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KUDOS IN ORDER - Great job by the Department of Massachusetts in hosting the 137th National Encampment. See you all next year in Independence, OH.

On The Cover: Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw, photo by Ken Freshley, PCinC.



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DONALD W. SHAW NEW CINC

Donald W. Shaw was elected the 137th Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment held in Framington, Massachusetts on August 11, 2018. He became a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on July 18, 1994. He joined the Order through the Governor Crapo Camp, No. 145 at Flint, Michigan. His Civil War roots extend to William M. Begole of the 23rd Michigan Infantry Regiment, through whom he bases his membership in the Sons, as well as through a great great great uncle, Leroy Parker, who served with the 4th Michigan Cavalry Regiment.

Brother Shaw has served in most of the elected posts within the Governor Crapo Camp and has been involved with numerous special projects designed to keep green the memory of the soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865. These projects include everything from parades, to memorial services, to school presentations, to cemetery mowing and cleanings, to speaking engagements regarding the Civil War and the Grand Army of the Republic, to working on the restoration and rededication of memorials left by the Grand Army. He has also served as Camp Organizer of the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 of Bay City, in which he holds dual camp membership with the Crapo Camp of Flint.

Within the Department of Michigan, he has served in various elected and appointed posts. These include Department Counselor, Department Chief of Staff, Department Junior Vice Commander and Department Senior Vice Commander. He served two terms as Michigan Department Commander, from April, 2010 to March, 2012. He is the 102nd man to serve as Commander since the Department was organized in 1883.

In other Sons activity, Brother Shaw is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), has served as Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Counselor, Assistant National Counselor and as National Chief of Staff.

Aside from, "Keeping Green the Memory," the best part about the work, in his opinion, was the fine people in the Order with whom he was privileged to work, who truly make all of this a pleasure.

Brother Shaw is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Masons, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is an Associate Companion, through the Michigan Commandery, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, (MOLLUS). He was born and raised in Flint, Michigan and resides there still. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of Wayne State University Law School. He has been a practicing attorney in Flint for over thirty years.



All National Officers, 2018-2019

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS



Ed Norris of the Department of the Chesapeake was elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He will be chairing the National Committee on Program and Policy. He can be reached at svcinc@suvcw.org



Brian C. Pierson of the Department of Georgia/South Carolina was elected Junior Vice Commander in-Chief. He will be chairing the National Committee on Recruitment, working with the Junior Vice Department Commanders. He can be reached at jvcinc@suvcw.org.



Two new members were elected to the Council of Administration. Peter Hritsko of the Department of Ohio and Bruce Frail of the Department of Rhode Island.





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

GENERAL ORDER #1:

To all the brothers in attendance at the 137th National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts, I thank you for your continued support and faith in me demonstrated by your trusting me with this high office and responsibility. I thank the brothers of the Department of Massachusetts, the Department Host Committee and our own National Site Committee for an excellent encampment.

The headquarters for the Commander in Chief is hereby moved from Lynchburg, Virginia, to 3914 Larchmont Street, Flint, Michigan 48532. Mail for the Commander in Chief should be sent to that address. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and may be made to CinC@suvcw.org. Telephone communications should be used for urgent or emergency matters only at 810-513-3362.

There are four major areas I would like to see substantial progress in this year, and on which I intend to work diligently. They are:

Membership growth and retention

Increased public awareness of the Order – We should no longer be the best kept secret in America.

Extension of 501(c)(3) status to the Departments and Camps

Visits to each Department at least once in my term. It may not be for the Department Encampment, but if not it will be for some other notable event in the Department.

Progress is underway to bring increased technological capability to our Headquarters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This area also needs to be pursued to completion.

I urge all members to visit our National Web page and to become familiar with the information that can be found there. It is a fine way to learn about how your Order works as well as to relay useful information. I further urge all Department Webmasters or in the alternative the Department Commander to see that their web pages are regularly updated so as to keep you membership informed of the happenings within your department.

My congratulations to the newly elected heads of the Allied Orders. I look forward to working with all of you so we may have a mutually productive year in keeping

green the memory of the boys in blue, 1861 to 1865.

The National Headquarters continues to be located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411, Phone (717) 232-7000. Communications to the Executive Director should go there.

All financial correspondence should be directed to our National Treasurer, David McReynolds, at 4323 Near Shore Drive, Louisville, Tennessee 37777-5231. Phone (865) 981-2854. Email Treasurer@suvcw.org.

All other correspondence should go to the National Secretary, Jonathan Davis at 240 Merriman Drive, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162. Phone (614) 745-6079. Email Secretary@suvcw.org.

The Commander in Chief's travel schedule will be coordinated by National Chief of Staff Terry McKinch. 3278 S. Duffield Road, Lennon, Michigan 48449-9407. (810) 553-3509. Email terry.mckinch@suvcwmi.org.

The National Chief of Staff shall also coordinate the collection and distribution of reports from elected officers, appointed officers, National Committee Chairs and Department Commanders so as to report their activities, any problems, and their recommendations to the Council of Administration for each of its meeting in November and April, as well as to the 2019 Encampment for its meeting in August, 2019. The Chief of Staff shall call for said reports which shall be supplied by the officer involved in a timely fashion.

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, 206 E. Grantley Ave, Elmhurst, Illinois, should be contacted to report a deceased brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union Ancestor and that individuals rank and unit. Brother Jerry's email is paptom@msn.com.

Requests for SUVCW ROTC awards should be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator) George Shadman, 99 Elizabeth Drive, Barboursville, Virginia 22923. His Email is rotc@suvcw.org. Email should be used if possible for this business.

All Camps and Departments should submit articles for the BANNER to Banner Editor James B. Pahl, Pcinc, 445 W. Maple Street, Mason, Michigan 48854-1519. Phone (517) 676-1471. Email Banner@suvcw.org.

One of our brothers deserving of recognition for his recruiting activities who was not mentioned at the last National Encampment is Ed Ruger Gibson of Ruger Camp #1, Department of North Carolina. For his efforts I appoint him a National Aide, entitling him to wear the national ribbon beneath his members badge during my term in office, commemorating the effort he has made. Well done Brother Gibson.

Patriotic Instructors at all levels of the Order are encouraged to prepare and impart patriotic instruction to our members so as to inspire them to the continuation of the good works our Order does on nearly a daily basis.

Also, to this end, Patriotic Instructor's are encouraged to start a journal listing the good works of our members and camps. Remember, there will come a time when you will need to report the good works of your brothers and your camps to your counterparts at the Department and National level of the Order. Such a journal, compiled day by day and week by week, will make this reporting obligation easier and more complete when you are called upon to make it.

GENERAL ORDER #2:

lifts the suspension for the Department of Connecticut.



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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at: <http://sucv.org/mollus.htm>

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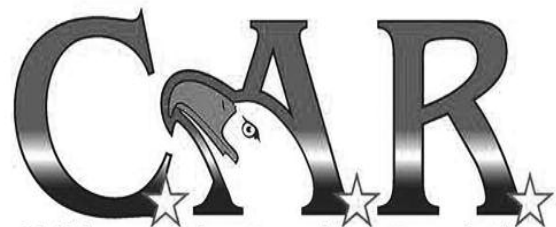
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SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Pre Encampment Meeting
August 9, 2018, Framingham, Massachusetts

(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)

1. National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire

Webmaster will supply names of Departments being hosted to Treasurer, who will bill for 2018 billing period, will bill half for remainder of year. Will publish final date of cut-off date of December 31st.]

2. National Treasurer: David McReynolds

National Treasurer authorized up to \$1200 to confer with a consultant who has experience in the financial records data backup field.

3. Commander-in-Chief Day

Concerning Form 50, there is a proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 forwarded to the C&R Committee. The revision of Form 50 have not been completed.

4. From the National Treasurer

Will be asking the National Encampment for changes in the National Regulations concerning officers who receive an advance on their expenses should submit all receipts to support an advance or refund the unused portion in a timely manner.

5. Veterans Administration Booklet

National Veterans Administration publishes a book of recognized Veterans Organizations. The National Secretary directed to write a letter by September 30, asking to be included. .

6. National Treasurer Additional Reporting

501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for D.C. Revisions to the Treasurer's Handbook will follow with directions on a variety of financial and tax issues for Camps and Departments. Also examining impact of change in tax exempt status for National on Departments and Camps. Once all Departments and Camps have complied with General Order 18 and all items completed per form 11, the Order will re-apply to the IRS for a Group Exemption.

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

Discussed the possibility of a committee or sub-consultant for discovery for the website.

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

Discussed whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include G.A.R. halls, historic G.A.R. furniture and decorations.

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

Discussed revamping the recruiting and retention program and develop a strategy to reduce drops – assigned to the Program and Policy Committee.

10. Engagement Recommendations:

Patriotic Instructor to assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses.

The incoming CinC should establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee.

Marketing & Promotion Committee evaluate and report the effectiveness of the strategy.

11. ROTC Award recognized by US Army

CofA Member Michael Paquette shared handout, Brother Pierson made motion to seek award to be recognized by the U.S. Army, seconded by Quartermaster PCinC Wheeler.

12. National Office Equipment

Approved up to maximum amount in the budget for National Headquarters to purchase hardware and software to improve the equipment at our National Headquarters. IT committee to make recommendations to CofA Meeting in Gettysburg for moving forward, budget to be determined by this time.

13. Encampment Room Arrangement

Discussed adding a room arrangement diagram consistent with a G.A.R. meeting room to the Ritual. The Encampment Side Committee will review this for fire code issues. Program and Policy to review and forward recommendations to the C&R committee.

JVCINC NORRIS:

14. JVCinC Norris recommended the membership application forms indicate that the Part V relationships be circled. For example: "Part V - To be completed by member / junior applicant only. Circle the relationship." I receive too many with that information missing.

Application Process

1. Scan the completed membership applications.
2. Contact the Department Junior Vice Commander (sending him the application) asking for the local Camp's Junior Vice Commander's name and home address. The DJVC is asked to forward my email to the Camp's JVC so that he can get in touch with the applicant.
3. Send the applicant's documentation to the Camp JVC via USPS.

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4. Contact the applicant with the Camp information.
15. JVCinC Norris recommended Commander-in-Chief send out a General Order or Commander-in-Chief's Message to the Membership, whichever he prefers, asking the Department Junior Vice Commanders to participate in this new process.
16. National Committee on GAR Records and the National GAR Records Officer Dean Enderlin recommended the SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) be updated to include the required office of Department GAR Records Officer. Assigned to Program and Policies.
17. CofA member Tucker moved the Protocol Handbook be approved by the CofA and posted to the National Website with recommendations. Passed.
18. As to National Awards, Commander-in-Chief Day recommended the incoming Commander-in-Chief purchase at least ten streamers and have dies created that are not currently produced. Motion, Second and passed.
19. National Chaplain Kowalski asked that he be reimbursed for expenditures in completing his duties as Chaplain, receipts provided. Line item will be added to the budget.
20. Discussed edits to FORM 11 that have been completed, form approved.
21. PCinC Donald Martin shared new presentation folder and recommended this new cover be added to the inventory of the quartermaster store for sale after current stock is depleted. Passed.
22. A GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE was reviewed by the CofA and the issue referred to Program and Policy.
23. RITUAL will be corrected on the National Website.
24. Referring back to item #12. Brother Paquette discussed the need that computers in National Headquarters need to be networked. Funds allocated to install WIFI at National Headquarters.
25. Discussion from members of the National Site Committee seeking guidance on moving National Encampment up in calendar schedule from 2nd weekend in August due to factors that might influence this schedule. Survey will be setup within 30 to 45 days with results to be presented by Gettysburg CofA meeting.

SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Post Encampment Meeting
August 12, 2018, Framingham, Massachusetts

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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 W. Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:02 am on August 12, 2018 and lead the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

ITEMS FROM 2018 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT REPORTS

CinC Day Recommendations:

1. Recommendation #1: That the CinC Appointed Strategic Development Committee be continued and made a standing committee by this Encampment. The Encampment continued this as a Special Committee until 2021, to be chaired by the National Treasurer.

2. Recommendation #2: That the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget (\$500) that can be used to support its efforts. Budget line item of \$500.00 approved

3. Recommendation #3: That an appointed position called Public Affairs Officer be created and that a job description be written that includes the duties of:

Issuing Press Releases for all National Activities and Events.

Working with the Signals Officer to produce 15, 30, and 60 second video ad which can be distributed as PSA's.

CinC will appoint an Aide initially and referred matter to P&P committee for a report back at the November meeting.

4. Recommendation #4: That a Committee be established tasked with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to Establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters by the year 2022, and which would bring both our administrative and quartermaster functions under one roof. CinC will appoint CinC Committee, Chaired by Brother Tucker, Day, Demmy, Sr., Paquette, and McReynolds. Preliminary report by Gettysburg, 2018.

5. Recommendation #5: That the CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at the National HQ be continued by my successor to complete the work which was begun on updating and enhancing our effectiveness. Committee appointed, to report back at the November meeting.

6. Recommendation #6: That the National Special Committee on Website redesign be continued through the year 2021. CinC will appoint a committee, to report by the Spring CofA meeting in Springfield, IL.

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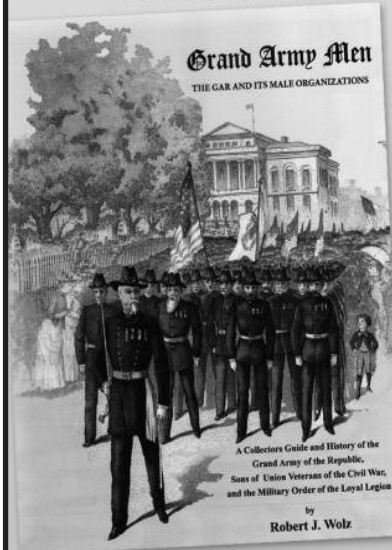
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

During the Recent Unpleasantness the Boys in Blue who served in Mr. Lincoln's armies must have experienced bouts of depression. If a friend were killed, if a Dear John letter came from home, if they were defeated in battle, if they were wounded - or a host of other things that we can only imagine - Depression must have set in. I'm not sure what the clinical term that was in use at the time called it, but I know today when things don't go my way, I get depressed. When I make mistakes, when I fail to achieve goals that I set for myself, when don't get the results I want from my efforts - I get depressed. This may be a familiar symptom in your life too. It seems to be a naturally occurring human trait. My father had it, my grandfathers had it so is it any wonder that I experience it too?

So how do you handle depression? What do you do to get out of it and back on the right course? What therapy, reading materials, or things do you do to remove this negative energy? Let me know, if you care to. I will keep it confidential. My contact information is on the SUVCW website.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

NEW BROTHERS IN THE ORDER

Commander-in-Chief Mark Day initiated two new Brothers into the Order at the National Encampment in Framington. Brother Andrew Whipple has joined the Governors Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Department of Rhode Island. He is descended from Frederick Brayton, Battery B, 1st RI Light Artillery. The Governors Elisha Dyer Camp no. 7, the SUVCW Camp was established by Arnold Post 4, RIGAR, of which Frederick Brayton was a Member.

The second was Kelvin Doyle, who joined the Gen. George Stoneman Camp #18, Department of California/ Pacific. Some 3,000 miles for his first National Encampment.

Welcome Brothers!



Above: CinC Mark Day with new Brother Andrew Whipple

Below: Kelvin Doyle joins the Brothers



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7. Recommendation #7: That the CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements. Committee appointed, consisting of Day, Darby, Paquette and Tucker.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. Recommendation #1: Change C&R to require all Camps and Departments to have an Assistant Treasurer and/or Secretary to carry out duties of the office in lieu of the primary Treasurer and/or Secretary. CinC referred to C&R committee.

9. Recommendation #2: Change C&R to invoke strong disciplinary action against Department Commanders and the Department Secretary who neglect or refuse to file form 35 on time! CinC referred to C&R Committee.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL QUARTER MASTER, GEORGE SHADMAN

10. Recommendation #3: Each Department keep the information on your Department website current, especially officers' contact information. National Encampment referred to the Webmaster to review Department websites for issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander-in-Chief Donald Shaw presented certificate to Past Commander-in-Chief Day for service during the year.

Conflict of Interest Policy Requirements. National Secretary J. Davis went over requirements with thoughts at National Treasurer should review language to confirm these are not in any conflicts with our 501c3 status, then

will mail out to officers within three weeks.

Budget was approved, copies to be forwarded to CofA members shortly.

National Membership-at-Large dues for 2019, no change.

National website fees for 2019, no change.

Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships).

Motion to approve license applications presented by National Secretary, excepting those requested by licensee to be removed. Motion to amend to remove two addition items requested by the Charitable Foundation. Motion to amend passed, main motion as amended passed.

Motion, second and passed, unclaimed National 2010 to 2016 Life Membership reimbursement be written off.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony. From the Chair of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony committee, 2019 will be the last year of the five year contract. Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony request permission to negotiate the next 5 year contracts. Pointed out National Regulations already give the chair the authority to negotiate and execute contracts.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

CofA Member Michael A. Paquette gave his intent to run for Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief next year during the 2019 National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio.

National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis will be seeking re-election for the office during the 2019 National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio.

National Treasurer David McReynolds will be seeking re-election for the office during the 2019 National Encampment in Cleveland, Ohio.

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE

All are invited to participate in the 63rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 154th 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 13, 2019. Also taking place the same weekend at the same venue headquarters hotel will be the 2019 Central Region Conference.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$104.00 for single, 1 to 4 people. 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 22, 2019.** 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.



137TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AWARDS

The following Awards were presented at the 137th National Encampment in Framingham, Massachusetts 9-12 August 2018.

The Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star:

Bruce Frail (Department Rhode Island) and
Robert Rogers (Department Illinois).

Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award:

Robert Grim (Department of Ohio),
Charles Odell (Department of the Chesapeake),
David Klinepeter (Department Pennsylvania),
Michael Friedel (Department of Illinois).

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Eric Richhart, Smith Camp #1 (Department of Colorado and Wyoming)

David Rish, Parrott Camp #33 (Department of Ohio)

Jeff Graf, Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 (Department of Wisconsin)



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FINAL MUSTER

At the Joint Opening and Memorial Service in Framingham, MA, at the 2018 National Encampment, the very first name that I read was that of a former Chaplain from the Dept of Florida - Skip Waltham. I came across Skip when he was the Department Chaplain in connection with the periodic pieces that he put on the Department website. I was impressed. He was doing the same work that so many clergy aspire to, but fail to achieve. He was putting usable thoughts into words that helped his readers come closer to The Lord. His writings so moved me that the idea of The National Chaplain's Award seemed to be an absolute necessity. He needed to be recognized for what he was doing. Later as Department Commander he had the same overwhelming number of problems that all Commanders have. Now he has gone home to The Lord, and I ask myself - who will take his place? Who will step up now that the Brothers who are listed here have gone home too? What are you doing? Can you help grow our Order? Can you step forward and contribute your time and talent - as many of these Brothers have? If not you - then who? If not now - when? Our names will be appearing here altogether too soon. So let's get started, and make a difference.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

“Civil Way, not Civil War”

by: William McKone, National Patriotic Instructor

Brothers, at the 137th National Encampment of the SUVCW, our incoming Commander in Chief Donald W. Shaw honored me with appointment as the National Patriotic Instructor (NPI). The past NPI, Brother Jeff French, has been very supportive and helpful in making this a smooth transition, but I have much to learn about my new responsibilities. Your input will be most welcome on how best to work with the Patriotic Instructors (PIs) at the department level, and through them down to the camp PIs.

Each new officer brings his own background and vision to a position, so this initial article starts a dialogue with you about the duties of the NPI. Your feedback will help me develop and adjust my approach as we work together, so please share your views going forward.

Like many of you, I served in our armed forces. After three years active duty in the US Army, I spent my civilian career at the National Security Agency as an intelligence analyst focused on the military threat of the Soviet Union. Currently I am equally concerned about the possibility of a domestic conflict—perhaps inflamed by a foreign adversary—because our republic appears so divided.

A review of our current charter from the United States Congress (easily accessed on our web site) clearly places an obligation on us to demonstrate our patriotism. The first three stated purposes of our organization refer to honoring those who have served the country, particularly in the War of the Rebellion. The last three duties listed are active tasks related to preserving the values, institutions, and principles of our republic.

Our charter prohibits the SUVCW from political activities and our governing documents state that we are non-partisan. We can and should pursue patriotic activities without venturing into a partisan role. Find ways to disagree respectfully and peacefully when others express different views. We recently lost a true patriot who may serve as a useful model of civility. For the good of our country, John McCain often worked with people who held different opinions without compromising his own strong beliefs.

Brothers, we can help to keep the peace in troubled times—we are best able to understand the historical context of the American Civil War; best suited to encourage civil discourse; and best placed to reach people throughout our country to educate and inform. We can serve as examples on how to reconcile disputes on specific issues in a “civil way.”

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
William McKone

CHESAPEAKE

On Sunday, June 24th, 2018, Antietam Camp No. #3, joined by several member of Antietam Auxiliary #3, held a grave marking ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, Maryland to commemorate the last surviving G.A.R. veteran of Washington County, MD: Pvt. Jacob A. Snively. Snively was born in 1841 and served with the 79th PA in North Carolina in 1865. He also took part in the Grand Review in Washington DC. He attended G.A.R. reunions at Antietam Battlefield until 1936 and was also present for the 75th Anniversary of Gettysburg in 1938. Approximately 25 people attended the ceremony, including local reporters from both the "The Herald Mail" and television station WDVM.



COLORADO

On April 9, 2016, eight members of Camp Chapman-Compliment #2 in Billings, Montana gathered together at Mountview Cemetery in Billings to rededicate a weather beaten GAR metal sign located at the McKinley Plot in the cemetery. The plot was originally purchased by the McKinley Post of the GAR in the early 1900's to serve as a final resting place for veterans. It contains the graves of at least 10 Civil War veterans. The sign was rusted and had the very faint remnants of GAR painted on it. The Camp worked for several months with the cemetery manager to get permission to remove and renovate it. The ceremony was a front page article in the billings Gazette, the largest newspaper in the state.



Mountview Cemetery also contains the grave of Lewis Kenneth McClellan who died on February 12, 1941. Lewis was born on June 26, 1863 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. When Lewis was just a few days old his mother's sister, Jennie Wade, came to her sister's home to help with the baby. It was there that Jennie Wade was killed by a stray bullet during the Battle of Gettysburg.

COLUMBIA

In 2007, through the efforts of an ambitious genealogy researcher, in the IOOF Mountain View Cemetery located in Rice, Washington, had a VA stone was placed at the grave of Timothy Peters, reportedly a Civil War veteran. Some ten years later, it was discovered this was an improper placement and was brought to the attention of the Fort Walla Walla Camp #3. Subsequent research revealed Timothy Peters was born in 1872. He, therefore, could not be a deceased veteran of the Civil War which was fought in the period 1861-1865. This Timothy Peters was, in fact, a veteran of the Indian Wars.



Additional research located a Timothy Peters buried in Green Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, South Dakota. His private gravestone inscription matched that of the gravestone wrongfully placed at the burial site in the cemetery located in Rice. The Camp was able to make contact with Joni Spellman Krause, a descendant of both men named Timothy Peters. The one buried in the IOOF cemetery in Rice, Washington is the nephew of the one buried in Green Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, South Dakota. A remembrance ceremony was held June 23. Joni Krause was accompanied by several family members. Harrison Camp 53-2 members, reenactors from the Sioux Falls 13th U.S. Infantry, and members of local VFW and American Legion Posts conducted a most impressive ceremony in memory of Corporal Timothy Peters.

CONNECTICUT

The Wooster-Russell Camp #22 participated in the rededication of the newly-refurbished Civil War monument in Derby, CT on Memorial Day. The ceremony took place immediately following the annual Shelton-Derby Memorial Day Parade, which Camp 22 marches in.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

Elias Moon #2 CC Ray Wozniak presented a Jr. ROTC certificate to airman cadet Abby McAlister May 26th at Collins Hills High School near Atlanta. Cadet McAlister is a junior and plans to enter the Air Force. Camp #2 also distributed by mail 387 Eagle Scout certificates last year and 118 thus far this year.

**ILLINOIS**

The original Civil War monument that stood on the Peoria Courthouse Square from 1866 until its removal in 1962 was, at the time of its dedication in October 1866, the first public Civil War memorial in Illinois. According to news reports of the day, the original location for the monument was to have been at Springdale Cemetery but it had been changed to the courthouse as it was thought to be more visible there. When the new courthouse was built, the monument was removed and the pieces unceremoniously dumped on Park District land.

The Col. Bryner Camp 67, is in the process of raising funds to have missing/damaged pieces replaced and the monument restored and re-erected at Springdale Cemetery. The approximate cost to complete the project is expected to be up to \$70,000.00. The Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation is treasurer for this project and is matching total donations up to \$10,000. A \$2,000 grant from National's Monuments Fund has been received, along with Department, Camp and individual donations.



On Tuesday and Wednesday, July 17-18, 2018, Jerry Kowalski, National Chaplain, joined Larry Werline, and Gene Walker of John A. McClernand Camp #4 in the Old State Capitol to deliver first person presentations of

General George H. Thomas, General Ulysses S. Grant, and General John A. Rawlings, respectively, for visitors attending "History Comes Alive" programs in Mr. Lincoln's hometown of Springfield, IL. They presented in front of the same dais from where Mr. Lincoln delivered his "House Divided" speech in 1858.

**INDIANA**

On July 1st, 2018 members of the Department of Indiana and Company D. 27th Indiana SVR met at the Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Indiana to rededicate a Civil War monument. This monument was originally dedicated on July 2, 1870 and stands 30 feet tall with 321 names of Putnam County Soldiers that were killed during the Civil War. Ironically the date of the of the 2018 rededication was 155-year anniversary of the start of the Battle of Gettysburg, PA.



David Hoesli of the John W. Foster Camp #2 was presented with the "Civil War Remembrance Award" by the Brigadier General Eli Huston Murray Chapter, Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 on June 24th, 2018. Molly Hall, Regent of the Murray Chapter presented the award and medal which goes to an individual who has dedicated him or herself in preserving American History from the years of 1861 to 1865.



Hoesli has entered over 2,000 Indiana Civil War Veterans into the Civil War graves database, has filled out 570 applications for Civil War Veterans to receive military headstones and has personally set 540 of them. He has been involved in restoring the Oak Hill Civil war cannon in Evansville, IN and in the restoration of the Perry County Museum, most notably the military room.

A headstone dedication service hosted by the John W. Foster Camp #2, joined by brother's of the Ben Harrison Camp #356, the John B. Anderson Camp 223 and eight Kentucky brothers from the Duffield Camp #1 and the Calhoun Camp #2, was held June 24th, 2018 at the Simons Cemetery in Tobinsport, Indiana. The Camp was joined by fourteen other hereditary and veterans groups. The service was held for four Civil War soldiers who never had a proper headstone. The headstones were installed by the John W. Foster Camp #2 in November 2017.



IOWA

On Sunday, April 21, 2018, members of the Curtis King Camp #37 gave a Living History presentation to the residents of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery were covered as well as daily life of a soldier. There was lots of interaction with residents, along with questions and stories of their own.



The 135th Annual Encampment of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Waterloo, Iowa. Brian Pierson, member of the Council of Administration represented the National Organization. Danny Krock was elected Department Commander, Don McGuire was elected Senior Vice Department Commander and Mike Carr as Junior Vice Department

Commander. We were joined by the Department of Iowa, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who elected Mary Rittel as Department President.

Following the Encampment, JVDC Mike Carr exchanged wedding vows with Auxiliary member Deb Bailey. Department Chaplain Dennis Sasse officiated at the ceremony. Jim Braden, PDC was best man and Auxiliary Chaplain Denise Sasse was the matron of honor. We believe this to be a first for a Department Encampment.



On Saturday, April 28, 2018, members of the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 performed two headstone dedications in Winneshiek County, Iowa. The first took place at 11:00 at the Young/Riha Cemetery near Ft. Atchinson, Iowa for Thomas Murphy.

Thomas Murphy enlisted and mustered into "I" Co. 12th Iowa Infantry for a 3 year term. Captured at Shiloh on April 6, 1862, he was paroled at Montgomery, Alabama on May 28, 1862.

At 2:00, Tosten Nyhus, Sergeant, Co. K, 15th Wisconsin Infantry was remembered at the Aase Haugen Cemetery near Decorah. Nyhus was born in Norway in 1834. He enlisted on November 30, 1861 in Freeborn County, Minnesota and was appointed Sergeant February 1, 1862.

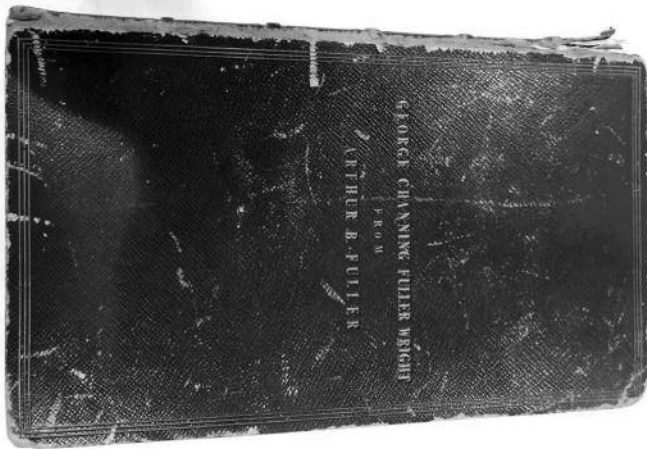


MASSACHUSETTS

Gen George L. Hartsuff Camp 50 of Rockland, MA along with members of reenactment groups participated in the 150th Rededication of Weymouth's Civil War Monument on May 12th. The monument was originally dedicated on Saturday July 4, 1868. Approximately 100 participants and spectators gathered on Abigail Adams Green, where guests were able to interact with the participants for a time learn more about civil war history. At 10:30, the groups marched from the park to the

monument in Weymouth's Old North Cemetery. In the dedication, it is noted that the monument cost \$3523.25, was 25 feet high made of "the best Quincy granite, and the tablets of Italian marble (which is said to be as enduring as granite)".

Rev. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble was asked by our National Chaplain to participate in the annual memorial service at the 137th National Encampment. What made that event especially memorable for him is he read passages of scripture from a Bible once owned by The Rev. Arthur Buckminster Fuller, Chaplain of the 16th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. The Bible was a gift from Rev. Fuller to his nephew George Channing Fuller-Wright.



With the start of the Civil War, Fuller resigned his pulpit and signed on as the chaplain with the 16th Massachusetts Infantry. "I am willing to peril life for the welfare of our brave soldiers and in our country's great cause. If God requires that sacrifice of me, it shall be offered on the altar of freedom, and in defense of all that is good in American institutions."

Becoming ill, he preached his final sermon to the regiment on Sunday, December 7, 1862, and was discharged from the Army. As the assault on the City of Fredericksburg started, Rev. Fuller lingered with his regiment. The engineers building a bridge across the Rappahannock came under fire from Confederate snipers and it was decided that an assault would be made across the river. The call went out and Fuller was right there to volunteer.

Reaching the other side of the river, he fell in with the 19th Massachusetts, where he was shot and killed instantly. Department Chaplain Preble stated it is an honor to be in possession of a bible once owned by Chaplain Fuller, and he uses it in my duties as Department Chaplain. Each time he holds that book, it reminds him of the sacrifice that so many made to keep the Union together.

Gen. Frederick Lander Camp #5 sponsored a High School History Bee in the City of Lynn. This year's

winner was Lynn Classical High School. Congratulations! A baked bean supper was held at the Lynn GAR Hall after the Bee for the students, families and guests.



MICHIGAN

July 8, brothers of the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout certificate to brother Richard Riekse, also a member of Henry E. Plant Camp #3.

Dr. Richard Fork, a visionary laser scientist and longtime professor at The University of Alabama in Huntsville, died of respiratory arrest May 16th in Huntsville. He



was 82. Dr. Fork was a member of the Captain Lot Smith Camp #100, Department of Colorado, as is his son, Karl Falken. They are descended from Pvt James Bowers, 87th Pennsylvania. At the request of brother Falken, members of the 14th Michigan, SVR traveled to Toledo (Ohio) Memorial Park and conducted the Sons Burial Service, including rifle salute and taps.



MISSOURI

Members of US Grant Camp 68 participated in two ceremonies honoring Col. Friedrich Hecker (24th & 82nd Illinois Volunteer Infantries) on 12 August.

In 1848, Hecker led an uprising in the state of Baden to make it a republic. The uprising is known as the Hecker Uprising. Losing that, he, along with other Badenens like Franz Sigel, came to America. Hecker led two Illinois

units in battle and was wounded at Chancellorsville on 2 May 1863. He also fought at Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga and Knoxville. Hecker was also present as a private along with his son, Arthur, at the Camp Jackson Affair as a private in Sigel's Third Missouri Regiment, telling the Germans there that he wanted to share their fate. After the war, he settled in Summerfield, IL, and cultivated grapes. He and his son were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.



Ceremonies at the Hecker Monument in Benton Park, St. Louis on 12 Aug, including Paul Obernuefemann, German Consul.

The Camp also traveled to the Hecker grave in summerfield, IL. Dr. Johannes Fechner, Social Democratic Party member of the German Bundestag gave the address at Hecker gravesite.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Rangers SVR at the Memorial Day service at Memorial Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska.

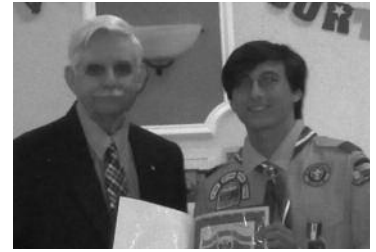


NEW JERSEY

Kearny Camp #20 was able to present four Eagle certificates at the scout's court of honor. The first was at Troop 48 in Milton, NJ for Eagle Thomas DeBruno. Then on to Troop 19 in Bayonne, NJ for three Eagles presentations



Brother Jim Halloran had the honor of making a presentation, on behalf of Major General Phillip Kearny, Camp #20 SUVCW, to John Capozzi, of Troop 17, Hasbrouck Heights.



On May 24th, the P.C.C. Custer Camp 317 gave a presentation to Boy scout Troop 39 of Brick, NJ as they were preparing for a 4 day weekend at Gettysburg. They spoke about the S.U.V.C.W, general Civil War topics, focusing on the Gettysburg Campaign. There were a few artifacts for the scouts to hold and examine such as replica flags and other display items.



NEW YORK

Congratulations to Joseph Ruocco, Andrew Sapina and Jake Fenniman of troop 310 Brooklyn NY on there Eagle Scout court of honor on June 23. The eagles were presented certificates by the Capt Oliver Tilden camp 26



OHIO

Brothers of the Jacob Parrott Camp 33 assisted with the annual Memorial Day Parade and Grove Cemetery Memorial Ceremony in Kenton, Ohio on May 28. Following the program the Parrott Camp began an effort to identify the nearly 2,500 veterans buried in the cemetery including the over 500 Civil War veterans. Each soldier is being identified, researched with the assistance of the local JROTC cadets and Hardin County Genealogy Society and placed into a database. The Civil War veterans are being added to the National SUVCW Graves Registration database.



Brothers of the Department of Ohio placed wreaths during the Auxiliaries ceremony at the Camp Chase confederate cemetery in Columbus, Ohio on June 8. Wreaths were placed by Auxiliary National and Department officers. Participating in the ceremony were representatives of the McClellan Auxiliary #91 (Alliance), Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary #10 (Cincinnati-Dayton), John Townsend Auxiliary #108 (Frost), Major General William T. Sherman Camp #93 (Dayton), General William H. Lytle Camp #10 (Cincinnati), and McClellan Camp #91 (Alliance).



Junior Joshua J. Cassio portraying John L. Clem in May, 2018 at his elementary school which requires each fourth grade student to select an outstanding historical figure and bring him to life during the schools "Day at the Wax Museum". The entire student body along with parents and members of the community attend the event. Brother Cassio was named Junior of the Year by Commander-in-Chief Mark Day at the National Encampment in Framington.



RHODE ISLAND

The Brothers of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp 3 dedicated a memorial stone to Private Patrick Masterson of Company E, 3rd Rhode Island Cavalry on 19 Aug 2018. Pvt. Masterson was killed in action when the hospital vessel he was on, Steamer North America, sank off the coast of Florida. His remains were never found. Brothers of Camp 3 discovered that Pvt. Masterson's wife, Catherine was buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery and placed the stone at the foot of her headstone. The dedication ceremony took place on what would have been their 157th wedding anniversary and four generations of Masterson's were in attendance, the oldest being Arthur Masterson, a 91 year old WWII and Korean War Veteran.



Brother Ben Frail, PDC of the Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 recently took to the halls of his Alma Mater, Coventry High School, to discuss how soldiers lived during the American Civil War. The Sophmores at CHS got to see the gear used by a 2nd Rhode Island Infantrymen and for a few brave souls were able to wear the clothing as well. This is Br. Frail's 15th year doing the presentation for the students. Principal Michael Hobin realizes the benefits of Br. Frail's work, "Presenting Civil War artifacts bring students back in time to a period they have a hard time imagining".



PENNSYLVANIA

At the recent 155th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, brothers of the Order staffed a recruiting tent and made contact with several potential members. David Hann, PDC of New Jersey spearheaded the effort, joined by a fellow a member of the Col. Francine Camp #7 (New Jersey), and Pennsylvania's Gettysburg Camp #112 and the Jenny Wade Auxiliary #112.

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SVR GUIDON



SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT SVR



The Second Military District is composed of SVR units from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C. and West Virginia. The Military District supports many annual events to include: Lincoln Birthday Observance in Buffalo, NY; St. Patrick's Day Parade in Binghamton NY; Veteran's Expo and parade at the NY State Fairgrounds in Syracuse NY; Fort Niagara Army of the Ohio Drill weekend; Curtin Village Civil War Days in Howard PA; Yankees in Falmouth living history event in Stafford, VA, Memorial Day parades and observances in Washington DC, Philadelphia PA, Waterloo NY, Binghamton NY, Owego NY, Hawleyton NY and Hammonton NJ; numerous annual Civil War re-enactments and of course Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, PA.

Here are some highlights from Second Military District SVR events from spring 2018:

Participated in the National Memorial Day parade in Washington DC with members of the Irish Rifles and Potomac Guard joined by members of the Irish Brigade Camp (SUVCW), Lincoln Cushing Camp (SUVCW), Elizabeth Van Lew Tent (DUVCW), 23rd USCT, & 54 Mass. Reenacting organizations.

Participated in the Memorial Day 2018 observance at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Members of the 28th PA Co C were joined by the Anna M Ross Camp #1 (SUVCW).

Members of the 7th NJ Co A fire a volley as part in the annual Memorial Day parade in Hammonton, NJ.

The 7th NJ Co A joined by Brothers of the Francine Camp #7 (SUVCW) at Greenmount Cemetery in Hammonton for Memorial Day services on May 30th. The 7th NJ has been supporting this event for the past 20 years.

The 110th PA Co A supported the second annual "Civil War Days" held at Eagle Ironworks at Curtin Village on June 16-17 2018, in Howard, PA. Curtin Village was the childhood home of Pennsylvania's wartime governor, Andrew Gregg Curtin. Members of the 110th PA provided living history opportunities, displayed a collection of original Civil War weapons, demonstrated typical equipment Union soldiers would carry on campaign, and conducted a firing demonstration. Members of Colonel James Crowther Camp #89 (SUVCW) provided an opportunity for children to participate by dressing up in uniform or period dress. A young set of twins are shown receiving their "transformation".



TENNESSEE

Dan Peace, Founder and past President of the Alabama Civil War Roundtables, presented an outstanding program to the Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 at its June 23, 2018 camp meeting. The program was on Vexillology—the study, design, and use of flags during the Civil War. Dan used power point slides to illustrate the importance flags played, both Confederate and Union.

WISCONSIN

Col. Hans C. Heg Camp #15 in Wind Lake dedicated a plaque to the famed Iron Brigade in July. The plaque, erected July 14 at the Wisconsin Veterans Memorial just north of Sauk City, Wis., honors the Iron Brigade - three Wisconsin regiments and regiments from Michigan and Indiana – which “stood like iron” in what became the

opening round in the battle of Antietam.

Camps from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Saukville and the Fox Cities stood with Camp #1 for the ceremonies, along with the Mary Chesbro Lee Tent #23 of the Daughters of Union Veterans in Delavan, Wis.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee dedicated the historical marker that it erected at Calvary Cemetery, the oldest Roman Catholic cemetery in the city. Archbishop Jerome Listeki delivered the invocation. Camp 15 of Wind Lake, Camp 4 of Waukesha and Camp 8 of the Fox Cities joined in the ceremony, as did Auxiliary #4, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Woman’s Relief Corps. The dedication was held on the 155th anniversary of the start of Gettysburg, and the names of four at Calvary who were wounded or captured there were intoned as part of the event.



VINTAGE SUV

This is a photograph taken around the 1870s or 80s. The man on the left could also be a G.A.R. Veteran. They are holding what looks to be Enfield Rifles, and wearing U.S. belt buckles. (notice one of the buckles is upside-down) The Hat wreath on their cap also has the number 23, probably their Camp Number. The photograph was purchased at a antique shop a number of years ago in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but unknown where this originated from.

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COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

President Harry Truman once commented, "There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know."

History is a process of discovery, something turns up unexpectedly and we are forced to revise what we knew.

Last year I was fortunate enough to purchase, and donated to the National Organization, a bound volume of "The Sons Reveille" from 1885 to 1891. This early precursor to the Banner was the source of the entire Division (Department) kepi insignia previously reported in this column.

In 1885, a statement appeared that Major AP Davis's Sons of Veterans of the USA were using the flag ribbon on their badges as well as rank straps attached to the membership badge, like the GAR. was doing. Perhaps the unhappiness of the Grand Army toward the Filii Veteranorum Posts caused our organization to revise our regulations by August 1886 regarding badges to the four ribbons we are accustomed. Former National Historian & Michigan Past Department Commander Gary Gibson saw "something different" and purchased this photo of a Massachusetts brother documenting this short lived bit of our history. (Editor's note: The Filii Veteranorum Posts and the Sons of Veterans of the USA Camps merged in 1889).



"Nor shall
their story
be forgot."



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