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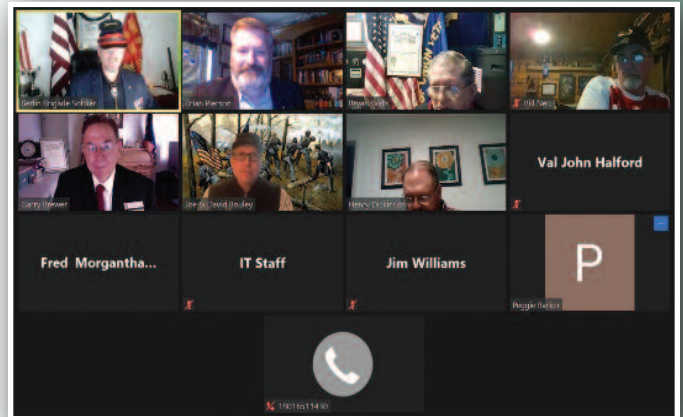
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*On The Cover: Brother Dick Denney, Department of Michigan.*

**KUDOS:** To all the brothers of the Order who did not let quarantines and pandemics keep them from doing the work of the Order.



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(SERIES 2019-2020)

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 #27**

Reminder of the brothers making requests concerning historical monuments - brothers need to read. I want to remind our Brothers of two documents which should be reviewed: a. Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day's General Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018 at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/General-Order-No.-2.pdf>. Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy (August 2017) at <http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Battlefield-Flag-and-Monument-Policy.pdf>. Ordered this 16th Day of June, 2020

**GENERAL ORDER #28**

Allows the three Camps of the Department of Tennessee physically located within the State of Alabama, Major General James H. Wilson Camp No.1, Major General John T. Croxton Camp No. 17, and Private Richard Taylor Camp No. 53, to form the Department of Alabama.

**GENERAL ORDER #29**

This letter may be used by Brothers, Camps, and Departments as an approved letter, so long as it is placed upon appropriate letterhead. The content shall not be changed other than the words in brackets. Brothers may optionally attach the Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy, as approved during the 136th National Encampment in Lansing, Michigan, 2017.

Any other communication must still adhere to Past Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day's General Order No. 2, Series 2017-2018.

Dear [name of person] [Brother, Camp, Department] is opposed to the [destruction, defacement, removal] of the [name] monument. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's National Policy, endorsed by the body of our membership, states that we strongly condemn the destruction, defacement, or removal of any monument dedicated to a Union Civil War veteran or Union leader. These monuments were erected in honor of men who fought to end slavery in the United States. Many of these men gave their lives or carried wounds that affected their lives for many decades. The Union army and navy consisted of men of all races and nationalities. We also had leaders who inspired men and set policy to end

slavery. The Union's sacrifices led the way for the adoption of two very important Constitutional Amendments. The 13th Amendment states that "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." The 14th Amendment states that "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Our country has recently seen the destruction, vandalism, and removal of Union Civil War monuments, including those dedicated to a regiment of black soldiers who greatly contributed to turning the tide of the war, to soldiers who were ardent abolitionists who spent many years prior to the war trying to end slavery, and to leaders who inspired others to end slavery. Tearing down, vandalizing, or removing any monument does not bring about change. Change is accomplished through learning and understanding the lessons of history. Wars and violence are no longer necessary as all citizens can exercise their right to vote, thus influencing the direction of our country. Sincerely, [Name] [Camp, Department] Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Optional) Attached: Battlefield Flag and Monument Policy 3. This General Order is effective until a new monument protection policy has been approved at a National Encampment.

**GENERAL ORDER #30**

Suspends the Department of Connecticut.

**GENERAL ORDER #31**

Cancels the 2020 National Encampment.

**GENERAL ORDER #32**

Extends deadlines for submission of recommendations for various Awards and Recognitions.

**GENERAL ORDER #33**

Reinstates the Department of Connecticut.

**GENERAL ORDER #34**

Announcing the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr and the memorial draping of charters and badges.

**GENERAL ORDER #35**

Clarifies National's position concerning lobbying and the Order's 501c3 status: The current law on 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporations state we may not advocate one



way or the other concerning any pending legislation. This includes federal, state and local legislation. As a National Organization, we cannot take a position one way or the other.

**GENERAL ORDER #36**

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**- OBITUARY -**  
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**OCTOBER 13, 1948 - AUGUST 02, 2020**

Richard David Orr of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was elected Commander-in-Chief by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at the 116th National Encampment in Utica New York on August 9, 1997. He was born October 13, 1948 in Pittsburgh, the eldest child of Bernadette Elizabeth Wetter Orr and the late David Bernard Orr, Past Department Commander of the Pennsylvania Department.

Richard joined Davis \* Camp in Pittsburgh on April 11, 1981 and he is a life member. He bases his eligibility for membership on the service of his Great-great-grandfather Pvt. Peter Paul Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, his Great-great-grandfather Sgt. Martin Schaefer, Pennsylvania Militia of 1863 (Federalized to defend the arsenal at Pittsburgh during the Gettysburg Campaign), Great-great-grandfather Sgt. David Orr, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Great-great-uncle Capt. Bardele Gallisath, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and 135 other cousins and uncles including Col. Robert L. Orr, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry who was awarded the Medal of Honor.

He has served Davis \* Camp in numerous capacities including Camp Commander for two years and 12 years as Treasurer. He attended his first Department Encampment in June 1982 and immediately took an active role at the Department level. He has served the Pennsylvania Department as Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Counselor, Department Council member and Department Commander. The same year he attended his first National Encampment at Portland, Maine. He has served the National Organization as a member and or chairman of numerous committees. He served as Trial Commissioner, six years as National Treasurer and National Counselor to eight Commanders-in- Chief.

In addition to his activities in the SUVCW and Scouts, Brother Orr was an active member of the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and was a Charter member of the Congress of Patriotic Organizations. He was also a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, life member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and life member of the National Rifle Association.

Richard was employed as an Environmental Health Administrator by the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), Pittsburgh.

He has two brothers - Donald and Robert, one sister - Geraldine, two nephews - Nathan and Jonathan, and two nieces — Emily and Karen. Don, Bob and Nathan are members of Davis \* Camp. Gerrie is the accountant for the SUVCW.







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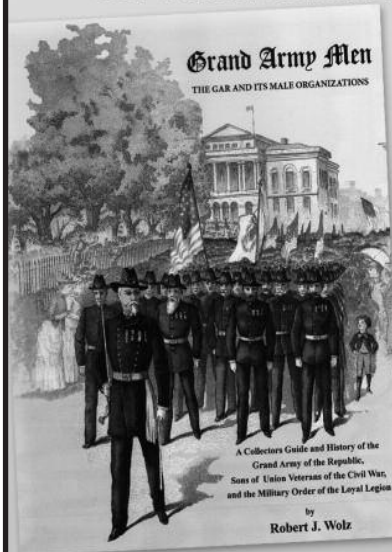
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Ben Frail, PDC - National Patriotic Instructor

Over the past few months, I have read many of your Form 40s and Form 41s and there has been a common theme on them. That theme was that the Annual Camp and Department Patriotic Forms (Form 40 & Form 41) and the role and scope of the Patriotic Instructor Position are not well explained. The next couple of instructions, I will focus on these items in hopes to better define this position for you. Many of my previous instructions have focused on ways in which we can spread Patriotism within and outside of the order, through social media, presentations on the Civil War, the GAR and the SUVCW, and also helping out in our community. These are all amazing ways in which we can spread Patriotism inside and outside of the order.

Now the question is, why? Why is it important to spread Patriotism and pride of one's country? In my eyes, spreading Patriotism ensures two things; first, that we remember where we came from as a country. In doing so, we remember how much better we have it in the United States currently, than our Ancestors did when they were creating and molding this amazing country. She is far from perfect, but Lady Liberty has afforded many of us opportunities that our Ancestors never had. The 2nd reason we must spread Patriotism is that we honor those that have sacrificed so much to create this better society and country for us to live in, and with our continued Patriotism, for our children and grandchildren to live in.

Now that we have answered the why, the all important How? How do we spread Patriotism, how do we fulfill our roles as Camp, Department and National Patriotic Instructors? The basic answer to this is that we ensure that people remember why this country is great through our actions and that we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take pride in being American. One way we can do this is quite simple, and that is properly displaying the American Flag and educating those on how to properly display the Flag. Displaying the Flag outside our own homes, and doing it properly, fills the actions speak louder than words mantra. We cannot preach on how to spread Patriotism if we do not listen to our own words.

Another way in which we can spread Patriotism is ensuring that our Brothers know some of the simple things. It surprises me how many people in this country, that have been Americans their whole lives, do not know what the stars and stripes on the Flag represent. They do not know how to properly fold the Flag, or what days the Flag should be at half mast for. It starts in our own backyard, we need to ensure that our own Brothers know what the significance behind the colors of the Flag, and what each fold represents. I ask you to review these two websites that give you some facts on the Flag and what these mean and why they are important, and share them with our Brothers, especially the younger Brothers of the order: [Flag Day Facts](#) [The Meaning Behind the 13 Folds](#).

I would love for the Brothers of the order to create educational displays and presentations for the communities on the importance of the Flag and what all of it means, this way we, as Americans and as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, can help ensure that sacrifice of the Boys in Blue is never forgotten.

In Fraternity Charity, and Loyalty,  
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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:  
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Further information will be made available and as always please contact the National Treasurer for questions. [www.treasurer@suvchw.org](http://www.treasurer@suvchw.org)

Also ask for details about the Bequeathment Fund

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*Units form up at 9:00 AM on Baltimore Street and march down Baltimore Street between Baltimore Street and Washington Avenue*

*Parade will step off at 10:00 AM*

*For further information, please contact*

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**\*\* CANCELLED \*\***

**Harold E. Goss**  
Franklin Camp #5 (Kansas)  
1/1/2019

**Edward P. Smith**  
Gen D N Couch Camp #26 (Massachusetts)  
1/5/2020

**David Wood Harlow**  
Sgt Jacob Overturf Camp #4 (Oklahoma)  
Life Member 826  
4/24/2020

**John Warner Halsell**  
Army of the Tennessee Camp #64 (Tennessee)  
Life Member 886  
3/26/2020

**Robert W. Heald, PDC**  
S.G. Griffin Camp #10 (New Hampshire)  
12/28/2019

**Leonard Louis LaFlam, Jr.**  
Major McKinley Camp #9 (New Hampshire)  
3/24/2020

**John Adams Brass, Jr.**  
Old Glory Camp #6165 (Illinois)  
3/29/2020

**Harry Arthur Berry**  
Maj Gen William T Sherman Camp #93 (Ohio)  
6/8/2020

**Myron Marcus Miller**  
MG John A Logan Camp #4 (North Carolina)  
3/14/2020

**Alan Wayne Heldbreder, Camp Commander**  
Columbia Tigers Camp #432 (Missouri)  
5/16/2020

**James S. Cunningham**  
Columbia Tigers Camp #432 (Missouri)  
5/14/2020

**Carl E Cornell**  
Jacob Parrott Camp #33 (Ohio)  
6/12/2020

**John Hurley**  
Gen D N Couch Camp #26 (Massachusetts)  
3/28/2020

**Larry Leslie Von Behren**  
Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68 (Missouri)  
6/18/2020

**Charles H. Horr**  
Camp Vienna Camp #26 (Ohio)  
6/19/2020

**Neal F. Breaugh, PCC**  
Robert Finch Camp #14 (Michigan)  
7/6/2020

**Richard D. Orr, PCinC**  
Davis \* Camp (Pennsylvania)  
Life Member 181  
8/2/2020

**Howard Edward Fite**  
Sgt John S Cosby Camp #427 (Michigan)  
7/22/2020

**Frederick William Cole**  
Gen Nathaniel Lyon Camp #10 (New Jersey)  
5/4/2020

**Coy Wayne Moulder**  
Fort Donelson Camp #62 (Tennessee)  
7/24/2019

**John Edward Mansfield**  
Fort Donelson Camp #62 (Tennessee)  
9/4/2018

**Everett Gene Ballou**  
David D Porter Camp #116 (Indiana)  
7/22/2020

**Rolland W Graf, Sr**  
Col Hans C Heg Camp #15 (Wisconsin)  
8/9/2020

**Ronald B Chapman**  
Fort Donelson Camp #62 (Tennessee)  
Life Member 169  
7/1/2008

**Ralph A. Jones, PCC**  
Sydney Camp #41 (New York)  
8/8/2020

**Ervin A. Seeger**  
Gibbon-Burke Camp #2 (North Carolina)  
6/19/2020

**Shawn Ernest Atchley, PDC**  
Sultana Camp #1 (Tennessee)  
7/26/2020

**John Donald Kelley**  
Oliver Tilden Camp #26 (New York)  
12/23/2017

**Clarence R Howe, Jr**  
MG John A Logan Camp 9 (Florida)  
8/21/2020

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN EMERITUS JERRY and a bag of pretzels

On a warm summer day last August, I was on my way to a doctor visit, and saw that a bunch of Elementary School children had set up a lemonade stand at the curb on our street. I pulled up and asked, "How much for a glass of lemonade?" They all shouted, "A quarter, 25 cents." Then I asked, "How many of you are there working this fine Lemonade Stand." They had to count, and the answer was "5."

"But not that guy." He was the same age and appearance as the others. So I called him over, and said, "All right, Not this guy," and gave him a \$2.00 bill. Then I said to the regular five, "Is that a quarter a glass, or a quarter for each of you?" By this time they were all excited, because I was their first customer, they had spilled half the pitcher of lemonade while filling the plastic cup, and a Mom had come out to help them in their enterprise. They were hoping that I would give each of them - at least a quarter. I took a homemade oatmeal cookie in a sandwich bag, a small bag of Snyder's mini pretzels, and nothing to drink. Then with a great big smile on my face - I gave the five, each a \$2.00 bill.

Sort of reminds me of the Parable about the landowner who went out at six in the morning and hired some men to work in his vineyard at a fair wage for a full days work. He went back out at 9:00 and noon and hired more workers. Finally at 5:00, one hour before quitting time, he returned to the market place and hired some more guys. When it came time for all of them to be paid, he instructed his steward to start paying beginning with the 5:00PM guys. The six AM workers were delighted because they had worked all day, and surely they would get a bonus. But when they were paid - they got the same payment as the "Not that guy"

When they complained, the land owner reminded them that they had agreed to a full day's wage for a full days work - and that was exactly what they were getting.

Who would think that pretzels could taste so good. God Writes Straight with Crooked Lines.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
*Chaplain Emeritus Jerry*

## COLORADO / WYOMING

The Legion of the West Camp #7 put up the marker for Flag Day on June 14, 2020. It is on the West side of the monument facing Charles W. Rundle name. The first camp on the Western Slope of the Sons of Veterans was formed by James M. Kennedy in 1896 in Grand Junction and was named Charles W. Rundle Camp 3. Civil War Veteran Charles W. Rundle was alive at time of formation of the Sons Camp.



The Camp placed a flag on the marker on Flag Day June 14, 2020, the North side of the Monument has a grave marker for the Grand Army of the Republic and the South side grave marker honors all Veterans Service.

Captain Francise E. Warren Camp #44 member Henry Dickinson recently found that the G.A.R. Monument in his local cemetery is not in the SUVCW database. As his Eagle Scout project, he researched the G.A.R. memorial and received permission to return the cannon to their intended orientation (facing outward) and did so on 8/12/2020. He filled out the form on the website to add the site to the database, as well as assembled all the relevant information.

The John Schuler G.A.R. Memorial was originally dedicated in 1911. It consisted of an obelisk, a flag pole and two outward facing cannon. In 2001, the cannon were removed from their original concrete pedestals and were placed on metal recreation carriages. When they were put on said carriages they were placed facing inwards, towards the monument and graves. Henry discovered such pieces in cemeteries and memorials are traditionally placed symbolically facing outwards.

## GEORGIA

Charles Devins Camp #10 held Memorial Day services with 40 people in attendance at Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia. The camp has several reenactors and was able to field a time-line of different era troops in the Union and Spanish-American War Sections, where they performed the "We drank From The Same Canteen" poem and ceremony. Afterwards they placed flags on the graves of many veterans throughout the cemetery.

Pursuant to the CinC's order to disperse, Elias Moon Camp #2 observed Memorial Day by singly or in pairs laying flowers and placing flags at six different memorial



sites around the Atlanta area, to include the 16 Union graves in Oakland Cemetery, the execution site of seven Andrews raiders, the execution site of James Andrews, the death site of General James McPherson and two GAR graves in Stone Mountain Cemetery and Suwanee Baptist Church Cemetery.



Brothers of Edward Wallace Camp #21 and sisters of the DUV of Beaufort observed Memorial Day by visiting the Robert Smalls Memorial and statue in the Tabernacle Baptist Church Cemetery in Beaufort, South Carolina. Smalls, who became a Captain in the US Navy after escaping Charleston with the ship he piloted, The Planter became a legislator and General in the South Carolina Militia after the war. He also was a GAR member of the Edward Wallace Camp. Flags and flowers were laid in tribute, along with prayers and an oration.

## ILLINOIS



The General Philip H Sheridan Camp #2 completed a large Cemetery project in Aurora, Illinois. Over 250 JROTC cadets from two schools, cleaned over 300 CW headstones, set 20 new Headstones obtained from the Veterans Administration. The photo of the GAR burial



area, where new headstones were obtained, in addition we refurbished the cannon. Also purchased and set a new flag pole.

## INDIANA



On the 25 July 2020, grave side services were held for PDC Ron Gill (Charter Member of the David D. Porter Camp #116) in Valparaiso. Brothers of David D. Porter Camp #116 and Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 were present. Members of Co. D. 27th Indiana SVR posted the colors, fire volleys, and sounded TAPS at the end of the ceremony.



On Saturday 7, March 2020, Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer, PCC and his wife Amy presented three (3) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Eagle Scout Awards Certificates. These awards were presented to Charles Prater, Adam Pottratz and Nicholas Lowery of the Del-Mi District of the Crossroads of America Council.

## KENTUCKY



Decoration Day/Memorial Day services were conducted at the Lexington Cemetery by brothers of the Sgt. Elijah

P Marris Camp #5 with 4th Ky from Louisville. Simple service consisting of opening prayer, welcome address, history of memorial service 100 years ago taken from local paper. Laying of Wreath with music, three volleys fired and playing of taps. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, they traveled to the Confederate Portion of the cemetery and fired three volleys and played taps. Brothers also celebrated Juneteenth at Cemetery#2 in Lexington, KY, where 183 colored troops lie buried.

Ft Duffield Camp 1 Decoration Day ceremony - Due to COVID restrictions, Camp members held a ceremony with all attendees, at not just 6 ft deep but 6 ft apart.



Brothers of the Department found Civil War veteran Nelson Augustus Graves had no marker. They coordinated with the Veterans Administration and Cave Hill Cemetery staff to place the marker. A dedication ceremony honoring a Civil War Soldier PVT Nelson Graves was held August 15, 2020. Nelson was born in Kentucky in 1846. When he enlisted in the 53rd Regiment Kentucky Mounted Infantry in Covington on August 30, 1864, he listed his occupation as furniture maker. He was mustered in as a private in Company A, on Sept. 12, serving for one year, and was mustered out on Sept. 15, 1865. Nelson Graves died on Oct. 22, 1896 at the age of 50. The Department's Camp Fort Duffield Camp 1, Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp 3 and Sgt Elijah P Marris Camp 5 attended with Department Commander Chris Workman officiating.



## MICHIGAN

On August 26, 2020, members of many Camps of the Department along with Company A of the 14th Michigan, SVR, participated in a very special interment at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Also participating were members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michigan State Police and Officers of the United States Army,



interned were: Civil War Veteran Peter Arm(i)sted, who served in Company H, 3rd Michigan Cavalry. Peter is the Great Great Grandfather of Robert Armstead.

Great Lakes National Cemetery Assistant Director Christopher English said this was a very special service as it is the first time a Civil War Veteran has been buried in the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Also interned was World War I veteran Earl Armstead, the great uncle of Robert Armstead and World War II veteran Robert Armstead, who served in Company B, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Robert is the Father of Robert Armstead.

Their decedent, Robert Armstead, arranged to have all three of his ancestors re-interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery where they could reside side-by-side.



Alexander French Camp 28 is proud to announce that our Brother Dalten Sible completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on 20 May 2020. Brother Dalten is a

member of BSA Troop 74 of Reed City. Brother Dalten Eagle Scout Project consisted of rebuilding the Tustin AYSO Soccer Fields sign. The original sign at the soccer fields was painted 15 years ago, and the sign needed to be rebuilt. Brother Dalten recruited and oversaw 5 Scouts and 8 others to work on the project along with him.

At his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Brother Sible was presented the SUVCW Eagle Scout Certificate by members of his Camp.

## MISSOURI



On July 18, 2020 Brothers of the US Grant Camp #68 conducted a remembrance ceremony to commemorate the 135th passing of Ulysses S Grant on July 23, 1885.

Thanks to the National Park Service, the ceremony was conducted at the Ulysses S Grant National Historic Site located in St Louis.

Members from the US Grant Camp #68, Hecker Camp #443, Francis J Wilhelmi Camp #17 and a dual member from the General Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 were in attendance, as well as the President of Julia Dent Grant Tent #16, DUVCW. Also attending was CinC Douglas Niemeyer, MOLLUS and the 17th Missouri Infantry, Co G living history group.



On a hot Sunday afternoon, the Phelps Camp No. 66 participated as an honor guard for a Mary Whitney Phelps Tent No. 22 (DUVCW 1861-1865) marker dedication. The marker was placed between the gravestones of John A. and Roxanna Ray at the Lindsey Cemetery, Republic, Missouri, on August 9, 2020. The Ray's property became part of the ground on which the Battle of Wilson's Creek was fought (August 10, 1861). Their house was used as a field hospital.

## NEBRASKA

Mr. Steve Goss of the Wayne Cemetery in Nebraska was presented the Bondoll Award by the Department for his efforts on behalf of Civil War veterans and the sponsoring part of the cost of a Last Soldier medallion placed on the Hyatt flag holder.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

S.G. Griffin Camp #10 of Keene, as well as Charles W Canney Camp #5 of Rochester and Major McKinley Camp #9 of Lebanon, marched in the Swanzey N.H. Old Home Days Parade. 18 July 2020.



## NEW JERSEY

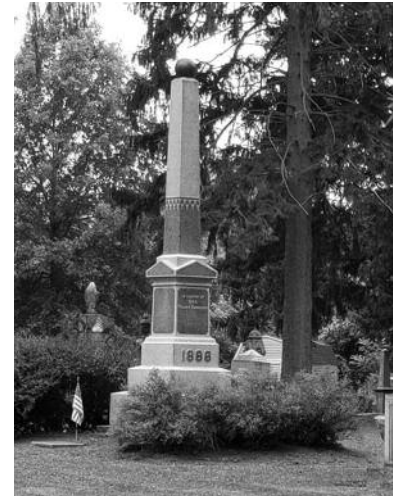
The town of Riverside cancelled the Memorial Day parade and observances. Garfield Camp #4 has joined with the local VFW and American Legion for over 35 years has been firing salutes during these observances. Along with four members of the Township committee, Camp Commander Timothy Murphy did their own



program and fired a salute at the Town Hall. He then traveled to Delanco and repeated the program and then to Riverside Township cemetery where he fired volleys and presented arms.

## NEW YORK

Under the guidance of Cliff Anderson, the Col. John B. Weber Camp #44 conducted fund raising to restore the Arthor Smith G.A.R. Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument, including replacement of a globe on the top of the monument. They obtained a grant from the Department's Civil War Memorial Fund, plus donations and a spaghetti dinner. The Camp also partnered with the local American Legion Post #362 in this effort. Work was completed on July 26, 2020. Future ceremonies include November 2020 Veterans Day Service and the Camp plans on a formal re-dedication on Memorial Day, 2021.



## NORTH CAROLINA

The brothers of Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1 held a Camp Zoom meeting on 11 July 2020.



Ruger Camp # located just outside of Fort Bragg and many brothers have to travel quite a distance to attend Camp meetings. 14 Camp brothers plus the Department Commander were in attendance, including Camp Senior Vice Commander, 1st Lt. Dixon Johnson, US Army presently deployed in the of the Persian Gulf region of the Middle East. A great way to bring the Camp Brothers together during difficult circumstances.

On July 27, 2020, Maj. Gen. George Stoneman Camp No. 6 met on Zoom and had the unusual honor of initiating three new Brothers who are all from the same

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family and descended from Private William Lowry Rininger who served in Co. D, 142nd Pennsylvania Infantry. Initiated are Donald Rininger, Jr., his son Donald Ringer

III and grandson Colton Rininger. The photo on the wall behind them shows the home and woolen mill of their Civil War ancestor William Lowry Rininger.

## OHIO



July 18, 2020 saw members of the Ohio Department, the Ohio History Connection, and the Buffington Island Battlefield Preservation Foundation gather for the annual memorial service commemorating the Battle of Buffington Island, the only significant Civil War battle fought in Ohio. 157 years had passed since the battle that led to the defeat of Confederate Brigadier General John H. Morgan.

## OKLAHOMA



The Sisters of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sallie Peacheater Tent #18, assisted by Brothers of the Jeremiah Smith #1 Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and members of the 10th Kansas Union Volunteer Infantry held a Memorial Day ceremony at the Oklahoma Veterans' Cemetery in northeast Oklahoma City on May 25, 2010. Photo by Philip Comp.

## PENNSYLVANIA



Brothers of Isaac Eaton Camp No. 504 took part in the Civil War weekend at Grove Cities 'Camp Maxwell' event on August 29th and 30th. Brothers set up a Civil War camp and display table to share with the visitors that attended the encampment. Brothers also performed the Sons Memorial ceremony for a departed Brother in honor of their Camp Commander Brother Richard L Grossman who passed away earlier this year. Members of the Western Pennsylvania Civil War Re-enactors Society assisted in the Memorial ceremony for Brother Grossman.

## RHODE ISLAND



Governors Elisha Dyer Camp no. 7 held its traditional Camp Commander's Field Day in untraditional fashion at the General Nathanael Greene Homestead in Coventry, RI. Great conversation, grilled delights, chaotic trivia and robust laughs were shared by the Brothers of the Camp while enjoying the Revolutionary War hero's property. It was a day of fond reminiscing about Brothers who have answered the Final Muster, while also celebrating the future of the 111 year old Camp. Of note was the outdoor membership ceremony that welcomed Brothers James and Aiden Pierson into the ranks of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



Mr. John Seebeck, Chief of Police at the Community College of Rhode Island's Lincoln campus, bought a box of old tools at a yard sale about a decade ago. In early June of 2020, Mr.

Seebeck was winnowing his collection of odds and ends and found a curious item in the bottom of the long-forgotten box of old tools: a wooden gavel with a silver plate attached to the handle and a delicate engraving. The engraving was what got his attention:

*Presented to  
Comrade Jabez T. Richardson  
By Slocum Post No. 10 G.A.R.  
Upon His Retirement As  
Post Commander  
January 3rd, 1906*

Seebeck's research led him to the legal heir and representative of the G.A.R. and he reached out to the Rhode Island Department. It was Seebeck's desire to donate the gavel to the Department, who was much obliged to receive the item in late June at the CCRI campus. The gavel will be placed within the Department Archives and will be a welcome addition to a collection that continues to grow as more and more RIGAR items are finding their way home.

## SOUTHWEST



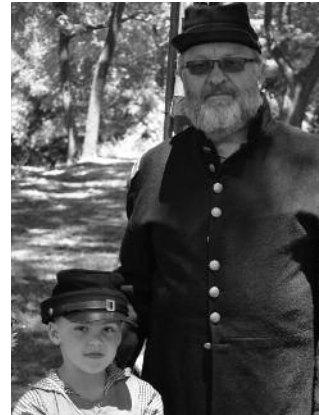
On Friday 22 May, five members of General RHG Minty Camp #2, met at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona to place flags on the graves of those Civil War veterans buried in the GAR plot of the cemetery. After waiting for the sprinkler system to be turned off, flags were placed at the markers of soldiers from Connecticut and New Hampshire to California. (keeping our Social distancing too!)

On July 19, 2020 Verna Maleski; National Chaplain of the DUVCW & Vice President of the Susie King Taylor #4 WRC of Phoenix, along with Brother Avery Frantz of US



Camp Grant #3 hosted a celebration of life of Martin Garlinghouse and his wife, members of the GAR & WRC respectively. They arrived in Gila County in the 1870's and the GAR veteran Martin Garlinghouse was a miner, and Mrs. Garlinghouse the WRC member was once attacked by Indians while holding her babies. Mrs. Maleski then presented the great grandson of these 2 pioneers with a certificate of appreciation from the WRC.

## TENNESSEE



President Andrew Johnson Camp #70, Greeneville presented a wreath at the 224th Tennessee Statehood Commemoration at the Carter Mansion in Elizabethton, TN on June 1, 2020.

## TEXAS

The Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp 2, SUVCW normally gathers for Juneteenth celebrations in Galveston. This year, due to restrictions, only one brother attended the event, portraying Maj. Gen. Grander, who issued General Order #3, informing area residents of the Emancipation Proclamation. The event received widespread press coverage, including live streaming by the Galveston Historical Foundation.



## WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee initiated two new members in July, holding the ceremony at the grave of its first commander, George A. Shaughnessy, who was elected in December 1901 and is buried by a large family stone at Calvary Cemetery.





## THE RETREAT OF THE 91ST ILLINOIS

By Br. Thomas H. Rich

My paternal grandmother, Olive Strong Rich nee Robinson, born in the decade after the Civil War, was the only Yankee I ever knew still fighting that war. She told me as a boy in the 1950s of her father, Francis Marion Robinson, who had served in the Union Army. He had been captured, held at Andersonville, and as a consequence, was in poor health the rest of his life. Because of her father's treatment, she held hatred towards the South to her dying day.

Three decades after hearing this, having immigrated to Australia, I was excavating fossils on the southeastern coast of that continent at a locality aptly named Dinosaur Cove. In 1986, Robert Hodge from Fredericksburg, Va., was volunteering there. As we worked together, we talked of many things. Bob explained that he enjoyed doing research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. I responded with what I knew of my great grandfather's participation in the American Civil War.



When Bob returned to the U.S., he found information relating to my great grandfather's war service. He had indeed been in the Union Army, the 91st Illinois Vol. Inf. Regiment. He had been captured. And he had lost his health soon after that, receiving a medical discharge a year later. But there the information my grandmother gave me started to fall apart. The battle he had been captured in took place on December 27, 1862 at Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He had only been briefly held as a prisoner of war, so he could not have been transported to Andersonville. Andersonville was not even constructed until 1864. But what intrigued me most was how a soldier who had not been wounded in battle would have lost his health while a prisoner of war for a very short time.

In the 1980s, in Australia, it was not practical to do effective research on an American Civil War battle not the scope of Gettysburg. But by 2005, with the advent of the Internet, I attempted to track down what had happened at the Battle of Elizabethtown. I contacted Elvin Smith of the Hardin County Historical Society, based in Elizabethtown. He had a wealth of knowledge about all aspects of that battle and was eager to share that information.

From Elvin I learned that in late December 1862, Confederate Gen. John Hunt Morgan invaded Kentucky with 3,900 men and seven artillery pieces. His objective was to sever the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, vital to supplying the Union Army in Kentucky and Tennessee, by burning wooden bridges and ripping up track in the vicinity of Elizabethtown. Two of these bridges north of the town were each about 500 ft. long and 80 ft. high.

One of the Federal units assigned to protect those bridges was the 91st Illinois Vol. Inf. Reg. It numbered 659 men and engaged Morgan's forces in the streets of Elizabethtown. From a book found in a bookstore with the somewhat whimsical title *Arming the Suckers: 1861-1865: A Compilation of Illinois Civil War Weapons*, I learned they were armed with obsolete weapons...altered 69 caliber flint locks, dating back to 1820-1826, that had been converted to cap and ball. Outnumbered six to one and being shelled by artillery, the 91st Illinois surrendered after a few hours fighting and the death of seven of their number.

A year later, I went to Elizabethtown and walked the ground that my great grandfather had fought over. At the Louisville Airport, I was greeted by Elvin and his friend Charlie Thurmond who runs a bed-and-breakfast in Sonora, Kentucky. For the next two days I was shown where incidents relating to Morgan's raid took place. But most important was finding a passage in an historical novel entitled *Cap'n Tom: Crisis of Faith*. Four sentences referred to the confiscation of the coats and boots of the 652 men who had survived the battle and were captured in the dead of winter. And so the penny dropped. Perhaps it was exposure during winter, having to march 80 km to Louisville for replacement boots and coats that accounted for my great grandfather's loss of health.

This was consistent with his medical discharge certificate, dated 31 Dec. 1863, "Cause of disease: exposure in the field...."

Two years passed before I obtained *Cap'n Tom* and contacted the author. Like Elvin Smith and Charlie Thurmond, James Bridges was most helpful and pointed out the source of his information about the confiscation of the boots and coats of the men of the 91st Illinois: *Rebel Raider: The Life of General John Hunt Morgan* by James Ramage. Again, an effective internet search engine soon led me to contact that author. He was most helpful with details about his sources.

I now knew that the confiscation of boots and coats after the battle had taken place and guessed that in being paroled poorly dressed in the winter, my great grandfather's loss of health had been most likely due to exposure. The nearest replacement clothing would have been Louisville, 80 km away. However, I did not actually know what had happened to the men on the way to Louisville. Had Elizabethtown civilians provided clothing and food or had they marched to Louisville before they got relief?

From time-to-time, Elvin Smith continued to send me documents relating to the Battle of Elizabethtown. The most critical was one that had a reference to the 1913 book by James Beverly, *A History of the Ninety-First Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry*. Until that moment, I had no inkling such a book existed. Another helpful member of the Hardin County Historical Society, Matthew Rector, sent me a pdf copy of Beverly's book. It details what happened to the men of the 91st Illinois from the time of their capture to the time they reached Louisville three days later. They had suffered from exposure. Thus, the final piece of the puzzle was put into place.

If there is a moral to this tale, it is that tracking down what actually happened in an historical incident requires both luck and persistence.

## STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PLAZA

During my term as CinC in 2017 – 2018 you may remember, there was a great deal of emphasis on the completion of the Stephenson Plaza in Petersburg, Illinois. Many Camps and Department stepped up and donated to this very worthy project and several significant additions to the plaza were completed. However, there is still much to be accomplished to ensure that this lasting tribute to the man, who more than any other, led the creation of the Grand Army of the Republic organization. I hope this becomes the shrine we desire it to be. Once again, I ask that the Brothers of the Order take a moment to consider making a commitment to the Stephenson Plaza project. Our stated purpose as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to perpetuate the memory of the G.A.R. and the men who gave so much to save our Union. Dr. Stephenson, who himself lived through the hell of Shiloh, gave us the G.A.R. and we should see ourselves beholden to preserve his memory as a founder. Much of Dr. Stephenson's legacy still exists within the rituals and ceremonies we practice as Sons of Union Veterans and the time to complete the Stephenson Plaza is now and not later. When complete this memorial will become a visible legacy to our commitment to the sacred duty of preserving the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those who passed onto us such a great heritage of service and dedication. Below, I have included the information on how to donate.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
PCinC Mark R. Day



Although a beautiful monument was erected at his gravesite in 1894 in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois the grounds around it are in need of improvement. What we are proposing is a Memorial Plaza, a paved signature brick plaza that is consistent with memorial designs of the Grand Army of the Republic from the 1880's to 1920's.

Signature bricks can be purchased in three sizes: 8 x 8/\$150, 8 x 16/\$250, & 16 x 16/\$500.

Donations, brick or bench orders can be mailed to:

PDC Terry Dyer, Benjamin Stephenson Account

11578 Edgemere Terr.

Roscoe, IL 61073

(Write on the lower left memo line of your check "Stephenson Plaza")

# ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 65th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 156th Anniversary of President Lincoln's death. It will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL at 10 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$108.00 for single - quad. A 10% dining discount at Lindsay's Restaurant is included. Call 1-866-788-1860 for reservations and mention "Sons of Union Veterans". **Reserve your room by March 26, 2021. After this, the remaining blocked rooms will be released.**

Wreaths may be ordered from local Springfield florists. Instruct the florist to have the wreath delivered c/o the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, by 9 AM on Saturday, April 17th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature retired Chicago police detective and author, Rob Girardi, speaking on "Abraham Lincoln and the Common Soldier".

## Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

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

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**OBSERVANCE WREATH PRESENTATION:**

(please print clearly)

Organization name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & title of wreath bearer: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

if no e-mail, home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## OBSERVANCE LUNCHEON:

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Abe's Braised Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

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

Reservations must be made by April 5th and cancellations by the same date in order to receive refund. There will be no extra tickets sold at the door. Make a copy of this form for your records and send original with remittance to:

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# COLLECTING THE SONS

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## THE ORIGINS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG

For a number of years the Past Commanders Association of Pennsylvania hosted a Dedication Day Dinner on the Saturday nearest November 19, the anniversary of Lincoln's dedication of the Military Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Realizing the ranks of veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic were quickly diminishing in 1931, Ms Celeste Gentieu, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, proposed raising funds for the creation of a national GAR Monument for inclusion in the National Capitol in Washington. It was a long and slow process. World War II suspended the fundraising so the Auxiliary funds could be channeled to the Red Cross for their war efforts. In 1954, the National Auxiliary presented a bust of Albert Woolson as their convention gift to the city of Duluth, Minnesota. They were so pleased with the bust they hired Dr. Avrad Fairbanks to create the national GAR monument as well at a cost of \$15,000 and \$2,000 for benches.

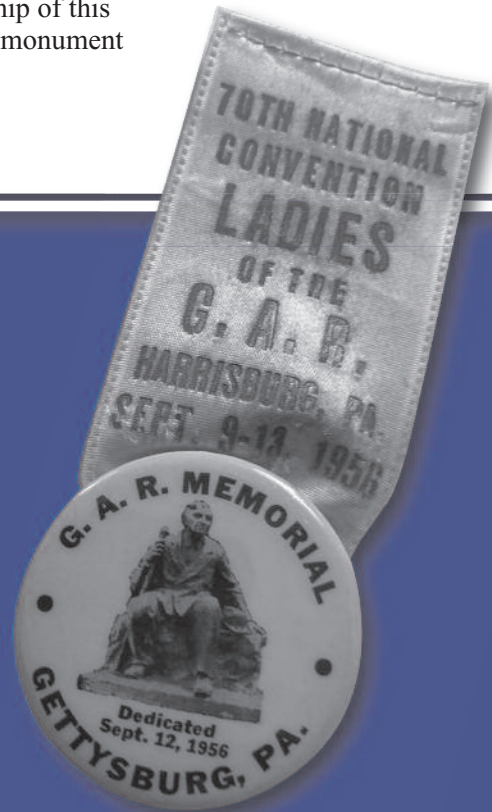
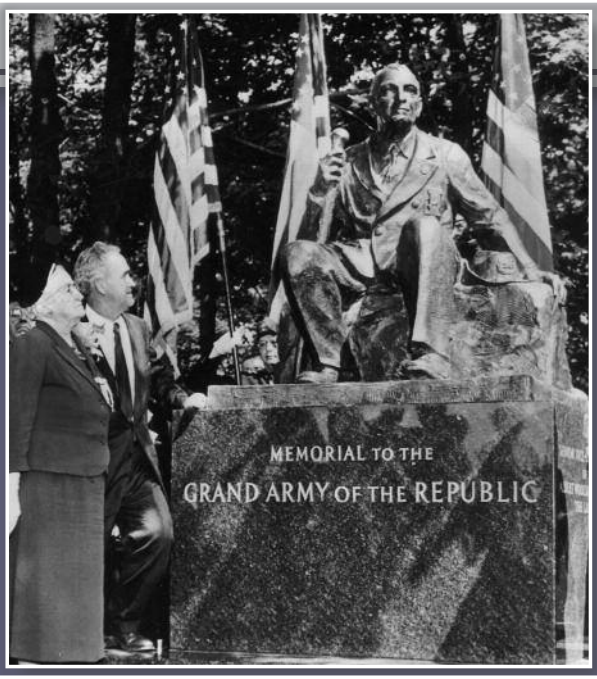
Sadly they were informed there was no room in the Capitol and their second option of placing it in a national cemetery was also eliminated. Gettysburg National Military Park was selected because of the number of tourists. Zeigler Grove, the proposed monument site, was located next to the Gettysburg Cyclorama.

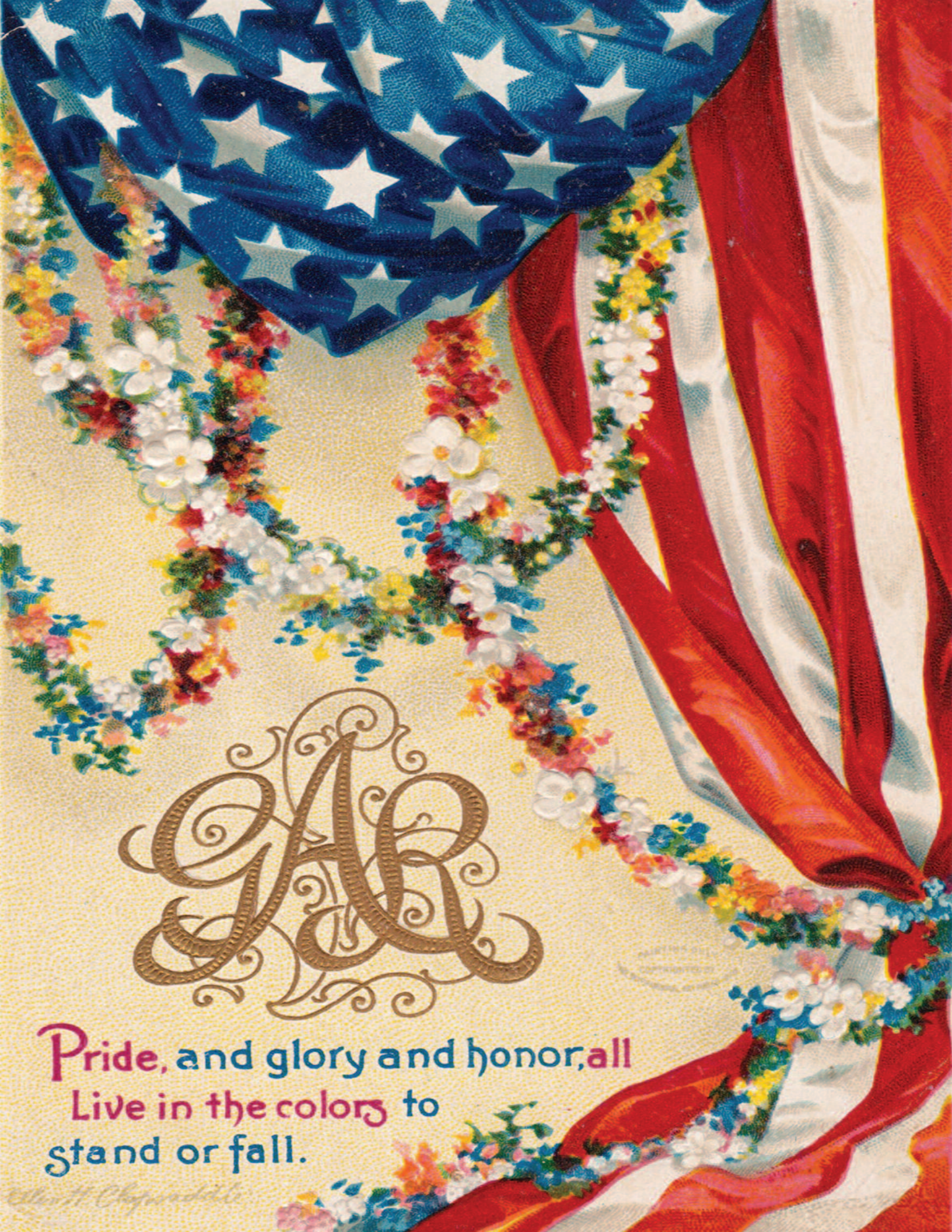
The National Encampment of the Sons and Auxiliary and National Convention of the Ladies of the GAR was held in Harrisburg, Pa on September 9 to 13, 1956. Three souvenir ribbons exist with dedication button attached : 75th Encampment of the Sons , 70th Encampment of our Auxiliary and 70th Convention of the Ladies.

The dedication of the Woolson Monument was held on September 12. Sadly Albert Woolson, the last member of the GAR and the model for the sculpture had died on August 2, 1956. Twenty buses of delegates attended the dedication as well as 3,000 members of the public.

On November 16, 1957 in addition to the annual Dedication Day Dinner the Allied Orders held a memorial service and wreath laying for the Grand Army. Thus Remembrance Day was created.

There were no "Confederates" at the service. It was only in the 1990s, that a Blue Gray Ball was held. Originally all participants attended the wreath laying and then moved to the High Water Mark for a "hands across the wall" moment. The Dedication Day Dinner has been forgotten as the Blue Gray Ball has grown in size and the Sons of Veterans Reserve has taken over sponsorship of this annual event. Funds raised through the "ball" are donated to battlefield monument restoration.





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Pride, and glory and honor, all  
Live in the colors to  
stand or fall.

# FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM ENSIGN JOHN DAVIS CAMP NO. 10, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM



*The London Veterans on Independence Day, 1916. Founder John Davis' bushy white beard is unmistakable.*

Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, London, England, has the honour of being the first ever Camp to be established outside the United States. We held our inaugural meeting on July 23, 2016, at which Commander-in-Chief Eugene Mortoff personally presented the Camp's Charter to the first Camp Commander, Peter J. Collins, great-grandson of the Camp's namesake.

A number of activities are organised through the year, including a proper observance of Memorial Day (30th May) at which we lay a wreath at the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Parliament Square, London, and a Remembrance Day Service at Chelsea Old Church, London. We have held Grave re-dedication ceremonies at the unmarked graves of three Union veterans for which we obtained Veterans' Administration stones. The most recent, on 27th July, 2019, was at Hendon Cemetery, London, to dedicate a stone to Major Seth Herrick, 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry; it was attended by the US Naval Attache, the Mayor and Deputy Lieutenant of Barnet, and representatives of the United States Navy and the British Army Reserve. Ritual

Camp meetings are held in London at two-monthly intervals - inevitably interrupted during the Covid-19 crisis and of necessity held via Zoom. News and updates can be found on our website, <https://suvcw.org.uk>

Our Predecessors - The London Branch of American Civil War Veterans. In his missionary work in the London slums, John Davis found many Civil War veterans living in poverty. He founded the London V veterans in 1910, to help its members claim Federal pensions, and to provide comradeship. Famed actor-manager Sir Charles Wyndham, who had been an Assistant Surgeon in a Black regiment, was asked to be President, but he was too busy and the post was filled by Seth Herrick, Major, 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry.

They had some 160 members, all Union veterans, though in 1913 they met with former Confederates to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Gettysburg. They never affiliated to the GAR, but maintained close links with the Woman's Relief Corps. Their activities and deaths were reported in the U.S. and British press, their funerals attended by someone from the American Embassy. Davis printed a range of information, including a colourful postcard. He died on January 5, 1917, and was succeeded as Secretary by fellow missionary Arthur William Frazier Smith of the 80th New York Infantry.

After World War I, they participated in memorial ceremonies, including the unveiling of Lincoln's statue in Parliament Square in 1920. By 1925 only 20 veterans and 21 widows were living, though new members joined. Their last member, Navy veteran Charles Wright, died in September 1933. A GAR veteran was living in England in 1946, but we do not know his name.

On September 20th, 2010, their centenary was marked at the grave of Frederick Barzetti of the 13th New York Light Artillery in Highgate Cemetery, London, in a ceremony attended by the US Assistant Defence Attache; his headstone records that he fought in the American Civil War.

Our Camp is searching for veterans' graves in the mainland UK. We know of at least 1,138 Union and 132 Confederate veterans likely to be buried here, including widows of those who died during the war. We currently know of 337 Union and 54 Confederate graves, including several Mexican War veterans, 8 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, 7 African American soldiers, 3 Generals, and 4 women who were nurses, and have obtained marker stones for four. Our research would benefit hugely if SUV Brothers living in the Washington DC area could help by copying pension files in the National Archives.



*The London Veterans' badge, a one-piece copy of the official GAR badge (courtesy Everitt Bowles)*





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