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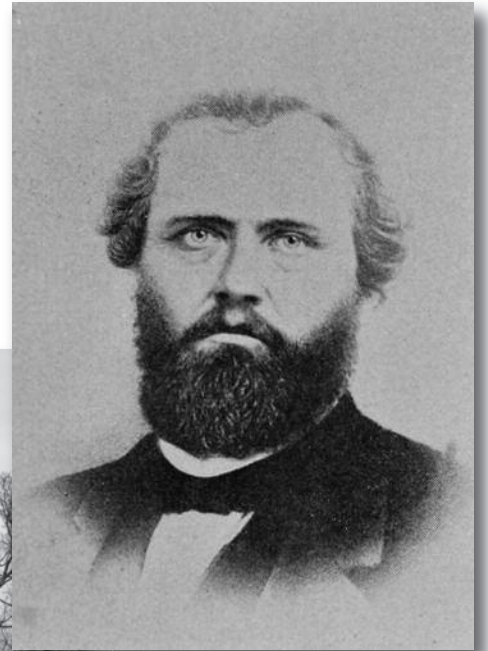
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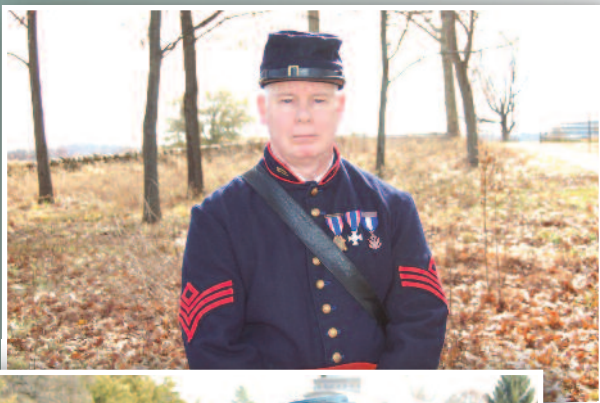
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KUDOS: We would like to sincerely thank PCinC James Pahl for his time and dedication collecting, organizing and streamlining the vast amount of department material every quarter in order to produce *The Banner* as we know it. Your time is appreciated more than you know.

- Editorial Staff

On The Cover: The 14th Michigan, SVR, presenting a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Nov. 22, 2019.



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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 #2

Appoints Robert E. Grim, PCinC as Commanding Officer, SVR thru November of 2024. Also appoints Donald Darby, PCinC, Donald Martin, PCinC and Henry Shaw, Jr., to the National Military Affairs Committee, to be chaired by Henry Shaw, Jr.

GENERAL ORDER #3

Confirms action of the 137th National Encampment to amend the Constitution has been ratified by the request number of Departments, allowing the Commander-in-Chief to take action if it is found any action of any National Encampment is in violation of law.

GENERAL ORDER #4

CinC authorized clerical corrections to National Regulations.

GENERAL ORDER #5

Veterans' Day Proclamation - Calls upon brothers of the Order to honor all those who have served our country patriotically in any war.

GENERAL ORDER #6

Announces the passing of Sally Krantz of New York, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (2002-2003). Orders badges and charters draped for 30 days.

GENERAL ORDER #7

CinC ordered all Departments and Camps will not acquire real estate until further notice. Further ordered all Departments and Camps which own real estate must notify the SVCinC, describing the type of real estate owned and its address. Calls upon the CofA to study issue and recommend standards for acquisition of real estate and standards for real estate already owned.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2019
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

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

Commander-in-Chief Edward J, Norris called the meeting to order at 8:00am on November 24, 2019 and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Treasurer: David McReynolds

1. Recommendation: Adopt a written information systems & financial records disaster contingency plan. Referred to Programs and Policy Committee for report at the Springfield 2020.

2. Commander-in-Chief Day

The P&P has made necessary corrections to the form 50, remove inconsistencies and create a proper sequence of events. Proposed change to the C&R Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 1 to be developed and submitted to the C&R Committee by Springfield, 2020.

3. IRS 501c3 status for the National Organization was approved February 8, 2017. The Treasurer was approved to file new application to change the group exemption for all departments and camps from 501c4 to 501c3.

4.. A draft version of the modified fill-in Adobe Acrobat PDF form #49 has been provided to the

Commander-in-Chief and the Chair of the National Committee on Program & Policy for their review.

5. As the Fraternal Relations committee has been approved a line in the budget, Program and Policy will draft proposed job description language, to be forwarded to C&R for report at the next National Encampment.

6. CinC appointed a CinC Committee, chaired by brother Kevin Tucker, with PCinC Mark Day, David Demmy Sr., Michael Paaquette, Bruce Frail to identify the financial aspects and requirements, facilities needed and staffing necessary to establish a standalone National Headquarters.

7. The CinC appointed Committee on the Allied Orders National Encampment was continued and shall continue to work with the Allied Orders on joint Encampment Agreements.

8. Program and Policy is looking to retire form 60. They are working on updating form 3, to report by CofA Springfield, 2020.

9. National Committee. on Civil War Memorial Grant Fund, CinC to re-appoint committee.

10. Special Committee on Monument Protection, CinC appointed brothers Wolz, Pierson, Michael Paquette, Don Shaw. Report by Springfield, 2020

11. Program and Policy directed to develop a policy with respectd to actions to be taken should an objection be raised to the installation of a duly elected officer.

12. C&R requested to study issue of requiring all

Departments and Camps to have Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries.

13. C&R was requested to look at language in footnot 26, as to National Regulations, Chapter II, Departments, Article I, Formation, Section 3 and likewise Section 11 to correct possible inconsistencies.

14. Current standards for the Medal of Honor no longer allow for recognition of actions during the War of Rebellion. The Commander-in-Chief to write a letter to proper authority to allow once again for the review and possible award of the Medal of Honor as the review board deems appropriate and not be limited by any date restrictions.

15. Committee on Battlefield Preservation Relations was ended and the responsibilities transferred to Marketing and Promotions Committee.

16. CofA approved purchase of two computers (one for the National Secretary and one for the National Treasurer) not to exceed \$3000.00.

17. The CofA approved a policy of continuing to designate \$7.00 from each brothers National Per Capita, \$5.00 to the Headquarters fund and \$2 to the Preservation fund. This is consistent with what is believed to be past actions of National Encampments. This will be brought to the 2020 National Encampment for approval and placement into the annotations of the National Regulations.

18. Upon the request of the National Chaplain, the Program and Policy committee will consider two additional awards to be placed into the Order's Policies. The first would be the Chaplain William Corby National Chaplain Award - This award may be presented by the National Commander, upon recommendation of the National Chaplain, to any Department or Camp Chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in the Department or Camp. Recommendations for this award are to be made to the National Chaplain no later than 45 days prior to the

National Encampment. The second would be the Jerome W. Kowalski Chaplain Award. It may be awarded by a Department Commander, on the recommendation of the Department Chaplain, to a Camp chaplain for outstanding ministry leadership in his camp.

19. Memorial University web pages to be modified so brothers understand they need to take screen shots and email them to the National Patriotic Instructor to fulfill completion requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Camps and Departments holding Real Estate. CinC has issued a General Order. Committee to study issue will be appointed by the CinC.

Form(s) for starting a new Department discussed, no action required.

1983 Proceedings states on web page that materials not available yet printed copies are in the hands of several brothers. Executive Director to coordinate getting the hard copy scanned, so electronic copy may be posted to the website.

Motion passed that the SUVCW reimburse the SVR up to \$6,500 pending invoices received by the SVR, due to unforeseen increased costs for Remembrance Day.

6. Motion passed the CofA to approve up to \$1,500 for purchase Video equipment, seconded by National Treasurer Michael Beard. Motion Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Brother Bruce Frail announced his intent to run for Junior Vice Commander in Chief during the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia.

2. Brother Kevin Tucker announced his intent to run for re-election as a member of the Council of Administration during the 2020 National Encampment in Atlanta, Georgia.



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For additional membership information, visit the MOLLUS Web Site at:
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The Department of Georgia and South Carolina invites you to the 139th National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic taking place August 13-16, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Encampment will take place at the first-class Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center located in the heart of Buckhead, the shopping, dining and entertainment district of Atlanta.

A tour of the nearby Atlanta History center will be offered on Thursday, August 13th. The Atlanta History Center features one of the nation's largest Civil War exhibitions. It is also the home of the world-famous *Cyclorama: The Big Picture*, featuring the fully restored cyclorama painting, *The Battle of Atlanta*. At the centerpiece of this new multi-media experience is a 132-year-old hand-painted work of art that stands 49 feet tall, is longer than a football field, and weighs 10,000 pounds. This painting is one of only two cycloramas in the United States—the other being the *Battle of Gettysburg* cyclorama.

Please visit the 2020 National Encampment website regularly in order to stay abreast of Encampment happenings to include registration, medals, shirts, tours, banquet tickets, transportation and hotel information. Hotel accommodations are available now so get a head-start and book your room early. Once the hotel fills up, nearby hotels will have no rates that compare favorably with the Encampment hotel.

2020 National Encampment Website: 2020nationalencampment.org



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We now turn our attention to the second principle of our order that of Charity. Returning to the long-form initiation ritual, the Senior Vice Commander states: "Charity is one of the most important principles demonstrated by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." For brothers who are also Masons, this idea of charity will come as no surprise. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul states that faith, hope, and love are the only things that last and, the greatest of these is love. Love can also be translated as Charity, and it is that sense of unconditional love that we refer too when, as brothers, we speak of charity.

It is an old saying, but charity is not more than a hand out; it is a hand up. Returning to the ritual, the Senior Vice Commander continues his instruction to the candidate. "We, who are able, help those brothers with failing strength, suffering misfortune or distressed by problems common to life. Let them lean upon our shoulders, share with us our portion, and draw from us inspiration to hope and happiness."

As National Chaplain, I would remind all of the brothers that care and concern for each other are paramount to what we stand for as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We show care and concern for each other simply because we are brothers, that is our common bond.

Blessings and Peace,
Chaplain Peter



- OBITUARY - SALLY KRANTZ, PNP LGAR 1950 - 2019

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our Past National President Sally Krantz (2002-2003) from the Department of New York.

A Memorial Mass was held at the Shrine of St. John Neumann Chapel on October 7th at 10:45 AM. Sally was a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, Villa Maria College and Buena Vista College in Iowa. She volunteered at the Buffalo City Mission and loved animals and classical music.

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.

- OBITUARY -

**REVEREND RICHARD O. PARTINGTON, PCINC
1922 - 2019**

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief, the Reverend Richard O. Partington on December 8, 2019 at the age of 97.

Brother Partington's great grandfather, William H.H. Ogden, Sr. served as a Corporal in Company B, 4th Pennsylvania Reserves throughout the Civil War.

Brother Partington's Membership in our Order dates to July 2, 1938 (81 years, Life Member# 208) and he was a Member of Anna M. Ross Camp# 1 of Philadelphia.

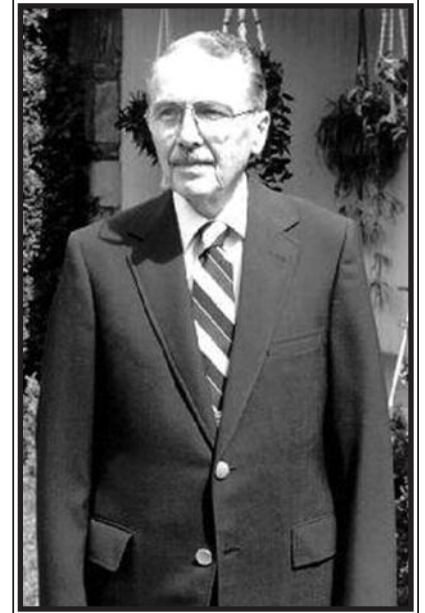
In that time, among numerous Camp, Department and National offices, he was elected:

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Pennsylvania Department Commander (1962, Erie, PA)

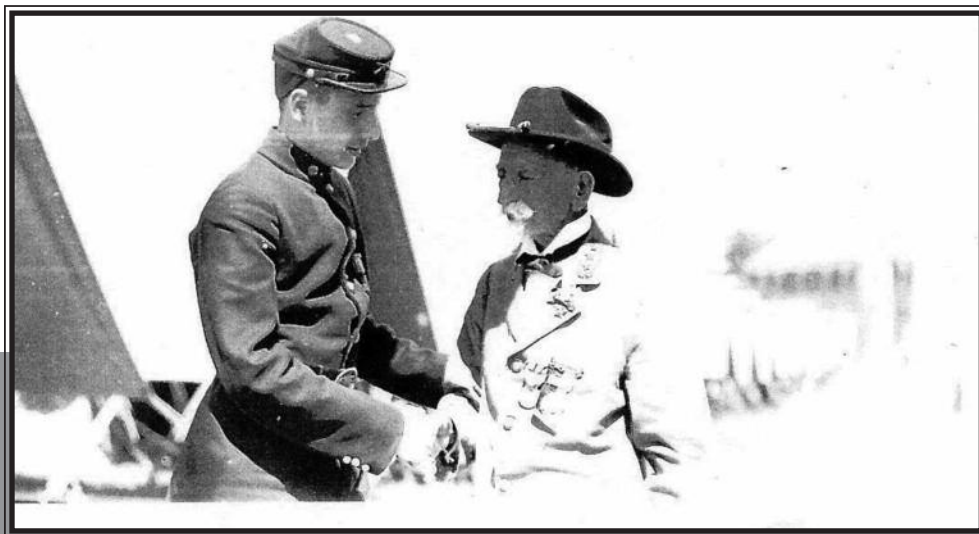
Commander-in-Chief (1987, 106th National Encampment, Buffalo, NY)

Brother Partington was a lifelong, active Member of the SUVCW and SVR, having attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg in 1938 and joining Philadelphia Camp# 200 that same year. He attended his first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW in 1939 at Pittsburgh, PA. He has served on the Board of Directors and as a member of many other community organizations including the F&AM, the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Union League of Philadelphia.



Brother Partington was a graduate of Temple University, holding BA, STB and STNM degrees and retired in 1984, at age 62, as Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church which was organized and built under his leadership. He was married to the late Shirley (nee Thomas) Partington and is survived by S. Lynn Partington and Richard O. Partington, Jr as well as two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services and interment were private.

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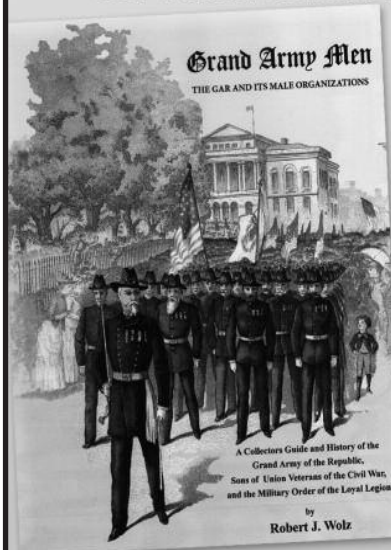
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ANNUAL LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

All are invited to participate in the 64th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS, commemorating the 155th 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 18, 2020.

Headquarters Hotel: President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701. The room rate is \$105.00 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 27, 2020.** 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 18th.

Luncheon will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel at 12:30PM. The luncheon program will feature a talk to be determined. Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person.

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PEACE CROWNING PATRIOTISM

An historic SUVCW ceremony took place on the grounds of New Bern National Cemetery in New Bern, North Carolina. On October 6, 2019, the Department Rhode Island, joined by the Department North Carolina, honored the 110th anniversary of the Rhode Island Monument. Known as “Peace Crowning Patriotism” the monument recognizes Rhode Island soldiers from three units (4th R. I. Infantry, 5th R. I. Heavy Artillery, Battery F, 1st R.I. Light Artillery) who gave their lives in service while in North Carolina between 1862-1865. Crafted in Rhode Island, the monument presents a gowned female holding a wreath in her right hand in repose, while extending her left arm in a gesture of peace.



Rhode Island Department Commander Scott A. Reese conceived and organized the event along with tremendous support from the Department of North Carolina. This included Paul Hesse, Department Commander; Henry Duquette, PCC, Junior Vice Department Commander; Bryan Salter, Camp Commander, Camp #5, NC Union Volunteers (New Bern); Peter J. Meyer, Camp Secretary, Camp #5; and Michael Gray, Camp #4, Major General John A. Logan. Michael A. Paquette, PDC, Junior Vice Commander in Chief was also in attendance and read a Governor’s Proclamation declaring October 6, 2019 as “Rededication Day of the Rhode Island Monument in New Bern National Cemetery.”

The ceremony began with the presentation of colors by 13 members of the 35th Regiment, United States Colored Troops, of Tryon Palace, New Bern. Remarks by Department Commander Reese tapped into the background of the monument’s original dedication with a message of peace for today, as he also offered solemn words to those Rhode Island soldiers who gave their lives in North Carolina. Remarks by the Mayor of New Bern and Department Commander Hesse also spoke to the contributions of North Carolinians who defended the Union. After additional readings, both Department Commanders decorated the monument with a silk-floral wreath, followed by bugle Taps from a student of the New Bern High School NJROTC program.

The rededication of the Rhode Island Monument was a valuable experience and a tremendous success. Those in attendance witnessed a significant demonstration of patriotism and SUVCW fraternity.



VOICES OF PATRIOTISM

Hello Brothers,

With the new year upon us, many tend to look towards the future and the new challenges we will face. Whether it be new school programs, library displays, planning Memorial Day ceremonies, fundraising or any of the other countless things we do throughout the year, these challenges, or opportunities, are all ways we can succeed in our mission as well as spread Patriotism not just to fellow Brothers but to the public. One of the things I have been focusing on in this terms Patriotic Instructions is setting up our Camps and Departments for success. To be successful in our mission, we must get out of our shells so to speak, and inform our communities of the sacrifices that were made by these men. The acts of bravery that occurred on a daily basis, and how what these Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Revenue Cuttermen experienced bettered our day to day lives today. By bringing these stories to the public eye, we are further cementing their legacy and paying tribute to their patriotism.

One thing that helps promote patriotism is setting up programs in our local schools. Getting to these young minds and instilling in them the importance of what these men did, and why they went through the horrors of war to preserve the Union will naturally promote patriotism. If done properly, will do much more than that, you will get the youth of today to want to give back to their communities which betters our country as a whole. Many think that this means setting up a lecture or a “death by power point”, now don’t get me wrong, in some settings this is a great way to disseminate information, however, in some cases all it does is put your audience asleep. We need to cater our programs to the needs of our audience, if you have the same program set up for 4th graders, 10th graders and a historical society, well odds are we are not reaching our full potential. We need 3 separate programs for the 3 groups as not only do they learn differently, but their interest levels are not the same. A Historical society is there because they want to be there, whereas the students are required to be there, to break it down even further, 4th graders tend to be more excited about learning than 10th graders are so you need to have different deliveries for them. These programs are amazing to spread information and to teach them about the facts of the war and of the Union soldier.

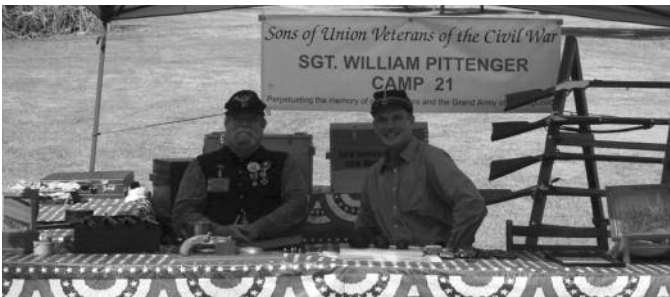
There is one other type of program that we can set up in our local schools that is more hands on. Most school districts are requiring students to do a certain amount of volunteer hours to graduate or to move on to the next grade level. By making ourselves available to the school districts and letting them know about the work we do in the community, we open a new avenue for these young minds to see WHY what we do is so important. The path of least resistance would be to go through the schools JROTC Programs. These programs are patriotic to being with and can open the door to other departments and groups within the district. Getting young people involved in a cemetery clean-up, flagging detail, or Memorial Day Ceremony will not only instill in them a sense of community, but it will put a realization to them that these were not random people that fought and died, but they were Brothers, Husbands and Fathers. That these brave men signed a blank check to a cause, to preserve the Union, to prevent the flag from being lowered in defeat. My camp recently invited my high school alma mater’s NJROTC unit to a clean-up where we had 18 cadets and their instructor come. These 14-17 year olds not only were chomping at the bit to help, but we could see the pride on their faces as they unearthed stones that were lost to time. By the end of the clean-up, to a person, they were all excited to learn of when our next clean up would be, and more than willing to help in any way. We cannot forget what the GAR realized when creating the SUV, the children are our future, if we want to spread Patriotism, it would behoove us to ignore them.

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CALIFORNIA / PACIFIC

The Sergeant William Pittenger Camp 21 joined the Gens. Sedgwick-Granger Camp #17, Gen W S Rosecrans Camp #2, Lincoln Camp #10, and Gen George Stoneman Camp #18 in participating in the Huntington Beach Civil War Reenactment over Labor Day weekend.

With an information table, we just talk history and entertain and inform the public. The picture was taken early in the morning before the crowds showed up. It does get quite busy, and the battles take place right behind us. Six artillery pieces each side and hundreds of re-enactors make a lot of smoke and noise.



The Sgt William Pittenger Camp #21 hosted a Remembrance Day service. Music was provided by the Wine Valley Harmonizers.



CHESAPEAKE

On Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, the Lincoln-Cushing Camp. No. 2, held a grave dedication ceremony at the Mount Carmel Methodist Church graveyard in Pine Acres, Virginia.



The new gravestone is located at the approximate burial site of the previously unknown remains of one of five Union cavalymen who were killed in a skirmish nearby — at a place called “Ashby’s Gap” on Feb. 19, 1865, and,

according to a New York Times account dated Feb. 23, 1865, were buried by “locals” in the church graveyard.

The senior vice commander of Lincoln-Cushing, Craig Ross, identified one of the dead buried there as his great-great uncle Phillip R. Paul, a first sergeant in Co. D of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment. Two of the other Union soldiers buried in the Mount Carmel graveyard have been identified as Cpl. William H. White and Pvt. James Cook — both of Co B. 14th Penn Cav. Hopefully new gravestones will be obtained for these soldiers also.



Brothers of the Gen. George G. Meade Camp #5, the Irish Brigade Camp #4, and the Sgt. James H. Harris Camp #38 participated in conducting color guards for the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, an Atlantic League Independent Baseball Team. The color guards were held on Friday, Aug. 30 and Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019 at the team’s stadium in Waldorf, MD with assistance of a Sister of the Antietam Auxiliary #3.

COLORADO

Brothers of the Thomas D. Osborne Camp No. 43 toured several Civil War related memorial sites in and around Boise, Idaho.

The following points of interest were visited. Morris Hill Cemetery, containing several Civil War veterans graves and a Civil War monument erected by the Woman’s Relief Corp in 1923. Then to the Fort Boise Military Reserve Cemetery, the resting place of nearly 170 Civil War veterans.

We then walked by the historic Phil Sheridan GAR Hall built in 1892 which for years was the State headquarters for Grand Army of the Republic where regular meetings and State Encampments were conducted; named for Union General Sheridan known for the historic Union victory at the end of the War in the



Shenandoah Valley. The University of Idaho now has offices in this building but the GAR insignia remains on the façade.

Next was the Idaho Historical Library and viewed the Lincoln Exhibit and political memorabilia on temporary display. Various G.A.R. post records were also viewed.

The final stop was the front lawn of the Capital building to inspect an original Civil War naval cannon on permanent display.

ILLINOIS

On October 12, 2019, members of Col. John Bryner Camp 67, Department of Illinois, participated in the rededication of the first Civil War monument erected in the State of Illinois.



The monument, affectionately called “The Shaft” was originally erected on the Peoria County Courthouse square in October 1866 and stood until it was disassembled in 1962 to make way for the building of the current courthouse. It was originally to be re-erected after the courthouse was completed, but due to almost 100 years of deterioration, the pieces were abandoned on Peoria Park District land north of town.

In 2018, a group of individuals began efforts to raise money to restore and re-erect the monument at Springdale Cemetery, the original intended location. Bryner Camp assisted with fundraising and the Department of Illinois and National SUVCW provided much needed funds.

Several pieces had to be recreated, including the eagle on top. The original monument had the names of Peoria County soldiers lost in battle engraved on the monument. The names were too weathered to be restored and it was decided that it was best to conserve it in its weathered condition. The eagle on top was originally modeled after “Old Abe”, the famous War Eagle of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry.



Members of Old Glory Camp #6165, Chicago participated in services at Union Ridge Cemetery on Memorial Day. Members of Sheridan Camp #2, Custer Camp #1 and the Chicago Light Artillery, Battery A participated in ceremonies at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago.

INDIANA

On September 21, 2019, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) of Indiana, presided over the rededication of Private Benjamin Wilson Cohee, Company K, 10th Indiana Volunteer Infantry who was the Last Civil War Veteran buried in Tippecanoe County

This grave rededication was hosted by the SUVCW Orlando B. Summers Camp #1. The three (3) volley rifle salute was preformed by Company D, 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry SVR.

Wreaths were presented by brothers of Orlando A. Summers Camp #1, John W. Foster Camp # 2, Champion Hill Camp # 17 and Benjamin Harrison Camp # 356 – Indianapolis, IN



The John Auten Camp #8 hosted two Civil War era dedications September 21, 2019.

They honored Reverend George Streeter, the “The Last Soldier” of St. Joseph County. His grave is in the shadow of a Civil War Monument placed in the cemetery by the Deacon Women’s Relief Corp #48 of New Carlisle in 1909. The monument was dedicated to all unknown Civil War Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who died in the Civil War.

The Arsinoe Martin Circle #78 of the LGAR assisted in the Monument rededication. The Woman’s Relief Corp was also represented.



Approximately 35-40 area people attended. They were entertained by fife and drum presentations by Brother

Bill Brennan of General Pritchard Camp 20, Kalamazoo, Michigan on the fife and Brother Alan Hall of Auten Camp on the drums. They were also entertained by the wonderful voice of Brother Will Radell of David D. Porter Camp 116, Valparaiso.

Echo taps was played by two members of the New Prairie High School Band.

KANSAS



Humboldt Camp #9 participated in two parades on Veterans Day. The 2nd annual veterans parade in Fort Scott, Kansas and the veterans parade in Iola, Kansas.



MAINE

The Maine Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with 11th Maine Son's of Veterans Reserves performed a special ceremony to honor Pvt. Jellison, the Last Union Veteran Buried in Penobscot County. PVT Jellison enlisted in the Union Army in Company B, 6th Maine.



MASSACHUSETTS

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Department of Massachusetts and the 1st Military District, SVR performed their annual Memorial Ceremony for General

Benjamin F. Butler at his grave in Hildreth Cemetery in Lowell, Massachusetts.

With advanced press announcements, there was a great public turn-out for the ceremony, with local reporters and photographers in attendance. A short biography of General Butler was read, followed by a G.A.R. based ceremony, led by Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris.



On September 28, 2019, The Department of Massachusetts held a program to commemorate the work of 2019 Founders' Award recipient Gordon Shepard, which included a Ceremony of Rededication by the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, at the General Edward Winslow Hincks Post 95, Grand Army of the Republic burial plot at Riverside Cemetery in Saugus, Massachusetts.

After the presentation of the Founders' Award to Gordon Shepard by CinC Norris, short speeches were given by State Representative Hon. Donald Wong, Saugus town officials, the Saugus Veterans Council chairman, local American Legion and VFW Post Commanders, and the Saugus Historical Society.



SVR units in attendance included the 3rd Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, Co. H, 11th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Co. A, 12th New Hampshire Infantry, Co. E, 15th Massachusetts Infantry, Co. G, 43rd Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. Also were several "non-attached" Brothers who will be forming a new SVR unit at the beginning of the year.

Gordon Shepard raised tens of thousands of dollars, to restore the cemetery, including the GAR plot. He did everything from re-curbings, sodding, straightening stones, all those kind of things.

October 26, 2019 – The Town of Shrewsbury commemorated the 150th anniversary of its Civil War

Monument by holding a Program of Speakers and Ceremony of Rededication at the monument.

The event included the rededication ceremony by SUVCW Commander-in-Chief Ed Norris, Department of Massachusetts Officers, the 1st Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve, Willie Grout Camp 25 and the 13th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry reenactment unit.



Featured Speakers included Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. The Assabet Valley Technical High School Junior R.O.T.C. honor guard posted colors for the event, with Boy Scout Troop 114 leading the assembly in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”. The “Star Spangled Banner” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic” were played on the bells of the First Congregational Church.

MICHIGAN



Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 hosted their annual Christmas dinner on December 14. Co-hosted by the Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the Union, 1861-1865. They were joined brothers of U.S. Grant Camp #67, Austin Blair Camp #7 and Curtenius Guard Camp #17 along with Len Thomas of Genesee County Civil War Burials. Special guest was John Howe Post Commander, Flushing American Legion Post #283. A program was provided by Matt VanAcker, Chair of the State of Michigan Save the Flags project.



Several Camp members were also reenactors with the old 8th Michigan. They donated their retired reproduction flag to the Save the Flags Project.

PCinC Don Shaw was presented a restored watch, originally presented by the Auxiliary to Commander in Chief Park F Yengling in August of 1934.

MISSOURI

Six year old Abigail “Abbie” Warren is inducted into the Louisa Volker Auxiliary #215 - A.S.U.V.C.W. as a Junior Member on her 6th birthday (December 14, 2019). Abbie has been participating in Civil War history events since the age of 2 months, and is very knowledgeable of children’s roles and toys from during that time period. She is the daughter of proud parents Twyla D. Johnson Warren of the Louisa Volker Auxiliary and D. Christopher Warren, P.D.C. Dept. of Missouri.



NEBRASKA

On August 24, 2019 members of the Nebraska Rangers SVR participated in a headstone dedication honoring Dr. Aurelus Bauer, 2nd Nebraska Cavalry Regiment who served at the Battle of Whitestone Hill.



Brother Nathanael Harder of Shiloh Camp #2 Department of Nebraska, received his Eagle Scout Award and was presented a certificate by Mark Nichols, Department Commander. Brother Harder has been



involved in scouting for 12 years along with SUVCW for 3 years and First Nebraska Infantry Volunteers for 3 years.

On Saturday November 16, 2019, members of the Department of Nebraska including the Nebraska Rangers SVR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 - 1865 and Auxiliary of the SUVCW participated in a ceremony at the State Capitol in Lincoln, NE observing the Gettysburg Address.



The keynote speaker was Betty Kirby. Betty's great grandfather was Fred Martin Petersen who was in Co. G 1st IA Regiment and Co. B of the 14th Iowa Regiment. Fred Petersen was one of Lincoln's guards at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863 when the Gettysburg Address was delivered. The Remembrance Day observance is done each November on the Saturday before November 19th in Lincoln.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Despite the rain that swept through New England, members of S.G. Griffin Camp #10 participated with reenactors to form the Colour Guard Detail during December 14's 'Wreaths Across America Ceremony' in the Old North Cemetery in Concord, New Hampshire, the burial place of President Franklin Pierce.



OKLAHOMA

The Indian Nations Camp #3 of the Department of Oklahoma SUVCW held its annual Remembrance Day service at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, November 16, 2019. There were 6 lineage society and patriotic groups in attendance, including the Rachel Cormany Auxiliary, the Daughters of Union Veterans, Sgt. Jacob Overturf camp #4, and Bugles Across America. Representatives of the Col. Daniel N. McIntosh Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, made an appearance to complete to solemn ceremony at the newly erected GAR monument. As part of the ceremony individuals were given red carnations and invited to come forward to place the carnation in a basket at the foot of

the GAR monument, as they announced the names of their Union ancestors and their units.



PENNSYLVANIA

On 1 June 2019 Members of Seven Shay's Camp #7 honored Private David Laucks Steinmetz, Co I, 186th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The Last Civil War Soldier of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Buried here in his final resting place on Dec, 13, 1939, he served on the Provost Marshall staff in Philadelphia. In attendance was Private Steinmetz's Great grandson William Conrad.



Members of Ezra S. Griffin Camp 8 and the Ladies Auxiliary #10 participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Monument in Nay Aug Park Scranton, PA., held Saturday November 16th, 2019.



RHODE ISLAND

On 3 Nov 2019, the Brothers of Major Sullivan Ballou, Camp 3, teamed up with the Coventry High School Naval JROTC program in a clean-up of the Matteson Family Plot, CY45, in Coventry, Rhode Island.

This included cleaning the immediate perimeter of the cemetery, up righting stones and leveling foundations. A

handful of cadets assisted in probing for several “Lost Graves”. These stones are those that were marked on the map of the cemetery but nowhere to be found in the cemetery. A total of 3 stones were found by the Brothers and Cadets, with 5 total stones being up righted and 3 additional stones, one of which was a Lost Grave, being prepped for up righting at the Camps next visit to the cemetery.



Brothers of Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7 make every effort to find an ancestor of a Camp 7 Member, or of a Department of Rhode Island Member, that is within relative striking distance of the Encampment. This summer, Brothers Alan Head, Jamie McGuire and Henry Duquette reached Metamora, Ohio (on the Michigan border) to pay respects to Br. Head's 3x Great-Grandfather, Jacob Stutzman, 28th Pennsylvania Regiment.

Brothers conducted a small but meaningful service in the presence of Br. Head's grandmother, who, despite being well into her 90's, having lost her father as an infant, had never visited the graves of her father or grandfather until she arrived in Metamora in 2019 for the Camp's memorial service.



The Camp 7 Brothers have been able to commemorate a Union ancestor of a Rhode Island Brother during the National Encampment nearly every year since 2010.

SOUTHWEST

For the third year, representatives from all five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (including



three national presidents) were in attendance at the 78th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony held near the guns of the USS Arizona and the USS Missouri at the Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix on December 7, 2019. (The guns represent the beginning and the end of World War II.)

83 wreaths that were presented by various organizations throughout Arizona, the Allied Orders presented 9!

WISCONSIN

C.K. Pier Badger Camp # 1 of Milwaukee, with the help of the 29th Colored Troops Co F, Col. Hans Heg Camp #15 and Major General John Gibbon Camp #4, dedicated two tombstones at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. They were the latest of nine that Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 donated at the cemetery in recent years.



Camp #15 in Wind Lake, Wis., presented commendations in October to two Milwaukee attorneys who helped the camp in its legal battle to clean up a weed-choked cemetery where three Civil War veterans are buried.

The commendations were presented to attorney Franklyn M. Gimbel and one of his assistants, Katherine Keppel, as a thank you for the legal work Gimbel's law firm did pro bono as Camp #15 battled the city of Muskego over its un-mowed Luther Parker Cemetery.

“Frank Gimbel and his law firm took up our cause and we can never thank them enough,” said Brian McManus, secretary-treasurer of Camp #15 and former commander of the SUVCW's Wisconsin Department. McManus and Camp #15 Commander Dave Daley made the presentations to Gimbel and Keppel at Gimbel's downtown Milwaukee law offices.

Camp #15's long legal battle to clean up the cemetery was a major factor in the national SUVCW awarding the camp the Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief award in August as the best Camp in the country.



SVR GUIDON



7TH MILITARY DISTRICT SVR

The 7th Military District is in a unique geographic position in that it is comprised of the majority of states that seceded from the Union in 1860. Dedicated to maintaining the memory of the “Boys in blue” it has the added responsibility of reminding the public of the service of the more than 200,000 Loyal Southerners who fought for the Union in the Federal Army, Marines and Navy.

Despite the recruiting challenges that one might expect from being located within the heart of the rebellion the 7th District maintains 4 companies within its borders. These companies are located in Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. They are the 10th Tennessee, Samuel P. Carter Company, 14th Corps HQ Guard, and Amzi Harmon Company.

These companies can be seen performing duties at National and Local Cemeteries throughout the year whether part of Memorial Day, Remembrance Day, or other commemorations like Wreaths Across America. Members have served in re-enactments, living history demonstrations and other educational forums including schools and museums. The members have also performed duties at Department Encampments for the S.U.V.C.W., and also at the National Encampment hosted in Atlanta in 2014 and will again at the National Encampment in Atlanta in 2020.

Despite the dedicated activity of these four companies, the commander, would like to see companies form in the Carolinas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. This would enhance the ability to accomplish our mission throughout the South.





FINAL MUSTER

The 1890 Funeral Ritual of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has a fitting tribute those who have passed on. I have adapted the words of the Camp Commander from that Ritual as a tribute those who have passed on. "A noble son of a noble sire has fallen. As sinks the setting sun to rise again another morn, so fell asleep our brother to rise in the land of endless day. His trials and toils are over and he entered into rest. May our spirits here, over their memory, be imbued anew with the spirit of loyalty.

Blessings and Peace,
Chaplain Peter

John Wilk

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June 14, 2019

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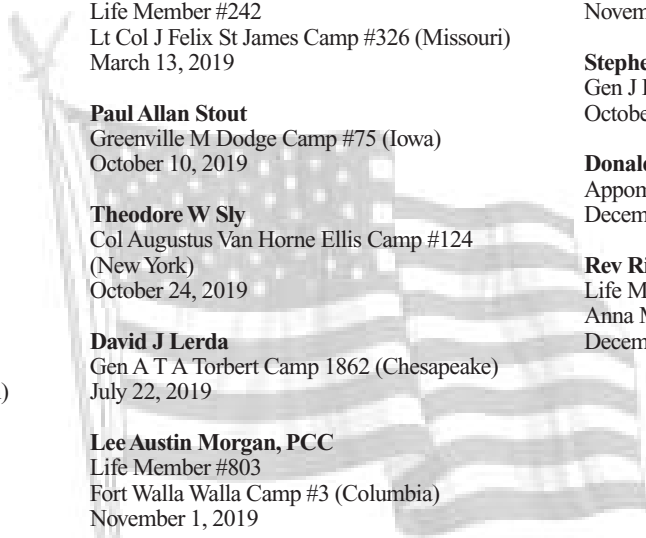
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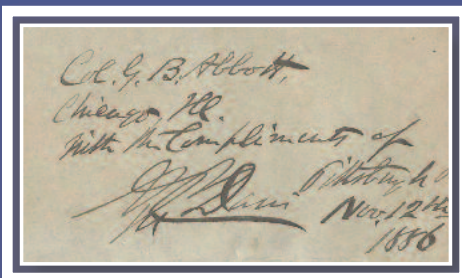
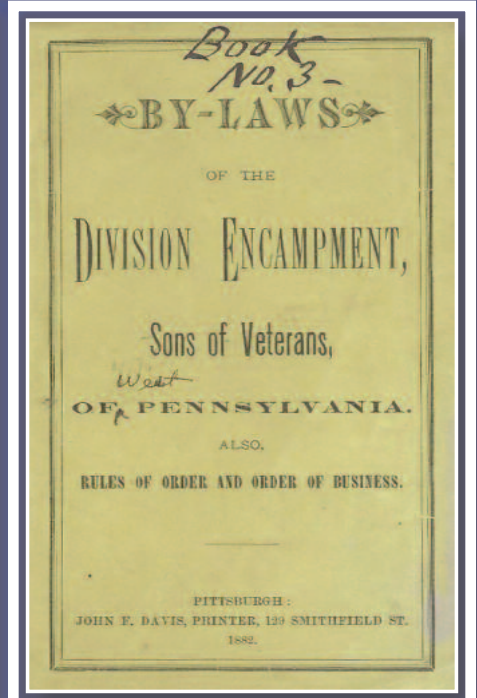
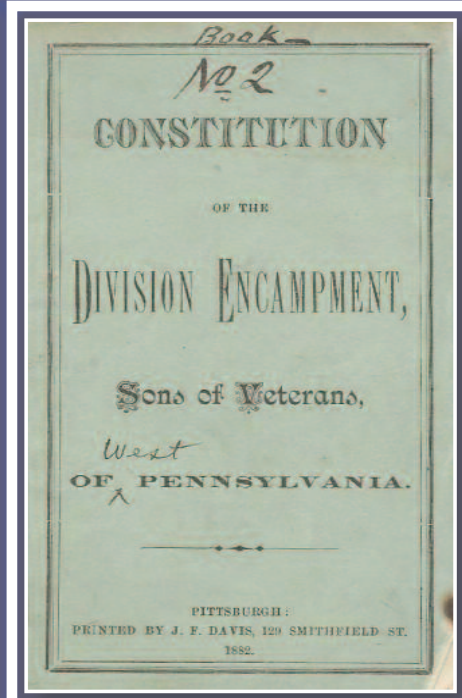
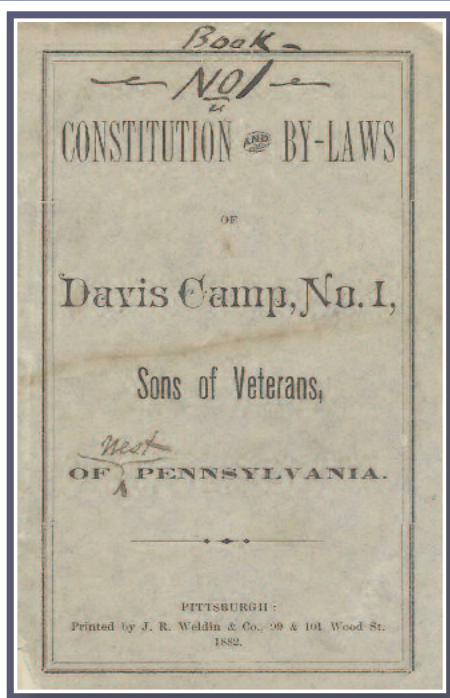
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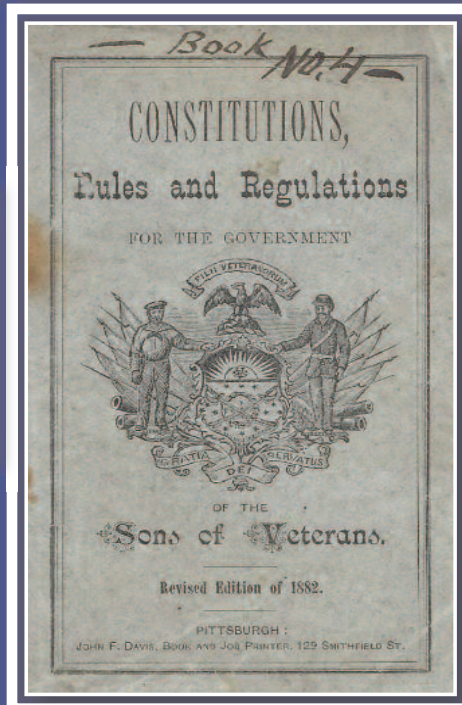
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Four books from the Sons of Union Veterans dated 1882. Constitution and Bylaws of the Davis Camp #1, Sons of Veterans of West Pennsylvania; Constitution of the Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans of West Pennsylvania; Bylaws of the Division Encampment, Sons of Veterans of West Pennsylvania & Rules of Order and Order of Business; Constitution, Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Sons of Veterans, Revised Edition of 1882. These were numbers Books 1 through 4 (by A.P. Davis) on the front cover and on the rear cover, all four were signed on the back: To Col. G. B. Abbott with the compliments of A.P. Davis, November 12, 1886. These books are on display at the G.A.R. Museum in Eaton Rapids, MI.



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