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KUDOS IN ORDER

To all my brothers who take the time to submit materials for the Banner. Thank you!

On The Cover: Monument to Gen. John A. Logan and his famous General Order #11. This monument is located at the entrance of the Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan. Placed by the City of Lansing with the lobbying efforts of several groups, including SUVCW's Curtenius Guard Camp #17. Photo by Jim Pahl



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(SERIES 2017-2018)

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

GENERAL ORDER #13:

Reports the passing of Real Daughter Maggie Devane, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

GENERAL ORDER #14:

Reports the passing of Sister Frances Murry, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

GENERAL ORDER #15:

Allows Alan Russ to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of Kansas Annual Encampment.

GENERAL ORDER #16:

Discharges the Special National Committee to write a job description for a Development Officer. Creates a Special National Committee for Strategic Development.

GENERAL ORDER #17:

Appoints PCinC Ken Freshley to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Department of New York's Annual Encampment.

GENERAL ORDER #18:

Mandates language for all Departments, Camps and SVR units to place into their bylaws, with a deadline of June 30, 2019 – to allow the Order to proceed with application to the I.R.S. for a group exemption for the Departments, Camps and SVR units to come under the Order's 501c3 designation.

GENERAL ORDER #19:

Revokes the Charter of the Admiral John L. Worden Camp #150, Department of New York and also the Kenner Garrand Camp #4 of the Department of Georgia and South Carolina.

GENERAL ORDER #20:

Reports the resignation of John K. Eger from the office of National Guard and appoints Charles Lewis of the Department of Massachusetts as National Guard.

GENERAL ORDER #21:

Grants request of the Sgt. William Pettenger Camp #21, Department of California and Pacific an extension of

time to install officers due to adverse wildfire conditions preventing installation within the time frames allowed.

GENERAL ORDER #22:

Appoints PCinC Eugene Mortorff to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of the Department of New Hampshire and National Secretary Jonathan Davis for the Annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee.

GENERAL ORDER #23:

Reminder of awards to be presented at the National Encampment and where to submit nominations



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WHO IS JOHN A. LOGAN?

On May 5, 1868, John A. Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order No. 11” designating the 30th day of May “for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country...” In so doing, Logan established the national Memorial Day holiday. This Memorial Day will mark the 150th reading of his “Memorial Day Order” [which is remembered with bronze plaques in Capitols, Court Houses, and National Cemeteries spanning the nation] at thousands of Memorial Day observations across America. Despite this, Logan, according to biographer Gary Ecelbarger “may be the most noteworthy nineteenth century American to escape notice in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.” Just who is John A. Logan?

John Alexander Logan was born in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois in 1826, the son of Dr. John and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Logan. He grew up in southernmost Illinois, a region derisively called “Egypt” whose residents, according to Boston Liberator, were “mostly poor whites from the Southern States; too ignorant to know any better than to indulge the prejudices and ape the conduct of those who did.” Growing up, Logan absorbed these prejudices.

After returning from the Mexican-American War Logan entered politics as a Jacksonian Democrat first serving as Jackson County Clerk. He later attended Law School at the University of Louisville. As a member of the state General Assembly in 1853 he succeeded in passing a severe “Black Code” prohibiting blacks from entering Illinois and blocked the passage of a bill to allow blacks to testify in court.

In 1858 Logan was elected to represent Illinois’ Ninth Congressional District [the state’s southernmost] with almost 80% of the vote. In his maiden speech in Congress he supported the Fugitive Slave Act, gained the nickname “Dirty Work Logan,” and swore to be a Democrat as long as he had breath in his body. Logan won reelection in 1860.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, Logan, being from “Egypt,” had a foot in both North and South and for too long sought compromise. He didn’t declare his support for the Union until June 1862. In July, Logan took part in the First Battle of Bull Run as a Congressman. In August he returned to his home in Marion, Illinois and told his constituents, “The time must come when a man must be for or against his country, not for or against his state...I for one will stand or fall with the Union.” Logan then raised the 31st Illinois Infantry telling all who volunteered that should Lincoln free the slaves he would bring his men back home. In his autobiography, Ulysses S. Grant credited Logan with saving Southern Illinois for the Union.

Logan entered the war as a colonel and rose in rank to major general. He participated in most of the major battles in the West. His actions at Vicksburg earned him the privilege of leading the first troops into the city after its surrender. It was after this victory that Logan gave his “Great Union Speech” which brought President Lincoln to absolve Logan “in his own mind for all of the wrong he ever did & all he will do hereafter.” After McPherson’s death he commanded the Army of the Tennessee in the July 22, 1864, Battle of Atlanta making him the only volunteer general to lead an army in battle.

Logan’s battlefield accomplishments were not the only aspect of his military career that made him noteworthy. As the war progressed Logan’s longstanding racist attitudes evolved. He came to accept the Emancipation Proclamation and the enlistment of African American volunteers. At war’s end Major General Logan spoke in Louisville, Kentucky supporting the 13th Amendment.

After the war Logan won election to the U.S. House as a Republican. In 1870 he became Illinois’ U.S. Senator and was the Republican vice-presidential candidate in 1884. During this time Logan supported the adoption of the 14th and 15th Amendments and worked for equal rights for America’s newest citizens. Senator John A. Logan died on December 26, 1886 in Washington D.C.



By P. Michael Jones, Executive Director
General John A. Logan Museum
Murphysboro, Illinois



SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES PRE-ENCAMPMENT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

November 19, 2017 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
(Minutes are not yet approved and subject to amendment)

Meeting called to order by Commander-in-Chief Mark R. Day.

Call for a Special Encampment was withdrawn by the Department of Pennsylvania.

National Encampment Site Committee

Conducted a Room Cost Survey including the hosts of last 5 Encampments and rising costs. CofA discussed the need for an agreement with other Allied Orders meeting with us due to rising costs.

Approved increasing National's seed money to the host Department to \$3,500.00.

National Signals Officer, James P. McGuire

Website and Social Media Census being conducted.

National Special Committee on Hereditary Issues

Will be looking at a number of items, including a fee based member-to-ancestor database to assist prospective members and genealogy researchers.

National Treasurer: David McReynolds

Working on the adoption of a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan. Pending some input, may work with a consultant who has experience in financial records data backup and storage.

Reminder for those who receive an advance towards expenses, they need to submit all receipts to support the advance and to return the unused portion in a timely manner.

501c3 status for the National Organization was approved February 8, 2017. Registrations complete for charitable solicitation except for District of Columbia. Treasurer's Handbook to be published for Camps and Departments. The National Treasurer requests the Departments and Camps take no action towards applying for their own separate IRS 501c3 status at this time.

Veterans Administration Booklet

Looking at the possibility of being included in the National Veterans Administration publication of recognized Veterans Organizations.

SVCinC Donald W. Shaw

Discussed changes in the on-line member application.

National Signals Officer & Webmaster: James P. McGuire

Reports wants to engage a professional firm who can conduct the process of "discovery" in order to determine

what our needs for a new website are, so that we can make an informed decision regarding what we need when it comes time to get quotes for a new site.

Assistant National Quartermaster: George Shadman

Recommends each applying ROTC school be limited to one male award and one female award per year and From 7 be modified to re-title "cadet information" to "school information". Referred to National Committee on Program and Policy.

National Committee on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund: Brian C. Pierson, PDC

Recommendation: Evaluate whether grant eligibility should be expanded to include GAR halls, historical GAR furniture and decorations, and if so, define specific criteria, standards and restrictions for these items. Referred to Programs and Policy.

Engagement Recommendations:

Assist Departments and Camps in school engagement, perhaps with a standardized kit similar to what the SAR uses. [Referred to Patriotic Instructor to report by Spring 2018 CofA Meeting]

The Battle Flag Preservation program needs to develop a vision, strategy, goals and objectives. (committee to report by Spring 2018 CofA meeting)

Establish a National Battlefield Preservation Program or assign this responsibility to an existing committee. (There is a link to the Civil War Trust on the Education page of the National Website.) – CinC to appoint a special committee.

Development Officer

Examine retaining a development officer as a contractor position and CinC form a special committee to establish job description.

NEW BUSINESS

ROTC Award recognized by US Army

This possibility now exists – to be pursued – status pending.

National Office Equipment

There will be a review of equipment at our National Office.

Encampment Room Arrangement

Encampment Site Committee to review applicable fire codes with a view of placing a National Encampment room arrangement diagram in the C&R.

Dispensation. CinC Day will allow a one time only dispensation for a brother in England to join the Fredericksburg Irish Brigade Camp by use of interactive video conferencing.

Form 27

The \$5.00 additional fee for international members passed by the CofA during Richmond Meeting discontinued.

Veterans

Communications and Technology Committee to conduct a survey to determine the number of military veterans are in the Order.

Customs and Curtsies

Special Committee formed to study.

Executive Director

New Three year contract approved.

2019 National Encampment

Department of Ohio granted license to create and sell a jacket to help raise funds.

Charitable Foundation

CofA voted to leave intact Charitable Foundation licensing till post 2018 Encampment CofA meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JVCinC Norris:

Is looking at various modifications to the membership forms and communicating with Department JVC to participate in processes.

Program and Policy also to look at form 49 and recommendations from National GAR Records officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**Resolution as to National Encampment Site Committee**

The CofA voted no to several recommendations from the Department of Missouri.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Brother Martin to send to Executive Director David Demmy 1868 GAR Rules and Regulations booklet.

Brother Brian C. Pierson announced he will be running for election to Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief during 2018 Encampment in Boston.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Over 50 years ago when I was dating a young woman, who I would eventually marry, I found a saying that really moved me. It was an anonymous piece translated from Portuguese. It read: God Writes Straight With Crooked Lines. Over and over through the years I have experienced the truth of this statement. I have seen miracles - coincidences for which God does not get credit. Unbelievable and Incredible Happenings; of people going out of their way to help total strangers, and not only help - but save them. I have experienced the desperation of individuals who see no way out of their difficulties - except to walk away, and even end their lives; and yet the evil was snuffed out, recovery took place and things were better than they had been before the problem began. Have you ever experience a "Miracle" in your life? Have you ever felt a "Hug from God?" Have you thanked Him? Do you have an Attitude of Gratitude? Have you expressed your gratitude by doing something special? One way you can show your appreciation to The Almighty is by treating His children with Love and Respect. By being kind to your enemies and those who you do not like. By forgiving and forgetting the wrong that has been done to you. Finally, the last thing I want to share with you;

The First to Apologize is the BRAVEST

The First to Forgive is the STRONGEST

The First to Forget is the HAPPIEST

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Chaplain Jerry

VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Living history is a great way to educate the public about the War of Rebellion and the importance of patriotism for our country. Many Camps do this type of activity every year. The question is what do we cover and discuss? Here are a few things we can demonstrate and discuss with the public.

First is the life of a typical soldier. How did they live and fight during the war? What types of food did they eat, what types of weaponry did they carry and so forth. We can wear the uniforms and set up displays to allow people to see each of the items the common soldier carried. Musket firing demonstrations are always popular. Another idea is to locate several wooden muskets, gather children as they visit displays and teach them basic drill. Other reenactment groups can be called upon to assist and set up a typical camp.

A second topic would be the effect of the war on soldier's families. This could consist of our family members and also involve our sister Allied Orders. Ideas include the ladies demonstrating cooking over an open fire, knitting items to send to soldiers and writing letters. Several places still sell games common with children of the 1860s and to have some for visitors to play along with the costumed children is another great draw and a memorable time for visitors.

Older brothers of the Camp can dress as members of the G.A.R. Displays, story boards and demonstrations can be set up as to monument/memorial preservation and restoration. G.A.R. records preservation can be discussed. A real plus is having a computer with access to the internet, offering to do ancestor searches in our Order's grave registration database. Being able to print results found and given them to spectators along with information on our Camp and our Order will produce huge results.

The study of history does not get enough attention in our local schools, so it is up to us to make sure people learn about our history and the sacrifices of our ancestors. Let us in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Order go forth and promote Patriotism through living history.

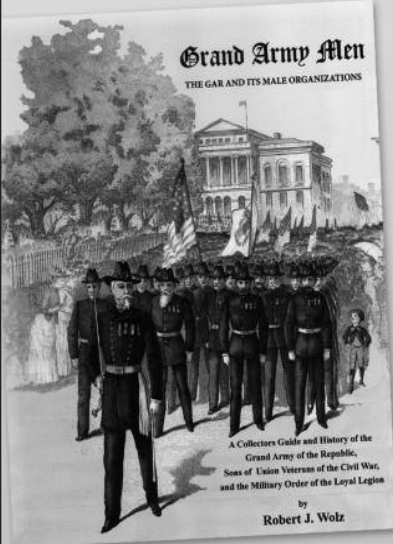
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I am not sure if it's because of my age, or because of my vocation - but I have been attending a lot of funerals lately. Family, friends, acquaintances - here, then suddenly gone forever. I know that I am supposed to rejoice because the deceased have begun a new life, and are infinitely happy in the presence of God, but still Chaplain Jerry feels a little downtrodden during wakes and funeral services. It is not until the get-together of the family and friends after the Service that I begin to breath and be at peace again. True joy in remembering the loved ones' jokes, antics, stories and positive things puts a smile on my face. I know that someday we will all join them, but until then, as Mr Lincoln said, "...It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work...."

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Chaplain Jerry

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Curtenius Guard Camp 17 (Michigan)
1/8/2018

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Brandbury Camp 149 (Pennsylvania)
2/10/2012

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2/8/2018

Melvin Bostwick
Cpl James Tanner Camp 134 (New York)
10/22/2017





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CHESAPEAKE

On October 2, 2017, members of the General A. T. A. Torbert Camp # 1862, completed its semi-annual adopt-a-position fall clean up. After completing the clean-up, the work crew visited sites on the battlefield, including Spangler's Spring (A. L. Coble Rock), Evergreen Cemetery and Power Hill.



Brothers of James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 explored a unique piece of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) history in Maryland by visiting the Lansdowne Christian Church/Hull Memorial. The grounds and church building, which date from 1903, were donated by Union Army Veteran Charles Wesley Hull (Co. L, 1st Ohio Heavy Artillery) and his wife Mary Bumley Hull to honor his Union comrades. The church features three beautiful stained-glass windows given by the GAR, Dushane Post # 3 (where Hull served as commander) and the Women's Relief Corps. Participants then traveled to the Loudon Park National Cemetery, where they placed a wreath at the monument to the Unknown Dead, which was erected by the Women's Relief Corps in 1895.



February 17th, 2018, the Torbert Camp held its annual Lincoln Dinner in Milford, Delaware at the Georgia House Restaurant. The Camp was joined by Department Commander W. Faron Taylor who installed the 2018 Camp officers. Dr. Gary Wray was the keynote speaker who talked about General Torbert's life in Delaware.



COLORADO / WYOMING

Legion of the West Camp 7 and department members of the Department of CO/WY, honored veterans at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colorado on President's Day. They were joined by Ladies of the Mount Garfield Chapter D.A.R. and Gentlemen from the Grand Mesa Chapter, S.A.R. A wreath was placed by a member of the JROTC.



CONNECTICUT

On December 2nd, Matthew Reardon, Commander of the Department of Connecticut, presented the Camp Charter to the newly organized Sgt. Charles Huxford Camp #63 at their meeting in Torrington, Connecticut.



GEORGIA / SOUTH CAROLINA

The only Union Soldier still on duty at Kennesaw NBP had a Christmas Wealth placed on his grave by members of the Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3. He was killed in action on 27 June 1864 and his grave was lost until 1938 when it was discovered by the CCC. The NBP has it listed as unknown, but some feel it is Pvt. Mark Carr of the 34th Ill.



On 22 July, the anniversary of General James McPherson's death, the Department presented checks amounting to \$3,500 to The Battle of Atlanta Commemoration Organization (BATL) for the restoration of the McPherson monument and surrounding park. This is a major undertaking that will not only ensure the proper care of the monument, but also greatly enhance the surrounding neighborhood. We're proud to be a part of this effort. Contributors included Camps 1, 2 and 3, the Department, individual brothers, and a grant from the SUVCW Monument Grants Committee.



ILLINOIS

Camp Commander Nick Kaup presents SVC Allymer Gifford with the Camp's first Outstanding Brother Award. Brother Allymer is a life (& duel) member and was instrumental in securing our meeting facility in Chicago. The facility provides our camp with a board room, an auditorium, a chapel, and when needed, catering services for our special guest speaker events.



SVC Brother Allymer sponsors, at his expense, the first two new members yearly to cover the application and first year dues. We are pleased to have him in our ranks.

INDIANA

Brothers of the Department of Indiana were joined by members of the 27th Indiana SVR for the Lincoln Day Ceremony at the Abraham Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial Sunday, February 11, 2018.



KENTUCKY

The New Albany National Cemetery in New Albany, Indiana is close to being full and at the current rate, will be closed to new burials in the next few years. The cemetery contains a rostrum and the cemetery is considering removing the rostrum to make room for a columbarium in its place. Keith Karcher of the Fort Duffield Camp #1 wrote a letter to cemetery director, stating the Camp has been able to use the rostrum for Memorial Day services for some 20 years. Sadly we may have to give up this beautiful structure for ample space to honor our fallen service men and women. As sad as it may be to lose yet another piece of history, it is for a good cause; "to keep green the memory".



MICHIGAN



The Curtenius Guard Camp No 17 meets every other month in Sunfield's G.A.R. hall built in 1899 and ever since then, in continuous use by the Post, Helen Edwins Tent 30, DUVCW and now again a Son's Camp. In the off months, the Camp hosts an educational seminar with speakers donating their time to talk on various topics pertaining to the Civil War. February 27th featured a member of the Michigan Historical Commission speaking on Michigan's involvement in the battle of Antietam and the efforts to erect a monument to the Michigan veterans on the Antietam battlefield. Brothers donate refreshments

and a local church donates use of space. Some 80 people attended the free seminar and in passing the bucket, they donated \$280 towards the monument program and to support preserving the G.A.R. hall. Pictured are the Camp brothers who assisted at the presentation.

On October 22, 2017, several people joined with brothers of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 and members of the 14th Michigan, SVR at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Allegan County, to honor Corporal James Cloney, a member of Company C of 14th Michigan, the Irish Regiment during the Civil War.



This event came about due to the research of Mr. Cloney's great-great grandson, Thomas Duncan of Parker, Colorado to locate the unmarked grave of his ancestor. Mr. Duncan ordered a headstone and traveled to Michigan, contacting the Camp and requesting an appropriate service be conducted. With only two weeks' notice, the stone was set and ceremony conducted. Mr. Duncan assisted in the ritual ceremony. Several other family members of Mr. Cloney attended the event and a color guard and bugler was provided by the Hopkins Chapter of the FFA. Thomas Duncan was so impressed, he is now a member of the Camp!

On October 7, 2017, Sons from Camp 20 General Benjamin Pritchard and Daughters from Tent 58 Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon, Department of Michigan, along with family and friends gathered to honor with a loss of Brother Paul A. Lyke. Paul did not belong to the Camp for a long period of time but he was its oldest member.



Paul served as a Coxswain in WWII on the LST#1061 stationed in the Pacific. He was in Okinawa when Japan surrendered a fact he was grateful for as he would have been bringing troops to shore otherwise. He witnessed

from the deck of his LST the Japanese signing the surrender papers. He joined the Sons when he found his Civil War ancestor. His Grandpa Lewis A. Lyke served in the 9th New York Calvary from 1862 till discharge June 1865.

NEW JERSEY

Jim Halloran of the Major General Phillip Kearny Camp #0 presented Eagle Scout certificates to Sam Jacob and Christopher Mursch, both of Troop 181, Wood-Ridge, NJ.



NORTH CAROLINA

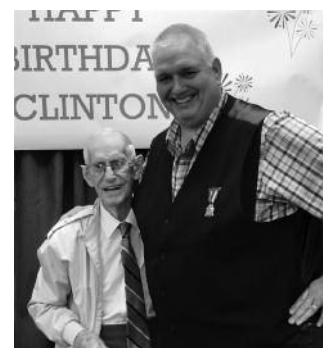
On December 6, Department Commander Dennis St. Andrew presented a charter to the Department's newest Camp, The Major General George Stoneman Camp No. 6, headquartered in Lexington, North Carolina. The Camp is named in honor of the Union cavalry commander who gained fame for his raids into Confederate territory, including western North Carolina.



Commander-in-Chief Mark Day then installed the Camp's newly elected and appointed officers.

TENNESSEE

McTeer Camp SVC Richard Holmes got to say happy 97th birthday to McTeer member Clinton Riddle on February 23rd at the Sweetwater, TN City Hall. Riddle served with the 82nd Airborne during the Second World War. He fought in North Africa, Sicily, France and Holland. Received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.



Attached is a picture of members of the Major General James H. Wilson Camp No. 1 based in Montgomery, AL

at a recent meeting. They meet at the Bass Pro Shop in Prattville, AL. This camp nearly died out but under the leadership of Camp Commander Jack Dwyer, they have become very active in South Alabama.



TEXAS

On November 18, 2017, the E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18 had a re-dedication of the Union Monument and unveiled a new sign in the Greenwood Cemetery, located in Dallas, Texas. The ceremony included members from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Texas, Latha Jane Boyd, Detached Tent #1.



The monument is located in a section of some 86 Union soldiers. Greenwood Cemetery has a total of 122 Union soldiers buried in the cemetery.

WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1 of Milwaukee completed its fund-raising campaign to erect a historical marker at Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee. The marker, assisted by an SUVCW memorial fund grant, will tell passersby that about 300 Civil War veterans are buried there along with those who served in other wars before and since. It is now in production and will be installed this summer. The Roman Catholic cemetery was consecrated by the Milwaukee bishop in 1857 and the Camp and Auxiliary 4 have held their Memorial Day service there every year since 1927. The marker will be the third one put up by the Camp 1 in the last few years.

A plaque commemorating the Iron Brigade, one of the Civil War's most famous fighting units, is going up next month at a veteran's memorial north of Madison, Wisconsin.

The nearly 90-pound plaque, cast in bronze, will be erected at the memorial by the SUVCW's Camp #15, Wind Lake, Wisconsin. The 20 x 28 inch bronze plaque cost \$2,328 was paid for by grants from the National

Organization and the Wisconsin Department.

Camp #15 is erecting the plaque on a seven-foot tall post at a veteran's memorial along U.S. Highway 12 just north of Sauk City in south central Wisconsin. The memorial already boasts a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, a T-33 fighter jet, and an Army Model 60 tank.



David Howard of C K Pier Badger Camp #1 and his wife, Antoinette (Toni) Howard, of Auxiliary 4, attended the Marquette University Joint ROTC Awards on February 17, 2018.



The joint awards ceremony included awards for cadets of the Army, Navy and Air Force. While presenting together the SUVCW awards, Antoinette also stood in for the Daughters of 1812 and presented their awards.

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THE BOYS FROM CALHOUN!

The Confederate General John Polk occupied Columbus, Kentucky on September 3, 1861; the Union General, U. S. Grant would invade Paducah only 3 days later and the neutrality no longer existed.

THIS IS WHERE CAMP CALHOUN ENTERS THE PICTURE. The citizens of Kentucky had been divided about 50-50 in their sympathies but when General Polk invaded Columbus, overlooking the Mississippi River, he created enough hostilities that about 75% of the volunteers traveled to the Union camps. They would arrive in Calhoun in September of 1861. These would become the 11th Kentucky Infantry, the 17th Kentucky Infantry, and the 25th Kentucky Infantry. Camp Calhoun had suddenly become one of the first military bases in the State and in the following weeks would become arguably the most important installation in the State.

Troops from Indiana began to arrive. On or about September 25, 1861, the 31st Indiana Infantry, the 42nd Indiana Infantry, the 43rd Indiana Infantry, and the 44th Indiana Infantry arrived along with the 6th Indiana Independent Battery Light Artillery and at least one Company of the 4th Indiana Cavalry. Each group contained from 700 to 1500 men plus horses and other supplies.

THEN THE WAR CAME.

A small skirmish resulted in the death of Private Granville Allen, believed to be the first Union soldier killed on Kentucky soil. He had been hiding in a hollow tree and stepped out at the wrong time. All 15000 troops returned to their respective camps.

When Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Calhoun Boys were standing at attention along that dusty road and shared their food with the desperate and starving Rebs. When General Joe Johnson sat in a lowly log farmhouse in North Carolina and surrendered the Army of Tennessee to General Sherman, Calhoun Boys were standing in the yard. When the Trans-Mississippi army called it quits it was facing the Boys from Calhoun, and other Calhoun Boys were waiting patiently in a jail in Texas.

After the war ended, those who had survived went back to their homes and tried to resume normal lives. Many had lung damage from pneumonia, damage from bullet wounds that often included amputations, parasitic worm infections from eating raw meat or drinking from ponds or ditches, and psychological trauma that only another soldier could understand. Camp Calhoun is currently listed with the National Park Service due to its supporting role in the Union effort and is included as one site in the historic Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

To honor these men and woman who fought for their beliefs in a perfect union; a new camp was formed in western KY. Camp Calhoun, Camp #2 in Calhoun Ky. Department of KY Commander Brother Bruce Fortin presented the First Camp Charter of 2018 to the Charter members of Camp Calhoun.



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SVR GUIDON



FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT - SVR

Since the Winter 2017 update in The Banner concerning the 1st Military District we have been pretty active. 1st Sgt. Kevin Tucker was successful in establishing a new Unit, the 11th Mass. Infantry SVR, and quickly grew it to 11 members. 1st Sgt. Tucker received a Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Star for his efforts.

1st Sgt. Peter Preble successfully restarted Co. G, 43rd Mass. Infantry SVR after a few years of inactivity. That Unit currently has 9 members. He was also promoted to 2nd Lieutenant as the 1st Military District Chaplain and Adjutant.

On May 13, 2017 we conducted our Headstone Dedication ceremony for Cpl. Francis W. Loan who served in the Co. B, 30th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. His grave had been unmarked until recently.



On September 10, 2017 we held a Monument Dedication ceremony for a newly installed monument, in Webster, MA, for the Slater Guard which was part of the original 15th Mass. Infantry. 1st Sgt. Maurice Healy, Co. E 15th Mass. Infantry SVR, did an outstanding job from concept through to the ceremony. (I attached a photograph of us with the new monument.)

After being contacted by a family member about a newly installed grave marker, on September 16, 2017 we conducted our Headstone Dedication ceremony for Sgt. Andrew Doyle who enlisted as a private in Co. K, Massachusetts 28th Infantry Regiment. 1st Sgt. David Duggan, of the 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery SVR, has an ancestor who enlisted into the same Regiment and Company on the same day as Sgt. Andrew H. Doyle. How cool is that! (I attached a photograph of us with Doyle's relatives.)

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COLLECTING THE SONS

BY BOB WOLZ, NATIONAL HISTORIAN

As early as 1870, Grand Army men began to be concerned with their own mortality. Who would carry on when the Boys in Blue were gone? On such attempt was the Filii Veteranorum ... Latin for Sons of Veterans organized in Albany, New York in 1880.

Their first chapter was known as Frederick Townsend Post # 1, Sons of Veterans. Numerous other posts quickly organized across New York and New Jersey with a few posts in Pennsylvania. This rapid growth allowed them to form a national organization in 1886 with John J. Dowling of Albany elected their first Commander-in-Chief. George Marks of Brooklyn was elected their second Commander—in-Chief and Joseph C. Sawyer of Mattawan, New York as their final Commander-in-Chief.

They believed they would be perpetuating the Grand Army by adopting similarities to that Order. Members referred to each other as “Comrades”. Their chapters were called “Posts”, the State organization as a “Department”. Their meetings were known as “Encampments”. They were a military training organization that drilled regularly and wore military uniforms. Their badges used flag ribbon with miniature rank straps just like the GAR.

Their chief rival was none other than the Sons of Veterans of the USA founded by Major AP Davis in Pittsburgh, Pa in November 1881. The GAR National Encampment in 1887 took offense to the Albany “comrades” feeling that the veterans had defended the Union and not even their Sons could understand or share the experiences they had born in battle.

“That we regret the action of the Sons of Veterans in some instances of calling their local organizations “Posts” and appropriating to each other the fraternal names of “Comrade” believing that these terms should remain the exclusive features of the Grand Army of the Republic.” Since they existed less than 10 years, their uniforms, badges, calling cards, rituals, and photographs are rare. They merged into our Sons of Veterans of the USA in April 1889.





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