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KUDOS: Great job by the Department of Missouri in hosting the 140th National Encampment. See you all next year at the Double Tree by Hilton Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On The Cover: Newly elected Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette. Photo by Cher Petrovic



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MICHAEL A. PAQUETTE - NEW CINC

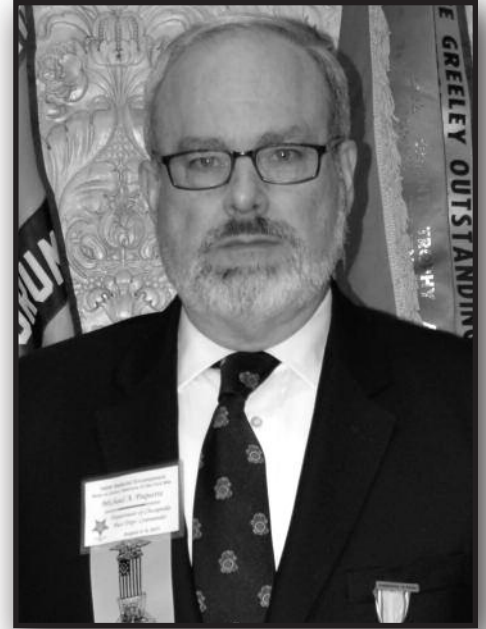
Michael A. Paquette of Fredericksburg, VA was elected Commander-in-Chief, the 135th Brother to hold that office. Mike entered the Order as a Charter Member of the Irish Brigade Camp #4, Department of the Chesapeake in 2000. He is also a dual Charter member of the Col. Crowther Camp #89 in the Pennsylvania Department and a dual member of the Gen. Zenas Bliss Camp #12 in the Department of Rhode Island.

Brother Paquette grew up in Pawtucket, RI. He learned about the SUVCW at a recruiting effort held by the Irish Brigade Camp organizer in Fredericksburg, VA in 1999. He traces his direct Civil War lineage through his GGG grandfather William G. Stratton, Wagoneer, Company H, 19th Maine Volunteer Infantry.

Brother Paquette is a 20-year Marine Corps veteran. After boot camp, he served as a bandsman at Parris Island, SC and after three years performed a lateral move to the Data Processing Military Occupation Specialty. During his military career he participated in the transition from mainframe computers to personal computers along with the implementation of the internet and network-based services across the Marine Corps. While on active duty he served various posts at Quantico, VA, Camp Pendleton, CA, and Okinawa, Japan. While stationed at Camp Pendleton he served overseas with the First Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group during the Persian Gulf War and later during the Somalia peace keeping mission. He retired as a Master Sergeant at Marine Corps Computer Science School in Quantico, VA in 1997.

Brother Paquette is a member of the 28th Massachusetts, Company B, Volunteer Infantry reenactment group. He is a Charter member and past president of the Fredericksburg Concert Band which was founded in 1998. He is a member of the Band of America's Few, a Marine veteran musicians' group. He is a past Pit Crew Chief and Band Parent Booster for 15 years at a local high school in Spotsylvania County, VA. He is a former Boy Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster and led two high adventure treks to Philmont, the BSA National Scout Ranch located in Cimarron, NM. Brother Paquette is also a Third-degree Knight of Columbus.

Brother Paquette is married to the former Patricia Martin of Pocatello, ID who he met while attending the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT. They have four daughters and one son.



National Officers, 2021-2022

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS 2021-2022



Elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is Bruce D. Frail.



The new Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is Peter J. Hritsko.



New members of the Council of Administration are Shane Milburn and Joseph S. Hall, Jr.



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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

MICHAEL A. PAQUETTE

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(SERIES 2021-2022)

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

GENERAL ORDER #1

1. Having been elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief by the delegates assembled at the 140th Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me. As such, I will endeavor to perform each of the duties of the office in a manner befitting our Order and our forefathers.

2. We are now in the process of returning to some semblance of normalcy having endured a year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the entire Order, I extend our gratitude to Past Commander-in-Chief Brian Pierson for his leadership, perseverance, and insight during the past year.

3. On behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I extend our congratulations to the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Jessica Booth, Woman's Relief Corps; Elizabeth Rock, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Norma Fiedler, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and Allison Pollitt, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I truly am looking forward to our organizations working together and strengthening our relationships during the coming year.

4. The Commander-in-Chief's headquarters is hereby transferred to 11901 Branchwater Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407-6701. Correspondence for the Commander-in-Chief may be posted to the same address. Electronic communications are the preferred method of correspondence and email is available at CinC@suvcw.org. Text or telephone communications are for urgent matters at 540-850-8090. Please, no routine calls after 10 PM Eastern Time.

5. The National Headquarters is located at 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park Suite 240, Harrisburg, PA 17103-2411; the phone number is 717-232-7000.

6. Financial correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Treasurer, D. Michael Beard, PDC at 17 Rubins Walk, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2881. His email address is treasurer@suvcw.org and phone number is 540-604-6950. (NOTE: the National Treasurer will move

to Florida in September and a new mailing address will be provided at that time.)

7. All other correspondence for the Order shall be sent to National Secretary, Jonathan Davis, PDC, 240 Merriman Dr. West Jefferson, OH 43162. His email address is secretary@suvcw.org and phone number is 614-745-6079.

8. The Commander-in-Chief's travel schedule and requests for reports will be coordinated by the National Chief of Staff, Harry Reineke IV, PDC, PO Box 249 Sumerduck, VA 22742. He can be reached by email at CofA3@suvcw.org and phone 630-806-9693.

9. 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 for the 141st National Encampment in 2022.

10. All Department Commanders shall file a report of activities occurring within their Departments upon the same schedule as the National Officers and Committees.

11. National Chaplain, Jerome Kowalski, PCC, can be reached by email at paptom@msn.com and phone at 773-631-1610. He should be contacted to report a deceased Brother's full name, date of passing, Camp and Department name, and his Union ancestor's name, rank and regiment. Brother Kowalski will send a sympathy card, on behalf of the SUVCW, to the family if a name and address is provided.

12. Applications for Civil War Memorials grants will be sent to Brother Kevin Martin, PDC, 8209 Skipwith Dr Frederick MD 21702-9499; his email is CofA5@suvcw.org and phone number is 301-682-7336.

13. Requests for the SUVCW ROTC awards will be sent to National Quartermaster (ROTC Coordinator), Brother Daryl V. VerStreate, Jr., PDC, 4300 Covell Road, Clyde, NY 14433; his email is rotc@suvcw.org and phone number is 585-305-9475.

14. All Camps and Departments are strongly encouraged to submit articles and photographs for The Banner to Brother James B. Pahl, PCinC, 445 W. Maple St., Mason, MI 48854-1519; his email is banner@suvcw.org and phone number is 517-402-3304. Brother Pahl, PCinC was previously appointed The Banner Editor by the Council of Administration for three years with a term ending August 2022.

15. The following National Special Committees continue per action of previous National Encampments:

a. National Special Committee on Website Redesign (through 2023), Chair Timothy McCoy, PDC

b. National Special Committee to Negotiate Encampment Contracts with the Allied Orders (through 2024), Chair Mark Day, PCinC

16. The following National Special Committees were appointed or re-appointed this year by the National Encampment:

- a. National Special Committee on Headquarters Planning, (through 2026) Chair Bruce Frail, PDC
- b. National Special Committee on Social Media Management (2023), Chair National Signals Officer, Timothy McCoy, PDC
- c. National Special Committee on Veterans of Wars of the United States (re-appointed through 2023), Chair Dexter Bishop, PDC

17. The following are the CinC-appointed committees for 2021-2022:

- a. CinC appointed Committee on Memorial University, Stephen Michaels, PCinC
 - b. CinC appointed Committee to Develop a Virtual Meeting Policy, Chair Loran Bures, PDC
 - c. CinC Appointed Committee on Chaplain Affairs, Chair Jerome Kowalski, PCC
 - d. CinC Appointed Committee for Strategic Development of Information Technology, Chair Henry Duquette, PDC
18. The Committee on Encampment Credentials, previously a CinC Appointed Committee, was made a Standing Committee by action of the National Encampment. The Chair is Joseph Hall, PDC.

AWARDS FROM THE 140TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star: Henry Shaw, Department of Ohio.

Meritorious Service Award: Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia; Jaeger Held, Department of Colorado & Wyoming; Bruce Amsden, Department of Vermont; Howard Poarch, Department of Alabama; John Edelmann, Department of Ohio; Howard Black, Department of Maine; John Conrad, Department of the Southwest; Michael Rowley, Department of Iowa

The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Award: Wanda Langdon, NP, ASUVCW; Caren Cleaveland, PNP, DUVCW; Sarah Meyer, PNP, DUVCW.

Elmer (Bud) Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award: James Pahl, PCinC; Andrew Johnson, PCinC

Chaplain William Corby Award: Dean Collins, Department of Wisconsin; Samuel Lundy, Department of New York; Clark Brocht, Department of Pennsylvania; Ed Lane, Department of Kentucky; William Andrews, Department of Oklahoma; Robert Winters, Department of Indiana

David R. Medert Award: Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky

National Aide Award: Bruce Fortin, Department of Kentucky; Loran Bures, Department of the Columbia; Robert Welch, Department of Illinois; Timothy O'Neal, Department of the Columbia; Nicholas Kaup, Department of Illinois; Eric Richhart, Department of Colorado & Wyoming; D. Scott Freeman, Department of Ohio.

Abraham Lincoln Commander in Chief Award: Major General William T. Sherman Camp #93, Department of Ohio

Augustus P. Davis – Conrad Linder Award: Department of New York

U.S. Grant Cup: Department of Alabama

Under Forty Award: Department of the Chesapeake

Marshall Hope Award (Best Newsletter):

Camp: Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City, Dept of Michigan

Department: Department of Georgia & South Carolina

Joseph S. Rippey Award: Private John N. Eckes, Camp #10, Winfield, Department of Kansas

Horace Greeley Award:

Camp: General John F. Hartranft Camp 15, Harrisburg, PA

Department: Department of the Columbia



SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 5, 2021 - St. Louis, Missouri

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

Commander-in-Chief Brian C. Pierson called the meeting to order at 8:00pm on August 5, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

Committee on Graves Registration discussed adding advertisement banners on some of the database pages. Action deferred until the web site is updated.

Committee on Graves Registration discussed a line of lineage items that can be personalized and sold thru the database web store. They will coordinate with the National Quartermaster and bring a report to the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

Marketing and Promotions Committee will seek guidance on receiving directed donations and then work with Program and Policy Committee to come up with recommendations.

CofA asked for authorization for production of a presentation to be made at Annual Encampments to challenge brothers to make gifts to the National Organization and to establish recognition levels to acknowledge gifts. Details will be developed and presentation to the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

Received report on liability insurance requirements in general. Report to be given during the Encampment. Further study needed on a few questions, report to be made at Gettysburg CofA meeting.

The CofA went into Executive Session, with one item being discussed and approved. Executive session was ended.

Department of Massachusetts has an issue relating to 501c3 or 501c4 status. To be addressed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief

Benediction : Chaplain Jerry Kowalski

Meeting adjournment: 10:15 pm.

SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 8, 2021 - St. Louis, Missouri

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

Commander-in-Chief Michael A. Paquette called the meeting to order at 9:00am on August 8, 2021 and those present or online recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by Rev. Jerry Kowalski.

The Encampment authorized a special committee with a term of five years to plan for the commemoration of the 250th year of independence of the United States. Commander-in-Chief will be appointing members to that committee.

The Encampment authorized a special committee for one year to commemorate the Centennial of the Lincoln Memorial in 2022 and to explore cooperate with other organizations and participation in any ceremonies. The Commander-in-Chief will be appointing members to that committee.

The Commander-in-Chief announced he is reappointing the Virtual Meeting Committee to work on implementing the policy adopted at this Encampment concerning Camps being allowed to conduct meetings virtually and for Departments to allow some virtual attendance at their in person meetings.

The Commander-in-Chief will advocate with the Department of Defense, Arlington National Cemetery and other patriotic and veterans organizations to reinstitute the honored practice of patriotic organizations wreath laying on Memorial Day.

The Commander-in-Chief was called upon to establish a national award, to be presented at the National Encampments that will recognize outstanding accomplishments and achievements by Departments and Camps in promoting the mission of the SUV CW through social media.

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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
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The Commander-in-Chief directed the National Signals Corps to develop a resource guide, to be made available to all Departments on request that will suggest option best practices in developing and maintaining SUVCW related websites and social media accounts. The Commander-in-Chief will appoint a two year term special committee.

The Encampment authorized a special committee for two years on Social Media management (Signals Corp). The Commander-in-Chief will be appointing members to this committee.

\$5,000.00 was approved for the National Website Redesign Committee to support a memorial site. The National Treasurer will include this in the 2021-2022 budget.

The Encampment authorized a special committee for five years to see a stand-alone National Headquarters Building, which could include a digitization center, research center/library, archives as well as other items which have been talked about over the past 20 plus years. The Commander-in-Chief will be appointing members to this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

The National Secretary will be mailing Conflict of Interest Policy documents to all National Officers shortly.

National Treasurer Michael Beard presented the 2021-2022 budget. Motion made to approve, seconded and motion passed.

Motion made to keep National Membership-at-Large dues for 2022 at current rate. Seconded and motion passed. .

Motion made to keep Life Membership reimbursements (pre-2001 Life memberships, to remain at \$4.00. Seconded and motion passed.

Hererity Committee declared dissolved. The Order will retrieve a laptop computer assigned to this committee.

Program and Policy Committee directed to review Forms 61 and 62 with report at the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

Program and Policy Committee directed to review the Webmaster job description with report at the Gettysburg CofA meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

CofA Member Harry Reineke, IV gave his intent to seek re-election next year during the 2022 National Encampment in Michigan.

PCinC Pierson thanked everyone for their support, passion, etc. during his 2020-2020 term.

PCinC Richard Orr Memorial will be held in September.

Benediction : Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

Meeting Adjournment: 11:28am

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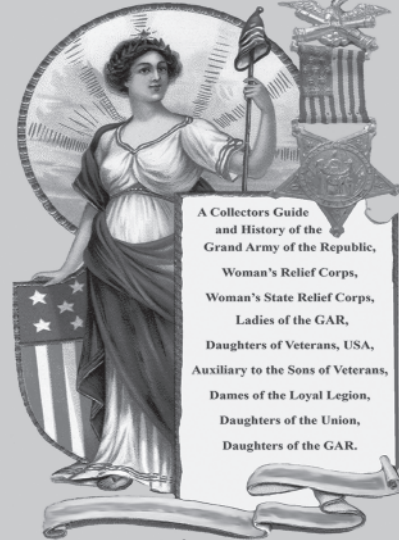
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ALLISON POLLITT ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT - ASUVCW



On 7 August 2021, Allison Pollitt was elected and installed as the National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 138th National Encampment in St Louis, Missouri.

Allison took the oath of membership to the ASUVCW in 1997 during the National Encampment held in Utica, New York with PNP Betty Baker presiding. Since then, she has been involved in and active at all levels within the organization. As a member of C.K. Pier Badger Auxiliary 4 in Milwaukee, WI, she participated in countless parades, living history events, memorial services, gravestone dedications, etc. And in 2008, Allison was instrumental in reactivating Ami Hawks Auxiliary 5 in Waukesha, WI as she served as the Auxiliary's first president, thus making her a dual member. From 2010 until 2012, she served as the President of the Department of Wisconsin. Allison was introduced to the National Organization by first being appointed as a member of the National Legislative Committee in 2010. From there, she went on to fulfill other positions such as National Press Correspondent, Musician, Personal Aid, Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Council Member, and Vice President.

Allison Pollitt is the second oldest of four children born to PCinC Stephen Michaels and PNP Danielle Michaels. While growing up in Milwaukee, WI, she was introduced to community service and caring for our Nation's heroes at an early age. Paternally, her great great great grandfather, Private William Howard Wilson, served in Company G, 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. There are additionally 9 other ancestors that served Ohio regiments on her father's side. On her mother's side, her great great great grandfather, Joseph Friedl, served in Company H, 35th Wisconsin Infantry.

Allison has spent countless hours volunteering with the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, for the past 20 years and has achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Commitment to this organization has afforded her the opportunity to teach leadership skills at various schools at the state, region, and national levels. Dedicating most of her work to the Cadet Program, she has also held positions on Search & Rescue teams, Professional Development, and Personnel/Administration. Her latest achievement includes assisting fellow volunteers in recharting Bell County Composite Squadron in Temple, TX and serving as the unit's first Squadron Commander.

She is employed as a Surgical Specialty Nurse at the Veteran Affairs Hospital in Temple, TX where she is assigned to nine outpatient clinics. Additionally, Allison is attending classes full time to earn a business degree in Healthcare Management with the goal of graduating in December 2021. She is married to Jonathan Pollitt who is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army and is serving as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

With the many changes occurring surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, Allison intends to bring a stronger sense of pride in membership within the Auxiliary. This can be achieved through recruiting and retention efforts at all levels of the organization as well as by focusing on fraternity between members. Knowing that the sisters within the organization can lean on and learn from one another is the Auxiliary's greatest strength, and it will be utilized throughout the coming year.

ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 66th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 157th 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 17, 2022.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701.

The room rate is \$111.00 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 25, 2022. 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 17th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature TBD. Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

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

OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION

(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: _____

Name & title of wreath bearer: _____

e-mail address: _____

if no e-mail, home address: _____

City, State, & Zip code: _____

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

OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON

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

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Abe's Braised Short Ribs _____ Roasted Turkey _____ Vegetarian _____

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

Reservations must be made by April 5th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund.

There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

SEND TO:

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6519 CHEROKEE LANE
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ALABAMA

It all began just over three ago with only two camps in Alabama. In Montgomery, the MG James H. Wilson, Camp No. 1 and in Huntsville the Pvt Richard Taylor, Camp No 53. Between these two camps were approximately forty members. In the fall of 2018, heavy recruiting of prospective members for a third Alabama camp in the Birmingham area began.

By December 2018, the new Birmingham camp, the MG John T. Croxton Camp No. 17, received its charter and new officers were installed on the grounds in the Pioneer Chapel.

Beginning in the fall of 2019, the three Alabama camps began to discuss forming their own Department. The Brothers gathered at the Department of Tennessee Encampment in June 2020 voted in favor of allowing the three Alabama Camps to form their own Department, the new Department of Alabama. On September 24, 2020, a Special Encampment was held to organize the Department. Commander in Chief Ed Norris ratified the Department the following day.

In November, 2020, the Department installed officers for a new camp, COL George E. Spencer, Camp No. 67, centered in Winston County, Alabama. The Spencer Camp was formed from descendants of the 1st Alabama Cavalry, USV, from the "Free State of Winston."

The Department of Alabama held its first Annual Encampment in June 2021 in Birmingham. The Department was honored to host Commander in Chief Brian Pierson, who installed the new Department officers. In July, the officers of a fifth camp, the ADM David E. Farragut Camp No. 5 in Mobile, were installed along with 12 new members.

It is no accident that the Department of Alabama continues to grow. The Department has established its website and newsletter and membership has passed the 100 mark. The Brothers of the Department enthusiastically tell the story of our Order as we continue to expand in the heart of Dixie. We are now on to the next project.

CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

Coronado Independence Day Parade, Saturday - July 3rd, 2021.



The Senator Edward Dickinson Baker Camp 31 has officially adopted Private James H. Ladd, (1841-1934) of the 49th and 18th Indiana Infantry as their annual veteran to honor, buried in Goodsprings, NV. The 2021 visit included six Brothers and approximately fifteen members of the public. All members of Camp 31 are also members of Battery A, 3rd US Artillery, SVR of the 6th Military District SVR. A three gun salute was fired from a reproduction 12-pound Model 1841 Coehorn Mortar.



Memorial Day in San Francisco

Because Memorial Day activities were cancelled this year at the San Francisco National Cemetery due to Covid restrictions, several Brothers decided we needed to do something to honor veterans and their families. So we posted ourselves at the entrance to the cemetery so we could salute the veterans and families who were coming to pay their respects. We had no idea what the reception would be, and we were overwhelmed by the response — people were so grateful that we were there.



Vets wanted to thank us, families wanted their children to meet us (we gave out flags to the kids). It was touching to see the Vietnam vet crying for his lost buddy, the parents who brought their kids to teach them the meaning of Memorial Day, the elder Chinese woman who wanted to talk about her husband who was in the US Army, or the 100 year old vet who had been in the Battle of the Bulge, being driven around the cemetery by his grandson. The event was reported the next day in the San Francisco Chronicle.

COLORADO / WYOMING

Members of Camp Chapman-Compliment #2 out of Billings, Montana gathered to dedicate a memorial to the last Civil War veteran to die in Powder River County,

Montana, buried in the small Bowers Creek Cemetery. Private John Helman was living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1862. He was drafted as a substitute into Company D of the 178th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment (Drafted Militia) and mustered in on November 4, 1862, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was discharged 17 days later. Camp members then gathered at the Powder River Expedition Memorial Cemetery, containing 15 Civil War veterans who lost their lives in the Indiana Wars. The Camp was joined by family members of two of the men buried there.



veterans buried there. A ceremony was held and a sermon was delivered. The many good works of this growing camp, to include a summer reading project and medical scholarship awards, led them to be selected this year as best camp in the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.



Brothers of the 14th Corps HQ Guard, SVR (7th Military District) entered the Marietta (GA) Independence Day Parade. This unit consists of brothers from the Elias Moon #2 and Kennesaw Mountain #3.

CONNECTICUT

On Memorial Day, members of the Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp No. 63 gathered at Sgt. Charles Huxford's grave in Center Cemetery, Torrington, Connecticut to honor him and to hold a long-awaited in-person meeting. Camp business was discussed and brief biography of Charles Huxford's life and accomplishments was presented.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA



On Memorial Day the Edward Wallace Camp #21, to include the associated Daughters of Union Veterans, visited the National Cemetery in Beaufort, South Carolina where they laid a large wreath for the many

ILLINOIS

George A. Custer Camp #1 recently initiated two new members. We will initiate an additional two new members at our next camp meeting.



On Saturday, August 14th, George A. Custer Camp #1 honored fifteen unknown Union soldiers by replacing their broken and illegible markers with new marble headstones. The camp was joined by two artillery groups. SVR unit Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery Volunteers and Battery A, 1st Illinois Light Artillery Volunteers (Chicago Light). Also in attendance was the Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin. They provided musical interludes, concluding with a short concert. Speakers included Cemetery Director Michael Weidman.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

INDIANA

On May 8, 2021, members of SUVCW Camp Benjamin Harrison #356 meet at the William Creek Cemetery to work on a cemetery restoration project of Civil War and other military markers. This was to be a work-educational day in conjunction with the Williams Creek Cemetery Volunteer and the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans. Most of the day was spent as a workshop demonstrating how to clean and reset gravestones.



On May 22, 2021, Company D. 27th Indiana SVR was asked and provided a Color Guard detail for the opening ceremony of the National Society of the Union 1861-1865. A copy of Governor Holcomb's Proclamation making May 30, 2021, "Indiana Civil War Soldiers Memorial Day" was presented to Cheryl P. Morris, President General of the National Society Union 1861-1865.



IOWA



On June 23, 2021, the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 installed a new stone on the grave of Peter Bell of rural Dallas County.

On June 27th, 2021, The Department of Iowa went to Redfield, Iowa to dedicate a plaque posthumously honoring Margaret Morrison, who was instrumental in restoring the G.A.R. building there. Margaret lived next door and bought the building when it was in very bad shape. She did the fundraising. It now belongs to the county. Dept of Iowa paid for the plaque. County officials and family members gave short talks. On June 23, 2021, the Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75 installed a new stone on the grave of Peter Bell of rural Dallas County.



KANSAS

Brothers of the Humboldt Camp No. 9 at the 40th Good Ol' Days Parade in Fort Scott Kansas (First parade we have participated in this year)



KENTUCKY

Wayside Marker dedication at Tebbs Bend, 327 Tebbs Bend Rd, Campbellsville to honor Colonel Moore. Members of CO A, 1st Capital Guards, Bridgewater Scouts, along with Fort Duffield Camp #1 joined with the 4th KY re-enactors for the ceremony.



On July 17, 2021, brothers from the Camp Calhoun Camp #2 joined Brothers from the J.W. Foster Camp #2, and Sisters from the Brigadier General Eli Huston Murray Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 near Evansville, gathered at the Parker Cemetery in Howell within the Perry Township to dedicate a new headstone marker for Sergeant Lewis C. Ragland, from Company F. of the 60th Indiana Infantry. Sergeant Ragland survived the American Civil War and was a member of the Farragut Post #27 of the Grand Army of the Republic.



Brothers from the Fort Duffield Camp #1, Camp Calhoun Camp #2, and Company A, 1st Capital Guards SVR Unit, joined with the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, participated in a stone dedication at the Old Onton Cemetery in Webster County, Kentucky. The ceremony was held to dedicate a new headstone for and to honor Private Willis Corbit, who served in Company H, in the 17th Kentucky Infantry.

Descendants of Willis Corbit were present during the event. Several organizations participated in the event, including The John B. Anderson Camp #223, the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Captain Henry Vanderburgh Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Captain Stephen Ashby Chapter of the Kentucky National Society (DAR), Thomas Sprigg Sr Chapter Indiana Colonial Dames 17th Century, the Evansville Society of Indiana, the Indiana Children of the American Revolution, Forrest's Orphans #1744 Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Hugh McGary Sr Chapter Daughters of 1812.



LONDON, ENGLAND - CAMP AT LARGE

Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, at Large, London hosted a gravestone dedication ceremony on July 20, 2021, at Islington and St Pancras Cemetery, London, for George Denham of the 111th Pennsylvania Volunteers and USS Choctaw was well organized by his great-granddaughter, Gina Costin (a member of the Virginia Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans). The event was a great success; the weather threatened mayhem, but in the end could not quite deliver and we escaped with a relatively minor shower.



The grave was previously unmarked, and the stone was provided by the U.S. Veterans' Administration. Brother Christopher Shea USN played taps on an original Civil War Bugle, used by the 4th New Hampshire Infantry during several campaigns. The Mayor of Camden, London, was present and seemed to enjoy the event. There are five other Union veterans in the same cemetery, and one Mexican War veteran; all their graves are currently unmarked, but it is hoped to gradually remedy this. *photographer, Gaz de Vere*

MAINE



A signing ceremony was held for the Charter of C.S. Douty Camp #11. This was the first opportunity to meet in person since the Charter was received a year ago. Sisters of the DUVCW provided a cake for the occasion.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Brothers of the Daniel Chaplin Camp #3 participated in the Fort Knox Maine recruiting & education event during Civil War Days Reenactment.

MASSACHUSETTS

On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, The Department of Massachusetts and the 1st Military District Sons of Veterans Reserve conducted a rededication of General Frederick W. Lander's grave at Broad Street Cemetery in Salem, Massachusetts. Frederick Lander was born in Salem, MA, and before the Civil War, was employed by the United States government on transcontinental surveys to select a route for a Pacific railroad. Later he undertook a survey for the same purpose at his own expense and was the only man of the party to survive. He constructed the overland wagon route in the face of great difficulties and constant hostility of the Indians.



After its completion in 1859, the "Lander Road" became popular with wagon trains as an alternate route from Burnt Ranch in the Wyoming Territory to Fort Hall in the Oregon Territory. Among the places named for Frederick Lander are Lander, Wyoming, Lander County, Nevada, Lander Peak, Lander Creek, Lander, Maryland and Post #5 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Lynn, Massachusetts.



On Saturday June 12, 2021, the Shirley Historical Society and the Department of Massachusetts Sons Of Union Veterans and First Military District SVR coordinated a rededication ceremony for the 130th anniversary of the Shirley Civil War monument that was erected in 1891. In 2010 the statue's head was removed in an act of vandalism. Gravestone Services of New England's Kai Nalenz reattached the head once it was found.

MICHIGAN

On July 6, 2021, members of General Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 conducted the dedication service of a new headstone for a local veteran of the famed Michigan Cavalry Brigade. Following the formal dedication ceremony, Matt Van Acker, Chairman of the State of Michigan Save the Flags program, presented a Legislative Tribute Certificate to the Camp for their adoption of the regimental flag carried by the First Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. This adoption also honors trooper George Washington Cole of Algonac, Michigan who fought with Company H of the regiment. A photo of the flag was presented to Mary Lewis, great granddaughter of trooper Cole.



After the Lincoln Death Day observances in Springfield, IL, several members of the 14th Michigan, SVR participated in an 8 day Tour of some of the Western Theater Battlefields. The Michigan contingent took a tour included Fort Heiman, Fort Henry, Raymond, Vicksburg – including the USS Cairo Restored Exhibit, Grand Gulf, Grant's Canal, Fort Donelson and Donelson National Cemetery, Spring Hill, Shiloh, Stones River and Franklin.



MISSOURI



Members of Phelps Camp No. 66 recently purchased and donated an original 1861 letter to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield and the National Park Service. The letter was written by Benjamin Fullagar, a member of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry. The battlefield's museum collection contains a number of letters written by Fullagar, who served in western Missouri during the war.



The Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 and the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 set up a living history encampment at Kimmswick on July 28. The Mississippi river-town was a stop of the Governor's bicentennial tour of the state. Members of the camp had the opportunity to meet and chat with Governor and First Lady Parson. Photo courtesy of Ted Howells.

NEBRASKA

On Saturday June 5, 2021 the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas hosted by Shiloh Camp No. 2 conducted two Last Soldier of the County ceremonies: Butler County, David City for Isaac Johnson West of Co. L 9th Iowa Cavalry; and York County, York, for William Henry Coleman, Co. E 209th Pennsylvania Infantry.



On Saturday June 12, 2021 the Department of Nebraska and the Dakotas hosted by Harrison Camp No. 53-2 conducted two Last Soldier of the County ceremonies: Pierce County in Plainview for Ransom Kile, Co. A 73rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry; and Knox County in Creighton for Charles Pangburn, Co. H 88th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.



NEW JERSEY

Brothers of the General George A. Custer Camp #17, the Matawan American Legion post 176 along with a crowd close to 100, honored four veterans of the United States Colored Troops buried at the A.M.E. Zion Church cemetery in Matawan on April 24.



Brothers at the tomb of Henry Martin Nevius, G.A.R. Commander-in-Chief 1908 / 1909 in Fairview Cemetery Middletown New Jersey Memorial Day 31, 2021.



The Brothers of General Philip Kearny Camp #20 are endeavoring to recognize and mark the places where the GAR met. We have located a number of places where the GAR posts were located. The first town to work with us was Kearny, NJ, where GAR Post #36 met. We were hosted by the Mayor, town council and the United Veterans Organizations of Kearny.



NEW YORK

The Col. George L. Willard Camp 154 along with Oakwood Cemetery Association and the Friend of Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, jointly have rehabilitated the General Thomas/Kellogg Family gravesite. A rededication ceremony was held on July 31, 2021 – the 205th anniversary of General Thomas' birth. Beginning back in 2012, the Camp entered into a memorandum of understanding with the cemetery which included maintaining the lot; cleaning the monument and other family markers; and working with Oakwood Cemetery

and The Friends of Oakwood Cemetery to restore the area which was showing signs of wear due to the elements and vandalism. By the Fall of 2013 the first major cleaning of the monument was completed. Several fund raising events and work parties later, the lot is now in a condition to properly show respect to the General and the nation he helped preserve.



On June 16 members of the Moses A. Baldwin Camp #544 and the Kady Brownell Tent #36, DUVCW participated in a street renaming ceremony in honor of Sam “Pickle King” Ballton. Born into slavery, he escaped but returned to Virginia and was eventually able to bring out his wife Ann.



Sam then enlisted in the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry and served honorably. First taking a job on a farm and then sharecropping, he was highly successful as grower of pickles and cabbages. He was a member of the William Lloyd Garrison Post, G.A.R. In order to recognize his contributions to Greenlawn, a hamlet in the Town of Huntington, they renamed part of Boulevard Avenue in honor of this man who was known for freely sharing his expertise with other farmers so they too could prosper.

NORTH CAROLINA



On August 19, Major General Judson Kilpatrick Camp No. 7 held its organizational meeting in Cary, North Carolina. They elected officers. As part of their ceremonies, the Commander’s granddaughter sang the National Anthem, they conducted their first business

meeting and initiated a new member to our Order. The Camp is named in honor of the Union cavalry commander Maj. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick.

OHIO

Members of Henry Casey Camp No. 92 and SVR Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, place a Memorial Day wreath at the grave site of politician and Civil War General James W. Denver in the Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio.



Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr. who has served as the Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for the past fourteen years was given the surprise of his life, on the morning of June 24, 2021, when he appeared at the Delaware County, Ohio Courthouse thinking the county commissioners wanted to talk with him about some renovations that were made to the court room he occupied for 27 years as the Common Pleas Court Judge of Delaware County.



The County Commissioners presented Judge Shaw with a proclamation announcing that his courtroom, which has been converted into a room used by the Commissioners for public hearings, has been named in his honor. A plaque on the wall in the hallway outside the former courtroom bears a photo of Judge Shaw with a history of his judicial service to Delaware County. Plus, appearing on the wall near the entrance to the former courtroom a visitor will see “Judge Henry E. Shaw, Jr. Hearing Room”. The dedication ceremony was attended by family members and a who’s who of the legal profession.

OKLAHOMA



Indian Nations Camp #3 Memorial Day Ceremony at our GAR Monument in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, OK.

PENNSYLVANIA

July 31, 2021; Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 attended the Civil War event at Hannastown, called 'Camp Robinson' in honor of Brother David Robinson PCC of Isaac Eaton Camp. Brothers of the Camp educated visitors about the history of the Sons of Union Veterans, as they viewed our Civil War display.



Davis * Camp, Pittsburgh, presented Eagle Scout certificates to Troop 215 on August 8th and Troop 262 on August 10th at their respective Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremonies. The August 10th Troop 262 ceremony was for Christoph Bernas, whose Great-Great-Great-Great Grandfather was a union soldier who died in a Confederate prison in Texas in 1865.



SOUTH CAROLINA

On May 31, 2021, the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of Beaufort celebrated the 2021 Memorial Day at the Beaufort National Cemetery in Beaufort, SC. The ceremony included prayer, the pledge of allegiance, Gen. Logan's Order and the posting of a memorial wreath. No speakers were allowed by the cemetery. The crowd was not large but the purpose was met. We consider our efforts to be a success even under limited circumstances.

TENNESSEE

Thanks so much to Lois Pamperin Whiting Gilbert and her son Andrew Whiting for installing the military marker for Noah Elcany Thornburg of Company E 4th Tennessee Cavalry USA at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Jearoldstown, Greene County, Tennessee. Mrs. Whiting reached out to the Maj William A. McTeer Camp #39 about a Union soldier that was in an unmarked grave in Greene County. The Camp assisted in getting the paperwork going and sent into the VA. Ms. Lois took it from there. She got the signatures from the cemetery

official and the funeral home that took the delivery for the stone.

TEXAS



Members of the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey #5 Camp, Shreveport gathered in Oakwood Cemetery near Jefferson, Texas, on Veterans Day 2020 to honor the memory of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient 2nd Lt. Daniel J. Murphy. The Camp also presented Branch Manager and VP of Texas Bank and Trust of Marshall, Texas, with an SUVCW Certificate of Appreciation on November 23, 2020, for their proper and honorable display of the National Colors.



WISCONSIN

The Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 in Wind Lake, won a top prize in the Fourth of July parade this year in the nearby village of Waterford, Wisconsin with a float carrying camp members dressed in Civil War uniforms and firing black-powder muskets. The camp's float won first place in the non-commercial float category and earned a hundred dollars in prize money for the camp.



FINAL MUSTER

When my daughter was 8 or 9 years old, she loved playing Monopoly. We would play for hours, and when we finished - it Would All Go Back In The Box. The same was true when I played checkers with my Father to cool down after playing racquetball - when we finished - The pieces Would All Go Back In The Box. On a beautiful Summer weekend, I attended the Funeral of a great leader, living historian and artilleryist - at the Church Service his cremains were in a beautiful box. Which reminded me that when we Cross Over the River - We Will All Go Back In The Box.

Chaplain Jerry

John F Bermis

SG Griffin Camp #10 (New Hampshire)
8/6/2020

Donald I Holmquist, PCC

SG Griffin Camp #10 (New Hampshire)
3/10/2021

Victor Falcetti, PDC

J S Durgin Camp #7 (New Hampshire)
12/3/2020

Bernard L Smith, Camp Commander

Schuyler F Smith Camp 193 (New York)
4/25/2020

William Joseph Jacobus

Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinois)
3/18/2021

Lewis J Haines

Col Friedrich K Hecker Camp 443 (Illinois)
3/13/2021

Ellis Vincent Barker Jr

Charles Devens Jr Camp 10 (Georgia)
8/16/2020

Irvin K Grant Sr

Edward Wallace Camp 21 (Georgia)
4/7/2020

Lance Paul Mead

Ripley Camp #3 (Vermont)
11/4/2020

William J Volonte

General Phillip Kearny Camp 20 (New Jersey)
2/5/2021

Samuel Ray Brasher

BG Joseph Bailey Camp 5 (Texas)
5/16/2020

William Henry Dean, PDC

Shiloh Camp #2 (Nebraska)
6/24/2021

Rev Jerome A Lukachinsky

James A Garfield Camp #142 (Ohio)
6/30/2021

David Richard Busch, PCC

Ulysses S Grant Camp 68 (Missouri)
7/4/2021

William Joseph Raftery

Col Henry Harnden Camp #2 (Wisconsin)
6/19/2021

Jeffrey Gene Givens, PCC

Col John Bryner Camp #67 (Illinois)
6/24/2021

Harry B Lamb

Joel Searfoss Camp #273 (Maine)
6/7/2021

John M Mumper

Sgt James H Harris Camp 38 (Chesapeake)
7/19/2021

Robert Traxler Jaques

Capt Richard Taylor Camp #53 (Alabama)
4/28/2021

Keith H Hawkes Jr

Taylor-Wilson Camp #10 (Chesapeake)
7/23/2021

Correction – The Summer issue reported Gene D Dostill of the Col. Louis R Francine Camp #7 (New Jersey). The correct name is Gene D. Costill. The Banner regrets the error.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I am fortunate to have a bird feeder outside my living room window. There are six perches around the cylindrical feeder, but sometimes there are more than six birds wanting to feed. It is interesting to note that the birds seem to be divided between Liberals, Conservatives and Independents. Yet no matter which group is feeding - members of that same group will chase their own members off the perch - because they want to feed. How like our own kind "I'm right, your wrong, and we'll do it my way." This is not the message of the scriptures.

Love one another. Be kind to those who do not love you.

If you agree with me - say AMEN.

Blessing and Peace,

Chaplain Jerry

VIRTUAL CAMP MEETINGS NOW ALLOWED

From the Report of the Virtual Meeting Policy Committee to the National Encampment.

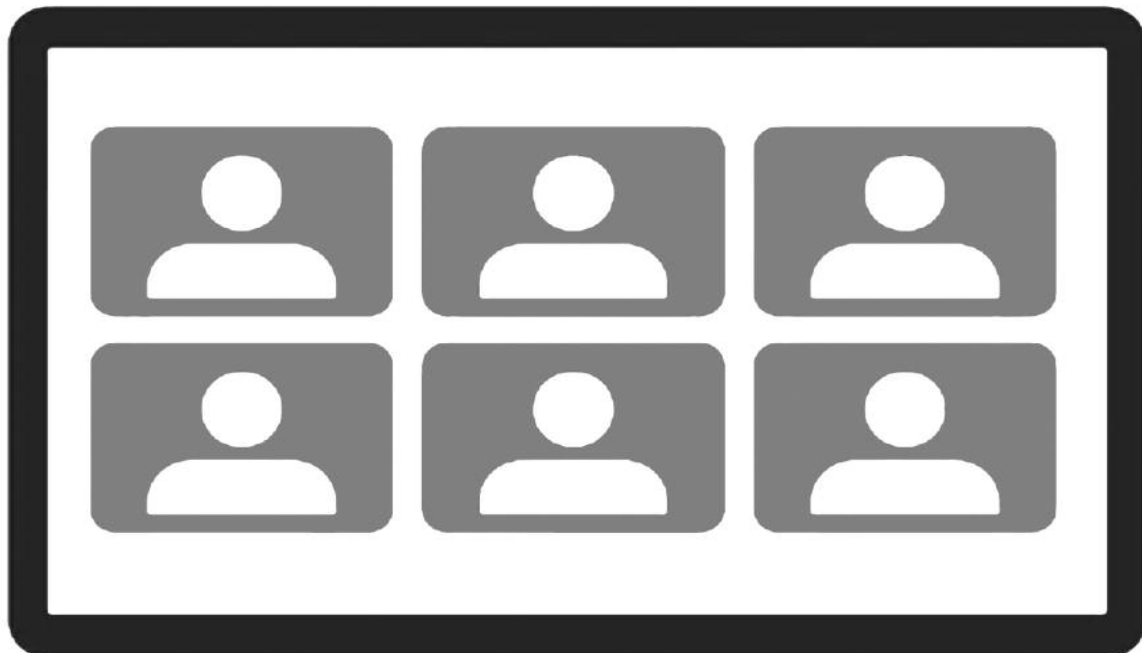
Meetings of the Order are preferably held in-person to encourage fraternity and communication. However, to facilitate participation by as many Brothers as possible, use of electronic means of attending meetings, including internet-based or telephonic, may be used, as a supplement to in-person attendance or when necessary, as an alternative to in-person attendance. Experience during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates that the business of the Order can continue in emergency situations using electronic meetings, but also that many Brothers who because of age, infirmity, weather conditions, or distance would otherwise not be able to attend a meeting are able to participate when electronic means are made available.

At the 140th National Encampment in St. Louis, Chapter I, Article IV, Section 1 was amended to allow Camps to conduct electronic meetings or provide electronic participation to in-person meetings if all of the requirements are met, such as ensuring all Brothers participating in such meeting and desiring to vote are in good standing and all have an opportunity to speak on each issue as if personally present.

Department Encampments must be in person, however, amendments now allow for virtual participation, again ensuring each brother is in good standing and has an opportunity to speak on each issue as if personally present. Of course, all committee meetings and council meetings at the Camp and Department level may be conducted virtually.

The language of these changes is permissive, not mandatory, so that the Camp Commander, Council Chairman, or committee chairman ultimately decides whether to hold a meeting that is wholly or partially electronic. Camps have the right under Section 1.a. to amend their bylaws to prohibit or restrict electronic meetings.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed a committee to help develop Virtual Meeting Policy and to assist Camps and Departments in implementing their procedures. The chair is Brother Loran Bures of the Department of Columbia. Please contact him with any questions at virtual@suvvw.org.



VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

As we enter the Fall months of 2021 many Camps are wrapping up their outdoor activities for the year and shifting focus. How can we be effective in that transition and ensure that the memory of those who saved the Union are preserved? Many of us excel in flagging details or cemetery restoration, and this is a vital part of our mission. However, with these indoor events we can tell the individual stories of the struggles and sacrifices these brave men made. Here are just a few tips on how we can make a seamless transition.

What are some of the things that we can focus on in these discussions? Well, a lot of this can be determined on who the audience is. If you are doing a presentation on a certain battle for a National Guard unit you would want to cater your presentation to the Civil War unit that the Guard unit draws its lineage from if possible. For instance, if I am having a discussion with members of Battery A or Battery B 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment, I would tell the story of the Bull Run Gun or the Gettysburg Gun, both of which on display and having belonged to their predecessors, Battery A and Battery B 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery respectively. Having our displays catered to something these men and women have a connection to will naturally lead to more interest.

Another tactic we can use while doing school presentations is to show how young men and women's lives were turned upside down during the conflict. We all are familiar with the story of Johnny Clem, but he was not the only young man to have served the Union. When I go into high schools to teach on the war, I am dealing with sophomores in Rhode Island, 15 and 16-year old's. I make sure to make things relate to them and tell them how Leander Barnes of the 2nd Rhode Island, a regiment that was recruited from their own back yards, was wounded at the 3rd Battle of Petersburg and that he enlisted at 15, wounded at 16, and of John H. Slocum, also of the 2nd, who enlisted at the beginning of the war at 15 years old, fought at Bull Run, the Peninsula Campaign, Fredericksburg, Salem's Heights, Gettysburg, reenlisted prior to his first 3 year tour being up at 17, and was killed at 18 at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse. I also take it a step further and ask them what their focus is on this week in school? Is it sports? Is it their personal lives and their friends? Could it be on the big chemistry test they have on Friday? Then I tell them that John and Leander's focus was on making it home to their family and friends, making sure the man next to them made it home to their family and friends, and unfortunately, like John, many never did make it home.

These are just two of the many ways we can relate to those around us that are not in the Order. We must remember that as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War our job is to ensure that the sacrifice of these brave men is never forgotten. To do that we need to be active 365 days a year in some way shape or form. We cannot rest on our laurels when the winter comes, if we're not in the communities educating, we need to be in our meetings planning what to do in the future to be successful in our mission, by being active in our communities, we ensure we do not fail in our mission, good luck this winter Brothers.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
National Patriotic Instructor
Br. Ben Frail, PDC
patrioticinstructor@sucvw.org

ADAM BIRRELL

by Alan Head, Elisha Dyer Camp #7, Dept of Rhode Island

When Brother I received an email in October 2019 from a distant cousin living in England, I did not realize it would be the start of a Civil War mystery 120 years in the making. The email requested information about a purported U.S. Civil War soldier buried in Ulverston, Cumbria, England. The email forwarded a request from a genealogy buff who had visited the grave of her ancestor Andrew Birrell and found next to it the grave of Adam Birrell, whose grave marker stated that he was a Private in Company H, 9th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, USA. Adam died at Rosside House, Ulverston in 1901 at the age of 71 (placing his date of birth around 1830). Who was Adam Birrell, and how did he make his way from serving in the U.S. Civil War to burial in a small English cemetery?

The first stop was the National Park Service Soldiers and Sailors Database. There was no entry for Adam Birrell in the 9th Indiana; however, there was an Adam Bell listed in Company H. Adam Bell, born in England c. 1830, shows up on 1870 and 1880 census rolls in Joliet, Illinois. In 1884, Adam Bell of the 9th Indiana Infantry is listed as a member of Bartleson Post 6, GAR in Joliet. Adam Birrell is listed as a stone mason in the Joliet city directory in 1872, 1877, and 1881, but does not show up in the 1880 census, while Adam Bell shows up in the census but is not listed in the city directory until 1884. It appears he reverted to his alias at this time because he needed to establish his identity as “Adam Bell” in order to apply for his military pension. The final confirmation of Adam Birrell’s alias was provided by Brother Michael Hammerson of Ensign John Davis Camp #10, London; a copy of “Pensioners of the United States Living on Foreign Countries Other than Canada” published by the Commissioner of Pensions in 1899. This document lists Adam Bell of Co. H, 9th Indiana Infantry receiving his pension at “Rosside House near Ulverston.” Brother Head mailed a package to an acquaintance in Ulverston and, on Memorial Day 2021, an American Flag was placed on Adam Bell / Adam Birrell’s grave - likely for the first time since he passed away one hundred and twenty years ago.



- OBITUARY - JANICE LEE HARDING 1937 - 2021

Janice Lee Harding, 84, of Parkville, MD, passed away on Friday, July 2, 2021. Born on February 12, 1937 in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Leslie Hiram Debelius, Sr. and Ethel May Ayres Debelius. . Sister Janice was a long time member of the Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (formerly the Department of Maryland) She served as the Department President on several occasions and was the National President of the Auxiliary in 2009.

She was the beloved wife of the late Walter R. Harding, Jr. Janice was a member of Millers United Methodist Church.

She took great pride in sharing a birthday with Abraham Lincoln and had a great connection to his ideals. Janice is survived by her daughter: Andrea Jean Farmer and husband Edward of Catonsville, MD, grandson: Benjamin, great-granddaughter: Caitlin, and brother: Leslie “Les” Debelius, Jr. and wife Jeane of Manchester, MD.





REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE REQUIRMENTS

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact me

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FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SONS

In 141 years there have been a lot of fascinating changes to and within our Order for the next few issues of the Banners I hope you will enjoy some fun facts that may be new to you...

Major Augustus P. Davis (Co. F, 11th Maine) of Alexander Hays GAR Post # 3 of Pittsburgh, PA organized a group of 8 boys on November 12, 1881 into the first Camp of the Sons of Veterans, USA. He designed all the badges, the incorporation, the seals, recognition lapel pins, uniform and details of the organization.

This first Camp was named The Isaac Davis Camp # 1. Isaac Davis was AP Davis great-great grandfather and the Captain of the Acton, Mass. Militia. He was shot and killed at the Battle of Concord on April 19, 1775. He was the first casualty of the American Revolution. The GAR Post in Acton, Mass was also named for Isaac Davis.

Major Davis incorporated the Sons in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The National organization operated under this charter until 1888 when we incorporated in Springfield, Illinois. We continued to operate under this Illinois charter until 1954 when it was replaced with our Federal Charter.

The Union veterans were elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons as they were both veterans and sons of veterans. Walter S. Payne, Leland Webb and E.R. Campbell.

Among the Camp Officers was the position of Camp Surgeon to provide free medical advice and treatment for needy Brothers.

From 1882 to 1885 Past Camp Commanders, Past Division Commanders, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief wore the same Iron Cross of the Order, but with the ribbons designated for that level.

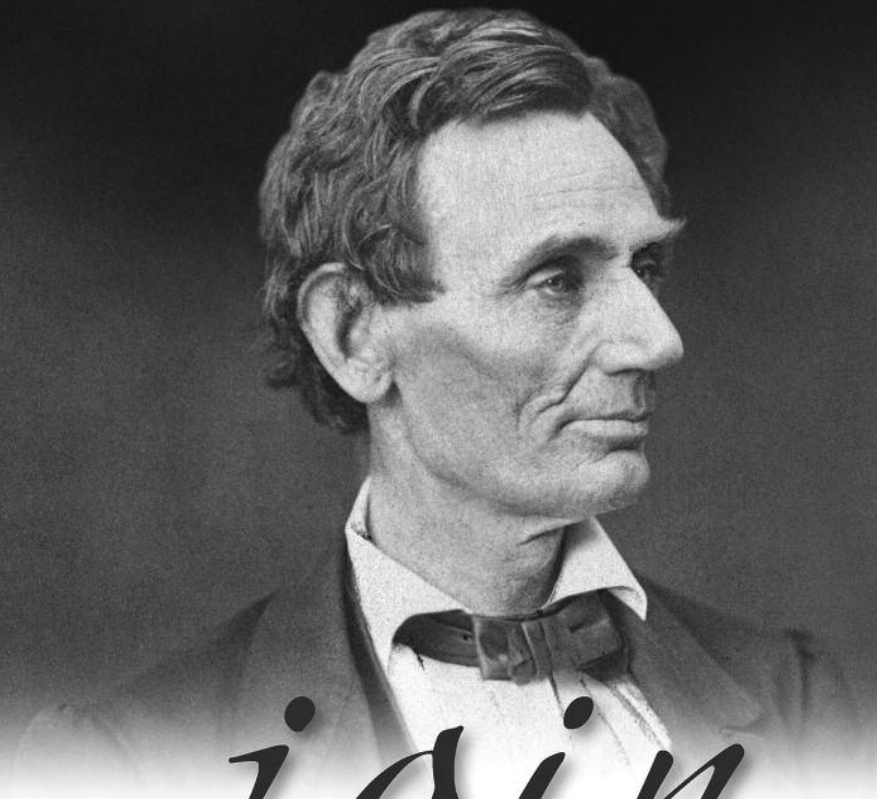




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