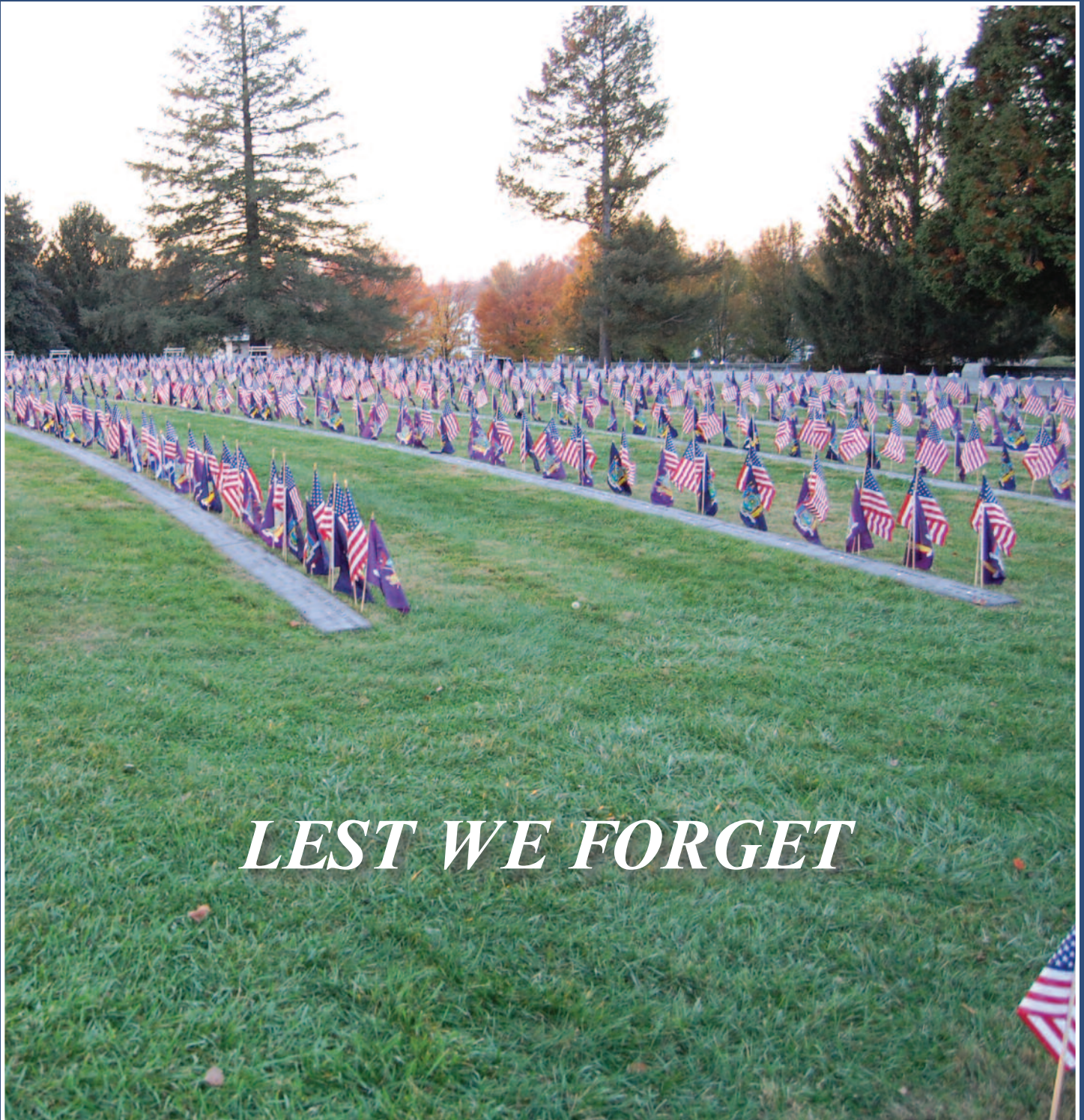


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KUDOS: Courtesy night at the National Encampment is a time for every Department to express thanks to a Commander-in-Chief for his service and present appropriate gifts. A few gags and roasts are always fun, but please be sure to present something memorable. Don't forget the Auxiliary National President! She is worthy of our thanks and appropriate memento, even if your Department does not have an active Auxiliary.

On The Cover: Gettysburg National Cemetery on Remembrance Day. Photo by PCinC James Pahl.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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Synopsis of General Orders issued by Commander-in-Chief Don Martin. The complete Order can be viewed on the Order's website.

GENERAL ORDER #20

A mere 13 miles from my home is an Ohio State park where my Grandfather worked while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps. The park contains a single head stone.

The stone is for a Union Soldier who while on his way home in autumn of 1864, was found staggering with a delirious fever. A local woman who had lost her son and brother in law earlier tried to nurse the soldier back to health but he died without ever telling his name or his story.

This Memorial Day, as we remember our ancestors and their comrades and/or gather at monuments, memorials, cemeteries, and parades throughout our Nation, let us not forget those soldiers in graves North and South, marked and unmarked: Unknown.

GENERAL ORDER # 21

It has come to the attention of the National Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) of the events taking place regarding the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum in Georgia. We, the actual descendants of the Union Soldiers that fought to protect the Union of this great country, find the action portrayed in several news reports to be troubling to say the least.

Over the past decades the SUVCW has been called upon to explain our position regarding the flying of the flags of the confederacy as well as the destruction of various monuments and the renaming of battlefields to parks. We have taken the position that history must be preserved in complete truthfulness. If you change or revise history you change the meaning and quite possibly the credibility of the truth of that history. If you do away with the Confederacy and the soldiers that fought on that side, you also lessen the contribution of the soldiers and statesmen that fought to preserve the United States. The revision of history can also change the credibility of the reasons for which battles were fought and if they were in fact even fought.

The SUVCW website contains two policies that have and are currently the standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War regarding not only the flying of flags of the Civil War era, but the Interpretation of Civil War Battlefields for the National Park Service. We further believe that our policy on the NPS interpretation

also applies to State and local parks and their position on the Civil War.

Policy on the National Park Service Interpretation Program of the Civil War Battlefields.

A statement made by Dr. John Latschar, when Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park, best describes the mission of the National Park Service and their interpretive policy on the Civil War battlefields. According to Dr. Latschar, an Act of Congress in 1990 directed the Gettysburg NMP to "interpret the Battle of Gettysburg in the larger context of the Civil War and American history, including the causes and consequences of the Civil War and including the effects of the war on all the American people." He further states that in 1999, a Congressional report added that Civil War Battlefields such as Gettysburg should "recognize and include the unique role that the institution of slavery played in the Civil War."

The Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) clearly defines the mission or purpose of the SUVCW. Our Primary mission is "To Perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.....to teach.... the true history of our country...to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union ...to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles ofequal rights, and of impartial justice for all.

In conformity to our Constitution and Congressional Charter the SUVCW maintains the most important goal of the National Park Service relative to Civil War battlefields should be (1) The physical preservation of the battlefields, and (2) The NPS interpretative program, which is designed to inform the public about what happened on the battlefield should focus on the story of the battle that took place on the battlefield. At the Gettysburg battlefield the interpretative program, has traditionally included such things according to Dr. Latschar as, "tactical movements, the decisions of generals, the engagements of opposing units, and the heroism and valor of individual soldiers, both Union and Confederate." This seems to have also been the prevalent policy at other Civil War battlefields. Based on the aforementioned Congressional mandates the interpretative program now includes the slavery issue.

The SUVCW has no quarrel with the inclusion of this issue in the NPS interpretative program as long as it does not negatively impact the two goals previously mentioned, and as long as it is presented in a historically accurate manner. Under no circumstances do we support what has come to be referred to as "revisionist" history – "altering" historical facts to fit modern social philosophy. Approved February 27, 2003 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

There were numerous issues that culminates in the



American Civil War. But, regardless of whether we make a short list, or a long list of the causes for the Civil War, they all invariably emanate from the issue of slavery. Thus it seems only reasonable that the National Park Service should mention this issue in their interpretative program. We view the inclusion of the slave issue as an expansion of the existing program. The slave issue should not be used by the NPS as a substitute for their traditional interpretative program.

Ordered this 31st Day of May 2017.

Donald L. Martin
Commander-In-Chief

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2017, COLUMBUS, OHIO**

Commander-in-Chief Donald L. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on March 25, 2017.

Open Items from 2016 ENCAMPMENT OFFICER REPORTS

From National Graves Registration Officer, Bruce D. Frail, PDC

Due to the active attacks that are taking place against our Graves Registration Database, a detailed report will be sent to the National Secretary and Commander-in-Chief.

From National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire, PCC

Department and Camp Webpages: In today's day and age this is a waste of time and resources for National to host and/or service Department and Camp websites. There are so many resources available to make each Camp or Department who desires to have a website for very little expense. For example, any Camp or Department can buy a domain name for less than \$20 on Wordpress and then build a very user-friendly site on the very same platform as the National website for free. There are other platforms out there as well. All of them have tutorials to help users, and are likely a cheaper option for Camps and Departments than National hosting would be if we did an audit. Many Camps use a Facebook page as their Camp page, and that's completely free. I recommend that we eliminate the policy of hosting Camps and Department websites under the National Website and phase it out according to a schedule in order to help those few Camps and Departments that are currently under the umbrella time to establish themselves on other platforms. [CofA ACTION: PENDING results from Survey. Communications and Technology Committee]

I also recommend an audit be performed of digital assets & a determination be made as to how many Camps, Departments, and Allied Orders are riding on the SUVCW hosting agreement, and whether or not any fees

have been collected in relation to such. [CofA ACTION: IN PROGRESS, Survey in Development, Communications and Technology]

Social Media Policy: It is increasingly obvious that social media is a powerful tool for web communications. Many of our Brothers are using Facebook and Twitter, possibly other platforms as well, to advance the Order. Facebook, Twitter, et al, has their own rules how to do things, and we need to respect those rules, but we also need to have a policy in place to ensure that the SUVCW's rules and regulations are being upheld by local social media administrators. I recommend that the Communications and Technology make it a priority to research and devise an SUVCW Social Media Policy and Best Practices to be submitted to Programs and Policies.

Website and Social Media Census: We need to get a grasp of where and how we are represented online. I recommend that the Communications and Technology Committee conduct a web presence census in to be completed by July 1, 2017. This census will then be compiled and presented to the National Encampment so we will have a complete picture of the Order's web presence from the top down. The National Signals Officer will consult with the CofA and relevant committee chairs in the first quarter of the next administration to formalize the census questionnaire. [CofA ACTION: IN PROGRESS, Survey in Development, Communications and Technology Committee]

From Committee on Vision and Strategic Planning, Brian C. Pierson, PDC— Bring disparate programs (ROTC medal program; Eagle Scout patch; Flag Certificate) under one umbrella, perhaps National PI. [ACTION: COMPLETE with Patriotic Instructor Guide and Forms 40-42]

From National Fund Raising Special Committee, Glenn B. Knight, PDC

Direct the incoming Commander-in-Chief to instruct the Committee to develop with the Executive Director, National Treasurer and National Counselor a response packet to advise members how to include the Sons of Union Veterans in their last will and testament to include appropriate captioning, legal text, registration requirements and notice of intent. Also direct the incoming Commander in Chief to instruct the Committee with the Executive Director, National Treasurer and National Counselor to look into the creation of special funds and accounts that can be used for the management of special gifts if and when necessary. Such a review may result in the creation of an Assistant Treasurer for Major Gifts or a Development Officer under the National Treasurer. [CofA ACTION: referred to P&P with National Treasurer]

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***From Real Sons and Daughters Special Committee,
Jerome L. Orton, PDC***

Recommendation: Real daughters may become honorary members of the SUVCW in the department they reside in or in the department where their father's enlisted. [CinC ACTION: untenable and rejected]

POW Program: the incoming CinC to start a special committee to examine a descendants of SUVCW POW Program. [CofA ACTION: IN PROGRESS with Program and Policy Committee]

From the Department of Missouri Update the SUVCW Form 3 Membership Application to add "Supplemental (14 Yrs & Older, Has Membership, Complete Pages 1 & 2)" as an additional membership type. [ACTION: COMPLETE]

Request the SUVCW National Quartermaster to create and sell an "Ancestor Certificate" modeled with similar graphics to the standard membership certificate. [ACTION: COMPLETE. On website.]

Increase the minimum application fee to \$15, with \$5 national fee, \$5 department fee, and minimum \$5 camp fee. This fee being applicable to both membership and supplemental applications. [CinC ACTION: Ruled Out of Order as requires action to amend National Regulations]

Establish a special committee or task force to explore a fee based member-to ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers.

[ACTION: National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues to report to P&P Committee.]

From National Treasurer: David McReynolds, PDC

Several Recommendations made and in progress with the Program & Policy Committee:

Perform reconciliation between the Executive Director's per capita tax receipts and the amount deposited in the bank. National Treasurer McReynolds supplied to members of the CofA for review a set of bank accounts the SUVCW holds.

Bank reconciliations and bank statements should be reviewed and approved by an individual independent of the person doing the bank reconciliations. [CofA ACTION: IN PROGRESS]

Adopt a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan.

Adopt a formal policy for the capitalization of fixed assets.

Assure that a signed contract is always obtained when contract terms are changed.

***From the National Committee on Graves Registration:
Bruce D. Frail, PDC***

Removed the ability to post photos, as two photos that were listed contained hidden script that allowed outside

access to the database MySQL script.

CinC Appointed Committees:

Donation Request Committee (Non Monuments & Memorials). SVCinC Day, Chair, CofA Member Davis, CofA Member Lynch, CofA Member Norris.

Items are to be forwarded to the committee chair from the CinC, National Treasurer, National Secretary or any other member that receives them. Committee will recommend approval or disapproval to CofA to include where funding would come from.

Committee for the Preservation of Records (CPR)

Don Darby, Chair, Leo Kennedy, Jim Pahl, David Demmy, Loren Bures. Bures contacting church of Latter Day Saints, and other organizations.

Report on the Panama Memorial - CofA Member Brian Pierson. The CofA voted to approve up to \$5,000.00 for plaque.

CofA approved an updated Patriotic Instructor handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Committee on Communication and Technology is considering if the National Organization should invest in its own server system or seriously consider renting significant and secure external server space for our databases, as well as to provide secure digital backup for the Order in general.

***From Committee on Lincoln Tomb Observance:
Robert M. Petrovic, PDC***

That the CofA make the spring meeting in Springfield the weekend of the Lincoln Tomb program a permanent meeting just like the winter one Remembrance Day weekend.

[CinC ACTION: Ruled Out of Order as would require amending National Regulations]

From National Special Committee on Confederate Battle Flag Policy (2017): Brad Schall, PCinC

A version of a recommendation from this committee was shared. [CofA ACTION: Return to Committee to re-word the document to be a policy]

From the National Treasurer

The National Organizations application for IRS section 501(c)(3) status was approved February 17, 2017. This status was not extended to Departments and Camps. Options to have this reconsidered/appealed are being considered.

Pew and Company Auditors of Knoxville, Tn. have been retained as auditors of our financial records.

From the Col. Hans C. Heg Camp No. 15, Department of Wisconsin



Request for a Merchandise License to sell a Last Soldier medallion was reviewed and approved, to expire in August of 2018.

From the Charitable Foundation

Foundation sought a merchandise license to sell a document holder. Denied item is available from the Quartermaster Store.

From the National Quartermaster, Danny Wheeler, PCinC

New membership cards will be available with printing on back. Order of 1000 ordered. On hold till current supply used or when everything completed. Brothers appearing for registration at Encampments without a proper membership card as provided by the Quartermaster will be denied credentials.

ROTC Awards from the National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler, PCinC

Only one award per school, per service will be provided, however this was clarified to be one per male and one per female if requested.

Veterans Administration Booklet - Brother Fredric Lynch stated that the National Veterans Administration

publishes a book of recognized Veterans Organizations. The National Organization shall explore being included in this book.

SVCinC Mark Day stated Form 9 needs modified to add that Department Secretaries should retain a copy of this form.

Banner to Suspended Members. The CofA approved a motion where brothers under suspension continue to receive The Banner, as they are still paying their annual per capita.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PCinC Gene Mortorff mentioned that JoAnn Kuhn sent thanks to all members for their assistance with PCinC Charlie Kuhn arrangements.

National Site Committee Chairman James Crane reported a survey is to be sent to host of last five Encampments on costs of rooms. Looking at why possible host Departments are pulling out of being host. Agreement will be required from other Allied orders that they will be financial responsible if accepting attendance and pulling out of attending.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - 5/31/2017

Active Membership Count

Associate	519	Dual Associate	10
Junior	87	Dual Life Member	69
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VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Constitution and Regulations (C&R) state the following: “To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865; to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members; to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag; to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loyalty to, or make for the destruction or impairment of our constitutional Union; and to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, and of impartial justice for all.” The purpose statement of our organization in a nutshell tells us how we can demonstrate and show patriotism when we deal with the public. Why is this being brought up?

Our history, citizenship, and monuments are under attack by those who believe in “political correctness”. We see this in the news about flying the American Flag, the lack of duties or misguided perspective of citizenship when pertaining to free speech on college campuses and elsewhere, and Confederate Civil War Statues being removed in Louisiana. That is why the purpose stated in our C&R is critically important. Every Camp, Department, and National Officer and members need to embody the purpose of our existence without being political or violating anyone’s Constitutional rights. Hence is the challenges we have today and in the future. Our future vision will need an aggressive plan to educate the public on the importance of being an American citizen, our history and monuments being preserved truthfully and honestly for future generations, and our duties as citizens of this great Country.

The next article will help establish ways we can educate the public without being political or violating anyone’s Constitutional rights. We cannot focus on Generals and battles when there is much more we are chartered to do. If we do not start emulating the purpose of our mission as stated in the C&R; it is possible that our past history, our citizenship, the Great American Flag, and the future of our Country will be in great jeopardy for generations to come. The SUVCW has a responsibility and commitment to ensure that we do not fade into the past forgotten. The future of America’s Patriotism depends on each and everyone of us. Let us remember that our monuments from the Civil War to present are “erected by grateful citizens, in honor of the brave defenders of our Country.” as stated on the Civil War Statue in Crystal Lake, Illinois on Woodstock Street.

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,

National Patriotic Instructor
Jeffrey French



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Many of the Original Companions of the MOLLUS also were members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Similarly, many the present day Hereditary Companions of the MOLLUS also are members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUCVW). As did the MOLLUS with the GAR, the MOLLUS and the SUCVW jointly sponsor patriotic and commemorative programs to honor President Abraham Lincoln and our Union soldier ancestors throughout the country.

For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
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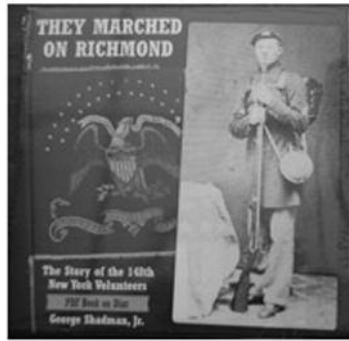
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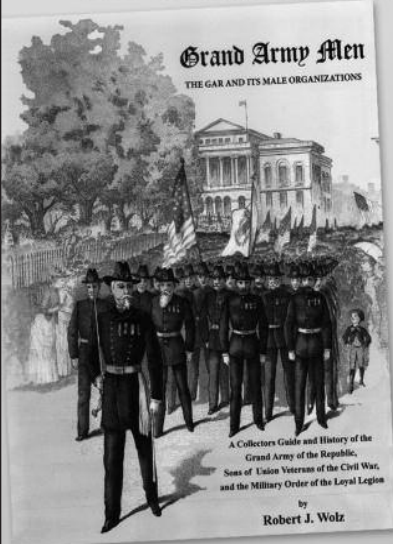
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REMEMBRANCE DAY, 2017

The 61st Annual Remembrance Day Weekend, sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, will be held in Gettysburg, PA on November 17, 18 and 19, 2017. The Headquarters Hotel this year has been moved to the Eisenhower Hotel at 2634 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, PA. The Eisenhower is currently taking reservations for the weekend, specifically for Friday, November 17, 2017 and Saturday, November 18, 2017. The phone number is 717-334-8121. Those calling should ask for reservations and mention being put in the SVR block of rooms to get the discounted rate of \$129.00 plus tax, per night.

The Hotel will provide at no cost to those who are staying at the Eisenhower during Remembrance Day Weekend, an evening meal on Friday, November 17, 2017, a breakfast on Saturday, November 18, 2017 (not the SVR Breakfast which is separate) and an evening meal on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The only requirement will be for the hotel guest to present a room key in order to partake of these complimentary meals.

On Saturday morning, November 18, 2017 at 8:00 A.M., the SVR Breakfast will be held at the Eisenhower Hotel with the Parade briefing to immediately follow at 9:30 A.M. Later on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 11:00 A.M., the annual Woolson Ceremonies will be held in Zeigler's Grove in the Gettysburg National Military Park. The Parade will step off at 1:00 P.M. and the SVR Original Civil War Ball will commence at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday evening, November 18, 2017 in the Ball Room at the Eisenhower Hotel. Tickets for the Ball are presently on sale at \$20.00 per person for advance tickets and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander, SVR, 27 Griswold Street, Delaware, and OH 43015-1716. Ticket purchasers should include a stamped and self-addressed envelope with their check and ticket order.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Resentment. I am sure that our ancestors who fought in the Recent Unpleasantness were full of resentment. Having to leave their families, their homes, and their friends - to kill other Americans, would have been unnerving. Then when the casualties, the hardships and the terror set in, the natural human response is fear, hatred and resentment. Something that they all had in common was the fact that they did not want to die, they did not want to be wounded, they wanted to have this War over and go home. Resentment would have been building by the hour. Even though Christ told us to forgive our enemies, resentment would have been there. Put yourself in the brogans of your ancestor. Would you have resented the hardships and people who perpetuated the conflict? Even after the end of the War, as time healed the wounds - the resentment would have lingered. The feelings that others who caused the hardships were to blame, and they should pay the price.

Are we not the same today? Do we not feel resentment when we are slighted, ignored or insulted? Even if we do not seek revenge - do we not wish fire and brimstone upon the heads of those who have run afoul of us? What can we do to stop, or at least slow down our resentment?

Acceptance is the answer to all of our resentment problems. When there is some person, place, thing or situation which upsets us and gives us resentment we must remember that Nothing Happens in God's World by Mistake. When we can learn to accept that Person, place, thing or situation exactly as they are - then we have a chance of being at peace. We must change and give up the resentment. Not easy, but we can do it.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

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When I was in the fourth grade at a parochial school in Chicago, I had an opportunity to become a server at the liturgies of the Church. One of the neat parts about it, was the fact that when there was a weekday funeral - I got out of school so that I could assist the clergyman with the service. I noticed that at some funerals the church was full, and for other funerals there were only a handful of people. I asked my Grandfather about this. "Simple answer", he said, "some people have big families and lot of friends. They all come when someone they love dies. Other people have lived so long that all of their family and friends have died before them - so there are not a lot of folks in church."

We Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders are a family. When someone we know and love "goes home" we can often feel the loss. There is a hole in our soul; one that will heal over in time, and the closer the deceased brother or sister is to us - the more deeply we feel this loss. Whenever you can, please be a part of the funeral ceremonies for Brothers and Sisters of our Order. Someday those services will be for you.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

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CHESAPEAKE

Antietam Camp No. #3, Department of the Chesapeake, held its Ninth Annual Medal of Honor ceremony on March 25th, 2017 at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, in Waynesboro, PA. This year's honoree was LTC Charles E. Capeheart, who earned his MoH on the evening of July 4th, 1863 while leading a charge of the 1st WV Cavalry at Monterey Pass. Over 60 people were in attendance, including members of the Antietam Auxiliary, the Col. Jacob M. Campbell Camp #14 and Clara Barton Tent #64, Department of Pennsylvania, and Chesapeake Department Commander Charles "Ben" Hawley. Also present were: LTC Jeffrey Heasley, Pennsylvania National Guard 28th Division; 90th District (PA) Representative Paul Schemel; several members of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors, and Richard Starliper, the Mayor of Waynesboro, PA.



Chuck Odell Celebrates 75-year Membership and Department of the Chesapeake 2016 Memorial Bell Honor

Shortly after his 14th Birthday on March 13, 1942, Chuck Odell was initiated into Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in Beverly, Massachusetts. With accoutrements for such a momentous occasion, Antietam Camp and Auxiliary #3 celebrated Chuck Odell's 75th Anniversary of his SUVCW Membership with him on Sunday, March 12, 2017, in Frederick, Maryland.

The Department of the Chesapeake also officially dedicated its "new" Ceremonial Bell, fondly named "Odell's Bell", in honor of Chuck Odell, Past Department Chaplain. Kevin and Rosemary Martin provided a special presentation at the 130th Annual Encampment of the Department of the



Chesapeake held on April 22, 2017. After a year-long search, they acquired online a solid brass bell for refurbishment. The bell has been authenticated as a 1940's area Navy WWII bell and it has been out to sea.

John Stambaugh, owner of Brasswheel, Abbottstown, PA and some of his U.S. Veteran customers donated their time and service in a complete restoration of the bell, "For a Veteran from his fellow Veterans."

Scott Ewine of S. Alan Woodbine, LLC, Frederick, MD, designed and built a new base for the bell, also generously donating his time as well as materials which had a remarkable history. The lumber he used was from a hurricane-felled American Elm tree that stood for over 150 years on the Prospect Hall property in Frederick, MD. This Civil War era tree's location and "witness" is where, on June 28, 1863, General Meade and took Command of the Army of the Potomac from General Hooker and then continued on to Gettysburg. Now at this place, a monument to this significant handoff stands.

With such an auspicious background having connections to Chuck Odell's WWII Navy service, a tangible remembrance of a crucial event in the Civil War, and displays of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, the Department of the Chesapeake bestowed to Chuck Odell a befitting honor, "Odell's Bell."



Over forty Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) descended on Front Royal, VA on April 21 and 22, 2017 to attend the 130th annual Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake. Nestled within the famed Shenandoah Valley, the two-day event led by Department Commander Ben Hawley attracted Brothers from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, DC Camps. Also joining the SUVCW in Front Royal were members of the Department's Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Friday's activities included afternoon tours of the battle of Front Royal followed by a visit to the Ivy Lodge Museum, capped by a wonderful gathering at Joe's Steakhouse located at the gateway to the famous Skyline Drive. Morning and afternoon business sessions framed a joint luncheon and awards ceremony highlighted by a superb talk by Dr. Whitehorn, a local historian and expert on Civil War actions in the area.

As the Encampment drew to a close Brothers elected James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 Brother W. Faron Taylor to the post of Department Commander. On hand for the Encampment, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Department Brother Mark Day installed the newly elected and appointed officers. In handing the gavel to new Department Commander Taylor, PDC Hawley offered his congratulations, best wishes and support for the continued success and growth of the Department.

CALIFORNIA

During the month of May, Camp Commander Randall Hawkinson and Timothy P. Reese (PDC) of Camp Lincoln 10, Department of California & Pacific, presented the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War JROTC medal to one deserving cadet at each and every JROTC program within the area of Camp Lincoln 10. The schools are in Salinas, Seaside, Monterey and Soledad, California.



Commander Hawkinson said: "I am always honored to present our awards to these outstanding future leaders of our Country. Their high school year's accomplishments are so great; I am often humbled to be present among them. The events continually remind me that I wish I had the same opportunity when I was their age. I am so proud of all of them."

COLORADO



Department Commander Garry Brewer, Department of CO/WY, at the Grand Junction, Colorado Veterans Cemetery. Department Commander Brewer and James Barker (not in photo) laid the wreath for past Grand Junction Grand Army of the Republic John A. Logan Post 35 (photo of the post is inside the wreath. the photo was taken about 1900).

Tuesday, May 30th 2017, the City of Rifle Colorado, The Department of CO/WY and Legion of the West, Camp No. 7 Sons of Union Veterans Civil War rededicated the 100 year old G.A.R. Monument that was first dedicated on May 30th 1917. One hundred years to date.



Those also involved in the rededication were the American Legion Post Kelly-Hansen Post 78, Legion of the West, Camp 7, David Haake, Camp Commander, Garry Brewer, Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans, Judy Crook Historian, Maryhannah Hansen Throm, Randy Winkler, Mayor, City of Rifle, and Taps played by Brad Swart. missing from photo is William Buvinger.

DEPT OF COLUMBIA

The City of Rifle issued a proclamation about the G.A.R. History in the area, and a new name was added to the monument honoring the Legion of the West, Camp 7, Sons of Union Veterans. Photo by Barbara Brewer.

Fort Walla Walla Camp #3 of the Department of Columbia presented JROTC and ROTC awards to 16 schools this spring. Awards were presented by CC Gordy Struve, Bernie Beldin at Gonzaga University in Spokane WA on 4 May 2017. Camp Brothers also presenting at other school ceremonies were; John Davis, Don Jameson, Steven Mathews, James Payne, and Walter Wood.

CONNECTICUT

Civil War Kid's Day Camp By Frank Niederwerfer

On Saturday April 29th 2017 a group of children were transported back in time 155 years to the recruitment camp of The Union Army. The Alden Skinner Camp #45 and 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Company G in conjunction with The Strong Family Farm Foundation sponsored their second annual Civil War Day Camp in Vernon Connecticut for Children 5-14 on the 200 year old farm. The Vernon area is where most of the men of Company D of The 14th Connecticut were recruited.

Thirty children made the trip back in time to experience a full day of Civil War related activities. The presentations involved hands on participation giving the children a chance to touch the life of a Civil War Soldier in 1862.

The activities during the day involved mustering in the soldier, roll call, medical demonstration, signal flag demonstration, camp life, drum calls, cooking, period church service, drill, manual of arms, mail call, pay call and a mock battle. Highlights from the presentations included tent setup competition, bedroll making, decoding signal flag movements and a game of town ball. The day concluded with General Lee and General Grant addressing and reviewing the troops.



The after action report showed that the day was a great success in the eyes of the children and their parents who were invited to stay and enjoy the day. The day ended with each child receiving an American flag with the hope they would honor all our veterans over the coming Memorial Day Commemoration.

Again thank you to The Strong Family Farm and all the volunteers who made this day happen. Huzzah for the Union.

FLORIDA

St. Cloud Celebrates their G.A.R. Hall

The once vital and active G. A. R. Memorial Hall has been largely forgotten and quiet over the past few years. A building that once had the second largest G. A. R. membership in the country had suffered from inevitable attrition but through good stewardship by the Masons and mostly the present owner (Dr. Woodrow Everett III of Richmond, Virginia), the building remains structurally sound and a new beginning is often thought of.

For now it sits quietly, locked and the G. A. R. initials over the door for most people passing by have no meaning. The memory of the old G.A.R. is being kept "green" in St. Cloud and recently a new opportunity to do our duty as Sons of Union Veterans presented itself in the form of a State of Florida program. Florida started encouraging local communities to dedicate historical



markers. The local Sons of Union Veterans L. L. Mitchell Camp decided this is something that should be funded and in the end donated \$1800 of the \$2200 cost.

On Friday evening May 19th, 2017. L. L. Mitchell Camp 4's color guard presented the colors. Camp Commander Michael Urell gave a speech that interpreted the meaning of that wonderful old building. Lovers of the old Hall and the old veterans were in attendance. This marker will interpret this grand old building and provoke people to learn more about that time in the past for many years in the future.

GEORGIA

On Memorial Day members of Elias Moon Camp #2, Department of Georgia and South Carolina, cleaned and reset the forgotten and leaning headstone of GAR member James B. Sprayberry in the Stone Mountain Cemetery. A GAR marker and US flag were also installed. Many individuals in the Department assisted in researching Sprayberry's history and that of his family, three of whom also served in the Union Army. The Camp was alerted to the Federal headstone by SCV member Tom Aderhold, second from the left in this photo.



James Sparyberry is the lone Federal headstone in the Stone Mountain Cemetery, surrounded by about 300 Confederate burials. Stone Mountain has been called the "temple of the Confederacy" and in it today there is at least one grave where Old Glory flies proudly. The Sprayberry family story puts ore in mind of these words from that old song: "Yes and there were Union men who wept with joyful tears, when they saw the honored flag they had not seen in years. Hardly could they be restrained from breaking forth in cheers, while we were marching through Georgia."



Georgia Department Commander David Beam and National DUVCW Junior Vice President Sarah Meyer presenting wreaths at the Memorial Day service at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia on May 29th.



Members of Ben Harrison Camp #356 and the 27th SVR participate in a Ceremony at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana Honoring General George F. McGinnis.

On March 26th, 2017, sisters of the Amanda Stokes Tent #1, DUVCW, assisted by Department President Sarah Meyer, attended the Eagle Scout of Honor ceremony for Gabriel Nelson Hawthorne. They had the opportunity to meet and talk with Gabriel's family and support system which played a large role in his success.

INDIANA

While working on our Grave Registration/Restoration project, brothers of the David D. Porter Camp #116 noticed the condition of the Luther Cemetery in Valparaiso, Indiana. We were amazed at the history of the stones. As beautiful as it is, there is much work to be done here not only for the Civil War Veterans graves, but that of the founding fathers of this county. The Camp came forth and decided to do something about this.



Ten members of the camp and several volunteers from the community came out to help in the efforts to clean and reset some headstones. There are but a handful of Civil War veterans in this cemetery compared to other cemeteries in our community, but as we can all agree upon, even one left unattended, means our organization is not doing enough.

We ended the day by placing new flags and markers on each of 17 Veteran's graves. We cleaned over 50 stones and reset 2. What a great day and way for us to show our respect and keep the memory of these Brave and Valliant Men alive for future generations.

KANSAS



"Old Abe" Camp #16, Topeka, Kansas, observed Memorial Day In the Topeka Cemetery with Boy Scouts raising the Flag, Trumpets and Drums performing the Star Spangled Banner and Taps. Three ROTC units from area high schools initiated the start of the program. Speches were given by City Councilman Tony Emerson and Dr. Andrew Huntoon a deceased Civil War Veteran buried in the cemetery came alive through an impersonation by Brother Hershel Stroud. 1200 Veterans are buried in the Topeka Cemetery.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Soldiers' Home Highway Marker Dedication, Harrods Creek, Kentucky

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, officers and members of the Department of Kentucky, SUVCW gathered in the hamlet of Harrods Creek in northern Jefferson County for the dedication of the highway marker commemorating the only soldiers home for Union veterans in the commonwealth, the Kentucky Soldiers' Home. The marker, provided by the Kentucky Historical Society, was placed not far from the original site of the building, which still stands. Many distinguished guests were present, including United States Congressman John Yarmuth and representatives from the Kentucky Historical Society, The Filson Historical Society, American Legion and the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865.



An invocation by SUVCW Patriotic Instructor Bob Orbach was followed by a welcome and introduction by Department Commander Bruce Fortin. Congressman Yarmuth then made a few remarks. The Dedication Address was by Memorials Officer Robert Jones. After the unveiling of the marker, members of Co. A, 1st Regiment Capital Guards SVR gave a musket volley to conclude the event. Guests were then able to tour the first floor and some of the extensive grounds.

MICHIGAN

On 29 May 2017, the Brothers from Robert Finch Camp #14 and the Sisters from Frances Finch Aux #9 came together to remember the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces at Veterans Memorial Park in Traverse City, MI.



Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145, the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67, Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR, and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Flushing Veterans Memorial!



NEBRASKA

Nebraska Department Encampment at Fremont on April 1. We had the honor of having Commander-in-Chief Don Martin at our encampment.



NEW JERSEY



Jim Halloran of General Phillip Kearny, Camp #20, at an Eagle Court Of Honor for Anthony G. Abramo of Troop 181, Wood-Ridge, NJ

On May 6, Brothers of the Colonel Louis R. Francine Camp # 7, Compatriots of the Private Meredith Pool Camp #1505 Sons of Confederate Veterans along with reenactors from the 12 Virginia Infantry met at Finns Point National Cemetery, located in Salem County New Jersey for a joint memorial service. Finns Point contains the remains of 2, 436 Confederate soldiers that died at nearby Fort Delaware, the remains of 136 Union soldiers that served as guards at the Fort, and is the place resting of service personal from the 1870 through today. This joint ceremony has be held by these three groups for more than 20 years.



A Special Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Saturday May 27, 2017 for former Brother David L. Woomer, who was a Korean War Veteran. Present for the Ceremony were (Left to right Brother Clark D. McCullough P.D.C. P.C.C. Camp Commander Michael Woomer, and Robert C. Meyer P.C.C.)



NEW YORK

First Lieutenant Bayard Wilkeson was the nineteen-year old commander of Battery G, 4th United States Artillery, on July 1, 1863 when he directed his men to maintain a steady fire on the Confederates from Barlow's Knoll. His Battery quickly came to the attention of the Confederate artillery battalions. Lieutenant Wilkeson was a noticeable target when an enemy shell mangled his right leg below the knee. Unconfirmed sources reported that he cut through the remaining pieces of flesh that kept his leg attached to his body, and then ordered his men to carry him to the nearby county poor house that became a makeshift hospital with wounded from both sides. Bayard was in great pain and eventually died from neglect as he bled to death.



Lieutenant Wilkeson's monument stands in the Wilkeson plot in Section K, Forest Lawn Cemetery, which includes the remains of his Grandfather, Samuel Wilkeson Sr., who was a founder and the Fifth Mayor of The City of Buffalo, his father, Samuel Wilkeson Jr., as well as other members of his family.

The Brothers of Weber Camp Number 44, assisted by members of the Weber Guard and the Union Volunteers Fife and Drum Corp, rededicated his monument on Saturday, May 27th. The grave side ceremony was adapted from a 1917 service used by the Grand Army of the Republic to dedicate a member's headstone.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Department commander Dennis St. Andres participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies at Raleigh National Cemetery on May 28, 2017, and presented a wreath in one of the Civil War Union soldier sections of the cemetery.



OHIO

On May 1, 2017, Henry Casey Camp No. 92 presented

the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Eagle Scout Certificate to nine young men at a Court of Honor held by Boy Scout Troop 999 in Harveysburg, Ohio.



The presentation was made by Henry Casey Camp Brother Mike Daugherty. The nine Eagle Scouts pictured are believed to be the largest number of Eagles to graduate together from the same troop in a very long time. They consistently engaged in service to their community and demonstrated reverence and loyalty to God and Country during their years in scouting. The Henry Casey Camp was proud to honor them for their accomplishments.

OKLAHOMA

The 16th Annual Encampment of the Oklahoma Department of the SUVCW was held on April 22, 2017, in Tulsa, with National Secretary Jonathan Davis as Installing Officer. Sisters of the Rachel Cormany #2 Auxiliary and the Sallie Peacheater Tent #18 of the DUVCW participated at the Encampment and in many other events throughout the previous year.



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PENNSYLVANIA

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speakers were Lloyd Smucker, member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District and Lancaster County Commissioner Craig E. Leaman. The event was sponsored jointly by George H. Thomas Camp 19, American Legion Post 34 and Flowers By Paulette, a local florist. The event was attended by about 200 local citizens. Following the

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SOUTHWEST



General R.H.G. Minty, Camp #2, Department of The Southwest, joined forces with the 1st New Mexico, Company B reenactors marching in the Tucson Estates Memorial Day Parade to honor those who gave their lives in service of our Country in Tucson, AZ. (L-R: R.D. McNally, CC & 1stNM; R. Haley, SVC; Mrs. S. McNally, 1stNM; R. McCord, PCC; B. Taber; A. Taber, CC Grand Daughter; L. Caldera, 1st NM; L. Tyree, 1st NM; D. Tyree, 1st NM).

TENNESSEE

Members of Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 and 10th Tenn U.S. Vols, SVR, dedicated the graves of two Union Soldiers. The grave stones of two Union soldiers, Jesse and G. W. Threat of Beaty's Tennessee U. S. Scouts had been long abandoned. The stones were lying against a tree in Overton County, Tennessee.



Members of Camp 64 reset the stones and the graves were rededicated on April 29th, 2017. Camp Commander David DuBrucq and Chaplain Tommy Philips presided over the ceremony. Members of the Threat family, descendents of the soldiers, attended the ceremony. A 21 Gun Salute was rendered by members of Camp 64 along with three cannon volleys by Phillips Independent Battery followed by the playing of taps. Flowers were placed on the Graves by the Julia Markham Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the Union and by descendents.

The Department of Tennessee held its 22nd Annual Encampment in Murfreesboro, TN, the location of the bloody 1862-1863 Battle of Stones River.



Department Commander Michael Downs recognized Mark Day, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW, representing the Commander-in-Chief.

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SVR GUIDON



4TH MILITARY DISTRICT - ARTILLERY SCHOOL

A School of the Piece, a muzzle-loading artillery safety qualification program for re-enactors and living historians, was held June 24, 2017, on the grounds of St. John's Lutheran Church in Beaufort, Missouri. The program is presented by the National Civil War Artillery Association and the 4th Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. A registration fee of \$20 per participant seeking qualification was required. This fee includes a two-year membership in the NCWAA.

NCWAA staff members were the instructors. The school involved both classroom and field-hands on work. Cannoneers successfully completing the course were issued a qualification card valid for two years.

Crews and guns from all muzzle-loading periods (Civil War and earlier) and serving under all flags were welcome and encouraged to attend. Reenactors who regularly serve artillery were urged to attend, and those who do not regularly serve artillery but who wish to extend their knowledge were also encouraged to participate.

Camping was permitted on site with signs posted with directions. Water, straw, firewood, and indoor sanitary facilities were also provided free. Nearby hotels were also available for participants.



A Friday evening meal, a Saturday breakfast, and a Saturday lunch were offered by the ladies of the church for a modest cost.

This has been a project of the 4th Military District for the past several years, rotating the location of the school between Wisconsin and Missouri. (editor's note – having attended a NCWAA school, the experience is well worth the time in learning how these pieces work and the drill involved to safely operate these larger weapons).



During the meeting, Department Commander Downs presented Certificates of Commendation to Brothers Sam Gant and David McReynolds for their participation in the Central Regions Association meeting held in Franklin, TN in 2016.

Recognition was also given to the Army of the Tennessee Camp No. 64 and Camp Commander David DuBrucq for the great job they had done in hosting the 2017 Encampment.

Elections were held for Department officers for the year 2017-18. David McReynolds of the Major William McTeer Camp No. 39 in Maryville, TN, was elected Department Commander.

During Commander Downs' tenure, the Department of Tennessee was recognized nationally with two Grant Cups (2015 and 2016) for the greatest percentage increase in membership year to year. The McTeer Camp No. 39 of Maryville received in 2015 the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award as the most outstanding Camp in the SUVCW as well as the Horace Greeley Award for the most outstanding web site. In 2016, the Sultana Camp No. 1 received the award for the most outstanding newsletter and Brother Doug Fidler of the McTeer Camp received the award as the most outstanding brother in the SUVCW.

The Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was honored to have received, for the second year in a row, an "Award of Distinction" from the East Tennessee Historical Society. The Award was presented to the Camp "for its 'Readmission Day 2106' event which celebrated the 150th anniversary of Tennessee's readmission to the Union. The event took place on July 24, 2016 on a sweltering July day at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville. More than 150 people took part.

Also for the second year in a row, Richard W. Holmes, Sr. Vice Commander and Graves Registration Officer was awarded a "Community History Award" also from the East Tennessee Historical Society.

WISCONSIN



Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 led a parade to nearby Civil War graves, where the Camp conducted their annual Memorial Day service.

David Howard and Auxiliary Chaplain Toni Howard attended the Greenfield High School Air Force Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony and Dinner.



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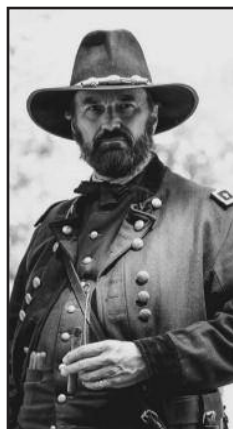
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THE SONS AND WORLD WAR I

As the nation and the world observe the centennial of the First World War, the *War to End All Wars*, this gives us an opportunity to see what the Sons of Veterans and its Auxiliary did to contribute to the war effort.

In the fall of 1917, then Commander-in-Chief Fred T. F. Johnson issued a personal letter to each camp in the Order. He explained that it was vital for the Sons of Veterans and its Auxiliary to support the American forces engaged in Europe. His call was for donations of funds to enable the Order to purchase Ford Model-T Ambulances. Fourteen ambulances were purchased with the \$26,426.00 that was raised by the summer of 1918. These were gratefully accepted by the War Department. It is not known how many lives these ambulances saved, but the Order can take pride in knowing that it was able to effectively support American soldiers and, ultimately, victory.



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