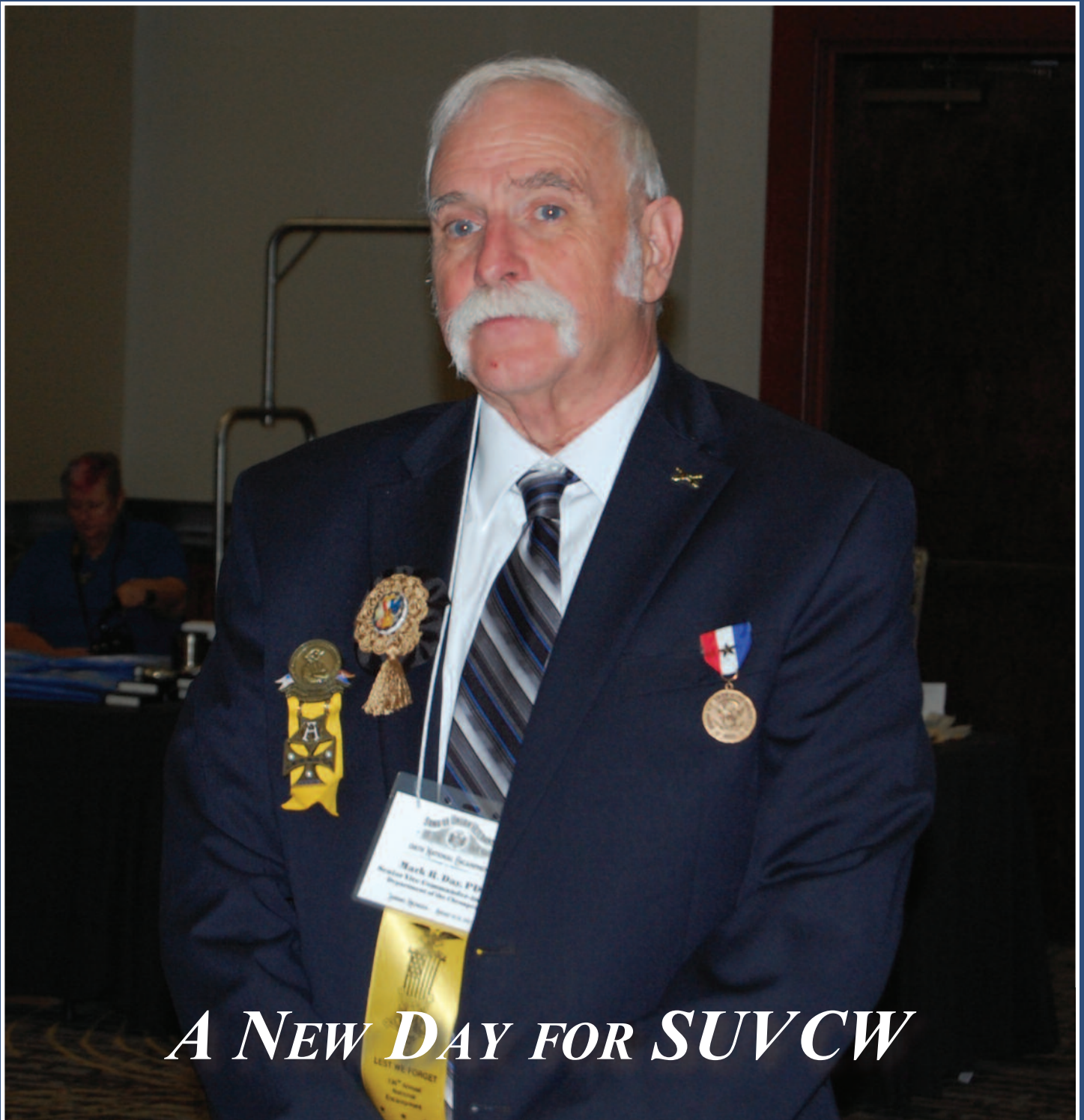


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KUDOS: Great job by the Department of Michigan in hosting the 136th National Encampment. See you all next year in Boston.

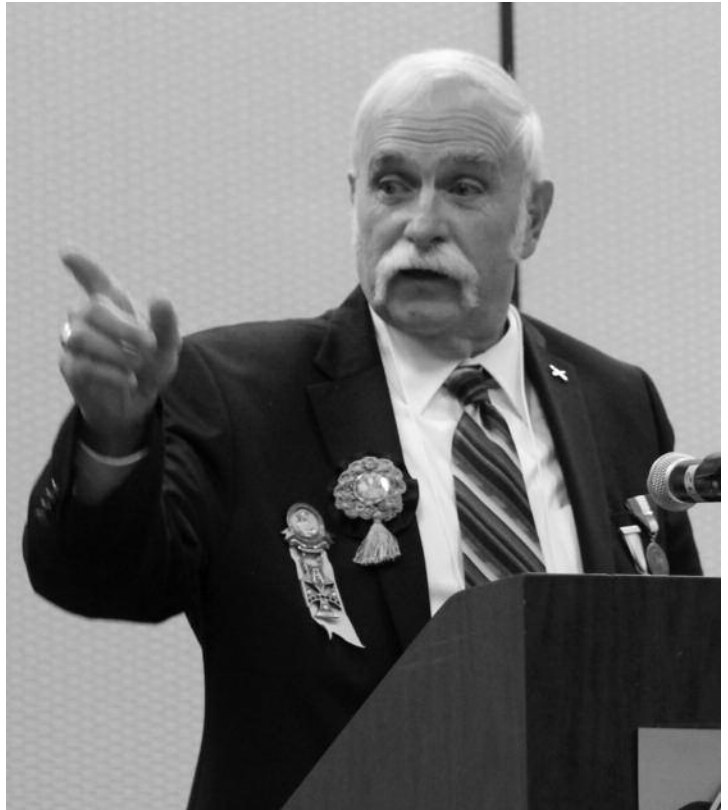
On The Cover: Commander-in-Chief Mark Day, photo by Ken Freshley, PCinC.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARK DAY

CinC Day is the Son of Ronald A. and Henrietta M. Day. He is married to Barbara, a Sister in the Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans, with whom he has two children a son Matthew and a daughter Carolyn. He also has two grandchildren Isabelle and Jacob. He is the descendent of Richard Martin Lown who was a Pvt. in Co. F of the 150th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment and saw action at Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Atlanta, and on the March to the Sea. Following the example of his ancestor CinC Day volunteered for military service in the United States Navy serving for more than 23 years and reaching the rank of Master Chief Operations Specialist E-9. In 1991 CinC Day was assigned to the USS Wisconsin BB-64, providing gunfire support and command and control for Tomahawk Cruise Missile operations during the First Persian Gulf War.

Retiring from the Navy in 1995 CinC Day started a second career in the field of education as a high school history teacher in Virginia's Bedford County Public School System. The next twenty-two years were spent teaching United States History, College United States History, World History, and Government to students in grades 9-12. This past June CinC Day retired from active teaching to pursue other goals



In 1997 Brother Day became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War joining the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Camp 20 in Roanoke, Virginia. In 2005, he transferred to the Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 in Lynchburg, Virginia; where he is a charter member. CinC Day has served as Patriotic Instructor, JVC, SVC, and Camp Commander of the Taylor-Wilson Camp 10 in Lynchburg, Va. Similarly, CinC Day served as the Department of the Chesapeake's Patriotic Instructor, JVC, SVC, and Department Commander. In recognition of his dedicated service to both his Camp and Department, CinC Day was presented with the Richard C. Schlenker Award for Meritorious Service in 2010.

At the national level CinC Day has served on several National Committees. He was chairman of the Promotions and Marketing Committee, Chairman of the Program and Policies Committee, and a member of several other standing and special committees. He has most recently served the Order as JVCinC and SVCinC. Throughout his years of service to the SUVCW Brother Day has always upheld its principles and goals. He has supported the preservation of Battlefields, worked to place monuments and markers that will educate the public, and strove to ensure that the Union Soldiers sacrifice is passed on to our youth.



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NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS



Don Shaw of Michigan was elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He will be chairing the National Committee on Program and Policy.



Ed Norris of the Department of the Chesapeake was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Starting upon his duties right away, Ed said: quoting Patricia Hudson, of the Melos Institute, she stated, "Nothing is more effective than using real-life inspirational stories from other members to help prospective members understand how they can benefit in similar ways through participation in the organization."

Our organization has much to offer and capturing this information will be an important asset in aiding our recruitment efforts. I'm asking our Camp and Department Junior Vice Commanders to solicit our Brothers to provide a story about why our organization is important to them. The inspirational stories should be short (150 or less words, about the length of this article) and touch on one or two key points.

These messages can be shared on social media, websites, and in any literature you may be handing out or displaying. If any Brother wants to share their story directly with me, I can be reached at jvcinc@suvcw.org.



Elected to the Council of Administration is Kevin Tucker of the Department of Massachusetts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Charitable Foundation, SUVCW-CF, is looking for one or two men to step forward. The foundation wants to expand and strengthen its knowledge to secure grants. They are looking for individuals with grant writing experience or with trademark and/or copyright experience. They would welcome your help to continue the growth and development of the organization. If you are not familiar with the organization you can read more about it and its mission at <http://suvcw-cf.org/>. If you have experience in grant writing or trademark and/or copyrighting and are interested in volunteering please contact Alan Teller: Phone 765.455.0484 or Email director3@suvcw-cf.org. These are non-paid volunteer positions.



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Synopsis of General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day. The complete Order can be viewed on the Order's website.

GENERAL ORDER # 01

1. To all the Brothers in attendance at the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your continued support and faith in me. I also wish to express my thanks to the Michigan's Encampment Host Committee Chairman Paul Davis and the members of his committee, the Brothers of the Department of Michigan themselves, and National Site Committee Chairman Brother Jim Crane along with his Committee members for an excellent encampment.

2. The Commander-in-Chief Headquarters is hereby transferred from Chillicothe, Ohio to 104 Mullbury Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Mail for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted here. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and are available at CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications are for urgent matters ONLY at (C) 540-797-7754 or (H) 434-385-7283.

3. My congratulations go out to the newly elected National Presidents of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Woman's Relief Corp; the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish all of them a productive and successful year in our shared endeavors to perpetuate the memory of our noble ancestors and look forward to engaging in meaningful fraternal conversations that seek to build greater success for all.

4. All Brothers are directed to review and familiarize themselves with the Policy on Confederate Battle Flags and Monuments, which was approved by the recent National Encampment in Lansing. It is available for viewing on the national website

5. While we must continue our mission of education and preserving the history and legacy of the boys in Blue through long established programs and SUVCW sponsored events, we need to also invigorate our organization, promote our organization, and effectively communicate with both our members and the greater American society by:

A. Encouraging local Camps and Departments in their efforts to establish:

- activities, projects and goals which will inspire their

membership and draw in new recruits.

- a media presence in their communities and regions to inform the public about the work of our Order

- connections with other heritage and veteran's groups, or civic organizations in their communities that share our goals of honoring our ancestors, educating the public on the Civil War, and inculcating the value of Patriotism and Sacrifice in the future generations.

B. As stated in my address to the National Encampment, the most critical and effective tool we have available to increase awareness and grow the organization is the Camp and ultimately the individual Camp member. I would ask that every Brother renew his commitment to do the Orders work from the CinC to the newest member.

C. Establishing methods and technologies, which will improve the communication pathways between the National Organization Leadership, the Department Leadership, the camps, and the membership in general.

6. I will call on Camps and the Departments to continue the process of completing their histories and the Last Soldier Projects. These projects have been a long-standing goal. I am aware that this is a daunting task but I ask that in the coming year a concentrated effort be made to find and place an appropriate marker on the grave of the Last Soldiers in each county across the nation. In March of 2017 the CofA approved a marker for just this purpose and that marker is available from the Department of Wisconsin.

7. I encourage the Brothers of our great Order to take advantage of the rejuvenated Memorial University Program, which the National Patriotic Instructor monitors and coordinates. Memorial University provides the best vehicle for learning the Constitution and Regulations of the SUVCW. Increasing his knowledge of the C&R should be a goal for every Brother, but more especially for those who seek to become leaders at all levels. I hope, that we will soon be able to expand the instruction available at Memorial University to include a new member indoctrination course, courses on the History of the GAR / SUVCW, and possibly training for Secretaries and Treasurers.

8. Patriotic Instructors will provide instruction at each Camp meeting. There are over 100 Patriotic instructions on the SUVCW website alone. CPI's are welcome to use their own as well. Additionally Camp Patriotic Instructors are required to submit an annual report to their Department Patriotic Instructor by **1 April 2018** and Department Patriotic Instructors are required to report a consolidated Patriotic Instruction report to the National Patriotic Instructor by **1 June 2018**; utilizing the most current Patriotic Instruction reporting forms 40 and 41, which can be found on the national website These reports provide essential information used by the National Treasurer in reporting our charitable activities to the



Internal Revenue Service in support of our 501c3 tax exemption.

9. Camp and Department Secretaries are reminded that a new standard membership card form, which has preprinted data on the back, stating that the card is the property of the SUVCW and a mailing address that may be used to return it if lost. These new membership cards are available for purchase through the Quartermaster Store at a nominal fee. A template for creating a pre-set data base, that can be used to fill in the front of the cards is available under the forms link on the **governance page** of the National Website along with a set of instructions for setting the data base up.

10. I highly encourage the Brothers of the Order to familiarize themselves with the Forms, publications and polices of the SUVCW. These items can be found on the **governance page** at the National website. Several of our polices were recently revised or created and many a contain important instructions relating to our 501c3 tax status.

11. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, (717) 232-7000.

12. Direct financial correspondences for the Order to National Treasurer should be directed to, David McReynolds 4323 Near Shore Dr. Louisville TN 37777-5231 865-981-2854 mcreyscope@aol.com.

13. Direct all other correspondences for the Order to National Secretary, Jonathan C. Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162; 614-745-6079; secretary@suvchw.org.

14. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff W. Faron Taylor, theoverlandgroupllc@gmail.com, 5321 Broadwater Lane, Clarksville, MD 21029

15. National Chaplain Jerome W. Kowalski, paptom@msn.com; 206 E. Grantley Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126, should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's rank and unit.

16 Applications for Civil War Memorials Grants should be sent to Brian C. Pierson, PDC, PO Box 3394, Shawnee, OK 74802-3394; 703-989-9296; CofA2@suvchw.org.

17. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Dr., Barboursville, VA, 22923, 434-985-8540

18. All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St, Mason, MI 48854- 1519 517- 676-1471 Banner@suvchw.org

19. All National Officers and Committees shall file

reports of their activities for the coming year, with one to support the November Council of Administration meeting, a second to support the Spring Council of Administration meeting and a final report for the 137th National Encampment. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule.

20. Per the 2017 National Encampment I have established a special committee to discover the requirements and scope of work necessary for re-designing the national website and to solicit bids from professional web design services in order to identify our needs. The committee will report back to the National Encampment no later than June 30, 2018 This committee consists of DC Jamie McGuire, Chairman, Kevin Tucker (PDC), Tim McCoy (DC) and Brother Sumner Hunnewell.

21. The following National Special Committees will remain in place to serve the Order.

- National Special Committee on Encampment Credentials (2018)

- National Special Committee on Memorial University Redesign

- National Special Committee on Real Sons & Daughters

- National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues (2021)

22. The following National Special Committees are discharged with the thanks of the Order

- National Special Committee on Memorial Day

- National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flags

23. I hereby create a CinC appointed committee, which is tasked to conduct talks with the other Allied related to seed money and other contractual National Encampment issues; the committee will consist of the following Brothers CinC Mark Day Chairman, PCinC Don Darby, PCinC Tad Campbell, DC Jim Crane and PDC Michael Paquette. DC Faron Taylor will serve as an aide to the Committee.

24. I hereby create a CinC appointed sub-committee of the Communications and Technology Committee to review the equipment and technology needs of the National Headquarters and make recommendations to the CofA for improvements or purchases. Jamie McGuire (DC) Chairman, Michael Paquette (PDC) Ken Freshley (PCinC). David W. Demmy and Eugene Mortdorff (PCinC) are assigned as aides.

Ordered this 18th Day of August 2017.

Mark R. Day - Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis - Secretary, National Order,

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SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES PRE-ENCAMPMENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

(Note from the National Secretary) This synopsis is based upon rough draft minutes that have not been approved. Once the minutes are finalized and approved by the Council of Administration, the full minutes will be posted on the Order's website)

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on August 10, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing, Michigan. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

National Encampment Site Committee

Brother James Crane addressed the CofA meeting regarding room Cost Survey to hosts of last 5 Encampments.

\$1,500 is currently provided the host Department. Motion for seed money to be increased to minimum of \$3,500 starting 2018 encampment, passed. Incoming CinC to create committee to discuss issues with the Allied Orders who meet with us.

Charitable Foundation

Discussed the Foundation in relation to the Order now that National has IRS 501(c)(3) status – no change.

SUVCW Brochures

We have 1780 as of 30 July 2017. Quartermaster PCinC Wheeler has indicated that he can order them and charge to the quartermaster store as needed.

From National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire,

Audit has been done to determine how many Camps, Departments, and Allied Orders are riding on the SUVCW hosting agreement, and whether or not any fees have been collected in relation to such.

The Communications & Technology Committee is to conduct a web presence census to have a complete picture of the Order's web presence top to down. The National Signals Officer will consult with the CofA and relevant committee chairs in the first quarter of the next administration to formalize the census questionnaire.

Each Camp or Department who desires to have a website for very little expense can buy a domain name for less than \$20 on Wordpress and then build a very user-friendly site on the very same platform as the National website for free. There are other platforms out there as well. All of them have tutorials to help users and are likely a cheaper option for Camps and Departments than National hosting. Many Camps simply use a Facebook page as their Camp page, and that's completely free. Once the Website & Social Media Census is complete,

the Communication and Technology Committee will propose to the CofA a schedule to phase out the hosting of Camp and Department websites under the National Website.

Policies and Forms

SVCinC Mark Day mentioned that the C&R states that there is a schedule of review of policies and forms, this will be created and presented for voting.

National Special Committee Hereditary Issues.

To study the feasibility of making a Union Veteran ancestor database available to members, and if possible to the public.

National Treasurer: David McReynolds

Pending input from the Communications & Technology Committee, will adopt a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan.

CinC & CofA members who receive an advance should submit all receipts to support an advance or refund the unused portion in a timely manner.

501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Treasurer's Handbook to follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. Still examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps.

Veterans Administration Booklet

Brother Fredric Lynch stated that the National Veterans Administration publishes a book of recognized Veterans Organizations. National Secretary shall review and advise the CofA

Excess Memorial Grant Funds

While the CofA is authorized to donate up to 75% of the remaining money to National Civil War Parks, State Civil War Parks etc., the CofA voted to roll existing funds over into the next year's Memorial Grants.

Special Projects Fund

Spend up to \$300 to exhume Mr. Kroehl remains for reinternment at the Corozal American Military Cemetery

Vermont

Department of Vermont has been reinstated.

Donation Request

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Hall and Museum (Museum) wishes to be considered for a grant of \$4,000, not approved.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother Mortorff shared with those in attendance on Executive Director David Demmy who suffered further injury, hopefully will recover soon and for all to keep him and his family in prayers.

Sad news was shared a parent of National President Denise Oman of the ASUVCW passed away on Thursday morning; flowers will be sent by the organization.

Flowers will also be sent to PCinC Stephen Michael and family.

PCinC Ken Freshley shared that the 2019 National Encampment will be hosted by the Department of Ohio, details are being worked on.

Chaplain Kowalski provided words of wisdom and advised all to go forward together.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Jonathan C. Davis, PDC - National Secretary.
Synopsis of the Minutes

POST-ENCAMPMENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

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National Encampment Site Committee

CinC Day will chair committee to hold discussions with the other Allied Orders who meet with us in National Encampment as to a few issues. CofA Council Member Paquette also member.

Program and Policy Committee

Looking at corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. The committee has proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 and submitted it to the C&R Committee.

Department of Colorado and Wyoming Resolution as to Idaho

Motion passed that Idaho be returned to the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. CinC Martin issued General Order No. 33.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Donald W. Shaw, PDC

I recommend that the Web site application have a notice

inserted that in the event the applicant knows the camp he wishes to join the Order through, that he is encouraged to approach the Camp and make application directly through that group. Referred to the webmaster.

National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire, DC

The CinC will appoint a committee to examine the possibility of engaging a professional firm who can conduct the process of "discovery" in order to determine what our needs for a new website are, so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site.

Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman

After presenting recommendations, the Program and Policy Committee was tasked to look at these recommendations concerning the ROTC program and the application form and process

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Recommendation: Evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items. Programs and Policy Committee shall examine and report back to the CofA by the Gettysburg meeting.

National Committee on Vision and Planning: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Recommendation: Revamp the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops. We appear to be recruiting, but not retaining members. Assigned to Program and Policy.

Engagement

Recommendations:

Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses. Patriotic Instructor to examine and report back to CofA by the spring meeting.

The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives. The Engagement committee shall continue to study this issue and report back to the CofA by the spring meeting.

Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.) CinC shall appoint a special committee to examine issues.

Development Officer

The National Encampment directed we look at appointing a development officer as a contractor position;

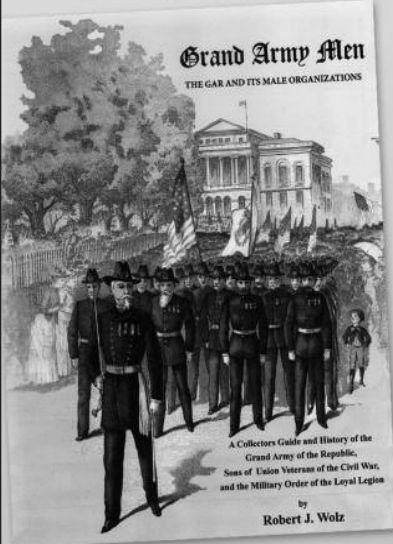
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

During the Civil War our fore bearers were faced with great turmoil, many on both sides turned to The Almighty for help and said a prayer that they had learned from their parents as children. The prayer was the one that the followers of Jesus were given when they asked Him how they should pray. At the wonderful Encampment in Lansing, Michigan - I endeavored to use that prayer that so many of our Fore Fathers uttered as Invocations and Benedictions at the various events of the gathering. "Deliver us from Evil" is one of my favorite ones. They were worried about being killed, getting wounded or sick. They were worried about their friends who joined up with them, and their families back at home. Are we not today standing in need of that same petition - Lord, Deliver Us From Evil. It is all around us: hate, intolerance, brow beating, cheating, pornography, time wasters; and I'm sure you could add to this list of things that you, and I, wish would go away. In this life we have only glimpses of what the Lord has promised us if we keep His Word in our hearts. Some day I will have to stand before him and answer for what I have done - or not done. He will not ask me what political party I favored, or which bank I kept my money in. He will not ask me how many books I have read, or how many movies I have seen; and I doubt if he will ask me about my TV preferences. He will ask me what difference I made in the life of a Scout, what I did in my Church, how I treated the poor and the overlooked, how I responded to people who had opinions different from mine. He will judge me on how much I Loved, not on anything else. You are in the same boat as I Brothers. The list at the Joint Opening and Memorial Service was very long - for Brothers who have gone home. Someday we will be on that list. Be Prepared. It is not too late.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 62th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 153rd 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 14, 2018.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$100.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 23, 2018.** 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 14th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program & price 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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GENERAL ORDER # 02

1. I hereby direct, with the concurrence of the members of the Council of Administration, that all departments, camps, and individual brothers refrain from acting as a Media spokesman or agent for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or to become involved in the pursuit of any civil actions (legal proceedings), on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regarding the removal of veteran's monuments, without first contacting the Commander-in-Chief and receiving authorization from him.

a. Acting as a spokesman is defined as making statements written or oral using the organizations name,

symbols, letterhead, or while in the branded attire of the organization to include SVR uniforms and symbols.

b. This Order in no way is intended to preclude the exercise of your rights as an individual outside of the SUVCW.

2. The Commander-in-Chief will serve as the primary point of contact on all media inquiries involving the removal of veteran's monuments. Media outlets should be directed to forward their inquiries to the SUVCW National Headquarters at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411 Telephone: (717) 232-7000 Fax: (717) 412-7492.

Mark R. Day - Commander-In-Chief

Attested: Jonathan Davis - Secretary, National Order.

and that the incoming CinC appoint a special committee to development the criteria of the responsibilities of the development officer and solicited applicants and submit one name to the CofA candidates by 30 June 2018 and for this Committee to present a report to the 2018 National Encampment. This committee has been appointed by CinC Day in his General Order No. 4, the committee is to provide its recommended wording for the new job description to the CofA at the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

National Expansion Officer

Brother Eric D. Richhart, PDC resume was reviewed and he was appointed by the CofA.

Gettysburg Meeting will be Sunday, November 19th ROTC Award recognized by US Army

CofA Member Michael Paquette shared handout, where this may be possible. This will be pursued.

National Office Equipment

Review of equipment at National Office – IT committee to make recommendations by CofA Meeting in Gettysburg for moving forward, budget to be determined by this time.

Encampment Room Arrangement

A new meeting room arrangement was used at the Lansing Encampment, adopting the G.A.R. style of meeting room setup and this was well received by the brothers attending. Noted this diagram not in current C&R. Before this happens, the Encampment Site Committee will review the seating arrangement used at the Lansing Encampment in light of applicable fire codes.

National Office Assistant

PCinC Mortorff has been filling in for Executive Director Demmy at his own expense. Discussion was brought forth to compensate PCinC Mortorff for mileage to/from his home to the office. Motion passed.

Form 27

Discussion on a \$5.00 additional fee for international members which was passed by the CofA during Richmond CofA Meeting. It is determined that this was to cover additional cost of postage for the Banner which was revised by 2016-2017 General Order No. 8. Motion to eliminate this fee passed and the P&P committee was instructed to remove this from applicable forms.

National Conflict of Interest Policy

Secretary J. Davis reminded attendees of the National Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. Forms were provided for those in attendance who needed to complete one. The remainder will be mailed to the officers not in attendance.

Veterans

CofA Member Lynch made motion to get number of Veterans within the order. CinC Day, through his General Order #4, directed the Communications and Technology Committee to design a digital survey for the purpose of determining the current number of veterans of the United States Armed Services, to conduct that survey, and report its results to the CofA no later than the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

National Treasurer

Treasurers Handbook has been posted on the Order's website.

Primary Bank Accounts by Treasurer McReynolds was available for review during meeting.

CinC Day directed National Treasurer McReynolds to submit article for Banner for contributions by end of month.

2017-2018 Budget

Adopted. National Treasurer Reynolds stated he will look at options to obtain a better risk on investments.

National Membership-at-Large fee.

Approved to remain at \$40.

Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships)

Will reimburse camps at \$4.00 for program one (Life Member numbers less than 500).

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brother McGuire paid fee for not following dress code (failure to wear member badge).

Brother Paquette gave thanks for the Department of Michigan for hosting the National Encampment.

National Parliamentarian Kent Melcher will be putting information out on Parliamentary procedures.

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

Brother Kowalski gave the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 am

Jonathan C. Davis, PDC - National Secretary



ENCAMPMENT AWARDS SHORT LIST

The Certificate of Recognition (Certificate)
Garrard County Public Library, Department of
Kentucky
Brother Bruce Austin, Major James H. Bridgewater
Camp #7, Department of Kentucky

The Meritorious Service Award (Certificate)
Michael P. Downs, Dept. TN
Daniel F. Rittel, Dept. Iowa
Dave Daley, Dept WI
PCC Jeff Graf, Dept WI
Tom Gaard, Dept. Iowa

The Founder's Award (Certificate)
The American Veterans Heritage Center
(Dept OH submitted)

The Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award
(Certificate & Ribbon)
Dept. of Ohio- 54.

The Under Forty Award (Certificate & Ribbon)
Department of New Jersey with 10

Marshall Hope Award for Best Newsletter
(Certificate & Ribbon)
CAMP- Sharpshooter Robert Finch Camp # 14 Dept. MI.
DEPARTMENT - "The March", Dept. GA/SC

The National Aide Award (Certificate and Ribbon)
Doug Fidler, McTeer Camp #39, Dept. TN
Jeff Graf Col. Hans C. Heg Camp # 15, Dept. WI
Steve Flickinger of Sherman Camp #93, Dept. OH
James Johnson, Ruger Camp #1, Dept NC
Eric Richhart, Smith Camp #1, Dept CO/WO
David Rish, Jacob Parrott Camp #33, Dept. OH

The David R. Medert Award (Certificate)
David A. Rish, Dept. OH 13 new members

The Horace Greeley Award - Outstanding website
(Certificate and Ribbon)
Dept. Iowa

The U.S. Grant Award - % increase in members
(Trophy & Ribbon)
Dept. Georgia - 60% increase

**Abraham Lincoln CinC's Award - Outstanding
Camp** (Trophy & Ribbon)
Custer Camp #17, NJ

**The Cornelius F. Whitehouse Award - Outstanding
Brother of the Year** (Trophy)
Eugene G. Mortorff, Garfield Camp #1, Dept.
Chesapeake
Danny L. Wheeler, Sydney Camp #41, Dept. NY

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star
(Certificate & Gold Star)
Dexter Bishop, MA
Terry Dyer, IL
Nick Kaup, Dept. IL
David McReynolds Dept. TN
Don Palmer, Dept. MO
Henry Shaw, Dept. OH

**Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award
30 Years outstanding service** (Trophy)
Bob Wolz, Dept. OH
Lee Stone, Dept. Chesapeake
Danny Wheeler, Dept. NY
Rich Orr, Dept. PA
Ed Krieser, Dept. MO

Dr. Mary Walker Award (Medal & Certificate)
Given to PNP Diane Mellor in April

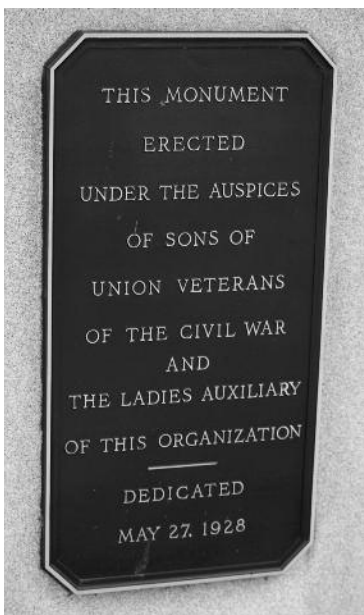
ALLEGHENY ARSENAL EXPLOSION

By Richard D Orr PCinc

While the battle raged at Antietam another often overlooked and forgotten event was occurring in Pittsburgh.

The Allegheny Arsenal which was created in 1814 when Southwestern Pennsylvania became the iron forge of the Nation producing copious amounts of armaments for the United States Army and Navy. Nearly 70 percent of all Union artillery tubes were cast in Pittsburgh region foundries, other munitions were produced as well. Natural resources found were also the components of black powder. Leather goods were also produced in large numbers, from bridles to holsters to backpacks all came from Allegheny Arsenal.

On that fateful 17th of September 1862 a tragedy of magnanimous proportions was unfolding in Pittsburgh. The 156 women and girls who worked packing powder cartridges arrived at work early in the morning for the 12 hour shift. All of them leery of the potential danger brought about by the new superintendent, Col. John Symington, who had ordered the dirt roadway be covered in a mixture of tar and stones. Iron horse shoes and wagon wheel rims were feared to cause sparks and ignite the powder which had been spilled on the roadway from barrels with poorly fitting lids or fallen through the wooden floor of the cartridge laboratory.



Alexander McBride, supervisor of the laboratory, had wood chips spread over the road in an effort to decrease the risk of igniting the powder. However, Col. Symington reprimanded him and ordered all the wood chips swept up.

About 2 pm, that fear became reality. Sparks from wagon wheels ignited the black powder resulting in three massive explosions. Of the 156 girls, boys and women working in the cartridge laboratory 78 were killed. This was the largest loss of civilian life in the Civil War.

Most of the bodies were not identifiable because of how badly they were burned and/or torn apart. Body parts rained down as far as a half mile away. Some were found floating in the Allegheny River. One hand was identified by the ring which remained on a finger; one by a necklace which remained around the headless neck; another by dentures (a luxury among these women). By far these were poor Irish Immigrants — the wives, daughters, sisters, sons, and mothers of men who had gone off to war and were trying to survive on the 50 cents to \$1.10 they were paid a day. Pay was by the piece thus encouraging the cartridge rollers to work faster.

Their unidentifiable remains were buried in a common grave marked in 1863 with an Egyptian obelisk inscribed with the names of the victims. The ravages of time rendered the monument unreadable and in 1928 the sixteen SUVCW camps in Allegheny County and their respective auxiliaries raised funds for a more appropriate and lasting

monument. That monument stands today on the site of the mass grave of those who lost their lives in the explosion. The monument lists their names so that they and their sacrifice for the Union is not lost to history.

A coroner's jury took testimony and ruled that the explosion was the result of mismanagement. Specifically, creating an environment with an increased risk of explosion and failing to implement safety precautions. Both Col Symington and Alexander McBride were found guilty of negligent conduct.

Col. Symington insisted he did nothing wrong and requested a military inquiry. The court martial found Col. Symington not guilty. The best they could do was concluded "the cause of the explosion could not be satisfactorily ascertained..."

On the monument we find these words: "Tread softly, this is consecrated dust, forty-five pure patriotic victims lie here. A sacrifice to freedom and civil liberty, a horrid memento of a most wicked rebellion. Patriots! These are patriots' graves, friends of humble, honest toil, these were your peers. Fervent affection kindled these hearts, honest industry employed these hands, widows' and orphans' tears have watered the ground. Female beauty and manhood's vigor commingle here. Identified by man, known by Him who is the resurrection and the life, to be made known and loved again when the morning cometh." Photos by Loveplace Photography

FINAL MUSTER

As a Chaplain I have the duty and honor of attending many funerals and memorial services. When a life is well led - such as PCinCs' Kuhn and Atkinson - it is easy to let go. They fulfilled their mission, and left shining examples of how to act as a Member of the Sons. It is far more difficult to be a part of the service for a child - someone who has not had the opportunity to live life to the fullest. This naturally brings tears to my eyes; but it makes me realize that I am here for a purpose. Am I doing what I am supposed to be doing? Am I doing what God wants me to do? Am I doing His Will? Take a look at the names here below. They have answered the final bugle call. If you know them, if you were part of their lives and they a part of yours - Thank God for them. If you agree with me, just say "Amen."

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

George H. Knell, PCC
McLaughlin Camp #12 (Ohio)
3/2/2017

John Kenneth Wilson, Jr., PCC
Gen. William Lytle Camp #10 (Ohio)
4/15/2017

William G. Fugitt
Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp #8 (Ohio)
9/7/2016

Philip A. Bronzi
Col Louis R. Francine Camp #7 (New Jersey)
10/4/2016

Clifford L. Speer
Garfield Camp #4 (New Jersey)
2/15/2017

John Howard Regn
Garfield Camp #4 (New Jersey)
4/16/2017

John A. Moller
Lincoln Cmap #100 (New Jersey)
4/4/2017

Douglas C. Osgood
Maj Gen William T Sherman Camp #93 (Ohio)
3/22/2017

John M. Mattingly
Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3 (Georgia)
5/13/2017

Robert E. Townsend, PDC
Appomattox Camp #2 (Chesapeake)
9/2/2016

Boyd B. Weber
James A. Garfield Camp #142 (Ohio)
4/18/2017

Thomas Joseph Campbell
Lucius L Mitchell Camp #4 (Florida)
1/24/2017

Dr. Leslie E. Weber, PDC
V P Twombly Camp #2 (Iowa)
4/3/2016

Otis Evans, Jr.
Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp #69 (Maine)
9/7/2014

Donald Earl Beck
Lincoln-Cushing Camp #2 (Chesapeake)
12/24/2016

Fred L. Wineland
Sgt James H. Harris Camp #38 (Chesapeake)
12/10/2016

Ronnie David Cox
Henry Casey Camp #92 (Ohio)
6/9/2017

Francis S. Putnam
Col Augustus Van Horne Ellis Camp #124 (New York)
1/4/2017

Myron L. Weber
David D Porter Camp #116 (Indiana)
4/12/2017

Wesley L. Wilson
General Everell F Dutton Camp #49 (Illinois)
6/13/2017

Ronald Ivan Marvin, Sr.
Jacob Parrott Camp #33 (Ohio)
8/5/2017

Roger W. Beverage
Haskell-Marston Camp #56 (Maine)
8/27/2017

BATTLEFIELD FLAG AND MONUMENT POLICY

As approved during the 136st National Encampment - Lansing, Michigan, 2017

WHEREAS, we, as the descendants of Union soldiers, sailors and marines and revenue cutter servicemen who, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, met in joint reunions with Confederate veterans under both flags in the bond of unity.

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the use of any American or Confederate flag by any and all hate groups.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War strongly condemn the removal, defacement or destruction of any Civil War Veterans Monument or tablet, whether Union or confederate.

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, support the flying of all U.S. and C.S.A. flags at our National Battlefield sites and to be honored publicly in museums as our authentic archival documentation of our National past.

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are committed to teaching the history of the American Civil War in our educational system and ask that all descendants of Civil War participants join us in this endeavor.

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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

General Ulysses S. Grant was an average West Point Cadet ranking 21st of 39. Grant believed the Mexican War was wrong as did Abraham Lincoln; but Grant fought valiantly under fire. He resigned in 1854 to avoid charges of drunkenness and disciplinary actions. When the War of Rebellion started; Grant volunteered his services but was rejected. With the help of an Illinois Congressman he was appointed to command the 21st Illinois Volunteer Regiment. Grant fought and won the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. These were the early victories of the war. Major General Grant lost the battle of Shiloh which caused him to be demoted pending the War Department investigation. He was reinstated after the investigation was completed. He continued to fight and win victories at Vicksburg and Chattanooga. General Grant continued his fight with General Lee when he was promoted and took over command of the Union Army. He pursued Lee's Army to the siege of Petersburg to Lee's eventual surrender at Appomattox Court House. He was promoted to full General and overseen the military portion of the reconstruction.

General Grant suffered from intense migraines due to the stress of fighting the war. The migraines were chalked up as drunkenness from his hangovers. The truth is that his migraines were not from drinking and nearly disabled him. Grant continued his duties and sacrificed his well being in order to defeat the enemy. General Grant could have given up due to his migraines, but he chose to display self-sacrifice, courage, commitment, and dedication to the Union. These are attributes of character that we need in each and every one of us in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW).

We need to educate the public about General Grant accomplishments and sacrifice so they know what he gave to the future generations of Americans. This is important so our fellow countrymen know the importance of our history. Right now NYC Mayor Blasio is forming a task force to evaluate removal of monuments to include General and 18th President of the United States Ulysses S. Grant Monument. Fortunately the monument is a National Monument and he has no authority to remove it.

If we fail to educate the public on our history and its importance and our Boys in Blue patriotism we will have failed our Country, but most importantly we will have failed ourselves. We cannot fail our Country and what we stand for as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,

National Patriotic Instructor
Jeffrey French

CHESAPEAKE

Brothers from James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 participated in a docent-led tour of Baltimore's Star-Spangled Banner Flag House, where Mary Pickersgill sewed the original "Star-Spangled Banner" that flew over Fort McHenry in the summer of 1814, during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812.



During the tour, Brothers were provided detailed information on a range of fascinating historical items, including furniture and other antiques, dating from the period when Ms. Pickersgill lived in the home. Brothers also viewed in the adjacent museum a video presentation about the battle-scarred history of our national flag, and posed for a Camp photo in front of a 30 by 42-foot tall window that re-creates the same color, size and design of the original Star-Spangled Banner.



On June 10, the General Alfred T.A. Torbert Camp #1862 held a rededication ceremony for Pvt. Isaac Bayard of the 3rd USCT in New Castle, DE. The camp was assisted by the New Castle Historical Committee and the Penn-Del United Methodist Conference. Eleven camps and reenactment units were represented by the participants. Camp Chaplain Ray Harris performed the religious services. We were fortunate to have the 3rd Regiment, USCT Reenactors Unit and the 26th PA SVR participate. PCC David Pyne presents ceremonial colors to Kay Contant who, with late husband PCC George Contant, initiated the replacement project.

GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

The SVR and brothers of the Department of Georgia & S. C. joined with Confederate Sons and the 30th OHIO (Recreated), to aid the Cobb County Landmark Association. The event was to raise some cash to preserve the Root House, built in 1845 and also to increase the

public awareness and attendance.

The Root House was the headquarters of Major General George Henry Thomas after the fall of Kennesaw Mountain.



The Cobb County Landmark Association was overjoyed with the major jump in attendance. The Executive Director said they brought in more money at this event than any other event this year. They are looking forward to a lasting relationship with the SRV, SUVCW and the 30th Ohio.

The Elias Moon Camp #2 hosted a June 27th Gwinnett County Civil War camp for children. Thirty kids attended where they also heard a talk from Camp Commander Ray Wozniak. One SUV member recruited from a previous camp is now a freshman cadet at West Point.

Brother Wozniak will do two to five of these Civil War camps per summer. They drill with wooden rifles, march,



have mock battles, do firing demonstrations and in recent years, the kids dress up in small wool uniforms and are allowed to touch artifacts, such as a musket and coin.

INDIANA



On July 16th, members of the John W. Foster Camp No. 2 in the Department of Indiana participated in a weekend event to remember Union participants in the Newburgh Raid. This successful raid by Confederate partisans on Newburgh, Indiana, on July 18, 1862, resulted in the first town in a northern state to be captured during the American Civil War.

On April 8, 2017, members of the John W. Foster Camp #2 participated in the camp's first tombstone dedication ceremony. The dedication ceremony for Thurston Cabell of Co. G, 28th Indiana, U.S.C.T was organized by the Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, Brigadier General Eli Huston Murray Chapter.



Several other organizations were present including SUVCW brothers from the Department of Kentucky, three chapters of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, four chapters of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, National Society of Children of the American Revolution, National Society of Daughters of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans. The ceremony was held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Kentucky.

IOWA



On Sunday, June 4, 2017, Department of Iowa members & Auxiliary traveled across five counties and performed the Last Soldier Ceremony for seven Veterans. These men had been the Last Civil War Soldier in the County they resided in. The counties included Union, Dallas, Madison, Warren, Marion, Monroe and Mahaska.



On Saturday, June 24, 2017, the Kinsman Camp #23 Guard Rededicated the Hancock Post Section at the Floyd Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. The city has recently renovated and restored this section back to its original appearance and placed headstones for twenty Veterans which have lain in unmarked graves for many years.



Don McGuire, Camp Commander, Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75, Department of Iowa presents the SUVCW ROTC Award, to Marcus Hill, Iowa State University, Air Force ROTC. Department ROTC/JROTC Coordinator Mike Rowley reports that the Department of Iowa is on track to have 100% of the 14 Programs participating for at least the 2nd straight year.

KENTUCKY

Only July 17, the MAJ James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 and the Bridgewater Scouts SVR Company held a service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Major Bridgewater. They were joined by officers of the Stanford Police Department, Lincoln Masonic Lodge Number 60, the Mayor of Stanford, the Lincoln County Judge Executive, a bugler from Caswell Saufley American Legion Post and descendants of men who served under Bridgewater.



Bridgewater formed the Bridgewater Scouts Kentucky State Guard Company with the rank of Captain on November 10, 1863. This Company was raised as an Independent Company of Scouts attached to the Secret Service. Beginning June 1, 1864, this Company became Company A of the Hall's Gap Battalion. Bridgewater was promoted Major and commanded the Battalion from March 1, 1865 until its muster out on July 27, 1865.

After the war, Bridgewater became employed with the Freedman's Bureau. Bridgewater went to Louisville in May 1867 to turn in a list of "regulators" in the area who were allegedly terrorizing the former slaves and Union men. On July 17, 1867, while in a saloon in downtown Stanford, a group of men murdered Bridgewater. The men were acquitted the following week in a trial in which no witnesses for the prosecution showed up to testify. Our service was held in a Memorial Park in Stanford, two blocks from where Bridgewater was murdered.



Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp No. 5 were joined by twenty nuns of the present Sisters of Charity Order in Cincinnati and played an integral role in the unveiling and dedication of a new interpretative sign highlighting the Sisters of Charity and their service after the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky, on Sunday August 6, 2017.

The new marker was erected on the grounds of the Saint Marks Catholic Church, which is located on the primary Union retreat route out of Richmond after the August 29 & 30, 1862, fight.

Six nuns from the Sisters of Charity in Cincinnati arrived a few days after the battle with 40 wagons of medical supplies to treat the hundreds of wounded and ill, both Union and Confederate. They stayed in Richmond until early October 1862.

The leader of the delegation, Sister Anthony O'Connell, went on to become one of the very few female members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the predecessor to the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

MAINE

On July 3rd the Department of Maine participated in the re-dedication of the 4th Maine Infantry Monument in Rockland, Maine. The monument had been moved from its original location where people believed it was too close to a street and in danger of being hit by passing vehicles. The Monument was placed next to the Midcoast Veteran's Memorial at the American Legion Post which is located on the hillside where the 4th Maine was mustered in and trained.



The Daniel Chaplin Camp #3 joined with the Sarah Elizabeth Palmer Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans on June 17 for Flag Day, honoring four Civil War veterans buried in a G.A.R. lot in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. These four men had fallen on hard times in their later years and would have been buried in pauper graves if not for the C.S. Douty Relief Corp back in 1889. These ladies purchased a final resting place to provide a fitting memorial for these soldiers. A brief biography of each man was read and prayer offered for these long forgotten heroes.



MASSACHUSETTS



"On Sunday June 25th members of Charles H. Bond Camp #104, Department of Massachusetts performed a ceremony of remembrance at the gravesite of our Camp founder and benefactor. Charles H. Bond, a philanthropist, was the son of a Union Veteran and himself a veteran of the Spanish American War.

MICHIGAN



Mackinac Island city officials erected a new monument in honor of Island residents that fought in the Civil War. The Michigan Department was contacted about participating in the dedication ceremony. Brothers from ten Camps, the 14th Michigan SVR, plus sisters of the

Auxiliary gathered together on August 19 for the ceremony. American Legion Post 299 provided a color guard and participants were joined by Pure International Pageant's Miss Michigan Kayla Flenar. Thelma Paul of Bugles Across America played Taps. A nice size crowd was in attendance, including descendants of the Veterans listed on the monument.

Brothers of Camp 7 and 17 joined with Michigan's G.A.R. Museum to provide a Camp of Discovery for the youth of the Eaton Rapids community. Participants were issued wooden muskets and then drilled, marching around the G.A.R. Island Park like veterans. They learned about camp life, how wounds were treated and wounded soldiers were carried from the field and the accouterments and gear carried by the typical Civil War soldier.



Each participant was then allowed to fire a Civil War musket, with an adult guide maintaining a firm hold of the weapon. After lunch, participants conducted a skirmish and then toured the G.A.R. Museum. At the conclusion of the day, each participant received a Civil War discharge certificate and \$13 in reproduction Civil War era currency.

MISSOURI



Phelps Camp No. 66 recently dedicated a "Last Soldier" marker honoring James Columbus Clouse, 5th Tennessee Infantry, the last Union veteran in Wright County, Missouri.

NEBRASKA

On Thursday August 10, 2017, members Victor Vifquain Camp #1 and Shiloh Camp #2 participated in the state



Vietnam Veterans reunion at Antelope Park in Lincoln, The Nebraska Rangers SVR unit posted colors, fired volleys to all veterans honored in the Veterans park and participated in a Civil War related program at the Cornhusker Hotel afterwards.

NEW JERSEY

On August 20, the General Kearny Camp #20 presented an Eagle Certificate and Badge to Andrew Robinson, Troop 64 (Wharton, NJ) at St Matthew's RC Church in Randolph, NJ.



At the conclusion of the Civil War New Jersey regiments were required to surrender their flags to the State. Since 2000, New Jersey's Civil War flag collection has been under the care and control of the New Jersey State Museum who display 5 flags at a time to the public in specially made cases. Approximately every 6 months the chosen flags are rotated in a public unveiling ceremony.

On July 15, 2007, Senior Vice Commander of the Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Frank Tomasello, was given the honor of unveiling the 1862 Regimental Color of the 3rd



New Jersey. This flag was an ornamental presentation flag given to the regiment as a reward for its distinction in battle during the Antietam campaign. Tomasello has a special connection to this flag as his ancestor, Sgt. John R. Pedrick, was carrying the 3rd New Jersey's flag at the assault on Salem Church outside of Fredericksburg Va., in the waning hours of the Chancellorsville campaign, on May 3, 1863. Pedrick was shot multiple times and perished. The flag was recovered and bore many bullet holes as well as Pedrick's blood.

OHIO

Dayton, Ohio's Sherman Camp 93 replicated a Civil War detachment encampment during the Fourth of July Americana Festival in Centerville. Throughout the day, SUVCW Brothers informed and educated more than visitors with displays concerning Union Army Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry life during the American Civil War. Exhibits included original artifacts and reproduction items and speakers describing and demonstrating functions of many.



The artillery displays included a variety of artillery shells, fuzes, loading and aiming devices, and other equipment. The cavalry display wowed visitors through "hands on" contact with ephemera ranging from a "battlefield pickup" horseshoe to 19th century clay marbles found in what was once a winter camp. A replicated Infantry headquarters tent exhibit showcased to visitors "tools of the trade" ranging from an 1861 Springfield Rifle to a soldier's knapsack containing hand-knitted "Sanitary Fair" socks and a copy of "The Soldier's Friend," a booklet of comforting devotional writings. Additional displays included a regimental chaplain and the Camp's "Recruiting Office" display.

Second Corporal William Gill, age 41, enlisted in the 1st Regiment of Western Virginia Mounted Volunteers for three years of military service in the Union Army. His service ended with the war's end in 1865 and he returned to civilian life in the area of Clark County, Ohio. His grave, and those of three other Civil War veterans have recently been re-discovered and honored at the Bloxom Cemetery on Chillicothe Road in Selma, Green Township, Ohio.

On June 28th, 2017, the Governor Dennison Camp #1,



Columbus, Ohio held a ceremony to honor Corporal Gill, along with Privates William H. Jones, Company I, 4th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops, Kinney Burns, Company K, 15th U.S. Colored Infantry, and Stephen Shafer, Company F, 74th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Their tombstones were found to be either unreadable, falling over or completely missing. Stones were cleaned and reset and new stones were ordered and placed prior to the ceremony.

Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry which meets in Washington Court House Ohio, commanded by 1st Lt. Shane L. Milburn received the SVR Unit Citation last November in Gettysburg. 1st Lt. Shane L. Milburn, also received the SVR Meritorious Service Medal. Front page news articles extoling the unit's achievements appeared in two different Ohio newspapers. Without any solicitation by the unit they received a congratulatory certificate of recognition from the Ohio Senate sponsored by State Senators Bob Peterson and Troy Balderson.



Shortly thereafter they received a copy of Ohio House Resolution No. 42 sponsored by three state representatives: Ron Hood, Bill Dean and Gary Scherer. The two page resolution

Chronicles the achievements of the unit and notes that "Since its inception, Civil War Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Sons of Veterans Reserve has amply demonstrated its commitment to the principles of SVR, and it is truly deserving of high praise.

PENNSYLVANIA

Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 dedicated a new Civil War headstone for Private John Diamond, Co. B, 102nd Pa. Vol. Infantry. 1836 - 1888, Beaver Falls, Pa., who was the ancestor of Brother Ralph Diamond. Many of the descendants and friends attended the ceremony.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Local Host Committee of the 2017 Pennsylvania Department Encampment, held in Cranberry Township, Butler County, collected donations of items to be presented on behalf of the Encampment to the Veterans at the Butler County Area VA Hospital. These individual donations were in addition to the annual charitable donations presented by the Allied Orders at the Campfire Ceremony.



VA Butler Healthcare is located in the heart of Butler County and convenient to community support services for Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio-area Veterans. All Camps, Auxiliaries, Tents,

Circles and Corps were encouraged to ask their members to participate by collecting the donations from their area. This provided a wonderful opportunity for those not able to attend the encampment, to participate in the event.

Coordinated by Auxiliary Sister Ellen Essenwein, PAP, the Pennsylvania Department of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R., collected and delivered donations of cash, checks and merchandise estimated at more than \$2500.00.

TENNESSEE

Members of the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 assisted by their Auxiliary President, participated in the East Tennessee History Fair sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society at Krutch Park in Knoxville, TN on Saturday, August 19. It was a beautiful day and the turnout was tremendous. The Fair, over the years, has steadily grown, and now attracts several thousand people to downtown Knoxville each year.



The Camp manned a table that that included

information about the history of East Tennessee during the Civil War as well as information about the Camp and the many activities it does. Many stopped by to talk about their own family history and how, in many occasions, they had ancestors on both sides of the conflict.

WISCONSIN

Nominated by Camp #1 of Milwaukee, Marge Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps received the Department's first Dr. Mary Walker Award in recognition of and appreciation for her outstanding service to our Order. Marge received the honor at the Department Encampment in Saukville, Wis., in June. She has worked for decades to find graves of Civil War veterans and to get tombstones for unmarked graves.





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6TH MILITARY DISTRICT



The Sixth Military District is the largest of the Military Districts in geography. The Sixth encompasses the states of Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

With active units in Oregon, California, Nevada, and Texas, 6th Military District brothers fully appreciate their status within the SUVCW as the “Marketing Team.” We embrace our role as highly visible reminders of our ancestors’ sacrifices to preserve the Union. We carry ourselves with pride when we carry out this sacred duty. We seek members who share our passion to honor our collective ancestors; who proudly wear the uniform of the Union and participate in parades, ceremonies, and honor guards.

Some places 6th brothers have served the order: Fort Point National Park (San Francisco), Alcatraz Island (San Francisco Bay) Drum Barracks (Los Angeles), and Fort Churchill (Nevada).

We participate in living history, grave dedications, parades, and service projects such as Wreaths Across America and Operation Stand Down.

We currently seek a capable PIO to produce our newsletter, The Western Dispatch. Inquiries can be made through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/6thMD/>.





ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

*Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band
with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble*

Period dress encouraged, but not required

Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk

Cash Bar

Time: 8PM, 18 November 2017

*Place: Gettysburg Eisenhower Hotel
2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA*

Price: \$20 per person in advance

\$25 per person at the door

*Make check out to "SVR Remembrance Day Ball"
Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for tickets*

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Ticket orders received after 10 November will be distributed at the Ball

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BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN



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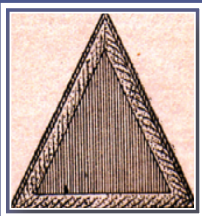
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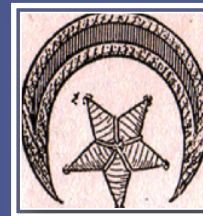
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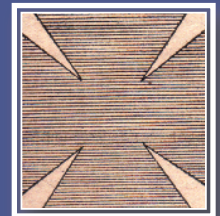
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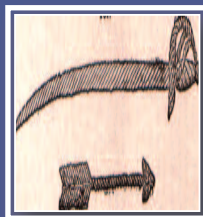
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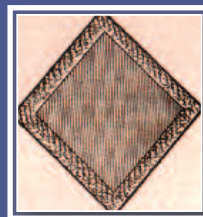
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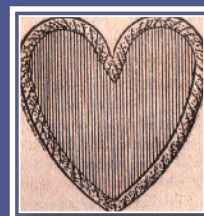
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WISCONSIN

Brothers have always had a sense of pride in their Department, originally called a Division.

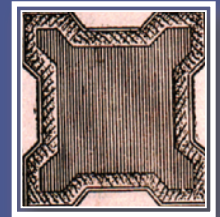
Brothers wore a modified US Army uniform and drilled twice a month. Federal regulations and the Grand Army of the Republic requested a distinctive emblem would identify them as Sons of Veterans. This resulted in each Division selecting an embroidered emblem worn on the top of their kepi. Many were red with gold metallic embroidery. Iowa was a light blue.

Some were silver and gold. When we became a civilian lodge in 1903 rather than the military training component we had been, the Sons of Veterans Reserve adopted these same "division corps" as part of their uniforms.

During the Civil War Centennial and since, many SVR units dropped the use of these badges as they attempted to portray actual Civil War units and the Departments discontinued wearing uniforms. History, however, repeats itself with more and more departments wearing at least a kepi and so we are seeing the division badges regaining popularity again.



ILLINOIS



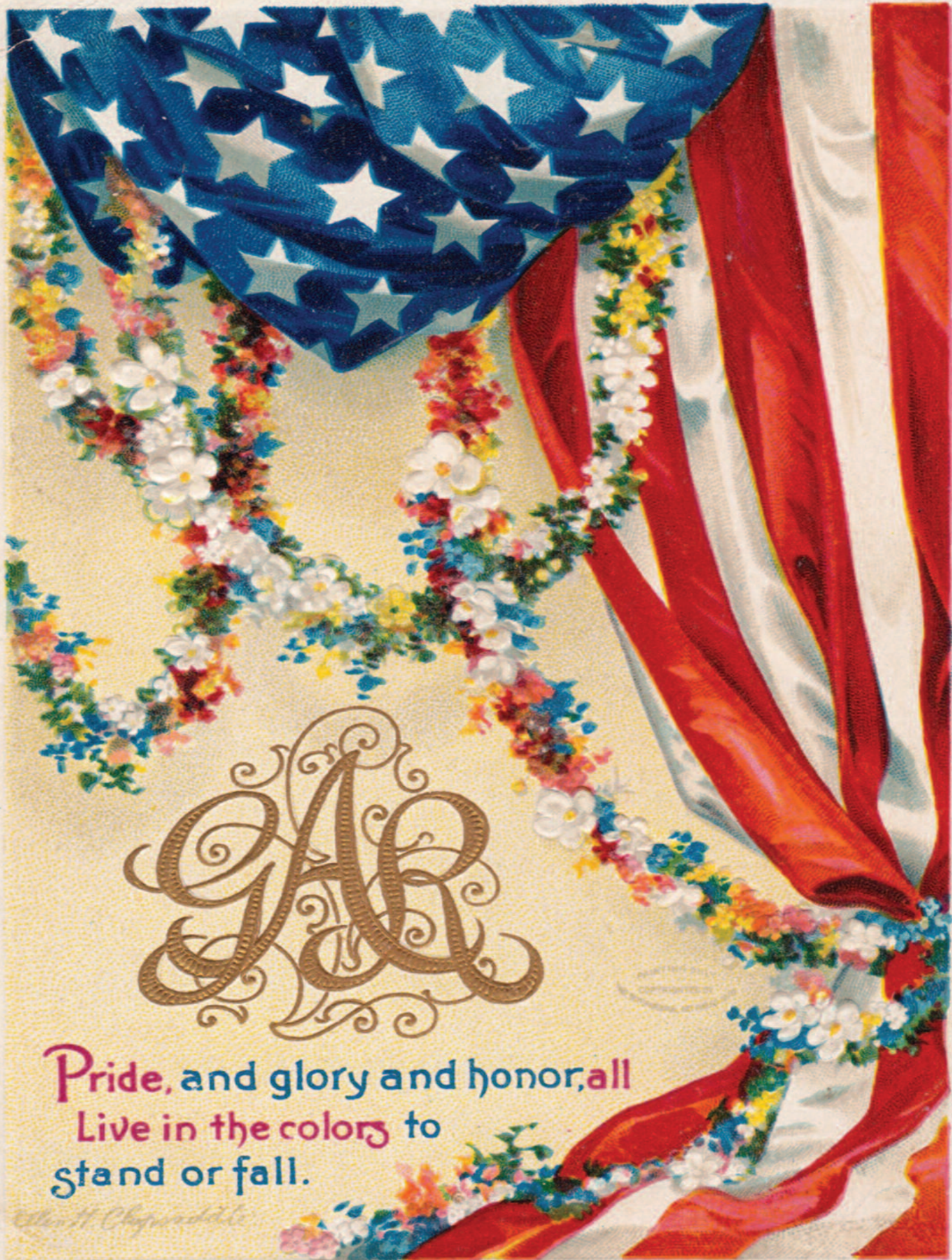
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Live in the colors to
stand or fall.

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