a magazine for U.S. citizens living or working in the U.K., carries a long article about the Camp and the S.U.V., and encourages new members to join and help in their work.



From a British Newspaper concerning the 50th Anniversary Gettysburg Reunion, 1913.

"The hitherto peaceful camp at Gettysburg where over fifty thousand veterans of the Civil War are now gathers, was seriously disturbed by a fight between a number of old men who served on the Federal side during the three days battle.

The affray took place in a hotel in the town, and was the outcome of one of the men abusing President Lincoln. He was immediately assaulted by several of the veterans, and the other men joining in the quarrel, a general fight ensued, during which seven men were stabbed.

Three of them are now lying in hospital in serious condition. All of the men were wounded while going to the first man's assistance. No Confederates were involved in the trouble. It is expected that all the saloons in the town will be closed during the remainder of the celebration."

MICHIGAN



Ten members of the Michigan based 14th Michigan, SVR, the Irish Rifle, (along with two spouses) traveled to observe the 160th Anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Bentonville in North Carolina. They took a guided tour of the battlefield and found the precise position of the 14th Michigan during the battle. They also visited the Aversboro battlefield, Fort Fisher, the Rev war battlefields at Guilford Courthouse and Moore's Creek, the war of 1812 River Raisin battlefield in Monroe, MI, the WWII battleship, the North Carolina, the General William C. Lee Airborne Museum in Dunn, NC, the US Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC and the Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy, NC.

MISSOURI



On Saturday, 22 February, members of the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326 participated in Civil War Kids Day at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial in Perryville, MO. They set up a display with Civil War artifacts, weapons, 1888 copy of a photograph of the

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day gathering in Ste. Genevieve and two list of names of men who served in the Civil War, one for Perry County and one for Ste. Genevieve County. Each of these lists have over one thousand names on it. Adults and children both were excited when they saw their last names on the lists. It was a great day and we interacted with over 30 children along with their families.



William Pool turned 100 January 13, 2025. William Pool is the last real son of a Civil War soldier. A birthday card was presented to Mr. Pool by Bob AuBuchon Commander of Missouri Department, along with three of his nine children.

NORTH CAROLINA



Members of the Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7, participated in the 160th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bentonville on March 15th, 2025, in Four Oaks, NC. The Camp had an information & recruiting table set up with membership information. Badges, medals, and ribbons from the past and the present along with G.A.R. memorabilia were also displayed. This event featured 1,400 reenactors taking part in the battle reenactment.

TENNESSEE



Missionary Ridge Camp #63 installed a new marker for John Gross, Company E 5th Tennessee Infantry USA at Birchwood Church of God Cemetery in Birchwood, TN.



On November 30, 2024, the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, camps of the Department of Tennessee and the Department of Alabama participated in the annual reconciliation march which included the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Participants are pictured in front of the Carter House, the Federal headquarters during the battle.

TEXAS



New leadership was sworn in on January 12th, 2025 in Fort Worth for Gen James J Byrne Camp 1.

WISCONSIN

CinC Kevin Martin and Auxiliary NP Rosemary Martin were in Milwaukee to attend the Wisconsin Department Mid-Winter meeting and the 55th annual Patriotic Luncheon that followed on February 1st.



Ben Hobbins, Commander of the Colonel Henry Harnden Camp #2 in Madison, WI was honored on March 3rd by the Department of Defense, earning a National Service Award for DOD's Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) Program as an official Program Partner in a solemn ceremony. Ben is on the National SUVCW America 250 Birthday Committee.


WANTED

A FEW GOOD MEN

**GENERAL GRANT IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN
TO JOIN HIM AS A MEMBER OF MOLLUS**

The Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States (MOLLUS) is the first and continuous Civil War Organization since 1865. If you have an ancestor who was an officer serving in the Union Army, Navy or Marine Corps you may be eligible to join as a Hereditary Companion. Associate membership is also available.

For more information on how to become a member visit our website at: LoyalLegion.org or Contact Jeff Lilly at jeffdlilly@gmail.com



MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES

CALLING ALL CHAPLAIN'S

War is declared! Thousands of men rush to answer President Lincoln's call for volunteers. As local units were formed and enfolded into regiments, local clergy joined up to support the men, after all the war will be over in a few months.

Churches patriotically agreed to continue clerical salaries and support the pastor's families who were still ensconced in parsonages and manses. The euphoria started to fade six months later when churches realized they were paying for an empty pulpit and feeding the pastor's wife and brood of ever hungry youngsters, and the parsonage wifey was missing her man. So sad protestants. Come home pastor (ops...chaplain) come home, we miss you! For Roman Catholic chaplains, bishops and provincial superiors simply said go and they went. Because of these dichotomies, protestant chaplains generally served short periods of active service while many of the RC's stayed in the saddle for the duration.

The Baptists were first in-line to supply protestant clergy for the chaplaincy, followed by Methodists, and Episcopalians. By the war's end the gallant line included a few Jews, and a handful of de facto females and black male chaplains. Jews, with the blessing of the president, eventually received the much needed confirmation to become military chaplains of Secretary of War Edmund Stanton. Regardless of their dedication and devoted service, for black and female chaplains the "laying of hands" of Stanton never occurred. Chaplain Ella Gibson, Wisconsin, finally received recognition with a military headstone in 2002, more than a century after her death.

Priests celebrated the holy mass and anointed the dying and the dead. Due to the Second Great Awakening of religious fervor then sweeping the nation, protestant chaplains tended to stage revival services and preach against the evils of drinking, gambling and consorting with loose women. Distribution of religious tracts was prevalent.

Since chaplains were better educated than the average enlistee, they soon developed valuable skills in other areas of service to the troops. They "franked" outgoing mail so it traveled for free. Letter writing for illiterate or injured troops was very helpful. The last letters of many a wounded soul were written by the regimental chaplain. He saw to it that final effects, minus the dice and playing cards were mailed back to an appreciative mother or spouse.

Acting as financial agents chaplains developed a system of allotment gathering, seeing that payday included sending money home to a destitute wife and family before the averages of the card sharks, liquor sellers and wild women took their portion, which was usually all of the remaining funds. Broke for another month or two, bud? Aren't we all.

Becoming a "gas passer" (anesthetist) may have been the most useful technical skill mastered by chaplains. In the heat of battle and after, amputation was the only treatment for many wounds and injuries. To ensure it was as painless a procedure as it could be, chloroform had to be administered. Chaplains as I said being smarter than the average doughnut learned the skill quickly and did it right. The Union Forces were well supplied with chloroform throughout the war, the poor, skinny, barefoot kid from Alabama, not so lucky. Put a stick between his teeth and hope he passes out, now be quick about!

With no attempt to minimize their spiritual calling, give thanks for our 3700 Civil War serving chaplains. May we who also serve emulate their dedication and their devotion. If this article interested you in the chaplaincy, I suggest you research Fr. Darius Hubert, CSA, Louisiana; or Fr. William Corby, Union Forces, Illinois. Best of the best!

Rev. Canon Samuel Lundy, Anglican Priest, and serve as Chaplain to the Walter H. French Camp #17, Watertown, NY. Department of New York



The Original Civil War Ball



November 15, 2025 at the Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg
8 PM to Midnight

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
Dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble
Fabulous door prizes and Ladies Cake Walk prizes
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Why wait? Order your tickets now!

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OUR HERITAGE

BY GARY GIBSON, PDC - NATIONAL HISTORIAN

WHAT'S IN A NAME? OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

On November 12, 1881, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Major Augustus Plummer Davis gathered a group of 8 young men and organized the first camp of our Order. That Camp still exists and is Davis * Camp. More camps were formed, and soon there were enough to organize the Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania. Exponential growth into other states like West Virginia, Maryland and Ohio made it feasible to call the organization the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, or Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. This title worked well for many years.

Following the Spanish-American War and then the First World War, the male decedents of these veterans were asking for membership, showing the confusion as to who was eligible to join the Sons of Veterans. By 1923, it had become so much of an issue that official conversations were taking place between the Sons and the Grand Army of the Republic as to a solution. Committees were appointed by both to come up with ideas for a new name. Suggestions included Sons of the G.A.R. and Sons of the Union. It was not until the 1925 National Encampment, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, that a new name was adopted. With the approval of the Grand Army's National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War became our name, making it absolutely clear just who we were. At the same encampment, the Auxiliary to the Sons officially changed their name, as well as the Daughters of Veterans, who became the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

With the name change also came changes to our badges and coat of arms. The Latin Filii Veteranorum was removed from our badge pin bars. On the pendant, Gratia Dei Servetus in the concentric circles and the monogram SV were changed as well, becoming Preserved by the Grace of God, and SUV. Our letterhead, ritual books, and Constitution, Rules and Regulations (C.R. & R.) also needed to be updated.

But through all that, our mission has not changed. We still honor the memory of the Union soldiers, sailors and marines who fought to preserve the Union. We ensure that their graves are marked and cared for. We maintain their monuments and memorials, hold sacred the 30th day of May, and hold dear the flag they saved.



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