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## ***THE FORLORN HOPE — VICKSBURG, 1863***

*by Randal A. Burd, Jr., PDC*

*Back in Vicksburg, the town was surrounded  
With a battle line twelve miles long.  
U.S. Grant sought to conquer the city,  
But the rebel defenses were strong.  
An advance storming party was risky;  
They could possibly lose every man.  
But they must cross a ditch and climb over a wall  
Just to capture the Stockade Redan.*

*With extreme disregard for the danger,  
While exposed to a torrent of lead,  
The men carried their logs and their ladders  
and soon painted the path with their dead.  
The one hundred and fifty brave soldiers,  
All unmarried and all volunteers,  
Had advanced at a run to the sounds of cannon  
Firing shells that explode in their ears.*

*So from ten in the morning 'til darkness,  
They would fight the good fight 'til they fell.  
A majority there didn't make it;  
The remainder survived living Hell.  
The survivors were honored as heroes,  
Received medals almost to a man  
For extreme gallantry of the storming party  
At the fight for the Stockade Redan.*

**You will find an article about Corporal Henry Platt Pearsall and the other Medal of Honor winners from the "Forlorn Hope" in the December 31, 2018 issue of the Missouri Unionist.**

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**KUDOS:** Was there a sixth Allied Order? Stay Tuned to the Fall Issue for the answer !!

*On The Cover: Mark Heath, Austin Blair Camp #7 (Michigan) plays at Lincoln Death Day a few years ago. Photo by Cher Petrovic.*



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## FORMAL OPINIONS NATIONAL COUNSELOR SERIES 2018-2019

### OPINION I

Brother Dan Earl, PDC, National Legislation Officer, wrote to you asking for clarification and you have requested my opinion. Brother Earl stated:

“As you may recall, in 2011, the National Encampment granted authorization to the National Committee on Legislation (which I served on from 2000-2016) to establish an online account with popvox.com and govtrack.us for purposes of expressing the Order’s support for, or opposition to, specific legislation (see attached). In 2016 the Legislation Committee was disbanded and the National Legislation Officer position was created to replace it. I have held that position since it’s inception.

I’m writing you today to seek clarification on the transference of this support/opposition authorization to the National Legislation Officer. Since the Committee on Legislation was disbanded, and the duties transferred to the National Legislation Officer, does the authority to express the Order’s support for, or opposition to, specific legislation with the popvox and govtrack systems, extend to the National Legislation Officer?”

I have looked at both the 2011 Proceedings and the transcript of the 2016 Encampment (Proceedings not published yet). In 2016, the National Legislative Committee was indeed eliminated and replaced with the National Legislative Officer. The National Legislative Officer’s job description remained exactly the same as the National Legislative Committee.

Then, this is the motion from the 2011 Proceedings, which passed without amendment per sound of the gavel when no objection was heard:

“Steve Hammond, Department of Chesapeake

I’m Steve Hammond, Past Department Commander, standing for Brother Don Earl. The recommendation is that the National Encampment direct the National Committee on Legislation to establish an account under the name of the National Organization with popbox.com, which is a free online service that allows non-profit organizations, as well as individuals, to automatically and collectively communicate with members of Congress, their support for or opposition to Federal Legislation. Further, the Committee will be directed to submit the Order’s position on specific legislation along with additional comments as the National Encampment CofA and / or CinC deem appropriate.”

I believe the National Legislative Officer completely took over the duties of the National Legislation Committee by keeping the job description the same. I also see this program Brother Earl is talking about is free of charge. I also note in the 2011 motion and also in the 2016 change from Committee to Officer, he must obtain National Encampment, CofA and/or CinC approval before posting anything one way or the other in these accounts.

It is therefore my opinion, the National Legislative Officer assumed all of the duties of the former National Committee on Legislation, including establishing and maintaining an online account with popvox.com and govtrack.us for purposes of expressing the Order’s support for, or opposition to, specific legislation. Such support or opposition must be approved by a National Encampment, CofA or CinC before the National Legislative Officer may express any opinion on either of these communication vehicles or any successor thereto.

### OPINION II

Brother Bob Petrovic, PDC, Department of Missouri, on behalf of Missouri’s 2021 National Encampment Host Committee has evidently been told by persons unknown, a Department’s National Encampment Host Committee does not need specific permission of the Council of Administration to use protected symbols of the Order, such as the name, crest and badge, on items such as shirts, jackets, ties and other items to be used as fund raisers for the 2021 National Encampment.

The only mentions of a local host committee for a National Encampment concerns the sale of extra Encampment badges and second, the authority of the National Encampment Site Selection Committee in the absence of a local host committee.

This activity is governed by the National Organizations Policy on the Use of Badges, Emblems, Seals and Symbols, adopted by the Council of Administration on 17 April 2004. The relevant section for this opinion is Section 3 of that policy:

3. Departments and Camps may, photographically or through any generally available means, reproduce images of the badges, emblems and seals for the production of Department or Camp flags, letterhead, envelopes, newsletters, business cards and other material necessary for the conduct of their respective activities related to the purposes of the Order. This general authorization does not extend to any of the adopted and copyrighted forms, rituals,



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A fair reading of this section would indeed allow a Department's National Encampment Host committee to use the images of badges and emblems of the Order, EXCEPT anything that includes an embroidered badge, emblem or seal of the Order, including decals and other similar devices.

So to answer the question of brother Bob Petrovic, PDC, the Department's National Encampment Host committee may not produce and sell shirts, jackets, ties and other items to be used as fund raisers for the 2021 National Encampment if those items use the badges, emblems or seals of the Order.

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ADMINISTRATION MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2019  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

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

Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm on April 13, 2019 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the invocation given by National Chaplain Jerry Kowalski.

**1. National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire**

Webmaster supplied Treasurer will all Camps and Departments using space on the National server. All past due amounts are taken care of and all now all Camp and Department have their own platform for their websites.

**2. National Treasurer: David McReynolds**

Still working on written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan.

The Web Master reports he is not qualified to address this topic, nor is anyone on the committee. This is where consultants should be consulted. Matter has been referred to Programs and Policy committee.

**3. Commander-in-Chief Day**

The P&P is working on form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. Proposed change to National Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 developed and referred to C&R Committee for action.

**4. National Treasurer Additional Reporting**

501c3 status for the National Organization approved February 8, 2017. Once all Camps and Departments have complied with General Order 18 (2017-2018), will re-apply to IRS for Group Exemption, to extend 501c3 status to Departments and Camps.

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

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

**6. Engagement**

Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.). CinC to appoint CinC Committee, Bruce Frail will Chair. Marketing & Promotion Committee will evaluate results of surveys and report the effectiveness of the strategy.

7. SUVCW Form 49 (Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers) be updated to include the required office of Department GAR Records Officer. Note: A draft version of the modified fill-in Adobe Acrobat PDF form has been provided to the Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

**8. GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE**

Certificate was reviewed and approved by CofA. Referred to Program and Policy.

9. From PCinC Mark Day: That the Fraternal Relations Committee be allocated a small budget (\$500) that can be used to support its efforts and that the Fraternal Relations Committee job description be modified. Budget line item approved. Job description be sent to C&R Committee though P&P Committee, Passed

10. National Headquarters Special Committee. Charged with identifying all the financial aspects requirements, facilities requirements and staffing requirements that are necessary to establish a standalone Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National headquarters. Special committee is: Brother Kevin Tucker - Chair, PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy, Sr., Michael Paquette, and David McReynolds.

11. The CinC Appointed Communications and Technology Sub-Committee on technology needs at the National HQ. Pending a few items such as back up and access issues, this has been completed.

12. National Special Committee on Website redesign recommended authorizing up to \$500 above the \$5000 for the purpose of Phase I of the project – approved.

13. The CinC Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments be continued so that it can continue to work with the Allied Orders on Joint Encampment Agreements. Commander in Chief appointed PCinC Mark Day chair, PCinC Don Darby, Michael Paquette and Kevin Tucker.

14. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Brian Pierson, PDC recommends retiring form 60 as soon as practical in favor of form 3. Referred to P&P for action.

15. Discussed establishing a special National-level Special Committee responsible for providing training for elected and appointed officers at Department and Camp levels. It was determined to run this program through Memorial University.

16. National Committee on Graves Registration, Bruce D. Frail, PDC proposed offering admin accounts to some Sisters of the Allied Orders. Also discussed criteria for possible confederate soldiers to be included. We should openly market ourselves and our database to genealogical groups and societies. This was begun last year with our work with the National Archives and Records



Administration and should be expanded on

in the coming years. We should add advertisement banners to some of our database pages, i.e. search page and results page. These banners would be controlled by the SUVCW and the income from them would go to the upkeep of the database.

17. National Special Committee on Strategic Development, David McReynolds, PCC

The committee was authorized by the CoA to move forward to write a suitable case statement to support the initial phases of fundraising for the SUVCW. Secondly, the Treasurer to contract with a company that will allow the SUVCW to collect online donations by check, credit card or PayPal. Further, the Webmaster would be authorized to work with the Treasurer in setting up the online giving page. Also a presentation to be made at the Annual Encampment that would include a challenge to get 1,000 Brothers to commit to give just \$15 per month for three years.

18. Department of Vermont, Dennis J. Devereux, DC. Due to legal issues there, requested up to \$500 to the Commander-in-Chief to consult with Vermont attorney and authority to act without seeking additional approval – passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

1) Ed Krieser requested an additional form to be submitted to the National Chaplain on the death of a brother. ACTION: Motion by Brother Michael Paquette that form provided by PCinC Krieser be referred to the P&P Committee for review, seconded by Brother Bruce Frail. Passed.

2) Ken Freshley requested approval for the production of jackets beyond the 2019 National Encampment. This will be addressed by the Electronic Boardroom as presentation still lacks a few small items.



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Physical communal displays like monuments are impressive representations of our patriotism, serving to remind us of the sacrifices made for the principles on which our nation is founded. Their continuing presence over decades, however, can reduce their effectiveness for the local population who take them for granted, even though visitors may travel great distances to pay their respects. Immovable and often expensive, these stone and metal objects usually are erected at locations with some historical significance.

However, each of us has the means to provide our own symbol of patriotism without great expense and at any location. Citizens of the nation pledge allegiance to the flag "and to the republic for which it stands" routinely in public gatherings. Our flag is an important part of every meeting of our order.

Our nation's flag, a symbol of patriotism wherever it flies, must receive proper respect, as prescribed by law (4 US Code, Chapter 1) and the regulations of our order. It is illegal to use the flag for commercial advertising and improper to behave in any disrespectful manner toward this banner representing our Union. Flags that are damaged or soiled should be disposed of as required, a solemn ceremony where they are purified by fire.

Brothers, let us show by example the importance of this most widespread tangible symbol of our nation, ensuring that each of us knows and practices the proper respect to our banner.

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## MARGARET ATKINSON, PNP 75 YEARS A MEMBER OF ASUVCW

On Saturday, April 13, 2019 the Sisters and Brothers of Anna M. Ross, Auxiliary & Camp in Philadelphia honored Sister Margaret for her 75 years as a member of the Auxiliary. We had a luncheon for her and a remembrance of Appomattox at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA. Margaret's three children and their spouses and some grandchildren were in attendance.



Seven Past National Presidents and many Sisters and Brothers were also in attendance. Margaret gave us a synopsis of her years in the Auxiliary. Many people sent in their memories and we presented Margaret with a book of these wonderful thoughts and tributes. The National Auxiliary presented Margaret with diamond earrings to honor her 75 years. The following day Margaret was able to celebrate her 91st Birthday with her family. Margaret's husband Elmer was Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW in 1992-1993 and was National Quartermaster for several years.

If you would like to send Margaret a card or greeting her address is; Margaret Atkinson, PNP c/o Paul's Run, 9896 Bustleton Ave., Phila., PA 19115 Room 141H.

We in the Allied Orders are truly blessed to have Margaret's wisdom, understanding and friendship. Huzzah, Margaret Atkinson, PNP!







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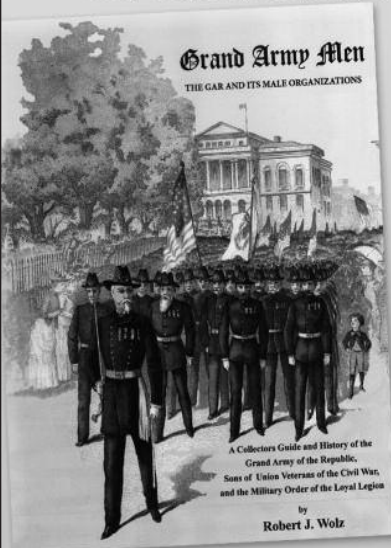
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Many thoughts crossed my mind as I prepared for my final submission as National Chaplain to The Banner. Moral Relativism was high on the list. Since there are no absolutes, whatever anyone does is perfectly all right. The morality of the 1860s is finished - it is perfectly all right for men to attend Sunday Church Service in attire appropriate for the beach. But doing such a piece would not be a good exit strategy, because we probably have Brothers who think it's perfectly all right to go to Church in shorts. Many Brothers probably think it is no big deal - not to attend Church at all. So I won't go there.

Instead I will talk about the importance of PRAYER.

Jesus said that whatever we ask of the Father, in Jesus' Name will be given us. Do we really believe this, or is it just something we have heard over and over, and take for granted. Many Brothers and Sisters prayed for me during my recent illnesses - I am recovering. In my case, prayers definitely worked.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
*Chaplain Jerry*

### 63RD ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

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**CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC**

Bodie Crowder, 11 year old junior member of the General Stoneman Camp 18 organized and hosted the 2019 Southwest Civil War Symposium on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the ESRI Café in Redlands, California, that entertained approximately 50 attendees. Lunch was included with registration for this all day conference. Brother Bodie gave a 35 minute lecture on the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Four other speakers included authors, historians and the director of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine & Museum in Redlands. Brother Bodie says that the conference went so well that he is already organizing the 2020 symposium and he would love to see you there.

**CHESAPEAKE**

Brothers from James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 were out in force over Memorial Day weekend. This included leading Memorial Day services at the Lansdowne Christian Church in Baltimore County and a commemoration at Reisterstown Community Cemetery where they conducted a solemn public wreath-laying ceremony. A large crowd including Maryland's Speaker of the House, Adrienne A. Jones, assisted Brothers with strewing flowers on flag-marked graves at the conclusion of the program.



Nearly fifty Brothers and Sisters gathered in historic Ellicott City, MD on May 3rd and 4th to attend the 132nd Annual Encampment of the Department of the Chesapeake. Held for the second consecutive year at Turf Valley Resort, the two-day event brought together Brothers and Sisters from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, DC. The Department was

pleased to welcome as special guests National Auxiliary President Denise Oman and Commander-in-Chief Donald W. Shaw.

**COLORADO / WYOMING**

Honoring heroes:

Garry and Barbara Brewer knew the veterans monument in Orchard Mesa Cemetery was in bad shape and needed to be refurbished. The top part of the monument was so fragile that anyone could have come out and tipped it over. It was no longer attached at the base. The Brewers are part of the Veterans Monument Committee and helped spearhead the effort to refurbish the Orchard Mesa Veterans Monument in time for Memorial Day. The monument was dedicated to Civil War and World War I veterans 84 years ago, and the newly refurbished monument also honors two specific veterans — former Grand Junction residents Charles W. Rundle (Civil War Medal of Honor winner) and Harold Aupperle, American Red Cross member who died of typhus in Serbia in 1919 and received the Military Order of the White Eagle, Serbia's highest honor. *Originally in the Daily Sentinel, Grand Junction, Colorado. Author Katie Langford – used with permission. (edited for space)*



The Thomas D. Osborne Camp No. 43 presented the Order's JROTC medal to Cadet Devon Rosas of Borah High School in Boise, Idaho.

**FLORIDA**

The Department of Florida met in Department Encampment in St. Cloud, Florida. National Treasurer David McReynolds represented the Commander-in-Chief.



They visited Mt. Peace Cemetery in soldier colony, St Cloud, where 427 Union army veterans are buried.



The L.L. Mitchell Camp of St. Cloud provided the honor guard at the dedication of a Florida Historical Marker at Hunter Arms Hotel in St. Cloud, Florida.



## GEORGIA

Brothers McGilvray (left) and Wozniak (right) visit shut-in Georgia-South Carolina PDC Ted Golab. Brother Golab was wounded at he Siege of Khe Sahn while in the Marines and went on to a successful law enforcement career before his leadership work with the SUVCW in Georgia.



## ILLINOIS



The Department of Illinois participated in Northwestern University's NROTC Program for the first time. The award was given to MIDN 2/c Patrick Miller.



Geo A. Custer Camp #1 attended ceremonies at the Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago. Brothers of Camp #1 replaced 228 headstones twenty-six years ago, becoming the first Camp to receive the Commander-in-Chief Camp of the Year 1993/94. Old Glory Camp 6165, Chicago conducted ceremonies and presented a new American flag to the Union Ridge Cemetery director.



Our two metropolitan Chicago camps met for a social event featuring a luncheon and guest speaker. Nick Kaup is Commander of Custer Camp #1 and his son Jeff Kaup is Secretary of Old Glory Camp #6165 in Chicago.

## KANSAS

Kansas "Old Abe" Camp 16 held its annual Memorial program at the GAR section of the Topeka Cemetery. Participants included area ROTC units, Boy Scouts, musicians, guest speakers Herschel and Jaque Stroud and Kansas Congressman Steve Watkins.





**KENTUCKY**

Pvt Thomas W Townsend stone dedication ceremony was held on 14 April 2019 at 1PM. There were 17 Family members from North Carolina, Georgia and Kentucky present. Brothers from the Fort Duffield Camp 1, SGT EP Marrs Camp 5, Nelson Garfield Camp 3 and SVR members worked together on a successful ceremony. After the third try a Stone without damage was finally set just two weeks before the ceremony. Pvt Thomas W Townsend was a member of Company A, 6 Tennessee Infantry (US). Photo by Gaye Clark



Officers and brothers of the Department of Kentucky SUVCW and SVR held a ceremony on Oct. 27, 2018 in Maysville, Ky., to celebrate the addition of the Maysville G.A.R. Monument to the National Register of Historic Places. The 42-foot monument, funded and dedicated in 1887 by veterans of the 16th Kentucky Vol. Inf., is the second tallest Civil War monument in Kentucky dedicated to the common soldier, but had been overlooked in a state-wide survey in the 1990s. Special guests included Maysville Mayor David Cartmell and Dept. of Ohio Commander Kerry Langdon and SVR 3rd Mil District Shane Milburn. Descendants of Maysville native Major General William "Bull" Nelson also attended.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

General Frederick W. Lander Camp No. 5 hosted guided tours and a speaker series at the Lynn G.A.R. Museum in Lynn, Massachusetts, as part of Massachusetts Arts Week. The museum is the former General Frederick W. Lander Post No. 5 Grand Army of the Republic Hall, and includes numerous Civil War and G.A.R. exhibits. On Tuesday, April 30th, some 100 students from Lynn Classical High School toured the museum and attended lectures by guest speakers presenting a variety of Civil War and G.A.R. related topics.

**MICHIGAN**

The Department of Michigan was well represented at the Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois on April 13th. Company A, 14th Michigan, SVR, Captain Dean Lamphere commanding, led the Combined Military Detail for the ceremony. Following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies the contingent traveled to Petersburg, Illinois to perform memorial services at the Dr. Stephenson Memorial.



On May 26, 2019 Members of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 were joined by members of Austin Blair Camp 7, The Auxillary to Austin Blair Camp 7, Gilluly-Kingsley Camp 120, and Russell A. Alger Camp 462, to commemorate the Boys in Blue at Mt Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI.



The General I. B. Richardson Camp 2 was heavily involved in the Memorial Day service in the City of Birmingham, Michigan. Birmingham has held a Memorial Day service annually since the creation of the Oakland County Civil War Monument in 1869.





## MISSOURI

On May 19, US Grant Camp 68, St. Louis inducted Gerhard Helmut Ewig of Gruendau, Germany, into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Gerhard reenacts US Civil War in Germany and speaks no English, so the ceremony was conducted in German. Brother Gerhard is in uniform.



The Major Francis Wilhelmi Camp #17 Department of Missouri donated a check to the Friends of Fort Davidson in memory of Josephine Dunakey, mother of Senior Vice-Commander Gary Dunakey and in memory of Brother Donald Calvin, a charter member of the Camp.



## NEBRASKA

On April 26, the annual Naval Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony occurred at Papillion-La Vista South High School in Papillion, NE. The SUVCW Award was presented to Cadet ENS Dylan Obenschain. The Papillion-La Vista South ROTC Program is the only Naval JROTC in Nebraska.



On Saturday April 27, 2019, the Department of Nebraska held their 19th annual Department Encampment in Wisner, Nebraska. National Secretary Jonathan C. Davis represented the Commander in Chief.



## NEW JERSEY

General Phillip Kearny, Camp #20, SUVCW presented the Eagle Scout awards to Alexander Landzettel, of Troop 166, Rutherford, NJ; Eagle Scout Quinn Battaglia of Troop 109 at St Matthew the Apostle Church in Randolph, NJ; and Eagle Scouts Aidan R Straut and Christopher J Lange, Troop 54 at the Methodist Church in Succasunna, NJ.



## NORTH CAROLINA

On Memorial Day 2019, Brothers from Maj. Gen. George Stoneman Camp 6 and Gibbon-Burke Camp 2 joined together for their long tradition of performing a service at the Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina. Men who died at the Salisbury Confederate Prison during the Civil War were taken for burial to a site one quarter of a mile southwest of the prison.



Due to the escalating number of deaths by October 1864, a mass grave system of burial was necessary. Eighteen 240 feet trenches were used to bury an estimated 5,000 prisoners of war. In 1866, Union dead from Charlotte, Lexington, Morganton and other North Carolina locations were also reinterred at this site. The Salisbury National Cemetery was established in 1870, and monuments from the Federal government and the States of Pennsylvania and Maine were erected to

remember those who died at the Salisbury Confederate Prison.

## OHIO

Henry Casey Camp 92 presents Eagle Scout certificates to Branden Calvert, and James Riehle (right) during their Eagle Scout Court of Honor.



## OKLAHOMA

Brothers of the Indian Nations Camp #3 and Sisters of the Rachel Cormany #2 Auxiliary conducted a Memorial Day Ceremony at the G.A.R. Monument at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 27, 2019.



Brothers of Jeremiah Smith Camp #1 were honored to participate in a Memorial Day Ceremony held by the Sisters of the Sallie Peacheater #18 Tent of the DUVCW at the Oklahoma Veterans' Cemetery in Oklahoma City on May 27, 2019. A major part of that ceremony was the dedication of a cemetery marker for Sgt. Monroe Kennedy of the 12th Infantry Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, Tennessee. Members of the Oklahoma National Guard assisted with the ceremony. Pictured are Sgt. Kennedy's descendants participating in the ceremony including Jeffrey Kennedy, Junior Vice Department Commander.



## PENNSYLVANIA

On May 18, 2019, John T. Crawford Camp #43, Pennsylvania Department, hosted a Veterans Spaghetti Dinner on Armed Forces Day at the First United Methodist Church Covenant Center in Kittanning, PA. Any veteran and a guest were invited but no one was turned away. Veterans from the Armstrong County Mechling Shakley Veterans Center were in attendance along with a Navy veteran who served on the battleship USS Iowa. About 60 people were served.



The Brothers of the John T. Crawford Camp #43 and the Davis \* Camp, participated in Memorial Day 2019, by attending a Church Service on Sunday, May 26 at Wattersonville, PA. On Monday, May 27, the Camp began the day with a memorial service at Kittanning Cemetery. Following this service, the Brothers marched in the Kittanning Memorial Day Parade. The parade was lined five spectators deep at some points. The parade ended the march at the Kittanning Riverfront Park Amphitheater, where the award-winning Kittanning Firemen's Band performed several patriotic selections. Camp #43 SUVCW handled the Firing Squad details at both services. Both services and the parade, were organized by Camp #43.



On Sunday, May 5, 2019 Members of Isaac Eaton Camp #504 attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Reed Snyder Bell, Troop 82 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Tionesta, PA.





## RHODE ISLAND

From March 24, 2018 - March 24, 2019, the Department of Rhode Island held a year-long commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Chartering of the Rhode Island Department, Grand Army of the Republic. Among the many public events and appearances that the Department and the various Camps conducted were five ceremonies, the dedication of “Last Soldier” markers at the grave of the last Union veteran buried in each county of the Ocean State. It was a great deal of time and effort to research the identity of each soldier and to plan the ceremonies to fall within the sesquicentennial of the RIGAR.



The Department of Rhode Island held its 10th Annual Awards Dinner in April 2019 on the evening preceding the Department’s Annual Encampment. The Department presented two Exemplary Display of the Flag Certificates to the South Kingstown Elks Lodge #1899 and to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. The Department’s Stephen H. Kettle Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Ms. Kat Boots (pictured) of the Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy for her tireless efforts above and beyond the call of duty to restore and bring attention to the 1871 Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Providence.



The 135th Annual Encampment took place at the historic Benefit Street Arsenal in Providence, the home of the Providence Marine Corps of Artillery and the meeting place of several GAR Posts and the RIGAR.

## SOUTHWEST

Memorial weekend was a busy time for General RHG Minty Camp #2. Saturday morning saw members out early at the GAR section of the Evergreen Cemetery of Tucson placing flags on the graves of Civil War veterans. The second event for the Camp was Monday morning at

Tucson Estates for the Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our great country. Minty Camp was also joined by members of the 1st New Mexico, Company B in marching in the parade to honor our Civil War ancestors.



Despite the best efforts of our Department of the Southwest Monument Committee to get a bill introduced in the 2019 Arizona Legislature authorizing the placement of a memorial to Union soldiers of the California Column at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix, the apparent fear of stoking any controversy regarding the existing Confederate monuments in the state is having a stifling effect. The committee will continue in its efforts to get a memorial to the Union soldiers who protected the territory of Arizona during the Civil War—they deserve it!

## TENNESSEE

On May 25th, Dr. Jack Dwyer, Commander, Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 was the guest speaker at the USS Tecumseh Memorial Wreath Ceremony at Ft. Morgan. During the opening of the Battle of Mobile Bay on August 5, 1864, the USS Tecumseh hit a confederate mine and went down within two minutes taking 93 Union sailors, including the ship’s captain, to their deaths. The ship capsized and rests upside down northwest of Fort Morgan—the 93 sailors are entombed in the ship.



Major General James H. Wilson Camp #1 (SUVCW) and the Colonel Christopher C. Pegues Camp (SCV) joined together with the placement of a historical marker at the Ebenezer Baptist Church cemetery in Stanton, Alabama, containing the names of 12 Union soldiers who died in the Battle of Ebenezer Church on April 1, 1865.

Their remains were later dug up and eight moved to the national cemetery in Marietta, Georgia with the remaining four sent home. The historical marker is located a couple of hundred yards from the place of their heroic sacrifice—the battlefield where the 17th Indiana

(Mounted) Cavalry made a saber charge followed by hand to hand combat with Lt. Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest and his forces. The ladies of the church provided a luncheon for over 100 people who attended the ceremony and dedication.



## TEXAS



The General James J. Byrne Camp #1 held its annual Memorial Day Observance on May 27th at historic Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth at the GAR and Women's Relief Corps monument. The program included a salute by a battery of mountain howitzers, representing the 4th U.S. Cavalry's artillery section. The battery was manned by Venturing Crew 1872, Longhorn Council, BSA and commanded by PDC Captain Beau Moore. The event was covered by two local TV stations and was well attended by citizens.



## VERMONT

On May 18, 2019, the Department of Vermont held its 134th annual Encampment in Milton. As a show of support by their Brothers for their accomplishments during the past year, the incumbent Department Officers were all reelected. Vermonters may be fewer in number than some larger Departments, but its brothers are as committed and tireless in fulfilling the mission of our

Order as any Department in the Order. Most Brothers are involved one or more of their own projects, as well as collaborating on other Brother's projects within the Department, from the restoration of historic buildings to the placing of historic plaques and markers around the state.



## WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 and Auxiliary 4, joined by Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 conducted a Memorial Day commemoration for the 92nd straight year at Milwaukee's historic Calvary Cemetery. The event, featuring a Mass led by Roman Catholic Archbishop Jerome Listekci drew about 400 to 500 patriots of all ages.



In mid-May, the Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 in Wind Lake dedicated markers honoring the last Civil War soldiers buried in three Wisconsin counties, part of the camp's campaign to place markers in all of the state's 72 counties by the end of the year. So far Camp #15, helped by other SUVCW camps in Wisconsin, has dedicated Last Soldier Markers in a third of Wisconsin's counties. Auxiliary National President Denise Oman placed a wreath on the graves as Camp #15's Honor Guard fired a three-volley musket salute after reading the funeral ritual of the SUVCW.

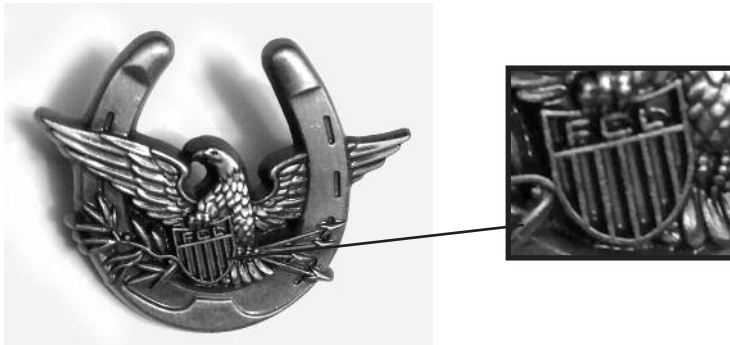




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The SUVCW has eight more brothers over 95 years of age:

**Robert Lewis Smith**, Winfield Scott Whitehurst Camp #1 (Florida), 99 years old  
**Marvin G. Welstead**, James P Welstead Camp #3 (Nebraska), 98 years old  
**John Edward Coulahan**, Gen R H G Minty Camp #2 (Southwest), 97 years old  
**Robert Livingston Dodge**, Sgt William Pittenger Camp #21 (California) 97 years old  
**Snavely A. James**, Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 (Indiana) 96 years old  
**Earl Coen**, John S. Townsend Camp #108 (Ohio) 96 years old  
**Paul R. Eveland**, James P Welstead Camp #3 (Nebraska), 96 years old  
**Harold E. Goss**, Franklin Camp #5 (Kansas), 96 years old.

## FINAL MUSTER

In the mid sixteenth century John Bradford said, "There but got the grace of God go I."

As we look at the list of the Brothers who have gone home, we are grateful that we are still here and enjoying life. However, all of us know that someday our name will appear on this page. Are you ready? Are you living your life in such a way - by treating others the way you want to be treated - that you know for sure that you will be mourned, missed and celebrated?

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*Chaplain Jerry*

**Randall Charles Eckley**  
David D. Porter Camp #116 (Indiana)  
3/11/2019

**Robert B Elliott**  
The Legion of the West Camp #7  
(Colorado/Wyoming)  
4/6/2019

**Perry A Denham - Life Member**  
Elisha Dyer Camp #7 (Rhode Island)  
10/13/2018

**Don Kusser, PCC**  
Gen George L. Hartsuff Camp #50  
(Massachusetts)  
6/8/2018

**David Judson Bahn**  
MG John A Logan Camp #9 (Florida)  
4/19/2019

**Thomas Webb McMaster**  
Picacho Peak Camp #1 (Southwest)  
12/27/2018

**Charles Denver Baker**  
Sgt. Elijah P Marrs Camp #5 (Kentucky)  
3/22/2019

**Robert William Scholle**  
Ohio Member at Large  
10/5/2018

**Albert Cornelius Hardy Jr.**  
William Tecumseh Sherman Camp #28  
(California/Pacific)  
4/24/2019

**Perry D Marks, PCC**  
Westport Camp #64 (Missouri)  
8/10/2018

**Richard Lynn Fork**  
Capt Francis E Warren Camp #44  
(Colorado/Wyoming)  
5/16/2018

**Paul R Eveland**  
James P Welstead Camp #3 (Nebraska)  
5/11/2019

**Charles L Christian, PCC**  
Col Emer Elsworth Camp #23  
(California/Pacific)  
1/24/2019

**Gene C Armistead, PDC**  
Sgt. William Pettenger Camp #21  
(California/Pacific)  
2/16/2019

**Russell G Hurd**  
Joshua L Chamberlain Camp #20 (Chesapeake)  
8/26/2018

**John H Vandegriff**  
Lincoln-Cushing Washington DC Camp #2  
(Chesapeake)  
1/29/2019

**Larry David Anderson**  
Lincoln-Cushing Washington DC Camp #2  
(Chesapeake)  
date of death unknown

**Roy L Clement Jr**  
Abraham Lincoln Camp #6 (New York)  
9/8/2018

**Clifford F Owen**  
Henry E Plant Camp #3 (Michigan)  
3/5/2019



# COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

## A CLOSER LOOK...

Seventy years ago on August 28 to September 1, the Grand Army of the Republic held their final encampment. Keepsakes worthy of your collection would include First Day Covers with the GAR postage stamp. Badges from the Allied Orders and the GAR. Beware the GAR Final Encampment badge was offered to all attendees at a cost of \$1.50 so over a thousand were issued. Photos like these and the proceedings of each order.

As stated in the last Banner, only 6 of the last 16 members were physically able to attend. On Sunday, a joint memorial session was held with the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Each of the Allied Orders held their own business sessions. The Grand Army voted to present the flags and seal to the Smithsonian, their records to the Library of Congress and the final resolution as long as one member existed the Grand Army would continue. Theodore Pentland was Commander-in-Chief; Charles Chappel was elected Senior Vice Commander. He died just two weeks later on September 19, 1949. Albert Woolson who had been a drummer was elected to replace Comrade Chappel.

James Hard was elected Junior Vice Commander. Comrade Hard had the distinction of being the oldest combat veteran in the US at the time of the final encampment. He had served from May 1861 to June 1863. The others while being veterans had not served in battle.

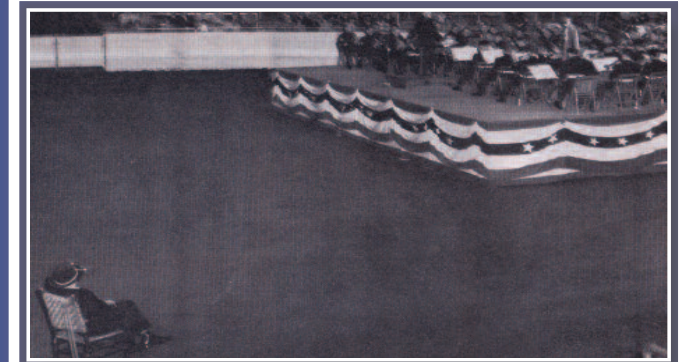
Joseph Clovese was the last black member of the GAR. He had been born a slave, ran away, becoming a drummer boy for Co C, 65th USCT. After the war, he spent 20 years trying to locate his mother. He cared for her until she died at age 90. He lived until he was 105.

Robert Barrett was the last Civil War veteran from Kentucky and he served from August 1864 until September 1865. His Dad had served with George Washington. His 3 sons in the Spanish American War, a grandson in World War I and a great grandson in WWII.

These were truly grand army men!



*Last Encampment 6 Attendees*

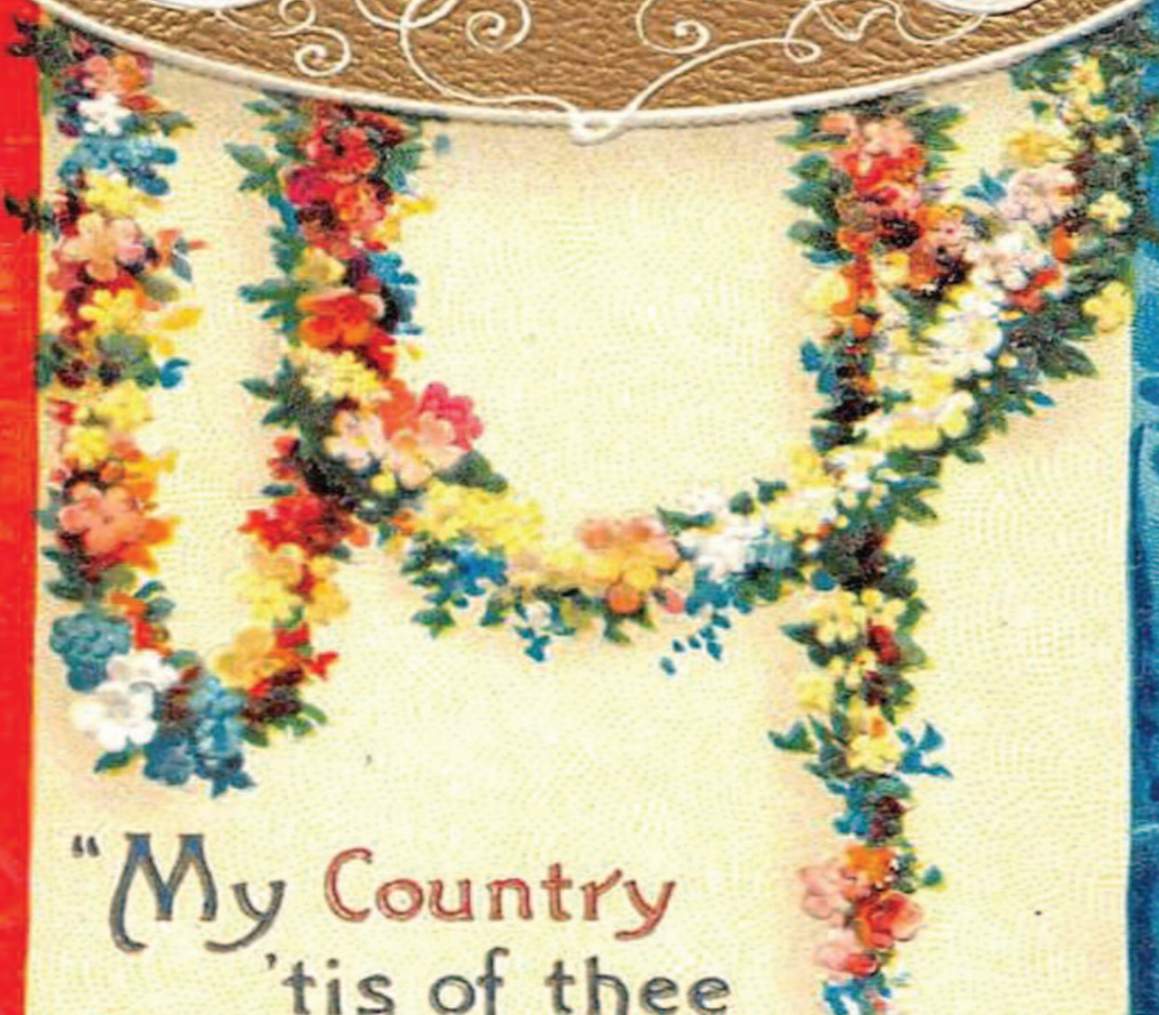


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