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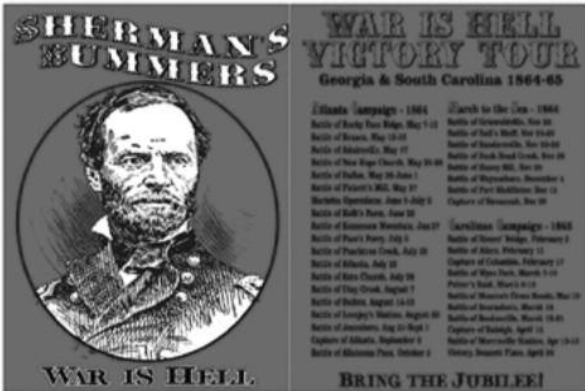
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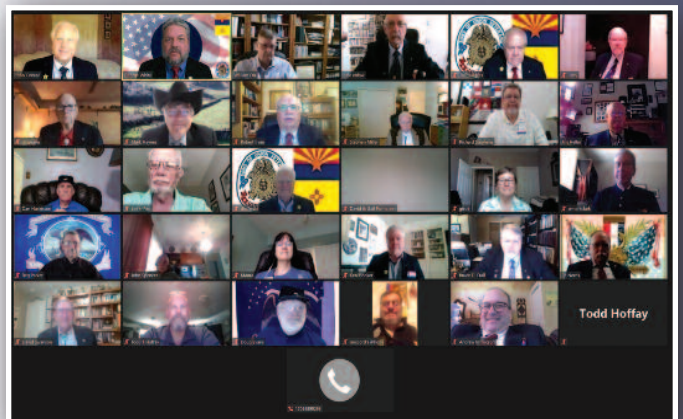
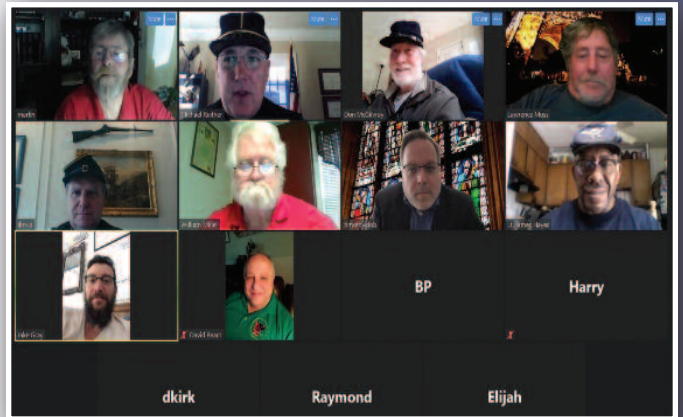
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On The Cover: CinC Ed Norris showing off his mask during the Covid-19 pandemic.

KUDOS: To all the Brothers of the Order who took advantage of interactive video technology to continue the work of the Order.



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

GENERAL ORDER #19

Deadline for scholarship application extended

GENERAL ORDER #20

Revokes Charter of Abe Lincoln Camp #2, Department of Missouri

GENERAL ORDER #21

Exempts two Camps from provisions of General Order 17.

GENERAL ORDER #22

Allows Camps and Departments to hold electronic based meetings or provide electronic participation, expiring August 15, 2020

GENERAL ORDER #23

A Department's National Encampment Host Committee considered a sub-committee of the National Encampment Site Selection Committee.

GENERAL ORDER #24

Memorial Day

GENERAL ORDER #25

Announces passing of Past National President Ora R. Moitoso, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GENERAL ORDER #26

Announces passing of Real Daughter Irene Triplett, the last federally pensioned dependent of a Civil War veteran

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
MAY 2, 2020**

MEETING WAS VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

(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 Edward J. Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00am on May 2, 2020 via interactive video technology. 23 brothers were able to participate.

1. Written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan. Finalizing for CofA consideration.
2. Form 50. Will require C&R review for potential changes in National Regulations.
3. National Treasurer previously authorized to re-file application to IRS to extent 501c3 status to Camps and Departments. Tabled until Treasurer able to actually file application and receive reply.
4. The Fraternal Relations Committee was allocated a small budget of \$500 to be used to support itself. The addition was referred to P&P Committee for modification of job description and then to C&R.
5. Committee for National Headquarters. Committee will be re-established.
6. Cinch Appointed Committee on the Allied Orders and National Encampments was continued.
7. Once revisions to Form 3 are adopted, Form 60 will be discontinued.
8. National Committee on Promotion and Marketing to



work on marketing the SUVCW and our Graves Registration database to genealogical groups and societies.

Also, Committee on Technology to work with Committee on Graves Registration to add advertisement banners for some of our database pages, so as to help pay for the upkeep of the database.

Committee on Program and Policy will examine creating and marketing a line of lineage items which can be personalized and sold thru a database web store. These items not to interfere with the Quartermaster or the Charitable Foundation.

9. National Special Committee on Strategic Development authorized to produce a presentation for the next National Encampment to challenge brothers to give \$15.00 a month for a three year period. If 1,000 brothers participate, this will yield \$540,000. The CofA will review the presentation before it is made at the National Encampment.



10. The next National Encampment needs to establish an end date for the Special Committee on Monument Protection. Brother Ben Jones of the Department of Tennessee was added to the committee.

11. P&P committee studying possible development of policy with respect to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly election officer.

12. C&R is studying recommendation from the Executive Director to have all Camps and Departments appoint Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer as part of a continuity plan.

13. The current policy of the U.S. Army is to not to consider any further recommendations for the Medal of Honor for the Civil War period. Recommended by the previous Patriotic Instructor for the CinC to write a letter, asking that Civil War period recommendations again be considered. CinC is considering this.

14. National Chaplain Preble recommended two awards are added to the Awards and Recognition Policy:

The Chaplain William Corby National Chaplain Award - This award may be awarded by the National Commander; and The Jerome W. Kowalski Chaplain Award, to be

awarded by a Department Commander. Referred to P&P committee.

15. P&P Committee reformatting for 49 and updating form 50.

16. CinC asked C&R committee to examine discrepancy between number of Brothers required for a new Camp to be Chartered and the number required to continue a Camp that is in danger of being closed.

17. P&P Committee studying suggestion for the JVCinC to grant membership and issue cards to applicants seeking membership via the online application process. Their recommendation to be sent to C&R.

18. CinC to issue a G.O. that makes a Department Host Committee a Special National Committee pending changes to C&R at next National. CofA voted against motion to allow subordinates with a specific need for fund raising to apply to the IRS on their own for 501c3 status.

19. National looking to construct a database for data from the National Civil War Memorials Officer.

20. National Signals Officer working on making the G.A.R. Records like more accessible from the website main page.

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PERPETUATING THEIR MEMORY

By PCinC Steve Michaels



U.S.6, the Grand Army Highway coincidentally runs east and west through Sheffield Lake, a community of 4,000 people, about a half hour west of Cleveland on Lake Erie. It wasn't long before we found the sign, "103rd O.V.I., Private Property." We were not deterred. The place was packed. I walked up to two young people and inquired if the museum was open. One of the two, Kim Leitch replied that it wasn't. "Camp Week" was wrapping up and the closing ceremony was minutes away.

For a week in August each year, descendants of the 103rd OVI come from all over the country to reconnect, learn about their common history, enjoy family activities and entertainment, and eat together, as their Union ancestors did. Some stay in hotels, others either inherit or lease a cottage on the 4 ½ acre land parcel, and others stay in campers.

The property has two rows of cottages to the east and a long community building, "Casement Hall," along the lake. Each cottage is either passed down through the family of the original soldier who owned it or sold to the descendant of another 103rd OVI soldier. After answering some of my questions, Kim invited me to take a look at her cottage. As we approached, her mother Diana came out and invited me in. She and her husband, Jim, were cleaning up before the impending closing ceremony. Because Diana's ancestor had been killed during his service with the 103rd, he was not with the unit when it incorporated and established a permanent reunion site here in 1907. There was no dwelling lease to inherit, so she recently leased one of 28 homes on the site...and one of two not winterized.

The two-story wood frame cottage was uninsulated. Inside, the dark wood added to the coziness of the furnishings. Quilts adorned the beds in the upstairs bunkroom. One could see the new electrical conduits and PVC piping that Diana had installed, first steps towards updating the small building.

The bugle sounded the final call and everyone made their way to the deck on the north side of the community building. Closing remarks were made by Deb and Kim Wagner, co-presidents of the Sons & Daughters, who had organized this year's Camp Week. All were encouraged to add to "their page," obviously a reference to continue this year's reunion theme, "Where the story begins..." with each member's family story.

The singing of "Til We Meet Again" and the retrieval of the battalion sized U.S. Flag marked the end of Camp Week 2019. As we departed, we met Deb Wagner, who invited us back to visit the museum someday and Nancy Yahraus, editor of the 103rd's "Assembly Call" and knew some local SUVCW brothers who had patronized the 103rd's pancake breakfast fundraisers.

Perpetuating their memory. How appropriate as we transitioned from our National Encampments to the long trip home.

**Today, the 103rd OVI is made up three entities: The Company, which oversees acquiring, leasing, owning, operating and maintaining the grounds, the not-for-profit 103rd OVI Memorial Foundation, which manages and curates the 103rd OVI Library & Museum and awards an annual scholarship, and the Sons & Daughters of the 103rd, responsible for organizing and coordinating the annual reunion. Read more at 103rdOVI.com*

Everyone stood with hands over their hearts, sang the National Anthem and watched as the U.S. Flag was escorted from sight. Thus ended the gathering of souls joined together by a common Civil War Union ancestry.

When I ran into Brother Peter Hritsko and his wife, Judy, in the hallway during the 2019 National Encampment, he enthusiastically rattled off several local sites I should see during my stay in Cleveland. There was the Rock & Roll Museum, the Soldiers & Sailors Monument ...and Sheffield Lake, home of the 103rd O.V.I.

The 103rd O.V.I. is an organization of several hundred patriotic Americans, families mostly, who are descended from the Union soldiers who served in the 103rd Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry...the only U.S. organization of its kind.



DREAM IT - BELIEVE IT - ACHIEVE IT - SET IN STONE

DOCTOR BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PLAZA

Major Benjamin Franklin Stephenson of Springfield, Illinois served as a surgeon in the 14th Illinois Volunteer Infantry as part of the Army of the Tennessee and had experienced firsthand the end results of this murderous war. When this war came to an end he would write, "the soldiers so closely allied in fellowship of the suffering would, when mustered out of service, naturally desire some form of association that would preserve the friendships and the memories of their common trials and dangers." It was then that he made it his mission to create our nation's first veterans organization having conceived the idea of a national soldier mutual benefit society whose motto should be Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty and he would name the Grand Army of the Republic.



Having written in his own hand, the entire manuscript of the ritual, rules and regulations of this new organization he would wait for the spring of 1866, to have it printed at the Decatur, Illinois Tribune Newspaper on April 6th known as Shiloh Day across the Northern States to commemorate the Battle of Shiloh April 6 & 7, 1862. The idea of this new veterans organization began to take hold in the hearts of these men and new posts sprang up rapidly.

Doctor Stephenson passed away far too early and far too young on August 30, 1871 at age 48, never seeing what his Grand Army would become let alone how these "Boys of 61" would become so endeared in the hearts of the American people. He lies in Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois with a beautiful monument erected in 1894, marking the site. The grounds around the site however were in serious need of attention.

Ideas of a memorial signature brick plaza following the design of the Grand Army of the Republic Plazas of the 1880's to the 1920's were drawn up and one was accepted. A committee was formed to oversee the project and with construction well underway I humbly invite our Brothers and Sisters become part of this grand undertaking by purchasing any one of three different sized bricks, a black granite bench, or make a donation as we work towards the completion of this memorial where we meet each April for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield and the Benjamin F. Stephenson Memorial Service in Petersburg.

It is our goal to have more Sons and Allied Order events held on the Department and National level at this site throughout the year.

For information on how to obtain the new order forms for bricks, benches or to make a donation please call me at (815) 623-6518.

Terry R. Dyer, PDC
Chairman, Stephenson Memorial Plaza

GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

Brothers: As you consider your charitable giving, please keep in mind the good work of the Order. As National now has 501(c)(3) status, gifts to the National Organization are tax deductible. Your donations can be used in two areas. The first is our Monuments and Memorials fund, where National can give grants to Departments and Camps. Your donations would allow for more grants to be awarded. The second area would be our scholarship fund. Currently, we are limited to two scholarships of \$2,500. Your gifts can make additional scholarships available to our college bound brothers and sisters.

VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

We are coming across another crucial holiday in our great country's history and that is the 4th of July or Independence Day. This, simply put, is the holiday that exemplifies American Patriotism, the holiday that we as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War must come together and show the rest of the country, not only what it means to be American, but why it is so great that we are proud to be citizens of the Land of the Free. We all know the importance of this day, and how the Declaration of Independence was signed 4 July 1776 and announced this country's intention to split from the British Crown. It called for the original Patriots to take up arms, and fight for the Freedom that many take for granted today.

This month, it is all more important for us to show why Patriotism is not dead, and that it is right to show love for this great country. By doing so we pay tribute to not only those original Patriots, but to all those that followed in their footsteps, whether they were at Belleau Woods, Guadalcanal, Fallujah or Bull Run. When we come together as a country and show that we are one, we are United, there is no one that can stop us and the 4th of July is just the day to come forward and do that again. Many have tried both internally and externally, to rip this country apart at the seams, but it is these brave Patriots that have kept it together.

We must also remember that showing Patriotism takes many forms, as it is not just those that pick up the rifle that are Patriots. Those who help their fellow American in a time of need, those who take a stand for what is right even when it is hard. Those who proudly support those who defend our freedom, even when it isn't the cool thing to do. It is for us to celebrate and promote these activities; if we do that then this great country will not flounder. To quote the late great PCinC. Charlie Kuhn, "We might not agree with each other and we might argue with each other from time to time, but I'll gladly put that behind me and grab a beer with you at the bar afterwards and that is what makes this country great." We will not always agree, we will not always be best of friends, but we are standing up for what we believe is right and afterwards, when the dust settles, we need to remember to come together as one United country, for together we are stronger.

I want to take this time to thank all members of this Order that have signed the blank check up to and including their lives. If not for your bravery and service to this great country, it would not be what we know it today. I especially want to thank one serviceman in particular that is the man that instilled Patriotism and honor in me, my father Br. Bruce Frail. Poppa, as we call him, served in the United States Marine Corps, if you couldn't tell from his blunt, no bull attitude, from 1979-1983. During this time he hardened a sense of patriotism that was passed on to him by his father, CWO4 Thomas V. Frail Jr. US Army (Ret), he also picked up a few things that quite frankly as his son I wish he never learned from either of them, I still cringe at the thought of him inspecting my bedroom...where was I, oh that's right...Thank you for teaching me what it means to not only be a man but to be an American and in other words, you all have him to thank for these wordy, borderline preachy, instructions. In closing, I want to thank all for your continuing Patriotism and urge you all to keep up the amazing work.

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DECORATION DAY IN HAWAII

COL, Ret. Arthur N. Tulak, Ed.D.

Decoration Day was first celebrated in Hawaii during the reign of King David Kal kaua in 1882 by Union Veterans who would form the first G.A.R. post to be formed in a foreign land.

On the eve before Decoration Day in 1882, two Union Veterans, Charles H. Eldridge and Charles N. Arnold, decided they would form a post of the Union Veterans then in Hawaii. They also believed that there should be some observance of Decoration Day the next day, and that any Union veterans attending might be interested in the project of forming a local post. Determining the lack of time would not be an obstacle, they posted an advertisement the following morning in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser that Decoration Day would be observed that day. In response to their advertisement, Union Army and Navy Veterans assembled at the Hawaiian Hotel for a dinner “for the purpose of honoring in an appropriate manner the memories of those who fell in the war of the “Rebellion” in the United States.



Following this initial reunion of Veterans and their and the first observance of Decoration Day, those Veterans worked to establish a G.A.R. post in Hawaii. The King of Hawaii, David Kal kaua approved the formation of the G.A.R. Post and allowed the celebration of Decoration Day in the Kingdom. The George W. DeLong Post #45 was instituted on September 12, 1882 under the authority of the Department of California.

The Honolulu Post was named for CAPT, USN, George Washington De Long, who led an expedition that attempted to reach the North Pole via the Bering Strait, aboard the bark Jeanette, and who had passed away 11 months before the post’s founding on October 31, 1881. During the four decades of its existence as an active G.A.R. Post, the George De Long post had only about 110 members.

G.A.R. Post #45 anchored their Decoration Day observances at a cemetery plot in the Oahu Cemetery at a plot deeded to the G.A.R. on May 30, 1884, with space for 54 graves, and whose boundaries are marked by four cannons provided by King Kal kaua. Participation in the event by Active-Duty military personnel in the Decoration Day observances in Hawaii, a common fixture in today’s Memorial Day events, started in 1890, which saw a detachment of Marines and Sailors who marched in front of the G.A.R. contingent. The 1895 ceremony saw 5,000 participants, including the President of the Republic of Hawaii.

Commemorating Memorial Day 2020 in Hawaii under the threat of the Corona Virus Pandemic was a challenge, given the limited public assembly, social distancing and face masks. The Hawaii Civil War Round Table and the Hawaii Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars partnered their two ceremonies into a coordinated set of events on May 23, 2020 at the Oahu Cemetery, honoring Capt. Henry Gaylord Dillingham, USAAF, and Private J. R. Kealoha, a citizen of the Kingdom of Hawaii who fought for the Union in the Civil War in the 41st Regiment US Colored Troops. Colors were presented by Cadets from Punahou High School Army JROTC.

The partnership of these two organizations provided a unique opportunity to specifically honor U.S. Army veterans from the Civil War and World War II, and formed a good foundation for future cooperation between these two organizations. There are also discussions of forming an SUVCW Camp with both hereditary and associate members in partnership with the HI CWRT.

Across the nation, grass-roots events like those presented here demonstrate that small organizations can, with ingenuity, carry out meaningful and memorable commemorations. These events, born out of necessity during the pandemic, provide a template for future annual traditions that put the Veteran, Civic, and Patriotic organizations in the lead.



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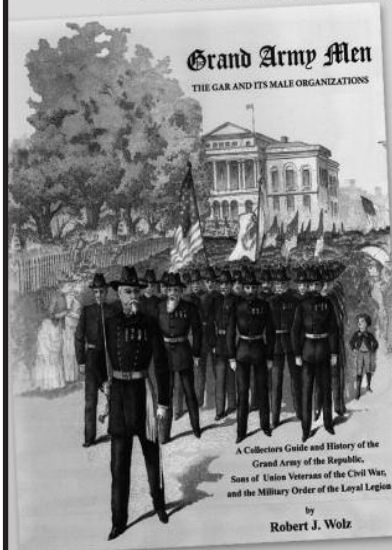
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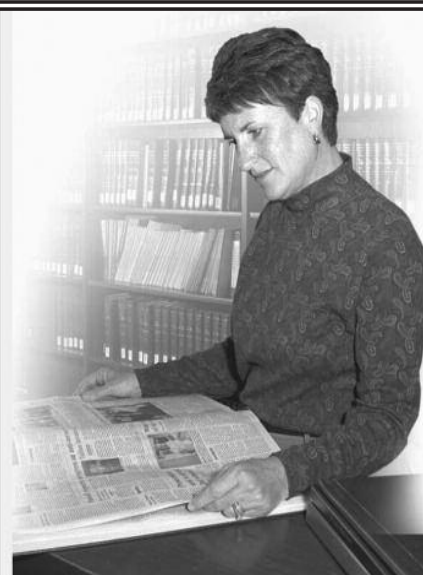
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Col George L Willard Camp 154 (New York)
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Stuart Neil Smith
James A Garfield Camp 1 (Chesapeake)
4/23/2020

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Sgt William Pittenger Camp 21
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3/20/2019

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Col Louis R Francine Camp 7 (New Jersey)
5/26/2019

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Sydney Camp 41 (New York)
11/15/2019

Norman Earl Wheler, Sr
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4/19/2020

Bruce Jarvis Buvinger
The Legion of the West Camp 7
(Colorado/Wyoming)
12/23/2019

Francis Richard Frederick, PCC
Champion Hill Camp 17 (Indiana)
2/16/2019

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Washington Camp 20 (Pennsylvania)
5/23/2019

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2/16/2020

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Like so many of you, my wife and I went into lockdown around the middle of March. At that time, we were expecting the birth of our daughter, and the doctors felt it wise that we secluded ourselves in our home to be safe. We were lucky in that we both have jobs that allowed us to work from home. All went well, and our daughter was born, without incident on April 16th.

This time in lockdown, almost three months now has given me time for reflection on what is essential in life. I mean, I know that the health and welfare of my family are important, but what was I doing before the lockdown that might not be so important afterward. It is at times like these that we can pause and look back, and forward in our lives.

During this time of lockdown, we have done without many things; I do not mean comfort measures but the distractions in life that I often think makeup life. I am a busy person, and I am always on the go, this meeting that meeting, this group that group. But since being in lockdown, I really have had none of that, and you know what, I do not miss it.

Do not get me wrong, I miss the social interaction, and as great as Zoom and all the others are, they are a poor substitute for being with people. But this slow down had given me time to reflect and to think about what is truly important in my life. I know what the answer is for me, but is that answer for you? During these coming days, take some time to stop and think, or as the old saying goes, "Stop and smell the roses."

Blessings and peace to you and yours.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Peter

CHESAPEAKE

James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 Camp 1 conducted a virtual Memorial service that allowed Brothers and special guests to safely gather across the miles. Camp Junior Vice Commander and Naval Reserve Commander Brad Sharpless placed a memorial wreath in historic Reisterstown Cemetery, the final resting place of veterans dating from the American Revolution.



COLORADO / WYOMING

Legion of the West Camp #7 conducted a wreath presentation at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery in Grand Junction at the Veterans Monument to honor all veterans of our armed services. Then a special wreath was placed on the gravesite of James M. Kennedy, first founding Camp Commander of the first Sons of Veterans Charles W. Rundle Camp 3 in 1896 and then later became the Sons of Union Veterans Camp in 1929 in Grand Junction, Colorado. *Photo by Barbara Brewer*



CONNECTICUT

On April 7th 2018, the Col. William B. Wooster-Col Charles L. Russell Camp # 22 together with Town of Greenwich, Greenwich Historical Society Greenwich Veterans Council, Boys and Girls Club and Scouts, rededicated the G.A.R. Monument in Greenwich, Ct. The monument which had been placed in front of the Town



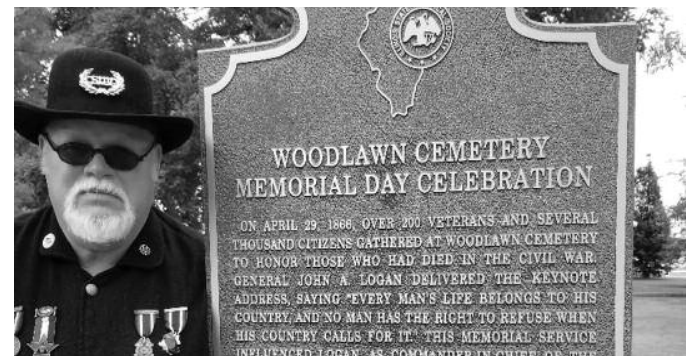
School building on April 9th 1914. The rededication followed the same procedure as 104 years ago.

ILLINOIS

As the 2020 Lincoln Death Day Ceremony & Dr. Stephenson Memorial services were cancelled, the Commander of Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 observed a Stay Home event.



Col. Friedrich K. Hecker Camp #443 Commander and his wife traveled over 400 miles over Southern Illinois (Little Egypt) this past Memorial Day Weekend.



Bryner Camp 67 commemorates the 150th anniversary of the erecting of the Sentinel on Soldiers Hill in Springdale Cemetery in Peoria. The original statue was dedicated in 1870 and stood until the mid-1970's when weathering and vandalism brought it down. The Camp raised funds for a new statue that was dedicated Memorial Day 2008. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, a Memorial Day ceremony could not be held this year. The photo is from 2008.



MASSACHUSETTS

On Memorial Day, in the presence of the Commander-in-Chief, Brother Brennan Mulvandy of the Willie Grout Camp 25 was awarded the SUVCW ROTC commendation medal. Brother Mulvandy enlisted in the Guard in 2014. He entered Norwich University in 2016, studying Criminal Justice. During his senior year, he was

a member of battalion staff and commissioned Second Lieutenant May 3, 2020.



MICHIGAN

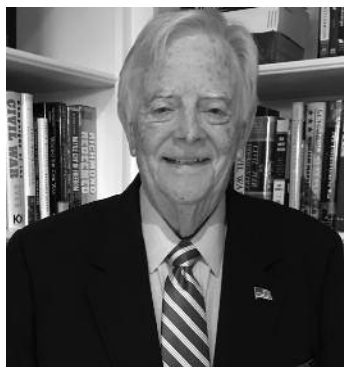
On June 6, three people were honored with Michigan's Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation, given for significantly contributing to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic in the state of Michigan. Recipients were Matt Van Acker of Michigan's Save the Flags Project,



Bruce Miller, PCC,
General Israel B.
Richardson Camp 2,



and Gary Swain, PCC,
General Benjamin
Pritchard Camp 20.



MISSOURI

July 7, 2019 a ceremony by the Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp #326, was held at the grave site of Corporal Moses Riney, 68th US Colored Infantry. Over fifty members of his family and local residents attended the ceremony. They were joined by brothers from Francis J. Wilhelmi Camp 17, U.S. Grant Camp 68 and Gen Thomas C Fletcher Camp 47.



Brothers of the Phelps Camp #66 gathered with others at Zagonyi Park to rededicate a Civil War Historical Marker on the 158th anniversary of Zagonyi's Charge. The Marker was moved from private property where it was endangered to Zagonyi Park in Springfield, Missouri and now has a new children's play feature.



NEBRASKA

Members of the James C. Welstead Camp #3 and the Shiloh Camp #2 placed grave markers on four unmarked Civil War soldiers in the Davenport, Nebraska Cemetery on 22 May, 2020.



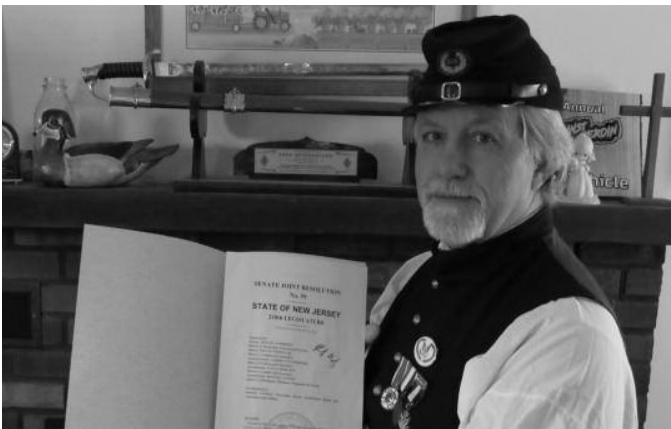
On Monday May 25, 2020 members from Victor Vifquain Camp #1, Shiloh Camp #2, James C. Welstead Camp # 3 and one DUVCW and ASUVCW member participated in a Memorial Day ceremony at Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln, Nebraska. Due to Covid - 19 the Memorial Day ceremonies were shortened this year and limitations of social distancing were followed as units had their own ceremonies.



NEW JERSEY

At its September 2012 meeting, the Brothers of Col. Louis R. Francine, Camp #7 began a campaign to have May designated the “Grand Army of the Republic/Sons of Union Veterans Month.” They were successful in getting their elected officials in the State Assembly to introduce bill AJR77 to accomplish this.

In the spring of 2013 the State Assembly voted unanimously to pass this bill and sent it on to the Senate, where it languished for six years in committee. Brothers began to aggressively campaign for passage, pointing out that “the war lasted only four years and it has been six years to get this legislation passed!” The Senate passed the bill unanimously in the fall of 2019 renaming it Bill SJR59.



Gov. Murphy signed Bill SJR59 on 9 January 2020 designating the Month of May “Civil War Veterans Recognition Month” in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.” The governor shall issue this proclamation every year. The proclamation shall also call upon individuals, organizations, schools, and local governments to support

and conduct activities and events that mark the importance of the Civil War and its positive outcomes, the contributions of veterans of the Civil War and the history and contributions of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

NEW YORK

On Monday morning the 25th of May, the Walter H. French Camp 17 joined with the Copenhagen American Legion Floyd Lyng Post 723 and conducted multiple Memorial Day cemetery ceremonies. The first was dedicating a headstone for a Civil War veteran whose grave has been unmarked for 100 years. The Tylerville community attended this ceremony. After this, Post 723 and French Camp #17 performed nine more Memorial Day Cemetery Ceremonies in Both Lewis and Jefferson County.



On Saturday May 11, 2019 a Wreath Ceremony for 1stLieutenant Charles A. Goheen was held. Mr. Goheen is a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, from the Civil War. Goheen is buried in the old section of the Honeoye Falls, NY Cemetery. Several participants include American Legion Post 664, New York State Guard 21stDetachment, Monroe County Sheriff’s Department Mounted Unit, Civil War Reenactor’s joined the Abraham Lincoln Camp # 6 for this ceremony.



NORTH CAROLINA

Brothers of the Major General George Stoneman Camp 6 and Maj. General Gibbon/1st Sgt Burke Camp 2 joined with members of MOLLOS at the Salisbury National Cemetery on May 25, to remember and honor over 5,000 Union soldiers buried in 18 trenches after dying at the Salisbury Confederate Prison during the Civil War.



OKLAHOMA

Ladies of the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary and Brothers of Indian Nations Camp #3 conducted a Memorial Day ceremony at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa on May 25, 2020.

Phase II fundraising for the cleaning of the bronze doors, roof vents and plaque is now underway. They are approximately \$1,200 shy of the goal.



The Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504, performed the original Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day ceremony at the grave site of the GAR section of the Citizens Cemetery in Mercer, Pa, including the grave of Medal of Honor recipient, Pvt. Lewis Brest, 57th Pa. Vol. Infantry.



PENNSYLVANIA

Brothers of the Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15 in conjunction with Gen. J.P.S. Gobin Camp #503 paid tribute to Henry William Marmaduke Maurer, Dauphin County's last Civil War soldier.

SOUTHWEST

Camp Commander Dale Enlow (and four mule deer) of the General U.S. Grant Camp No. 3, practicing "social distancing", cleaned up around the final resting place of Corporal Richard Gordon, 2nd NY Vet Cavalry, placed a flower and a penny, and replaced the flag in the GAR flag holder.



The Davis * Camp is assisting in the A.P. Davis Mausoleum Restoration. Phase I of the mausoleum restoration project is complete and the vendor paid.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

TENNESSEE

Commander Tim Massey of the Andrew Johnson Camp #70 and Gideon Daniels present the wreath on behalf of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, at the grave of the 17th President of the United States Andrew Johnson. Johnson also held the rank of Brigadier General.



Brothers of the Maj. William A. McTeer Camp 39 installed new marker for Jasper N Redman, 7th Tennessee Mounted Infantry at Baldwin Cemetery in Ten Mile, TN.



WISCONSIN



In a safe way to do its job amid the coronavirus crisis, the C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee held its monthly meetings in April and May via the Zoom videoconference platform.



C.K. Pier Badger Camp 1 of Milwaukee held its 50th anniversary Patriotic Luncheon on Feb. 1, with author Robert Girardi of Chicago scouring dozens of sources to give a detailed report about Lincoln's daily interactions with common soldiers. Well over 100 members of the Sons, Allied Orders and patriotic and local history organizations attended.

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JOE FROST

*Camp 67, MI Department, SUVCW
penned between 5 & 5:10am, 11/22/2019*

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let us stand in reverant column,
as we gather here this occasion solumn

We Honor these mem who whent off to war
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- OBITUARY -
ORA R. MOITOSO
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT (1990 – 1991)

MAY 14, 2020

It is our sad duty to report the death of our Auxiliaries most Senior Past National President Ora R. Moitoso on May 14, 2020 in East Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 89. Ora was a member of the Conklin-Sellew Auxiliary #20, Department of Rhode Island. She held many offices in her local Auxiliary, the Department of Rhode Island and served as National President for the years 1990-1991. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Ora was the daughter of the late Charles and Ruth (Sherman) Appleby. She enjoyed quilting, camping, and most especially being with her family.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Ora's family and friends and our Sisters of the Auxiliary.

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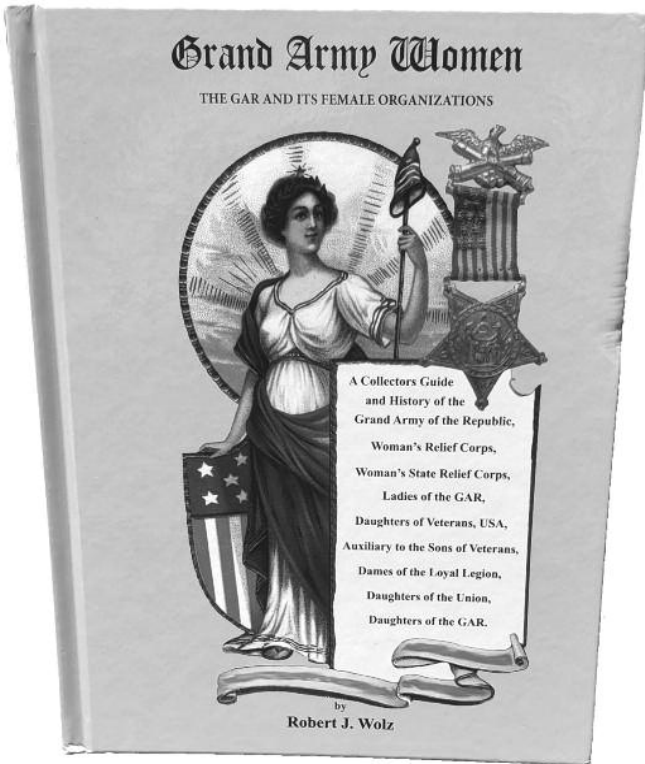


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While memory recalls every trail and danger
And scenes of past of are brought back to his view.
Though long since discarding their arms and equipment
There's one thing a veteran most surely will note;
The first thing he sees on the form of a comrade,
Is the little bronze button he wears on his coat.

Chorus: The little brown button,
The sacred bronze button,
The Grand Army button,
He wears on his coat.

"How much did it cost?" said a man to a soldier
"That little flat button you wear on your coat."
"Ten cents in good money," he answered the stranger
"And four years of marching and fighting to boot."
The wealth of the world cannot purchase this emblem,
Except that the buyer once wore the brave blue:
And it shows to mankind the full marks of a hero.
A man who in honor and country was true.

Chorus:
Then let us be proud of the little bronze button,
And wear it with spirit both loyal and bold,
Fraternally welcome each one who supports it,
With love in our hearts for the comrades of old.
Each day musters out whole battalions of wearers,
And soon will be missed the token so dear.
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MISSOURI'S REGIONAL GAR VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

By Walter Busch, PDC

It's truly an amazing experience to attend a Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment and it really had to be a marvelous one to attend a Grand Army of the Republic Encampment. The stories that must have been swapped at some of these! The opportunity early on to see General Logan, Sherman or any of the other victors against the rebels. But not everyone had the opportunity to attend one. Money, work, illness, and age would keep many at home. Such issues would also probably be the case for attending a department encampment. Hence, I believe, the reason that regional associations were created.

To help instill in each member the importance of the organization above the level of their own Posts, Departments apparently needed a mid-level organization. Regional veterans' associations were the result. These groups were not the same as groups like the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders that still exists today and include all the various orders. They consisted of only veterans. After finding my first such organization, I'm now on the lookout for more. To date, I know that Kansas and Michigan had such groups holding reunions and creating camaraderie.

The first such organization I discovered was the Ozark Battalion. I found it when I saw a monument in Oak Grove Cemetery in Salem, MO, and wondered what the heck the Ozark Battalion was. The monument is chiseled into an unusual two-tone gray marble with the words "Union Soldiers- GAR- 1861-1865" and "Ozark Battalion". The marbling makes the letters difficult to read. After some research, I found out they had at least 16 regional encampments and had their own band! Its members were generally from the posts in the Phelps, Dent and Crawford County areas.

After finding out about this organization, I soon started seeing ribbons from other ones. Dallas County, nowadays, is mostly underwater because of Stockton Lake, but around the turn of the century had as many as five posts. They had their own regional county association. An aptly named Southwest Veterans Association was in the Neosho, MO, area. Just recently, I found a ribbon advertizing the Ozark Union Veterans' Association. Since its ribbon indicates an encampment at West Plains, MO, it most likely existed in the deep south central Missouri Ozarks.

I haven't found any such associations for the St. Louis or Kansas City area yet, but with 27 GAR posts in the St. Louis area and 13 in the Kansas City (Jackson County) area having existed, it will be surprising if there was not a regional group. After researching the Missouri Department Encampment records I found 13 such organizations mentioned by name ; many just named as reunions, and one that was called "South Missouri and North Arkansas District Encampment" (it was part of two departments of the GAR)! Strangely, one group named the Osage and Gasconade Battalion, which would indicate Posts in those counties, held a reunion in Tuscumbia, Miller County and their Commander was from Eldon in that county.

To date, I have only found ribbons from these organizations, but I know there is one medallion out there. The 1907 encampment of the Ozark Battlion had a medal forged and is in the files of the State Historical Society of Iowa. So, medals, canteens or other paraphenalia were made and, as you can see, do not generally state they are a unit of the GAR.



COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

ANDERSONVILLE, GEORGIA – THE BLACK HOLE OF THE REBELLION

As I write this column it is uncertain if the coronavirus will dispute our National Encampment.

Located about 125 miles south of Atlanta is Andersonville Prison. The Confederate government chose this site for a Union prison as there were plenty of pine trees that would supply wood to build a prison as well as springs that would provide fresh water. During the winter of 1863-1864, a twenty foot high stockade was built. Prisoners soon began arriving.

While designed for 12,000 prisoners, it often housed 32,000 captives. All told 46,000 prisoners were there in less than two years. This severe overcrowding caused grease, garbage and rubbish to pollute the stream and springs making them undrinkable. The dead were collected daily and stored in the “Dead House”. These prisoners were buried in shallow trenches. The stench was almost unbearable. Tents were mere rags as were the prisoner’s clothing which only added to the suffering. Many prisoners were hanged for the slightest infractions.

17,873 identified and 600 unknown Union soldiers are buried on this site.

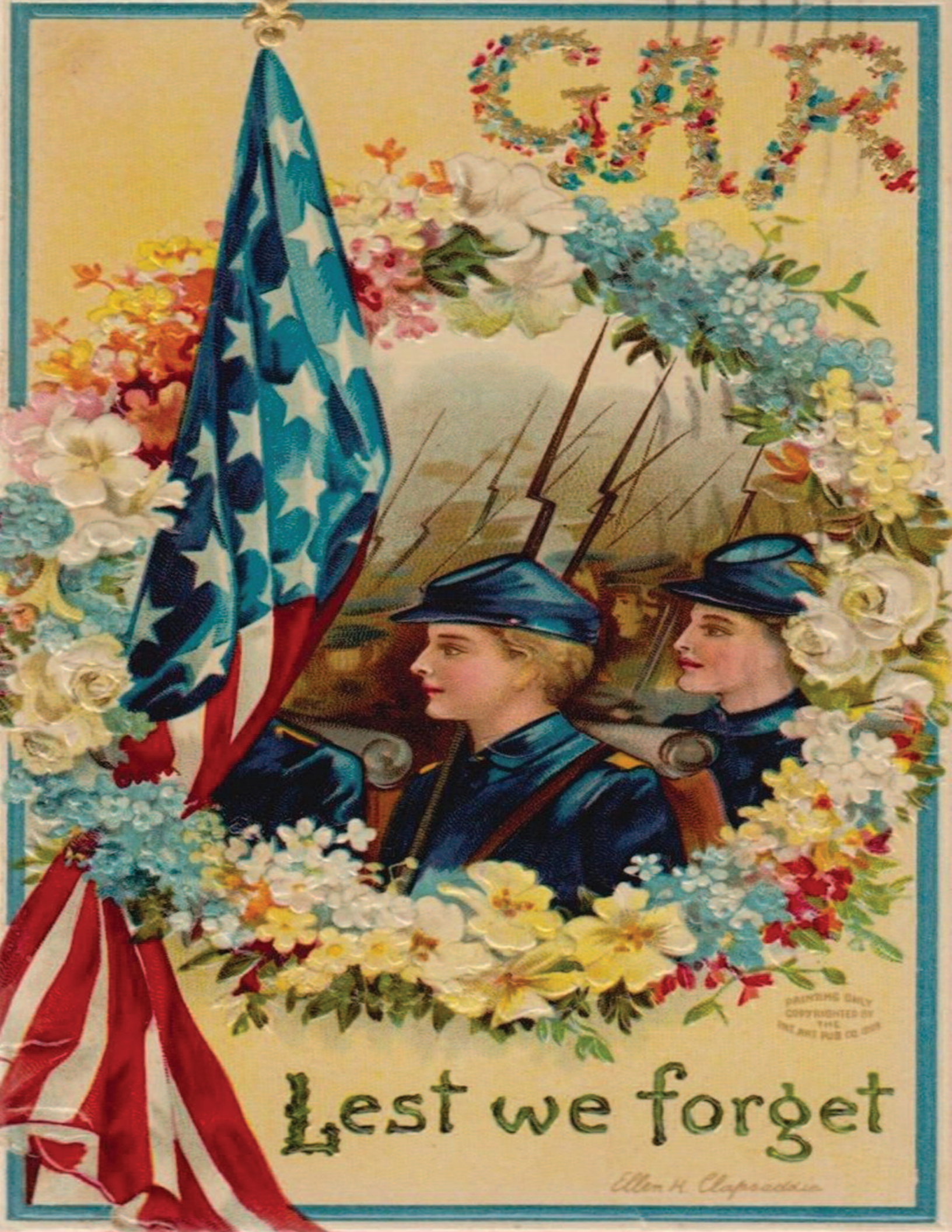
The Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic acquired the 26 acre of the former stockade in 1890. The care of this sacred site was a great burden on the small department so they asked the Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the GAR to accept the responsibility for it in 1896.

Many improvements were made by the Woman’s Relief Corps and the Ladies of the GAR including a nine room caretaker’s cottage and various memorials. Clara Barton was honored by the GAR for her role in marking Union soldier’s graves. In 1909, The Ladies of the GAR raised the funds and dedicated a pavilion/chapel that provided shelter for the many veterans groups that visited.

In 1910, the Woman’s Relief Corps presented the United States government with 88 ½ acres.

Today the former Union prison is known as the Andersonville National Historic Site and contains the National Prisoners of War Museum.





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